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STANDINGS

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	39	31-7-1	63	.808	175	104
Mahoning Valley	37	24-10-3	51	.689	151	105
Alpena	39	23-13-3	49	.628	133	116
Marquette	39	20-17-2	42	.538	130	142
USNTDP	38	19-17-2	40	.526	132	134
Traverse City	37	11-18-8	30	.405	103	137

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wichita Falls	39	27-11-1	55	.705	153	116
Fairbanks	34	22-10-2	46	.676	95	70
Topeka	31	17-8-6	40	.645	97	79
Alaska	37	15-20-2	32	.432	112	145
Texas	40	12-25-3	27	.338	102	141
Kenai River	35	8-21-6	22	.314	90	150

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Iowa	35	26-8-1	53	.757	133	85
Springfield	40	19-18-3	41	.513	136	145
So. Minnesota	35	17-12-6	40	.571	135	139
Alexandria	31	13-15-3	29	.468	116	134
Fargo-Moorhead	35	13-20-2	28	.400	121	132
Bismarck	37	12-22-3	27	.365	96	136

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	37	25	41	66
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	39	28	30	58
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	35	14	44	58
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	37	26	30	56
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	38	15	37	52
OKane, Kyle	STL	F	34	32	19	51
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	37	14	37	51
Warda, Ben	STL	F	39	15	34	49
Leone, Mike	STL	F	36	10	38	48

(two players tied with 43)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Reichard, Cody	FBX	30	1780:45	19-10-0	1.95	.936
Moss, Robby	NIO	23	1353:58	18-3-1	2.04	.934
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	26	1582:39	12-8-6	2.27	.900
Bartus, Garrett	MVY	23	1370:38	16-4-2	2.32	.921
Heeter, Cal	STL	22	1246:49	16-4-0	2.55	.911

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
O'Kane, Kyle	STL	F	34	32
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	39	28
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	37	26

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	35	44
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	37	41
Leone, Mike	STL	F	36	38

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	37	+28
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	38	+25
O'Kane, Kyle	STL	F	34	+24

No Place Like Home

Host Phantoms perfect at divisional showcase

By Cameron Lee

The North American Hockey League's entire North Division flocked to the Ice Zone in Boardman, Ohio, last weekend for the chance not only to help their team kick start the playoff race, but also to gain valuable exposure to NCAA and NHL scouts at the Phantoms Hockey Showcase.



Garrett Bartus

"Our division did great for itself in the way all of the teams competed and performed," said Phantoms head coach **Bob Mainhardt** on the overall success of the showcase.

"It was just an outstanding opportunity for the scouts to get out here and see these guys," Mainhardt continued. "I talked to a number of scouts about players off of each of the teams we played, and it's definitely going to open some doors for some young men on all of our teams."

The challenge of four games in four days with eight points up for grabs gave each team a chance to make a move in the standings or suffer a setback as the second half of the season hits full swing.

After the dust settled, the host Phantoms were the only team able to sweep the weekend, winning two games each against the Marquette Rangers and the Traverse City North Stars to move into sole possession of second place in the division.

"We obviously want to make the Ice Zone one of the toughest places to play in the league; we have to take pride in that," Mainhardt said about the importance of sweeping the weekend. "I thought the guys came out and had a commitment to the game plan. I thought we were very good defensively this weekend, and that was the difference in all four games."

One of the hottest teams in the league, the Alpena IceDiggers, came into the tournament with five consecutive wins. Although they moved that streak to seven with after a surprising 6-2 dismantling of the first-place St. Louis Bandits on Saturday, the Ice Diggers then went 0-1-1 in their last two, falling to third place in the standings.

Only an opening-day, 6-5 loss to the Ice Diggers stood between the U.S. National Team and a perfect weekend, as it won three of four to move right back into the playoff race.

As expected, St. Louis continued its winning ways. Although it took a shootout to overcome the IceDiggers on Monday morning, the Bandits were also able to win three of four games, keeping a stranglehold on first place in the North.

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LAST WEEK'S SCORES/HIGHLIGHTS

NORTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Mahoning Valley goaltender **Garrett Bartus** backstopped the Phantoms to three wins at the Phantoms Showcase last weekend, stopping 77 of 80 shots. On Friday, the 18-year-old made 23 saves in a 4-1 win over Marquette. The next night, the St. Charles, Ill., native turned aside 28 shots as Mahoning Valley downed Traverse City, 3-2. On Monday, Bartus made all 26 saves in a 2-0 shutout of the North Stars.



HONORABLE MENTION: Alpena forward **Mike DeGrazia** and goaltender **Nick Graves**; St. Louis forward **Kyle O'Kane**; U.S. Under-17 Team goaltender **Adam Murray**

SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Fairbanks goaltender **Cody Reichard** backstopped the Ice Dogs to a two-game sweep over Texas last weekend, stopping 70 of 71 shots. On Friday, the 20-year-old made all 25 saves as Fairbanks shut out the Tornado, 5-0. The next night, the Celina, Ohio native turned aside 45 shots in a 2-1 triumph.



HONORABLE MENTION: Fairbanks forward **Nick Guran**; Wichita Falls forwards **Adam Cardwell** and **Grant Everett** and goaltender **Mike Jarboe**

CENTRAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

North Iowa goaltender **Robby Moss**, in his third game back since returning from a month-long injury, turned aside 49 of 51 shots last weekend as the Outlaws skated to a pair of wins over Bismarck. On Friday, the 20-year-old made 21 saves in a 4-2 triumph. The next night, the St. Louis native stopped 28 shots as North Iowa blanked the Bobcats, 3-0.



HONORABLE MENTION: Springfield defenseman **Dan Weiss**

THE WEEK AHEAD

all times local

Wednesday, January 23

Kenai River @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Thursday, January 24

Traverse City @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Bismarck @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Alaska @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 25

Alexandria @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:35 pm

Alpena @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Bismarck @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Mahoning Valley @ St. Louis, 7:15 pm

Alaska @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Kenai River @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

USNTDP @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

Fairbanks @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 25

Marquette @ Alpena, 7:00 pm

Bismarck @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:05 pm

North Iowa @ Southern Minnesota, 7:00 pm

Mahoning Valley @ St. Louis, 7:15 pm

Alaska @ Texas, 7:30 pm

Kenai River @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

USNTDP @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

Fairbanks @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 25

Alexandria @ Southern Minnesota, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 15

Kenai River 0 @ Wichita Falls 6 (WF: Jarboe, 23 saves)

Friday, January 18

North Iowa 4 @ Bismarck 2 (NI: Dziubinski, 2A, +1)

Southern Minnesota 5 @ Fargo-Moorhead 3 (SM: Willms, G, 3A, +2)

Marquette 1 @ Mahoning Valley 4 (MV: Graham, G, A, +2)

Traverse City 2 @ St. Louis 3 (STL: Miller, GWG, A, +1)

Fairbanks 5 @ Texas 0 (FBX: Reichard: 25 saves)

Alpena 6 @ USNTDP 5 (ALP: McCusker, GWG, 2A, +1)

Alaska 3 @ Wichita Falls 5 (WF: Skylur Jameson, GWG, +1)

Saturday, January 19

St. Louis 2 @ Alpena 6 (ALP: DeGrazia, G, GWG, +3)

North Iowa 3 @ Bismarck 0 (NI: Moss, 28 saves)

USNTDP 2 @ Marquette 0 (USA: Murray, 26 saves)

Topeka 5 @ Springfield 3 (TOP: Hayes, GWG, A)

Fairbanks 2 @ Texas 1 (FBX: Guran, G, A)

Mahoning Valley 3 @ Traverse City 2 (MV: Graham, 2A)

Alaska 3 @ Wichita Falls 6 (WF: Salazar, G, GWG, A, +2)

Sunday, January 20

Marquette 3 @ Mahoning Valley 6 (MV: Blakey, GWG, +1)

Topeka 1 @ Springfield 2 (OT) (SPR: Cook, 20 saves)

Traverse City 4 @ St. Louis 8 (STL: O'Kane, 3G, +1)

Alpena 1 @ USNTDP 3 (USA: Brown, G, GWG, +2)

Monday, January 21

St. Louis 4 @ Alpena 3 (SO) (STL: O'Kane, 2G, +1)

USNTDP 4 @ Marquette 1 (USA: Wohlberg, 2G, +2)

Mahoning Valley 4 @ Traverse City 0 (MV: Bartus, 26 saves)

AROUND THE NAHL

TOP PROSPECTS ROSTERS ANNOUNCED: The rosters for the NAHL's first annual Top Prospects Tournament, which will be held February 17-19 at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor, Mich., have been announced. View the complete rosters at nahltoppromspects.com.

MIDGET SHOWCASE FIELD, SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED: The NAHL has announced the field and schedule for the third and final tournament of this season's NAHL Midget Showcase Series, which will be held February 15-18 at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor, Mich. View the complete field and schedule at nahlmidgetshowcase.com.

AVALANCHE, OUTLAWS STRIKE DEAL: North Iowa has traded forwards **Brooks DeZellar**, 20, and **Kyle Politz**, 18, to Alaska for forward **Larry Kincaid**, 20, and defenseman **Kevin Anger**, 19.

BOBCATS RAISE MONEY FOR ACS: Bismarck's "Tough Enough to Play in Pink" game held on January 5 raised \$1,700 for the American Cancer Society Bismarck/Mandan Relay For Life.

MILESTONE FOR BISHOP: University of Maine junior goaltender **Ben Bishop** (Texas, 2004-05) was named the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week after winning his 50th career game with the Black Bears on Saturday - a 41-save shutout of Providence (4-0).

CENTURY CLUB: Army senior forward **Luke Flicek** (Texas, 2003-04) recorded his 100th career collegiate point with a game-winning goal in the Black Knights' 2-1 victory over Canisius on Saturday night.

STARS IN STRIPES: Six former NAHL officials were selected to work minor-pro all-star games, including **Brian Pochmara**, who will referee the American Hockey League's contest on January 28 game in Binghamton, N.Y.