

# WSHL WRAP-UP; October 20-22, 2017



## **SAN DIEGO SABERS vs. LONG BEACH BOMBERS (4-game series) Long Beach logs some miles, four wins, in unique series with Sabers**

10.19.17 – San Diego 1 @ Long Beach 6

10.20.17 – Long Beach 9 @ San Diego 3

10.21.17 – San Diego 0 @ Long Beach 7

10.22.17 – Long Beach 5 @ San Diego 1

The Long Beach Bombers and San Diego Sabers engaged in an unusual four-game series that started in Long Beach Thursday and alternated back and forth between the two cities.

Long Beach scored twice in each period and Rhett Arnold stopped 32 of 33 shots as the Bombers started the series off with a 6-1 win.

Long Beach sniper Miroslav Rohlik lit the lamp once in each period for a hat trick while Tanner Hallett and Erik Fagerlin each dished out three assists.

Ondrej Imrich scored the San Diego goal and Zach Hale made 35 saves for the Sabers.

The series shifted to San Diego Friday night and the Bombers scored five times in the second period to pull away, going on to a 9-3 win behind five points from Rohlik (2-3-5) and four more assists from Fagerlin.

Veteran Domenic Bosetti started in goal for Long Beach and made 16 saves. Matthew Ayres came in and played the third period, stopping nine of 10 shots.

Matt Soldano made 38 saves for the Sabers.

Anton Ahlin scored a hat trick and Ayres stopped all 17 San Diego shots in a 7-0 Bombers win back in Long Beach on Saturday.

Artem Korolev scored two goals and assisted on two others while Fredrik Skatteboe picked up three assists for the Bombers as they again blew the game open with a five-goal second period.

Patrick Henson came on in relief of Sabers starting goaltender Benjamin Greenlee, and played the third period, kicking out all 21 shots he faced.

The series shifted back to San Diego for a competitive series finale on Sunday. The Bombers led, 3-0, after two periods, but San Diego's David Grindstaff scored 5:50 into the third period to cut into the Long Beach lead. The Sabers made a push, but the Bombers added a pair of late goals for a 5-1 final.

Five different skaters scored for Long Beach, including Tomas Urbanec, who also dished out a pair of assist, and Arnold made 24 saves on 25 shots.

Zach Hale made 34 saves to keep San Diego in the game most of the way.

## **PHOENIX KNIGHTS @ FRESNO MONSTERS**

### **Knights put up a fight, but Monsters collect the points**

10.19.17 – Fresno 6, Phoenix 3

10.20.17 – Fresno 9, Phoenix 3

10.21.17 – Fresno 11, Phoenix 0

Knights fans – the wins will come. Phoenix played with Fresno for most of the first two games of this series, but just didn't get the results on the road.

The series began Thursday night and Phoenix out-shot Fresno in every period, and 52-28 for the game. The Knights led 1-0 after one period, and also

held a 2-1 lead late in the second, but Zachary Turpin scored two quick goals for Fresno 24 seconds apart to give the Monsters their first lead of the game. They went on to a 6-3 win behind 49 saves from Adam Barvik.

Fresno won Friday's game, 9-3, but Phoenix again held early leads – this time 2-1 and 3-2 in the first period. Anthony Masanotti scored all three Knights goals.

Fresno regained control in the second period, however, scoring twice to take a 4-3 lead, then scored five times in the third to pull away. Cody Key popped in four goals and added three assists for seven points and Daylon Mannon (2-3-5) had a five-point night.

It was Max Karlenzig's turn between the pipes for Fresno and he made 11 of his 25 saves in the third period to squelch and thoughts of a Phoenix comeback.

Despite stretched of strong play, and holding early leads, in the first two games of the series, it didn't seem like Phoenix had a while lot left in the tank for the third and final game of the series on Saturday. Karlenzig made 21 saves to shut out the Knights while Key scored three goals and assisted on three others in an 11-0 Monsters win.

Mannon scored a goal and picked up four more assists.

## **BELLINGHAM BLAZERS @ TAHOE ICEMEN**

### **Icemen pass idle Seattle to assume top spot in Northwest Division**

10.20.17 – Tahoe 7, Bellingham 3

10.21.17 – Tahoe 7, Bellingham 6 (2 OT)

10.22.17 – Tahoe 6, Bellingham 1

The Tahoe Icemen collected all six points in their home series against the Bellingham Blazers, including a double-overtime win Saturday night, to move into first place in the Northwest Division by a single point over the Seattle Totems.

Fridays game was tied, 1-1, after the first period but Tahoe took control with three unanswered goals in the second period.

The second goal of the game for Tahoe's Danylo Moroz, 1:29 into the third period, gave the Icemen a three-goal lead and the Icemen held on for a 7-3 win.

Tahoe's Kolter Pawlick made 11 of his 21 saves in the second period, posting the win.

Saturday night's first period went by with just one goal scored but the floodgates open, at both ends of the rink, after that. Bellingham had leads of 1-0 and 2-1, and responded to four unanswered Tahoe goals with four of their own in the third period to take a 6-5 lead, but the Icemen tied it up with four seconds left in regulation, then won it 7-6 in double-overtime.

Tahoe scored five times in the second period and took a 6-2 lead into the third, but the Blazers fought back. Ruslan Novruzov got things started 3:34 into the period then Tahoe clamped down for a while, but three goals in a span of 3:20 late in the game gave Bellingham their third lead of the game.

Spencer Vockel, Thomas Steven and Ilya Abubakirov scored in rapid succession to put the Blazers ahead late, but it was Tahoe's turn to show some resilience.

Moroz scored with :04 left on the clock to tie the game up, 6-6, and send it to overtime.

WSHL veteran Paul Frys scored his second goal of the game with just 24 seconds left in the second OT to avoid the shootout and give the Icemen the win. Frys also had a pair of assists in the game.

Bellingham netminder Jake Holden made 55 saves in the game – including stopping all 17 shots he faced in the first period and 14 in sudden-death. Maximilian Haselbacher made 39 saves for the Icemen at the other end of the rink.

Ilya Cetvertak had three goals and two assists for the Icemen while Novruzov and Abubakirov both scored twice in the game for the Blazers.

Sunday's game was a tight one for the first period. Tahoe out-shot Bellingham, 11-10, in a scoreless first period, then Moroz took over in the second period, scoring two of four Tahoe goals including a back-breaker with five seconds left on the clock that gave the Icemen a three-goal lead going into the third.

Moroz then added two more goals in the third period to secure the home sweep for Tahoe.

The Blazers actually out-shot the Icemen, 25-16, over the final two periods but were out-scored 6-1. Thomas Spero (34 saves) was the difference-maker between the pipes for the Icemen as Abubakirov was the only Blazer to beat him in the game.

## **SUPERIOR ROUGHRIDERS @ OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS**

### **Blazers sweep RoughRiders to keep pace with El Paso in Mid-West Division**

10.20.17 – Oklahoma City 3, Superior 0

10.21.17 – Oklahoma City 7, Superior 3

10.22.17 – Oklahoma City 5, Superior 1

The Oklahoma City Blazers won three games at home against the visiting Superior RoughRiders to bring their season record to 6-0-0 and match the El Paso Rhinos at the top of the Mid-West Division.

Friday's game was an excellent exhibition of junior hockey. The Blazers and RoughRiders battled back and forth in a tight-checking, scoreless hockey game for 26:39 before Oklahoma City's Joshua Chamberlain broke the ice with the only goal of the first two periods.

OKC scored two more in the third period – including another from Chamberlain – and Bobby Cloutier posted a 19-save shutout as the Blazers won, 3-0.

On Saturday, Griffin Wieneck and Victor Ekk scored goals late in the first period to give OKC a 3-1 lead at the first intermission.

Ivan Bondarenko, who already scored just 33 seconds into the game, scored twice in the second period as the Blazers opened up a 6-3 lead, then added a fourth tally in the third period for a 7-3 final.

Shots were pretty even, but Cloutier remained sharp in the Oklahoma City crease, making 25 saves.

The Blazers were winners again on Sunday, this time by a 5-1 score. Bondarenko scored two goals in the final 3:03 of the game to put the finishing touches on the sweep and give himself four points for the game.

Nikita Sheberov scored the first goal of the game to give the RoughRiders a 1-0 lead at 15:49 of the first period and Marshall Murphy made 39 saves for Superior, stopping all fourteen shots in the first period to help the 'Riders take the early lead.

## **IDAHO ICECATS @ WEST SOUND WARRIORS**

### **West Sound makes Idaho work for their points**

10.20.17 – Idaho 7, West Sound 1

10.21.17 – Idaho 4, West Sound 1

10.22.17 – Idaho 8, West Sound 2

The Idaho IceCats remained undefeated (5-0-0) after traveling to Washington State and coming back with six points after a three-game sweep of the West Sound Warriors.

The IceCats built a 3-0 lead in the first period Friday and were in control throughout a 7-1 win.

David Pantzar scored twice and Lance Herning collected four points (1-3-4) for Idaho to help provide the goal support for Shaun Brown, who made 19 saves for the IceCats.

Mattias Wikstrom scored the lone goal for West Sound midway through the second period and Warriors netminder Brian Eisele recorded 36 saves.

Idaho scored twice in the first two minutes of the second period to take a three-goal lead and held on for a 4-1 win on Saturday.

Four different players scored for the IceCats, including Blake Nelson, who's tally 1:04 into the second period held up as the game-winner.

Jacob Hough made 22 saves, stopping all nine shots in the third period as Idaho protected their lead.

Harri Kroll scored for West Sound and Eisele made 31 saves for the Warriors.

The Warriors managed 31 shots on Sunday, but Idaho netminder Tyler Matthews turned aside 29 of them in an 8-2 IceCats win. Seven different players scored for Idaho, including Matt Kindred, who lit the lamp twice.

Caleb Travis and Samuel Pelech scored for West Sound and Eisele was again between the pipes for the Warriors, making 26 saves.

## **ONTARIO AVALANCHE vs. VALENCIA FLYERS (home-and-home series) Flyers post one-goal wins over Avalanche in Valencia and Ontario**

10.20.17 – Ontario 3 @ Valencia 4

10.21.17 – Valencia 4 @ Ontario 3 (OT)

The Western Division has come down to Long Beach and Valencia the last few seasons, and Fresno looks like they are back in the mix this year after a few down seasons, but the Ontario Avalanche want to make sure nobody forgets about them.

Valencia and Ontario played a pair of outstanding hockey games in a home-and-home series. The Flyers won both games by a goal, but the Avalanche picked up a point with Saturday's game going to overtime.

Friday night in Valencia, the Flyers took a 4-1 lead, then withstood Ontario's comeback attempt for a 4-3 win.

Tristian Warr's goal with 1:53 left in the second period gave the Flyers a three-goal lead, but Justin Davis responded with a key goal for Ontario with under a minute left in the frame, giving the Avalanche something to put some jump in their step as they came out for the third.

Valencia netminder Spencer Kozlowski made 20 of his 32 saves in the third period as the Avs peppered him with 21 shots. Alex Bouchard finally got one past Kozlowski with 48 seconds left in regulation to make things interesting at the end, but the Flyers and Kozlowski held on for the regulation win.

Warr also had a pair of assists in the game for the Flyers and Filip Subrt made 30 saves for the Avalanche.

Three times in Sunday's game the Avalanche took a one-goal lead, and three times the Flyers tied it back up. Valencia's first lead of the game came 40 seconds into overtime as Daniel Klinecky completed a hat trick with the game-winner on the first shot of sudden-death.

Nikita Pintusov (1-2-3) figured in three of Valencia's four goals and Kozlowski made 36 saves to edge Connor Duffy of the Avalanche (33 saves).

## **UTAH OUTLIERS @ CASPER COYOTES**

### **Outliers picking up steam early in the season**

10.20.17 – Utah 5, Casper 0

10.21.17 – Utah 6, Casper 1

10.22.17 – Utah 12, Casper 0

The Utah Outliers started slow and came on late last season, paying some of the best hockey in the WSHL in the second half. They are not waiting around this year, coming out of the gates strong with hopes of challenging Colorado and Ogden in the Mountain Division.

Utah's Dawson Rodin posted a 22-save shutout on Friday with the Outliers scoring four times in the third period to pull away, 5-0.

Five different players scored goals for the Outliers, including Kane Toriumi, who broke a scoreless tie 7:40 into the second period. Jacob Wanstrom collected assists on three of the Utah goals.

Dylan Ossachuk made 47 saves for Casper, stopping 23 of 24 shots in the second period.

Toriumi scored a pair of goals 1:04 apart early in the first period to give Utah a 2-0 lead and they never trailed in a 6-1 win on Saturday.

Otto Saxin stopped 15 of 16 shots and Gianni Vitali picked up three assists for the Outliers.

Casper goaltender Luka Sotlar had a busy night, making 55 saves, including 22 in each of the final two periods.

Roman Svik (4-2-6) scored four goals, Kaeden Meuer added three and Oskars Ancitis (1-4-5) and Artem Popov (0-4-4) each collected four assists in a 12-0 Utah rout on Sunday.

Rodin (11 saves) and Saxin (12) combined for the shutout.

## **OGDEN MUSTANGS @ SOUTHERN OREGON SPARTANS**

### **Mustangs continue to rumble along, tying Colorado for top spot in Mountain Division**

10.20.17 – Ogden 7, Southern Oregon 3  
10.21.17 – Ogden 7, Southern Oregon 0  
10.22.17 – Ogden 9, Southern Oregon 1

The Ogden Mustangs played one more game than the Colorado Jr. Eagles over the weekend and made the most of it, sweeping the Southern Oregon Spartans to tie Colorado for first place in the WSHL's competitive Mountain Division.

Matus Spodniak scored four times for Ogden in a 7-3 Mustangs' win Friday.

Rhett Rampinelli (1-3-4) also had four points and Oliver Marslatt made 14 saves for the Mustangs.

Marslatt registered the shutout for Ogden Saturday night, stopping all 12 shots he faced while Ross Bartlett scored a natural hat trick to give the Mustangs to a 3-0 win in a game they ultimately won, 7-0.

Jacob Laurin (1-3-4) and Spodniak (1-2-3) also had productive night for Ogden.

Ogden did not let up in the series finale on Sunday, maintaining steady pressure all game long and scoring three goals in every period for a 9-1 win. Joel Holmberg put the Spartans on the board 5:24 into the third period, but Southern Oregon already trailed 6-0 at that point.

Spodniak (2-2-4) and Bartlett (2-1-3) each scored twice and Mustangs netminder Jonathan Chin allowed just one goal on 21 shots.

Austin Toussaint made 35 saves for Southern Oregon – 17 of them in the first period.

## **COLORADO JR. EAGLES @ CHEYENNE STAMPEDE**

### **Colorado picks up four points in Cheyenne**

10.20.17 – Colorado 10, Cheyenne 2  
10.21.17 – Colorado 9, Cheyenne 1

The Colorado Jr. Eagles took care of business on their road trip to Cheyenne, posting a pair of wins and taking four points back across the border with them.

Anders Saarela and Sean McMahon each scored twice, and Braden Lajoie stopped 15 of 17 shots, to lead Colorado to a 10-2 win on Friday.

Darrian White was the top point producer for the Jr. Eagles with a goal and three assists.

The Jr. Eagles did not take their foot off the gas on Saturday as nine different players scored – five of them in the first period – in a 9-1 win.

Cheyenne's workhorse goaltender Devin Bain made 60 saves in the game, stopping 22 of 24 shots in the second period.

### **WICHITA JR. THUNDER @ DALLAS SNIPERS**

#### **Dallas snipes 31 goals in three-game sweep of Jr. Thunder**

10.20.17 – Dallas 13, Wichita 2

10.21.17 – Dallas 10, Wichita 2

10.22.17 – Dallas 8, Wichita 1

The Dallas Snipers moved into the thick of the Mid-West Division standings by taking all six points in their three-game series against the visiting Wichita Jr. Thunder.

Four different Dallas players scored a pair of goals each in a 13-2 Snipers win on Friday. Trevor Borlace (2-2-4), Marom Avraham (2-1-3), Eric Eaton (2-1-3) and Karsten Portell all dented the twine twice in the contest.

Manny Legace (14 saves) was the winning goaltender for Dallas while Wichita's Connor Green made 52 saves – 21 of them in the second period.

David Zarycki and Braeden Thomas scored for the Jr. Thunder.

The Snipers scored seven times in the first period to put Saturday's game out of each early. Alex Hladonik (3-2-5), Sterling Cooper (2-4-6) and Michal Pistek (1-3-4) led Dallas to a 10-2 win.

Evan Williams stopped 26 of 28 shots for Dallas while Austin Tilton made 41 stops for Wichita.

Tyler Alverson and Jordan Altenburg scored the goals for the Jr. Thunder.

The result of Sunday's game was not in doubt after Dallas scored five unanswered goals in a span of 6:25 in the first period. Avraham and Cooper each scored twice for the Snipers as they cruised to an 8-1 win. Eaton assisted on three goals and Rafael Goncalves allowed just one goal on 20 shots.

John Tucker scored the lone goal for Wichita and Austin Tilton, who entered the game when Green was pulled during the first period onslaught, stopped 20 of 21 shots in the second period and finished the game with 41 saves.

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