



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 2 - SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 (4:30 P.M. at National Sports Center Super Rink - Blaine, MN)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

1-0-0-0 (2 pts, 1.00)

t-1st, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Murdock, Mark Hicks

JAMESTOWN REBELS

0-1-0-0 (0 pts, .000)

t-4th, East Division

Head Coach: Joe Coombs

Assistant Coach: Josh Brown



VS

SCHEDULE

09/15	vs. MN Wilderness	W, 5-1
09/16	vs. Jamestown	4:30pm
09/17	vs. Amarillo	5:15pm
09/18	vs. Kenai River	6:00pm
09/24	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
09/25	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
10/01	AUSTIN	7:30pm
10/02	@ Austin	7:00pm
10/08	@ Minot	7:35pm
10/09	@ Minot	7:35pm
10/15	MINOT	7:30pm
10/16	MINOT	7:30pm
10/22	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
10/23	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
11/05	BISMARCK	7:30pm
11/06	BISMARCK	7:30pm
11/12	@ Austin	7:00pm
11/13	AUSTIN	7:30pm
11/20	@ St Cloud	7:00pm
11/26	@ Austin	7:00pm
11/27	AUSTIN	7:30pm
12/03	ST CLOUD	7:30pm
12/04	@ St Cloud	7:00pm
12/10	SPRINGFIELD	7:30pm
12/11	SPRINGFIELD	7:30pm
12/17	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
12/18	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
12/31	@ Austin	7:00pm
01/01	AUSTIN	7:30pm
01/07	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
01/08	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
01/14	@ Minot	7:35pm
01/15	@ Minot	8:05pm
01/21	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
01/22	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
01/27	ST CLOUD	7:30pm
01/28	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
01/29	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
02/04	AUSTIN	7:30pm
02/05	@ Austin	7:00pm
02/11	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
02/12	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
02/18	BISMARCK	7:30pm
02/19	BISMARCK	7:30pm
02/25	@ Springfield	7:05pm
02/26	@ Springfield	6:05pm
03/04	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
03/05	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
03/11	AUSTIN	7:30pm
03/12	@ Austin	7:00pm
03/18	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
03/19	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
03/25	MINOT	7:30pm
03/26	MINOT	7:30pm
03/30	ST. CLOUD	7:30pm
04/01	@ St Cloud	7:00pm
04/08	BISMARCK	7:30pm
04/09	BISMARCK	7:30pm
04/15	ST. CLOUD	7:30pm
04/16	@ St. Cloud	7:00pm

STANDINGS

St. Cloud	1-0-0-0	2 pts
Austin	1-0-0-0	2 pts
BULLS	1-0-0-0	2 PTS
Aberdeen	1-0-0-0	2 pts
Bismarck	0-1-0-0	0 pts
Minot	0-1-0-0	0 pts

IN A NUTSHELL:

After winning its first-ever NAHL game yesterday, the Bulls go for a 2-0 start with a team making its return after a year off.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

First meeting.

LAST TIME OUT:

The Bulls opened a new era in their history yesterday with a 5-1 win over the Minnesota Wilderness – North Iowa peppered the Minnesota net early in the game, and tallied their first NAHL goal at 10:01 of the first period off a slot snipe from **Logan Dombrowsky**. The momentum in Wednesday's game pivoted around the first intermission, with the Bulls flipping a 1-0 lead into a 3-0 advantage in just 29 seconds. With nine seconds left on the first-period clock, **Michael Mesic** beat Jacob Zacharewicz under the crossbar to close out the stanza, and an extra move in front of the net for **Ryan Coughlin** helped him beat Zacharewicz 20 seconds into the second period for the three-goal lead. The power-play unit came through in the third for the Wilderness, when Aaron Pionk's shot down the slot clipped Charlie Erickson to beat **Carsen Stokes** at 8:12, but with 9:04 remaining, the North Iowa power play answered with a goal from **Jack Mesic**. **Greg Japchen's** snap from the left point with 1:51 to go closed out the scoring. Mesic and Coughlin picked up a goal and two assists apiece, while **Max Scott** enjoyed a three-assist game in his North Iowa debut and Stokes made 23 saves for his first junior win.

NEXT HOME GAME:

North Iowa opens its 2021-22 home schedule on Friday, September 24 against Aberdeen. That game kicks off the Bulls' "1 Town, 2 Teams, 3 Days, 4 Games" weekend alongside the new Mason City Toros, with free schedule posters to be given away at Friday's game.

LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE:

The victory for Carsen Stokes was his long-sought first at the NAHL level, after leading North Iowa to an NA3HL national championship last season. Going just 2-2 during the regular season, Stokes rattled off eight wins in 10 decisions in the Fraser Cup postseason, including a 4-0 record and a paltry 0.99 goals-against average in the Fraser Cup tournament. He was on the Wilderness roster much of the 2020-21 season but found himself behind Division I goalies Zacharewicz (Brown) and Kaleb Johnson (North Dakota).

WILL THE EMPIRE STRIKE BACK?:

Jamestown will be looking to rebound after a stinging loss to the Springfield Jr. Blues in their season opener on Wednesday night – the Jr. Blues rattled off four goals in the opening period of a 7-0 victory as both teams return from a COVID-induced hiatus last season. The Rebels managed just 14 shots, including a 16-3 margin in the first period. Jonathan Panisa paced the Springfield offense with a goal and three assists.

CLEAN HOUSE:

This year's Jamestown group is a nearly clean break from the group that hit the ice for Joe Coombs in 2019-20 – only two players (Brett Morich, Reid Lune) from the Rebels' last roster were back in the lineup again yesterday. Morich played junior hockey in Utah last season, posting 37 points for the USPHL's Outliers, while Lune took his talents to the NA3HL and the Peoria Mustangs, posting 30 points. Also part of that team for five weeks was North Iowa star Lucas Wahlin, who now finds himself on the preseason roster in the USHL for the Lincoln Stars.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION:

With seven of the top nine scorers gone from the Amarillo Bulls' final season, the initial question this year was how well the Bulls' returning role players would step into primary roles – that question seems to be working itself out with 10 returning Bulls on the North Iowa roster this year. In fact, two of the top three scorers from yesterday's game – Scott and Coughlin – are Amarillo returners. Michael Mesic's older brother, Jack, is a third-year Bulls blueliner.

SHOW ME SOMETHING:

Despite a recent losing skid, the NAHL Showcase has traditionally been a successful week for the Rebels – Jamestown has lost in each of its last five appearances at the Showcase, but won two of their four outings in the 2018 event, and went a perfect 4-0 in 2017 as the Philadelphia Rebels. That group started the year with 11 straight wins, and ran away with the East Division before falling in a division finals sweep to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Knights.

COVERAGE:

All Bulls games, home and away, are streamed live at HockeyTV.com. Listen to the Bulls for free, home and away – click the "Listen Live" link at NorthIowaBulls.com, or go directly to the Bulls' audio homepage at mixlr.com/northiowabulls.



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Roster accurate as of September 15, 2021

FORWARDS (16)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
9	Carter Rapalje	Right	5'9"	170	8/10/01	Burlington, VT	Amarillo Bulls
11	Logan Dombrowsky	Right	6'3"	200	11/02/02	Stevens Point, WI	Amarillo Bulls
12	Max Scott	Left	5'11"	185	10/11/02	San Jose, CA	Amarillo Bulls
14	Justin Mexico	Left	5'9"	165	12/03/03	Madison Heights, MI	Maine Nordiques AAA
16	Michael Mumm	Right	6'2"	190	01/17/03	Livingston, NJ	New Jersey Rockets 18U AAA
18	Anthony Galante	Left	5'11"	165	04/18/02	Morganville, NJ	Maine Nordiques AAA
19	Michael Mesic	Left	5'11"	165	08/15/04	Plymouth, MI	Honeybaked U16 AAA
20	Hunter Bulger	Right	5'8"	170	08/05/02	St Louis, MO	St. Louis Blues AAA
21	Luka Sukovic	Right	6'3"	195	11/03/03	Lincolnshire, IL	Odessa Jackalopes
22	Charlie Tuggey	Right	5'10"	165	01/04/03	Shaker Heights, OH	Gilmour Academy
24	Ryan Coughlin	Right	6'0"	180	02/09/01	Charlotte, NC	Amarillo Bulls
26	Simone Dadie	Left	6'2"	198	09/18/03	Brunico, Italy	Okanagan Hockey Academy Europe U20
28	Chris Carroll	Left	5'11"	180	05/04/01	Islip, NY	Amarillo Bulls
29	Byron Hartley	Right	6'0"	185	05/09/02	Philadelphia, NY	Philadelphia Little Flyers 18U
37	Anthony Domina	Right	6'4"	205	11/24/03	Severna Park, MD	Northern Cyclones
44	Matus Hadusovsky	Right	6'0"	170	04/24/03	Spisska Nova Ves, Slvk.	IF Sundsvall

DEFENSEMEN (8)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
2	Greg Japchen	Left	6'3"	195	12/17/01	Doylestown, PA	Amarillo Bulls
6	Joey Potter	Right	5'11"	185	05/09/02	Pittsburgh, PA	Twin City Thunder
7	Nick Liotino	Left	5'11"	180	09/25/02	Commerce Township, MI	Compuware 18U AAA
10	Jack Mesic	Right	5'11"	185	10/18/02	Plymouth, MI	Amarillo Bulls
15	Jack Boxer	Left	6'3"	190	01/30/02	Colorado Springs, CO	Amarillo Bulls
17	Andrew Stacey	Right	6'0"	180	01/14/03	Toledo, OH	Tri-State Spartans 18U
23	Luke Helgeson	Left	5'11"	190	11/30/04	Anchorage, AK	Cleveland Barons 16U
27	Sean Vlasich	Right	5'8"	175	04/20/01	Upper Saddle River, NJ	Amarillo Bulls

GOALTENDERS (3)

#	NAME	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
1	Carsen Stokes	5'10"	170	02/13/02	Prior Lake, MN	North Iowa Bulls
30	Cullen DeYoung	6'0"	165	04/03/02	Canton, MI	Amarillo Bulls
31	Jackson Baker	6'1"	165	03/03/03	Hermosa Beach, CA	Chicago Mission 18U AAA

PRONUNCIATIONS

NICK LIOTINO: leo-TEE-no

CARTER RAPALJE: RAP-al-jay

JACK MESIC: MESS-ick

MICHAEL MESIC: MESS-ick

MATUS HADUSOVSKY: ma-TOOSH had-oo-SHUV-skee

ANTHONY GALANTE: gal-AHN-tay

LUKA SUKOVIC: SOO-coe-vich

SIMONE DADIE: DAH-dee

SEAN VLASICH: VLASS-ick

ANTHONY DOMINA: DOM-inna

TEAM STAFF

HEAD COACH/GM: Todd Sanden

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/GM: Kevin Murdock

ASSISTANT COACH: Mark Hicks

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: Kathee Corsello

ATHLETIC TRAINER: Austin Kessler

BROADCASTING/MEDIA RELATIONS: Austin Draude

BULLS GAME-BY-GAME (1-0-0-0)

Date	Opponent	Result	GWG	Bulls Goaltender	Opp. Goaltender	Record	Highlights
Sep 15	vs. MN Wilderness	W 5-1	Michael Mescic (1)	Carsen Stokes (1-0-0-0, 23/24)	Jacob Zacharewicz (0-1-0-0, 26/31)	1-0-0-0	Dombrowsky: Bulls' 1 st NAHL goal (10:01, 1 st); Mescic/Coughlin/Scott: 3 pts
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Nov 12	@ Austin						
Nov 13	Austin						
Nov 20	@ St. Cloud						
Nov 26	@ Austin						
Nov 27	Austin						
Dec 3	St. Cloud						
Dec 4	@ St. Cloud						
Dec 10	Springfield						
Dec 11	Springfield						
Dec 17	@ Bismarck						
Dec 18	@ Bismarck						
Dec 31	@ Austin						
Jan 1	Austin						
Jan 7	Aberdeen						
Jan 8	Aberdeen						
Jan 14	@ Minot						
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Feb 25	@ Springfield						
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