

WSHL WRAP-UP; November 2-5, 2017



LONG BEACH BOMBERS vs. VALENCIA FLYERS(home-and-home series) **Bombers and Flyers split home-and-home series**

11.02.17 – Valencia 4 @ Long Beach 6

11.03.17 – Long Beach 3 @ Valencia 5

The top two teams in the Western Division, the Long Beach Bombers and Valencia Flyers, split a home-and-home series with the home team winning both ends. The Flyers handed the Bombers their first loss of the season in the process.

The Flyers took a 4-2 lead into the third period Thursday night in Long Beach, but Erik Fagerlin's goal with 1:07 left in the game completed a Bombers comeback and gave them their first lead of the game. They added an empty-net goal for a 6-4 final.

Valencia held two-goal leads at both intermissions. Johnny Hoang scored a big goal in the first minute of the second period to prevent the Flyers from building on their lead further. Jeremy Malm scored to restore Valencia's two-

goal advantage, but Tomas Urbanec got Long Beach within a goal again with 2:38 left in the second period.

Malm's second goal of the game, with just :06 left in the period, put the Flyers up 4-2, and could have been a back-breaker for the Bombers, but they regrouped in the locker room and came out ready to play in the third period.

Long Beach out-shot Valencia 18-7 in the final frame, finally testing – and beating Flyers netminder Spencer Kozlowski (26 saves), who only faced 14 shots through the first 40 minutes.

Urbanec sparked the rally with his second goal of the game at 7:27 and Pavel Omelka tied the proceedings 12:05.

Domenic Bosetti (25 saves) allowed two goals in each of the first two periods, but recovered and shut the door in the third period to allow Long Beach to mount their comeback.

Friday night in Valencia, the two teams went into the third period tied, 3-3.

The Flyers were again up, 2-0, after the first period and increased their lead to three goals in the second, but the visiting Bombers rallied to score the next three and tie it up at the second intermission.

Miroslav Rohlik, William Wiman and Tomas Urbanec beat Kozlowski to knot the score.

Dylan San Augustin scored 1:36 into the third period to give the Flyers the lead back, and Nikita Pintusov's second of the game with 8:13 left closed the scoring in a 5-3 Valencia win.

Kozlowski turned aside all eight shots he faced in the final period and finished the game with 31 saves for the Flyers.

Bosetti made 28 saves for the Bombers and took his first loss of the season against 10 wins.

SPRINGFIELD EXPRESS @ DALLAS SNIPERS

Springfield posts road sweep, keeps pace with Mid-Western leaders

11.02.17 – Springfield 10, Dallas 3

11.03.17 – Springfield 10, Dallas 3

11.04.17 – Springfield 8, Dallas 7

The Dallas Snipers almost pulled one out on Sunday, but the Springfield Express finished off a sweep that keeps them in the thick of the Mid-Western Division race.

Springfield held a 4-0 lead after the first period in Thursday's series opener. The Snipers scored three times in the third period to close the gap, but the Express tacked on five more goals in the third period for a 10-3 win.

Arkhip Ledenkov scored three goals and assisted on two more. Michael Polito and Filimon Ledenkov had four assists each.

Friday's game was actually tied, 3-3, after 40 minutes, but Springfield scored seven unanswered goals in the third period and won, 10-3.

The Express spread the scoring around as Bruno Ndossi (2-1-3) was the only player to dent the twine more than once.

The Express had to work for their two points on Saturday night as the Snipers led in front of their fans, 3-2 after one period, and 5-3 after two.

Springfield scored five goals in the third period – three in a span of 2:06 – to post an 8-7 comeback win. Nikita Sokov's goal with 5:06 left in the game was the third in the quick-strike sequence for the Express. It made the score 7-5 Springfield and completed a hat trick for Sokov, who also had a pair of assists in the game.

The Snipers did not let up, and Jaroslav Vasicek scored with 2:50 left to get Dallas back within a goal, but they could not finish off the upset.

Arkhip Ledenkov took the wind out of the Snipers' sails just 22 seconds later, with his second goal of the game restoring the two-goal lead for Springfield.

Dallas still kept fighting, with Vasicek scoring an extra attacker goal with 0:12 left on the clock, but fell short by a goal.

Danil Trenikhin had a hat trick for the Snipers and veteran netminder Brady Weiss made 47 saves for Dallas – including 19 on 20 shots in the second period.

Krystof Dobos made 22 saves for the Express.

SAN DIEGO SABERS @ PHOENIX KNIGHTS

Phoenix breaks into the win column in a big way

11.03.17 – Phoenix 8, San Diego 4

11.04.17 – Phoenix 4, San Diego 0

11.05.17 – Phoenix 6, San Diego 2

The Phoenix Knights have been knocking on the door in recent weeks but coming up empty, but they finally broke through for their first win of the season Friday against the San Diego Sabers, then followed it up with their second and their third.

On Friday night, Michael Caravella scored four times through the first two periods as Phoenix built a 7-1 lead, then held on for an 8-4 win.

Colton Seeman (2-2-4) had four points and Anthony Masanotti dished out three assists for the Knights.

San Diego's Michal Kolarik beat Knights goaltender Rhett Bruckner twice, but Bruckner made 27 saves to pick up the first "W" of the season for Phoenix.

Bruckner was even more sharp on Saturday, as the Sabers carried the play for stretches, but the Phoenix netminder posted a 38-save shutout in a 4-0 Knights win.

Chase Gillaspie put Phoenix on the board just 28 seconds into the contest and Ashton Richardt made it 2-0 at 8:12.

The Knights added second period goals from Noah Duke and Joseph Platt to double their lead, then the Knights out-shot the Sabers 12-11 in a scoreless third period.

Caravella collected an assist on three of the four Phoenix goals to continue his hot play.

Masanotti notched a hat trick Sunday as the Knights scored twice in each period and posted a 6-2 win.

The Sabers actually out-shot Phoenix for the game, but only Biko Neuenschwander and Kolarik were able to beat Bruckner, who made 42 saves.

Patrick Henson made 30 saves for San Diego.

SUPERIOR ROUGHRIDERS @ EL PASO RHINOS

Rhinos remain undefeated at top of Mid-Western Division

11.03.17 – El Paso 4, Superior 1

11.04.17 – El Paso 13, Superior 2

11.05.17 – El Paso 6, Superior 1

The El Paso Rhinos ran their record to 12-0-0 with a three-game sweep of the Superior RoughRiders.

Superior had a 1-0 lead after the first period Friday night, despite being out-shot 15-4, but the Rhinos kept plugging away, coming back for a 4-1 win.

Filip Krananovsky stopped 11 of 12 shots for the Rhinos while Marshall Murphy made 36 saves for the RoughRiders – 28 of them through the first two periods.

Auston Simpson, Timothy Heffner and Maximilian Kamper scored in the second period to give El Paso the lead. The Rhinos out-shot the 'Riders, 9-4, in a quiet third period, getting a final goal from Colby Haugen to salt the game away.

It was just 2-0 El Paso after the second period on Saturday, but the Rhinos busted out for six goals in the middle frame, then tacked on five more in the third in a 13-2 win.

Sare and Heffner led the way with hat tricks while Justin-Cole Dubecky, Carlo Wittor and Cole Richardson all collected three assists in the game.

L. J. Newell went the distance for the RoughRiders, making 39 saves. Krasanovsky was called upon to make 11 of his 19 saves in the third period for El Paso.

The Rhinos completed the sweep with a 6-1 win on Sunday. It looked like Krasanovsky might finally register a shutout, but Nikita Sheberov's goal with 1:36 left in the game put an end to that.

Six different players scored goals for El Paso and Dubecky registered three assists.

Murphy made 41 saves for the RoughRiders.

SOUTHERN OREGON SPARTANS @ BELLINGHAM BLAZERS **Blazers take five of six points from Spartans in Bellingham**

11.03.17 – Southern Oregon 3, Bellingham 2 (OT)

11.04.17 – Bellingham 7, Southern Oregon 4

11.05.17 – Bellingham 8, Southern Oregon 1

The Bellingham Blazers fell in overtime to the visiting Southern Oregon Spartans on Friday night, then picked up wins on Saturday and Sunday to move into fourth place in the middle of the Northwest Division standings.

Southern Oregon's Nolan Willoughby scored two power play goals late in regulation Friday to tie the game, then Joel Holmberg scored another man-advantage tally 58 seconds into sudden-death to give the Spartans a big 3-2 overtime win – their second win of the season.

The Blazers led 1-0 after one period, and 2-0 after two, and Jake Holden kept the Spartans off the board for the first 56:31 of the game. Willoughby finally got one past him with 3:29 left on a 5-on-3, then popped in another power play goal, with the goalie pulled to make it a 6-on-4 to tie the game up with 2:09 left. Ty-Andrew Traynor delivered a cross-ice pass through the slot right onto Willoughby's stick and he buried it from 10 feet off the post to the right of Holden.

Willoughby also collected an assist on Holmberg's game-winner.

Holden finished the game with 27 saves, but Southern Oregon's Krystof Holub kicked out 31 and picked up the win, turning aside all 12 shots he faced in the third period.

Southern Oregon held first period leads of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 on Saturday night, but the Blazers scored three unanswered goals in the second period and went on to a 7-4 win.

The second period started with the Blazers down a goal, but Robbie Eichelberger's goal 36 seconds into the period seemed to give Bellingham some spark and tied the game for the third time.

Ilya Abubakirov's second goal of the game gave Bellingham their first lead of the game and Brady Miller's tally with 1:38 left in the period gave the Blazers a 5-3 lead and some momentum going into the third period.

Andrew Gammel scored 1:27 into the third period to give the Blazers a three-goal lead, but the Spartans did not stop playing, peppering Bellingham netminder Kolter Pawlick with 18 shots in the final period. Pawlick stopped 17 of them to finish the game with 42 saves.

Austin Toussaint made 34 saves and Keegan Randell scored twice for the Spartans.

Sunday's game lacked the intrigue of the first two. The Blazers scored four times in the first period on their way to an 8-1 win.

Ruslan Novruzov scored four goals and assisted on two more, Abubakirov had two goals and three assists and Miller dished out four helpers.

Despite the lopsided final score, the game was much closer on the shot clock, but Bellingham's Edward Coffey stopped 33 of 34 Spartans shots – allowing Joel Holmberg's ice-breaker four minutes into the game but shutting the door after that.

Holub made 35 saves for Southern Oregon.

CASPER COYOTES @ UTAH OUTLIERS

Outliers stay hot, move up in Mountain Division race

11.03.17 – Utah 6, Casper 0

11.04.17 – Utah 7, Casper 1

11.05.17 – Utah 4, Casper 1

The Utah Outliers won three times against the visiting Casper Coyotes and passed Superior to move into third place in the Mountain Division, just four points behind Colorado, on whom they hold two games in hand.

Six different Outliers scored and Otto Saxin posted a shutout in a 6-0 Utah win on Friday.

The Outliers scored three times in the first period, three times in the second, then locked things down in front of Saxin, out-shooting the Coyotes, 4-3, in a scoreless third period.

Brandon Krumpschmid (1-2-3) and Jacob Wanstrom (0-3-3) were the top producers for the Outliers.

The balanced scoring continued for Utah in a 7-1 win on Saturday as seven different Outliers put the puck in the net – four of them in the first 5:51 of the game – including Zach Dornseifer, who broke the ice just 2:35 into the contest and added two assists.

Dawson Rodin made 18 saves for the Outliers, losing his shutout on Aaron Holenski's goal for Casper with 6:55 left.

Luka Sotlar took over the Coyotes crease in relief early on and went the rest of the way, making 30 saves.

Utah's Dmitri Munirov scored 1:19 into Sunday's game, and it seemed like the Outliers might be off and running again, but it ended up being the closest game of the weekend with the Outliers eventually winning, 4-1. Casper's Bradley Green tied it up at 6:05 of the first period, but Gianni Vitali scored with 1:17 left in the period to give the Outliers a 2-1 lead at the first intermission.

Utah out-shot Casper, 10-8, in a scoreless second period, then Krumpschmid scored 50 seconds into the third period to give Utah a two-goal lead. Vitali added his second of the game in the final minute.

Sotlar made 39 saves for the Coyotes, keeping them in the game, while Saxin made 21 saves for Utah to post the win.

SEATTLE TOTEMS @ WEST SOUND WARRIORS

Warriors take two from Totems, close gap in Northwest Division

11.03.17 – West Sound 6, Seattle 2

11.04.17 – West Sound 5, Seattle 4 (OT)

The West Sound Warriors took both games from the visiting Seattle Totems, but needed overtime to win the second game, allowing Seattle to retain a one-point edge on Bellingham and remain in third place in the Northwest Division.

The Warriors scored three unanswered goals in the third period to pull away for a 6-2 win on Friday.

The Totems rallied from a two-goal first period deficit to tie things up, 2-2, early in the second period, but Miroslav Sykora's goal gave West Sound the lead back, 3-2 at the second intermission.

Harri Kroll's tally just 48 seconds into the third period gave the Warriors a two-goal lead and some momentum.

Bryce Ebert scored twice and Brian Eisele made 19 saves for West Sound.

Tyler Goclan and Tom Ignatovich scored the Seattle goals and Naoki Onondera made 39 saves for the Totems after entering the game in relief in the first period.

Michael Shippee's second goal of the game for Seattle – with 13 seconds left in regulation – sent Saturday's game to overtime, but West Sound's Erik Safstram scored 1:52 into overtime to give the Warriors the win again.

The teams alternated goals all night as West Sound took four one-goal leads and the Totems tied it back up four times. Sudden death did not give Seattle a chance to get a fifth game-tying goal, however.

Goclan also scored twice for the Totems, who got 38 saves from Garrett Wills.

Mattias Wikstrom scored twice for West Sound and Nick Gary (27 saves) picked up the win for the Warriors.

TAHOE ICEMEN @ OGDEN MUSTANGS

Tahoe pushes Ogden, but Mustangs sweep to stay atop Mountain Division

11.03.17 – Ogden 5, Tahoe 3

11.04.17 – Ogden 7, Tahoe 5

11.05.17 – Ogden 7, Tahoe 2

The Tahoe Icemen continued to compete with, but come up just short against, some of the top teams in the WSHL as they fell in three straight games to the Ogden Mustangs who maintained their spot atop the Mountain Division.

The Icemen led, 1-0 after one period, and 2-1 after two, in Friday's series opener. Tahoe's Jackson Oleson scored the only goal of the first period. Austin Dittenhafer scored his first of two just 43 seconds into the second period to tie the game at one.

Thanks to another second-period tally, the Icemen went into the third period protecting a one-goal lead. Wade Conlan, who finished the game with 51 saves for the Icemen, held the fort as long as he could. He stopped 42 of 43 shots through 40 minutes of game action.

But the Mustangs came up with the clutch goals when they needed them in the third period. Dittenhafer's second of the game even things again, and Sage Fleming gave Ogden their first lead of the game with 12:37 left in the game.

Spodniak's goal with 3:30 left would be the game-winner. Ilya Cetvertak scored with 1:23 left on the clock to get Tahoe within a goal again, but Ryan Mascali's empty-netter sealed a 5-3 Mustangs win.

The Icemen put another good scare into the Mustangs on Saturday night, leading 1-0 after the first period, staying tied through two, and scoring three times in the first half of the third period to take a 5-3 lead. But Ogden came up with some clutch scoring late to come back for a 7-5 win.

Tahoe's Paul Frys scored the only goal of the first period 2:22 into the game. Conlan was tested 22 times in the first period, but stopped them all to keep the Icemen in the lead.

Conlan made 17 more saves in the second period, but allowed a pair of goals to Ogden's Jacob Laurin. Cetvertak also scored his first of two goals for Tahoe and the game was deadlocked, 2-2, at the end of two periods.

The Icemen took their third one-goal lead of the game 1:05 into the third period, but the Mustangs answered the bell for the third straight time, knotting things 3-3 with a goal from Mascali.

Cetvertak's second goal of the game, at 7:12, gave Tahoe their fourth lead of the game, but this time they built on it. Tahoe made it 5-3 at 9:47, and it looked like the Icemen might pull out a win, but Bryson Bartell replied for Ogden just 19 seconds later and, at 10:06, Tim Jonsson tied the game back up for the fourth time, 5-5.

Spodniak, who had already picked up three assists in the game, scored with 6:64 left to give the Mustangs their first lead of the game. He added an empty-netter at the buzzer for a 7-5 final.

Conlan finished the game with 53 saves for Tahoe. Oliver Marslatt made 15 stops for Ogden.

In addition to his two goals, Laurin also had a pair of assists and Matt McClelland collected three helpers for the Mustangs.

Frys scored the first goal of the game again on Sunday, at 17:59 of the first period, and Tahoe led 1-0 after one period. Nick Davidow made it 2-0 just 45 seconds into the second period, and it looked like it might finally be Tahoe's night, but Ogden scored four times before the end of the period and added three more in the third for a total of seven unanswered goals and a 7-2 Mustangs win.

Laurin and Dittenhafer each scored a pair of goals for Ogden, Matus Spodniak had a goal and three assists and Daniel Pavlicko (20 saves) recovered from the two goals-against to shut the door the rest of the way for the Mustangs.

Tahoe's Maximilian Haselbacher stopped all 19 shots he faced in the first period as the Icemen took an early lead, and finished the game with 54 saves.

CHEYENNE STAMPEDE @ COLORADO JR. EAGLES

Jr. Eagles rude hosts to Stampede

11.03.17 – Colorado 15, Cheyenne 0

11.04.17 – Colorado 13, Cheyenne 0

The Colorado Jr. Eagles posted two convincing wins over the visiting Cheyenne Stampede to stay within two points of first place Ogden in the Mountain Division.

Colorado scored five goals in each period of a 15-0 win on Friday. Anders Saarela (3-3-6) and Carter Dahl (3-1-4) led the scoring parade for the Jr. Eagles and Hunter Bancroft posted the shutout.

Devin Bain made 19 saves in the first period on Saturday to keep things close for the first 20 minutes. Colorado took a 2-0 lead into the second period, then built on it with two goals 31 seconds apart, then two more 25 seconds apart later in the period. The floodgates opened in the third with seven goals for the Jr. Eagles.

Darrian White, Joseph Roach and Sean McMahon each scored twice for Colorado, Saarela (1-4-5) and Cory Richardson had four assists each, and Bancroft posted the shutout for the Jr. Eagles.

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