

WSHL WEEKEND WRAP-UP; December 6-9, 2018



Bellingham Blazers @ Seattle Totems

Seattle 4, Bellingham 3 – The second-place Seattle Totems defeated the first-place Bellingham Blazers for the fourth meeting in a row, 4-3, moving within eight points of the top spot in the Northwest Division and setting the stage for what could be an entertaining stretch drive at the top of the division.

With Seattle on the power play late in a 3-3 game, Braden Sanchez sent a stretch pass from inside the Totems zone all the way to Cam Gross at the Bellingham blue line. He found himself skating one-on-three, so he circled away from traffic to buy time before splitting a pair of Bellingham defenders with a backhand pass to Dominik Basek as he skated down the slot. Basek cashed in for what proved to be the game-winning goal with 7:13 left in the game.

It was 3-1 Seattle going into the third period, but the Blazers scored twice in the first 4:41 of the period to tie it up.

Timon Prexler skated the puck through the neutral zone, picked up speed, and cut right through a pair of Seattle defenders. He skated right down the slot and fired a low wrist shot to get the Blazers within a goal and give them some jump just 1:22 into the period.

They kept up the momentum, with the help of a power play, and evened the score just 3:19 later. The puck went back to Kevin Kubanek at the right point and he skated down the right-wing boards, cut through the circle to the front of the net, and beat Seattle's Wyatt Monear (25 saves) with a wrist shot.

Edward Coffey made 31 saves for Bellingham but took the loss.

Long Beach Bombers @ Valencia Flyers

Long Beach 8, Valencia 5 – Genady Malashenko scored three goals to lead the Long Beach Bombers to an 8-5 win over the Flyers Thursday night in Valencia.

Will Daigneault scored twice and Artem Korolev (1-3-4) had a four-point night for the Bombers.

Tristan Warr scored twice for the Flyers, his 16th and 17th goals of the season, and Dominik Knap (1-3-4) picked up points on four of the five Valencia goals.

Domenic Bosetti made 40 saves for Long Beach, stopping 11 of 12 shots in the third period to snuff out any serious comeback attempt by the Flyers.

Northern Colorado Eagles @ Utah Outliers

The Northern Colorado Eagles posted an impressive series win on the road over the Utah Outliers. The Eagles won two of three games with goaltender Marshall Murphy standing out in both wins.

Northern Colorado 2, Utah 1 – Marshall Murphy allowed just one goal on 40 shots to backstop the Northern Colorado Eagles to a 2-1 win over the Utah Outliers at West Valley City in Friday.

There was only one goal scored in the first 46:38 – that a second period tally by Trent Hines of the Eagles. Northern Colorado took a two-goal lead with a very important insurance goal by Cameron Braun at the 6:38 mark of the third period.

An Outliers defender, the last man back, carried the puck out from behind the Utah net but was stripped by Brennan McFarland in the right circle. McFarland quickly moved the puck to Braun, who was all alone behind the Utah defense, and he deked Outliers netminder Oscar Wahlgren (24 saves) and scored on his forehand for a 2-0 NoCo lead.

The Outliers did not go quietly. They kept the pressure on, firing 19 shots in the third period, but Murphy was on top of his game, making 18 of his 39 saves in the final frame.

Murphy's shutout bid was ruined with 6:31 left in the game. Benji Mickel won a faceoff in the left circle, getting the puck between the legs of his opponent and reaching around to pass it to the slot where Anthony Masanotti one-timed it past Murphy.

Utah 4, Northern Colorado 0 – The Outliers bounced back on Saturday afternoon behind a 28-save shutout from Wahlgren and a pair of goals by Miroslav Hradecky.

Hradecky scored the first two goals for the Outliers – in the first period and then with 2:29 left in the second. Jan Dvorak's goal with :36 left in the second period gave Utah a three-goal lead and put the Eagles back on their heels heading into the second intermission.

Murphy made 33 saves for the Eagles.

Northern Colorado 4, Utah 1 – Utah broke the ice 4:37 into Sunday's game, but Murphy stopped all 31 shots he faced over the final two periods as Northern Colorado came back for a 4-1 win.

Any designs Utah had on a comeback were damaged when Jake Papesh took a five-minute major for head contact just :20 into the third period. Leading 3-1, the Eagles had a chance to put the game out of reach. Another penalty at the 2:00 minute mark gave Northern Colorado a full two minutes of five-on-three and prompted Utah to take their timeout.

With open ice to work with, Mark Revniaga skated from the left corner along the goal line towards the Utah net, drawing the attention of the goaltender and defenseman before dishing to Eric Hildebrand in the slot. Hildebrand buried a wrist shot to give the Eagles a three-goal lead and the power play continued for another

2:45, preventing Utah from mounting an immediate counter-attack. It was the third assist of the game for Revniaga.

Edson Aeros @ Meadow Lake Mustangs

Edson 6, Meadow Lake 2 – Emil Johansson figured in five of six goals as the Edson Aeros won, 6-2, over the Mustangs in Meadow Lake on Friday.

The score was 2-1 Edson all the way through a scoreless second period, but the Aeros lit the lamp four times in the third period to pull away. Johansson scored the first goal of the frame, giving Edson a 3-1 lead, then assisted on the next three Aeros goals.

Liam Austin stopped 23 of 25 shots to pick up his 11th win of the season for Edson.

Mustangs goaltender Scott Danylak made 38 saves, keeping his team in the game as long as he could.

Dallas Snipers @ El Paso Rhinos

The El Paso Rhinos find themselves in a position they are not too familiar with – chasing another team for the lead in the Mid-Western Division. The Rhinos swept all nine points from the visiting Dallas Snipers, keeping themselves within two points of the first-place Oklahoma City Blazers.

El Paso 10, Dallas 3 – Four different El Paso skaters scored twice in the game as the Rhinos lit the lamp five times in the third period to pull away in a 10-3 win over the Dallas Snipers on Friday.

Maximilian Kamper (2-2-4), Adam Stalzer (2-2-4), Samuel Sykes (2-2-4) and Nakita Garin - making his Rhinos debut – all found the net twice for El Paso.

Dillon Manchester and Martin Dubsky each had three assists.

Dallas netminder Kyle Plantz made 31 of his 39 saves over the first two periods of the game.

El Paso 8, Dallas 1 – The Snipers scored first, and held the lead through most of the first period, but the Rhinos stormed back for an 8-1 win on Saturday.

Five minutes into the game Dallas went on the power play and scored right off the draw. Eric Eaton pulled the puck back to Arvidas Domeika at the point and he blasted it home to make it 1-0 Dallas.

The Rhinos blew the game open in the third period, scoring six times, including four goals in the first 5:35 of the frame.

Samuel Sykes scored a hat trick – lighting the lamp once in each period – to spearhead the El Paso attack.

El Paso's Nils Velm faced 13 shots, stopping 12.

El Paso 6, Dallas 4 – Dallas put forth their best effort of the series on Sunday, but the Rhinos shut them down in the third period and won, 6-4.

The puck dropped for the second period with the Rhinos clinging to a 3-2 lead, and the Snipers tied the game just :18 seconds in. Arvidas Domeika evened the score for Dallas, but El Paso took control and scored the next three goals.

The Six El Paso goals in the game came from six different skaters, including Jonas Burman who also had two assists.

Jasa Jenko scored twice for the Snipers.

Oklahoma City Blazers @ Wichita Jr. Thunder

The Oklahoma City Blazers took care of business, going to Wichita and sweeping three games from the Jr. Thunder to maintain their two-point lead on the El Paso Rhinos atop the Mid-Western Division.

Oklahoma City 16, Wichita 1 – Stephane Doering scored five goals and Vitali Mikhailov added three as the Oklahoma City Blazers routed Wichita, 16-1, on Friday.

Despite what the lopsided score may indicate, OKC netminder Xavier Garneau was fairly busy, facing 28 shots.

Oklahoma City 8, Wichita 2 – The Blazers output was cut in half for Saturday afternoon's game, but they still won comfortably, 8-2. Wichita actually led, 2-1 after the first period, but OKC scored seven times in the second period.

Doering, Henrik Overvall and Jordan Sgro scored two goals apiece for the Blazers.

The scoreboard was one-sided, but the Jr. Thunder generated a lot of scoring chances. Josh Martinez made 39 saves for the Blazers, turning aside all 32 shots he faced over the final two periods.

Elis Ericson went the distance for Wichita, making 57 saves. He stopped 19 of 20 in the first period to help the Jr. Thunder take the lead, but could not hold the fort all game.

Oklahoma City 14, Wichita 2 – Oklahoma City was back at it on Sunday, running away 14-2 with Mikhailov scoring four times and adding a pair of assists.

Sgro (2-2-4), Michael Jensen (1-3-4) and Dominic Loubert (0-4-4) all had four points in the game and Martinez made 20 saves on 22 shots.

Quinn O'Reilly assisted on the two Wichita goals, scored by Tyler Inlow and Tyler Alverson.

Steamboat Wranglers @ Casper Bobcats

The Casper Bobcats entered play this weekend two points behind the Steamboat Wranglers but, after they swept their visitors in a three-game series, Casper finds themselves back in third place in the Mountain Division – seven points ahead of the Wranglers.

Casper 5, Steamboat 2 – Daniel Silar and Kevin Richter each scored twice to spark the Casper Bobcats to a 5-2 win over the Steamboat Wranglers on Friday.

The Bobcats scored three times in the first period to put themselves in the driver's seat and the Wranglers never got back in the game despite having their share of scoring opportunities.

Richter's second goal of the first period, with :08 left on the clock, gave the Bobcats a 3-1 lead and got the Casper fans on their feet.

Andrew Demorat and Tyrell Bourk scored for Steamboat.

Casper 3, Steamboat 1 – Ludwig Nordqvist made 26 saves and Alex Roth scored twice as the Bobcats came up with a 3-1 win in a tight contest Saturday night.

Casper out-shot Steamboat, 16-12, in a scoreless first period as Nordqvist and Jordan Belley of the Wranglers put on a goaltending clinic.

Roth finally got one past Belley 6:37 into the second period, then doubled the Bobcat's lead 2:24 later. That would be all they would get past Belley. Florian Seelman sealed the "W" with an empty-net goal with just over a minute remaining.

Jack Rousseau got the Wranglers on the board with :23 left in the period, giving the Steamboat club a lift heading into the locker room.

Roth also assisted on Seelman's empty-netter.

Casper 8, Steamboat 2 – The Bobcats completed the sweep with a convincing 8-2 win on Sunday in a game they led, 7-0, early in the third period.

The Steamboat actually outshot Casper in the first and third periods, generating a total of 49 shots on goal, but Bobcat netminder Kayne Pasquet was a difference-maker. He made 34 saves through the first two periods, not allowing anything past him, and finished the game with 47 saves.

Daniel Silar scored both Casper goals in the first period and completed a hat trick early in the second. Alex Roth (2-2-4) and Florian Seelman (1-3-4) had big nights for the Bobcats as well.

Dalton Eagle Bear scored a pair of third period goals to ruin Pasquet's shutout bid.

Cheyenne Stampede @ Ogden Mustangs

Ogden 11, Cheyenne 0 – Four different Mustangs scored two goals in the game and Alexander Nerverve posted a 14-save shutout in an 11-0 Ogden win over the Cheyenne Stampede on Friday.

Rhett Rampinelli, Harry Gulliver, Lukas Vacin and Bryson Bartell all scored twice for the Mustangs.

The score could have been worse, but Cheyenne goalie Brendan Carew made 72 saves.

Ogden 7, Cheyenne 3 – The Stampede played the Mustangs even for the first two periods on Saturday. The game was tied, 1-1 after one period, and 3-3 after two, but Ogden scored four unanswered goals in the third period for a 7-3 win.

Carew made an astounding 82 saves in the game – 37 in the second period alone – and kept the Stamps in it for two periods, but could only do so much.

Ogden 10, Cheyenne 1 – Ogden scored three goals in the final 5:49 of the second period Sunday, opening up a five-goal lead at the second intermission and going on to a 10-1 win.

With 1:04 left in the first period, Logan Syrup scored to cut the Ogden lead in half and give the Stampede a little lift.

Ian Currie had five assists in the game for Ogden.

Jonathan TerWisscha, a recent addition to the Cheyenne roster, received initiation by fire, facing 30 shots in the first period alone, and repelling 28 of them. TerWisscha stayed in net the whole game, making a total of 69 saves.

Fresno Monsters @ Southern Oregon Spartans

The Fresno Monsters won two of three on the road in Southern Oregon, but the Spartans came up with a big clutch win in the middle game Saturday.

Fresno 3, Southern Oregon 1 – Southern Oregon's Eric Vanderhoff broke the ice :26 into the second period of Friday's game, but that was all that the Spartans would get past Fresno's Max Karlenzig, who backstopped the Monsters to a 3-1 win.

Southern Oregon out-shot the Monsters, 25-18, over the first two periods, and kept Fresno off the board for the first 26:09 of the game, but Fresno prevailed behind Karlenzig (29 saves).

The game went into the third period tied, 1-1. Joel Brotzge gave Fresno their first lead of the game, 2-1, with 9:09 left in the game and Gustaf Wranghede put the game away with 1:40 remaining.

Rory Scott, who scored the first Fresno goal, stripped a Spartans player just inside the Fresno blue line, skated hard all the way down the ice with the puck before dishing it over to Wranghede who finished cleanly to close out the scoring.

Southern Oregon 4, Fresno 3 – The Spartans scored twice in the final 3:14 of Saturday's game to steal a 4-3 comeback win.

The Monsters took a 3-2 lead into the third period, and held serve for the first 16:46 of the frame, but Michael Hodgkinson tied the proceedings for the Spartans and Adam Van Akin scored the game-winner with 1:58 left – his first goal of the season.

Gabriel Lessard, who made 39 saves in his Spartans debut, kept the Monsters off the board in the third period, allowing the Spartans to stage their comeback.

Max Karlenzig made 35 saves for Fresno.

The late swing in the result represented a six-point turnaround in the standings.

Fresno 5, Southern Oregon 0 – Tyler Mathews minded the crease for Fresno Sunday and kicked out all 30 shots he faced as the Monsters won, 5-0.

Five different skaters scored for Fresno, including former Cheyenne Stampede star Jeremy Velazquez, who recent joined the Monsters lineup.

Kayden Pickles made 31 saves for Southern Oregon.

Valencia Flyers @ San Diego Sabers

San Diego 5, Valencia 2 – The San Diego Sabers reinforced their third-place standing in the Western Division with a 5-2 win over the visiting Valencia Flyers on Friday.

San Diego out-shot Valencia, 15-10, in a scoreless first period, but Jere Jaakkola and Josef Kankovsky scored goals 1:39 apart early in the second period to give the Sabers a 2-0 lead.

The game remained 2-0 for exactly 30:00 of game time before Karel Kankovsky extended the Sabers lead just over three minutes later. Jakub Vesely made it 4-0, and the game appeared to be all but over, but the Flyers got two quick ones from Tristan Warr and Diminik Knap :20 apart to ruin Marshall McKallip's shutout and make things interesting.

Karel Kankovsky scored his second goal of the game into an empty net to make the final 5-2.

Brooks Dimarino made 43 saves for the Flyers, stopping 30 of 32 shots through the first two periods, and McKallip made 30 saves for San Diego.

San Diego 3, Valencia 2 – Tate Martishius made 50 saves to keep the Flyers in the game Saturday, but the Sabers prevailed, 3-2.

Karel Kankosvky broke the ice with 1:11 left in the first period, and Ashton Jones scored the only goal of the middle period, as San Diego carried a 2-0 lead into the third.

The score stayed that way for over 13 minutes, but Danylo Moroz finally got one past Aaron Parsons, ruining his shutout bid with 6:39 left in the game.

Josef Kankosvky restored San Diego's two-goal lead at 15:38, but Eimantas Noreika scored for Valencia 25 seconds later and it was a one-goal game again.

Parsons (30 saves) and the Sabers held the fort for the final 3:57 to preserve a big divisional win.

West Sound Admirals vs. Bellingham Blazers (home-and-home)

The Bellingham Blazers won both ends of a home-and-home series to open up a 14-point lead on the Seattle Totems, who beat them on Thursday to close to within eight points.

Bellingham 9, West Sound 3 – Jamahl Eakett and Thomas Steven each scored twice to lead the Bellingham Blazers to a 9-3 win over the West Sound Admirals.

Caleb Travis scored :46 into the second period to get the Admirals within a goal at 4-3, but the Blazers came back with three goals in the next 3:27 to restore a comfortable lead at 7-3.

Timothy and Timon Prexler each had a goal and three assists for Bellingham and Blazers netminder Kolter Pawlick made 25 saves.

Bellingham 6, West Sound 3 – Saturday's game in Bremerton was tied, 1-1 after one period, and 2-2 after two, but the Blazers scored three unanswered goals in the third period for a 6-3 win.

Kevin Kubanek scored the game-winner 1:11 into the third period and Ryan Goulden and Christoffer Folgelberg each added their second goal of the game to put the game away for the Blazers.

Josh Breznik did what he could to keep the Admirals in the game, making 34 saves, but Bellingham's skill came through in the final frame.

Avery Heath (27 saves) stopped all 10 West Sound shots in the final period to pick up the win.

Ontario Avalanche vs. Long Beach Bombers (home-and-home)

The Long Beach Bombers opened up a three-point lead at the top of the Western Conference by sweeping a home-and-home series from the Ontario Avalanche.

Long Beach 8, Ontario 2 – Gennady Malashenko scored four goals to lead the Long Beach Bombers to an 8-2 win over the Ontario Avalanche on Friday.

The Bombers led, 7-0, going into the third period and all that was really left to do was to protect Domenic Bosetti's shutout. The Avs got a pair of late goals, however, to prevent that.

Artem Korolev assisted on three of Malashenko's four goals and also scored one himself.

Long Beach 5, Ontario 3 – Korolev scored early in the second period to break a 1-1 tie, then again in the final minute of the period to give the Bombers a 3-1 lead. Twice Ontario scored to get within a goal in the third period, but Long Beach held on for a 5-3 win.

Erik Sillerstrom also scored twice for the Bombers, including the final insurance goal with 4:58 left in the contest.

Matthew Genter (25 saves) allowed the Avalanche to get within a goal twice in the final frame, but did not allow the equalizer.

Connor Duffy (32 saves) stopped 15 of 16 shots in the first period to keep the Avs in the game.

Hinton Wildcats @ Meadow Lake Mustangs

Hinton 8, Meadow Lake 4 – The Hinton Wildcats went into Meadow Lake on Saturday and interrupted the Mustangs' three-game winning streak with an 8-4 win.

Jakob Arseneault and Riley Keyes each scored twice as the Wildcats built a 5-0 lead before Shane Hounsell got the Mustangs on the board late in the second period.

Meadow Lake goaltender Noah Finley made 34 saves before being lifted for the third period.

Samuel Gendron manned the Wildcats' crease and made 34 saves on 38 shots, picking up the win for Hinton.

Edson Aeros @ Cold Lake Wings

Edson 4, Cold Lake 1 – The Edson Aeros led 3-0 after one period and goaltender Liam Austin led them to a 4-1 win over the Cold Lake Wings.

Kevin Lundin scored twice for the Aeros and WSHL scoring leader Sebastian Heden (1-3-4) figured in all four Aeros goals.

Cold Lake's Ilias Okemow finally solved Austin with 1:41 left in the game to break up his shutout bid.

Ontario Avalanche @ San Diego Sabers

San Diego 4, Ontario 3 – The San Diego Sabers scored four times in the first period, then held on for a 4-3 win over the Ontario Avalanche Sunday at Iceoplex Escondido.

The score was 4-2 San Diego after just one period. The Sabers then out-shot the Avs, 15-11, in a scoreless second period with Ontario's Will McEwen preventing the Sabers from extending their lead.

Eric Moran scored 1:57 into the third period to make it a one-goal game, but Marshall McKallip closed the door the rest of the way – making 19 saves in the period and the Sabers held on for a 4-3 win.

Both McKallip and McEwen made 43 saves in the game.

Ashton Jones scored twice for San Diego.

Hinton Wildcats @ Cold Lake Wings

Hinton 3, Cold Lake 1 – The Cold Lake Wings finally got on the board with just under three minutes to go in Sunday's game, but a pair of first period tallies by Dmitri Buttazzoni held up in a 3-1 win for the Hinton Wildcats.

Dorian Hall scored with 2:56 left to ruin the shutout attempt by Hinton's Samuel Gendron (28 saves) but, after the Wings pulled their goalie Max Gaudet, Hinton's Brendan Auger sealed the win with an empty-net goal. Buttazzoni picked up an assist on Auger's empty-netter to give him points on all three Hinton goals.

The Wings wasted a tremendous 49-save effort by Gaudet.

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