



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 19 - NOVEMBER 20, 2021 (7:00 P.M. at Municipal Athletic Complex – St. Cloud, MN)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

12-4-0-2 (26 pts, .722)

1st, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Kevin Murdock, Mark Hicks

ST. CLOUD NORSEMEN

9-6-0-0 (18 pts, .600)

5th*, Central Division

Head Coach: Corey Millen

Assistant Coaches: Eric Schlie, Clark Kuster



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	SOW, 3-2
11/13	AUSTIN	W, 5-3
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 and St. Cloud collide in their first-ever meeting as Central Division rivals.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

First meeting.

LAST TIME OUT:

The Bulls will look to keep a hot streak going in this game, with points in five straight and 11 of their last 13. North Iowa finished a weekend sweep of the Austin Bruins on Saturday night with a 5-3 win, despite an ominous start to the game, when Sutter Muzzatti put the Bruins in front with a goal just 33 seconds from the opening puck drop. **Carter Rapalje** answered just three minutes later, stuffing in a second chance to tie the game, and **Hunter Bulger** poked one inside the post with 3:21 remaining in the period. Therien Thiesing's shot from the top of the zone clipped Jens Richards's stick on its way to the net, tying the game at 1:20 of the second period, and then **Byron Hartley** took command for the Bulls – his breakaway goal at 6:20 of the period snapped the tie, and a highlight-reel goal at 9:38 of the period gave the Bulls a 4-2 lead. Muzzatti handed Austin momentum with 1:17 left in the period with his second goal of the night, but the teams played to a stalemate in the third, with Rapalje's empty-net goal from just inside the blue line icing the win. **Hunter Garvey** earned his fourth straight win, making 31 saves, while Muzzatti, Rapalje and Hartley all finished with two goals apiece.

UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:

North Iowa returns home on Saturday, November 27 for the Bulls' Black Friday Weekend Battle against the Austin Bruins. Special-edition black t-shirts will be available for purchase, and all fans are encouraged to wear black to the game. Fans who attend the Mason City Chamber's "Jingle Mingle Jammie Crawl" and wear their pajamas to the game will receive \$2 off of their admission.

JERSEY BOYS:

The Bulls have a new addition to the team this weekend, as **Jake LaRusso** joins the club from the New Jersey Titans of the NAHL's East Division. LaRusso, a New Jersey native, comes to North Iowa in the midst of his fourth junior hockey season, all spent with the Titans – in that time, he has racked up 124 games and 69 points, plus an NCAA Division I commitment to Colorado College. He was named the East Division's Star of the Week twice in a three-week span in April last season.

GONE HUNTING:

With 64 saves in 69 chances last weekend, North Iowa goaltender Hunter Garvey has once again earned a Central Division Star of the Week award from the NAHL – Garvey added some flair last week to his second Star of the Week award of the season, with a backhand swat in Saturday's game chosen as the league's top play of the week. Three such awards have gone home with North Iowa players this season, with Carter Rapalje's five-goal effort against the Bismarck Bobcats earning him top honors the previous week.

GETTING REPS:

This game is set to be a milestone moment for North Iowa blueliner **Casey Roepke**, set to make his 100th appearance in a North American Hockey League uniform. The Erin, Wisconsin native started his junior hockey career in Janesville with the Jets, notching eight points in 33 games during the 2019-20 campaign. He picked up 14 points in 60 contests for the Amarillo Bulls over the last two seasons, and is currently hunting for his first points as a Bull after joining the team late last month. Roepke has also registered 16 appearances in the United States Hockey League for Green Bay and Lincoln. Not far behind is fellow North Iowa defenseman **Jack Mesic**, currently sitting at 97 career NAHL games.

GET AHEAD, STAY AHEAD?

The Norsemen have had an offense that can keep up with anyone in the final 40 minutes of games this season, but St. Cloud is prone to sluggish starts – St. Cloud has scored 22 goals in both the second and third periods this season, both above the league average. However, they've tallied just 10 goals in the first period, the NAHL's third-lowest total. There is some latitude to be offered with both of those figures, however – the Norsemen have played just 15 games so far, the fewest in the league, and are playing their only game of the weekend on Saturday. Game-by-game, the Norsemen actually have the league's fifth-best offense, fifth-best defense, most aggressive offense and second-most aggressive defense.

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 (as of Nov. 19)

BULLS	12-4-0-2	26 PTS
Austin	11-5-1-2	25 pts
Aberdeen	9-8-1-0	19 pts
Minot	9-10-1-0	19 pts
St. Cloud	9-6-0-0	18 pts
Bismarck	4-13-1-0	9 pts



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Roster accurate as of November 17, 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
16	Brett Morich	Right	6'1"	200	07/09/01	Phoenix, AZ	Jamestown Rebels
18	Jake LaRusso	Right	5'11"	180	03/16/02	Colts Neck, NJ	New Jersey Titans
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
26	Simone Dadie	Left	6'2"	198	09/18/03	Brunico, Italy	Okanagan Hockey Academy Europe U20
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
JAKE LaRUSSO: La-ROOS-oh

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

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 (12-4-0-2)

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	W 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 st goal as NI Bull (18:51, 1 st)
Oct 9	@ Minot	W 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 st /2 nd per: 37-9)
Oct 15	Minot	W 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 st per goals for NI :35 apart (5:02, 5:37)
Oct 16	Minot	L 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	L 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 st period, 2 goals :16 apart in 2 nd ; Max Scott: 2 G
Oct 23	@ Aberdeen	SOL 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 st start since 9/25; Carter Rapalje: 2 tying goals
Nov 5	Bismarck	W 6-4	Max Scott (2)	Hunter Garvey (5-2-0-2, 31/35)	Erik Forss (3-6-1-0, 34/40)	9-4-0-2	Carter Rapalje: 4 goals (Bulls' 1 st NAHL hat trick, first home goals w NI)
Nov 6	Bismarck	W 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	SOW 3-2	Justin Mexico (SO)	Hunter Garvey (7-2-0-2, 33/35)	Klayton Knapp (2-0-0-1, 23/25)	11-4-0-2	Mexico: 1 st -period goal, SO goal; NI: 7-8 PK, 3-3 PP; Shots: AUS 35, NI 26
Nov 13	Austin	W 5-3	Byron Hartley (1)	Hunter Garvey (8-2-0-2, 31/34)	Hudson Hodges (7-4-1-0, 17/21)	12-4-0-2	Hartley, Carter Rapalje: 2 G each (Hartley: 1 st multi-goal junior game)
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						
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Feb 25	@ Springfield						
Feb 26	@ Springfield						
Mar 4	@ Bismarck						
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Apr 16	@ St. Cloud						