



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 8 - OCTOBER 2, 2021 (7:00 P.M. at Riverside Arena – Austin, MN)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

4-2-0-1 (9 pts, .643)

2nd, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Murdock, Mark Hicks

AUSTIN BRUINS

5-1-1-0 (11 pts, .786)

1st, Central Division

Head Coach: Steve Howard

Assistant Coaches: Justin Fisher, Hampus Sjudahl



SCHEDULE

09/15	vs. MN Wilderness	W, 5-1
09/16	vs. Jamestown	L, 4-1
09/17	vs. Amarillo	W, 4-1
09/18	vs. Kenai River	W, 6-2
09/24	ABERDEEN	L, 3-2
09/25	ABERDEEN	W, 6-5
10/01	AUSTIN	SOL, 4-3
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

Austin	5-1-1-0	11 pts
BULLS	4-2-0-1	9 PTS
St. Cloud	4-1-0-0	8 pts
Aberdeen	4-3-0-0	8 pts
Minot	2-4-1-0	5 pts
Bismarck	1-6-0-0	0 pts

IN A NUTSHELL:

North Iowa writes a new chapter in its budding rivalry with the Austin Bruins, after some fireworks in Friday's game.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

Bulls trail, 0-0-1.

LAST TIME OUT:

The Bulls and Bruins opened a brand-new NAHL rivalry in Mason City on Friday night, with all the spark that was expected – it was a fiery encounter, with a few skirmishes in a 4-3 shootout win for Austin. North Iowa had to tie the game on three separate occasions, as well as contend with one of the top power play units in the NAHL – Austin grabbed the lead just 6:05 into the contest as Marian Haborak scored down the slot 26 seconds into the night's opening power play, but the Bulls answered back on a goal from **Chris Carroll** with 5:49 remaining in the period. Nick Catalano scored a go-ahead marker on a power play with 7:57 left in the second period, but **Hunter Bulger** tied the game back up midway through the third, right off of the final media timeout of the game. Carson Riddle snatched the lead back for the Bruins with 8:26 to go, but **Sean Vlasich's** goal from the left point with 43 seconds to go hit the reset button on the game once more. A fifth-round shootout goal from Gavin Morrissey finally decided the game, giving the Bruins the early advantage in this new brouhaha. **Hunter Garvey** made 34 saves in his first appearance for North Iowa, while Hudson Hodges earned his fifth win of the year on 27 saves for Austin. The Bruins came up big on special teams, going 2-for-3 on the power play and holding the Bulls scoreless in four chances.

UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:

North Iowa returns home on Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16 for "Fall Into Hockey" weekend, featuring a pumpkin gutting contest and a pumpkin ring toss at the Friday home game and a fall treats baking contest in Saturday's game against the Minot Minotauros.

SPRINGSTEEN, MADONNA, WAY BEFORE NIRVANA:

This matchup marks the first time since the late winter of 1985 that junior hockey teams from Mason City and Austin have squared off at Riverside Arena – the North Iowa Huskies and Austin Mavericks were briefly in the United States Hockey League together, with the Huskies opening play in 1983 and the Mavericks moving to Rochester to become the Grizzlies during the '85 offseason. The two cities nearly had an NAHL encounter in 2010, but their respective teams turned out to be just ships passing in the night – the Austin Bruins opened up shop that summer, but the North Iowa Outlaws were already on their way to La Crosse, Wisconsin as the Coulee Region Chill.

MESICS MATCH MICHIGAN MIGRATIONS:

Before the end of September, the North Iowa Bulls already have their first two NCAA Division I commitments as an NAHL club, and the last names on both are identical – 2004-born forward **Michael Mesic** announced his commitment to Northern Michigan University on Monday, while 2002-born blueliner **Jack Mesic** made his commitment to Ferris State on Wednesday. The younger Mesic is off to a hot start in his first season as a Bull, with seven points over his first six games, while the elder Mesic has two goals over his first six appearances, playing his third year in the Bulls organization. North Iowa is no stranger to collegiate kudos, with 110 players making it to NCAA rosters after making a stop in Mason City during the team's decade in the NA3HL.

THE RAZOR'S EDGE:

North Iowa has found itself in a series of battles to the final horn as Central Division play gets underway – Friday's 4-3 loss to the Bruins was the third straight one-goal game for North Iowa, after going to the brink in both games against the Aberdeen Wings the previous week. It's the first stretch of three straight one-goal games for the Bulls since their February 26-28 battles against Granite City (both of which went to shootouts) and 6-5 loss at New Ulm. The previous game for North Iowa – a 4-3 loss to Alexandria the previous weekend – was also decided by a single goal.

POWER PLANT:

The Austin Bruins have enjoyed a red-hot start to the season on special teams, and continued their torrid run on the power play last week against the Minot Minotauros – Austin went 2-for-6 against the Minotauros on Saturday, scoring twice on Owen Joseph's unsportsmanlike conduct major in a 3-2 loss. The Bruins went 2-for-3 on the power play the previous night, including Marian Haborak's game-winner with 4:30 left. Austin has scored at least two power play goals in every contest so far, and the Bruins' 44.8-percent mark ranks second in the NAHL behind only the Amarillo Wranglers at 50 percent.

COVERAGE:

All Bulls games, home and away, are streamed live at HockeyTV.com. Listen to the Bulls for free at home, and on selected road trips – 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 29, 2021

FORWARDS (14)

#	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
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

DEFENSEMEN (9)

#	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
8	Joe Sweeney	Right	6'1"	175	04/21/03	San Jose, CA	Chippewa Steel
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	Hunter Garvey	6'1"	160	02/03/02	San Diego, CA	Amarillo Bulls
30	Cullen DeYoung	6'0"	165	04/03/02	Canton, MI	Amarillo Bulls
31	Carsen Stokes	5'10"	170	02/13/02	Prior Lake, MN	North Iowa Bulls

PRONUNCIATIONS

NICK LIOTINO: leo-TEE-no
CARTER RAPALJE: RAP-al-jay
JACK MESIC: MESS-ick
MICHAEL MESIC: MESS-ick
ANTHONY DOMINA: DOM-inna

ANTHONY GALANTE: gal-AHN-tay
LUKA SUKOVIC: SOO-coe-vich
SIMONE DADIE: SEE-mo-nay DAH-dee-ay
SEAN VLASICH: VLASS-ick

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 (4-2-0-1)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>GWG</i>	<i>Bulls Goaltender</i>	<i>Opp. Goaltender</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Highlights</i>
Sep 15	vs. MN Wilderness	W 5-1	Michael Mesic (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); Mesic/Coughlin/Scott: 3 pts
Sep 16	vs. Jamestown	L 4-1	Owen West	Jackson Baker (0-1-0-0, 27/31)	Nolan Suggs (1-0-0-0, 33/34)	1-1-0-0	Baker: 1 st junior start; NI: 6-for-6 on penalty kill; West: goal, 2 assists
Sep 17	vs. Amarillo	W 4-1	Logan Dombrowsky (1)	Cullen DeYoung (1-0-0-0, 33/34)	Max Gujjahr (1-1-0-0, 27/31)	2-1-0-0	North Iowa: 3-for-5 on power play; Dombrowsky: 2 goals, assist
Sep 18	vs. Kenai River	W 6-2	Carter Rapalje (1)	Cullen DeYoung (2-0-0-0, 28/30)	Bryant Marks (0-3-0-0, 23/28)	3-1-0-0	Rapalje, Greg Japchen: 2 G each; Ryan Coughlin: 100 th junior game
Sep 24	Aberdeen	L 3-2	Devon Carlstrom	Cullen DeYoung (2-1-0-0, 23/26)	Kyle Kozma (2-1-0-0, 33/35)	3-2-0-0	Chris Carroll: Bulls' 1 st NAHL home goal (1 st , 0:49); combined: 12-12 PK
Sep 25	Aberdeen	W 6-5	Hunter Bulger (1)	Carsen Stokes (2-0-0-0, 25/30)	Kyle Kozma (2-2-0-0, 22/25)	4-2-0-0	ABD comes back from down 3-0 for 4-3 lead (NI: 6-4 lead at 4:15 of 3 rd per)
Oct 1	Austin	SOL 4-3	Gavin Morrissey (SO)	Hunter Garvey (0-0-0-1, 34/37)	Hudson Hodges (4-1-1-0, 27/30)	4-2-0-1	Bulls tie game 3x (Vlasich: GTG w :43 left in 3 rd per.); AUS: 2-3 PP, 4-4 PK
Oct 2	@ Austin						
Oct 8	@ Minot						
Oct 9	@ Minot						
Oct 15	Minot						
Oct 16	Minot						
Oct 22	@ Aberdeen						
Oct 23	@ Aberdeen						
Nov 5	Bismarck						
Nov 6	Bismarck						
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						
Jan 15	@ Minot						
Jan 21	@ Bismarck						
Jan 22	@ Bismarck						
Jan 27	St. Cloud						
Jan 28	@ Aberdeen						
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Feb 4	Austin						
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Feb 25	@ Springfield						
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Mar 30	St. Cloud						
Apr 1	@ St. Cloud						
Apr 8	Bismarck						
Apr 9	Bismarck						
Apr 15	St. Cloud						
Apr 16	@ St. Cloud						