



# NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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## GAME 17 - NOVEMBER 12, 2021 (7:05 P.M. at Riverside Arena – Austin, MN)



### NORTH IOWA BULLS

10-4-0-2 (22 pts, .688)

2<sup>nd</sup>, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Murdock, Mark Hicks

### AUSTIN BRUINS

11-4-1-1 (24 pts, .706)

1<sup>st</sup>, 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	W, 4-2
10/08	@ Minot	W, 3-2
10/09	@ Minot	W, 6-3
10/15	MINOT	W, 3-2
10/16	MINOT	L, 6-1
10/22	@ Aberdeen	L, 5-2
10/23	@ Aberdeen	SOL, 5-4
11/05	BISMARCK	W, 6-4
11/06	BISMARCK	W, 6-3
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 looks to knock off its new arch-rival and regain first place in the Central Division.

#### ALL-TIME SERIES:

North Iowa leads, 1-0-1 (took three of four possible points October 1-2).

#### LAST TIME OUT:

After posting a 6-4 victory the previous night against Bismarck, North Iowa welcomed the Bobcats for a Saturday night affair, and the two teams picked up right where they left off the previous night, posting three goals in the opening 6:06 as the Bulls earned a 6-3 win. **Carter Rapalje** followed up a four-goal outing the previous night with another goal just 3:50 into the contest, and a 3-on-2 chance just 49 seconds later led to a goal from **Greg Japchen** at the right point to give the Bulls a 2-0 lead. Jon Ziskie's shot from the left wing tipped off of Adam Pietila less than a minute-and-a-half later, and second-period goals from Drew Holt and Quinn Rudrud gave Bismarck a brief 3-2 lead. The Bobcats would never score again – North Iowa tied the game on a one-timer from **Anthony Domina** with 8:48 left in the second period, and **Michael Mesic** banged home a weak-side rebound just 74 seconds later to give the Bulls a 4-3 lead. **Max Scott** would bury a second chance with 4:20 left in the second period for a 5-3 lead, and **Hunter Bulger's** goal early in the third put the finishing touches on a dominant finish for the Bulls. **Hunter Garvey** earned the win, making 20 saves for his sixth victory of the year, and 11 different Bulls notched at least one point in the game.

#### UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:

North Iowa celebrates Military Appreciation Night on Saturday night against the Austin Bruins, with free admission for all active and retired military. The colors will also be presented prior to the game, as well as a brief video presentation prior to the national anthem.

#### THE HEAT IS ON:

There may be no hotter man in the league right now than Bulls forward Carter Rapalje, following a career weekend last Friday and Saturday. The Burlington, Vermont native scored a career-high four goals in Friday's 6-4 victory, notching the first hat trick in the Bulls' NAHL era, and he added another one the following night in a 6-3 win. Including his two-goal night at Aberdeen on October 23, he scored seven goals in fewer than nine full periods, and his stretch is the hottest for the Bulls since **Cam Fagerlee's** three-game stretch from October 4-11, 2019, when he also tallied seven goals over three games. Coincidentally, Fagerlee is also the last Bull to post a four-goal game, coming in a March 2, 2019 tilt against the New Ulm Steel. That career weekend was enough for a Central Division Star of the Week award, following Hunter Garvey's award last month, and those five goals rocketed him into a tie for fourth in the NAHL with 11 on the year.

#### LIKE MIKE:

After a brief cold spell, Michael Mesic has returned to the scoring column in a big way, notching five points last weekend against the Bobcats. His eventual game-winner on Saturday snapped a six-game streak without a goal following a Bulls victory in Minot on October 9. He notched back-to-back multi-point games against the Bobcats, his first since tallying three points September 15 against the Minnesota Wilderness in his NAHL debut.

#### DON'T CALL IT A COMEBACK:

Every inch will be earned in these battles, but gaining the upper hand early is a huge advantage in this particular matchup – North Iowa has scored the opening goal in 12 of its 16 games, winning 10 of those 12. Austin has scored the opening goal 10 times, winning eight of those games. Neither team has given up a single point when taking a lead to the third period, either – the Bruins are 8-0-1-1 when going to the third period with the lead, and the Bulls have successfully defended all nine of their leads at the second intermission.

#### YOU'RE KILLING ME, SMALLS:

Power play goals have been especially hard to come by in the Central Division, and they could *really* be hard to come by in these two games – two of the league's top six penalty-killing units will match wits, with Austin ranking fifth (87.7 percent) and the Bulls one spot behind (87.0 percent). Even the Bruins' scorching power play has cooled off a bit – since going 2-for-3 in their first meeting with North Iowa on October 1, Austin has gone just 5-for-45 (11.1 percent) on the man-advantage.

#### 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	11-4-1-1	24 pts
BULLS	10-4-0-2	22 PTS
Minot	8-9-1-0	17 pts
St. Cloud	8-5-0-0	16 pts
Aberdeen	8-8-0-0	16 pts
Bismarck	3-12-1-0	7 pts



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Roster accurate as of November 3, 2021

## FORWARDS (13)

#	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
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
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
21	Casey Roepke	Left	6'0"	177	05/02/02	Erin, WI	Lincoln Stars
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	Nathan Dickey	6'0"	175	08/05/03	Butler, PA	Kenai River Brown Bears
31	Carsen Stokes	5'10"	170	02/13/02	Prior Lake, MN	North Iowa Bulls

## PRONUNCIATIONS

**SEAN VLASICH:** VLASS-ick  
**CARTER RAPALJE:** RAP-al-jay  
**JACK MESIC:** MESS-ick  
**MICHAEL MESIC:** MESS-ick  
**RYAN COUGHLIN:** COG-lin

**CASEY ROEPKE:** REP-kee  
**ANTHONY DOMINA:** DOM-inna  
**SIMONE DADIE:** SEE-mo-nay DAH-dee-ay  
**HUNTER BULGER:** BULL-jer

## 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 (10-4-0-2)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>GWG</b>	<b>Bulls Goaltender</b>	<b>Opp. Goaltender</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
Sep 15	vs. MN Wilderness	<b>W</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> NAHL goal (10:01, 1 <sup>st</sup> ); Mesic/Coughlin/Scott: 3 pts
Sep 16	vs. Jamestown	<b>L</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> junior start; NI: 6-for-6 on penalty kill; West: goal, 2 assists
Sep 17	vs. Amarillo	<b>W</b> 4-1	Logan Dombrowsky (1)	Cullen DeYoung (1-0-0-0, 33/34)	Max Guljahr (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	<b>W</b> 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 <sup>th</sup> junior game
Sep 24	Aberdeen	<b>L</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> NAHL home goal (1 <sup>st</sup> , 0:49); combined: 12-12 PK
Sep 25	Aberdeen	<b>W</b> 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 <sup>rd</sup> per)
Oct 1	Austin	<b>SOL</b> 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 <sup>rd</sup> per.); AUS: 2-3 PP, 4-4 PK
Oct 2	@ Austin	<b>W</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> NI/Austin games since 1985; NI: 5-5 PK (AUS: 1 <sup>st</sup> game w 0 PPG this yr)
Oct 8	@ Minot	<b>W</b> 3-2	Max Scott (1)	Hunter Garvey (2-0-0-1, 32/34)	Carter Clifton (2-3-1-0, 9/12)	6-2-0-1	MNT backup Zach Sandy: 18-for-18; Scott: 1 <sup>st</sup> goal as NI Bull (18:51, 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Oct 9	@ Minot	<b>W</b> 6-3	Carter Rapalje (3)	Hunter Garvey (3-0-0-1, 45/48)	Zach Sandy (0-3-0-0, 9/11)	7-2-0-1	Garvey: most saves by NI G since 2019; NI outshot 48-28 (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> per: 37-9)
Oct 15	Minot	<b>W</b> 3-2	Logan Dombrowsky (2)	Hunter Garvey (4-0-0-1, 30/32)	Zach Sandy (0-4-0-0, 35/38)	8-2-0-1	Byron Hartley, Justin Mexico score 1 <sup>st</sup> per goals for NI :35 apart (5:02, 5:37)
Oct 16	Minot	<b>L</b> 6-1	Zack Simon	Hunter Garvey (4-1-0-1, 32/38)	Zach Sandy (1-4-0-0, 32/33)	8-3-0-1	Minot scores three in opening 4:23; Dadie PPG breaks 31 PP skid for Bulls
Oct 22	@ Aberdeen	<b>L</b> 5-2	Patrick O'Connell	Hunter Garvey (4-2-0-1, 27/32)	Dominik Wasik (2-1-0-0, 36/38)	8-4-0-1	Wings: 3 straight goals in 1 <sup>st</sup> period, 2 goals :16 apart in 2 <sup>nd</sup> ; Max Scott: 2 G
Oct 23	@ Aberdeen	<b>SOL</b> 5-4	Cade Nielson (SO)	Hunter Garvey (4-2-0-2, 12/12)	Dominik Wasik (3-1-0-0, 40/44)	8-4-0-2	Carsen Stokes: 25/29 in 1 <sup>st</sup> start since 9/25; Carter Rapalje: 2 tying goals
Nov 5	Bismarck	<b>W</b> 6-4	Max Scott (2)	Hunter Garvey (5-2-0-2, 31/35)	Erik Fors (3-6-1-0, 34/40)	9-4-0-2	Carter Rapalje: 4 goals (Bulls' 1 <sup>st</sup> NAHL hat trick, first home goals w NI)
Nov 6	Bismarck	<b>W</b> 6-3	Michael Mesic (2)	Hunter Garvey (6-2-0-2, 20/23)	Aksel Reid (0-3-0-0, 10/14)	10-4-0-2	11 Bulls tally at least one point; NI: 4 unanswered goals to end game
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 19	Bismarck						
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Apr 16	@ St. Cloud						