



## **WSHL WRAP-UP; October 13-15, 2017**

### **COLORADO JR. EAGLES @ SPRINGFIELD EXPRESS**

#### **Colorado picks up sweep, but Express makes them work for it**

10.13.17 – Colorado 7, Springfield 6 (OT)

10.14.17 – Colorado 5, Springfield 4 (2 OT)

10.15.17 – Colorado 4, Springfield 1

The Colorado Jr. Eagles and Springfield Express met in a very competitive inter-division series in Missouri. Colorado won all three games, but the first two went to overtime, giving Springfield two points in the standings.

Springfield's Arkhip Ledenkov tied Friday's game with 15 seconds left in regulation, but veteran Carter Dahl scored 1:17 into overtime to win it for the Jr. Eagles.

Dahl was the seventh Colorado skater to score in the wild 7-6 win.

Springfield held a 2-0 lead in the first period, Colorado was up 4-2 in the second, then after the Express tied it back up, the two teams traded goals in the third period.

The 13 goals were provided by 13 different skaters as Springfield's six goals all came from different skaters as well.

Colorado's Kristof Dobos (37 saves) took the loss despite making more saves than Colorado veteran Braden Lajoie (26).

Springfield held a 4-2 lead in the third period of Saturday's game, but Colorado scored three times to come back for another OT win, 5-4.

Sean McMahon got the Jr. Eagles within a goal then another Colorado veteran, Vincent Mastrandrea, tied the game at 16:40. Mastrandrea also provided the game-winner 20 seconds into the second overtime.

The Express out-shot the Jr. Eagles in all three regulation periods, but Hunter Bancroft made 44 saves in the Colorado net, stopping 28 of 30 shots through the first two periods, keeping the Jr. Eagles in the game until they could come up big again in crunch time.

Dobos (34 saves) took another tough-luck loss in the Springfield net, but helped the team pick up another point in the standings.

The series concluded with another excellent game on Sunday. The first 28:14 passed without any scoring at all as Dobos and Lajoie engaged in a goaltending duel.

Colorado finally got to Dobos twice midway through the second period with goals by Dahl and Trent Hines. Springfield's Akos Szigeti got one of them back before the end of the period, but the Jr. Eagles took a 2-1 lead into the third.

The two teams kept trading chances with the two goaltenders matching each other save for save.

Colorado finally put the game away with a pair of late goals by David Mitchell and McMahon.

The veteran Lajoie allowed just one goal on 29 shots to secure the sweep for Colorado, while Dobos finished with 36 saves for the Express.

### **TAHOE ICEMEN @ IDAHO ICECATS**

#### **Idaho sweeps Tahoe, but Icemen keep it competitive**

10.13.17 – Idaho 5, Tahoe 4

10.14.17 – Idaho 7, Tahoe 3

10.15.17 – Idaho 6, Tahoe 2

It appears there has been a bit of a shift in the Northwest Division. The Seattle Totems are in first place and the Tahoe Icemen gave the Idaho IceCats all they could handle in a three-game series.

Idaho was playing their first games of the regular season, so you can bet they will start accruing points in the standings and will be right there at the end, but Tahoe kept up with them better than they have in recent seasons.

Roman Tintera scored with :06 left in regulation as the IceCats won their Home Opener, 5-4, in a thriller.

The Icemen scored just 39 seconds into the game to put Idaho back on their heels and the game was tied, 2-2 midway through the second period.

Tintera's first goal of the game gave the IceCats a 4-2 lead, but the Icemen showed some fight. Paul Fry's second goal of the game tied it up with 12:42 left in the third period, setting the stage for a great finish.

Despite Tahoe putting up a fight, Idaho held a shot advantage in all three periods, and 44-27 for the game.

Sunday at CenturyLink Arena, home of the ECHL's Idaho Steelheads, the IceCats closed out the series with a 6-2 win behind a four-goal performance by veteran forward Lance Hering.

### **SOUTHERN OREGON SPARTANS @ UTAH OUTLIERS**

#### **Utah picks up six points in competitive Mountain Division race**

10.13.17 – Utah 6, Southern Oregon 1

10.14.17 – Utah 8, Southern Oregon 0

10.15.17 – Utah 8, Southern Oregon 3

The Utah Outliers hosted the struggling Southern Oregon Spartans and, despite sweeping all three games from them, are still back in fourth place in the Mountain Division.

Roman Svik (2-1-3) scored twice and Gianni Vitali (1-3-4) collected four points in a 6-1 Outliers win Friday night.

Utah scored three times in the first period and was in control the entire game. Otto Saxin, making his WSHL debut, only faced 10 shots in the game – stopping nine. Axel Low was the goal scorer for the Spartans.

Austin Toussaint made 31 saves for Southern Oregon.

Utah's Dawson Rodin stopped all 10 shots he faced Saturday to record the shutout in an 8-0 Outliers win.

Utah again led, 3-0, after one period and was never really challenged. Locke Wischman, Kane Toriumi and Alex McCloskey all scored twice.

Kaeden Meuer scored two goals, assisted on two more, and Trenton Wendt made 20 saves to backstop the Outliers to an 8-3 win on Sunday.

Vitali picked up three more assists for Utah as they completed the sweep.

Jakub Mecir scored two of the three Southern Oregon goals and Toussaint made 16 of his 35 saves for the Spartans in the third period.

## **DALLAS SNIPERS @ SUPERIOR ROUGHRIDERS**

**Dallas picks up road win, but Superior comes back to win series on home ice**

10.13.17 – Dallas 6, Superior 5

10.14.17 – Superior 4, Dallas 2

10.15.17 – Superior 10, Dallas 4

The Superior RoughRiders seemed to play better as their three-game series with the Dallas Snipers progressed, losing by a goal Friday, winning a close one Saturday and posting a convincing win on Sunday.

Dallas competed hard on the road and scored three unanswered goals in the third period to turn a 5-3 deficit into a 6-5 win in Friday's series opener.

Goals by Nikita Sheberov and Dylan Steele gave the 'Riders a two-goal lead early in the second period, and they went into the third with a 4-3 advantage. Thore Weyrauch, who also had a pair of assists in the game, restored Superior's two-goal lead at 4:57 but the Snipers were not deterred.

Jaroslav Vasicek and Erich Polacik scored goals for Dallas 1:22 apart to tie the game and the Snipers had the momentum.

Eric Eaton scored the game-winning goal with 6:16 left on the clock and Dallas goaltender Rafael Goncalves (33 saves) protected the lead the rest of the way.

Sterling Cooper had two goals and an assist while Dennis Berdnicks collected three assists for Dallas.

Emanuel Hertel-Bauman made 24 saves for Superior.

The RoughRiders recovered with a 4-2 win on Saturday. Weyrauch gave the RoughRiders a 1-0 lead 4:22 into the game and they never trailed. He added two more goals in the second period for a hat trick.

Cooper scored both of the Dallas goals with Vasicek and Alex Hladonik assisting on both.

Marshall Murphy allowed just two goals on 24 shots in the Superior crease, stopping all seven shots he faced in the third period as the 'Riders protected their lead.

Dallas netminder Manny Legace made 27 of his 34 saves over the final two periods.

Sheberov and Steele notched both hat tricks and Weyrauch dished out four assists in a 10-4 Superior win Sunday.

### **CHEYENNE STAMPEDE @ OGDEN MUSTANGS**

**Ogden stays two points out of first in Mountain Division following sweep of Cheyenne.**

10.13.17 – Ogden 19, Cheyenne 1

10.14.17 – Ogden 20, Cheyenne 0

10.15.17 – Ogden 18, Cheyenne 1

The Ogden Mustangs swept the Cheyenne Stampede over the weekend, keeping themselves within two points of the first-place Colorado Jr. Eagles.

Matus Spodniak and Jacob Laurin registered hat tricks to lead the attack on Friday as Stampede goaltenders Devin Bain and Robbie Brennan split the game.

Cheyenne's George Leech ruined Jonathan Chin's shutout bid early in the second period.

Ross Bartlett, Anton Karlsson and Harry Gulliver Ogden notched hat trick on Saturday as the Mustangs continued to spread the scoring around. Chin handled all nine shots sent his way to record the shutout.

It was more of the same in the third game of the series on Sunday. Spodniak and Matt McClelland had hat tricks and Chin let just one of the 11 shots he faced elude him, that coming off the stick of Cheyenne's Tanner Joly late in the second period, costing him a shutout.

Bain and Daniel Nelson split the goaltending duties for the Stamps with Bain making 49 saves.

## **WICHITA JR. THUNDER @ CASPER COYOTES**

### **Casper shuts down Wichita in three-game sweep**

10.13.17 – Casper 8, Wichita 0

10.14.17 – Casper 15, Wichita 0

10.15.17 – Casper 4, Wichita 1

The Casper Coyotes only allowed one goal to the Wichita Jr. Thunder over nine periods of hockey, claiming their first three wins of the season.

Friday's game was close for much of the first period, but Casper scored two goals late in the frame to take a 3-0 lead into the locker room. They scored three more unanswered goals in the second period and went on to an 8-0 win.

Bradley Green notched a hat trick for the Coyotes, scoring the ice-breaker at 7:38 of the first period and adding his second goal with 19 seconds left in the first period to give the Casper fans something to celebrate during the first intermission.

Casper's Tyler Rossi had two goals and an assist while Luka Sotlar made five of his nine saves in the first period and picked up the shutout.

At the other end of the rink, Wichita's Connor Green was much busier and seemed to handle the heavy workload well, making 61 saves – 24 on 26 shots in the third period.

The Coyotes dominated the Jr. Thunder again on Saturday, breaking the game open with six goals in the second period of a 15-0 win.

Cameron Braun (3-1-4) picked up the hat trick for Casper with Cameron Cross (2-2-4) and Green (2-1-3) scoring two goals each.

Jacob Elik earned four assists in the game and Sotlar made six of his 13 saves in the third period to pick up his second shutout of the weekend.

It was Austin Tilton's turn in the Wichita crease and he was peppered, making 68 saves.

Sunday's game was much more competitive thanks to Green who was back in the net for the Jr. Thunder and kicked out all 19 shots in the first period and kept the game scoreless for the first 29:49.

Casper's Brody Surette finally broke through with an assist from Elik, who then scored one of his own 4:43 later to extend the Coyotes' lead.

After being massively out-played all weekend, the Jr. Thunder found themselves going into the third period only down two goals, but Casper added another pair in the first 5:33 of the third to regain control.

Green ended the game with 58 saves – 22 of them in the third period. Nolan Kare tended the crease for Casper and stopped 14 of 15 shots.

**WEST SOUND WARRIORS @ BELLINGHAM BLAZERS**  
**Blazers fire first volley in renewed rivalry with West Sound**

10.13.17 – Bellingham 10, West Sound 5

A pair of former NorPac rivals, Bellingham and West Sound, renewed their rivalry in the WSHL with the Blazers winning the first round, 10-5, at Bellingham Sportsplex Friday night.

The Blazers had built up a 4-0 lead before their guests got on the board. The Warriors came as close as 7-5 with 11:33 left, but Bellingham scored three goals late to put the game away.

Jamahl Eakett scored two of Bellingham's five third period goals to complete a hat trick for the Blazers.

Winning goaltender Jake Holden made 30 saves for the Blazers. His counterpart, Brian Eisele made 25 saves for West Sound before being lifted late in the game.

The Warriors' five goals came from five different players including Harri Kroll and Samuel Pelech, who also picked up two assists each.

**WEST SOUND WARRIORS @ SEATTLE TOTEMS**  
**Totems keep winning the close ones, continue to lead Northwest Division**

10.14.17 – Seattle 3, West Sound 1

The Seattle Totems extended their lead at the top of the Northwest Division by winning their only game of the weekend, 3-1, over the visiting West Sound Warriors on Saturday night.

The Totems scored once in the first period, once in the second, and Garrett Wills stopped all 22 shots he faced through the first 40 minutes to give Seattle a 2-0 lead going into the third period.

Connor Wherrett put West Sound on the board with just under six minutes into the period, ruining Wills' shutout bid but, more importantly, getting the Warriors within a goal.

Seattle Veteran Cam Gross nixed their comeback bid with 1:02 left, restoring the Totem's two-goal lead and sealing the victory.

Wills finished the game with 28 saves on 29 shots to get the win over Eisele, who made 20 saves.

**FRESNO MONSTERS @ SAN DIEGO SABERS**  
**Sabers salvage win in series finale against Fresno**

10.13.17 – Fresno 5, San Diego 2

10.14.17 – Fresno 6, San Diego 0

10.15.17 – San Diego 3, Fresno 1

The Fresno Monsters won the first two games of their series in San Diego to keep themselves in the top four in the Western Division race, but the Sabers fought back with a win on Sunday to send the message that they are also going to be compete in the division this year.

Daylon Mannon scored twice as the Monsters built a 3-0 lead in the first period Friday. He completed his hat trick 55 seconds into the third period, dealing a blow to San Diego's comeback attempt in a 5-2 Fresno win.

The Sabers trailed by three goals after the opening period, but scored the only two goals of the second – both off the stick of Michal Kolarik – to get back in it.

Mannon's goal early in the third period took the win out of San Diego's sails, however, and Daniel Goodwin notched an insurance goal to finish off the 5-2 Fresno win.

Fresno's Adam Barvik faced 20 shots – stopping 18. Matt Soldano made 27 saves for San Diego.

Barvik was tested early on Saturday, making 13 saves in the first period, but he was perfect all game long, notching a 25-save shutout as the Monsters won, 6-0.

Mannon scored the first three goals of the game – a natural hat trick – and added a fourth in the third period.

The Sabers kept battling and were rewarded with their first win of the season in Sunday's series finale. San Diego's David Grindstaff scored twice and Zach Hale stopped 36 of 37 shots to backstop the Sabers to a 3-1 win.

Mannon could not be stopped, only contained, as he scored the lone Fresno goal and Alexander Gamez made 24 saves for the Monsters.

### **EL PASO RHINOS @ ONTARIO AVALANCHE** **Subrt keeps Ontario in games, but El Paso posts sweep**

10.13.17 – El Paso 5, Ontario 1

10.14.17 – El Paso 4, Ontario 3

10.15.17 – El Paso 4, Ontario 3

The El Paso Rhinos faced a tough challenge in Ontario, but won a pair of one-goal games to sweep the Avalanche and remain atop the Mid-Western Division with a 6-0-0 record.

Friday's game was scoreless until the Rhinos scored two rapid-fire goals 16 seconds apart early in the second period. Connor Mullins broke the ice at 5:35 and Austin Simpson followed it up quickly to give El Paso a 2-0 lead. Chaseton Sare assisted on both goals.

An unassisted goal by Maximillian Kamper late in the period gave the Rhinos a 3-0 lead at the second intermission and they went on to a 5-1 win.

El Paso out-shot Ontario, 17-3, in a scoreless first period but Filip Subrt stopped everything for the Avalanche and kept them in the game. He finished with 48 saves on the night after making another 17 saves in the third period.

El Paso's Filip Krasanovsky turned aside 13 of 14 shots.

The Avalanche appeared to gain some confidence from staying with El Paso in the early stages of Friday's game and came out with another solid effort on Saturday.

William Ma scored just 12 seconds after the opening puck drop and, although El Paso struck back to take a 2-1 lead, Ontario tied it back up before the end of the period on a Jeremy Van Dyke goal.

The Rhinos out-shot the Avalanche, 19-12, in the second period, but Ontario's Thomas King scored the only goal of the game to give the Avs a 3-2 lead going into the third.

Subrt could only do so much, however, and Philip Pugliese and John Doyle scored in the first 1:47 of the third period to give El Paso a 4-3 lead which they protected for the remainder of the game.

Krasanovsky (25 saves) came up with the key stops when he needed to, getting the win over Subrt, who made 36 saves – including all 19 shots he faced in the middle frame.

El Paso out-shot Ontario, 17-3, in the first period of Sunday's game but Avalanche goaltender Connor Duffy did his best Subrt impression and stopped every one of them while Alex Bouchard put Ontario on the board.

Ma extended the Ontario lead 7:34 into the second period, but goals by El Paso's Mullins and Justin-Cole Dubecky evened things up, 2-2, at the second intermission.

Sare gave El Paso their first lead of the game mid-way through the third period but Ontario counter-punched just 29 seconds later as Jesse Zaharichuk tied it back up setting the stage for a wild final 9:35.

It looked like the game would go to overtime, but the Rhinos won it in regulation on a Pugliese goal with just :09 left on the clock, denying the Avalanche a point in the standings.

Duffy played valiantly, and finished the game with 41 saves, but took the loss. Kayden Pickles made nine of his 14 saves in the third period and that was enough to pick up the "W" for the Rhinos.

## **LONG BEACH BOMBERS @ PHOENIX KNIGHTS**

### **Bombers win first two games in Phoenix**

10.14.17 – Long Beach 8, Phoenix 0

10.15.17 – Long Beach 8, Phoenix 2

10.16.17 – 1:00 p.m. faceoff

This series between the Long Beach Bombers and Phoenix Knights in Arizona didn't until Saturday but the Bombers were certainly ready to play when the puck was finally dropped.

Miroslav Rohlik scored twice in the third period to complete a hat trick and Parker Moskal (2-2-4) picked up four points in an 8-0 Long Beach win the series opener.

Domenic Bosetti posted a 25-save shutout for the Bombers and Phoenix goaltender Rhett Bruckner made 35 of his 46 saves over the final two periods.

Saturday's game was close for the first two periods. The Knights held leads of 1-0 and 2-1, both thanks to goals by Colton Schneiderman, and the contest was still tied 2-2 midway through the second period.

Midway through the second period, Johnny Hoang and Morgan Soderstrom scored eight seconds apart to give Long Beach their first lead of the game. Bombers rookie goaltender Rhett Arnold, meanwhile, stopped all 20 shots Phoenix put on him in the period.

The Bombers broke it open with four unanswered in the final period for an 8-2 win.

Eight different players scored for Long Beach and Arnold finished the game with 38 saves and the win in his WSHL debut.

The series will conclude Monday afternoon at Arizona Ice - Gilbert.

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