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STANDINGS

Central Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Bismarck	28	15-7-6	36	.643	78	66
Owatonna	24	15-8-1	31	.646	82	80
North Iowa	26	13-11-2	28	.538	83	104
Alexandria	22	6-13-3	15	.341	46	63
Albert Lea	26	6-18-2	14	.269	59	109

North Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Traverse City	24	15-8-1	31	.646	87	75
Janesville	26	14-10-2	30	.577	86	76
Marquette	22	14-8-0	28	.636	62	55
Motor City	26	10-11-5	25	.481	71	78
Alpena	26	10-16-0	20	.385	70	78

South Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Topeka	26	18-5-3	39	.750	107	63
St. Louis	23	17-5-1	35	.761	80	51
Texas	26	13-11-2	28	.538	79	84
Springfield	29	12-13-4	28	.483	89	94
Wichita Falls	25	7-14-4	18	.360	81	106

West Division

TEAM	GP	W-L-OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
Wenatchee	34	27-5-2	56	.824	109	71
Fairbanks	31	19-11-1	39	.629	122	93
Alaska	29	16-7-6	38	.655	96	78
Kenai River	29	5-22-2	12	.207	62	117

LEADING SCORERS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G	A	PTS
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	31	13	34	47
Pustin, Mark	FBX	F	30	17	26	43
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	30	19	15	34
Rickord, Jared	SPR	F	29	13	20	33
Curry, Nick	SPR	F	29	11	22	33
Bohrer, Ryan	NIO	F	26	8	24	32
Sheehan, Brian	WIC	F	25	19	11	30
Jubinville, Jeff	WNE	F	34	13	16	29

(three players tied with 28)

LEADING GOALTENDERS

PLAYER	TEAM	GPI	MINS	W-L-OTL	GAA	SPCT
Faragher, Ryan	BIS	19	1002:27	9-3-5	1.86	.928
Jaeger, Brandon	WNE	15	830:07	11-1-1	2.02	.923
Kamal, Chris	ALX	14	794:42	4-7-2	2.04	.926
Karambelas, Evan	TPK	10	608:13	7-2-1	2.07	.898
Kissaw, Kevin	MAR	14	824:23	9-5-0	2.11	.941

GOALS

PLAYER	TEAM	P	GP	G
Larson, Jared	FBX	F	30	19
Sheehan, Brian	WIC	F	25	19

ASSISTS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	A
Juola, Michael	FBX	F	31	34
Pustin, Mark	FBX	F	30	26

PLUS/MINUS

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	+/-
Ryan, Kevin	TPK	D	26	+17
Schneider, Cole	TPK	F	20	+16

Jets Starting to Take Flight

Janesville making its move up North Division standings

The Janesville Jets have flown under the radar for much of the early part of the season, but recent success - including a three-game sweep over the Motor City Metal Jackets last weekend - now has the first-year NAHL club sitting in second place in the North Division standings.

"I thought the guys played well, especially for not having played a game in 12 days," said Jets head coach **Dane Litke**, whose team improved to 14-10-2 on the season. "And it's nice jumping into second place, but, if you look at the North Division, it's very tight from top to bottom."

The Jets opened the week with a 6-4 victory on Thursday. Six different players lit the lamp for Janesville, with **Jordan Bancroft** connecting for the game-winning goal. **Ross Mauermann** (goal, assist) and **Zack Smoot** (two assists) both fashioned two-points nights, and goaltender **Jeff Sadjadi** turned aside 25 shots.

Billy Mulligan rang up a goal and an assist the next night and **Ethan Nauman** connected for the game-winner as the Jets doubled up Motor City, 4-2. Sadjadi made 15 saves in goal.

On Saturday, **Rui Encarnacao** scored in regulation and Mauermann put home the only goal in the shootout as the Jets bested Motor City, 2-1. Sadjadi turned back 36 shots in regulation and overtime and all five in the shootout to pick up his third win in as many nights.

"I'm very happy with our start; to be honest, very surprised," said Litke, whose team's 30 points ranks one fewer than Traverse City in the North. "I was hoping for us to be competitive and be around .500 by Christmastime, and I hope the guys continue to play well."

Sadjadi was the difference last weekend against Motor City. The 20-year-old from Faribault, Minn., who started the season in Alaska, came up big at critical times to up his record to 6-2 since being acquired from the Avalanche.

"He played very well and made some huge saves for us," said Litke.

That's not to shortchange the other half of the Jets' goaltending tandem, **Matt Wichorek**, who has seven wins on the season to go along with a .905 save percentage. The veteran who played with the Springfield Jr. Blues last season was set to start Saturday's game against Motor City, but was sidelined due to illness.

"Obviously, Geoff had a great weekend and was a big reason why we were successful, but it's important to be in a situation where you have two reliable goalies and that's what we have right now."

The Jets' recent success has also been fueled by the strong play of Encarnacao. After a slow start to his first NAHL season, the 19-year-old from White Plains, N.Y., rattled off 11 goals in 11 games in October.

Through 26 games, he leads the team in scoring with 25 points on 16 goals - stats not lost in the college recruiting circles.

"He has a lot of natural ability and has drawn some attention from Division I schools," said Litke.

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Rui Encarnacao

sherwood central player of the week

North Iowa forward **Ryan Bohrer** put home two goals and five assists as the Outlaws fashioned a 2-1 record. On Friday, the St. Paul native rang up three assists, including one on **Connor Gaarder's** game-winning goal, in a 5-4 victory over Albert Lea. The next night, the 19-year-old tallied a goal as North Iowa fell to the Thunder, 3-5. Bohrer potted the game-winning goal and two assists the next night in a 7-4 win over the Owatonna Express.



sherwood north player of the week

Alpena forward **John Fritsche** struck for three goals as the IceDiggers celebrated back-to-back shutout victories over Traverse City. On Friday, the Parma, Ohio, native scored a goal in a 3-0 win. The next night, the 18-year-old potted both goals as the IceDiggers blanked the North Stars, 2-0.



sherwood south player of the week

Wichita Falls forward **Aaron Quick** rang up three goals and an assist as the Wildcats picked up five points in three games against Springfield. On Wednesday, the Monument, Colo., native recorded an assist in a 4-3 shootout loss. After being held scoreless in a 3-2 win on Friday, the 20-year-old connected for a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, the next night as the Wildcats downed the Jr. Blues, 4-1.



sherwood west player of the week

Fairbanks forward **Mark Pustin** connected for three goals and four assists as the Ice Dogs skated to a three-game sweep over Alaska. On Thursday, the Northridge, Calif., native recorded three assists, including one on **Jared Larson's** game-winning goal, in a 6-2 victory. The next night, the 20-year-old tallied a goal as the Ice Dogs downed the Avalanche, 3-2. On Saturday, Pustin tallied two more goals and an assist in a 5-2 triumph.



goaltender of the week

Alpena goaltender **Marco Wieser** backstopped the IceDiggers to back-to-back shutout wins over Traverse City, turning aside all 55 shots. On Friday, the Villach, Austria, native made 28 saves in a 3-0 victory. The next night, the 18-year-old who will represent his country at the upcoming World Junior Championships stopped 27 shots at the IceDiggers blanked the North Stars, 2-0.



the week ahead *all times local*

Tuesday, December 8

Alaska @ Kenai River, 7:05 pm

Wednesday, December 9

Kenai River @ Alaska, 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 10

Owatonna @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
Traverse City @ Marquette, 7:30 pm
Alpena @ Motor City, 7:30 pm

Friday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 12

Bismarck @ Albert Lea, 7:00 pm
Motor City @ Janesville, 7:00 pm
Wichita Falls @ Texas, 7:00 pm
Springfield @ St. Louis, 5:05 pm
Owatonna @ Topeka, 7:05 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 7:30 pm
Traverse City @ Marquette, 7:30 pm
Alexandria @ North Iowa, 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 13

Albert Lea @ Alexandria, 5:00 pm
Fairbanks @ Kenai River, 5:00 pm

around the nahl

ALASKA AVALANCHE: Defenseman **Jake Williams** (Duluth, Minn.) connected for a goal and three assists as the Avalanche dropped three games to Fairbanks.

ALBERT LEA THUNDER: Forward **Chris Cass** (Lakeville, Minn.) struck for three goals and an assist as the Thunder split a home-and-home series with North Iowa.

ALEXANDRIA BLIZZARD: Forward **Simon Cederborg-Nilsson** (Sweden) scored two of the Blizzard's three goals as Alexandria dropped decisions to Owatonna (2-1) and Bismarck (5-2).

ALPENA ICEDIGGERS: Forward **Nick Taurence** (Trenton, Mich.), the IceDiggers' leading scorer with 21 points, potted the game-winning goal in Alpena's 3-0 victory over Traverse City on Friday.

BISMARCK BOBCATS: Air Force Academy recruit **Jason Fabian** (Roseau, Minn.), a forward, rang up a hat trick, including the game-winning goal, in the Bobcats' 5-2 triumph over Alexandria on Saturday. "It's nice to see Jason have a breakout game," head coach **Byron Pool** said.

FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS: Goaltender **Mike Taffe** (Maple Grove, Minn.) backstopped the Ice Dogs to a three-game sweep over Alaska, turning aside 66 of 72 shots. He's won his last nine starts.

JANESVILLE JETS: Head coach **Dane Litke** is thankful his team came away with two points in its 2-1 shootout win over the Metal Jackets on Saturday. "We were very fortunate, because I thought Motor City outplayed us for most of that game," he said.

KENAI RIVER BROWN BEARS: With last weekend off, the Brown Bears play a home-and-home series with Alaska on Tuesday and Wednesday before hosting Fairbanks for a two-game set beginning on Saturday.

MARQUETTE RANGERS: With last weekend off, the Rangers will host Traverse City for three games this week beginning on Thursday.

MOTOR CITY METAL JACKETS: Forward **Billy Balent** (Waterford, Mich.) rang up three goals and two assists as the Metal Jackets went 0-2-1 against Janesville.

NORTH IOWA OUTLAWS: Forward **Tyler Klein** (Fargo, N.D.) struck for three goals and three assists in three games - a two-game split against Albert Lea and victory over Owatonna.

OWATONNA EXPRESS: Forward **Cory Thorson** (Crystal, Minn.) assist on both goals in the Express' 2-1 victory over Alexandria on Friday.

SPRINGFIELD JR. BLUES: Defenseman **Wally Cossette** (Maple Grove, Minn.) put home a goal and an assist in regulation in the Jr. Blues' 4-3 shootout victory over Wichita Falls on Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS BANDITS: Forward **Craig Kitto** (Ashburn, Va.) scored the game-winning goal in the Bandits' 2-1 win over Wenatchee on Saturday and the only goal of the shootout in another 2-1 victory over the Wild on Sunday.

TEXAS TORNADO: Forward **Jamie Howard** (Canfield, Ohio) notched the game-winning goal in the Tornado's 4-3 triumph over Topeka on Friday.

TOPEKA ROADRUNNERS: In his first games since Nov. 1, forward **Alec Hagaman** (Peoria, Ill.) tallied three goals - both in the RoadRunners' 2-1 victory on Saturday - and an assist in a two-game split with Texas. "Alec made an immediate impact in our lineup," said assistant coach **R.J. Enga**.

TRAVERSE CITY NORTH STARS: Despite the North Stars' recent inconsistency, goaltender **Drew Strandberg** (Thunder Bay, Ontario) has held steady. "He's become one of the top goalies in our league and the most consistent player on our team," said head coach **Anthony Palumbo**.

WENATCHEE WILD: Wenatchee forward **Christian Hilbrich** (Clarendon Hills, Ill.) scored all of the Wild's goals (three) as it fashioned a 1-1-1 mark against St. Louis. He leads the league with five game-winning goals.

WICHITA FALLS WILDCATS: Forward **Dan Sexton** (Apple Valley, Minn.), who played in Wichita Falls in 2005-06, made his NHL debut with the Anaheim Ducks in a 5-4 shootout loss to the Minnesota Wild on Friday night.