



# NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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## GAME 26 - DECEMBER 17, 2021 (7:15 P.M. at VFW Sports Center – Bismarck, ND)



### NORTH IOWA BULLS

14-8-1-2 (31 pts, .620)

1<sup>st</sup>, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Mark Hicks, Nick Bruneteau

### BISMARCK BOBCATS

7-17-1-1 (16 pts, .308)

6<sup>th</sup>, Central Division

Head Coach: Layne Sedeve

Assistant Coaches: Hunter Laslo



#### 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	W, 7-4
11/26	@ Austin	L, 5-3
11/27	AUSTIN	L, 4-1
12/03	ST CLOUD	L, 4-2
12/04	@ St Cloud	OTL, 3-2
12/10	SPRINGFIELD	OTW, 4-3
12/11	SPRINGFIELD	L, 6-3
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

#### CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS

Austin	15-9-1-2	33 pts
Minot	16-11-1-0	33 pts
<b>BULLS</b>	<b>14-8-1-2</b>	<b>31 PTS</b>
Aberdeen	13-11-0-2	28 pts
St. Cloud	13-9-0-0	26 pts
Bismarck	7-17-1-1	16 pts

#### IN A NUTSHELL:

The Bulls hunt for two more wins to go into the Christmas break on the right note.

#### ALL-TIME SERIES:

North Iowa leads, 2-0-0 (Bulls: 6-4, 6-3 home wins November 5-6).

#### LAST TIME OUT:

North Iowa got off to a solid start in its final home game of 2021, but the Springfield Jr. Blues finished with the hot hand last Saturday, scoring the last three goals of a 6-3 win on the Bulls' home ice. After posting the first five shots of the game on Friday night, the Bulls had the first three shots of Saturday's game as well, and buried another early power play goal from **Byron Hartley** on the left wing just 8:23 into the contest. That would be the Bulls' only lead of the night – back-to-back goals from Zach Bade and Isaac Keller 31 seconds apart gave the Jr. Blues a 2-1 lead, but **Carter Rapalje's** redirect from **Casey Roepke's** left-wing shot tied the game before the three-minute mark of the second. Hagen Moe took the lead back at 7:07 of the period, but **Dylan Gajewski's** one-time blast down the slot with 3:15 on the clock tied the game again at 3-3. Carson Jones tapped in a backdoor feed for the game's final go-ahead goal 32 seconds later, and Fisher Scott and Isaac Novak added goals in the third period to push Springfield to its final lead of the night. Four Jr. Blues earned multi-point games, while Hartley and **Sean Vlasich** posted multi-point games for the Bulls. The Bulls would score twice on their nine power play chances while holding the Jr. Blues to 0-for-6 on the man-advantage.

#### UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:

North Iowa returns to home ice on Saturday, January 1 against the Austin Bruins – the Bulls kick off the brand-new year and open up the season's second half with a postgame party skate.

#### LUCKY SEVEN?:

North Iowa forward Dylan Gajewski continues to burn out the red light bulb, posting seven goals in his first four games as a Bull. It's one of the most torrid starts to a Bulls career in history – seven different players have posted goals in three of their first four games as Bulls, including **Ryan Coughlin** earlier this year. However, only **Dominic Skrelja** posted goals in all of his first four games in a North Iowa uniform during the fall of 2017, and only his eight goals in those first four games surpassed Gajewski's total. Skrelja did not extend his goal streak to his first five appearances, but did earn an early call-up from the NA3HL to the Austin Bruins on his way to NCAA Division III hockey and Salve Regina University in Rhode Island.

#### THE POWER'S BACK ON:

The brief step out of divisional play for the Bulls did wonders for their special teams last weekend – Springfield entered the weekend as the NAHL's number-one power play unit, but North Iowa held their visitors scoreless on all nine of their power play chances, snapping a run of four straight games for the Jr. Blues with a power play goal. The Bulls finished the weekend with three power play goals, including their first multi-goal game on the power play since going 3-for-5 at the NAHL Showcase against the Amarillo Wranglers on September 18.

#### SINKING THE BISMARCK:

This weekend marks the first trip to the VFW Sports Center for a junior hockey team from Mason City since the Bobcats' 3-2 overtime win over the North Iowa Outlaws on February 20, 2010 – future Ferris State center Dominic Panetta scored the overtime winner 1:08 into the extra session of that game.

The Bulls and Bobcats brought out the big guns in their first two meetings, combining for 19 goals against each other in their early-November games at North Iowa – Carter Rapalje racked up six points in the Bulls' sweep of Bismarck, including four goals in North Iowa's 6-4 victory to open the weekend. Not surprisingly, he would earn the Central Division's Star of the Week award for his efforts that weekend.

#### TURNING THE CORNER:

Bismarck got off to a rocky start to the season, but with a few roster moves and players returning from injuries, the Bobcats are turning the corner and are right in the Central Division conversation as Christmas approaches. The Bobcats dropped all of their first six games, earning win number one October 1 with a 7-3 lead over the Minot Minotauros. Over their last nine games, though, Bismarck has cranked out a 4-4-1 record, and no Central Division team other than Minot has won more than five games out of its last 10.

#### 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.



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Roster accurate as of December 15, 2021

## FORWARDS (16)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
7	Dylan Gajewski	Right	5'10"	165	07/16/01	Woodhaven, MI	Austin Bruins
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	Tyler Braccini	Left	5'11"	175	07/02/01	Minneapolis, MN	Minnesota Magicians
23	Sota Isogai	Left	5'11"	170	02/14/01	Nagano, Japan	Mason City Toros
24	Jack Champion	Left	6'0"	170	09/02/01	Crystal, MN	Mason City Toros
25	Carter Newpower	Left	6'2"	180	02/21/02	Cottage Grove, MN	Mason City Toros
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 (7)

#	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
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  
**SOTA ISOGAI:** SOH-ta EE-so-guy  
**TYLER BRACCINI:** brass-EE-nee

**CASEY ROEPKE:** REP-kee  
**ANTHONY DOMINA:** DOM-inna  
**SIMONE DADIE:** SEE-mo-nay DAH-dee-ay  
**HUNTER BULGER:** BULL-jer  
**BRETT MORICH:** MOR-itch  
**DYLAN GAJEWSKI:** Guy-ESS-kee

## TEAM STAFF

**HEAD COACH/GM:** Todd Sanden  
**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/GM:** Mark Hicks  
**ASSISTANT COACH:** Nick Bruneteau

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** Kathee Corsello  
**ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Austin Kessler  
**BROADCASTING/MEDIA RELATIONS:** Austin Draude

## BULLS GAME-BY-GAME (14-8-1-2)

Date	Opponent	Result	GWG	Bulls Goaltender	Opp. Goaltender	Record	Highlights
Sep 15	vs. MN Wilderness	<b>W</b> 5-1	Michael Mestic (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> ); Mestic/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 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	<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 Forss (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 Mestic (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	<b>SOW</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> -period goal, SO goal; NI: 7-8 PK, 3-3 PP; Shots: AUS 35, NI 26
Nov 13	Austin	<b>W</b> 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 <sup>st</sup> multi-goal junior game)
Nov 20	@ St. Cloud	<b>W</b> 7-4	Carter Rapalje (4)	Hunter Garvey (9-2-0-2, 38/42)	Tomas Bolo (5-3-0-0, 12/15)	13-4-0-2	E. Dahlmeir (STC): 17/21; S. Vlasich: 4 A (1 <sup>st</sup> Bull w/ 4 asst since 1/3/20)
Nov 26	@ Austin	<b>L</b> 5-3	Michal Jasenec	Hunter Garvey (9-3-0-2, 17/22)	Hudson Hodges (8-5-1-0, 20/23)	13-5-0-2	Bulls lead 3x (never more than one-goal lead); Jasenec: 2 goals, 2 assists
Nov 27	Austin	<b>L</b> 4-1	Braidan Simmons-Fischer	Hunter Garvey (9-4-0-2, 24/28)	Klayton Knapp (3-1-0-1, 27/28)	13-6-0-2	Carson Riddle (AUS): 2 goals; Carter Rapalje: only Bulls goal (:22, 3 <sup>rd</sup> per.)
Dec 3	St. Cloud	<b>L</b> 4-2	Nik Hong	Carsen Stokes (2-1-0-0, 29/33)	Tomas Bolo (6-3-0-0, 21/23)	13-7-0-2	D. Gajewski: goal in Bulls debut (A. Stacey, C. Roepke: 1 <sup>st</sup> pts w NI (asst.))
Dec 4	@ St. Cloud	<b>OTL</b> 3-2	Ryan O'Neill	Hunter Garvey (9-4-1-2, 49/52)	Tomas Bolo (7-3-0-0, 23/25)	13-7-1-2	Dylan Gajewski: 2 G (both go-ahead goals); Sota Isogai: 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 NAHL assists
Dec 10	Springfield	<b>OTW</b> 4-3	Dylan Gajewski (2)	Hunter Garvey (10-4-1-2, 21/24)	Aksel Reid (1-4-1-0, 27/31)	14-7-1-2	Gajewski: hat trick (t-fastest to 6 G in NI history); Hagen Moe (SPR): 2 G
Dec 11	Springfield	<b>L</b> 6-3	Carson Jones	Hunter Garvey (10-5-1-2, 20/25)	Ethan Roberts (14-5-0-1, 24/27)	14-8-1-2	Bulls: 2-for-9 PP, 6-for-6 PK (weekend: 9/9); Aksel Reid: 1/1 in net (9:58)
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						
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Apr 15	St. Cloud						
Apr 16	@ St. Cloud						