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FRESNO MONSTERS @ VALENCIA FLYERS

Monsters, Flyers each pick up four points in epic three-game battle

01.18.18 – Fresno 5, Valencia 4 (OT)

01.19.18 – Valencia 5, Fresno 4

01.20.18 – Fresno 4, Valencia 3 (OT)

The Valencia Flyers and Fresno Monsters battled through an intense three-game set with all three games decided by a single goal – two of them in overtime – in a series that illustrates the level of competition in the Western Division. The Monsters won two of the three games, but each team picked up four points in the standings as both of Fresno's wins came in overtime, allowing the Flyers to pick up additional points and maintain their five-point lead over the fourth-place Monsters.

If this is a preview of what the playoffs could look like in the Western Division then we will be in for a treat.

Three times Fresno took a one-goal lead in Thursday's series opener, and three times Valencia tied it back up. The Flyers took their first lead of the game, 4-3, with 8:15 left in regulation.

Fresno's Rudolfs Builis scored his second goal of the game with exactly 2:00 left to tie it back up and force overtime. Cody Printzen's wrist shot from the left circle was partially blocked by a defenseman, went wide to the near side and hit the end boards. Builis rushed in and banged the puck off Kozlowski and in.

Cody Key scored the sudden-death game-winner with 0:50 left in the first OT, giving the Monsters their fourth and final lead of the game. Valencia was assessed a double-minor for high-sticking and the Monsters moved the puck around the Flyer's zone with ease. Key just missed connecting on a sharp pass across the crease, but corralled the loose puck at the left-wing side boards, circled back to the top of the Valencia zone, and beat Flyers netminder Spencer Kozlowski with a sharp wrist shot to end the game.

Jakob Kranabetter scored twice for Valencia and Kozlowski finished with 42 saves.

Kyle Franceschini made 29 saves for the Monsters.

Friday's game was also decided by a final score of 5-4. This time it was the Flyers coming out on top, but the game went much the same way as Thursday's for the first two periods.

Four times in the game's first 40 minutes the Monsters took a one-goal lead, and four times Valencia tied things up. The goal that tied things up for the fourth time, with 0:34 left in the second period, was scored by Nikita Pintusov – his third goal of the game.

But more important than who scored the goal was the assist collected by Jakob Kranabetter – the 211th of his WSHL career.

That set a new all-time league record for assists, breaking his tie with Tomas Nemeth, who recorded three 100-point seasons in the WSHL with the Long Beach Bombers and OKC Blazers from 2013-2016.

Dawson Key also picked up his third assist of the game on that important tally.

The first 12:30 of the third period went by with the score tied, 4-4, until the Flyers finally took their first lead of the game on a goal by Jason Hickman.

With the Flyers breaking through the neutral zone, Joseph Hebert poked the puck ahead to a streaking Melwin Thorson, and the left-handed forward sped down the right wing dished a forehand pass across his body and past a sprawling Fresno defender to the right-handed Hickman who one-timed it past Monsters goaltender Adam Barvik to put the Flyers in front, 5-4.

The Flyers and Spencer Kozlowski (37 saves) kept Fresno off the board to preserve the win. Kozlowski allowed three first-period goals, but rebounded to stop 19 of 20 over the final two frames.

Barvik made 35 saves and Builis scored twice for the Monsters.

The level of competition and intensity did not let up in Saturday's series finale, with the Monsters winning the game on a goal late in regulation.

Fresno's Jake Chartier cycled it down the left wall to Adanm Polomsky who returned it to Chartier in the left circle and he buried a wrist shot glove side to tie the game with 6:38 left – a perfectly-executed give-and-go.

Then, 36 seconds into overtime Daylon Mannon threw the puck at Kozlowski's feet from 10 feet to the left of the net and Key banged the rebound back between his pads for the winner.

The first period went by without any scoring, but Valencia scored twice in the first 2:32 of the second period to go up, 2-0. Mannon got one back for Fresno, but Kranabetter restored Valencia's two-goal lead with 0:40 left in the period.

Fresno pulled to within a goal again 3:28 into the third period on a Key goal, setting the stage for the late heroics by he and Chartier.

The winning goaltender, Fresno's Max Karlenzig made 18 saves. Kozlowski finished with 34 for the Flyers.

ONTARIO AVALANCHE @ PHOENIX KNIGHTS

Knights play Ontario tough for three games, pick up big win Sunday

01.19.18 – Ontario 6, Phoenix 5
01.20.18 – Ontario 8, Phoenix 5
01.21.18 – Phoenix 5, Ontario 4 (2 OT)

The Phoenix Knights began the season on a 15-game losing streak. They played better towards the end of the streak even though they kept coming up short in the win department. Then they started getting some wins and, lately, they are pushing some of the better teams in the league and picking up some wins the second time through the division. That is exactly what Phoenix did this weekend against the second-place Ontario Avalanche. They played well in two narrow losses, then won Sunday in overtime.

If the fifth-place team in the division is this tough an out, that is yet another statement on the depth of quality teams in the Western Division.

Ian McCollum of Phoenix scored two goals late in the second period to complete a hat trick and tie Friday's game, 4-4, at the second intermission. Ontario had led, 2-0, just 5:02 into the contest, but the Knights battled back.

Andrius Bermejo assisted on three straight Phoenix goals.

The first 13:31 of the third period went by in a 4-4 tie with Ontario's Connor Duffy (41 saves) and Alexander Kinlaw of Phoenix (29 saves) battling each other save-for-save.

Joseph Aguirre put the Avalanche back in front, 5-4, with 6:29 left. Matthew Winsborrow fired the puck from a severe angle to the left of Kinlaw and Aguirre deposited the rebound.

Still, the Knights kept clawing back, and Michael Caravella made it 5-5 with 4:35 left. Playing four-on-four, the Knights won a faceoff in their end and Anthony Masanotti made an end-to-end rush, pushing back a pair of Ontario defenders with his speed and stuffing a shot against Duffy who made the initial save to his stick side, but did not corral the rebound. Caravella crashed the net and cashed in with the tying goal.

But, with 1:20 left in the game, Henrik Lohman – the sixth different Ontario skater to score in the game – found the net to give the Avs a 6-5 win.

Phoenix was applying pressure, going for the win late in regulation, but Lohman stripped the puck from a Knights player and gave it to William Ma in the neutral zone. Ma skated hard towards the Phoenix net and made a clever

drop pass back to Lohman who snapped it inside the far post to Kinslaw's stick side from 20 feet out.

Ma's assist on the game-winner was his third of the game for Ontario.

The Avs won, 8-5, on Saturday, but the game was again close, tied 5-5 well into the third period.

Ontario struck for three late goals, however, to take the game. The last two goals were scored by Reid Bosse and Ma – the second tally of the game for both players.

Phoenix actually held leads of 1-0 and 4-3, with four different players scoring, but Ontario came through at the end.

The Knights fell behind 3-0 in the first period on Sunday, but showed a ton of character coming back to win the game in double-overtime.

Phoenix goaltender Rhett Bruckner came in off the bench early with the Knights trailing by three and made 29 saves to backstop the Knights comeback. Bruckner has stopped 79 of 82 shots (.963 SV%) in his three appearances since Christmas.

Masanotti scored the only goal of the third period midway through the frame to knot the score at 4-4, and the first (four-on-four) overtime did not settle anything, so the two teams proceeded to three-on-three.

Taking advantage of the open ice and his speed, Masanotti drove wide around a defender and stuffed the puck into Duffy's feet. He was unable to freeze it before Eric Cotton pounced on it and knocked it in for the winner.

Nolan Twerdoclib also scored twice for Phoenix.

The Knights swarmed the Ontario net all game long, peppering Duffy with 49 shots.

BELLINGHAM BLAZERS @ IDAHO ICECATS

Start calculating that magic number for the IceCats

01.19.18 – Idaho 8, Bellingham 1

01.20.18 – Idaho 11, Bellingham 2

01.21.18 – Idaho 8, Bellingham 1

The Idaho IceCats opened up a 16-point lead at the top of the Northwest Division, sweeping three games from the fourth-place Bellingham Blazers, who are trying to hold onto home ice for the first round of the playoffs.

It was 3-1 Idaho after the first 20 minutes on Friday, but the Icemen added five unanswered goals in the second period to open things up and won, 8-1.

Idaho scored three times in a span of 2:25 early in the second period to take control of the game. Quinn Martin scored the first and third goals in the spree.

Edward Coffey went the distance in the Blazers' net, making 34 saves, and Ruslan Novruzov scored the Bellingham goal.

Shaun Brown stopped 14 of 15 shots for Idaho, including all nine he faced in the second period.

After falling behind, 4-0, early in Saturday's game, Bellingham showed some life with a pair of goals before heading to the locker room down, 4-2. Idaho opened up a four-goal lead in the second period, however, then filled the net with five more goals in the third period for an 11-2 win.

Lance Herning and Blake Nelson scored two goals apiece for the IceCats and Felix Carlsson (1-3-4) and Jackson York (0-4-4) had four points each.

Jacob Hough made 20 saves for Idaho, stopping all 15 shots sent his way over the final two periods.

Novruzov scored both Blazers goals.

The trend continued as five unanswered goals in the second period opened broke Sunday's game open and the IceCats went on to an 8-1 win.

Hedencrona and Rei Kikuchi each had two goals and an assist.

Bellingham actually played the IceCats almost even on the shot clock (30-28), but Idaho's Tyler Matthews was solid, stopping 27 of 28 shots. His shutout was foiled when Ilya Abubakirov scored the lone Blazers goal with 3:31 left in the game.

SUPERIOR ROUGHRIDERS @ UTAH OUTLIERS

Utah sweeps Superior, moves back within a point of first-place Ogden in the Mountain Division

01.19.18 – Utah 10, Superior 2

01.20.18 – Utah 5, Superior 2

01.21.18 – Utah 5, Superior 2

The Utah Outliers played better in the third period of all three games they won against the Superior RoughRiders, and the six points they picked up put them just one point out of first place in the Mountain Division. They also still hold three games in hand on the division-leading Ogden Mustangs, and the Colorado Jr. Eagles are just two points behind Utah, so the next few weeks will certainly be interesting as the division champion and two bye spots are sorted out in a three-way race.

Utah took a 2-0 lead early in Friday's game, but the RoughRiders came right back with a pair of their own to tie things up, 2-2.

The Outliers restored their two-goal lead before the first intermission, then scored five unanswered in the second period to pull away.

Marshall Murphy and L. J. Newell split the goaltending duties for Superior, each making 17 saves.

Utah's Dylan Massie scored four goals – two of them 18 seconds apart midway through the second period – and added a pair of assists.

Zach Dornseifer (0-4-4) and Roman Svik (1-3-4) each had four points for the Outliers.

The RoughRiders fell behind early in Saturday's game as well, but did not go away. Vladislav Baznaev got Superior within a goal, at 3-2, with 5:50 left in the second period, but Brandon Krumpschmid put the Outliers back up by two goals with his third goal of the game four minutes later.

Holding a two-goal lead heading into the third period against a motivated opponent, Utah showed the mark of a good team, coming out and finishing strong.

Utah out-shot Superior, 17-5, and scored the only goal of the third period to put the finishing touches on a 5-2 win.

Otto Saxin made 15 saves for the Outliers – five in each period. Newell made the start for the RoughRiders and made 36 saves – stopping 16 of 17 shots in the third period.

Superior's Vladimir Tcykalo broke the ice 3:38 into Sunday's contest. The Outliers took the lead, 2-1, but Erik Buschmann responded to even things back up, 2-2, before the teams headed to the locker room.

Utah took a 4-2 lead in the second period as Dornseifer and Svik each scored their second goal of the game.

The Outliers again came out strong in the third period and squashed any thoughts the 'Riders had of making a comeback. They out-shot Superior, 16-5, and added a single goal for a 5-2 win.

Murphy was back in net and made 35 saves for the RoughRiders – stopping 15 of 16 in the third period.

Rodin made 17 saves for Utah.

TAHOE ICEMEN @ SEATTLE TOTEMS

Icemen sweep Totems, move within two points of second place in Northwest Division

01.19.18 – Tahoe 8, Seattle 1

01.20.18 – Tahoe 9, Seattle 2

01.21.18 – Tahoe 5, Seattle 4 (OT)

The Tahoe Icemen took a big step towards regaining their top-two standing in the Northwest Division by winning all three games in Seattle and moving to within two points of the second-place West Sound Warriors, on which they hold three games in hand.

Tahoe scored the only goal of the first period on Friday, and Seattle tied it up 46 seconds into the second, but the Icemen scored six before the second intermission and won by an 8-1 final.

Sergei Grebenschikov and former Totems Mitch Hunt each scored twice and Thomas Spero stopped 17 of 18 shots for Tahoe.

Bogden Klochkov scored the Seattle goal.

Ilya Cetvertak's hat trick sparked the Icemen to a 9-2 win on Saturday. Cetvertak also picked up a pair of assists for a five-point game. Paul Fry's dished out four assists for the Icemen.

Shots were actually even, 22-22, in the game, but Tahoe buried their chances, scoring three times in each period. Wade Conlan made 20 saves for the Icemen.

To their credit, Seattle continued to play hard, and came out with their best effort on Sunday.

The Totems turned a 1-0 first-period deficit into a 2-1 lead with two quick goals. Stepan Jirovec out-skated two Tahoe defenders while carrying the puck, broke in alone on Conlan, and cashed in between the pads.

Then, just 23 seconds later, Conlan collected the puck behind the net and rimmed at around the left wing boards. Seattle's Michael Shippee hustled to the puck and snapped it in from the side boards before Conlan could get back in position.

Former Totem Mitch Hunt continued to produce against his ex-mates, however, and tied it back up before intermission with his first of two goals in the game.

Both teams scored twice in the second period, but neither team could light the lamp in the third. Seattle out-shot their visitors, 14-8, in the final frame but Conlan and Naoki Onodera of the Totems would not give an inch and the game went to sudden-death.

Frys won it for the Icemen in overtime, but the Totems managed to salvage a point from the weekend with a solid effort that they will try to build on moving forward.

SPRINGFIELD EXPRESS @ WICHITA JR. THUNDER

Springfield sweeps Wichita, still looks locked into a third-place finish

01.19.18 – Springfield 15, Wichita 0

01.20.18 – Springfield 9, Wichita 1

01.21.18 – Springfield 20, Wichita 2

The Springfield Express dominated the Wichita Jr. Thunder, sweeping them in three games, and scoring 44 goals in the process. The Express don't look like they are going to move from their #3 position in the Mid-Western Division, however, as they are still 13 points behind second-place Oklahoma City and 32 points up on the fourth-place Dallas Snipers.

The Express scored nine times in the second period of a 15-0 win on Friday. Five different Springfield players scored multiple goals in the game, including Vegard Faret (3-2-5) and Akos Szigeti who had hat tricks. Bruno Ndossi, Mathew Smishek and Nikita Sokov each had a pair.

Connor Green made 17 saves for the shutout.

Saturday's result was never in doubt. Springfield scored six times in the first period and Szigeti scored his third goal by the 5:13 mark of the second period in a 9-1 win for the Express.

Trace Parker made his season debut between the pipes for the Jr. Thunder and made 51 saves. Corey Steinbarger scored the Wichita goal early in the third period.

Sokov scored five goals as the Express finished off the sweep with a lopsided win on Sunday. Kyle Cagnoni also had a hat trick and Filimon Ledenkov (1-7-8) had an eight-point game.

COLORADO JR. EAGLES @ CASPER COYOTES

Jr. Eagles sweep Coyotes stay in the thick of Mountain Division hunt

01.19.18 – Colorado 6, Casper 1

01.20.18 – Colorado 4, Casper 1

01.21.18 – Colorado 8, Casper 1

The Colorado Jr. Eagles went on the road and claimed all six possible points in a weekend series at Casper. The Jr. Eagles are three points behind first-place Ogden with three games in hand with the Utah Outliers wedged in between them as an intriguing division race takes shape.

Anthony Carlier stopped 26 of 27 shots, including all 13 she faced in the second period, to backstop the Jr. Eagles to a 6-1 win on Friday.

Colorado score twice in each period, with Michael Petrotto supplying both in the third, while Brody Surette scored the Casper goal.

Coyotes netminder Wesley Ellingson made 39 saves.

Colorado controlled the play all night long on Saturday, and took a 2-0 lead early in the first period, but Dylan Ossachuk prevented them from breaking the game open. Ossachuk made 65 saves in the game.

Tyler Rossi scored 1:22 into the second period to get the Coyotes within a goal, but Zachary Lish scored for the Jr. Eagles less than a minute later and Colorado was up, 3-1.

Cameron Chabot, who also had a pair of assists in the game, made it 4-1 Colorado at the 7:41 mark of the second period, but Ossachuk shut the door from that point forward, keeping the Jr. Eagles off the board for the final 32:19 of the game even through the barrage of shots continued.

Colorado scored four times in the third period to put away an 8-1 win on Sunday.

Nolan Kare matched Ossachuk's effort from the night before, making 65 saves for the Coyotes.

It's not like Casper was not pinned in their own zone the whole game, they managed 32 shots on Colorado's Braden Lajoie, but he managed to stop every one except for a Bradley Green attempt early in the third period.

Anders Saarela had a hat trick for Colorado and Pettroto had two more goals and an assist.

WEST SOUND WARRIORS @ SOUTHERN OREGON SPARTANS

Sixth-place Spartans look good in series with second-place Warriors

01.19.18 – West Sound 5, Southern Oregon 3

01.20.18 – West Sound 5, Southern Oregon 4

01.21.18 – Southern Oregon 7, West Sound 2

The West Sound Warriors won a pair of games in Medford, OR to stay in second place in the WSHL's Northwest Division, but Tahoe is only two points back with three games in hand. The Southern Oregon Spartans are the division's sixth-place team, so it says something about the parity in the division that the last-place team could play well in two losses, then win on Sunday, against a team currently in position to earn a first-round bye.

The Spartans started their weekend off on the right foot, scoring three times in the first period on Friday night, but that was all the rubber they could get past Warriors veteran Brian Eisele (31 saves).

West Sound scored three unanswered goals in the second period to take a 4-2 lead, and went on to win 5-3, with Eisele backstopping their comeback.

The Warriors' top line did the damage. Harri Kroll (1-4-5) figured in all five West Sound goals while Alec Johnson (3-1-4), with a hat trick, and Connor Wherrett (1-3-4), both figured in four of five.

Yanneck Kumli scored twice for Southern Oregon and Austin Toussaint made 25 of his 32 saves in the first two periods.

The home team had 1-0 and 2-1 leads in the first period of a very entertaining game on Saturday, but West Sound's Bryce Ebert scored with 21 seconds left in the period to tie things up at the first intermission.

West Sound out-shot Southern Oregon, 18-14, in a scoreless second period as Eisele and Austin Toussaint of the Spartans staged a goaltending duel.

The red light was finally put to use in the third period. Ryuslan Abyanov, at 3:46 and Robert Larson, at 9:41, gave West Sound a 4-2 lead, but Southern Oregon made a late push in front of their home crowd.

Daniel Lamartina scored a power play goal with 1:38 left and things started to get interesting, but Johnson responded 27 seconds later to put West Sound back up by two at 5-3.

Lamartina managed to score again with :06 left on the clock, but it was too little, too late for the Spartans.

Toussaint finished with 42 saves, Eisele with 27.

After coming close twice, the Spartans finally broke through with a win on Sunday. Seven different Southern Oregon skaters scored in a 7-2 win. Krystof Holub made 32 saves and kept West Sound off the board except for a pair of goals 1:28 apart early in the third period that got the Warriors within three goals at 5-2, but the Spartans got the next two to win easily.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING @ CHEYENNE STAMPEDE

Cheyenne drops pair of games to UW

01.19.18 – U. of Wyoming 4, Cheyenne 3

01.20.18 – U. of Wyoming 7, Cheyenne 2

Do to some scheduling challenges around the WSHL, the two-game series between the Cheyenne Stampede and the University of Wyoming counts in the WSHL standings.

A pair of goals by Logan Syrup 1:13 apart in the second period on Friday turned a 2-1 Cheyenne deficit into a 3-2 lead for the Stampede, but the Cowboys tied things up at 3-3 before the end of the period, and scored the only goal of the third for a 4-3 win.

Cheyenne native Alec Sara, who just recently rejoined the Stampede, assisted on all three Cheyenne goals.

Daniel Yocky made 38 saves for Cheyenne.

Sara broke the ice in Saturday's game, giving the Stampede a 1-0 lead midway through the first period, but UW got a late goal to tie things up, then scored three unanswered goals in the third period on their way to a 7-2 win.

Syrup lit the lamp again for Cheyenne with a goal in the final minute of the game, but it was too late to spark a rally.

Cheyenne's Robbie Hufnagel stopped 13 of 14 shots in the first period and finished the game with 29 saves.

LONG BEACH BOMBERS @ SAN DIEGO SABERS

Long Beach sweeps San Diego, opens up seven-point cushion atop Western Division

01.19.18 – Long Beach 7, San Diego 3

01.20.18 – Long Beach 8, San Diego 3

01.21.18 – Long Beach 8, San Diego 3

The Western-Division leading Long Beach Bombers swept six points from the last-place team in the division, the San Diego Sabers, but all three games were closer than they looked.

Long Beach broke the ice 3:24 into Friday's contest, but the Sabers set the tone for the weekend by pushing back with a pair of goals from Ryan Ollech and Michal Kolarik just 52 seconds apart.

San Diego went into the locker room with a 2-1 lead, but the Bombers scored the only two goals of the second period from Johnny Hoang and Parker Moskal, to take a 3-2 lead into the third.

The first of two third-period goals from Tomas Urbanec, just 2:03 into the final period, gave Long Beach their first two-goal lead of the game, but again the Sabers counter-punched with a Ryan Conover tally just over a minute later.

Urbanec's second goal midway through the period gave the Bombers some breathing room, however, and they took advantage of a pressing San Diego team with a pair of late goals to seal a 7-3 win.

Part-time forward Matt Soldano was in the San Diego net and made 35 saves. Domenic Bosetti stopped 27 of 30 for Long Beach.

Saturday's game was much closer than the final score would indicate in an 8-3 Long Beach win.

The Bombers broke the ice just 1:43 into the game on an Erik Lundgren goal, but Sabers goalie Zach Hale kept them off the board for most of the rest of the period. Recently acquired Lee-Jay Meguinis hit the net with under 20 seconds left in the period to make it 2-0 Long Beach at the first intermission.

Two goals early in the second period made it feel like the Bombers might break the game open, but San Diego fought back in a big way, scoring three times in a span of 5:07 late in the period to get within a goal going into the third period.

Riley Cryan and Conover scored at 11:15 and 12:20, with Ondrej Imrich assisting on both, then Brad Larson scored one of the biggest goals of the year for San Diego at 16:22 as the Sabers.

However, like the Thorne Cup contenders they are, the Bombers came back with a goal of their own just 30 seconds later to take the wind out of the Sabers' sails. Pavel Omelka's tally made it 5-3 Long Beach at the end of two periods.

The Bombers came out for the final frame and took care of business, outshooting San Diego 21-8, and scoring the only three goals of the period.

Parker Moskal and Tomas Urbanec put the finishing touches on the game with the final two goals – each with their second of the game. Lundgren finished with four points (1-3-4).

Hale made 40 saves for the Sabers – 18 of them in the third period. Domenic Bosetti made 25 saves for the Bombers.

Sunday's game ended with the same 8-3 score in favor of Long Beach. The Bombers built a 3-0 lead in the first period, but the San Diego did not come back like they did the night before and never got closer than three goals behind in the game.

The Long Beach goals came from eight different skaters, including Miroslav Rohlik who had the game-winner. Artem Korolev and Parker Moskal each had a goal and three assists.

Imrich figured in all three San Diego goals – scoring two himself. Karel Kankovsky assisted on all three Sabers goals and Soldano made 34 saves.

OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS @ DALLAS SNIPERS **Blazers post sweep in Dallas, but are still 10 points behind El Paso**

01.19.18 – Oklahoma City 8, Dallas 1

01.20.18 – Oklahoma City 10, Dallas 2

01.21.18 – Oklahoma City 13, Dallas 2

The Oklahoma City Blazers out-scored the Dallas Snipers, 31-5, in a three-game sweep as they try to keep the first-place El Paso Rhinos in their sights.

Four unanswered goals allowed the Blazers to pull away for an 8-1 win on Friday.

Griffin Wiencek was the only player to score twice for OKC, as the Blazers spread the offense around, and Bobby Cloutier allowed just one goal on 23 shots.

Brady Weiss made 58 saves for Dallas – 23 of the in the third period.

The Blazers continued their domination on Saturday, building a 3-0 lead in the first period and winning 10-2.

Ivan Bondarenko (3-3-6) and Wiencek (2-3-5) were the top producers for OKC. Joshua Chamberlain (2-2-4) and Semen Stolyarov each scored a pair of goals.

Emanuel Hertel-Bauman was in the Oklahoma City crease and faced 27 shots, stopping 25.

Rafael Gonclaves went the distance in the Dallas net, making 53 saves. Sterling Cooper and Jaroslav Vasicek scored for the Snipers.

Oklahoma City seemed to gain strength as the weekend progressed, winning each game by a bigger margin. Viktor Ekk (3-3-6), Ivan Bondarenko (3-2-5) and Drake Johnson all had hat tricks in a 13-2 Blazers win on Sunday.

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