

WSHL WEEKLY NOTES 03.08.19 – PROVINCIAL DIVISION



WSHL standings are expressed W-L-OTW-OTL (“W” and “L” represent regulation wins and losses; shootouts are included in overtime results). Three points are awarded for a regulation win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss.

COLD LAKE WINGS (4-33-2-2, 18 pts)

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Friday night at Imperial Oil Place, the Cold Lake Wings will get their final opportunity to face the Edson Aeros before the two teams face off in a Provincial Division Semifinal series starting March 22.

It will give Cold Lake one more chance to scout the division’s top team and probe them for weaknesses.

The Wings have yet to defeat the Aeros in any of their 11 previous meetings, so they will be looking for any positives that they can take out of the game.

Dylan Tonks has scored 16 goals in 10 games since joining the Cold Lake lineup. The Wings have managed to produce 36 goals in those 10 games (3.6 per game). They were scoring at a rate of 2.9 goals per game without him.

With his nine assists, Tonks has figured in 25 of 36 goals (69.4%) that Cold Lake has scored.

The Wings will wrap up their regular season schedule next week with a home-and-home series against the Meadow Lake Mustangs.

EDSON AEROS (33-6-1-1, 102 pts)

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With their win over Meadow Lake on Sunday, the Edson Aeros surpassed the 100-point mark on the season. With 102 points they are seventh in the WSHL overall but, with the Provincial Division teams playing fewer games, they are actually second in terms of percentage of points collected (.829), trailing only Ogden (.931).

The only player with an opportunity to catch Sebastian Heden (59-81-140) for the league scoring title would be line mate Emil Johansson (70-64-134).

With four games remaining, both players have a chance to write their names into the WSHL record books. Just a year ago, Daylon Mannon of the Fresno Monsters set the league mark for both goals (75) and points (150).

That means Heden needs just 11 points to set a new mark for points and, if Johansson can score six goals over the final four games, the league record for goals in a season will belong to him.

As a team, Edson has scored 293 goals on the season – second only to Ogden but, again, using goals-per-game to adjust for playing fewer games, the Aeros are the most prolific offensive team in the league at 7.15 goals/game to Ogden's 6.52.

HINTON WILDCATS (22-16-1-2, 70 pts)

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A pair of wins over Meadow Lake last week, by scores of 11-4 and 8-4, has to be a confidence boost for the Hinton Wildcats as they look towards a best-of-three Provincial Division Semifinal series against the Mustangs in two week's time.

The Wildcats had lost their previous two head-to-head meetings with Meadow Lake, so it was important to re-establish themselves against their playoff opponent.

Hinton visits Meadow Lake on Friday for their final meeting of the regular season, so they will want to make sure they don't allow the momentum to swing back the other way.

After a three-game point drought, Hinton's top scorer Brendan Auger has 10 points (5-5-10) over his last six games.

Only three defenseman in the entire WSHL have put up more points than Noah Kwasny 53 (15-38-53); that would be Axel Low of Southern Oregon (27-47-74), San Diego's Kare Kankovsky (23-48-71) and Dominic Loubert (9-47-56) of the Oklahoma City Blazers.

MEADOW LAKE MUSTANGS (11-29-1-1, 35 pts)

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The Meadow Lake Mustangs will play three of their final four regular season games at home beginning with Hinton (Friday) and Edson (Saturday).

Meadow Lake's leading scorer Shane Hounsell was kept off the scoresheet in both games against Edson last weekend. It is only the second time this season he has been held without a point in back-to-back games. Hounsell has put up 62 points (28-34-62) in just 28 games since making his Mustangs debut on November 17.

Erik Ehrmantraut has points in eight of his last nine games, producing 13 points (3-10-13) in that span. A Saskatoon native, Ehrmantraut played in Southern California the last two seasons with the Valencia Flyers and Long Beach Bombers before also returning to Western Canada in November after playing just one game with Long Beach.

If Ehrmantraut can score two more goals over the final four games, that will give the Mustangs six double-digit goal-scorers.

Meadow Lake netminders Scott Danylak and Noah Finlay have remarkably similar numbers. Finlay has played in 24 games, facing 601 shots while Danylak has faced 610 shots in 23 games.

Both goalies have identical .867 save percentages.

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