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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Bismarck	27	16-10-1	33	.611	79	63
Alexandria	25	15-8-2	32	.640	89	75
North Iowa	25	13-10-2	28	.560	80	81
Owatonna	25	13-11-1	27	.540	87	83
Albert Lea	25	2-20-3	7	.140	49	107

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	23	15-5-3	33	.717	73	60
Mahoning Valley	22	15-5-2	32	.727	77	58
USNTDP	24	13-9-2	28	.583	91	70
Alpena	22	12-8-2	26	.591	56	59
Marquette	28	11-13-4	26	.464	79	90
Motor City	25	5-19-1	11	.220	50	99

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	28	20-6-2	42	.750	111	69
Topeka	24	20-3-1	41	.854	97	45
Wichita Falls	22	10-9-3	23	.523	67	80
Springfield	27	8-14-5	21	.389	78	97

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Fairbanks	23	16-4-3	35	.761	95	61
Wenatchee	20	10-9-1	21	.525	57	69
Alaska	20	9-10-1	19	.475	71	77
Kenai River	27	8-17-2	18	.333	79	122

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
George, Jordan	TPK	F	24	15	22	37
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	28	10	27	37
Hamburg, Andrew	STL	F	22	8	29	37
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	27	17	17	34
Block, Austin	FBX	F	23	12	20	32
DeLaurell, Kyle	WIC	F	22	9	23	32
Freismuth, Jerry	ALX	F	24	11	20	31
Greco, Kyle	STL	F	28	15	13	28
Gaffney, Jon	SPR	F	27	10	18	28
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	27	9	19	28

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Merriam, Bryce	TPK	11	663:55	9-1-1	1.54	.938
Tibbett, Jordan	MVY	14	856:53	12-2-0	1.96	.923
Rocker, Lyle	TPK	12	736:41	10-2-0	2.04	.920
Graves, Nick	ALP	14	840:24	9-4-1	2.07	.924
Bosner, David	BIS	19	1117:15	11-6-1	2.09	.924

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Frey, Trent	SPR	F	27	19
Gorczyca, Grant	STL	F	27	17

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Hamburg, Andrew	STL	F	22	29
Bourbonais, Clinton	STL	F	28	27

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
(four players tied at +19)				

Outlaws On The Move

North Iowa kicks off December with pair of wins

With only three wins in the month of November, the North Iowa Outlaws got December off on the right foot with a pair of victories over the Central Division-leading Bismarck Bobcats last weekend.

"It was huge to get two wins against the first-place team," said Outlaws head coach **Jeff Crouse**, whose team improved to 13-10-2 on the season. "It was a good all-around effort for us and I'm confident our best hockey is yet to come."

Jack Paul recorded a goal and two assists as the Outlaws skated to a 4-1 win on Friday. **Cory Belisle** put home the game-winning marker, and goaltender **Keegan Asmundson** turned aside 35 shots.



Jack Paul

The next night, **Joe Harcharik** rang up a goal and two assists, including one on Paul's game-winning goal, as the Outlaws bested the Bobcats, 4-3. **Ryan Peltoma** added two assists - one on Paul's goal - and Asmundson made 22 saves to pick up his second win in as many nights.

"Our power play has been getting much better lately," said Crouse, whose team scored three goals with the man-advantage against the Bobcats. "Also, our overall team defense was much better. Guys were willing to block shots and do the little things it takes to win hockey games."

As he's done all season, Paul led the Outlaws' offensive charge last weekend. The second-year forward from Minnetonka, Minn., now has 13 goals to go along with 14 assists, as well as a plus-18 rating which ranks tied for fourth in the NAHL.

"Jack has been very consistent all year," said Crouse of the 20-year-old. "He was a little snake-bitten early on around the net and putting the puck away, but lately he's been scoring some huge goals and is also doing a great job defensively."

Harcharik is also starting to find his groove. After beginning the season in the USHL, the 20-year-old from Des Moines who is now in his fourth season with the Outlaws has four goals for 13 points this year and six in his last five games.

"He's been playing well, but has also been a little snake-bitten," said Crouse. "He's getting his shots and his chances and is now starting to get more comfortable with his linemates. I expect him to have a big second half of the season."

Asmundson, who makes up half of the Outlaws' goaltending tandem along with veteran **Tommy Callaghan**, has also risen to the occasion. The 6-foot-4 keeper from Mayville, N.D., who was sidelined for the better part of a month with a broken finger has won his last three starts.

"He has a ton of potential," said Crouse of the 18-year-old. "I'm looking for him to stay hot and to keep winning games for us. It also allows Tommy to get some rest; he's logged a lot of minutes for us this year."

Crouse has also been impressed with the line of **Derek Donohue**, **Kurt Weston** and **Joe Harren**, which has been nothing short of excellent defensively while providing a spark along with a few points.

"That line has also been contributing offensively lately," said the coach.

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sherwood central player of the week

North Iowa forward **Jack Paul** rang up two goals and three assists as the Outlaws celebrated a two-game sweep over Bismarck. On Friday, the Minnetonka, Minn., native notched a goal and two assists in a 4-1 triumph. The next night, the 20-year-old connected for the game-winning goal and an assist as the Outlaws edged the Bobcats, 4-3.



sherwood north player of the week

Traverse City forward **Kyle Jean** connected for two goals as the North Stars split a pair of game with Alpena. On Friday, the Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., native netted a goal in a 3-2 loss. The next night, the 18-year-old struck for the game-winning marker as the North Stars downed the IceDiggers, 3-1. The Lake Superior State University recruit was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



sherwood south player of the week

Topeka forward **Jordan George** tallied four goals and an assist as the RoadRunners swept a three-game series over Kenai River. After being held scoreless in a 4-3 win on Friday, the Madison, Wis., native recorded a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, the next night as the RoadRunners bested the Brown Bears, 5-1. On Sunday, the 19-year-old struck for the overtime-winning goal and an assist in a 3-2 victory. The Bemidji State University recruit was also a plus-3 on the weekend.



sherwood west player of the week

Fairbanks forward **James Saintry** collected a goal and three assists as the Ice Dogs skated to a two-game sweep over Alaska. On Friday, the Rosemount, Minn., native recorded an assist in a 3-1 victory. The next night, the 18-year-old tallied the game-winning goal and two more assists as the Ice Dogs dropped the Avalanche, 5-2. He was also a plus-1 on the weekend.



gdi goaltender of the week

Fairbanks goaltender **Phil Cook** backstopped the Ice Dogs to a pair of wins over Alaska, turning aside 59 of 62 shots. On Friday, the Wheaton, Ill., native made 28 saves in a 3-1 victory. The next night, the 20-year-old stopped 31 shots as the Ice Dogs downed the Avalanche, 5-2.



the week ahead *all times local*

Wednesday, December 10

Topeka @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 11

Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:00 pm

Marquette @ Alpena, 7:00 pm

Friday, December 12

St. Louis @ Wichita Falls, 7:05 pm
Mahoning Valley @ USNTDP, 7:00 pm
Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm
Alexandria @ Owatonna, 8:00 pm
Marquette @ Motor City, 7:10 pm
Kenai River @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm
North Iowa @ Albert Lea, 8:15 pm
Topeka @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 13

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

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: **Zach Smith** scored all three of the Avalanche's goals last weekend as it dropped two games to Fairbanks.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: **Mitch Torrel** recorded a hat trick in the Thunder's 5-1 win over Alexandria on Saturday. He leads the team with nine goals.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: **Brandon Bahnemann** scored both goals in the Blizzard's 2-1 victor over Albert Lea on Friday. He leads the team with 12 goals.

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: **Ryan Temar** potted the game-winning goal and an assist in the IceDiggers' 3-2 win over Traverse City on Friday.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Michigan native **Cody Keefer** notched his team-leading 13th and 14th goals of the season in Bismarck's 5-2 win over Albert Lea on Sunday.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: **Phil Cook** was named the GDI/NAHL Goaltender of the Month for November after posting a 7-0 record to go along with a 1.85 goals-against average and a .941 save percentage.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: Brown Bears' leading scorer **Ryan Lemke** struck for three goals last weekend as Kenai River lost three games to Topeka. He now has 16 goals on the season.

MAHONING VALLEY PHANTOMS: Idle last weekend, the Phantoms will take on the U.S. Under-17 Team for a pair of games on Friday and Saturday. "We're pretty banged up right now, so this time off couldn't come at a better time," said head coach **Bob Mainhardt**. "It'll give our guys a chance to rest up, heal up and lick their wounds a little bit so they can get back on track."

MARQUETTE RANGERS: Over 375 stuffed animals were collected after the Rangers' first-ever "Teddy Bear Toss" held on Friday during their game against the U.S. Under-17 Team. The animals will be distributed to various pediatric units at Marquette General Health Systems.

MOTOR CITY MACHINE: The Machine acquired forward **Adam Spon-seller** from Wichita Falls for **Anthony Iaquinto**. A Michigan native, Spon-seller tallied 17 goals for 41 points for the Wildcats last year.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: Goaltender **Keegan Asmundson** backstopped the Outlaws to a pair wins over Bismarck, allowing only four goals against. "As a rookie goaltender, it's hard to get in a rhythm when you're not playing every game, but Keegan has quickly adapted and been very consistent in net for us," said head coach **Jeff Crouse**.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Owatonna's leading scorer **Stephen Carew** recorded a goal and two assists in a pair of losses to St. Louis.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: **Trent Frey** scored his league-leading 19th goal of the season in Springfield's 4-3 loss to Wichita Falls on Friday.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: **Soren Jonzzon** notched two goals and two assists in the Bandits' two-game sweep over Owatonna. The California native now has points in his last six games (six goals, three assists).

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: **Edgars Lipsbergs** was named to the Latvian National Junior Team that will participate at the World Junior Championship, which begins later this month.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: Goaltender **Brandon Stephenson** made 26 saves in the North Stars' 3-1 victory over Alpena on Saturday. He now has eight wins on the season, matching his total from last year.

TEAM USA: Thirteen graduates were named the U.S. National Junior Team that will participate at the 2009 World Junior Championship, which begins later this month.

WENATCHEE WILD: The Wild doesn't play NAHL competition again until 2009, when Fairbanks visits Wenatchee for a two-game set on Jan 2-3.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Air Force recruit **Kyle Delaurell** added four more assists to his team-leading point total (32) in a two-game sweep over Springfield. His 23 helpers rank third in the NAHL.