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STANDINGS

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	23	18-5-0	36	.783	100	67
Mahoning Valley	27	17-8-2	36	.667	105	80
Marquette	24	15-8-1	31	.646	93	81
USNTDP	27	12-13-2	26	.481	93	100
Alpena	24	12-11-1	25	.521	73	79
Traverse City	22	9-9-4	22	.500	68	75

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wichita Falls	24	16-7-1	33	.688	84	66
Fairbanks	26	15-9-2	32	.615	68	61
Topeka	23	13-7-3	29	.630	73	56
Alaska	26	13-12-1	27	.519	80	99
Kenai River	27	6-15-6	18	.333	75	114
Texas	26	7-16-3	17	.327	62	91

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Iowa	21	16-4-1	33	.786	82	45
Springfield	25	14-9-2	30	.600	99	82
So. Minnesota	24	12-8-4	28	.583	87	86
Bismarck	24	11-11-2	24	.500	71	82
Fargo-Moorhead	25	9-15-1	19	.380	81	96
Alexandria	20	4-14-2	10	.250	59	93

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	27	20	18	38
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	21	12	26	38
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	22	12	24	36
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	24	17	17	34
Bozoian, Sam	STL	F	22	11	20	31
Pietila, Aaron	MAR	F	24	13	17	30
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	24	8	22	30
Boeckman, Chad	MVY	F	27	6	24	30

(three players tied with 29)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Moss, Robby	NIO	19	1150:12	15-3-1	2.09	.933
Reichard, Cody	FBX	23	1360:52	13-9-0	2.20	.928
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	20	1205:15	10-7-3	2.29	.903
Jarboe, Mike	WIC	20	1181:59	13-5-1	2.34	.925
Johnson, Mike	STL	12	686:17	9-2-0	2.54	.899

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	27	20
OKane, Kyle	STL	F	20	18
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	24	17

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	21	26
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	22	24
Boeckman, Chad	MVY	F	27	24

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Jundt, Tyler	NIO	D	21	+19
Morin, Matt	NIO	D	21	+18
Mobley, Max	NIO	F	21	+17

Ice Dogs getting results

Defense, goaltending pace Fairbanks to wins

Right in the thick of the NAHL's South Division race, the second-place Fairbanks Ice Dogs kept pace last weekend with two wins over the Kenai River Brown Bears.

"Anytime you can get four points on the road in a divisional matchup, it's huge," said Ice Dogs assistant coach **Josh Hauge**, whose team improved to 15-9-2 on the season. "We're chasing a very good Wichita Falls team and trying to stay ahead of strong Topeka team."

On Friday, goaltender **Cody Reichard** steered aside all 28 shots as the Ice Dogs blanked the Brown Bears, 1-0. **Austin Block** scored the game's only goal in the second period, with **Drew Darwitz** and **Caleb Harrison** assisting.



Aaron Stonacek

The next night, **Aaron Stonacek** struck for two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist as Fairbanks downed Kenai River, 7-3. Between the pipes, **R.J. Copeland** made 33 saves.

And the Ice Dogs, whose trademark this season has been sound defensive play, were again without **Andrew McCabe**, the team's leading-scorer who has been out of the lineup since early November with a broken leg.

"When he went down, we've had to focus on good team defense and scoring by committee," said Hauge. "Getting Andrew back in January will be a big boost for our offense."

Stonacek provided the big boost on Saturday. The 20-year-old who played last season in the Eastern Junior League with the New England Huskies has answered the call in McCabe's absence.

"He's really stepped his game up the past month," said Hauge. "He has a great shot and a quick release. He has the ability to score a lot of goals and we need him to continue to do that to have success."

Now in his third year with Fairbanks, **Arthur Bidwill** has legitimized himself as elite defenseman, ranking second in team scoring with 16 points (five goals) to compliment a dependable plus-6 rating.

"Arthur is a fantastic young man and a fantastic hockey player," said Hauge. "He's been very key for us on the power play and scoring crucial goals for us. And as great as he's been offensively, his defensive play has been even better."

And it doesn't hurt having Reichard, who has three shutouts on the season, tied for most in the NAHL with North Iowa's **Robby Moss**, as the last line of defense.

"This is Cody Reichard's team, and we'll go as far as he takes us," said Hauge. *Story continued at nahl.com...*



LAST WEEK'S SCORES/HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, November 29

Traverse City 3 @ Marquette 4 (MAR: Aaron Pietila, 2G, A)

Friday, November 30

Bismarck 3 @ Fargo-Moorhead 0 (Kremer, 36 saves)

Fairbanks 1 @ Kenai River 0 (Reichard, 28 saves)

Alpena 1 @ Mahoning Valley 4 (MV: Blakey, G, GWG, +3)

USNTDP 3 @ Marquette 2 (OT) (USA: Palmieri, GWG, +1)

North Iowa 4 @ Southern Minnesota 7 (SM: Brodhag, G, GWG, +1)

Springfield 3 @ Texas 2 (SPR: Rowe, GWG, +1)

St. Louis 4 @ Topeka 7 (TOP: Gens, 5A, +3)

Saturday, December 1

Alexandria 6 @ Fargo-Moorhead 2 (ALX: Nesper, GWG, A, +2)

Fairbanks 7 @ Kenai River 3 (FBX: Stonacek, G, GWG, A, +3)

Alpena 2 @ Mahoning Valley 1 (ALP: Pellegrino, 26 saves)

USNTDP 4 @ Marquette 5 (MAR: Partacz., GWG, +2)

So. Minnesota 3 @ North Iowa 4 (OT) (NI: Carlson, GWG, A, +2)

Springfield 4 @ Texas 1 (SPR: Mohler, G, GWG, A, +1)

St. Louis 5 @ Topeka 2 (STL: Hull, 2G, +3)

Sunday, December 2

Southern Minnesota 4 @ North Iowa 3 (SM: Brodhag, G, A, +1)

NORTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Marquette goaltender **Matt Brooker** backstopped the Rangers to a pair of wins last week, turning aside 76 of 83 shots. On Thursday, the 18-year-old made 45 saves in a 4-3 win over Traverse City. The Richmond, Va., native followed that up with a 31-save performance in the Rangers' 5-4 triumph over the U.S. Under-17 Team on Saturday.



"Matt has been playing solid for us all year," said Rangers coach **Randy Enders**. "Through all his hard work, he's developed a presence and a confidence that's allowed us to lean on him."

HONORABLE MENTION: Alpena forward **Isaac Viau**; Mahoning Valley forward **Derek Graham**; Marquette forward **Aaron Pietila**; St. Louis forward **Kyle O'Kane**

SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Topeka defenseman **Aaron Gens** recorded five assists in the RoadRunners' 7-4 win over St. Louis on Saturday. For the weekend, the 20-year-old from Baudette, Minn., was a plus-4. Gens leads the NAHL in scoring among defensemen with 26 points (six goals) after 22 games.



"Aaron is as good as any defenseman in junior hockey - Tier I, Tier II, doesn't matter," said RoadRunners coach-GM **Scott Langer**. "He's reliable defensively and always a threat offensively."

HONORABLE MENTION: Fairbanks forward **Brock Shelgren** and defenseman **Arthur Bidwill**

CENTRAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Southern Minnesota forward **C. J. Willms** rang up four goals and two assists, including the 100th point of his NAHL career, last weekend as the Express took five of six points over division-leading North Iowa. On Friday, the 20-year-old recorded a goal and two assists in a 7-4 win. The next night, the St. Paul native tallied two goals as the Express fell to the Outlaws in overtime, 4-3. On Sunday, the third-year Willms struck for another goal in Southern Minnesota's 4-3 triumph.



"C.J. has been the leader of our team all season and has really caught fire of late," said Express coach-GM **Matt Romaniski**. "I think he'll make any Division I college coach happy next year."

HONORABLE MENTION: Bismarck forward **Ryan Kayfes** and goaltender **Jake Kremer**; Fargo-Moorhead forward **Andrew Harrison** and defenseman **Nathan Allen**

THE WEEK AHEAD

all times local

Thursday, December 6

USNTDP @ Alpena, 7:00 pm

North Iowa @ Bismarck, 7:05 pm

Friday, December 7

Southern Minnesota @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

North Iowa @ Bismarck, 7:05 pm

Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Mahoning Valley @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Texas @ Springfield, 7:30 pm

St. Louis @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 8

Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Mahoning Valley @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Alexandria @ Southern Minnesota 7:00 pm

Texas @ Springfield, 7:00 pm

Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

St. Louis @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

AROUND THE NAHL

MIDGET SHOWCASE APPROACHES: The second tournament of this year's NAHL Midget Showcase Series will be held next week from Dec. 13-16 at The Summit Center in Chesterfield, Mo. For more details, visit www.nahlmidgetshowcase.com.

NAHL LAUNCHES PHOTO STORE: The NAHL announced the launch of its official photo store at www.nahlphotos.com. Fans and families can browse and purchase over 3,400 images of their favorite players from all 18 NAHL teams.

HULL TO WEST POINT: St. Louis forward **Mike Hull**, 19, has committed to Army (Atlantic Hockey) for next season. The Grosse Pt. Woods, Mich., native has five goals for nine points after 19 games this year.

VIAU IMPRESSES: Alpena forward **Isaac Viau**, 20, continues to deliver offensively, posting points in 10 of his last 14 games (16), including a goal in the IceDiggers' 4-1 loss to Mahoning Valley on Friday. "Isaac is emerging as a leader on this team, both in the dressing room and on the ice," said IceDiggers coach-GM **Kenny Miller**.

ALUM COPS CCHA ACCOLADE: Ferris State University junior defenseman **Evan Case** (Mahoning Valley, 2004-05) was named the CCHA Defensive Player of the Week after scoring two goals and an assist in the Bulldogs' two-game sweep of Western Michigan last weekend.

FORMER JET HONORED: Air Force junior forward **Brent Olson** (Fargo-Moorhead, 2004-05) was named the Atlantic Hockey Offensive Player of the Week after scoring three goals in the Falcons' two-game sweep of American International College last weekend.

LEADER OF THE PACK: Mahoning Valley forward **Derek Graham**, 19, tallied two goals and an assist in last weekend's split with Alpena. The Ferris State recruit leads the league in goals (20) and is tied for the lead in scoring (38).

KREMER STAYS HOT: Bismarck goaltender **Jake Kremer**, 19, has won his last six starts, including a 36-save shutout performance in the Bobcats' 3-0 win over Fargo-Moorhead on Friday.