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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Bismarck	24	12-7-5	29	.604	67	59
Owatonna	19	12-6-1	25	.658	66	61
North Iowa	20	10-8-2	22	.550	60	80
Alexandria	18	6-9-3	15	.417	41	52
Albert Lea	23	4-17-2	10	.217	44	100

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	19	14-4-1	29	.763	79	58
Marquette	20	13-7-0	26	.650	57	51
Janesville	23	11-10-2	24	.522	74	69
Motor City	21	9-8-4	22	.524	60	61
Alpena	21	6-15-0	12	.286	53	70

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Topeka	22	16-3-3	35	.795	94	52
St. Louis	20	15-4-1	31	.775	76	48
Springfield	24	10-10-4	24	.500	76	76
Texas	22	10-10-2	22	.500	62	74
Wichita Falls	20	5-12-3	13	.325	66	87

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wenatchee	29	24-4-1	49	.845	100	64
Alaska	24	16-3-5	37	.771	87	58
Fairbanks	25	13-11-1	27	.540	95	81
Kenai River	26	5-20-1	11	.212	56	104

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	25	9	27	36
Pustin, Mark	FBX	F	24	13	20	33
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	24	10	21	31
Rickord, Jared	SPR	F	24	11	19	30
Jubinville, Jeff	WNE	F	29	11	15	26
Nagtzaam, Nardo	ALK	F	22	12	13	25
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	24	14	10	24
Kleisinger, Casey	BIS	F	24	7	17	24

(seven players tied with 23)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Kamal, Chris	ALX	11	634:42	4-4-2	1.89	.933
Robertson, Kale	ALK	13	739:23	9-2-2	1.95	.930
Faragher, Ryan	BIS	15	757:27	6-3-4	1.98	.921
Jaeger, Brandon	WNE	13	710:07	10-0-1	2.03	.926
Kissaw, Kevin	MAR	14	824:23	9-5-0	2.11	.941

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Sheehan, Brian	WIC	F	20	16
Huff, Andy	TNS	F	19	15

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	25	27
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	24	21

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Heinz, Curtis	TNS	D	17	+18

(two players tied at +17)

Streaking Bobcats Are Back

Bismarck claws its way to the top of the Central Division

With points in their last 12 games, including five straight wins, the Bismarck Bobcats have clawed their way to the top of the NAHL's Central Division.

All the more impressive for a team that stumbled out of the gates with a 0-5-2 mark.

"After our seventh game, if you would've told me we could be back near the top of the division before Thanksgiving, I probably would've given you anything," said Bobcats head coach **Byron Pool**, whose team improved to 12-7-5 on the season.



Jason Fabian

"Anytime you dig yourself into a hole like that it can be tough to recover, so I'm extremely proud of our guys and the resilience they showed bouncing back. They stayed extremely positive and continued to put their best effort forth every night. It's been a lot of fun to be a part of the turnaround."

The Bobcats rolled off three more wins last weekend, starting with a 2-1 victory over Alexandria on Friday. **Ryan Jacobson** and **Dominic Panetta** scored for Bismarck, and goaltender **Ryan Massa** turned aside 32 shots.

Sam Rendle and **Jason Fabian** found the back of the net the next night as the Bobcats skated to another 2-1 triumph over the Blizzard. Goaltender **Ryan Faragher** picked up the win in goal (20 saves).

On Sunday, **Nick Jensen** put home two goals and Rendle added a goal and an assist in Bismarck's 5-4 victory over the Owatonna Express. Massa stopped 27 shots between the pipes.

"The players have really started to buy into what we want out of them," said Pool of his team's progress. "Their work ethic has increased, they've become stronger defensively and they believe in a team-first philosophy. They've fully committed themselves to becoming the best team they can possibly be."

Rendle has certainly been doing his part. With 14 points through 23 games, the 19-year-old defenseman from Grand Rapids, Minn., has been logging a ton of important minutes on Bismarck's blue line.

"He really brings an element to our game that was missing last year," said Pool. "He really sees the game at a different level. He's our quarterback back there, especially on the power play. He's started to contribute offensively, but has become a lot stronger defensively."

And the Bobcats' good fortunes continue in the crease. After boasting a pair of now-Division I goalies in **Matt Grogan** (University of Connecticut) and **David Bosner** (Air Force Academy) last season, Faragher and Massa, both of whom hold save percentages well north of .900, are making their cases as legitimate college recruits.

"Once again, we're blessed," said Pool of his goaltending situation. "These two guys will make you a good coach in a hurry. They put in a lot of hours at and away from the rink making themselves better players. They're very consistent and give us a chance to win every night."

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sherwood central player of the week

Bismarck defenseman **Sam Rendle** connected for two goals and two assists in three Bobcat victories. After being held scoreless in a 2-1 win over Alexandria on Friday, the Grand Rapids, Minn., tallied a goal and assisted on **Jason Fabian's** game-winner the next night as the Bobcats skated to another 2-1 triumph over the Blizzard. On Sunday, the 19-year-old put home another goal and an assist in a 5-4 victory over the Owatonna Express. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



sherwood north player of the week

Janesville forward **Ethan Nauman** tallied two goals and an assist as the Jets picked up three points in a two-game series against Motor City. On Friday, the Mosinee, Wis., native scored a goal in a 4-1 victory. The next night, the 18-year-old registered another goal and an assist as the Jets fell to the Metal Jackets in a shootout, 3-2. He was also a plus-2 on the weekend.



sherwood south player of the week

St. Louis forward **Ryan Stouffer** struck for four goals and two assists as the Bandits celebrated a two-game sweep over North Iowa. On Friday, the Souderton, Pa., native recorded a hat trick and assisted on **Chris Ciotti's** game-winning goal in a 10-3 triumph. The next night, the 18-year-old notched the game-winner and an assist as the Bandits blanked the Outlaws, 6-0. He was also a plus-6 on the weekend.



sherwood west player of the week

Fairbanks forward **James Saintey** rang up three goals and two assists as the Ice Dogs skated to a two-game sweep over Kenai River. On Friday, the Rosemount, Minn., native potted two goals and an assist in a 5-2 victory. The next night, the 19-year-old scored another goal and an assist as the Ice Dogs doubled up the Brown Bears, 6-3. He was also a plus-5 on the weekend.



goaltender of the week

St. Louis goaltender **Tyler Bruggeman** turned aside all 27 shots as the Bandits blanked the North Iowa Outlaws on Saturday, 6-0. The 18-year-old from Mankato, Minn., is 3-1-1 since joining the Bandits after starting the season in Fairbanks. The 20-year-old stopped 31 shots as the Blizzard bested the Thunder, 5-2.



the week ahead *all times local*

Wednesday, November 25

Alpena @ Traverse City, 7:05 pm

Thursday, November 26

Alexandria @ Bismarck, 7:15 pm
Owatonna @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Friday, November 27

Bismarck @ Alexandria, 7:00 pm
North Iowa @ Owatonna, 7:00 pm
Topeka @ Springfield, 7:00 pm
Alaska @ Wenatchee, 7:05 pm
Texas @ Wichita Falls, 7:05 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm
Motor City @ Marquette, 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 28

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

Sunday, November 29

Traverse City @ Alpena, 3:00 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 5:00 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: Forward **Kyle Pichler** (Anchorage) rang up two goals, including the overtime game-winner, in the Avalanche's 3-2 victory over Wenatchee on Friday.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: Forwards **Stephen Obarzanek** (Macomb, Mich.) and **Niko Kapetanovic** (North Prairie, Wis.) scored for the Thunder in its 6-2 loss to Owatonna on Saturday.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: Goaltender **Chris Kamal** (Alpharetta, Ga.) turned aside 52 of 56 shots in a pair of 2-1 losses to Bismarck. He leads all NAHL goaltenders with a 1.89 goals-against average.

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: With Friday's game against Traverse City postponed due to player illnesses, the IceDiggers will play their next five games against the North Stars beginning on Friday.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Head coach **Byron Pool** is convinced a favorable schedule ahead will only help his team's progress. "Now we can start focusing on some better practice habits since we're back home in the second half," he said.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Goaltender **Mike Taffe** (Maple Grove, Minn.) turned aside 39 of 44 shots to pick up both wins between the pipes against Kenai River.

JANESVILLE JETS: Goaltender **Matt Wichorek** (Anchorage) allowed only three goals against in regulation and overtime (39 saves) as the Jets picked up three points in a two-game set with Motor City.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: Forward **Brad Fusaro** (Soldotna) connected for two goals and two assists as the Brown Bears dropped four games last week. "He's a treat to watch," said head coach **Oliver David**.

MARQUETTE RANGERS: With last weekend off, the Rangers will host Motor City for a two-game series beginning on Friday.

MOTOR CITY METAL JACKETS: Goaltender **Jason Torf** (Hermosa Beach, Calif.) made 28 saves in regulation and overtime and three of four in the shootout as the Metal Jackets bested Janesville on Saturday, 3-2.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: Forward **Ryan Boher** (St. Paul) added to his team-leading point total (21) with a goal in the Outlaws' 10-3 loss to St. Louis on Friday.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Forward **Chris Bournazos** (Naperville, Ill.) connected for a pair of goals in the Express' 6-2 victory over Albert Lea on Saturday.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: Second-year forward Nick Curry (Bettendorf, Iowa) has committed to the University of Massachusetts-Lowell (Hockey East) for next season.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: Forward **Brooks Bertsch** (Dubuque, Iowa) connected for three goals and two assists as the Bandits won a two-game series over North Iowa. He was also a plus-4 on the weekend.

TEXAS TORNADO: Forward **Jack Prince** (United Kingdom) rang up four goals in regulation and one in Saturday's 5-4 shootout victory as the Tornado skated to a two-game sweep over Wichita Falls.

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: Forward **Cole Schneider** (Williamsville, N.Y.) connected for two goals and three assists as the RoadRunners celebrated a two-game sweep over Springfield. "Cole has been a consistent all-around player since arriving here in Topeka," said assistant coach **R.J. Enga**.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: With Friday's game against Alpena postponed due to player illnesses, the North Stars will play their next five games against the IceDiggers beginning on Friday.

WENATCHEE WILD: Forward **Michael Di Puma** (Chicago) rang up two goals, including the overtime game-winner, in the Wild's 3-2 triumph over Alaska on Saturday.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Forward **Daniel Gentzler** (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) tallied two goals and two assists as the Wildcats finished with a 0-1-1 mark against Texas.