

# WSHL WEEKEND WRAP-UP; February 27- March 3, 2019



## **Long Beach Bombers @ Bellingham Blazers**

In a series between two division leaders, the results were all over the place. The opener went to overtime, the road team won Game Two in a rout, then the home team rallied to shut them out the next day. In the end, the Long Beach Bombers claimed five of nine points against the Blazers in Bellingham.

**Long Beach 5, Bellingham 4** – Thursday night in Bellingham, Tomas Urbanec scored his third goal of the game on a penalty shot with :14 left in overtime to give the Long Beach Bombers a 5-4 win over the Blazers.

With time winding down in sudden-death OT, Urbanec stripped the puck off the stick of a Blazer skater along the boards in the neutral zone and skated in alone on the Bellingham net. He was taken down from behind, resulting in a penalty shot.

Urbanec skated in slowly, moving from right to left and burying a shot low to the stick side to give the Bombers a dramatic win.

Urbanec's first two goals of the game came in the first period, giving the Bombers a 2-0 lead, but Bellingham came out flying in the second period. They scored three unanswered goals in the middle frame to go up 3-2, and extended the lead to two goals before the Bombers came back to tie.

Emil Karlsson's goal with 1:09 left in the game tied the game and forced overtime. Gennady Malashenko emerged from the left corner with the puck and slid the puck back to Karlsson at the blue line. He took a stride forward and fired a slap shot that went in low to the glove side.

Jamahl Eakett scored twice for Bellingham and Blazers goalie Ed Coffey stopped the first three shots he faced in sudden-death, giving him 34 saves in the game, before allowing the game-winner on the penalty shot.

**Long Beach 13, Bellingham 1** – A win is a win, but a day after needing overtime to claim victory, the Bombers blew out the Blazers by a dozen goals, 13-1.

Malashenko and Erik Sillerstrom each scored four goals and Malashenko also picked up four assists for an eight-point game which was matched by Artem Korolev (1-7-8).

Long Beach scored eight times on 23 shots in the second period.

Brayden Harper was the only Blazer to get a puck past Long Beach goalie Domenic Bosetti (30 saves), scoring the Bellingham goal in the first period.

**Bellingham 4, Long Beach 0** – The Blazers did a complete 180 on Saturday as Jack Walsh kicked out all 29 Long Beach shots to lead the Blazers to a 4-0 win 24 hours after getting blown out by 12 goals.

Timothy Prexler's goal midway through the first period was the only scoring over the first two periods.

Jamahl Eakett scored a huge goal 2:22 into the third period to give the Blazers a 2-0 lead.

With the Blazers on the power play, and Eakett working the left point, he fired a low shot/pass towards the far post looking for a tip, but the puck went in off a Long Beach defender to make it 2-0 Bellingham.

Eakett added a second goal with :12 left in the game, making a tremendous individual effort to carry the puck down the left side of the ice past three Bombers and one-handing a backhand shot into the net while holding of a defender.

### **West Sound Admirals @ Seattle Totems**

**Seattle 11, West Sound 0** – Linus Eriksson and Temirlan Skindirov each scored hat tricks as the Seattle Totems kicked off a busy weekend with an 11-0 pasting of the West Sound Admirals Thursday.

Rustam Kulizade (9 saves) and Wyatt Monear (3) split the shutout in the Totems net and Seattle's Michael Shippee (1-3-4) scored a game-high four points.

### **Ontario Avalanche vs. Valencia Flyers** (home-and-home)

The fourth- and fifth-place teams in the Western Division – quite possibly on a collision course for a first-round playoff series – split a home-and-home series with the road team winning both games. Fourth-place Ontario needed a shootout to win at Valencia, so the fifth-place Flyers claimed four of six points. That closes the gap between the two teams to 10 points with Valencia holding two games in hand.

**Ontario 7 @ Valencia 6 (SO)** – Friday night in Valencia, the Flyers rallied from a 6-4 deficit to force overtime, but the Ontario Avalanche prevailed 7-6 in an eight-round shootout.

Valencia's Mason Churpek and Samuel Sabos scored in the final 6:37 of regulation time to get the game to sudden-death, but Declan Curtis scored in the eighth round of the shootout to give the Avs the win.

David (2-2-4) and Daniel (0-4-4) Baranek each had four points for the Avalanche.

**Valencia 4 @ Ontario 3** – The Flyers let a 3-1 lead get away from them on Saturday, but Danylo Moroz scored the game-winning goal with 3:32 remaining in the third period to give Valencia a big 4-3 road win.

With the game tied late in regulation, Ontario had the Flyers pinned in their own end for a stretch, but Moroz won a defensive zone faceoff that led to Valencia breaking the puck out.

Mason Churpek skated the puck out into the neutral zone, then hit Dominik Knap with a long cross-ice pass. Knap stopped just inside the Ontario blue line along with right boards as Moroz skated hard to the net, then sent a pass right onto his tape that Moroz re-directed up into the top right corner of the net.

Churpek collected his third assist of the game on the play.

Knap scored in the final minute of the first period to tie the game, 1-1, and also later in the second to give the Flyers a 3-1 lead.

Brooks Dimarino was between the pipes for the Flyers. He stopped 14 of 15 shots in the second period, allowing the Flyers to build a two-goal lead, and finished the game with 25 saves in all.

### **Meadow Lake Mustangs @ Hinton Wildcats**

The Meadow Lake Mustangs headed into Hinton trying to send a message to the Wildcats, who they will face in the Provincial Division Semifinals later this month, but it was Hinton defending home ice with a pair of wins by an aggregate score of 19-8.

**Hinton 11, Meadow Lake 4** – The Hinton Wildcats opened up a 7-2 lead with four unanswered goals in the second period and cruised to an 11-4 win over the Meadow Lake Mustangs Thursday night.

Nine different Hinton skaters lit the lamp in the game, but Dorian Hall (2-3-5) and Noah Kwasny (1-4-5) led the charge for the Wildcats.

Meadow Lake goaltender Scott Danylak made 45 of his 61 saves over the final two periods and Tobie Opikokew scored three of the four Mustangs goals.

**Hinton 8, Meadow Lake 4** – Hinton reinforced their effort the previous night with an 8-4 win on Friday. Hinton goaltender Max Gaudet stopped 31 of 33 shots through the first two periods to keep Meadow Lake at bay as the Wildcats built a comfortable lead.

Noah Finlay made 50 saves for the Mustangs – 38 of them over the final two periods.

Veaceslav Pinin (2-2-4) and Dalton Eagle Bear each scored a pair of goals for the Wildcats.

### **West Sound Admirals @ Southern Oregon Spartans**

The West Sound Admirals saw their losing streak reach 12 games with three straight road losses to the team directly ahead of them in the Northwest Division standings, the Southern Oregon Spartans.

**Southern Oregon 10, West Sound 0** – Axel Low scored three goals, assisted on two others, and Chris O'Shaughnessy posted a 23-save shutout as the Southern Oregon Spartans opened the series with a 10-0 win over the West Sound Admirals.

Logan Emery (2-2-4) and Jan Sokolik each scored twice but it was Eric Vanderhoff (1-5-6) who led the Spartans attack with six points.

Noah Bird went the distance in the West Sound net, making 40 saves.

**Southern Oregon 6, West Sound 3** – West Sound's Josh Breznik made 40 saves to keep Saturday's game closer, but the Spartans prevailed with a 6-3 win.

Eric Vanderhoff scored twice for Southern Oregon and Artem Popov scored the game-winning goal plus two assists.

Twice, the Spartans took a one-goal lead in the first period, and twice the Admirals tied it back up, but Vojtech Svoboda's goal 6:34 into the second period gave Southern Oregon a lead they would not surrender.

Just after a Spartan power play expired, Popov skated the puck out of the Southern Oregon end and attempted to make a long cross-ice pass. The puck was deflected and Popov followed it up, using his body to push the puck down the wall past an Admirals defender. He worked his way loose and skated deep into West Sound end before finding Svoboda in the slot was a pass. Svoboda's one-timer found the net and put the Spartans up, 3-2.

Ian Hoffman scored twice for West Sound.

**Southern Oregon 8, West Sound 1** – Sunday's series finale was close for two periods, but the Spartans broke out with five unanswered goals in the third period for an 8-1 win.

Axel Low scored three times for the Spartans and goalie Chris O'Shaughnessy allowed just one of 28 shots to get past him.

**San Diego Sabers @ Seattle Totems**

In an evenly-matched inter-division series, the Seattle Totems won on home ice Friday, but the San Diego Sabers – in desperate need of points in the Western Division race – posted huge road wins Saturday and Sunday to stay seven points ahead of Ontario.

**Seattle 6, San Diego 5** – The Seattle Totems saw a three-goal lead shrink to one, but they held on for a 6-5 win over the San Diego Sabers on Friday.

Alec Johnson gave the Totems a 6-3 lead at the 5:37 mark of the third period and that goal would hold up as the game-winner.

Johnson collected an outlet pass in the neutral zone, skated across the San Diego blue line down to the left faceoff dot and fired a low shot just inside the far post to give the Totes a three-goal lead.

Seattle's Tom Ignatovich scored the first goal of both the first and second periods.

**San Diego 4, Seattle 2** – The Totems broke the ice on Saturday, but the Sabers scored the next three goals and rallied for a 4-2 win behind Jakub Vesely's two-goal game.

Seattle scored late in the second period to get back within a goal, but Vesely scored the only goal of the final frame, and Aaron Parsons (27 saves) preserved the road win for San Diego.

With just under eight minutes to go in the game, and the Totems continuing to press for the tying goal...Seattle was aggressive on the ensuing power play, sending all four players into the San Diego zone to forecheck after Parsons made a big save on a two-on-one. Tyler Balok was able to skate the puck out of danger, however. He carried the puck through the neutral zone and handed it off the Vesely at the Seattle blue line. Vesely moved laterally, waiting for traffic to go to the net, then rifled a high shot through the crowd and into the net.

Linus Eriksson scored both Seattle goals.

**San Diego 6, Seattle 3** – The Sabers rallied from a 2-1 deficit in the first period, scoring the next four goals and winning the rubber match of the series, 6-3.

San Diego's Aleksis Leskinen scored twice in the first period and capped off his hat trick with 1:28 left in the game, finishing off a nice two-on-one with Vesely.

The Totems were pressing, down two goals, but the puck popped out of the Sabers zone and Vesely and Leskinen took off up ice and produced the goal that put the game away for San Diego.

Vesely had a goal and three assists in the game.

Sabers goalie Marshall McKallip gave up a pair of goals early in the game, but recovered to stop 22 of 23 shots over the final two periods to backstop the comeback.

### **Casper Bobcats @ Oklahoma City Blazers**

The Oklahoma City Blazers posted a three-game sweep over the visiting Casper Bobcats to move within four points of the first-place El Paso Rhinos in the Mid-Western Division, but two of the three games were very close so it was a series that the Bobcats can take some positives out of...

**Oklahoma City 3, Casper 1** – The Oklahoma City Blazers scored three times in a span of 3:41 late in the first period and Owen Liskiewicz (14 saves) made it hold up in a 3-1 OKC win.

Casper goaltender Henry Deenee (???) Saves) prevented the Blazers from building on their lead, stopping everything over the final 43:35...

Daniel Silar ruined Liskiewicz' shutout with just :21 left on the clock.

**Oklahoma City 11, Casper 1**– Stephane Doering's second goal of the game :29 seconds into the second period seemed to open the floodgates as the Blazers scored four times in the second period, and five times in the third, of an 11-1 win over Casper on Saturday.

Vitalii Mikhailov (2-3-5) and Harri Kroll (2-1-3) also had two-goal games for OKC and Xavier Garneau made 14 saves for the Blazers.

Trevor Roehrig ruined Garneau's shutout bid at the 7:13 mark of the third period, but the Bobcats were already down, 8-0, at that point.

Casper's Kayne Pasquet made 50 saves.

**Oklahoma City 2, Casper 0** – Ludwig Nordqvist made 44 saves to keep the Casper in Sunday's game, but the Bobcats did not give him any goal support in a 2-0 Blazers win on Sunday.

Nathan Inniss scored in the final minute of the first period and Jeremy Van Dyke netted an insurance goal with just under five minutes to go in the game.

Until that point, the Bobcats were right in the game, but they could not get anything past Garneau, who made 12 saves to record his fourth shutout of the season.

### **Cheyenne Stampede @ Ogden Mustangs**

The Cheyenne Stampede wrapped up their regular season in Ogden, facing the Mustangs who won their 42nd, 43th and 44th games of the season.

**Ogden 10, Cheyenne 2** – The Ogden Mustangs scored six times and rolled to a 10-2 win over the Cheyenne Stampede on Friday.

Rhett Rampinelli (2-2-4), Ammon Anderson and Matthew Thielemann scored two goals apiece.

Cheyenne goaltender Brendan Carew made 29 of his 61 saves in the first period.

Hakan Salt and Adrian Dookie scored the Stampede goals.

**Ogden 9, Cheyenne 0** – Harry Gulliver scored twice and Alexander Nerverve (12 saves) posted the shutout as the Mustangs won by a 9-0 score on Saturday.

Ogden's lead was only 2-0 until the 4:04 mark of the second period, but they built momentum as the game wore on, scoring three times in the second and four more in the third.

Eight different Mustangs skaters dented the twine in the game, including Rampinelli, who scored his 50th of the season.

**Ogden 9, Cheyenne 1** – Rampinelli scored three goals and assisted on two others as the Mustangs completed the sweep with a 9-1 win on Sunday.

Ammon Anderson (2-3-5) matched Rampinelli's five-point game and John Shively (2-1-3) also scored a pair.

Hakan Salt scored the Cheyenne goal and Jacob Hough made 11 saves on 12 shots for Ogden.

### **Utah Outliers @ Steamboat Wranglers**

The Utah Outliers dominated the Steamboat Wranglers in three straight games in the penultimate week of regular season play for both teams. With Cheyenne's losses in Ogden, however, the Wranglers clinched a fourth-place finish in the Mountain Division, meaning they will host the Stampede in a first-round playoff series in two weeks.

**Utah 9, Steamboat 1** – Steamboat goalie Jordan Belley kept the Wranglers in the game early, but the Utah Outliers broke the game open with five goals in the second period of a 9-1 win on Friday evening.

Eight different Utah skaters scored goals in the game, including Nicholas Ness, who scored twice.

Zach Dornsiefer collected five assists and Charles-Olivier Lepage stopped 17 of 18 shots for the Outliers.

**Utah 11, Steamboat 2** – Utah lit the lamp six times in the opening period on Saturday and cruised to an 11-2 win.

With the Outliers already up, 4-0, Jeremy Landers, Jr. put the Wranglers on the board with 2:04 left in the first period. Steamboat was not able to parlay that goal into any momentum, however, as Utah scored two more quick goals before the end of the period.

Ness, Kaeden Meuer and Miroslav Hradecky all scored twice in the game for Utah and Oscar Wahlgren made 14 saves.

In the Steamboat crease, Blake Reinert made 39 saves through the first two periods, before giving way to Ian Young (18 saves) to play the final frame.

**Utah 13, Steamboat 2** – The Outliers did not take their foot off the gas Sunday, closing out the series with a 13-2 win. Utah got four goals from Ness, three from Bryan Watters, and two apiece from Zach Dornseifer (2-3-5) and Jan Dvorak.

Wranglers goals were scored by Tyrell Bourk and Sebastian Culver and Chayo Goodwin went the distance in the Steamboat net, making 48 saves.

### **Cold Lake Wings @ Edson Aeros**

**Edson 7, Cold Lake 3** – The Edson Aeros scored four unanswered goals – three of them in a span of 2:05 – to break a 3-3 tie in the third period and defeat the Cold Lake Wings, 7-3, Friday night in Edson.

Emil Johansson's second goal of the game, at the 6:49 mark of the third period, broke the tie and held up as the game-winner.

A prolonged stretch of possession by the Aeros in the Cold Lake zone led to the Wings taking a penalty. On the ensuing power play, Kevin Lundin kept a puck in at the right point and slid it down to Sebastian Heden high on the half wall. Heden skated towards the net, selling a shot from the right circle, before firing a crisp pass to Johansson at the far post for the tap-in.

It was Johansson's league-leading 63rd goal of the season.

The Wings were still within a goal, but Aeros goalie Liam Austin would not give up the lead, stopping all 11 shots he faced in the final period, giving him 28 saves in all.

Meadow Lake netminder Jerimiah Clarke made 58 saves in the game, stopping 40 of 43 shots through the first 40 minutes of the game, but he could not keep the Aeros snipers at bay all game.

Lundin, Quinten Stempfel and Heden scored in rapid succession to put the game away from Edson.

### **Dallas Snipers @ Northern Colorado Eagles**

In a very tightly-contested series between the third- and fourth-place teams in the Mid-Western Division, the Northern Colorado Eagles took two wins and five of a possible nine points from the Dallas Snipers, who claimed one win and four points.

**Northern Colorado 3, Dallas 2** – Mark Revniaga scored two goals, including the game-winner, as the Northern Colorado Eagles held on for a 3-2 win over the Dallas Snipers Friday night in Greely, CO.

Revniaga's second goal of the game came with 2:04 left in the second period and gave the Eagles a 3-1 lead. With Northern Colorado operating on the man-advantage, the Eagles executed a quick breakout that resulted in Revniaga cutting to the net on a two-on-one with Reese Tambellini. Tambellini put a pass right in his wheelhouse and Revniaga one-timed the puck into the net that came back out with such force that the goal judge did not see it go in. Play continued for over a minute before the on-ice officials huddled up at the next stoppage and awarded NoCo the goal.

That goal, controversial or not, was vital as it would be the last puck to get past Dallas netminder Alexander Aleshkin (30 saves).

Eric Eaton scored an extra attacker goal for Dallas with 1:37 to go in the game to make it interesting, but Marshall Murphy (29 saves) and the Eagles held on for a 3-2 win.

Four Snipers attacked the Eagles net and created a scramble in front. Eaton came in trailing the play and knocked a loose puck into the net as he fell to the ice in the slot, sliding into the net but only after the puck entered, giving Dallas a lift but it was too late.

**Northern Colorado 3, Dallas 2 (SO)** – The second game of the series on Saturday finished with the same final score, but it was an epic goaltending battle between Murphy (45 saves) and Northern Colorado's Kyle Plantz (60 saves) that the Eagles won in a shootout.

The Eagles scored twice in a span of 1:39 early in the second period to take a 2-1 lead. They were the only two pucks to get past Plantz in 65 minutes of game play.

Just over two minutes later, Axel Orongan scored for Dallas to tie it up, but that would be the last puck to get past Murphy as the two teams battled through 38:19 of scoreless hockey with the game tied, 2-2.

Northern Colorado out-shot Dallas, 5-4, in a scoreless sudden-death period, leading to the shootout.

The first two Eagles shooters, Revniaga and Cameron Braun, beat Plantz and Murphy stopped all four shooters he faced to close out the SOW for Northern Colorado.

**Dallas 5, Northern Colorado 1** – Jasa Jenko and Leo Seitaj each scored twice and Alexander Aleshkin stopped 45 of 46 shots as Dallas avoided a sweep with a 5-1 win in Sunday's series finale.

Bryce Cowley made 34 of his 41 saves in the first two periods for the Eagles.

Selitaj scored the first two goals of the game, midway through the first period, and 4:10 into the second.

### **Fresno Monsters @ Valencia Flyers**

**Valencia 4, Fresno 0** – The Fresno Monsters, playing their first game in (00) days, were unable to shake off the rust and fell were shut out 4-0 by Mack Willy and the Flyers in Valencia Saturday night.

The first period went by without any scoring as Tyler Mathews (33 saves) looked as sharp as Willy, but the Flyers got on the board 2:57 into the second period and doubled their lead about four minutes later.

Fresno went on a power play with 4:54 to go in the game but could not convert. Valencia cleared the puck out of their zone as the penalty to expired and Danylo Moroz stepped out of the penalty box and in on a breakaway. Moroz was denied by the right pad of Mathews, but he collected the puck at the side of the net and fed it out to Joseph Aguirre who scored to give the Flyers a 3-0 lead with 2:45 remaining, putting the game away.

Valencia's Danylo Moroz scored his 47th goal of the season, leaving him one short of the franchise record for goals in a season. He also added a pair of assists.

### **Cold Lake Wings @ Hinton Wildcats**

**Hinton 5, Cold Lake 1** – Cold Lake drew first blood 1:35 into the game, but that was the only puck they would get past Avery Heath (35 saves) as the Hinton Wildcats rallied for a 5-1 win over the Wings.

Five different skaters scored for the Wildcats, including Noah Kwasny, Brendan Auger and Veaceslav Pinin, who all added assists.

Jerimiah Clarke continued a busy week in the Cold Lake crease, making 47 saves.

The Wings were unable to build any momentum following the early goal by Conor Frith.

### **Meadow Lake Mustangs @ Edson Aeros**

**Edson 9, Meadow Lake 0** – Eight different Aeros scored and Liam Austin handled all 22 shots he faced in a 9-0 Edson win over the visiting Meadow Lake Mustangs on Saturday.

Sebastian Heden was the only Edson player to put the puck in the net more than once. Nathan Gottselig had a goal and four assists.

Heden added to his league-leading points total (now 58-74-132) and, while 63-goal scorer Emil Johansson did not score a goal in the game, he did dish out four assists.

### **Fresno Monsters @ Ontario Avalanche**

**Ontario 5, Fresno 1** – Ontario goalie Connor Duffy lost his shutout with just under four minutes to go, but his 29-save effort backstopped the Avalanche to a 5-1 win over the Fresno Monsters on Sunday.

Nicholas Abernathy scored twice for the Avs while David Baranek and Logan Corrigan each tallied a goal and two assists.

The Monsters stayed close for almost two periods, but goals by Daniel and David Baranek in the final minute of the second period gave Ontario a lift heading into the second intermission.

Maxim Gorshkov scored the Fresno goal with 3:53 left in the game, ruining Duffy's shutout bid.

Max Karlenzig made 34 saves for Fresno.

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