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GAME 30 - JANUARY 8, 2022 (7:30 P.M. at Mason City Arena – Mason City, IA)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

15-11-1-2 (33 pts, .574)

4th*, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Mark Hicks, Nick Bruneteau

ABERDEEN WINGS

16-10-0-2 (34 pts, .603)

3rd*, Central Division

Head Coach: Steve Jennings

Assistant Coaches: Zach Stepan



VS

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	L, 5-3
12/18	@ Bismarck	L, 5-1
12/31	@ Austin	L, 5-2
01/01	AUSTIN	W, 5-3
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:

A win for the Bulls tonight would also mean a chance to move up in the Central Division standings.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

North Iowa trails, 1-2-1 (teams split most recent weekend in Mason City).

LAST TIME OUT:

Looking to shake off a stretch of eight losses in nine games, North Iowa cranked up its offense to begin 2022, firing off three goals in a 71-second span of the first period to charge to a 5-3 win last Saturday night against the Austin Bruins at the Mason City Arena. **Carter Rapalje** picked up the first goal of the new year at 7:31 of the opening period, followed by a rebound goal from **Michael Mesic** 30 seconds later and a tap-in on the doorstep from **Logan Dombrowsky** at 8:42, chasing Niko Goich from the Austin net. Anthony Menghini trimmed the lead back to two goals with a marker for the Bruins at 3:13 of the second period, but **Brett Morich** threw one past relief goaltender Klayton Knapp to push the lead to 4-1 at the 7:31 mark of the second. The Bruins compressed the North Iowa lead to a single goal with tallies from Carson Riddle at 3:03 and Walter Zacher at 8:18 of the third, but **Simone Dadie's** empty-net goal from the bottom of the center circle with 13 seconds to go clinched the win for the Bulls. Rapalje and Mesic finished with a goal and an assist apiece, while **Jake LaRusso** posted two assists, and **Hunter Garvey** snapped a personal four-game skid with 36 saves.

TONIGHT'S PROMOTIONS:

North Iowa commemorates Mental Wellness Month tonight with the Bulls' "Hockey Talks" game – fans are encouraged to take the "\$4 For a Score" pledge to donate four dollars to the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention's Iowa chapter for each goal the Bulls score in tonight's game.

FOUR SCORE....:

Michael Mesic's first-period goal against the Bruins last Saturday night gave him a goal in four straight games, the third player on the North Iowa roster to post a tally in four straight. **Byron Hartley** posted his first junior goals during a four-game stretch in early October, while **Dylan Gajewski** opened his tenure as a Bull with goals in four straight in early December, the first North Iowa player to post goals in his first four goals as a Bull since **Dominic Skrelja** at the beginning of the team's 2017-18 NA3HL campaign.

THEY'RE KILLIN' IT:

The first four meetings between the teams were memorable for both Aberdeen and North Iowa's penalty-killing units – the Wings and Bulls combined for 28 power play chances in their first two weekends against each other, with a perfect penalty-kill mark on each side. North Iowa went scoreless on its 18 power plays in their first four get-togethers with Aberdeen, while killing off all 10 of the Wings' power plays in that same time frame.

AN ARMY OF ONE:

North Iowa's latest NCAA Division I commitment belongs to defenseman and captain **Sean Vlasich**, who is set to take his game to West Point next season. Vlasich announced his commitment last Thursday and the Bulls followed with an announcement on Monday, as Vlasich becomes the Bulls' second player to make it to the United States Military Academy. However, he'll be the first former Bull to make it onto the Black Knights' Division I roster – defenseman **Jaxon Jones** is in his third year with West Point's ACHA Division II club after earning an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy in 2018.

POSTING THE HIGH SCORE:

Dylan Gajewski's two points last weekend made him the sixth member of the Bulls' 20-point club for this season (despite half of those points coming with the Austin Bruins prior to his joining North Iowa at the start of last month) – the Bulls are one of only six teams in the NAHL with at least six 20-point scorers on the roster as the first full weekend of the new year gets underway. The title of top scorer coming into this game, though, belongs to the Aberdeen Wings' Cade Neilson, whose 28 assists and 44 points both rank at the top of the NAHL leaderboard.

READ THE ROOM:

With the exception of Aberdeen and North Iowa, the Central Division points standings once again mirror the percentage rankings, with Minot's .609 mark leading the way. North Iowa ranks fourth in points with the third-best winning percentage, while the inverse is true for the Wings.

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

Minot	19-12-1-0	39 pts
Austin	17-11-1-2	37 pts
Aberdeen	16-12-0-2	34 pts
BULLS	15-11-1-2	33 PTS
St. Cloud	14-11-0-1	29 pts
Bismarck	9-18-1-2	21 pts



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Roster accurate as of January 7, 2022

FORWARDS (13)

#	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
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
24	Jack Champion	Left	6'0"	170	09/02/01	Crystal, 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 (2)

#	NAME	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
1	Hunter Garvey	6'1"	160	02/03/02	San Diego, CA	Amarillo Bulls
31	Hudson Hodges	6'2"	175	11/11/01	Moorhead, MN	Austin Bruins

PRONUNCIATIONS

SEAN VLASICH: VLASS-ick
CARTER RAPALJE: RAP-al-jay
JACK MESIC: MESS-ick
MICHAEL MESIC: MESS-ick
JAKE LaRUSSO: La-ROOS-oh
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-ick
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 (15-11-1-2)

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 Fors (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	W 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 st Bull w/ 4 asst since 1/3/20)
Nov 26	@ Austin	L 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	L 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 rd per.)
Dec 3	St. Cloud	L 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 st pts w NI (asst.))
Dec 4	@ St. Cloud	OTL 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 st 2 NAHL assists
Dec 10	Springfield	OTW 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	L 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	L 5-3	Adam Pietila	Hunter Garvey (10-6-1-2, 26/30)	O. Spinnars Nordin (1-1-0-1, 26/29)	14-9-1-2	Tyler Braccini: 1 st NI goal (2 nd per., Champion: 1 st NAHL pt); Pietila: 2 goals
Dec 18	@ Bismarck	L 5-1	Michael Neumeier	Hunter Garvey (10-7-1-2, 31/36)	O. Spinnars Nordin (2-1-0-1, 32/33)	14-10-1-2	BIS: 3-7 power play (NI: 0-4); M. Mesic: G (3 rd straight game vs BIS w goal)
Dec 31	@ Austin	L 5-2	Sutter Muzzatti	Hunter Garvey (10-8-1-2, 26/31)	Klayton Knapp (6-3-0-1, 27/29)	15-10-1-2	AUS: 2-4 power play, ends game w 3 unanswered goals; Muzzatti: hat trick
Jan 1	Austin	W 5-3	Brett Morich (1)	Hunter Garvey (11-8-1-2, 36/39)	Klayton Knapp (6-4-0-1, 21/22)	15-11-1-2	Goich (AUS): 3/6 in net (allowed 3 NI goals in 71-sec span of 1 st period)
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						
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Mar 25	Minot						
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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						