

Weekend Recap



FRESNO MONSTERS VS. SOUTHERN OREGON SPARTANS

The Fresno Monsters extended their first place lead in the Western Division with three wins over the Southern Oregon Spartans. The clubs opened the series at the Gateway Ice Center before the series shifted to Selland Arena—season debut at Selland Arena for the Monsters.

Fresno improves to four straight wins and Southern Oregon stretches their winless streak to 14 games.

Fresno Monsters 8, Southern Oregon Spartans 2

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Petr Philippov, Zackory Turpin, and George Leech scored two goals each to leave the Spartans behind while Sebastian Nilsson made 33 of 35 stops for his second win of the season.

Fresno scored first with four minutes elapsed in the game and made it 2-0 with 30-seconds left in the opening frame. Tristan Baker scored the game-winner at 16:36 of the second period as the Spartans were able to get on the board twice.

Marom Avraham cut the Fresno lead down to two when he scored at 14:54 of the second. The Monsters weren't swayed and Philippov dealt the timely response to re-gain the three-goal lead.

Dalton Chaney, Southern Oregon's second scorer, inched the Spartans back to within two before Fresno went four unanswered in the third period.

Fresno Monsters 10, Southern Oregon Spartans 4

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Petr Philippov's hat-trick, along with multiple goal performances by two others, cleared the Monsters from the Spartans in Fresno's first game back at Selland Arena. The Spartans were able to double their scoring but weren't as defensively sound to limit Fresno.

Competing hat-trick's would insinuate a very close match, however, the Spartan's Andrew Rothmeier's hat-trick carried less weight when it followed seven straight Fresno goals.

The Spartans spoiled the Selland Arena debut getting on the board twice in the first four minutes with a goal from Pavel Bykov and Rothmeier. Philippov sparked the scoring frenzy response at 2:43 of the first and persisted until 8:48 of the second.

Fresno Monsters 11, Southern Oregon Spartans 3

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Fresno completed the weekend sweep thanks to a hat-trick from Mikhail Gavrilenko and goals from six additional skaters. Like in the previous two games, the Spartans could get on the board but just didn't pack the punch defensively to fend off Fresno's attempts.

Gavrilenko gave the Monsters a two-goal lead at 14:03 and 13:42 of the first frame. They weren't able to take the lead into the locker rooms as Southern Oregon's Mark Phillips cut it to 1-2 at 7:44. Less than a minute into the second period, Fresno started on five straight goals and took the 7-1 lead into the third frame.

Pavel Bykov and Artur Chirkov took two back for the Spartans in the third period but Jayden Pasillas didn't allow any more to secure his second win of the season.

EL PASO RHINOS VS. PUEBLO BULLS

The El Paso Rhinos suffered back-to-back losses for the first time this season but avoided the broom with a win on Sunday afternoon. The Bulls snapped a three game losing streak with their win on Friday night. Pueblo defeats the Rhinos for the first time in six games.

El Paso Rhinos 2, Pueblo Bulls 4

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Since joining the Pueblo Bulls, John Henderson has registered seven points in six games, including the game-winning goal in this one.

Henry Denee goal-tended to his seventh win of the season while Sawyer Schmidt endured only his second loss.

Pueblo's Connor Whittington scored the only goal in the first period and they extended the lead to two when Wyatt Andres scored in the second. Rarely down in the score, Jonathan Gullstedt and Sebastian Jovicic combined to get the Rhinos back at 2-2.

Henderson issued the game-winning blow shortly after that before Milan Breczko concluded the night at 4-2.

El Paso Rhinos 4, Pueblo Bulls 5(OT)

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El Paso pushed Pueblo to the brink coming back from two-goal deficits on two occasions, but Kaleb Lone's overtime game-winner officially delivered the Rhinos its first consecutive loss of the season.

John Henderson pushed his own narrative with two more goals in Game 2 while leading scorer, Ondrej Blaha, led with four points. The clubs split four goals in the first period to give the crowd at Pueblo Ice Arena thrilling second and third periods.

Henderson lit the lamp first and Dane Whittet made it 2-0 for the Bulls. El Paso converted on two special teams goals to even the game, including a short-handed goal from newly acquired Marcus Ohlsson-Ornelius.

Of note, Ohlsson-Ornelius has three points in three games since being acquired from last place Wichita Jr. Thunder.

The Bulls regained the two-goal lead with a goal from Wyatt Andres and Henderson's second at 6:08 of the middle period. Leave it to the Rhinos to find a way to stay in it as Dominic Erdt and Easton Easterson scored to make it 4-4.

El Paso Rhinos 3, Pueblo Bulls 2

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The Rhinos required tying efforts on two occasions, yet again, but were able to seal the victory with a game-winner from Noah Janisch at 5:34 of the third stanza. Sawyer Schmidt negated the sweep with 24 saves and earned his 12th win of the season—tied for first in the WSHL.

John Henderson scored two more goals, five in his last three games, and was the only scorer for the Bulls who were significantly out-chanced in the game.

The Rhinos found themselves behind but Dylan Fontaine and Sebastian Jovicic presented the tying efforts for the Rhinos who did not want a repeat of Saturday.

El Paso has a considerable lead in the standings and are still 16-points clear of second place Oklahoma City.

LAS VEGAS THUNDERBIRDS VS. UTAH OUTLIERS



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The visiting Las Vegas Thunderbirds picked up a road win in Utah as the Outliers skate to two of three wins in the weekend. Although they lost Game 2 of the series at a different rink, the Outliers technically still only have one loss at the Acord Ice Center.

Las Vegas Thunderbirds 1, Utah Outliers 4

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Ethan Knudsen got free from his man and beat Rhett Bruckner on the break away to give Utah the game-winning goal at 9:14 of the second. Oscar Wahlgren was strong in making 23 saves to make the victory possible against the Outlier's second Western Division opponent of the season.

Although Las Vegas was outshot in the first frame by almost double their amount, they were able to get Utah on its heels with the opening goal from Anthony Rodriguez at 3:31.

Utah tightened the vice-grip after the opening frame holding the Thunderbirds to only three shots. Vegas's inability to produce quality chances did not couple well with the concerted effort presented by four different Outliers who got on the board.

Jakub Lelek's power play goal at 15:47 of the second stanza tied it and got the night started for Utah. Shortly there after, Knudsen netted the game-winner; Austin Heinrich and Ben Doherty added the insurance goals.

Las Vegas Thunderbirds 3, Utah Outliers 2

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Tomas Urbanec zipped through the Utah zone on the right wing and fed a well-positioned Joseph Wheeler who deflected the centering feed into the net for the game-winner.

Rhett Bruckner stopped 29 of 31 shots securing his fifth win of the season.

The Thunderbirds earned an important road win against a top team and avoid being swept by another Northwest Division opponent.

Vegas scored first for the second night in a row with a short-handed goal from Joseph Terrana at 14:08 of the first. Utah remained the higher shooting team and the frequent production came to fruition as Austin Heinrich tied it 1-1.

Ben Doherty gave Utah their only lead at 11:20 of the second stanza and the game would transition into the third frame with Utah up 2-1. Emil Svartbro's unassisted tally at 19:19 put Las Vegas in the position to steal the win.

Las Vegas Thunderbirds 1, Utah Outliers 2

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Luke Parry was the Sunday Savior when he scored the game-winner to continue the Outliers' dominant home record at the Acord Ice Center. Micah Hershey made 19 saves in the winning effort. He had to acclimate to a busier second half of the game after only facing three shots in the first.

Utah took the opening goal initiative this time when Tristan Slot scored within the first minute of play.

Las Vegas could not convert on a tying bid until the final minute of the second period. It was Emil Svartbro who converted to make it 1-1.

Both clubs remain in second place of their respective divisions though the Thunderbirds are closer to first place Fresno, than Utah is to Ogden.

DALLAS SNIPERS VS. WICHITA JR. THUNDER

The Wichita Jr. Thunder avoided the sweep and escaped with a win on Saturday night at the Wichita Ice Center. Dallas took two of three games to reach 31 points in the season.

Dallas Snipers 7, Wichita Jr. Thunder 1

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Two goals from Jesper Lundqvist sandwiched by a Gasper Konc hat-trick sufficed for the road win. Alexander Aleshkin wasn't tested much but made 19 of 20 saves to deflect Wichita.

Quinn O'Reilly beat Aleshkin at 9:53 of the opening stanza to give Wichita the 1-0 lead. Aleshkin would ultimately lock it in, while the Snipers monopolized production limiting the Jr. Thunder to just six shots in the second and four in the third.

Blake Martin tied it 1-1, and scored his first goal as a member of the Snipers at 9:24 of the second. Konc and Lundqvist followed and combined to give Dallas a commanding 6-1 lead.

Dallas Snipers 4, Wichita Jr. Thunder 5(SO)

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Corey Steinberger put an end to what was a 12-round shootout and the Jr. Thunder's four game losing streak. Thien Gamble sent the game to overtime when he tied it 4-4 after Wichita dropped an initial three goal lead.

The Snipers were forced to play from behind as Talon Thomas and Hunter Warner made it 2-0 for the Jr. Thunder in the first. Gamble found his first of two goals and made it 3-0 at 17:05 of the middle period.

The Snipers were able to garner the grit to bounce back and got a boost from Konc and Bradley Richardson—who scored twice. Lundqvist's lone goal gave Dallas its only lead of the night at the 6-minute mark of the third.

Dallas Snipers 8, Wichita Jr. Thunder 1

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SEATTLE TOTEMS VS. BELLINGHAM BLAZERS

The Seattle Totems and Bellingham Blazers played a single game at Olympicview Arena and two games at Bellingham Sportsplex. Seattle moved on with three straight wins over their rival and put four points between them and Bellingham in the standings.

Seattle Totems 5, Bellingham Blazers 2

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Bellingham came from down a goal and took the 2-1 lead after Steven Brachert scored for Seattle. Cameron Waisman scored a hat-trick to mitigate the lead-drop and discern the Totems from the Blazers.

Bryson Rody found the game-winner at 5:13 of the second period prior to Waisman's two goals in the third.

Daniil Goryachev made 25 saves to give Seattle the edge. Although Bellingham's Sam Miland had a busy night making 40 saves, he couldn't get the help he needed from the Blazers.

Of note, Ricky Bredberg had an assist in three of the four final goals for Seattle.

Seattle Totems 2, Bellingham Blazers 1

https://stats.wshl.timetoscore.com/generate-scorecard.php?game_id=8466

Rustam Kulizade started in net for Seattle and stopped 43 shots to give the Totems a chance at two straight wins.

Cameron Waisman registered in the scoresheet with a goal and Albin Modin scored the game-winning goal at 5:45 of the second period.

The game was as deadlocked as can be in the first period with both Washington teams putting up 16 shots. Mitchell Trzebiatowski had an answer for Waisman's opening goal and made it 1-1 at 12:36 of the second.

Kulizade hasn't played in many games but finally won his first match of the season.

Seattle Totems 5, Bellingham Blazers 4

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Scoring was plentiful in Game 3 of the series as both clubs could string together succeeding goals in a game that had four lead changes. Five individual skaters for the Totems were able to provide the lift necessary to survive the Bellingham Blazers.

Jan Faltus made 31 saves to gain his third win of the season.

Although Milo Schneidmiller led all skaters with two goals, his side suffered the loss letting in two late goals in the third. Seattle connected on two consecutive power play opportunities in the second period, and that proved to be the decisive factor in the game. With a little more discipline, the Blazers may have saved themselves two goals against.

The Totems had taken a 3-1 lead after the two PP goals, but Bellingham worked to score three unanswered goals and overtook the score 4-3. Steven Brachert netted the game-tying goal at 14:22 of the third.

BARRHEAD BOMBERS VS. MEADOW LAKE MUSTANGS

BARRHEAD BOMBERS VS. COLD LAKE HORNETS

The Barrhead Bombers ended the weekend with a two-game split against the Cold Lake Hornets but were bested by the Meadow Lake Mustangs to start the weekend.

Barrhead Bombers 4 vs. Meadow Lake Mustangs 5

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Shane Hounsell had two timely goals to inspire a comeback after the Bombers started with the two-goal lead in the first frame. A very physical affair peaked at four straight goals from the Mustangs.

Raf Lambert Dodginghorse scored two goals while Mykyta Protsenko and Stran Backfat Redcrow had a goal each.

After the Mustangs scored four unanswered goals, Protsenko and Dodginghorse tied it 4-4. The third period featured only a single goal but it proved to be the game winner for Meadow Lake when Colten Deneron buried his second of night.

Barrhead Bombers 2, Cold Lake Hornets 3

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The Cold Lake Hornets are gaining ground on the three spot of the Provincial Division and inch closer with a win over the Bombers on Saturday.

The Hornets started the season in the least ideal way against the Bombers dropping three straight, but have since won their last three against them.

The Hornets were forced to tie the game twice and did so with a goal by Yauheni Lavrov at 3:59 of the second. The Bombers regained the lead quickly, subsequent to that action, but Anson Smith evened it for Cold Lake who has figured out the Bombers as of late.

Riley Rancier found the back of the net to win the game with exactly one minute remaining in the game.

Barrhead Bombers 6, Cold Lake Hornets 4

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The Barrhead Bombers broke a four game skid and found their first victory over the Cold Lake Hornets since defeating them on Oct. 19, also at the Energy Centre. Liam Donnelly made 37 saves to capture his first win of the season.

Anson Smith's Hat-Trick didn't push the Hornets past the Bombers who could count on six different goal scorers. Four additional Bombers registered multiple points while Aaron Hill was the only other Hornet to gain a goal.

Barrhead had its second best start to a game with the three-goal lead. Serhii Poimanov, Dmitro Kobylnyk, Wassim Saidani all connected to make it 3-0. The three-goal lead served as the buffer that cushioned Cold Lake's three goals in the second period.

Oleksandr Davydenko delivered the dagger at 10:37 of the third period to make it 5-3 before the Hornets found their fourth and final goal.

EDSON AEROS VS. MEADOW LAKE MUSTANGS

The Edson Aeros extended their win streak to 18 games. The Aeros are just two wins away from tying the Ogden Mustang's former 20 game win streak that ended recently. The win streak is impressive, but also humbling in the fact that they are barely three points ahead of second placed Hinton Timberwolves.

Edson Aeros 11, Meadow Lake Mustangs 2

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Edson Aeros 12, Meadow Lake Mustangs 0

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In Game 1, Niklas Froden scored four goals and Axel Sodergren led with five points to evade the Mustangs.

Edson started with three goals in the opening period but kept pushing to a 9-2 lead by the start of the third period.

In Game 2, the Aeros were even more lethal as they didn't allow even a single goal en route to a Gregory Smith shutout.

Mathew Rathbone scored a hat-trick, Antoine St-Onge, and Vojtech Svoboda both had two goals each.

With the losses, Meadow Lake is only two points clear of the trailing Hornets who are set on overtaking the three spot.

Gregory Smith won his 12th game of the season second shutout.

VALENCIA FLYERS VS. OGDEN MUSTANGS



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Valencia Flyers 1, Ogden Mustangs 10

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Valencia Flyers 2, Ogden Mustangs 13

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Valencia Flyers 0, Ogden Mustangs 11

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The Ogden Mustangs completed the weekend sweep and maintained their undefeated home record intact with 34 goals in three games, and a shutout in between.

The Mustangs got out to multiple goal leads in all three games leaving the flustered Flyers without any options. Valencia's best moment of the weekend came on back-to-back goals—from Lucas Demsar—in the opening minutes of the second period in Game 2.

Titan Anderson played to his sixth win of the season and secured his second shutout of the year, remaining undefeated in net.

Lucas Vacin scored four goals and five points in Game 1; Nico Hemming scored a hat-trick and five points to lead in Game 2; Harry Gulliver scored four goals in Game 3.

ONTARIO AVALANCHE VS. SAN DIEGO SABERS

Ontario Avalanche 0, San Diego Sabers 1

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Jonathan Kornreder put up 63 saves but the Ontario Avalanche could not crack Ludwig Nordqvist who was perfect through 48 shots. The Sabers scathed away with the narrowest of victories as Bradyn Barone netted the only goal at 6:27 of the second period.

The Avalanche were assessed a cross-checking penalty that gave San Diego a shot at the man advantage. Barone capitalized on the Saber's second power-play of the game.

San Diego improves to four wins in their last five meetings against Ontario. The Avalanche are still two points ahead of the four placed Sabers in the Western Division.

Nordqvist wins his third game of 2019-2020 and played to his first shutout.

OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS VS. NORTHERN COLORADO EAGLES

Northern Colorado dropped the front-end of the series but won two straight to edge the visiting Oklahoma City Blazers at the Greeley Ice Haus. The Eagles conclude the weekend just one point shy of being tied for second place with Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City Blazers 5, Northern Colorado Eagles 4

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Benjamin St. Onge created enough of a separation with two goals in the first period to absorb the Eagle's who really pressured in the second.

The Blazers completed four goals in the opening frame with a goal from Andrei Vasile and Brigham Neuhold—who led with four points.

The Blazers were wrongfully intrigued by physicality and fell victim to penalties allowing the Eagles to connect on three straight PP's. Eric Hildebrand, Evan Wammes, and Brennan McFarland gave the Eagle's hope and brought it to 3-4.

Matej Hajek gave the Blazers a two-goal cushion when he scored at the 4-minute mark of the second. Northern Colorado outshot the Blazers the rest of the way and succeeded on another opportunity to give them a viable game-tying opportunity with a remaining 3:44 to work with.

Joel Svensson negated the possibility and won his 10th game of the season.

Oklahoma City Blazers 0, Northern Colorado Eagles 2

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A pair of third period goals from Brennan McFarland brought the Eagles back on top of the Blazers. Marshall Murphy earned his 12th win and fourth shutout of the season.

Murphy made 34 saves to backstop the Eagles in a game that was riddled with penalties in the second period.

McFarland found his goals at the extremities of the third period scoring about 40-seconds into it and 26.7 seconds left in the game.

This marks the first time Oklahoma City has been shutout in 2019-2020.

Oklahoma City Blazers 2, Northern Colorado Eagles 8

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Brennan McFarland was the crux of the Eagle's team over the weekend and provided the punch they needed to hand Oklahoma City its biggest loss of the season—second instance losing back-to-back games.

McFarland scored a hat-trick, Chuck Bay had two goals, and Jacob Elik registered four points to overshadow the division's second top scoring team. The Eagle's didn't reach the impressive victory without first dropping an initial lead.

Brigham Neuhold leveled the score 1-1 at 2:34 of the first and John Stevens made it 2-1 on the power play to start the second. 27 seconds later, Bay found his first of the night and soon followed with his second to give Northern Colorado the lead again.

Northern Colorado managed a stinger of a goal to close out the middle period before McFarland got to work on his natural hat trick in the third.