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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Bismarck	24	15-8-1	31	.646	70	53
Alexandria	23	14-7-2	30	.652	86	69
Owatonna	23	13-9-1	27	.587	81	70
North Iowa	23	11-10-2	24	.522	72	77
Albert Lea	22	1-18-3	5	.114	41	99

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Mahoning Valley	22	15-5-2	32	.727	77	58
Traverse City	21	14-4-3	31	.738	68	56
USNTDP	22	12-8-2	26	.591	84	64
Alpena	20	11-7-2	24	.600	52	54
Marquette	26	10-12-4	24	.462	73	83
Motor City	25	5-19-1	11	.220	50	99

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	26	18-6-2	38	.731	98	63
Topeka	21	17-3-1	35	.833	85	39
Springfield	25	8-12-5	21	.420	74	90
Wichita Falls	20	8-9-3	19	.475	60	76

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Fairbanks	21	14-4-3	31	.738	87	58
Wenatchee	20	10-9-1	21	.525	57	69
Alaska	18	9-8-1	19	.528	68	69
Kenai River	24	8-15-1	17	.354	73	110

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	26	8	26	34
Hamburg, Andrew	STL	F	20	7	26	33
George, Jordan	TPK	F	21	11	21	32
Block, Austin	FBX	F	21	12	19	31
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	25	16	14	30
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	22	10	20	30
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	25	10	18	28
Delaurell, Kyle	WIC	F	20	9	19	28
Gaffney, Jon	SPR	F	25	10	16	26
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	25	18	7	25

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	10	603:55	8-1-1	1.59	.931
Bosner, David	BIS	18	1077:15	11-5-1	1.95	.929
Rocker, Lyle	TPK	10	614:19	8-2-0	1.95	.918
Tibbett, Jordan	MVY	14	856:53	12-2-0	1.96	.923
Yanakeff, Will	USA	8	481:30	4-3-1	1.99	.911

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	25	18
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	25	16

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	26	26
Hamburg, Andrew	STL	F	20	26

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Paul, Jack	NIO	F	22	+19
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	26	+17

Northern Exposure

Phantoms-hosted Showcase lives up to billing

It's only been around a couple of years, but the NAHL's North Showcase is quickly becoming another highly-regarded scouting spectacle for the league to hang its hat on, and it proved that again over Thanksgiving weekend.

With the exception of the U.S. National Team, every club from the NAHL's North Division, along with the South Division's St. Louis Bandits, converged on the Youngstown, Ohio, area for three games and, as expected, the event hit on all cylinders.

"The tournament was a tremendous success from a scouting standpoint," said Traverse City North Stars head coach **Anthony Palumbo**, whose team finished 1-1-1 at the Showcase. "There were many Division I and III scouts there to provide great exposure for our players. It was a really great opportunity for our players to showcase their skills."

No less than 40 Division I and III schools were represented at the three-day event, including Bowling Green State University, Brown University, Ohio State University and Merrimack College to name a few.

"As players, I don't think our guys could've asked for a better place to showcase themselves in front of all the college recruiters in attendance throughout the weekend," added Alpena IceDiggers assistant coach **Justin Bracci**, whose team posted a 2-1 mark at the Showcase.

"It's what we're all about at this level: getting our players prepared and moved onto the next level," said Mahoning Valley Phantoms head coach **Bob Mainhardt**, whose team went 2-1. "Getting scouts and coaches into the building is a huge part of the Showcase and we're thrilled to have had so many in attendance this year."

And speaking of attendance, the fan support didn't disappoint either. Well over 5,000 people made their way to the Chevrolet Centre and the Ice Zone, which played host to the nine games over the weekend, much to the delight of the Phantoms staff.

"Obviously, the scout exposure is the key to this event, but we're very excited to have such a large fan turnout over a holiday weekend," said Mainhardt.

One of the highlights of the Showcase was Mahoning Valley's spirited 3-2 shootout win over Traverse City on Friday, as over 3,900 came through the Chevy Centre turnstiles to see the hometown Phantoms kick off the event with a win.

"It was an experience our boys will talk about long after their hockey careers are over," said Palumbo. "The atmosphere was incredible, and the fans couldn't have been treated to a more entertaining game."

And for Phantoms forward **Jordy Trottier**, who tallied a goal in regulation and one in the shootout, the game held extra meaning.

"I was pumped up because my uncle **Bryan (Trottier)** was in the crowd," said Jordy. "It always gets the juices flowing to know there's an NHL Hall of Famer in the house watching me play."

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sherwood central player of the week

North Iowa forward **Brandon Brodhag** rang up four goals and an assist as the Outlaws skated to a 2-1 record. On Wednesday, the Brooklyn Park, Minn., native recorded an assist in a 6-2 win over Owatonna. In a 5-3 loss to Alexandria on Friday, the 20-year-old connected for a pair of goals. The next night, Brodhag tallied two more goals, including the game-winner, as the Outlaws doubled up the Blizzard, 4-2. He was also a plus-4 on the week.



sherwood north player of the week

Motor City forward **Jake Friedman** collected three goals and two assists as the Machine went 1-1-1 at the North Showcase. After being held scoreless in a 1-0 loss to Alpena on Friday, the West Bloomfield, Mich., native put home two goals, including the game-winner, in Motor City's 5-3 triumph over St. Louis. On Friday, the 18-year-old scored a goal and two assists in a 3-4 overtime loss to Mahoning Valley. He was also a plus-3 on the weekend.



sherwood south player of the week

St. Louis forward **Justin Kirchhevel** struck for four goals and three assists as the Bandits skated to a 2-1 record at the North Showcase. On Friday, the Brookings, S.D., native scored the game-winning goal in a 4-0 shutout over Marquette. The next night, the 19-year-old potted another goal as the Bandits fell to Motor City, 5-3. On Sunday, Kirchhevel notched two goals and three assists, including one on **Soren Jonzson's** game-winner, in an 8-5 triumph over Traverse City. He was also a plus-4 on the weekend.



sherwood west player of the week

Wenatchee forward **Duncan McKellar** recorded two goals and four assists as the Wild skated to a three-game sweep over Alaska. On Friday, the Phoenix native connected for two assists, including one on **Michael Voran's** game-winning goal, in a 5-4 victory. The next night, the 18-year-old struck for the game-winning goal in the Wild's 3-0 shutout over the Avalanche. On Sunday, McKellar notched another goal and two more assists in Wenatchee's 6-5 triumph. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



gdi goaltender of the week

Alpena goaltender **Nick Graves** backstopped the IceDiggers to a 2-1 record at the North Showcase, turning aside 64 of 70 shots. On Friday, the Wisconsin native made all 18 saves in Alpena's 1-0 shutout over Motor City. After stopping 25 shots in a 3-2 loss to Traverse City on Saturday, the 20-year-old came through with a 21-save effort the next day as the IceDiggers downed Marquette, 4-3.



the week ahead all times local

Friday, December 5

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

Saturday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 7

Bismarck @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm
Topeka @ Kenai River, 5:00 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: Tyler Currier struck for two goals in the Avalanche's 5-4 overtime loss to Wenatchee on Friday.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: Albert Lea's leading scorer **Danny Wood** connected for the Thunder's only goal of the weekend in a 6-1 loss in Bismarck on Saturday.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: St. Cloud State recruit **Bryce Ravndalen** potted the game-winning goal in the Blizzard's 5-3 win over North Iowa on Friday. He also added an assist in Saturday's contest.

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: Josh Nicol connected for a game-winning goal and three assists as Alpena finished 2-1 at the North Showcase. He was also a plus-5 on the weekend.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Second-year defenseman **John Clark**, from Baudette, Minn., has committed to Army (Atlantic Hockey) for next season.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Goaltender **Phil Cook** turned back all 36 shots in the Ice Dogs' 3-0 win over Kenai River on Friday, marking his first shut-out performance of the season.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: Jared Beers (goal, two assists) and **Kegan Kiel** (three assists) both recorded three-point nights in the Brown Bears' 5-4 loss to Fairbanks on Saturday.

MAHONING VALLEY PHANTOMS: Goaltender **Jordan Tibbett** continues his solid play, picking up two more wins for the Phantoms at the North Showcase. "Jordan has been 'Johnny on the Spot' for us all year," said head coach **Bob Mainhardt**. "It's great for us to have him playing so consistently."

MARQUETTE RANGERS: Chad Pietila tallied a goal and five assists as the Rangers went 1-2 at the North Showcase. "When Chad's on his game, he's very capable of scoring in bunches and that's what he did for us last weekend," said head coach **Kenny Miller**.

MOTOR CITY MACHINE: Machine assistant coach **Sean Clark** was named the team's interim head coach after the resignation of **Matt Romaniski**.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: The Outlaws snapped a five-game winless streak with a 6-2 victory over Owatonna on Wednesday. "The wins against Owatonna and Alexandria (on Saturday) were as complete of performances we've had all season," said head coach **Jeff Crouse**.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Stephen Carew scored two goals, including the shorthanded overtime game-winner, in the Express' 3-2 victory over Springfield on Friday.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: Jon Gaffney recorded a goal and three assists in the Jr. Blues' 6-4 win over Owatonna on Saturday.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: Goaltender **Keith Kincaid** picked up two wins at the North Showcase, including a perfect 37-save performance against Marquette on Friday (4-0).

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: Defenseman **Randy Swank** tallied a goal and an assist, both on the man advantage, in Topeka's 5-4 shootout win over Wichita Falls on Friday. "Randy is a go-to man on the power play," said head coach **Scott Langer**.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: Kyle Bonis racked up six assists in three North Showcase games, and now has 12 helpers in 21 contests. "He's as steady as they come," said head coach **Anthony Palumbo**.

TEAM USA: Idle from NAHL action last weekend, the Under-17 Team will travel to Marquette for a pair of games on Friday and Saturday.

WENATCHEE WILD: Michael Voran put home two game-winning goals, including one in overtime on Friday, and two assists in the Wild's three-game sweep over Alaska.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Chad Hudson recorded a hat trick in Wichita Falls' 5-4 overtime loss to Topeka on Friday. He has six goals in his first six games with the Wildcats since being traded from St. Louis.