



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 22 - DECEMBER 3, 2021 (7:30 P.M. at Mason City Arena – Mason City, IA)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

13-6-0-2 (28 pts, .667)

2nd*, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Mark Hicks

ST. CLOUD NORSEMEN

9-9-0-0 (18 pts, .500)

5th, Central Division

Head Coach: Corey Millen

Assistant Coaches: Clark Kuster, Eric Schlie



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	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 welcomes the Norsemen to Mason City for the first time, and continues a decade-old tradition to benefit area children.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

North Iowa leads, 1-0-0 (only meeting: 7-4 win in St. Cloud, November 20).

LAST TIME OUT:

The Bulls earned a sweep over the Austin Bruins in their last home-and-home get-together before Thanksgiving, but the Bruins finished off the holiday weekend sweep in last Saturday's game at Mason City. The Austin power play went to work just 3:29 into the game, when Jack Malinski hammered a one-timer down the slot to take a 1-0 lead for the visitors. They struck twice in the second period, with Braidan Simmons-Fischer snapping a shot past **Hunter Garvey** off of Damon Furuseth's drop pass with 7:18 remaining, and a marker from Carson Riddle off of a North Iowa clearing attempt with 2:27 showing on the second-period clock. North Iowa got on the board 22 seconds in with a face-and-fire forehand from **Carter Rapalje**, but Riddle snuck one into the net off of Garvey from the goal line just a minute-and-a-half later to seal the sweep for Austin. The Bruins scored on their first power play of the game for the third straight night, and kept North Iowa scoreless on its five chances. The shots-on-goal count was even throughout the evening – six shots a side in the first period, 13 per team in the second and nine more for each in the third. Klayton Knapp made 27 saves for the win, while Garvey took the loss with 24 stops.

UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:

North Iowa hosts its 10th annual Teddy Bear Toss this evening, presented by CURRIES, part of the ASSA ABLOY group. Fans are invited to hurl teddy bears and other stuffed toys onto the ice following the first North Iowa goal. All toys tossed onto the ice will be donated to Toys For Tots.

SEA YOU DOWN THE ROAD:

The Bulls have landed a coach into the highest ranks of college hockey, with Alaska-Anchorage's announcement this week that the Seawolves have hired **Kevin Murdock** as their new assistant coach. Murdock was back in Mason City as the Bulls' Associate Head Coach/General Manager this season after spending two years in Alaska as an NAHL head coach with the Kenai River Brown Bears. He was a vital part of the Bulls' success during his first stint in town from 2016 to 2019, leading the Bulls to 106 regular-season wins, two Fraser Cup tournament appearances and two division championships. UAA is reactivating its hockey program for 2022-23 after a two-year layoff due to financial difficulties, including COVID-related financial fallout.

NOT MES-ING AROUND:

One of North Iowa's top blueliners has been out of the lineup since last Saturday, but not for injury or illness – **Jack Mesic** received a last-minute call-up to the United States Hockey League and the Lincoln Stars just ahead of their game last weekend against the Omaha Lancers. Mesic reunites with Rocky Russo and George Lewis, his coaches last year with the Amarillo Bulls, and became the first Bull to appear in a USHL game since North Iowa's move to the NAHL. He also found himself sharing the ice with the very first Bulls alumnus to play in the USHL, former NA3HL West Division MVP **Lucas Wahlin**.

TIGHTLY CONTESTED:

The Central Division standings remain a roller-coaster ride, with no sign of slowing down as the circuit's teams head toward the season's 40-percent mark. The Bulls' two losses to Austin last week dropped them out of first place in the standings, but with two games in hand on the Austin Bruins, they remain atop the division in terms of winning percentage, and they have four games in hand on the Minot Minotauros, who sit just a point back of North Iowa for third. St. Cloud is looking to shake off a four-game skid in fifth place, while Bismarck has entered the chat just three points behind the Norsemen.

WARNING...THESE PUNS ARE BEAR-LY BEARABLE:

This game marks the Bulls' 10th annual Teddy Bear Toss, which was begun in 2012 in the wake of the Newtown tragedy in Connecticut. North Iowa has never been "Grinched" in any of its Teddy Bear Toss games, with only the first one (a 2-1 win over the Breezy Point North Stars) seeing the bears stay in their fans' paws-ession past the first intermission. The last two Teddy Bear Toss nights have seen the Bulls' most "high-koalaty" starts yet, with **Max Savaloja** kicking off the fun just 2:19 into a Holiday Classic exhibition against the Sheridan Hawks. The wheel-bear-ows came out earliest in 2019, the final Teddy Bear Toss at the "Barn," when **Nick Bowlin** scored just 45 seconds into a 6-3 win over the New Ulm Steel.

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

Austin	13-7-1-2	29 pts
BULLS	13-6-0-2	28 PTS
Minot	13-11-1-0	27 pts
Aberdeen	11-10-0-1	23 pts
St. Cloud	9-9-0-0	18 pts
Bismarck	7-15-1-0	15 pts



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Roster accurate as of November 24, 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
23	Sota Isogai	Left	5'11"	170	02/14/01	Nagano, Japan	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 (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
SOTA ISOGAI: SOH-ta EE-so-guy

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

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 (13-6-0-2)

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 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						
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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