



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 9 - OCTOBER 8, 2021 (7:35 P.M. at Maysa Arena – Minot, ND)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

5-2-0-1 (11 pts, .688)

t-1st*, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Murdock, Mark Hicks

MINOT MINOTAUROS

3-4-1-0 (7 pts, .438)

5th, Central Division

Head Coach: Cody Campbell

Assistant Coaches: Darren Banks, Jake Howie



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	W, 4-2
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

IN A NUTSHELL:

North Iowa opens another new matchup this weekend with its longest road trip of the season.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

First meeting.

LAST TIME OUT:

The rivalry between the North Iowa Bulls and Austin Bruins is already off to a rip-roaring start – after taking a 4-3 shootout loss last Friday evening, the Bulls went on the road last Saturday and grabbed a 4-2 win over the Bruins to even up the series and snag a share of first place in the Central Division standings. North Iowa took the lead early, with **Byron Hartley** rippling the net just 3:09 into the contest on a chip ahead from **Anthony Galante**. The Bulls rolled up a 16-7 shots-on-goal advantage in the first period, and added a second goal from **Hunter Bulger** with 7:28 to go in the second period, but Austin trimmed the lead on a goal from Jens Richards with 2:17 to go in the period. By the end of the game, the Bruins had eliminated the Bulls' shots-on-goal lead, but the teams alternated goals through the end of the night – Marian Haborak dropped the lead back to a goal with 6:50 remaining, but a 2-on-1 finish from **Michael Mesic** with 1:41 remaining would cap the night for North Iowa. Goaltender **Hunter Garvey** earned his first win as a North Iowa Bull with 27 saves, and the Bulls became the first team this season to solve the Austin power play, holding the Bruins to an 0-for-5 mark on the man-advantage – prior to this game, the Bruins had scored multiple power play goals in every game.

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.

TIME TO GET PLUGGED IN:

The penalty-killing unit for the Bulls continues to excel, posting better than an 86-percent success rate in the opening eight games of the season. The power play, however, is still looking for traction as the Central Division slate continues – North Iowa is 0-for its last 20 with the extra man, dating back to the Bulls' power play goal from **Greg Japchen** midway through the first period against Kenai River at the NAHL Showcase.

TIC TAC TOE, THREE IN A ROW:

After a slow start to the season, Hunter Bulger has started to catch fire for North Iowa as Central Division play heats up – Bulger did not post a point in the Bulls' turn at the NAHL Showcase, appearing in the first three games before being scratched from the final game of the weekend against the Kenai River Brown Bears. However, he has picked up the pace significantly in the last three games, with goals in both games against Austin and the eventual game-winner in North Iowa's 6-5 come-from-behind victory over the Aberdeen Wings. All four of his points have come over the Bulls' last three outings.

CHRIS-TAL CLEAR:

Bulls forward **Chris Carroll** is also on a roll, riding a six-game point streak, including three assists against Kenai River in the team's NAHL Showcase finale. The last North Iowa player with a six-game point streak was **Lucas Jorgenson**, who earned points in all four 2021 Fraser Cup tournament games and in Games 1 and 2 of the Bulls' West Division Finals series against Willmar. No Bulls player exceeded an eight-game point streak in 2021-22.

IN THE FIRST PLACE:

North Iowa has enjoyed some fast starts this season, and when the Bulls have been able to get the first word, they've been a tough troop to tame – the Bulls have scored first in six of their eight games this season, starting from behind in only their defeat against Jamestown and their shootout loss to Austin. Of those six games, the Bulls have walked away with a win five times, losing only their home opener September 24 against Aberdeen.

DOWN THE STRETCH THEY COME:

Minot has been competitive early in their games this season as well, allowing only five goals in the first period so far in 2021-22. However, they have faded a bit in the waning minutes, being outscored 11-6 in the third period. The Bulls have come out ahead over their first and third periods, and are even on the goal-scoring margin in the second period so far this season (7-7).

COVERAGE:

All 60 regular-season North Iowa Bulls games 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.

CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS

Austin	5-2-1-0	11 pts
BULLS	5-2-0-1	11 PTS
St. Cloud	5-1-0-0	10 pts
Aberdeen	4-4-0-0	8 pts
Minot	3-4-1-0	7 pts
Bismarck	1-7-0-0	2 pts



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Roster accurate as of October 6, 2021

FORWARDS (15)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
4	Zach Cline	Left	5'6"	160	04/25/04	Chesterfield, MI	Northeast Generals NAHL
7	Nick Liotino	Left	5'11"	180	09/25/02	Commerce Township, MI	Compuware 18U AAA
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
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 (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
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 GALANTE: gal-AHN-tay
ANTHONY DOMINA: DOM-inna
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 (5-2-0-1)

Date	Opponent	Result	GWG	Bulls Goaltender	Opp. Goaltender	Record	Highlights
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 Gutjahr (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	W 4-2	Carter Rapalje (2)	Hunter Garvey (1-0-0-1, 27/29)	Niko Goich (1-1-0-0, 25/29)	5-2-0-1	1 st NI/Austin games since 1985; NI: 5-5 PK (AUS: 1 st game w 0 PPG this yr)
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						
Jan 29	@ Aberdeen						
Feb 4	Austin						
Feb 5	@ Austin						
Feb 11	@ Aberdeen						
Feb 12	@ Aberdeen						
Feb 18	Bismarck						
Feb 19	Bismarck						
Feb 25	@ Springfield						
Feb 26	@ Springfield						
Mar 4	@ Bismarck						
Mar 5	@ Bismarck						
Mar 11	Austin						
Mar 12	@ Austin						
Mar 18	Aberdeen						
Mar 19	Aberdeen						
Mar 25	Minot						
Mar 26	Minot						
Mar 30	St. Cloud						
Apr 1	@ St. Cloud						
Apr 8	Bismarck						
Apr 9	Bismarck						
Apr 15	St. Cloud						
Apr 16	@ St. Cloud						