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STANDINGS

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	17-4-0	34	.810	91	58
Mahoning Valley	25	16-7-2	34	.680	100	77
Marquette	21	13-8-0	26	.619	82	71
USNTDP	25	11-12-2	24	.480	86	93
Alpena	22	11-10-1	23	.523	70	74
Traverse City	21	9-8-4	22	.524	65	71

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wichita Falls	24	16-7-1	33	.688	84	66
Fairbanks	24	13-9-2	28	.583	60	58
Alaska	26	13-12-1	27	.519	80	99
Topeka	21	12-6-3	27	.643	64	47
Kenai River	25	6-13-6	18	.360	72	106
Texas	24	7-14-3	17	.354	59	84

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Iowa	18	15-2-1	31	.861	71	31
Springfield	23	12-9-2	26	.565	92	79
So. Minnesota	21	10-8-3	23	.548	73	75
Bismarck	23	10-11-2	22	.478	68	82
Fargo-Moorhead	23	9-13-1	19	.413	79	87
Alexandria	19	3-14-2	8	.211	53	91

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	22	12	24	36
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	25	18	17	35
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	24	17	17	34
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	18	12	20	32
Boeckman, Chad	MVY	C	25	6	24	30
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	24	10	19	29
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	22	8	21	29
Bozoian, Sam	STL	F	20	11	17	28

(five players tied with 27)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Moss, Robby	NIO	16	966:52	14-1-1	1.61	.947
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	18	1085:15	9-6-3	2.05	.913
Reichard, Cody	FBX	22	1300:52	12-9-0	2.31	.925
Jarboe, Mike	WIC	20	1181:59	13-5-1	2.34	.925
Johnson, Mike	STL	10	606:17	8-2-0	2.57	.898

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	25	18
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	24	17
OKane, Kyle	STL	F	18	15

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	22	24
Boeckman, Chad	MVY	C	25	24
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	22	21

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Mobley, Max	NIO	F	18	+17
Morin, Matt	NIO	D	18	+17
Jundt, Tyler	NIO	D	18	+17

Marquette on the move

Wins catapult Rangers into third place in North

Winners of five of their last seven games, the Marquette Rangers jumped into third place in the NAHL's North Division standings after two victories last weekend over the U.S. Under-17 Team.



Aaron Pietila

"It's no secret that our division is extremely tight this year, so anytime you can go on the road and come out with two wins, it's a big lift," said Rangers coach **Randy Enders**, whose team improved to 13-8 on the season. "We were happy with the wins, but we know it's nothing more than one weekend and we need to use it as motivation."

On Friday, the Rangers outlasted the Team USA in a shootout, 6-5. **Aaron Pietila** notched a goal and two assists in the win, while **Nick Condon** and **Garrett Ladd** each chipped in two assists. Between the pipes, **Beau Christian** turned aside 29 shots (3-of-4 in the shootout).

The next night, Pietila, **Nic Weight** (game-winner) and **Josh Bussell** rang up goals as Marquette skated to a 3-1 triumph over the U.S. squad. In goal, **Matt Brooker** made 25 saves.

With goals from six different players on the weekend, Enders was pleased with his team's balanced offensive attack.

"When you're able to get production like that, it's tough to defend against," said the coach. "We were also able to get very timely goals that helped shift momentum when we needed it."

Pietila was the Rangers' only multiple scorer. The 19-year-old from Brighton, Mich., who played last season in Traverse City, leads Marquette in scoring with 24 points (10 goals).

"We picked Aaron up this summer to add a solid power forward with experience in the league, and we're starting to get even more out of him," said Enders. "Not only does he put up points, but he plays with grit and has the ability to impose his will on the other team."

Proof positive is Pietila's two "Gordie Howe" hat tricks on the season (a goal, assist and fight in the same game).

"That type of play is inspiring and can energize your teammates," said Enders.

First-year forwards Bussell and Pietila's younger cousin, **Chad Pietila**, have stepped into leading roles this season and have proved to be major contributors.

In addition, Weight, a veteran, is starting to find his scoring stride.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES/HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, November 20

Mahoning Valley 4 @ USNTDP 6 (USA: Saponari, 3A, +1)

Wednesday, November 21

Fairbanks 5 @ Texas 4 (OT) (FBX: McRae, G, A, +2)

Alpena 1 @ Traverse City 6 (TC: Urbaniak, 3G, A, +3)

Friday, November 23

Bismarck 4 @ Alexandria 2 (BIS: Falk, GWG, A, +2)

Alaska 4 @ Kenai River 7 (KEN: Murphy, 2G, +2)

Traverse City 3 @ Mahoning Valley 6 (MV: Salituro, 2G, GWG, +4)

Fargo-Moorhead 3 @ North Iowa 6 (NI: Mobley-Walters, 3A, +3)

Springfield 3 @ Southern Minnesota 6 (SM: Willms, G, GWG)

Fairbanks 0 @ Texas 2 (TEX: Callaghan, 30 saves)

Wichita Falls 4 @ Topeka 3 (WF: Jameson, G, A, +1)

Marquette 6 @ USNTDP 5 (SO) (MAR: Aaron Pietila, G, 2A)

Saturday, November 24

Alexandria 4 @ Bismarck 5 (BIS: Lewis, G, 2A)

Alaska 2 @ Kenai River 1 (SO) (ALA: Sidor, 35 saves)

Traverse City 3 @ Mahoning Valley 6 (MV: Boeckman, GWG, A, +2)

Fargo-Moorhead 1 @ North Iowa 3 (NI: Morin, G, A, +1)

Springfield 5 @ Southern Minnesota 3 (SPR: Globke, G, 2A, +1)

Fairbanks 2 @ Texas 1 (FBX: Bidwill, GWG)

Wichita Falls 1 @ Topeka 3 (TOP: Gens, 2A, +2)

Marquette 3 @ USNTDP 1 (MAR: Brooker, 25 saves)

Sunday, November 25

Alaska 6 @ Kenai River 5 (SO) (ALA: Kincaid, G, SOG)

Alpena 7 @ USNTDP 2 (ALP: Sell, G, GWG)

NORTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Traverse City forward **Nate Urbaniak** tallied five goals and two assists last weekend as the North Stars fashioned a 1-2 record. On Wednesday, the 19-year-old recorded a hat trick and assisted on **Harrison Niemann's** game-winning goal in a 6-1 triumph over Alpena. On Friday, the Perrysburg, Ohio, native notched a goal as the North Stars fell to Mahoning Valley, 6-3. The next night, Urbaniak scored another goal and an assist in another 6-3 loss to the Phantoms. He was also a plus-4 for the weekend.



HONORABLE MENTION: Alpena forward **Tristan Harper**; Mahoning Valley forward **Stefan Salituro**

SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Fairbanks goaltender **Cody Reichard** backstopped the Ice Dogs to a 2-1 record against Texas last weekend, turning aside 70 of 77 shots. On Wednesday, the 20-year-old made 15 saves in a 5-4 overtime win. On Friday, the Celina, Ohio native stopped 27 shots as the Tornado blanked the Ice Dogs, 2-0. The next night, Reichard made 28 saves in Fairbanks' 2-1 win over Texas.



HONORABLE MENTION: Alaska forward **Joe Harren**; Texas goaltender **Tom Callaghan**

CENTRAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Bismarck forward **Tye Lewis** struck for two goals and two assists last weekend as the Bobcats skated to a two-game sweep over Alexandria. On Friday, the 18-year-old scored a goal in a 4-2 win. The next night, the Vancouver, Wash., native tallied a goal and two assists, including one on **Kyle Maggard's** game-winning marker, as the Bobcats edged the Blizzard, 5-4.



HONORABLE MENTION: Fargo-Moorhead forward **Marc Mihulka** and defenseman **Tim Niedzielak**; Bismarck goaltender **Jake Kremer**; North Iowa forward **Shea Walters**

THE WEEK AHEAD

all times local

Thursday, November 29

Traverse City @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Friday, November 30

Bismarck @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:35 pm

Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:00 pm

Alpena @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm

USNTDP @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

North Iowa @ Southern Minnesota, 7:00 pm

Springfield @ Texas, 7:30 pm

St. Louis @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Saturday, December 1

Alexandria @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:05 pm

Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:00 pm

Alpena @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm

USNTDP @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Southern Minnesota @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Springfield @ Texas, 7:30 pm

St. Louis @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Sunday, December 2

Southern Minnesota @ North Iowa, 5:00 pm

AROUND THE NAHL

KAUNISTO RETURNS: **Kory Kaunisto**, 18, has returned to Traverse City after starting the season with the USHL's Waterloo Black Hawks. The Northern Michigan University recruit tallied six goals for 22 points in 61 games with the North Stars last year.

NO AVERAGE JOE: Since being acquired from Topeka three weeks ago, Alaska forward **Joe Harren**, 19, has six goals for nine points in 11 games, including three goals and an assist last weekend as the Avalanche took two of three games over Kenai River.

HOME SWEET HOME: After 14 straight games on the road dating back to Oct. 12, Bismarck finally returned home to All Seasons Arena on Saturday, treating the 1,334 in attendance to a 5-4 win over Alexandria.

WALTERS KEEPS ROLLING: North Iowa forward **Shea Walters**, 19, scored a goal and three assists in two victories over Fargo-Moorhead last weekend as the Outlaws extended their winning streak to nine games. "Every game Shea makes things happen," Outlaws coach **Dave Boitz** said of the Bemidji State University recruit.

MAKING HIS POINT: With an assist in Springfield's 5-3 win over Southern Minnesota on Saturday, Jr. Blues forward **Matt Larke**, 20, extended his point-scoring streak to eight games (12 points).

TOM TERRIFIC: Texas goaltender **Thomas Callaghan**, 18, picked up his first career NAHL shutout in the Tornado's 2-0 win over Fairbanks on Friday (30 saves).

HATS OFF: Mahoning Valley forward **Stefan Salituro**, 17, recorded a natural hat trick, including the game-winning goal, in the Phantoms' 6-3 win over Traverse City on Friday.