



# NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE WEEKLY RELEASE

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## STANDINGS

### Central Division

| TEAM       | GP | W-L-OTL | PTS | PCT  | GF | GA |
|------------|----|---------|-----|------|----|----|
| Owatonna   | 11 | 8-2-1   | 17  | .773 | 36 | 31 |
| North Iowa | 11 | 6-5-0   | 12  | .545 | 33 | 40 |
| Alexandria | 10 | 4-3-3   | 11  | .550 | 28 | 33 |
| Bismarck   | 14 | 4-7-3   | 11  | .393 | 35 | 44 |
| Albert Lea | 11 | 2-9-0   | 4   | .182 | 27 | 49 |

### North Division

| TEAM          | GP | W-L-OTL | PTS | PCT  | GF | GA |
|---------------|----|---------|-----|------|----|----|
| Marquette     | 12 | 10-2-0  | 20  | .833 | 35 | 21 |
| Traverse City | 13 | 8-4-1   | 17  | .654 | 54 | 47 |
| Janesville    | 13 | 6-7-0   | 12  | .462 | 43 | 46 |
| Motor City    | 11 | 4-4-3   | 11  | .500 | 34 | 32 |
| Alpena        | 13 | 3-10-0  | 6   | .231 | 36 | 45 |

### South Division

| TEAM          | GP | W-L-OTL | PTS | PCT  | GF | GA |
|---------------|----|---------|-----|------|----|----|
| St. Louis     | 10 | 9-1-0   | 18  | .900 | 44 | 29 |
| Topeka        | 12 | 8-2-2   | 18  | .750 | 43 | 31 |
| Springfield   | 13 | 6-5-2   | 14  | .538 | 51 | 43 |
| Texas         | 12 | 5-5-2   | 12  | .500 | 32 | 42 |
| Wichita Falls | 12 | 4-6-2   | 10  | .417 | 38 | 45 |

### West Division

| TEAM        | GP | W-L-OTL | PTS | PCT  | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|---------|-----|------|----|----|
| Wenatchee   | 21 | 17-4-0  | 34  | .810 | 68 | 44 |
| Alaska      | 14 | 9-3-2   | 20  | .714 | 48 | 34 |
| Fairbanks   | 15 | 7-7-1   | 15  | .500 | 52 | 48 |
| Kenai River | 18 | 4-13-1  | 9   | .250 | 42 | 67 |

## LEADING SCORERS

| PLAYER           | TEAM | P | GP | G  | A  | PTS |
|------------------|------|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Pustin, Mark     | FBX  | F | 14 | 10 | 10 | 20  |
| Jubenville, Jeff | WNE  | F | 21 | 9  | 11 | 20  |
| Juola, Michael   | FBX  | F | 15 | 5  | 15 | 20  |
| Curry, Nick      | SPR  | F | 13 | 6  | 13 | 19  |
| Rickord, Jared   | SPR  | F | 13 | 7  | 11 | 18  |
| Mingo, Dajon     | KRB  | F | 18 | 7  | 10 | 17  |
| Pauly, Shawn     | WNE  | F | 16 | 7  | 10 | 17  |

(five players tied with 15)

## LEADING GOALTENDERS

| PLAYER           | TEAM | GPI | MINS   | W-L-OTL | GAA  | SPCT |
|------------------|------|-----|--------|---------|------|------|
| Kissaw, Kevin    | MAR  | 11  | 664:23 | 9-2-0   | 1.44 | .959 |
| Jaeger, Brandon  | WNE  | 9   | 465:47 | 7-0-0   | 1.67 | .937 |
| Robertson, Kale  | ALK  | 7   | 392:08 | 4-2-1   | 1.84 | .931 |
| Shibrowski, Mike | OWA  | 9   | 566:51 | 8-0-1   | 2.01 | .927 |
| Kamal, Chris     | ALX  | 4   | 249:42 | 2-0-2   | 2.16 | .928 |

## GOALS

| PLAYER       | TEAM | P | GP | G  |
|--------------|------|---|----|----|
| Huff, Andy   | TNS  | F | 13 | 13 |
| Pustin, Mark | FBX  | F | 14 | 10 |

## ASSISTS

| PLAYER         | TEAM | POS | GP | A  |
|----------------|------|-----|----|----|
| Juola, Michael | FBX  | F   | 15 | 15 |
| Curry, Nick    | SPR  | F   | 13 | 13 |

## PLUS/MINUS

| PLAYER         | TEAM | POS | GP | +/- |
|----------------|------|-----|----|-----|
| Monfredo, Mike | MCM  | D   | 11 | +14 |
| Heinz, Curtis  | TNS  | D   | 11 | +11 |

## Express Picking Up Steam

### Streaking Owatonna makes it eight straight wins

Winners of eight straight games, there's no hotter team in the NAHL right now than the Owatonna Express, which rolled off three more victories last weekend.

"I'm very pleased with our start," said Express head coach **Pat Cullen**, whose club hasn't felt defeat since the second game of the last month's NAHL Showcase Tournament. "The experience we returned this season, as well as our play defensively, has led to our early success."



Mike Shibrowski

On Friday, goaltender **Mike Shibrowski** turned back all 24 shots in the Express' 2-0 victory over Bismarck. **Dan Cecka** and defenseman **Marian Fiala** connected for the Owatonna goals.

**Brian McGinty** recorded three assists the next night and Fiala added two of his own as the Central Division-leading Express bested the Alexandria Blizzard in a shootout, 5-4. Shibrowski made 22 saves in regulation and overtime and four of five in the shootout.

Shibrowski stood tall between the pipes again on Sunday, steering aside 19 shots in regulation and overtime and another four of five in the shootout in Owatonna's 2-1 triumph over the Bobcats.

"Our power play was sharp (the Express netted four goals with the man-advantage) and we scored timely goals," said Cullen, whose team improved to 8-2-1 on the season. "We also played good team defense and Mike made big saves when we needed him to."

At 8-0-1 to start his season, Shibrowski has been nothing short of outstanding in the early goings. The 18-year-old from Edina, Minn., who played Midget hockey the second half of last season now holds a 2.01 goals-against average (fourth best in the league) and a .927 save percentage.

"Mike is a big reason we are where we are (in the standings)," said Cullen. "He works extremely hard everyday and makes the saves we feel he should make. His consistency has been excellent, and I think he's a goalie with a very bright future."

So, too, does **Cory Thorson**. The second-year forward who was named the Express' captain by his teammates leads the club in scoring through 11 games with 12 points on eight goals.

"He's had nice start to the season and has taken a good step forward in his progression," said Cullen of the 19-year-old from Crystal, Minn. "He's a definite Division I prospect and he's getting interest from several schools."

Few complaints to be had up and down his entire lineup, Cullen is enthusiastic with the mix of players he's put together and their commitment to success as a team.

"I've been impressed with how hard all of our guys have worked up to this point," said the coach. "Certainly our veterans have looked good, and they've also led the way in showing our new guys how hard you need to work and what it takes to have success in junior hockey."

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## sherwood central player of the week

Alexandria forward **Alex Altenbernd** struck for four goals as the Blizzard skated to a 1-0-1 record. On Friday, the Moorhead, Minn., native recorded a hat trick in a 6-3 victory over the Albert Lea Thunder. The 19-year-old rang up another goal the next night as the Blizzard fell to the Owatonna Express in a shootout, 5-4. He was also a plus-4 on the weekend.



## sherwood north player of the week

Janesville forward **Zack Smoot** connected for three goals and two assists as the Jets split a two-game series with Traverse City. On Friday, the Fort Collins, Colo., native tallied an assist in a 5-4 loss. The next night, the 19-year-old recorded a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, and an assist as the Jets doubled up the North Stars, 6-3. He was also a plus-1 on the weekend.



## sherwood south player of the week

Topeka forward **Ryan White** potted a goal and three assists as the RoadRunners skated to a 1-0-1 mark against Springfield. On Friday, the Parker, Colo., native recorded a pair of assists in a 4-3 shootout loss. The next night, the 18-year-old rang up the game-winning goal and an assist as Topeka downed the Jr. Blues, 5-3.



## sherwood west player of the week

Alaska forward **Jake Parenteau** tallied two goals and two assists as the Avalanche skated to a 1-0-1 record against Wenatchee. On Friday, the Shafer, Minn., native potted two goals, including the game-winner, and an assist in a 4-0 triumph. The next night, the 20-year-old added another assist as the Avs fell to the Wild in a shootout, 3-2.



## goaltender of the week

Owatonna goaltender **Mike Shibrowski** backstopped the Express to three wins, turning aside 65 of 70 shots. On Friday, the Edina, Minn., native made all 24 saves as the Express blanked Bismarck, 2-0. The next night, the 18-year-old stopped 22 shots in regulation and overtime and four of five in the shootout in a 5-4 triumph over the Alexandria Blizzard. On Sunday, Shibrowski steered aside 19 shots in regulation and overtime and four of five in the shootout as Owatonna edged the Bobcats, 2-1.



## the week ahead *all times local*

### Wednesday, October 21

Springfield @ St. Louis, 10:00 am

### Thursday, October 22

Albert Lea @ Topeka, 7:05 pm

### Friday, October 23

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

### Saturday, October 24

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

### Sunday, October 25

Marquette @ Traverse City, 1:00 pm

## around the nahl

**ALASKA AVALANCHE:** Goaltender **Landon Peterson** (Oregon, Wis.) turned aside all 25 shots in the Avalanche's 4-0 victory over Wenatchee on Friday.

**ALBERT LEA THUNDER:** Forward **Danny Wood**'s (Wilmington, Ohio) hat trick accounted for all of the Thunder's goals in its 6-3 loss to Alexandria on Friday.

**ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD:** The team's leading scorer, forward **Kyle Clay** (Henderson, Nev.) tallied two goals and an assist as the Blizzard went 1-0-1 last weekend.

**ALPENA ICEDIGGERS:** Forwards **Jimmy McCusker** (Novi, Mich.), **Sam Cheraso** (Brunswick, Ohio) and **Ryan Timar** (Novi) scored the IceDiggers' goals in two losses to Marquette.

**BISMARCK BOBCATS:** Forward **Ryan Jacobson** (Denver) struck for two goals, including the game-winner, in the Bobcats' 3-2 triumph over North Iowa on Saturday.

**FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS:** Forward **Kyle Politz** (Elko, Minn.) notched a shorthanded marker and an assist as the Ice Dogs downed Kenai River on Saturday, 3-2.

**JANESVILLE JETS:** Playing against his former team, defenseman **Mike Schenfeld** (Littleton, Colo.) connected for a goal and an assist in the Jets' 6-3 win over Traverse City on Saturday.

**KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS:** Forwards **Doug Beck** (Canton, Mich.) and **Brad Duwe** (Soldotna, Alaska) each tallied a goal and an assist as the Brown Bears bested Fairbanks on Friday, 3-1.

**MARQUETTE RANGERS:** Allowing only three goals against in two wins over Alpena, goaltender **Kevin Kissaw** (Goodrich, Mich.) continues his solid play between the pipes. "Once again, Kevin has shown that he's an elite goaltender at this level," said head coach **Kenny Miller**.

**MOTOR CITY MACHINE:** Logging over 30 minutes of ice time a game, defenseman **Mike Monfredo** (Shirley, N.Y.) holds a league-best plus-14 rating after 11 contests.

**NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS:** Forwards **Mickey Knox** (Warroad, Minn.) and **Ryan Bohrer** (St. Paul) scored for the Outlaws in their 3-2 loss to Bismarck on Saturday.

**OWATONNA EXPRESS:** **Marian Fiala**'s (Slovakia) 10 points after 11 games ranks him tied for fifth in scoring among NAHL defensemen.

**SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES:** Forward **Jared Rickord** (Skokie, Ill.), a Bentley College recruit, connected for a goal in regulation and one in the shootout in the Jr. Blues' 4-3 triumph over Topeka on Friday.

**ST. LOUIS BANDITS:** In his Bandits debut, goaltender **Tyler Bruggeman** (Mankato, Minn.), who started the season with Fairbanks, steered aside 22 shots in St. Louis' 2-1 win over Motor City on Saturday.

**TEXAS TORNADO:** In his first two games with the Tornado last weekend, forward **J.D. Howard** (Canfield, Ohio) notched two goals and an assist. "A player like J.D. who was a goal-scorer in Midgets will be a nice addition to our attack," said head coach **Tony Curtale**.

**TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS:** Former RoadRunner **Eriah Hayes**, a 2007-08 NAHL All-Rookie Team selection, scored his first collegiate goal for Minnesota State-Mankato (WCHA) in the Mavericks' 5-2 loss to Minnesota Duluth on Friday.

**TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS:** Forward **Dan Radke** (Orinda, Calif.), a Lake Superior State University recruit, recorded three assists as the North Stars knocked off Janesville on Friday, 5-4.

**WENATCHEE WILD:** Air Force recruit **Mitch Torrel** (Monticello, Minn.), a forward, connected for both goals in regulation in the Wild's 3-2 triumph over Alaska on Saturday.

**WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS:** Forwards **Brian Sheehan** (St. Louis) and **Tyler Lundey** (Middleton, Wis.) each put home a goal and two assists on Friday as the Wildcats dropped Texas, 5-2.