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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Alexandria	12	7-4-1	15	.625	46	34
North Iowa	11	7-3-1	15	.682	40	37
Bismarck	12	5-6-1	11	.458	27	32
Owatonna	10	4-6-0	8	.400	31	33
Albert Lea	9	0-8-1	1	.056	17	43

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	12	10-2-0	20	.833	44	28
Mahoning Valley	8	6-1-1	13	.813	31	21
USNTDP	12	6-5-1	13	.542	45	36
Alpena	10	4-4-2	10	.500	30	37
Marquette	10	3-5-2	8	.400	29	36
Motor City	12	3-9-0	6	.250	21	45

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	13	11-1-1	23	.885	55	28
Topeka	11	10-1-0	20	.909	53	19
Wichita Falls	6	4-2-0	8	.667	22	19
Springfield	11	2-7-2	6	.273	33	46

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Alaska	8	6-2-0	12	.750	30	29
Kenai River	10	4-5-1	9	.450	33	48
Fairbanks	8	3-4-1	7	.438	31	30
Wenatchee	7	1-5-1	3	.214	11	28

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
George, Jordan	TPK	F	11	8	14	22
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	12	6	13	19
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	13	10	8	18
Shafer, Steve	TPK	F	11	7	10	17
Hagaman, Alec	TPK	F	11	7	10	17
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	13	2	15	17
Greco, Kyle	STL	F	13	9	7	16
Kirchhevel, Justin	STL	F	13	6	10	16

(three players tied with 14)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Tibbett, Jordan	MVY	4	242:32	4-0-0	1.48	.950
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	5	300:00	5-0-0	1.60	.938
Yanakeff, Will	USA	4	238:35	2-2-0	1.76	.909
Rocker, Lyle	TPK	5	304:19	4-1-0	1.77	.924
Kinkaid, Keith	STL	8	471:00	7-1-0	1.91	.935

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	11	11
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	13	10

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	13	15
George, Jordan	TPK	F	11	14

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Greco, Kyle	STL	F	13	+14
Kirchhevel, Justin	STL	F	13	+14

Home Sweet Home

West Division-leading Avs roll off two more wins

Exactly one month after the first puck dropped at the NAHL Showcase Tournament in Minnesota, the Alaska Avalanche took to its home ice for the first time last weekend and marked the occasion with a two-game sweep over the Kenai River Brown Bears.

"It was great to finally play at home, and to get two wins was great both for our team and also for the community," said Avalanche head coach **Dave Boitz**, whose team sits atop the NAHL's West Division with a 6-2 mark.

Alaska opened its weekend with a 4-3 shootout win over the Brown Bears on Friday. Down 3-0, the Avalanche was able to force the shootout thanks to goals from **Derek Kimbro**, **Tyler Currier** and **Logan Rounds**. Between the pipes, **Austin Maginnis** made 35 saves and all four in the shootout.



Tyler Currier

Robb Haider connected for two goals the next night, including the game-winner, as the Avalanche again came from behind – this time from a pair of two-goal deficits - to best Kenai River, 6-4. Currier and Rounds scored their second goals of the weekend in the victory, while Maginnis turned back 30 shots.

"I was impressed with our perseverance both nights, and the key to our early success has been our tremendous character," said Boitz, whose team has trailed in five of its six victories. "These guys never quit; they hang in there together until the end."

And they also have no troubles spreading around the offense. Six different players lit the lamp for the Avs last weekend, with Haider recording the only multiple-goal game.

"One of our strengths from Day 1 has been our ability to get scoring from all four lines and our defensemen," said Boitz. "It's great not to have to rely on one line or one guy to come up with a big goal."

One player the Avalanche is expecting good things from is Currier. Now in his third year with the team, the 20-year-old Anchorage native leads Alaska in scoring with four goals and three assists.

"Tyler is an explosive player who has incredible speed," said Boitz. "He also loves to come to the rink as much as anyone I've ever coached."

Maginnis, whom Boitz coached last season in North Iowa, has also help resurrect the Avs, who have missed the postseason the last two years. The 19-year-old from Mason City, Iowa, along with **Andrew Tatham**, gives Alaska a more-than-dependable pair between the pipes.

"Austin has been very good. He's never had a chance to get consistent playing time, so I've been trying to do that to see how he responds," said Boitz.

"I've been pleased with his maturation, but I'm not ready to call him my go-to guy because Andrew is also very capable and hasn't gotten much playing time yet, but he'll get his chance as well."

Confident he had a promising group of returning players to work with, Boitz has been more than pleased with how well his first-year players have acclimated to the rigors of the NAHL.

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sherwood central player of the week

North Iowa forward **Brandon Brodhag** rang up three goals as the Outlaws won a pair of divisional games. After being held scoreless in a 5-2 victory over Bismarck on Friday, the Champlin Park, Minn., native recorded a hat trick the next night in North Iowa's 6-4 triumph over Alexandria. The 20-year-old was also a plus-1.



HONORABLE MENTION: Alexandria forward **Noah Nemgar**; Bismarck forward **John Wickman**

sherwood north player of the week

Mahoning Valley forward **Doug Clifford** struck for three goals as the Phantoms split a pair of games at Alpena. On Friday, the Woodhaven, Mich., native potted two goals, including the overtime game-winner, in a 4-3 triumph. The next night, the 18-year-old scored another goal as the Phantoms fell to the IceDiggers, 4-3.



HONORABLE MENTION: Marquette forward **Dalimir Jancovic**; Motor City forward **Jared Williams**

sherwood south player of the week

Topeka forward **Jordan George** connected for three goals and six assists as the RoadRunners skated to three wins in Wenatchee. On Thursday, the Madison, Wis., product recorded an assist in a 5-0 victory. The 18-year-old followed that up with a one-goal, two-assist performance in Saturday's 6-2 triumph. The next day, George struck for two more goals, including the game-winner, and three assists as the RoadRunners dropped the Wild, 8-2. He was also a plus-6 for the week.



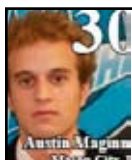
sherwood west player of the week

Alaska forward **Tyler Currier** put home two goals as the Avalanche skated to a pair of wins over Kenai River. On Friday, the 20-year-old netted a shorthanded tally in a 4-3 shootout victory. The next night, the Anchorage native struck for the first goal of the game as the Avalanche dropped the Brown Bears, 6-4.



gdi goaltender of the week

Alaska goaltender **Austin Maginnis** backstopped the Avalanche to a two-game sweep over Kenai River, turning aside 65 of 72 shots. On Friday, the Mason City, Iowa, native made 35 saves in regulation and overtime and all four in the shootout in a 4-3 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old stopped 30 shots as the Avalanche bested the Brown Bears, 6-4.



HONORABLE MENTION: Mahoning Valley's **Jordan Tibbett**; Owatonna's **Adam Buegler**; Topeka's **Bryce Merriam**

the week ahead all times local

Thursday, October 23

Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm
Motor City @ Marquette, 7:10 pm

Friday, October 24

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

Saturday, October 25

Springfield @ Wichita Falls, 7:05 pm
St. Louis @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
North Iowa @ Owatonna, 7:00 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm
Marquette @ Alpena, 7:00 pm
Bismarck @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm
USNTDP @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: **Ryan Kowal**, from Anchorage, tallied a goal and an assist, along with a plus-2 rating, in the Avs' two-game sweep of Kenai River.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: **Mitch Torrel** and **Josh Botimer** struck for goals in the Thunder's 6-2 loss to Alexandria on Friday.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: **Noah Nemgar** tallied a goal and two assists as Alexandria went 1-1 last weekend. "Noah is a great two-way player for us," said Blizzard head coach **Brad Willner**. "He has great vision and can shoot with pinpoint accuracy."

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: **Sam Cheraso** recorded two goals last weekend, including the game-winner in the IceDiggers' 4-3 win over Mahoning Valley on Saturday.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: The Bobcats are excited about the addition of **John Wickman**, whom they acquired from St. Louis earlier this month. "He's won before and knows what it takes to be successful at this level," said Bobcats head coach **Byron Pool**.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Third-year forward **Andrew McCabe**, from Eau Claire, Wis., has committed to the University of Nebraska-Omaha (CCHA) for next season.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: **Chris Annunziato** and **Jed McGlasson** each scored two goals as the Brown Bears dropped a pair of games to Alaska.

MAHONING VALLEY PHANTOMS: With a win on Friday, goaltender **Jordan Tibbett** improved to 4-0 to compliment a league-best 1.48 goals-against average and a .950 save percentage. "The stats like goals-against average are fun," said Tibbett, "but the most important thing is winning. I'm focused on going out there and winning every night."

MARQUETTE RANGERS: **Dalimir Jancovic** notched a goal and an assist in Marquette's 3-2 shootout loss to the U.S. Under-17 Team on Saturday. "Dalimir is the type of player that can change a game," said Rangers head coach **Kenny Miller**.

MOTOR CITY MACHINE: **Jared Williams** potted two goals and an assist as the Machine dropped a pair of games in Traverse City. "We're clicking out there on the same line, and when you have that kind of confidence in your linemates, it makes everything else easier," said Williams.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: With two wins last weekend, the Outlaws extended their unbeaten streak to seven games (6-0-1) and moved into a first-place tie with Alexandria in the Central Division.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Goaltender **Adam Buegler** continues to come up big, making all 25 saves in the Express' 1-0 shutout of Bismarck on Saturday.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: With four goals in three losses to St. Louis, 19-year-old **Trent Frey** now leads the league with 11 after 11 games.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: **Justin Kirchhevel** scored three goals, including a game-winner, and an assist as the Bandits swept a three-game set over Springfield.

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: **TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: Steve Shafer**, from Rochester, Mich., unloaded for four goals and four assists in Topeka's three-game sweep at Wenatchee.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: The North Stars extended their winning streak to seven games with a two-game sweep over Motor City.

TEAM USA: Goaltender **Will Yanakeff** turned back all 15 shots as the Under-17 Team blanked Marquette on Friday, 4-0.

WENATCHEE WILD: A crowd of over 3,600 packed Wenatchee's brand-new Town Toyota Center for the Wild's inaugural home-opener against Topeka on Thursday.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Second-year forward **Kyle Delaurell**, from Mission Viejo, Calif., has committed to the Air Force Academy (Atlantic Hockey) for next season.