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GAME 36 - JANUARY 27, 2022 (6:30 P.M. at Mason City Arena - Mason City, IA)



### NORTH IOWA BULLS

17-13-1-4 (39 pts, .557) 3<sup>rd</sup>, Central Division Head Coach: Todd Sanden Assistant Coaches: Mark Hicks, Nick Bruneteau ST. CLOUD NORSEMEN

18-13-0-1 (37 pts, .578) 5th\*, Central Division Head Coach: Corey Millen Assistant Coaches: Clark Kuster, Eric Schlie



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	SCHEDUI	CE
09/15	vs. MN Wilderness	<b>W</b> , 5-1
09/16	vs. Jamestown	L, 4-1
09/17	vs. Amarillo	<b>W</b> , 4-1
09/18	vs. Kenai River	<b>W</b> , 6-2
09/24	ABERDEEN	L, 3-2
09/25	ABERDEEN	<b>W</b> , 6-5
10/01	AUSTIN	<b>SOL</b> , 4-3
10/02	@ Austin	W, 4-2
10/08	@ Minot	W, 3-2
10/09 10/15	@ Minot MINOT	W, 6-3 W, 3-2
10/15	MINOT	L, 6-1
10/10	@ Aberdeen	L, 5-1
10/22	@ Aberdeen	<b>SOL</b> , 5-4
11/05	BISMARCK	W, 6-4
11/06	BISMARCK	W, 6-3
11/12	@ Austin	<b>SOW</b> , 3-
11/13	AUSTIN	W, 5-3
11/20	@ St Cloud	W, 5-3 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	<b>OTL</b> , 3-2
12/10	SPRINGFIELD	OTW, 4-
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 01/08	ABERDEEN ABERDEEN	SOL, 7-6 SOL, 5-4
01/08	@ Minot	L, 4-1
01/15	@ Minot	W, 5-4
01/13	@ Bismarck	9-7
01/22	@ Bismarck	L, 9-7 W, 4-3
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 03/12	AUSTIN Austin	7:30pm 7:00pm
03/12	@ Austin ABERDEEN	7:00pm 7:30pm
03/16	ABERDEEN	7:30pm
03/19	MINOT	7:30pm
	MINOT	7:30pm
03/30		7:30pm
04/01	@ St Cloud	7:00pm
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#### IN A NUTSHELL:

North lowa looks to get back ahead in the head-to-head series and gain some much-needed separation from the Norsemen.

#### **ALL-TIME SERIES:**

North Iowa trails, 1-1-1 (head-to-head scoring; 11-11).

#### LAST TIME OUT:

The Bulls are back in the win column thanks to a nail-biter of a win Saturday night in Bismarck, earning a 4-3 victory, the first by a road team in the headto-head series. After a 9-7 game the previous night, the teams went almost the entire first period without a goal, until Jake LaRusso's power play goal with 4:26 remaining on the clock. 64 seconds later, Bismarck tied the game as Brady Egan drove the puck in front of the net and snuck it in under Hunter Garvey for the 1-1 score. Jack Mesic got the Bulls back in front 2:29 into the second period, and North Iowa maintained the lead until Patrick Johnson's power play goal with 8:17 showing on the timer. Back-to-back goals in the third, from Dylan Gajewski at 6:51 and Byron Hartley with 6:30 left, finally gave North Iowa an insurmountable lead, though Egan came up with another quick response with 5:57 remaining. Gajewski ended the night with three points, including the go-ahead goal, factoring into all of the Bulls' first three scores. Jack Campion finished with a pair of assists, and Garvey ended the night with 32 saves and his 12th win of the year. Egan finished with two goals and Jon Ziskie had two assists to pace the Bobcat offense.

#### TONIGHT'S PROMOTIONS:

North lowa returns home to face the St. Cloud Norsemen on January 27 for their only Thursday night home game of the regular season, and the Bulls' "Business Break" Night, with two free tickets to each Mason City Chamber of Commerce member. Adult tickets have been marked down to \$5, with free kids' admission, and domestic beers marked down to \$2. This game will help break up a long road stretch for the Bulls, with nine road games out of 11.

#### AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME:

Four Bulls will represent their team as part of the Central Division roster at the North American Hockey League's Top Prospects Tournament in Pittsburgh on February 7 and 8. The rosters were announced on Tuesday afternoon, with Carter Rapalje, Michael Mesic, Logan Dombrowsky and Dylan Gajewski earning spots in the event - Rapalje scored a goal at last year's showcase, representing the South Division as a member of the Amarillo Bulls, while the other three are making their first appearances. The Central Division will face the Midwest in a Monday-evening matchup, followed by a Tuesday morning game against the South Division all-stars. Three others who played for North Iowa during their NA3HL careers - Zack Simon (Minot), Carson Jones (Springfield) and Max Gutjahr (Amarillo) will also appear at the Top Prospects event at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex.

#### **NUMBER-1 PICK:**

They say that "one is the loneliest number," but there are plenty of them to go around in quantifying the Bulls' head-to-head series with the Norsemen. North Iowa is 1-1-1 this season against St. Cloud, with each team coming into the night with 11 goals against the other. North Iowa scored the bulk of its goals in its first get-together with the Norsemen, a rollicking 7-4 win in St. Cloud that saw Jake LaRusso and Brett Morich both score their first goals as Bulls. St. Cloud swept North Iowa in their last meetings, a 4-2 win in Mason City on December 3 and a 3-2 overtime win off the stick of Ryan O'Neill the following night in St. Cloud.

#### **SOMETHING SPECIAL:**

North lowa squares off in this game with a St. Cloud team sitting just outside the NAHL's top 10 on the power play, but a team that has enjoyed the bulk of its power play success on home ice. The Norsemen's 30.8-percent power play mark at home is fifth in the league, but the 10.2-percent success rate on the road ranks at the bottom of the 29-team circuit. The Norsemen penalty kill, however, continues to impress in all venues - St. Cloud has wiped away 86 percent of opposing power plays, good for fourth in the league, and the team's eight shorthanded goals ranks third on the league leaderboard.

### **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:**

There may be no hotter team to start a game in the North American Hockey League this season than the Bulls, posting 54 first-period goals, far and away the best mark in the NAHL. New Jersey sits in second place in that category at 45 first-period goals, followed by Aberdeen with 44. North lowa's 24 games in which they have scored first trails only the Northeast Generals, who are one ahead of the Bulls for the league lead.

### **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 NorthlowaBulls.com, or go directly to the Bulls' audio homepage at mixlr.com/northiowabulls.

### **CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS**

7:30pm

7:30pm

7:30pm

7:00pm

04/08 BISMARCK

04/09 BISMARCK

04/15 ST. CLOUD

04/16 @ St. Cloud

Austin 22-12-1-2 47 pts Minot 20-17-1-0 41 pts **BULLS** 17-13-1-4 39 PTS **Aberdeen** 18-15-1-2 39 pts **St. Cloud** 18-13-0-1 37 pts Bismarck 13-20-1-2 29 pts

Roster accurate as of January 22, 2022

## FORWARDS (15)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
3	Luke Robertson	Right	6'1"	180	07/25/03	Fort Wayne, IN	Mason City Toros
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 Campion	Left	6'0"	170	09/02/01	Crystal, MN	Mason City Toros
25	Ryder Brophy	Right	6'2"	190	04/30/02	Franklin, PA	Boston Advantage NCDC
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	Riaht	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	<b>Austin Bruins</b>

### **PRONUNCIATIONS**

**SEAN VLASICH:** VLASS-ick **CASEY ROEPKE: REP-kee ANTHONY DOMINA:** DOM-inna **CARTER RAPALJE:** RAP-al-jay **SIMONE DADIE:** SEE-mo-nay DAH-dee-ay **JACK MESIC:** MESS-ick **MICHAEL MESIC:** MESS-ick **HUNTER BULGER:** BULL-jer JAKE LaRUSSO: La-ROOS-oh

**TYLER BRACCINI:** brass-EE-nee

RYDER BROPHY: BROH-fee

**BRETT MORICH:** MOR-ick DYLAN GAJEWSKI: Guy-ESS-kee

### **TEAM STAFF**

HEAD COACH/GM: Todd Sanden **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** Kathee Corsello

**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/GM:** Mark Hicks **ATHLETIC TRAINER:** Austin Kessler **ASSISTANT COACH:** Nick Bruneteau

BROADCASTING/MEDIA RELATIONS: Austin Draude

### **BULLS GAME-BY-GAME (17-13-1-4)**

	DULLS GAME-D1-GAME (17-15-1-4)							
Date	te Opponent Result GWG		GWG	Bulls Goaltender	Opp. Goaltender	Record	Highlights	
	vs. MN Wilderness	W	5-1		Carsen Stokes (1-0-0-0, 23/24)	Jacob Zacharewicz (0-1-0-0, 26/31)	1-0-0-0	Dombrowsky: Bulls' 1st NAHL goal (10:01, 1st); 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: 1st 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
	vs. Kenai River	w		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: 100th junior game
	Aberdeen	L	3-2		Cullen DeYoung (2-1-0-0, 23/26)	Kyle Kozma (2-1-0-0, 33/35)	3-2-0-0	Chris Carroll: Bulls' 1st NAHL home goal (1st, 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 3rd 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 3rd 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	1st NI/Austin games since 1985; NI: 5-5 PK (AUS: 1st game w 0 PPG this yr)
Oct 8	@ Minot	W	3-2		Hunter Garvey (2-0-0-1, 32/34)	Carter Clafton (2-3-1-0, 9/12)	6-2-0-1	MNT backup Zach Sandy: 18-for-18; Scott: 1st goal as NI Bull (18:51, 1st)
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 (1st/2nd 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 1st 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 1st period, 2 goals :16 apart in 2nd; 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 1st start since 9/25; Carter Rapalie: 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' 1st 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)		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)		Mexico: 1st-period goal, SO goal; NI: 7-8 PK, 3-3 PP; Shots: AUS 35, NI 26
Nov 13	•	W		Byron Hartley (1)	Hunter Garvey (8-2-0-2, 31/34)	Hudson Hodges (7-4-1-0, 17/21)		Hartley, Carter Rapalje: 2 G each (Hartley: 1st 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)		E. Dahlmeir (STC): 17/21; S. Vlasich: 4 A (1st 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)		Bulls lead 3x (never more than one-goal lead); Jasenec: 2 goals, 2 assists
Nov 27	_	L	4-1	Braidan Simmons-Fischer	Hunter Garvey (9-4-0-2, 24/28)	Klayton Knapp (3-1-0-1, 27/28)		Carson Riddle (AUS): 2 goals; Carter Rapalie: only Bulls goal (:22, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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)		D. Gajewski: goal in Bulls debut (A. Stacey, C. Roepke: 1st pts w NI (asst.))
Dec 4	@ St. Cloud	OTL	3-2	•	Hunter Garvey (9-4-1-2, 49/52)	Tomas Bolo (7-3-0-0, 23/25)		Dylan Gajewski: 2 G (both go-ahead goals); Sota Isogai: 1st 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)		Gajewski: hat trick (t-fastest to 6 G in NI history); Hagen Moe (SPR): 2 G
Dec 11	Springfield	L	6-3		Hunter Garvey (10-5-1-2, 20/25)	Ethan Roberts (14-5-0-1, 24/27)		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)		Tyler Braccini: 1st NI goal (2nd per., Campion: 1st NAHL pt); Pietila: 2 goals
Dec 18	-	L	5-1	Michael Neumeier	Hunter Garvey (10-7-1-2, 31/36)	O. Spinnars Nordin (2-1-0-1, 32/33)		BIS: 3-7 power play (NI: 0-4); M. Mesic: G (3rd 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)		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)		Goich (AUS): 3/6 in net (allowed 3 NI goals in 71-sec span of 1st period)
Jan 7	Aberdeen	SOL	7-6	. ,	Hunter Garvey (11-8-1-3, 15/15)	Dominik Wasik (10-6-0-1, 33/39)		Hodges: 1st NI start (14/20, ND); 4-4 after 1st (ties Bulls record); Scorigami!
Jan 8	Aberdeen	SOL	5-4	Cade Neilson (SO)	Hunter Garvey (11-8-1-4, 33/37)	Greg Orosz (4-3-0-0, 11/15)		Logan Dombrowsky scores :08 into game; 1st-ever back-to-back SO losses
Jan 14	@ Minot	L	4-1	Colby Joseph	Hunter Garvey (11-9-1-4, 43/47)	Austin Zavoda (1-0-0-0, 26/27)		Colby Joseph (MNT): 2 goals; Zavoda: 1st NAHL win; PP: combined 3-for-9
Jan 15	@ Minot	W	5-4	Byron Hartley (2)	Hudson Hodges (10-5-1-0, 39/43)	Austin Zavoda (1-1-0-0, 24/25)		Hodges: 1st NI win; Hartley, Rapalje: 3pts each; goal in first 2:00 of all 3 pd.
Jan 21	@ Bismarck	L	9-7	Quinn Rudrud	Hudson Hodges (10-6-1-0, 32/40)	O. Spinnars Nordin (5-2-0-1, 24/31)		Rudrud: hat trick (BIS: answers NI goal in :35 or less 3x); t-NI record for GA
Jan 22	@ Bismarck	W	4-3	Byron Hartley (3)	Hunter Garvey (12-9-1-4, 32/35)	O. Spinnars Nordin (5-3-0-1, 14/18)		Dylan Gajewski: G, 2 A; 1st win for road team in series; Bulls take lead 3x
Jan 27	St. Cloud			, , , ,	, , ,			
Jan 28	@ Aberdeen							
Jan 29	@ Aberdeen							
Feb 4	Austin							
Feb 5	@ Austin							
Feb 11	@ Aberdeen							
	@ Aberdeen							
	Bismarck							
	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