

WSHL WEEKEND WRAP-UP; January 24-27, 2019



Long Beach Bombers vs. Valencia Flyers

The Long Beach Bombers swept a unique three-game series from the Valencia Flyers as the two teams switched venues for each game. The nine points the Bombers earned allowed them to stay within a point of the Fresno Monsters in the race for the Western Division title.

Long Beach 6 @ Valencia 2 – Valencia Flyers goaltender Mack Willy made 46 saves – 22 of them in the third period alone, but it wasn't enough as the Long Beach Bombers scored three times in the first period and went on to a 6-2 win at Ice Station Valencia on Thursday.

Artem Korolev and Eric Sillerstrom each had a goal and two assists for the Bombers and Matthew Genter made 17 of his 21 saves over the final two periods.

The Valencia goals came from Danylo Moroz and Ashton Richardt.

Valencia 0 @ Long Beach 8 – It was all Bombers on Saturday as the series shifted to Long Beach. Gennady Malashenko had a hat trick and Domenic Bosetti posted a 22-save shutout as the Bombers won, 8-0.

Eric Lovstrand (2-2-4) and Artem Korolev (1-3-4) led the charge for the Bombers while Valencia's Brooks Dimarino made 29 of his 37 saves over the final two periods.

Long Beach 9 @ Valencia 3 – The series went back to Valencia on Saturday and the Bombers scored six times in the third period to pull away with a 9-3 win.

Malashenko, Will Daigneault and Tomas Urbanec all scored twice in the game for Long Beach and Genter was back in the Long Beach net, making 28 saves.

Valencia's goals came courtesy of Joseph Aguirre, Tristan Warr and Dominik Knap.

Edson Aeros @ Meadow Lake Mustangs

Edson 8, Meadow Lake 1 – The Edson Aeros scored six times in the second period Friday, blowing the game open and winning 8-1 over the Mustangs at Meadow Lake.

Emil Johansson and Kevin Lundin each had two goals and two assists and Ramil Talipov had five assists for Edson.

Aeros goalie Liam Austin stopped 23 of 24 shots.

Zach Pederson's goal for Meadow Lake at 8:51 of the first period tied the game at the time, 1-1, but things went downhill for the Mustangs from that point forward.

Meadow Lake goaltender Scott Danylak made 43 saves.

Hinton Wildcats @ Cold Lake Wings

Hinton 6, Cold Lake 2 – Max Sturko scored two goals, including the ice-breaker, and added an assist for the Hinton Wildcats in their 6-2 road win over the Cold Lake Wings Friday.

Sturko, playing just his second game in a Wildcats sweater, had a point in every period in support of Hinton netminder Avery Heath who made 39 saves – including all 16 shots he faced in the third period to preserve the win.

Riley Smith and Connor Frith scored for the Wings and Skyler Hildebrand made 22 of his 44 saves in the first period for Cold Lake.

Ontario Avalanche @ El Paso Rhinos

El Paso extended their lead at the top of the Mid-Western Division to 11 points by sweeping the Ontario Avalanche in an inter-division series. The Rhinos did not allow the Avalanche to get on the scoreboard in any of the three games.

El Paso 6, Ontario 0 – Jonas Burman scored three times and Nils Velm stopped all 13 shots he faced as the El Paso Rhinos handled the visiting Ontario Avalanche, 6-0, on Friday.

Burman scored the first two goals of the game in the first period and completed his hat trick midway through the third.

Martin Dubsky collected assists on all three of Burman's goals.

Connor Duffy made 42 saves for the Avalanche.

El Paso 10, Ontario 0 – The Rhinos were even more dominant on Saturday with John Erramousepe (2-2-4) and Samuel Sykes (0-4-4) leading the attack in a 10-0 El Paso win.

Nils Velm needed to make just seven saves to record the shutout for the Rhinos, who also got two goals from Easton Easterson (2-1-3).

Kurt Yano went the distance for Ontario, making 43 saves.

El Paso 6, Ontario 0 – The Rhinos made it a perfect weekend defensively, shutting out the Avalanche, 6-0. Nils Scheider posted the shutout in his WSHL debut for El Paso, making six saves.

The six El Paso goals came off the sticks of six different players, but Scheider received all the support he needed with J. C. Dubecky's first-period tally.

Dubsky had a goal and three assists, picking up at least one point in each period.

Duffy made 34 saves, but took the loss, for Ontario.

Bellingham Blazers @ Southern Oregon Spartans

Northwest Division leader Bellingham did not lose in regulation, and took seven of nine points from their hosts in Southern Oregon, but the Spartans made a statement over the first two games – including a big OT win in the first game – that should give them a huge confidence boost.

Southern Oregon 3, Bellingham 2 (OT) – Hayden Moistner scored with 9.6 seconds left in sudden-death overtime to give the Southern Oregon Spartans a 3-2 upset win over the Northwest Division-leading Bellingham Blazers at Southern Oregon Ice Friday.

Moistner, a left shot, tried to hold off a Bellingham defender and control the puck as he moved from the left point to the right just inside the Blazers blue line. He

lost control of the puck, and had to clear the zone, but quickly curled back and hit Michele Vignoli Sanin with a pass right at the blue line on the right-wing boards.

Vignoli Sanin returned the puck to Moister via air mail as he made his way towards the Bellingham net between the circles, splitting a pair of defensemen and picking the puck out of the air with his left glove. He then pivoted to his forehand and buried the winning goal from in tight on Kolter Pawlick (23 saves).

The Spartans led, 2-0, at the first intermission thanks to a pair of Axel Low goals scored 1:55 apart in the first five minutes of the contest.

Ilya Abubakirov put Bellingham on the board with the only goal of the second period and Robbie Eichelberger tied the proceedings with 1:45 left in regulation.

Julius Airikainen ran the Bellingham power play from the left half wall, passing the puck down to Thomas Steven as he stood to the left of Spartans goalie Kayden Pickles (22 saves). But, as the Blazers worked the puck around the left side of the ice, Eichelberger was sneaking in from the right circle. Steven put a pass right on his stick as he cut to the net and his one-timer knotted the game at 2-2.

Bellingham 2, Southern Oregon 1 – Abubakirov's goal 1:19 into the third period turned out to be a huge goal, giving the Blazers a 2-0 lead in a game they eventually won, 2-1.

Timothy Prexler had the puck behind the Southern Oregon net and took advantage of some space to move out around the right post and into a shooting position but, instead of shooting, slid a nice cross-crease pass to Abubakirov who got a few whacks at the puck and stuffed it under Kayden Pickles' pad.

The Spartans pulled Pickles (29 saves) late in the game, and it paid off with an extra attacker goal by Axel Low with :12 left in the game, but it was too little too late for Southern Oregon.

Low's goal ruined Edward Coffey's shutout bid for Bellingham. The Blazer goalie stopped the first 29 shots he faced but let #30 get past him.

Timothy Prexler scored the other Blazers goal late in the second period and Pickles and Coffey kept it a scoreless tie for the first 36:11 of game time.

Bellingham 10, Southern Oregon 0 – Bellingham finally busted out on Sunday with Abubakirov scoring a natural hat trick in the second period – and five goals in all – in a 10-0 Blazers win.

Jamahl Eakett (1-4-5) also had five points and Pawlick stopped all 27 Spartans shots for the shutout.

Christoffer Fogelberg had a pair of goals for the Blazers.

Casper Bobcats @ Steamboat Wranglers

The Steamboat Wranglers took four of six points from the Casper Bobcats in a key Mountain Division series, taking Friday's game to overtime before losing, then building on that with a 6-4 win on Saturday. It allowed the Bobcats to nibble away at Casper's lead over them in the division race, reducing it to 10 points.

Casper 5, Steamboat 4 (OT) – Ryan Radtke scored the game-winner 2:02 into sudden-death overtime as the Casper Bobcats came back on the road to defeat the Steamboat Wranglers, 5-4.

Kevin Richter wristed a cross-ice saucer pass from the right-wing boards that settled on the stick of Radtke as he skated across the Steamboat blue line. With the open ice afforded by three-on-three overtime, he was able to skate unimpeded to the top of the left circle before a defender could get across to cut him off. From that spot on the ice, he was able to pick his spot and bury a snap shot to win the game for the Bobcats.

Casper needed a goal from Steven Olik with 6:33 left in the third period to force OT.

Adam Studeny pushed the puck down the right-wing boards and around the right corner. It went in behind the Steamboat net where Denis Matic pushed it to the front of the net to the right of Steamboat goalie Ian Young (34 saves). Olik's close-range shot was stopped, but he was able to tap the rebound in with his backhand.

Henry Deenee made 31 saves for Casper.

Steamboat 6, Casper 4 – The Wranglers showed that Friday's competitive game was not a fluke, coming out and building a 3-0 lead early in Saturday's game and holding on for a 6-4 win.

The Wranglers scored three times in the first 7:07 of the game.

Chayo Goodwin stopped 22 of 23 shots through the first two periods for the Wranglers as they built a lead. He finished the game with 31 saves, making the stops he needed to in the third period to preserve the win.

Jeremy Landers scored his second goal of the game with 1:16 left to salt the game away, taking advantage of a miscue by Casper netminder Kayne Pasquet. Pasquet was trying to leave the ice for an extra attacker with the Bobcats down a goal, but was forced to return to the cage. He gloved a shot and tried to step up and play it to a teammate to start the breakout, but the puck got away from him and Landers was able to knock it into the net to close out the scoring.

Trevor Roehrig (2-1-3) scored twice for the Bobcats and Casper goalie Kayne Pasquet made 36 saves, stopping all 17 Steamboat shots in the second period to give the Bobcats a chance to get back in the game.

Fresno Monsters @ West Sound Admirals

The Fresno Monsters needed two sweep all nine points from their trip to Bremerton, WA to maintain their first-place standing in the Western Division and they did just that, although the West Sound Admirals gave them a serious scare on Saturday night.

Fresno 9, West Sound 2 – Jonathan Holguin and Stanislav Danaev each scored a pair of goals and Tyler Mathews made 19 saves on 21 shots to lead the Fresno Monsters to a 9-2 win over the West Sound Admirals Friday night.

Five different Monsters scored in the third period as Fresno pulled away.

Caleb Travis and Vladislav Polyashov scored first-period goals for the Admirals.

Fresno 5, West Sound 4 – The Admirals put on an admirable display on Saturday and they were either tied or ahead for the first 58:26 of the game and held leads of 3-1 and 4-3. But the Monsters took the lead when it mattered. Gustaf Wranghede's goal with 1:34 left in regulation allowed Fresno to sneak away with a 5-4 win.

Danaev's second goal of the game tied it at 12:18 of the third period, as he tipped in a point shot from Joel Brotzge for a power play goal.

With the game tied in the final two minutes the Monsters maintained possession in the Admirals end. Dustin Truex played the puck from low to high, getting it back to Logan Domagala who wristed it on net. Wranghede got a stick on it on the way through for the game-winner.

Noah Bird stopped 32 of 33 shots through the first 40 minutes of the game, but allowed four goals in the final frame and took the loss.

Max Karlenzig (26 saves) held the fort in the third period, stopping 11 of 12 shots as the Monsters staged the come-from-behind victory.

Fresno 12, West Sound 3 – If West Sound made a statement with their near-win on Saturday, the Monsters did the same on Sunday, scoring six times in the third period to pull away in a 12-3 win.

Wranghede, Truex and Rory Scott all scored twice in the game for Fresno with Wranghede scoring his :19 apart in the second period.

Brotzge had a goal and five assists to top the individual scoring chart for the Monsters.

Vladislav Polyashov scored a pair of goals for the Admirals and Alex Olsson made 46 saves before being pulled from the West Sound crease late in the game.

Ogden Mustangs @ San Diego Sabers

The Ogden Mustangs found themselves in one of their more competitive series of the season over the weekend in San Diego. Ogden maintained their torrid pace by winning all three games and upping their season mark to 36-1-0-1, but the Sabers gave their guests all they could handle – especially on Sunday's series finale.

Ogden 8, San Diego 2 – Rhett Rampinelli scored three goals and added a pair of assists as Ogden roled to an 8-2 win in San Diego Friday evening.

Ammon Anderson continued his fine season, chipping in two goals and two assists while Artur Ogandzhanyan had to be sharp between the pipes for the Mustangs, making 30 saves.

Marshall McKallip made 53 saves for the Sabers, who led in 1-0 in the first period on an Aleksis Leskinen goal 8:42 into the game, which was tied 1-1 at the first intermission.

Isaiah Frankel scored the other San Diego goal in the second period.

Ogden 5, San Diego 1 – Five different Mustangs scored and Artur Ogandzhanyan stopped 33 of 34 shots in a 5-1 Ogden win on Saturday.

The Sabers allowed the Mustangs just a single goal in each of the first two periods and a goal by Leskinen with 1:30 left in the second frame had San Diego within a goal at the second intermission.

It was 2-1 Ogden until the 6:19 mark of the third period thanks to McKallip who played one of his best games of the season in the San Diego net. Bobby McKinley finally gave the Mustangs some breathing room at that point, and Ian Currie and Matthew Thielemann tacked on to the Ogden lead later in the period.

Ogden 7, San Diego 4 – Two goals in the first 4:30 of the second period gave the Sabers a 4-2 lead in Sunday's series finale, but the Mustangs came to life and scored the next five goals for a 7-4 win.

Rhett Rampinelli scored the last two goals of the game for Ogden with the last one going into an empty net with just over a minute to go.

McKinley also scored a pair for the Mustangs.

McKallip again kept the Sabers in the game most of the way, making 69 saves, but he could not hold the Mustangs back the whole game.

Josef Kankovsky scored twice for San Diego.

Wichita Jr. Thunder @ Dallas Snipers

The Dallas Snipers won the first and third games of their series against the Wichita Jr. Thunder, scoring nine goals in each win, but the Jr. Thunder came up with a one-goal win in the middle game.

Dallas 9, Wichita 5 – Jasa Jenko and Eric Eaton each had two goals and two assists as the Dallas Snipers scored three goals in each period of a 9-5 win over the Wichita Jr. Thunder.

Alexander Aleshkin (43 saves) stopped all 11 shots he faced in the first period as Dallas built an early lead. His counterpart in the Wichita crease, Elis Ericson, stopped 35 pucks.

Wichita 4, Dallas 3 – Goals from Marcus Ohlsson-Ornelius and Christopher Wracker 1:18 apart late in the second period made it 4-0 Wichita and the Jr. Thunder withstood a Snipers rally for a 4-3 win on Saturday.

Jasa Jenko's goal with 7:19 left in the game got Dallas within a goal, but they were not able to come up with the tying goal against Jr. Thunder goaltender Bronson Sudberry.

Wracker's goal was his second of the game and held up as the game-winner. He finished off a nice centering feed from Brett Cameron, one-timing the puck between the pads of Dallas goalie Kyle Plantz (24 saves).

Sudberry stopped 23 of 24 shots through the first two periods and finished the game with 29 saves.

Dallas 9, Wichita 1 – Five goals in a span of 14:48 in the second period – two of them off the stick of Gasper Konc – propelled the Snipers to a 9-1 win on Sunday.

Kasten Portell scored the first two goals of the game for Dallas – the first one 1:02 into the first period and the second at 2:04 of the second.

Konc and Portell each scored twice, but Hunter Best (1-3-4) and Michael Fatta (0-4-4) here the high-scorers in the game for the Snipers.

Carson Weingartner finally got the Jr. Thunder on the board in the final minute of the second period but it was already too late.

Weingartner was the only player to beat Snipers goalie Alexander Aleshkin, who stopped 15 of 16 shots.

Oklahoma City Blazers @ Northern Colorado Eagles

The Northern Colorado Eagles may be the toughest fourth-place team in the WSHL. The Eagles played Oklahoma City tough all weekend. Northern Colorado benefitted from strong goaltending from Marshall Murphy through the entire series, and did not allow the Blazers to wear them down, saving their best for last and posting a comeback win on Sunday.

Oklahoma City 6, Northern Colorado 3 – Vitalii Mikhailov scored the first and last goal of the game, and Stephane Doering had a goal and three assists as the Oklahoma City Blazers defeated the Northern Colorado Eagles, 6-3, on Friday.

Marshall Murphy made 44 saves for the Eagles in a losing effort.

Oklahoma City 6, Northern Colorado 3 – Mark Revniaga's goal in the final minute of the first period gave the Eagles a 3-2 lead at the first intermission, but the Blazers tied the game in the second period, then added three more in the third period for a 6-3 win.

Bobby Cloutier stopped 45 of 48 shots for OKC. Murphy made 43 saves for the Eagles.

Northern Colorado 3, Oklahoma City 2 – The Eagles battled back from a 2-0 deficit to post a 3-2 win on Sunday. Jacob Elik scored the decisive goal with 3:25 left in the third period and Murphy (42 saves) made it hold up.

Off a faceoff in the Blazers zone, Sean McMahon used a quick stick to strip an OKC defender and quickly slid a backhand pass to the front of the net where Elik was able to direct it on net, then convert his own rebound for the winning goal.

Goals early in each of the first two periods had Oklahoma City in front 2-0 late in the second period when Nikita Sheberov put NoCo on the board. Elik made a strong play coming out of the left corner, bringing the puck into traffic at the front of the OKC net. He wasn't able to bury his shot, but Sheberov was there to lift the puck into the net.

Jarret Marks tied it up at the 5:25 mark of the third, beating Cloutier, who made 40 saves for OKC.

Hinton Wildcats @ Meadow Lake Mustangs

Meadow Lake 3, Hinton 1 – Noah Finlay stopped 40 of 41 shots to keep the Hinton Wildcats at bay and the Meadow Lake Mustangs scored one goal in each period for a 3-1 win at Meadow Lake Saturday.

Max Sturko scored with 2:41 left in the first period to tie the game, 1-1, at the first intermission, but goals by Justin Hebert in the second period, and Tobie Opikokew in the third propelled, the Mustangs to a big win over the team directly ahead of them in the Provincial Division standings.

Tylin Cameron assisted on both the game-winner and the insurance goal.

Hinton goalie Max Gaudet made 30 of his 37 saves over the final two periods.

Edson Aeros @ Cold Lake Wings

Edson 8, Cold Lake 2 – The Edson Aeros broke the game open with four goals in the second period and went on to defeat the Cold Lake Wings, 8-2, in Cold Lake Saturday behind two goals each from Emil Johansson Kevin Lundin.

Johansson also had a pair of assists in the game, both coming in the first :29 of the third period on goals by Lundin and Sebastian Heden.

Ilias Okemow and Lare Pahtayken scored for Cold Lake.

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