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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Alexandria	21	13-6-2	28	.667	79	62
Bismarck	22	13-8-1	27	.614	58	52
Owatonna	19	11-7-1	23	.605	70	55
North Iowa	20	9-9-2	20	.500	59	68
Albert Lea	19	1-16-2	4	.105	39	85

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Mahoning Valley	19	13-4-2	28	.737	68	48
Traverse City	18	13-3-2	28	.778	58	43
USNTDP	21	11-8-2	24	.571	77	62
Marquette	23	9-10-4	22	.478	65	73
Alpena	17	9-6-2	20	.588	45	48
Motor City	21	4-17-0	8	.190	40	84

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	23	16-5-2	34	.739	83	53
Topeka	19	16-3-0	32	.842	77	31
Springfield	23	7-12-4	18	.391	66	83
Wichita Falls	18	7-9-2	16	.444	52	68

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Fairbanks	18	11-4-3	25	.694	74	52
Alaska	15	9-6-0	18	.600	59	55
Kenai River	21	8-12-1	17	.405	67	97
Wenatchee	17	7-9-1	15	.441	43	60

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	20	10	20	30
George, Jordan	TPK	F	19	9	21	30
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	23	6	23	29
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	22	15	12	27
Block, Austin	FBX	F	18	10	15	25
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	23	8	17	25
Hamburg, Andrew	STL	F	17	6	18	24
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	23	17	6	23
Greco, Kyle	STL	F	23	14	9	23
Delaurell, Kyle	WIC	F	18	8	15	23

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	9	538:55	8-1-0	1.45	.939
Rocker, Lyle	TPK	9	549:19	7-2-0	1.75	.929
Tibbett, Jordan	MVY	12	730:57	10-2-0	1.89	.929
Yanakeff, Will	USA	8	481:30	4-3-1	1.99	.911
Graves, Nick	ALP	9	541:08	6-2-1	2.00	.933

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	23	17
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	22	15

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	23	23
George, Jordan	TPK	F	19	21

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	20	+17
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	23	+16

Wildcats Back On Track

Six-game slide ends with two wins over Springfield

Mired in a six-game losing streak, the Wichita Falls Wildcats came to life last weekend with a pair of morale-building wins over the Springfield Jr. Blues.

"We needed a weekend sweep, or some kind of spark to get us on the right track," said Wildcats head coach **John Bowkus**, whose team improved to 7-9-2 on the season. "Our confidence was low, the players were questioning themselves and we just weren't getting any kind of bounces."

The tables turned on Friday, as Wichita Falls ended its skid with a 4-3 shootout win. **Chad Hudson** scored two goals and an assist in regulation and one goal in the shootout, with **Brett Hartung** adding the other Wildcats marker. Between the pipes, goaltender **Phil Graveline** turned back 34 shots.



Brett Hartung

The next night, **Zach Rourke** recorded a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, and an assist as the Wildcats downed the Jr. Blues, 7-5. **Kyle Delaurell** added four assists in the victory, and Graveline again made 34 saves.

"Our overall play was better," said Bowkus. "We were able to capitalize on some of our scoring chances and we had players finally contributing on both ends of the ice."

"It's not that we've been playing that bad, we just haven't been firing on all cylinders."

Hudson, who was acquired recently in a trade from St. Louis, has helped the offensive cause. The 18-year-old from Coppell, Texas, scored his first points last weekend (three goals, two assists) since arriving in Wichita Falls.

"Chad hasn't been here that long, but has fit in great with the other players," said Bowkus. "We brought him in to put up some points and last weekend he was able to do that."

Rourke also came out of hiding. With more time on the power play because of recent roster changes, the 18-year-old from Oxford, Mich., collected his first three goals of the season against Springfield.

"When he made the team this summer, we were hoping he would be one of our top-producing forwards, and hopefully he'll continue to prove us right," said Bowkus.

Air Force recruit Delaurell has been one of the Wildcats' top forwards all season long. The 19-year-old from Mission Viejo, Calif., picked up five more assists last weekend to add to his team-leading point total (23).

"We scored more goals last weekend in a two-game series than we have all year long," said Bowkus, "so I'm hoping that's jumpstarted our offense."

The coach is also hoping for improved play from his netminders, Graveline and **Mike Jarboe**. Both have save percentages south of .900, which will need to improve if the Wildcats have any plans of making a run in the competitive South Division.

"Our goaltending has been just average and I'm looking for either Phil or Mike to step up and get us some wins," said Bowkus.

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sherwood central player of the week

Bismarck forward **Jeff Harris** struck for two goals, including the game-winner, and two assists in the Bobcats' 5-4 win over North Iowa on Friday. The 20-year-old from Simi Valley, Calif., was also a plus-2. Harris did not play in the second game of the series due to injury



sherwood north player of the week

Alpena forward **Mike DeGrazia** tallied two goals and an assist as the IceDiggers celebrated a two-game sweep over Motor City. On Saturday, the Novi, Mich., native struck for two goals, including the game-winner, in a 3-2 victory. The next night, the 20-year-old recorded an assist as the IceDiggers defeated the Machine, 3-1. He was also a plus-1 on the weekend.



sherwood south player of the week

Wichita Falls forward **Chad Hudson** rang up three goals and two assists in a pair of wins over Springfield. On Friday, the Coppell, Texas, native netted two goals in regulation and one in the shootout in a 4-3 triumph. The next night, the 18-year-old collected another goal and an assist as the Wildcats bested the Jr. Blues, 7-5.



sherwood west player of the week

Fairbanks forward **Brad McCabe** connected for four goals and an assist as the Ice Dogs skated to a two-game sweep over Kenai River. On Friday, the Gearhart, Ore., native tallied two goals and an assist in a 6-3 victory. The next night, the 20-year-old potted two more goals as the Ice Dogs downed the Brown Bears, 5-1. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



gdi goaltender of the week

Mahoning Valley goaltender **Jordan Tibbett** backstopped the Phantoms to a two-game sweep over the U.S. Under-17 team, turning aside 57 of 62 shots. On Friday, the Indianapolis native made all 23 saves as Mahoning Valley blanked the U.S. team, 3-0. The next night, the 18-year-old made 35 saves in regulation and overtime and all five in the shootout in a 6-5 victory.



the week ahead *all times local*

Wednesday, November 26

Owatonna @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm
USNTDP @ Motor City, 7:10 pm

Thursday, November 27

Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm

Friday, November 28

Alaska @ Wenatchee, 5:05 pm
Wichita Falls @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
Marquette @ St. Louis, 8:30 pm
Springfield @ Owatonna, 7:00 pm
Traverse City @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm
Albert Lea @ Bismarck, 7:30 pm
Motor City @ Alpena, 4:00 pm
North Iowa @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 29

Alaska @ Wenatchee, 5:05 pm
Wichita Falls @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
Motor City @ St. Louis, 4:00 pm
Springfield @ Owatonna, 7:00 pm
Marquette @ Mahoning Valley, 7:15 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm
Albert Lea @ Bismarck, 7:00 pm
Traverse City @ Alpena, 1:00 pm
North Iowa @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 30

Alaska @ Wenatchee, 7:05 pm
St. Louis @ Traverse City, 11:00 am
Mahoning Valley @ Motor City, 6:00 pm
Alpena @ Marquette, 2:00 pm
Owatonna @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: **Kyle Pichler** recorded three goals and two assists as the Avalanche skated to a 1-2 record against Wenatchee last weekend.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: **Mikita Feaktsistau** and **Anthony Brown** scored for the Thunder in its 3-2 shootout loss to Alexandria on Saturday.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: Minnesota native **Kyle Politz**, who started the season in the USHL, recorded a goal and two assists in his first two games with the Blizzard.

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: Goaltender **Nick Graves** allowed only three goals against (43 saves) in a pair of wins over Motor City last weekend.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Goaltender **Matt Grogan** continues his solid play, stopping 25 shots in the Bobcats' 3-1 win over North Iowa on Saturday. "Matt has been outstanding his last four games," said head coach **Byron Pool**.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Defenseman **Drew Darwitz** racked up four assists in the Ice Dogs' two-game sweep over Kenai River. The Minnesotan has recorded two assists in each of his last five games.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: **Patrick Sullivan**, from New York, notched the game-winning goal in the Brown Bears' 3-2 win over Wenatchee on Tuesday.

MAHONING VALLEY PHANTOMS: Phantoms leading-scorer **Brandon Saad** put home two goals, along with the only goal of the shootout, in Mahoning Valley's 6-5 triumph over the U.S. Under-17 Team on Saturday. "Brandon played great last weekend, and his goals were critical," said head coach **Bob Mainhardt**. "His play all year has been excellent."

MARQUETTE RANGERS: Goaltender **Dan Sullivan** turned away 63 of 69 shots as the Rangers picked up three points (win, overtime loss) against the U.S. Under-18 Team.

MOTOR CITY MACHINE: **Nick Taurence** recorded three assists in Motor City's two losses to Alpena. He's now tied for the team lead in scoring with **Josh Bussell** (13 points).

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: With two losses to Bismarck, the Outlaws have now dropped five games in a row. "The season still has plenty more left and, come the end of March, [the losing streak] may be a forgotten memory by then, but we do have to get it turned around soon," said head coach **Jeff Crouse**.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: **Tony McDonald** put home a goal and an assist in the Express' 6-3 victory over Alexandria on Friday. The Express has now won five games in a row.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: With two more goals in two games against Wichita Falls, **Trent Frey** added to his league-leading total of 17.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: After opening the season 16-1-1, the Bandits have now lost five in a row, including two in Topeka last weekend.

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: Forwards **Jordan George** and **Matt Hartmann** have both committed to Bemidji State University (CHA) for next season.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: With last weekend off, the North Stars will skate in the North Division Showcase this week against host Mahoning Valley, Alpena and St. Louis.

TEAM USA: **Jeremy Morin's** overtime goal lifted the Under-18 Team to a 4-3 win over Marquette on Saturday. It was his second goal of the weekend.

WENATCHEE WILD: **Duncan McKellar** tallied three goals and five assists as the Wild skated to a 3-2 record last week in Alaska.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: **Zach Rourke** recorded a hat trick in Wildcats' 7-5 win over Springfield on Saturday, his first three goals of the season. "It took him a long time to find the back of the net," said head coach **John Bowkus**. "Now that the monkey is off his back, we hope he continues to put the puck in the net."