



# NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## STANDINGS

### North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	41	33-7-1	67	.817	185	110
Alpena	41	25-13-3	53	.646	141	119
Mahoning Valley	39	24-11-4	52	.667	157	115
Marquette	42	21-18-3	45	.536	140	156
USNTDP	40	20-18-2	42	.525	136	140
Traverse City	40	12-18-10	34	.425	115	148

### South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wichita Falls	41	27-12-2	56	.683	157	124
Fairbanks	36	24-10-2	50	.694	103	74
Topeka	34	20-8-6	46	.676	117	84
Texas	43	15-25-3	33	.384	125	148
Alaska	40	15-23-2	32	.400	119	168
Kenai River	38	8-24-6	22	.289	95	170

### Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Iowa	38	28-8-2	58	.763	144	91
So. Minnesota	37	19-12-6	44	.595	142	144
Springfield	40	19-18-3	41	.513	136	145
Alexandria	33	14-16-3	31	.470	123	140
Bismarck	40	13-24-3	29	.363	102	147
Fargo-Moorhead	37	13-22-2	28	.378	125	139

## LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	39	25	43	68
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	38	16	46	62
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	41	31	30	61
Graham, Derek	MVY	F	39	26	30	56
Peterson, Erik	ALP	F	39	18	38	56
Warda, Ben	STL	F	41	17	37	54
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	40	15	39	54
O'Kane, Kyle	STL	F	36	32	21	53
Leone, Mike	STL	F	38	11	38	49
Miller, Ben	STL	F	36	26	20	46

## LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Reichard, Cody	FBX	32	1900:54	21-10-0	1.93	.938
Moss, Robby	NIO	26	1538:58	20-3-2	1.99	.937
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	28	1702:39	14-8-6	2.22	.899
Graves, Nick	ALP	23	1333:09	15-3-4	2.48	.909
Bartus, Garrett	MVY	25	1492:59	16-5-3	2.53	.916

## GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
O'Kane, Kyle	STL	F	36	32
Salazar, Luke	WIC	F	41	31

(two players tied with 26)

## ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Walters, Shea	NIO	F	38	46
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	39	43
Everett, Grant	WIC	F	40	39

## PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Cardwell, Adam	WIC	F	39	+25
Merrifield, Mike	STL	F	41	+25
Madden, Jon	MVY	D	28	+25

## Topeka on the move

### Offense comes alive in wins over Kenai River

Winners of four in a row, including three last week over the Kenai River Brown Bears, the Topeka RoadRunners are not to be forgotten in the race for first in the NAHL's South Division.



Josh Kamrass

"Those wins have given us an opportunity to stay in the mix for the top spot," said RoadRunners coach-GM **Scott Langer**, whose team improved to 20-8-6 on the season. "But we know we have a lot of work to do with the teams ahead of us (Wichita Falls and Fairbanks) playing real solid hockey."

Topeka opened its week with a 5-1 victory over the Brown Bears on Wednesday. **Corey Jendras** tallied two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist, while **Reed Steckel** added a goal and two assists of his own. Between the pipes, goaltender **Bryce Merriam** turned aside 11 shots.

On Friday, **Josh Kamrass** connected for a goal and two assists, including one on **Randy Swank's** game-winner, as the Roadrunners skated to a 5-2 win. Steckel notched a goal and an assist, while netminder **Lyle Rocker** made 20 saves.

**Eriah Hayes** unleashed for a hat trick and two assists as Topeka celebrated a 10-2 victory over Kenai River on Saturday. **Steve Shafer** added four assists, and Merriam stopped 13 shots to pick up his second win of the week.

In all, 10 different players lit the lamp for Topeka in the three-game sweep.

"When we play well, we get balanced scoring," said Langer. "As of late, we've had trouble putting pucks in the back of the net. We need to use this series to reestablish our confidence and continue to score."

In addition to Kamrass, who fashioned an eight-point weekend, Jendras and Seckel also made their presence felt offensively, scoring seven points apiece.

"Both of those guys have been solid all year," said Langer. "They're persistent with their play and have a very disciplined and professional approach to their games."

Hayes' six points also drew praise from Langer, as did the efforts of 18-year-olds Shafer and **Eric Artman**, who tallied three assists in Saturday's win.

"The younger players are coming into their own making us a deeper, more balanced team," said Langer.

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## NORTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Traverse City forward **Harrison Niemann** struck for four goals and five assists last week as the North Stars picked up four points in three games. In Thursday's 7-6 overtime loss to Marquette, the 19-year-old tallied four goals. The next night, the Canton, Mich., native recorded three assists, including one on **Nate Urbaniak's** game-winning marker, as the North Stars downed the U.S. Under-17 Team, 4-1. On Saturday, Niemann added two more assists in Traverse City's 3-2 shootout loss to the U.S. team.



**HONORABLE MENTION:** Alpena goaltender **Nick Graves**; Mahoning Valley forward **Johnny Meo**; Traverse City forward **Nate Urbaniak**

## SOUTH PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Topeka forward **Josh Kamrass** rang up two goals and six assists last week as the RoadRunners skated to a three-game sweep over Kenai River. On Wednesday, the 20-year-old recorded two assists, including one on **Corey Jendras'** game-winning goal, in a 5-1 victory. The Atlanta native followed that up with a goal and two more helpers, including one on **Randy Swank's** game-winner, in Topeka's 5-1 triumph over the Brown Bears on Friday. The next night, Kamrass delivered another one-goal, two-assist performance in a 10-2 RoadRunners victory. He was also a plus-7 for the week.



**HONORABLE MENTION:** Fairbanks forward **Eric Kraft** and defenseman **P.J. Kavaya**; Texas forward **Sam Goodwin**

## CENTRAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Southern Minnesota forward **Ben Beaudoin** led the Express two a pair of wins last weekend, scoring both game-winning goals. On Saturday against North Iowa, the 20-year-old scored the final goal in the shootout to give the Express a 3-2 victory. The next night, the Inver Grove Heights, Minn., native tallied two goals, including the game-winner, as Southern Minnesota bested Alexandria, 4-3. He was also a plus-3 for the weekend.



**HONORABLE MENTION:** Fargo-Moorhead forward **Marc Mihulka** and goaltender **Elliot Okland**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

*all times local*

### Tuesday, January 29

Alaska @ Topeka, 7:05 pm  
Traverse City @ USNTDP, 7:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 30

Alaska @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

### Thursday, January 31

Kenai River @ Texas, 7:30 pm  
North Iowa @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:35 pm

### Friday, February 1

Southern Minnesota @ Bismarck, 7:05 pm  
North Iowa @ Fargo-Moorhead, 7:35 pm  
St. Louis @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm  
Alexandria @ Marquette, 7:30 pm  
Fairbanks @ Topeka, 7:05 pm  
Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm  
Kenai River @ Wichita Falls, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, February 2

Traverse City @ Alpena, 7:00 pm  
Southern Minnesota @ Bismarck, 7:05 pm  
St. Louis @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm  
Alexandria @ Marquette, 7:30 pm  
Kenai River @ Texas, 7:30 pm  
Fairbanks @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

## LAST WEEK'S SCORES/HIGHLIGHTS

### Wednesday, January 23

Kenai River 1 @ Topeka 5 (TOP: Jendras, G, GWG, A, +1)

### Thursday, January 24

Traverse City 6 @ Marquette 7 (OT) (MAR: Bussell, 2G, A)  
Bismarck 1 @ North Iowa 3 (NI: Walters, G, A)  
Alaska 4 @ Texas 10 (TEX: Korostin, G, 2A, +3)

### Friday, January 25

Alexandria 4 @ Fargo-Moorhead 2 (ALX: Nesper, G, A, +3)  
Alpena 4 @ Marquette 3 (OT) (ALP: Viau, G, 2A, +4)  
Bismarck 2 @ North Iowa 6 (NI: Moss, 34 saves)  
Mahoning Valley 3 @ St. Louis 4 (OT) (STL: Warda, G, 2A, +2)  
Alaska 1 @ Texas 5 (TEX: Callaghan, 19 saves)  
Kenai River 2 @ Topeka 5 (TOP: Kamrass, G, 2A, +2)  
USNTDP 1 @ Traverse City 4 (TC: Urbaniak, G, GWG, A, +1)  
Fairbanks 4 @ Wichita Falls 1 (FBX: Kraft, 2G, +2)

### Saturday, January 26

Marquette 0 @ Alpena 4 (ALP: Graves, 25 saves)  
Bismarck 3 @ Fargo-Moorhead 2 (BIS: Kremer, 41 saves)  
North Iowa 2 @ So. Minnesota 3 (SO: SM: Pederson, 32 saves)  
Mahoning Valley 3 @ St. Louis 6 (STL: Warda, GWG, A, +1)  
Alaska 2 @ Texas 8 (TEX: Goodwin, 2G, 2A, +4)  
Kenai River 2 @ Topeka 10 (TOP: Hayes, 3G, 2A, +5)  
USNTDP 3 @ Traverse City 2 (SO) (USA: Mattson, 2A)  
Fairbanks 4 @ Wichita Falls 3 (OT) (FBX: Kavaya, G, GWG, +2)

### Sunday, January 27

Alexandria 3 @ Southern Minnesota 4 (SM: Inderieden, 2G)

## AROUND THE NAHL

**BLAKEY TO MERCYHURST:** First-year Mahoning Valley forward **Grant Blakey**, 18, has committed to Mercyhurst College (Atlantic Hockey) for the 2010-11 season. The Canton, Mich., native has 15 goals for 31 points after 29 games this year.

**CARDWELL BOUND FOR UAF:** Third-year Wichita Falls forward **Adam Cardwell**, 20, has committed to the University of Alaska-Fairbanks for next season. This year, the Long Beach, Calif., native leads the NAHL in scoring with 68 points (25 goals) after 39 games.

**STAR POWER:** Dallas Stars draft pick **Sergei Korostin**, 18, impressed in his first full weekend with Texas, scoring three goals and two assists in three Tornado wins over Alaska. The Russian, who was playing for Moscow Dynamo, was also a plus-6.

**SIMS COPS HOCKEY EAST HONOR:** Providence College senior goaltender **Tyler Sims** (Mahoning Valley, 2003-04) was named Hockey East Player of the Week after backstopping the Friars to a pair of victories over Northeastern last weekend.

**GOEBEL TABBED FOR CCHA HONOR:** Ohio State University senior forward **Tommy Goebel** (Cleveland Jr. Barons, 2000-03) was named the CCHA Offensive Player of the Week after posting four goals and five points in the Buckeyes' two-game split with Lake Superior State.

**GRAVES 'DIGGER:** Alpena continues its surge behind the goaltending of **Nick Graves**, 19, who backstopped the IceDiggers to two more wins last weekend, including a 25-save shutout of Marquette on Saturday (4-0). "Every time Nick plays, as a team, we feel we have a chance to win," said IceDiggers coach-GM **Kenny Miller**.