



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

100 S. Washington Ave., Suite 118 | Mason City, IA 50401 | 641-423-GOAL | NorthIowaBulls.com | @NorthIowaBulls

GAME 34 - JANUARY 21, 2022 (7:15 P.M. at V.F.W. Sports Center – Bismarck, ND)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

16-12-1-4 (37 pts, .561)

4th, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Mark Hicks, Nick Bruneteau

BISMARCK BOBCATS

12-19-1-2 (27 pts, .397)

6th, Central Division

Head Coach: Layne Sedeve

Assistant Coach: 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	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	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	20-12-1-2	43 pts
Minot	20-15-1-0	41 pts
Aberdeen	18-14-0-2	38 pts
BULLS	16-12-1-4	37 PTS
St. Cloud	16-13-0-1	33 pts
Bismarck	12-19-1-2	27 pts

IN A NUTSHELL:

North Iowa returns to Bismarck in the hunt for its first-ever win at the V.F.W. Sports Center.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

Tied, 2-2-0 (all four games won by home team).

LAST TIME OUT:

North Iowa started right on time in last Saturday's game at the Minot Minotauros, despite its latest puck drop of the season at 8:05 p.m. – the Bulls scored just 55 seconds out of the gate on the way to a 5-4 win at Maysa Arena. **Byron Hartley** got the Bulls on the board first, but Minot answered with a power play goal from Connor McGrath seven minutes later to tie the game. North Iowa got its next two in quick succession – **Logan Dombrowsky** redirected a slapshot from **Sean Vlasich** at the left point to beat Carter Clifton at 11:51, and the Bulls went tic-tac-toe to **Hunter Bulger** 45 seconds later for the 3-1 lead. Braden Panzer banged in a rebound off of a Joe Westlund shot just 17 seconds out of the intermission to cut the lead to 3-2, but **Carter Rapalje** snapped a shot through the five-hole against Clifton at the 55-second mark to push the lead back to 4-2. Cole Mickel put the lead back to a goal with 1:28 left in the period, but Hartley notched his second goal of the night just 1:41 out of the break to stretch the lead back to 5-3. They defended a precarious lead the rest of the way after Colby Joseph's goal with 9:10 remaining, giving the Bulls their third win in four games at Minot and only their third victory in the last 14 games. **Hudson Hodges** made 39 saves for his first Bulls win, while Rapalje and Hartley posted three points apiece to lead the way for North Iowa. Mickel, Westlund and Graham Skinner each earned a pair of points in the loss for the Minotauros.

NEXT HOME GAME:

North Iowa 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. That game will help break up a long road stretch for the Bulls, with nine road games out of 11.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME:

The Bulls' task this evening will be to bring home the first win for a road team in the head-to-head series – the home team has won all of the first four meetings, starting with 6-4 and 6-3 wins for North Iowa back in November. Carter Rapalje earned Central Division Star of the Week honors that weekend with five goals, including a career-best four in the Friday night affair. Bismarck came back with a pair of wins at home right before Christmas, scoring five goals each night and going 3-for-7 on the power play in Saturday's game. Rapalje enters the weekend as the league's number-six goal scorer with 19 markers, and two above Cade Neilson's 17 goals thus far for Aberdeen.

BODY BY JAKE:

The reigning Central Division Star of the Week is set to take the ice in this week's series as the Bulls look to slow down Jake McLean, who picked up four goals and an assist in the Bobcats' sweep of the Aberdeen Wings last weekend. He enters the weekend with 30 points, leading the way for the Bobcats through 34 games. North Iowa greatly appreciates the Bobcats' contributions, as the Wings' Saturday loss allowed the Bulls to climb back within a point of third place in the Central Division standings with a game in hand, and take back the number-three spot in the division's points-percentage rankings.

LIKE MIKE:

Two assists in last Saturday's win at Minot allowed **Michael Mesic** to take back the top spot on the Bulls' scoring leaderboard, entering the contest with 29 points. He scored two of the Bulls' four goals in their last weekend visit to Bismarck, and heads into the night with goals in three straight meetings with the Bobcats.

ALL IT TAKES IS ONE:

Hudson Hodges got plenty of work in North Iowa's most recent outing, but he is officially a winning goaltender in a Bulls uniform, following a 39-save effort last Saturday at the Minotauros. He came to the Bulls just before the end of 2021, making his North Iowa debut January 7 and taking a no-decision with 14 saves in a shootout loss to Aberdeen. The 39 saves marks a season-high for Hodges, narrowly missing the 40-save mark for only the second time in his junior career. That career-best came in his very first junior game, a 44-save loss against the Wings on November 28, 2020.

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.



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

100 S. Washington Ave., Suite 118 | Mason City, IA 50401 | 641-423-GOAL | NorthIowaBulls.com | [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [g](#) [y](#) [r](#) [e](#) @NorthIowaBulls

Roster accurate as of January 15, 2022

FORWARDS (14)

#	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 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 (16-12-1-4)

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 (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., 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						
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						
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						