



# NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## STANDINGS

### Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Bismarck	6	3-2-1	7	.583	14	16
Alexandria	6	2-3-1	5	.417	15	17
Owatonna	6	2-4-0	4	.333	25	25
North Iowa	5	2-3-0	4	.400	14	21
Albert Lea	5	0-4-1	1	.100	7	18

### North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
USNTDP	8	4-3-1	9	.563	35	26
Traverse City	6	4-2-0	8	.667	19	16
Mahoning Valley	4	3-0-1	7	.875	17	10
Motor City	6	3-3-0	6	.500	10	16
Alpena	4	2-2-0	4	.500	13	16
Marquette	6	2-4-0	4	.333	20	24

### South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Topeka	6	6-0-0	12	1.000	28	10
St. Louis	6	4-1-1	9	.750	19	11
Wichita Falls	4	4-0-0	8	1.000	15	7
Springfield	6	2-3-1	5	.417	21	25

### West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Alaska	4	3-1-0	6	.750	17	13
Kenai River	4	2-2-0	4	.500	10	21
Wenatchee	4	1-2-1	3	.375	7	9
Fairbanks	4	1-3-0	2	.250	12	17

## LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
George, Jordan	TPK	F	6	4	7	11
Hagaman, Alec	TPK	F	6	7	3	10
Delaurell, Kyle	WIC	F	4	3	6	9
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	6	2	7	9
Keefer, Cody	BIS	F	6	6	2	8
Hartmann, Matt	TPK	F	6	4	4	8
Gallagher, James	MAR	F	6	4	4	8
Shore, Drew	USA	F	4	4	4	8
Pietila, Chad	MAR	F	6	2	6	8

(six players tied with seven points)

## LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Tibbett, Jordan	MVY	2	120:00	2-0-0	1.00	.965
Rocker, Lyle	TPK	3	185:00	3-0-0	1.30	.941
Bosner, David	BIS	5	290:14	3-0-1	1.45	.957
Jarboe, Mike	WIC	3	184:10	3-0-0	1.63	.957
Cinotti, Erick	STL	3	180:50	2-0-1	1.66	.932

## GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Hagaman, Alec	TPK	F	6	7

(two players tied with 6)

## ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
George, Jordan	TPK	F	6	7
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	6	7

## PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
(four players tied at +7)				

## Bobcats Start Strong

### Bismarck opens home schedule with sweep

After a sluggish 1-2-1 start to their season at the NAHL Showcase Tournament, the Bismarck Bobcats came alive last weekend treating their fans to a pair of wins over the Alexandria Blizzard.

"It was nice to get off on the right foot at home," said Bobcats head coach **Byron Pool**.

Bismarck opened its weekend with a 4-1 victory over the Blizzard on Friday. **Cody Keefer** and **Nicholas Jensen** (game-winner) each struck for two goals and an assist, with **Jordan Singer** and **Josh Nelson** recording two assists apiece. In goal, **David Bosner** turned aside 36 shots.

Goals from **Jason Fabian** and **Jeffrey Harris** (game-winner) lifted Bismarck to a 2-1 triumph the next night. Bosner was again solid between the pipes, making 31 saves.



David Bosner

"I really felt that we didn't play our best hockey at the Showcase; we were a little off and things weren't clicking," said Pool. "We went home and really had a tough week of practice and it was nice to see the guys rewarded for their hard work."

Pool was particularly impressed with his team's defensive play against Alexandria, as well as the special teams.

"There isn't too many weekends where you only give up two goals," he said. "I felt for the most part we really limited the chances that Alexandria had."

"That and our power play had a big night on Friday with three goals and we didn't give up a power-play goal all weekend."

And Bosner deserves much of the credit. The 19-year-old from Chesterfield, Mo., who was acquired late in the summer from St. Louis allowed only two goals against against Alexandria as he upped his record to 3-0-1.

"He's been fantastic," said Pool. "We were looking for someone to take the No. 1 job and run with it and we gave him the opportunity to be that guy."

"Since he arrived he's been nothing but solid. His competitiveness level is off the charts and he's very focused. He gives us a chance to win every night."

Pool was also pleased to see the new forward combination of Keefer, Jensen and Singer generate offensive production in no time. The line connected for all four Bismarck goals on Friday night.

"We had trouble scoring goals in the Showcase, so we decided to throw all our eggs in one basket," Pool explained. "I like the early makeup of the line; they're big, they can skate and they're all pretty good offensively. It gives us a legitimate No. 1 line."

Second-year defenseman **John Clark**, a 19-year-old from Baudette, Minn., has also impressed early on.

"He's been rock solid on our back end," said Pool. "He can kill penalties, play the power play and has played a ton of minutes for us. He's the leader of our hockey team and should have a great year."

After missing the postseason the last two years, the Bobcats like the prospects of this season's team. *Story continued at NAHL.com.*

## sherwood central player of the week

Bismarck forward **Cody Keefer**, 20, tallied two goals and an assist as the Bobcats celebrated a weekend sweep over Alexandria. The Big Rapids, Mich., product scored his points in Bismarck's 4-2 win over the Blizzard on Friday.



"Cody continued his hot start through the weekend," said Bobcats head coach **Byron Pool**. "He had, in my opinion, a great Showcase Tournament and it has carried over into the regular season. As a 20-year-old, we were expecting big things from Cody and he hasn't disappointed."

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Alexandria forward **Joe Knoepke**; Owatonna forward **Chris Bournazos**

## sherwood north player of the week

Marquette forward **Chad Pietila** rang up two goals and two assists as the Rangers split a pair of games with Traverse City. On Friday, the Milford, Mich., native connected for two goals and an assist in a 4-3 victory. The next night, 19-year-old recorded an assist as the Rangers fell to the North Stars, 3-2.



"Chad is a kid that competes every shift," said Rangers head coach **Kenny Miller**. "He's a leader on this team and early in the season you need your leaders to help carry the load offensively and that's what Chad did for us."

## sherwood south player of the week

Topeka forward **Alec Hagaman** struck for two goals in regulation and one in a shootout as the RoadRunners skated to a two-game sweep over Springfield. On Friday, the Peoria, Ill., native scored the shootout game-winner in a 4-3 RoadRunners win. The next night, the 18-year-old notched two goals, including the game-winner, as Topeka doubled up the Jr. Blues, 4-2. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



"Alec is a big-time player," said RoadRunners head coach **Scott Langer**. "He's got the game-winning goal in four of our six wins and he's scored in every game. He's strong and smart with a heavy shot."

## gdi goaltender of the week

Bismarck goaltender **David Bosner** backstopped the Bobcats to a two-game sweep over Alexandria, turning aside 67 of 69 shots. On Friday, the Chesterfield, Mo., made 36 saves in a 4-1 triumph. The next night, the 19-year-old stopped 31 shots at the Bobcats downed the Blizzard, 2-1.



"David has really stepped up and grabbed the No. 1 position in net for us," said Bobcats head coach **Byron Pool**. "He was a late addition to our team and has fit in beautifully. The way he's playing gives us a chance to win every night."

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Marquette goaltender **Kevin Kissaw** and Traverse City goaltender **C.J. Motte**

## the week ahead

### Friday, October 3

Alexandria @ Owatonna, 6:00 pm  
Mahoning Valley @ Motor City, 7:10 pm  
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm  
North Iowa @ Bismarck, 7:30 pm  
Traverse City @ Alpena, 7:00 pm

### Saturday, October 4

Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm  
Wichita Falls @ St. Louis, 7:15 pm  
Mahoning Valley @ Motor City, 7:10 pm  
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm  
North Iowa @ Bismarck, 7:00 pm  
Alexandria @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm

### Sunday, October 5

Wichita Falls @ St. Louis, 2:00 pm

All Times Local

## around the nahl

**ALASKA AVALANCHE:** The Avalanche was idle after finishing 3-1 at the NAHL Showcase Tournament. It will play its next games in Kenai River on Oct. 10-11.

**ALBERT LEA THUNDER:** **Mitch Torrel** and **Mark Ellis** scored Albert Lea's goals in its 5-2 loss to Owatonna on Saturday. The Thunder is still searching for its first win of the season.

**ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD:** **Joe Knoepke** scored the only goal in each of the Blizzard's two losses last weekend. "Joe has been playing very well for us," said Blizzard head coach **Brad Willner**. "He gets his goals from his hard work and tenacious play."

**ALPENA ICEDIGGERS:** The 2-2 IceDiggers had the weekend off and will play a home-and-home series with Traverse City this coming weekend.

**BISMARCK BOBCATS:** **Nicholas Jensen** connected for two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist in the Bobcats' 4-1 win over Alexandria on Friday.

**FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS:** The Ice Dogs were idle after a 1-3 Showcase Tournament start and will head to Kenai River for a pair of games this weekend.

**KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS:** Kenai River had the weekend off and will open its home schedule this weekend with two games against Fairbanks.

**MAHONING VALLEY PHANTOMS:** The 3-0-1 Phantoms, who were idle last weekend, will head to Motor City this weekend for a pair of games against the Machine.

**MARQUETTE RANGERS:** Goaltender **Kevin Kissaw** was solid between the pipes last weekend, stopping 69 of 75 shots as the Rangers split two games with Traverse City.

**MOTOR CITY MACHINE:** **Nick Taurence** (two assists) was the Machine's only multiple-scorer as it dropped a pair of games to St. Louis last weekend.

**NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS:** The Outlaws drew over 1,000 in attendance for their home-opener on Friday night. "We couldn't be any happier, considering the summer-like weather and with about four different homecoming football games in the region to boot," said GM **Steve Strasheim**.

**OWATONNA EXPRESS:** Naperville, Ill., native **Chris Bournazos** picked up three points (two goals, one assist) as the Express went 1-1 last weekend.

**SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES:** **Jon Bobb**, an Army recruit who played in Texas last season, connected for a goal and an assist as the Jr. Blues fell twice in Topeka.

**ST. LOUIS BANDITS:** Goaltender **Erick Cinotti** was perfect between the pipes on Saturday night, turning aside all 32 shots in the Bandits' 4-0 shutout of Motor City.

**TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS:** Topeka's leading-scorer **Jordan George** tallied two goals and an assist in the RoadRunners two-game sweep of Springfield.

**TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS:** Netminder **C.J. Motte** stopped 32 shots in TC's 3-2 win over Marquette on Saturday. "As we suspected, he's proven that he can play - and win - in this league," said North Stars coach **Anthony Palumbo**.

**TEAM USA:** The U.S. teams were idle from NAHL competition, with the Under-18 Team playing a pair of Division I college games in Alaska.

**WENATCHEE WILD:** The 2-1-1 Wild will play its next game on Oct. 16 when it christens its brand-new home, the Town Toyota Center, against Topeka.

**WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS:** Idle last week, the Wildcats will take their perfect 4-0 mark to St. Louis this coming weekend for a pair of games.