



# NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## STANDINGS

### Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Owatonna	7	4-2-1	9	.643	24	24
North Iowa	8	4-4-0	8	.500	21	33
Alexandria	7	3-3-1	7	.500	16	22
Albert Lea	8	2-6-0	4	.250	20	33
Bismarck	8	1-5-2	4	.250	20	31

### North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Marquette	8	7-1-0	14	.875	26	15
Traverse City	9	6-3-0	12	.667	36	27
Motor City	7	3-1-3	9	.643	21	16
Janesville	9	4-5-0	8	.444	26	32
Alpena	9	2-7-0	4	.222	30	36

### South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
St. Louis	6	6-0-0	12	1.000	31	19
Topeka	8	5-2-1	11	.688	25	19
Springfield	9	4-3-2	10	.556	38	28
Wichita Falls	8	3-3-2	8	.500	26	30
Texas	8	3-3-2	8	.500	20	28

### West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wenatchee	14	12-2-0	24	.857	51	29
Alaska	11	8-2-1	17	.773	42	27
Fairbanks	10	5-4-1	11	.550	40	33
Kenai River	12	2-9-1	5	.208	29	52

## LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Jubenville, Jeff	WNE	F	14	8	10	18
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	10	5	12	17
Pustin, Mark	FBX	F	10	8	8	16
Pauly, Shawn	WNE	F	13	7	9	16
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	9	4	10	14
Smith, Zach	ALK	F	9	8	5	13
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	10	7	6	13
Ladd, Garrett	MAR	F	8	5	8	13
Brodie, Kyle	WNE	D	12	3	10	13

(four players tied with 12)

## LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Kissaw, Kevin	MAR	7	424:59	6-1-0	1.55	.959
Robertson, Kale	ALK	5	270:17	4-1-0	1.55	.942
Willis, Randy	MCM	5	315:00	2-0-3	1.90	.945
Jaeger, Brandon	WNE	6	312:03	5-0-0	1.92	.927
Carruth, Mac	WNE	10	534:46	7-2-0	2.02	.922

## GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
(three players tied with 8)				

## ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	10	12

(three players tied with 10)

## PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
(three players tied at +9)				

## Rangers' Surge Continues

*Wins keep coming for North Division leaders*

Basking in their promising 5-1 start heading into last weekend, the Marquette Rangers kept their winning momentum in full swing with a two-game sweep over the Motor City Metal Jackets.

The series marked an important test for the Rangers, who were eager to get their North Division schedule off on the right foot.

"It was our first road series of the season, so for us to be able to go in and get four points was good for us," said Rangers head coach **Kenny Miller**, whose team sits atop the North Division standings with 14 points. "This division is going to be tight, so any weekend sweep is good for any team."



**Kevin Kissaw**

The Rangers opened the set with a 4-3 shootout victory on Friday. **Tanner Kero** and **Andrew Kolb** scored in regulation and the shootout, with **Josh Bussell** adding Marquette's other goal in regulation. Between the pipes, goaltender **Kevin Kissaw** stopped 29 shots in regulation and overtime and three of five in the shootout.

Kissaw turned aside all 33 shots he faced the next night as the Rangers skated to a 2-0 triumph over the Metal Jackets. Kero and **Garrett Ladd** supplied the Marquette goals.

"We're really happy with our start," said Miller, whose team has surrendered only 15 goals, fewest in the entire NAHL. "We knew going into the season we had a younger group (of players) than in years past, but we also knew we had good players.

"Kevin (Kissaw) has been solid every night, our team defense has been really good, and we've gotten timely goals at key times."

Kissaw, whose stock continues to rise in the college recruiting circles, has been pivotal in the Rangers' early success. Now in his second season with the club, the 19-year-old from Goodrich, Mich., holds a 7-1 mark to compliment a league-best .959 save percentage and a 1.55 goals-against average, which is tied for lowest in the league.

"He's our rock, and he gives us a chance to win every night," said Miller. "This is a big year for Kevin in terms of making a solid impression on the college scouts that are in the building each night."

Offensively, the Rangers are getting a boost from another veteran in Ladd, 20. Now in his third season in Marquette, the team's captain from Fenton, Mich., leads the club with 13 points on five goals after eight games.

"We've leaned on Garrett, both on the ice and in the locker room," said Miller. "He has the ability to take games over with his skating and his skill set. He definitely has the ability to be one the elite players in this league."

Other veterans making a difference upfront include **Collin Saint-Onge** and **Scott Henegar**, along with defensemen **Austin Accettura**, **Kevin Gibson** and **Nate Taurence**.

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## sherwood central player of the week

Owatonna forward **Dan Cecka** tallied two goals and an assist as the Express downed the North Iowa Outlaws on Saturday, 5-1. The 20-year-old from Woodbury, Minn., was also a plus-2.



## sherwood north player of the week

Janesville defenseman **Cam Severson** connected for a goal and four assists as the Jets fashioned a 2-1 record against Springfield. On Friday, the Seattle native tallied a goal in a 9-3 loss. The next night, the 20-year-old recorded two assists, including one on **Rui Encarnacao's** game-winning marker, as the Jets downed the Jr. Blues, 3-1. Severson wrapped up the series with two more assists in Janesville's 5-4 overtime victory on Sunday. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



## sherwood south player of the week

St. Louis forward **Brad Smith** recorded three goals and an assist in his first two games with the team as the Bandits skated to a two-game sweep over Wichita Falls. On Friday, the Trenton, Mich., native potted a goal in regulation in a 3-2 shootout victory. The next night, the 18-year-old put home two more goals, including the game-winner, and an assist as the Bandits outlasted the Wildcats, 9-7. He was also a plus-4 on the weekend.



## sherwood west player of the week

Fairbanks forward **Jared Larson** struck for four goals and two assists as the Ice Dogs celebrated a two-game sweep over Alpena. On Thursday, the Apple Valley, Minn., native scored the game-winning goal and an assist in a 5-4 triumph. The next night, the 20-year-old rang up a natural hat trick and an assist as the Ice Dogs bested the IceDiggers, 6-5. He was also a plus-4 on the weekend.



## gdi goaltender of the week

Marquette goaltender **Kevin Kissaw** backstopped the Rangers to a two-game sweep over Motor City, turning aside 62 of 65 shots. On Friday, the Goodrich, Mich., made 29 saves in regulation and overtime and three of five in the shootout in a 4-3 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old stopped all 33 shots as the Rangers blanked the Metal Jackets, 2-0.



## the week ahead *all times local*

### Tuesday, October 6

Bismarck @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

### Friday, October 9

Springfield @ Janesville, 7:00 pm

Texas @ St. Louis, 7:05 pm

Topeka @ Wichita Falls, 7:05 pm

Wenatchee @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Bismarck @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm

Alpena @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Traverse City @ Motor City, 7:30 pm

Albert Lea @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

### Saturday, October 10

Alexandria @ Owatonna, 6:00 pm

North Iowa @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm

Springfield @ Janesville, 7:00 pm

Texas @ St. Louis, 7:05 pm

Topeka @ Wichita Falls, 7:05 pm

Wenatchee @ Fairbanks, 7:30 pm

Bismarck @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm

Alpena @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Traverse City @ Motor City, 7:30 pm

### Sunday, October 11

Wenatchee @ Fairbanks, 3:30 pm

## around the nahl

**ALASKA AVALANCHE:** Forward **Zach Smith** (Anchorage), the Avalanche's leading scorer with 13 points, potted three goals and an assist as Alaska split a pair of games against Bismarck.

**ALBERT LEA THUNDER:** Forward **Danny Wood** (Wilmington, Ohio) connected for the game-winning goal in the Thunder's 3-2 triumph over Alexandria on Saturday.

**ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD:** Forward **Kyle Clay** (Henderson, Nev.) picked up two assists, including one on Billy Miller's game-winning goal, in the Blizzard's 4-1 victory over North Iowa on Friday.

**ALPENA ICEDIGGERS:** Forward **Andy Yarber** (Livonia, Mich.) rang up a hat trick in the IceDiggers' 6-5 loss to Fairbanks on Friday.

**BISMARCK BOBCATS:** Air Force Academy recruit **Jason Fabian** (Roseau, Minn.), a forward, notched three goals and an assist as the Bobcats skated to a 1-1 record against Alaska.

**FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS:** The Ice Dogs will play their first home series of the season this coming weekend when Wenatchee visits Big Dipper Arena for three games.

**JANESVILLE JETS:** Goaltender **Geoff Sadjadi** (Faribault, Minn.), who started the season with Alaska, picked up two wins in his first two starts with the Jets turning aside 56 of 61 shots.

**KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS:** Forward **Dajon Mingo** (Canton, Mich.) potted four goals, including the game-winner in the Brown Bears' 4-3 victory on Thursday, and two assists as Kenai River skated to a 1-2 record against Wenatchee.

**MARQUETTE RANGERS:** Forward **Josh Bussell** (Detroit), who started his career in Marquette, is back with the Rangers after beginning the season in Texas. "Josh always played well in (Marquette's) Lakeview (Arena), is a bit of a crowd favorite, and can do a lot offensively when given the chance," head coach **Kenny Miller** said.

**MOTOR CITY METAL JACKETS:** Forward **Billy Balent** (Waterford, Mich.) struck for two goals in the Metal Jackets' 4-3 shootout loss to Marquette on Friday.

**NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS:** **Zac Frischmon** (Blaine, Minn.) and **John O'Neill** (Anoka, Minn.) scored the only goals for the Outlaws as they dropped a pair of games to Alexandria and Owatonna.

**OWATONNA EXPRESS:** After his 23-save performance in a 5-1 victory over North Iowa on Saturday, goaltender **Mike Shibrowski** (Edina, Minn.) has won his last four starts.

**SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES:** Forward **Mike Schaber** (Blaine, Minn.) recorded a hat trick in the Jr. Blues' 9-3 triumph over Janesville on Friday.

**ST. LOUIS BANDITS:** After a two-game sweep in Wichita Falls last weekend, the Bandits remain the only undefeated team in the league at 6-0.

**TEXAS TORNADO:** Forwards **Steven Behm** (Grand Rapids, Mich.) and **Jack Prince** (United Kingdom) and defenseman **Eric Ware** (Huntsville, Ala.) each recorded a goal and an assist in the Tornado's two losses to Topeka.

**TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS:** Forward **Nate Milam** (Westland, Mich.) rang up a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, in the RoadRunners' 8-2 victory over Texas on Saturday.

**TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS:** Idle last weekend, the 6-3 North Stars travel to Motor City this coming weekend for a pair of games against the Metal Jackets.

**WENATCHEE WILD:** Goaltender **Brandon Jaeger** (Champlin, Minn.) improved his record to 5-0 on the season after backstopping the Wild to a pair of wins over Kenai River, turning aside 50 of 54 shots.

**WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS:** Forward **J.T. Osborn** (Alpine, Calif.) struck for two goals and two assists as the Wildcats dropped two games to St. Louis. He now has a goal in four of his last five games. "J.T. has a scoring touch that I haven't seen in a long time," said head coach **John Bowkus**.