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GAME 37 - JANUARY 28, 2022 (7:15 P.M. at Odde Ice Center – Aberdeen, SD)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

17-14-1-4 (39 pts, .542)

t-3rd, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Mark Hicks, Nick Bruneteau

ABERDEEN WINGS

18-15-1-2 (39 pts, .542)

t-3rd, Central Division

Head Coach: Steve Jennings

Assistant Coaches: Zach Stepan



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	SOL, 7-6
01/08	ABERDEEN	SOL, 5-4
01/14	@ Minot	L, 4-1
01/15	@ Minot	W, 5-4
01/21	@ Bismarck	L, 9-7
01/22	@ Bismarck	W, 4-3
01/27	ST CLOUD	L, 4-2
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	22-12-1-2	47 pts
Minot	20-17-1-0	41 pts
St. Cloud	19-13-0-1	39 pts
Aberdeen	18-15-1-2	39 pts
BULLS	17-14-1-4	39 PTS
Bismarck	13-20-1-2	29 pts

IN A NUTSHELL:

After taking a loss last night, North Iowa opens a pivotal road weekend against the Wings.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

North Iowa trails, 1-2-3 (last three meetings have all been shootout losses).

LAST TIME OUT:

Special teams ended up an especially important part of Thursday night's game at the Mason City Arena, with both the Bulls and St. Cloud Norsemen registering at least one power play goal as St. Cloud snatched a 4-2 win. Blake Mesenburg opened the scoring for the Norsemen on a clearing attempt that never got out of the zone, firing one in from the right wing for a shorthanded tally at 4:27 of the first period for a 1-0 lead. Ryan O'Neill's shot from the left wing rattled in under the crossbar for a power play goal just 47 seconds out of the break, giving St. Cloud a two-goal lead. The game's only 5-on-5 tally came at 10:43 of the second period, when **Brett Morich's** shot from the left wing was blocked to **Casey Roepke**, who roped his shot past a well-screened Tomas Bolo. Halfway through the Bulls' second power play of the night, **Dylan Gajewski** fed the puck in front for **Jack Champion**, who dragged it past Bolo to tie the game with 7:57 showing on the clock. A five-minute power play after a high cross-check from **Greg Japchen**, however, opened the door for a St. Cloud go-ahead goal, and Brandon Lajoie tossed his contribution into the net at 4:56 of the third to give St. Cloud the lead for good. Blake Perbix ended the night with an empty-net goal with 1:33 left. St. Cloud went 2-for-2 on the man-advantage, while the Bulls closed out the night at 1-for-3.

NEXT HOME GAME:

North Iowa returns home to face the Austin Bruins on Friday, February 4, a game which 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.

SHOOTOUT AT THE O.K. CORRAL:

Despite Aberdeen's five wins in their six meetings against North Iowa, the series is about as close as they get, with the teams going to a shootout in each of their last three meetings. It's the first time North Iowa has ever played an opponent to a shootout in three straight meetings, and only the second time the Bulls have faced an opponent in three shootouts in the same season – the Chicago Hitmen won two of their three shootouts against North Iowa in the Bulls' inaugural NA3HL campaign in 2011-12.

ROAD WARRIORS:

Thursday's game marks a much-needed break in a heavy road schedule for the Bulls – North Iowa finds itself in the midst of a stretch of nine road games out of 11, and six full weekends out of eight away from home. The reward is on the horizon, though – the Bulls play nine of their last 12 games of the regular season, including eight of their final 10, on home ice at the Mason City Arena.

FIRST THINGS FIRST:

North Iowa enjoyed two firsts in Thursday night's game despite the loss to St. Cloud, as Casey Roepke and Jack Champion notched their first NAHL goals of the season. Roepke has been in the scoring column four times previously, scoring two goals last season for the Amarillo Bulls and two in 2019-20 as a member of the Janesville Jets. Champion's goal was his first in the NAHL, after posting 56 points for the Mason City Toros earlier this season – he is still the team's second-leading scorer despite not appearing in a Toros contest since December 22. He notched 16 goals last season for the Bulls in the NA3HL, and added three more points in last April's Fraser Cup tournament.

COVERAGE:

All 60 regular-season North Iowa Bulls games are streamed live on HockeyTV, sponsored by Dakota Fix Shelter Insurance. 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 January 26, 2022

FORWARDS (14)

#	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
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	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

RYDER BROPHY: BROH-fee

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 (17-14-1-4)

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	W 7-4	Carter Rapalje (4)	Hunter Garvey (9-2-0-2, 38/42)	Tomas Bolo (3-6-1-0, 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., Campion: 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	SOL 7-6	Kyle Gaffney (SO)	Hunter Garvey (11-8-1-3, 15/15)	Dominik Wasik (10-6-0-1, 33/39)	15-11-1-3	Hodges: 1 st NI start (14/20, ND); 4-4 after 1 st (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)	15-11-1-4	Logan Dombrowsky scores :08 into game; 1 st -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)	15-12-1-4	Colby Joseph (MNT): 2 goals; Zavoda: 1 st 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)	16-12-1-4	Hodges: 1 st 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)	16-13-1-4	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)	17-13-1-4	Dylan Gajewski: G, 2 A; 1 st win for road team in series; Bulls take lead 3x
Jan 27	St. Cloud	L 4-2	Brandon Lajoie	Hunter Garvey (12-10-1-4, 25/28)	Tomas Bolo (13-6-0-0, 30/32)	17-14-1-4	Casey Roepke: first NI goal; Jack Campion: first NAHL goal; total: 3-4 PP
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						
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						