



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 1 - SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 (5:00 P.M. at National Sports Center Super Rink - Blaine, MN)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

2021-22: 22-28-4-6 (54 pts, .450)
6th, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Logan Murphy, Redmond Brow

WISCONSIN WINDIGO

2021-22: 25-26-6-3 (59 pts, .492)
6th, Midwest Division

Head Coach: Blake Hietala

Assistant Coach: Casey Kirley



vs

2022-23 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER (0-0-0-0)

14	vs. Wisconsin Windigo	5:00pm
15	vs. Shreveport	2:15pm
16	vs. Odessa	7:30pm
17	vs. Janesville	3:00pm
23	@ Minot	7:35pm
24	@ Minot	7:35pm
30	@ Austin	7:05pm

OCTOBER (0-0-0-0)

1	AUSTIN	7:10PM
7	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
8	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
14	MINOT	7:10PM
15	MINOT	7:10PM
22	ST. CLOUD	7:10PM
28	SPRINGFIELD	7:10PM
29	SPRINGFIELD	7:10PM

NOVEMBER (0-0-0-0)

4	ABERDEEN	7:10PM
5	ABERDEEN	7:10PM
11	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
12	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
17	@ Austin	7:05pm
18	BISMARCK	7:10PM
19	BISMARCK	7:10PM
25	@ Austin	7:05pm
26	AUSTIN	7:10PM

DECEMBER (0-0-0-0)

2	@ Springfield	7:05pm
3	@ Springfield	6:05pm
15	ST. CLOUD	6:10PM
16	@ St. Cloud	7:00pm
17	@ St. Cloud	7:00pm
30	@ Austin	7:05pm
31	AUSTIN	7:10PM

JANUARY (0-0-0-0)

1	AUSTIN	5:30PM
6	BISMARCK	7:10PM
7	BISMARCK	7:10PM
13	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
14	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
27	@ St. Cloud	7:00pm
28	ST. CLOUD	7:10PM

FEBRUARY (0-0-0-0)

3	AUSTIN	7:10PM
4	@ Austin	7:05pm
10	@ Austin	7:05pm
11	AUSTIN	7:10PM
17	ABERDEEN	7:10PM
18	ABERDEEN	7:10PM
24	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm
25	@ Aberdeen	7:15pm

MARCH (0-0-0-0)

3	ST. CLOUD	7:10PM
4	@ St. Cloud	7:00pm
10	@ Minot	7:35pm
11	@ Minot	7:35pm
17	ABERDEEN	7:10PM
18	ABERDEEN	7:10PM
24	MINOT	7:10PM
25	MINOT	7:10PM
31	@ Bismarck	7:15pm

APRIL (0-0-0-0)

1	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
7	BISMARCK	7:10PM
8	BISMARCK	7:10PM
14	@ Bismarck	7:15pm
15	@ Bismarck	7:15pm

IN A NUTSHELL:

North Iowa opens the new season with an NAHL Showcase matchup against a brand-new opponent.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

First meeting.

THE SCENE-SETTER:

The season opens with this contest after an outstanding preseason for the Bulls – North Iowa battled Corpus Christi to a 4-2 loss and a 1-0 win in a pair of mini-games in Mason City last Wednesday, starting with a goal from **Byron Hartley** just 28 seconds into the opening contest of the night. Cameron Crolley and Oliver Stumpel's two goals broke a 2-2 tie to seal a win in the first mini-game, but **Casey Roepke's** shot from the right point clipped **Hunter Bulger** on its way to the net to take care of the offense in the nightcap. North Iowa swept the Aberdeen Wings, 4-1 and 2-1 last Friday and Saturday to cap the preseason, with **Max Scott** opening the offense for the Bulls in both games. His shot from the left-wing faceoff dot in the second period touched off a four-goal run in Friday's game, while his goal with 1:58 left in Saturday's game tied the contest at 1-1 before **Cayden Casey** broke free in overtime to score the winner at the 48-second mark.

KNOW YOUR FOE:

It's a brand-new era for the Bulls' opening-night opponent, as the Wisconsin Windigo make their first official appearance on the NAHL ice. The Windigo took sixth-place in an eight-team Midwest Division race last year as the Minnesota Magicians before moving to the northern Wisconsin community of Eagle River over the offseason. Blake Hietala comes to the team after a four-year run as an assistant coach with the USHL's Green Bay Gamblers, and takes over a team with 10 returning players from last year's Magicians roster.

GETTING AN EARLY JUMP ON THINGS:

Max Scott has gotten off to a roaring start to the season, thanks to a big week against Corpus Christi and Aberdeen. Scott posted assists on both goals in North Iowa's first mini-game against Corpus Christi, including a power play assist on a goal from Justin Mexico. His goals in Friday and Saturday's games got the scoring started for North Iowa, banking in a pass off of his skates for a crucial tying goal with less than two minutes left in regulation Saturday. The win was – unofficial or not – the Bulls' first triumph in overtime against Aberdeen after six extra-session losses to the Wings last year.

BACK TO BUSINESS:

After having one of the NAHL's youngest rosters last season, this year's group expects to be a more experienced one. 12 Bulls return from last year's team, with Byron Hartley's 37 points making him the top scorer back after the departure of the team's top three scorers from a year ago. Three of the top Mason City Toros from last year have also moved up, including goaltender **Erik Chaffe**, who combined with **Mitchell Day** to stop 65 of the 68 shots they saw during preseason play.

A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND:

While Wisconsin's head coach is new to the organization, the Windigo retained assistant coach Casey Kirley from last year's coaching staff in Richfield – Kirley has close ties to the North Iowa organization, spending two years on the Bulls' staff as an assistant coach in 2015-16 and adding the assistant general manager's title in 2016-17. North Iowa reached the Fraser Cup tournament both years, winning the league championship in 2016. He would spend two years after leaving the Bulls with the Shreveport Mudbugs – North Iowa's second-day opponent in Blaine – and helped lead them to an NAHL Robertson Cup title in 2018.

2021-22 STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
St. Cloud	60	41	16	2	1	85	.708
Austin	60	31	23	3	3	68	.567
Aberdeen	60	31	24	3	2	67	.558
Bismarck	60	29	27	1	3	62	.517
Minot	60	28	29	2	1	59	.492
BULLS	60	22	28	4	6	54	.450

COVERAGE

All 60 regular-season North Iowa Bulls games are streamed live on HockeyTV, presented 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 northiowabulls.mixlr.com.





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Roster accurate as of September 13, 2022

FORWARDS (17)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
3	Blake Johnson	Right	5'11"	175	04/19/03	Elk River, MN	Elk River H.S.
9	Blake Ulve	Left	5'10"	175	01/23/03	Owatonna, MN	Albert Lea H.S.
11	Logan Dombrowsky	Right	6'3"	210	11/02/02	Stevens Point, WI	North Iowa Bulls
12	Max Scott	Left	6'1"	190	10/11/02	San Jose, CA	North Iowa Bulls
14	Justin Mexico	Left	5'10"	170	12/03/03	Madison Heights, MI	North Iowa Bulls
15	Cayden Casey	Left	6'1"	175	10/07/04	Elk River H.S.	Andover H.S.
17	Eli Miller	Right	5'9"	160	10/09/04	Dundas, MN	Lakeville South H.S.
19	Luke Baker	Left	5'11"	175	08/16/04	Dana Point, CA	Anaheim Jr. Ducks 18U AAA
20	Hunter Bulger	Right	5'7"	170	08/05/02	St Louis, MO	North Iowa Bulls
22	Jake LaRusso	Right	5'11"	180	03/16/02	Colts Neck, NJ	North Iowa Bulls
24	Willy Johnson	Left	5'10"	170	03/18/04	Edina, MN	Edina H.S.
25	Carter Newpower	Left	6'3"	175	02/21/02	Cottage Grove, MN	Park H.S.
26	Simone Dadie	Left	6'2"	205	09/18/03	Brunico, Italy	North Iowa Bulls
27	Nolan Abraham	Right	5'10"	175	06/03/04	Livonia, MI	Oakland Jr. Grizzlies
28	Rasmus Nousiainen	Right	6'0"	180	12/30/04	Turku, Finland	TPS U20
29	Byron Hartley	Right	6'1"	185	05/09/02	Philadelphia, NY	North Iowa Bulls
37	Matt VanderVort	Right	6'1"	170	01/21/05	Edina, MN	Edina H.S.

DEFENSEMEN (9)

#	NAME	SHOT	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
4	Landon Peterson	Left	6'5"	205	01/16/03	New Prague, MN	Notre Dame Hounds
5	Christian Heckman	Left	5'8"	180	05/29/03	Cleveland, OH	Shattuck-St. Mary's Prep
6	Paavo Hiltunen	Left	6'1"	170	08/12/04	Kerava, Finland	HIFK U20
8	Joe Sweeney	Right	6'1"	200	04/21/03	San Jose, CA	North Iowa Bulls
10	Jack Mesic	Right	5'10"	170	10/18/02	Plymouth, MI	North Iowa Bulls
16	Isaac Deveau	Left	6'1"	185	05/22/04	Lorraine, QC	Andre-Laurendeau Boomerang
18	Andrew Stacey	Right	6'1"	180	01/14/03	Toledo, OH	North Iowa Bulls
21	Casey Roepke	Left	6'1"	185	05/02/02	Erin, WI	North Iowa Bulls
23	Carter Theissen	Left	5'11"	180	07/10/03	Plymouth, MN	Breck School

GOALTENDERS (2)

#	NAME	HT	WT	D.O.B.	HOMETOWN	LAST TEAM
30	Mitchell Day	5'10"	180	01/18/02	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis Blues AAA
31	Erik Chaffe	6'1"	170	02/17/03	Marion, IA	Mason City Toros

PRONUNCIATIONS

BLAKE ULVE: ULL-vee
RASMUS NOUSIAINEN: NOO-see-eye-nen
JACK MESIC: MESS-ick
ISAAC DEVEAU: dev-OH
CARTER THEISSEN: TY-sen
JAKE LaRUSSO: la-ROO-so

CASEY ROEPKE: REP-kee
PAAVO HILTUNEN: PAH-voh HIL-too-nen
SIMONE DADIE: SEE-mo-nay DAH-dee-ay
HUNTER BULGER: BULL-ger
ERIK CHAFFE: chayf

TEAM STAFF

VP, BUSINESS OPERATIONS: Nate Weosner
HEAD COACH/GM: Todd Sanden
ASSISTANT COACH: Logan Murphy
ASSISTANT COACH: Redmond Brow

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: Kathee Corsello
ATHLETIC TRAINER: Madison Dininny
BROADCASTING/MEDIA RELATIONS: Austin Draude

BULLS GAME-BY-GAME (0-0-0-0)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>GWG</i>	<i>Bulls Goaltender</i>	<i>Opp. Goaltender</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Highlights</i>
Sep 14	vs. Wisc. Windigo						
Sep 15	vs. Shreveport						
Sep 16	vs. Odessa						
Sep 17	vs. Janesville						
Sep 23	@ Minot						
Sep 24	@ Minot						
Sep 30	@ Austin						
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Oct 14	MINOT						
Oct 15	MINOT						
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Oct 28	SPRINGFIELD						
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Nov 4	ABERDEEN						
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Nov 17	@ Austin						
Nov 18	BISMARCK						
Nov 19	BISMARCK						
Nov 25	@ Austin						
Nov 26	AUSTIN						
Dec 2	@ Springfield						
Dec 3	@ Springfield						
Dec 15	ST. CLOUD						
Dec 16	@ St. Cloud						
Dec 17	@ St. Cloud						
Dec 30	@ Austin						
Dec 31	AUSTIN						
Jan 1	AUSTIN						
Jan 6	BISMARCK						
Jan 7	BISMARCK						
Jan 13	@ Bismarck						
Jan 14	@ Bismarck						
Jan 27	St. Cloud						
Jan 28	ST. CLOUD						
Feb 3	AUSTIN						
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