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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Alexandria	19	12-5-2	26	.684	73	54
Bismarck	20	11-8-1	23	.575	50	47
Owatonna	18	10-7-1	21	.583	64	52
North Iowa	18	9-7-2	20	.556	54	60
Albert Lea	18	1-16-1	3	.083	37	82

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	18	13-3-2	28	.778	58	43
Mahoning Valley	17	11-4-2	24	.706	59	43
USNTDP	17	10-6-1	21	.618	66	46
Marquette	21	8-10-3	19	.452	58	67
Alpena	15	7-6-2	16	.533	39	45
Motor City	19	4-15-0	8	.211	37	78

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	21	16-3-2	34	.810	79	46
Topeka	17	14-3-0	28	.824	70	27
Springfield	21	7-11-3	17	.405	58	72
Wichita Falls	16	5-9-2	12	.375	41	60

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Fairbanks	16	9-4-3	21	.656	63	48
Alaska	12	8-4-0	16	.667	52	45
Kenai River	17	7-9-1	15	.441	57	80
Wenatchee	12	4-7-1	9	.375	27	47

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	19	9	20	29
George, Jordan	TPK	F	17	9	19	28
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	21	6	20	26
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	20	13	12	25
Block, Austin	FBX	F	16	9	14	23
Greco, Kyle	STL	F	21	13	9	22
Gaffney, Jon	SPR	F	21	9	12	21
Shafer, Steve	TPK	F	17	9	12	21
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	21	6	15	21
Hamburg, Andrew	STL	F	15	6	15	21

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	8	478:55	7-1-0	1.38	.943
Rocker, Lyle	TPK	8	489:19	6-2-0	1.72	.932
Yanakeff, Will	USA	7	418:35	4-3-0	1.72	.919
Tibbett, Jordan	MVY	10	605:57	8-2-0	1.78	.932
Bosner, David	BIS	16	957:15	9-5-1	1.94	.929

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	21	15

(two players tied with 13)

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	19	20
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	21	20

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	19	+17
Greco, Kyle	STL	F	21	+15

Rangers Work Overtime

Marquette picks up two wins against North Stars

The Marquette Rangers couldn't have picked a better weekend to pocket their first sweep of the season, knocking off the North Division-leading Traverse City North Stars twice in dramatic overtime fashion.

"We knew going in we would have our hands full," said Rangers head coach **Kenny Miller**, whose team improved to 8-10-3 on the season. "That's a good Traverse City team, so for us to come out and play with that kind of emotion was good to see as a coach."

On Friday, **Michael Thompson's** goal in the extra session lifted the Rangers to a 3-2 victory. **Kyle Heck** and **Dustin Partacz** scored in regulation for Marquette, and goaltender **Dan Sullivan** turned aside 34 shots.

James Gallagher struck in overtime the next night as the Rangers bested the North Stars, 2-1. **Reed Rushing** rang up the other Marquette marker, and Sullivan made 22 saves between the pipes.

"We played hard, competed for loose pucks, won the 1-on-1 battles and we got solid play in our own end," said Miller.

And Sullivan took care of the rest, allowing only three goals the entire weekend. Since being acquired recently from the Omaha Lancers of the USHL, the 19-year-old from York, Pa., is carrying a stingy 1.78 goals-against average along with a .928 save percentage in five appearances.

"Dan has been outstanding back there," said Miller. "He gives us a chance to win every night and when your goaltenders do that, good things usually happen for your hockey club."

Gallagher, who recently committed to the University of Connecticut for next season, has led the Rangers' offensive charge in the early goings. The 20-year-old Marquette product has 17 points on six goals, including his sweep-clinching tally on Saturday.

"When Jimmy is going and playing hard and doing all the little things to help this team win, he's a guy who can turn a game around," said Miller. "He worked hard for his OT goal and I'm happy for him."

Miller is also ecstatic with the early returns of Rushing, a defenseman whom the Rangers acquired in a trade for forward **Josh Bussell** earlier this month. In his first five games with Marquette, the 20-year-old NAHL veteran from Seattle has pitched in a goal and two helpers.

"He's starting to take on a leadership role on the blue line and you can tell by his play," said Miller. "He's very poised back there."

With a fourth-place position in the North Division standings, Miller, in his first season behind the Rangers' bench, was hoping for a better start to the season, but is confident last weekend's wins over the North Stars will inject some newfound energy into his locker room.

"We had a slow start, but we feel we're starting to turn the corner and we also understand that we have to play each and every night with the kind of passion we played with this past weekend," said the coach.

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James Gallagher

sherwood central player of the week

Owatonna forward **Zach Vierling** tallied three goals and an assist as the Express celebrated a pair of wins over Albert Lea. After being held scoreless in a 3-2 victory on Friday, Vierling, from Coon Rapids, Minn., recorded a hat trick and an assist as the Express blitzed the Thunder, 10-2. The 18-year-old was also a plus-4 for the weekend.



sherwood north player of the week

Mahoning Valley forward **Erik Higby** connected for the shorthanded game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Phantoms to a 4-3 win over the St. Louis Bandits on Friday. The 19-year-old from Shelby Township, Mich., was also a plus-1 for the weekend, which marked Mahoning Valley's first two games played at the Chevrolet Centre.



sherwood south player of the week

Topeka forward **Ross Trousdale** rang up two goals and two assists in the RoadRunners' two-game sweep over Wichita Falls. On Friday, the Rogers, Minn., native notched the game-winning goal and an assist in a 4-0 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old potted another goal and an assist as the RoadRunners downed the Wildcats, 5-1. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



sherwood west player of the week

Fairbanks forward **Brad McCabe** struck for three goals and an assist as the Ice Dogs skated to a two-game sweep over Wenatchee. On Friday, the Gearhart, Ore., native tallied a goal and assisted on **Andrew McCabe's** game-winning marker in a 3-1 triumph. The next night, the 20-year-old collected two goals as the Ice Dogs bested the Wild, 9-3. He was also a plus-4 on the weekend.



gdi goaltender of the week

Marquette goaltender **Dan Sullivan** backstopped the Rangers to a weekend sweep over Traverse City, turning aside 56 of 59 shots. On Friday, the York, Pa., native made 34 saves in a 3-2 overtime victory. The next night, the 19-year-old stopped 22 shots as the Rangers skated to another overtime win (2-1) over the North Division-leading North Stars.



the week ahead *all times local*

Monday, November 17

Wenatchee @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm

Tuesday, November 18

Wenatchee @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm

Thursday, November 20

Wenatchee @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Friday, November 21

Marquette @ USNTDP, 7:00 pm

St. Louis @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Wichita Falls @ Springfield, 7:30 pm

Bismarck @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Owatonna @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

Wenatchee @ Alaska, 8:00 pm

USNTDP @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm

Saturday, November 22

Mahoning Valley @ USNTDP, 3:00 pm

St. Louis @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

Wichita Falls @ Springfield, 7:30 pm

Bismarck @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Alpena @ Motor City, 7:10 pm

Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Alexandria @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm

Wenatchee @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Marquette @ USNTDP, 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 23

Alpena @ Motor City, 5:10 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: With the weekend off, the Avalanche readies to host Wenatchee for three games starting on Thursday.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: **John Affolter** led all Thunder scorers with a goal and two assists as Albert Lea dropped two games to Owatonna.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: **Joe Knoepke** (two goals, assist) and **Jerry Freismuth** (three assists) each posted three points in Alexandria's two losses to Bismarck.

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: Idle last weekend, the IceDiggers travel to Motor City for a pair of games on Saturday and Sunday.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Goaltender **David Bosner**, from Chesterfield, Mo., has committed to the Air Force Academy (Atlantic Hockey) for next season.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Goaltender **Phil Cook** improved to 9-3-1 on the season after backstopping the Ice Dogs to a pair of wins over Wenatchee.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: The Brown Bears host Wenatchee for a pair of games on Monday and Tuesday before heading to Fairbanks for a two-game set this weekend.

MAHONING VALLEY PHANTOMS: Goaltender **Jordan Tibbett** backstopped the Phantoms to a pair of wins over league-leading St. Louis, steering aside 43 of 47 shots. "It seems like we've been talking about Jordan all year; he's just been tremendous for us," said Phantoms head coach **Bob Mainhardt**. "He's really matured into an elite goaltender, the kind of goalie we always knew he would be."

MARQUETTE RANGERS: Forward **James Gallagher**, from Marquette, has committed to the University of Connecticut (Atlantic Hockey) for next season.

MOTOR CITY MACHINE: **Nick Taurence** and **Anthony Iaquinto** scored for the Machine in its 5-2 loss to the U.S. Under-17 Team on Sunday.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: Despite a pair of losses to Springfield, the Outlaws are looking forward to the rest of November. "We go on a tear to end the month and we're back in first place," said head coach **Jeff Crouse**. "That's how tight everything is and the reason we can't get down even though we've been on a slide."

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Netminders **Adam Buegler** (20 saves) and **Jason Horstman** (19) each picked up a win between the pipes in Owatonna's two-game sweep over Albert Lea.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: Defenseman **Jack Callahan**, from Red Bank, N.J., has committed to Quinnipiac University (ECAC) for either 2010 or 2011.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: Colorado College recruit **Andrew Hamburg** and Air Force-bound **Clinton Bourbonais** each racked up a goal and two assists in a pair of losses at Mahoning Valley.

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: Goaltender **Lyle Rocker** earned his second shutout of the season after stopping all 24 shots in the RoadRunners' 4-0 win over Wichita Falls on Friday.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: Josh Miller notched two goals for the North Stars in their two overtime losses to Marquette. Traverse City's last three games have gone to OT.

TEAM USA: **Michael Mersch** (game-winner) and **Luke Moffatt** each scored two goals in the Under-17 Team's 5-2 victory over Motor City on Sunday.

WENATCHEE WILD: **Nic Dowd** and **Michael Voran** were the Wild's only multiple scorers (goal, assist) in Wenatchee's two losses to Fairbanks. The Wild has five games left on its seven-game Alaska road trip.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Lake Forest, Ill., native **Augie Hoffman** collected Wichita Falls' only goal of the weekend as the Wildcats dropped a pair of games to Topeka.