



NORTH IOWA BULLS HOCKEY CLUB

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GAME 7 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (7:05 P.M. at Riverside Arena – Austin, MN)



NORTH IOWA BULLS

4-2-0-0 (8 pts, .667)

3rd, Central Division

Head Coach: Todd Sanden

Assistant Coaches: Logan Murphy, Redmond Brow

AUSTIN BRUINS

4-0-0-2 (10 pts, .833)

1st, Central Division

Head Coach: Steve Howard

Assistant Coach: Justin Fisher, Hampus Sjodahl



2022-23 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER (4-2-0-0)

14	vs. Wisconsin Windigo	W	5-0
15	vs. Shreveport	W	1-0
16	vs. Odessa	W	4-0
17	vs. Janesville	L	3-1
23	@ Minot	L	3-2
24	@ Minot	W	2-1
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 renews its rivalry against its nearest neighbor to open a 12-game season series.

ALL-TIME SERIES:

North Iowa trails, 5-6-1.

THE SCENE-SETTER:

The Bulls are back in the win column after another gritty defensive effort last Saturday night in a 2-1 win against the Minot Minotauros. North Iowa and Minot scrapped to a scoreless tie in the first period, and nearly went through the second period before breaking through on a power play goal from Byron Hartley, following a setup pass from Simone Dadie below the goal line. Hartley picked up a second goal near the midway mark of the third period, throwing a pass out front that was deflected into the net by a Minotauros defender. Sustained 6-on-5 pressure with an empty net finally got the 'Taurus on the board with 57 seconds to go as Cooper Rice batted a puck past Erik Chaffe to cut the final margin to 2-1. Chaffe made 32 saves on 33 Minot chances, opening his North Iowa career with a 3-0 mark.

KNOW YOUR FOE:

Austin is off to its best start in franchise history, going through its first six games without a regulation loss – the Bruins have started with 10 standings points in the first six games only twice before, in 2013 and 2014, and both starts involved a five-win start with a regulation loss. Steve Howard's team is coming off of back-to-back shootout losses to St. Cloud, with the Norsemen earning a 1-0 victory on Saturday in Austin in the Bruins' longest scoreless game in history. The Bruins were one of four teams to come out of the NAHL Showcase with perfect records, thanks in part to Austin Salani, who has notched a team-best seven points thus far.

NOT AFRAID OF COMMITMENT:

Two players with North Iowa ties have already locked up NCAA Division I commitments, with the Bulls' first active player commitment coming this past week. Forward **Max Scott** announced his commitment to Brown University on Wednesday, becoming the first North Iowa Bull ever to commit to an Ivy League institution. Scott is in his third year with the Bulls, playing for the organization during its final year in Amarillo in 2020-21. Alumnus **Jack Phelan** – now with the USHL's Sioux Falls Stampede – announced his commitment to Minnesota State University, Mankato last week.

CLOSE, BUT NOT QUITE:

Goaltender Erik Chaffe nearly made Bulls history last weekend, coming up less than a minute shy of becoming only the second player to begin his North Iowa career with three straight shutouts. Chaffe stopped all 42 shots he saw at the NAHL Showcase against Wisconsin and Odessa, and became only the second goaltender to start his Bulls career with back-to-back shutouts. David Johnson earned shutouts in his first three games as a Bull, and four of his first five, during the 2014-15 NA3HL campaign – he would finish the season with six shutout wins. Chaffe enters the new weekend with saves on 74 of his first 75 chances.

FLIP THE POWER BACK ON:

North Iowa is off to a strong start on special teams this season, and will take on a team against which special teams success came at a premium in 2021-22. The Bulls went 1-for-44 on the power play against Austin a year ago, while the Bruins notched 11 power play goals in their 12 outings against the Bulls. This year, it's North Iowa who has gotten off to the hot start on the man-advantage, posting five goals on 16 chances, while the Bruins are off to a 2-for-38 start. The Bulls penalty kill has allowed one power play goal in 16 chances against, good for fourth in the NAHL – the Bruins aren't far behind, just a shade under 90 percent on the young season.

CENTRAL DIVISION STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT
Austin	6	4	0	0	2	10	.833
St. Cloud	6	4	1	0	1	9	.750
BULLS	6	4	2	0	0	8	.667
Minot	6	3	3	0	0	6	.500
Bismarck	6	2	3	1	0	5	.417
Aberdeen	6	2	4	0	0	4	.333

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 29, 2022

FORWARDS (16)

#	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
22	Jack Seaverson	Right	6'0"	165	02/14/04	Chaska, MN	Minnesota Wilderness
24	Willy Johnson	Left	5'10"	170	03/18/04	Edina, MN	Edina 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.
44	Landon MacDonald	Left	6'2"	185	08/12/04	Traverse City, MI	Muskegon Lumberjacks

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
7	Joey Potter	Right	6'0"	185	05/09/03	Pittsburgh, PA	North Iowa Bulls
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
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
PAAVO HILTUNEN: PAH-voh HIL-too-nen
SIMONE DADIE: SEE-mo-nay DAH-dee-ay
ERIK CHAFFE: chayf

TEAM STAFF

HEAD COACH/GM: Todd Sanden
ASSISTANT COACH: Logan Murphy
ASSISTANT COACH: Redmond Brow
ATHLETIC TRAINER: Madison Dininny

VP, BUSINESS OPERATIONS: Nate Weossner
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: Kathee Corsello
BROADCASTING/MEDIA RELATIONS: Austin Draude

BULLS GAME-BY-GAME (4-2-0-0)

<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	W 5-0	Cayden Casey (1)	Erik Chaffe (1-0-0-0, 19/19)	Maxwell Beckford (0-1-0-0, 24/29)	1-0-0-0	Casey, Joe Sweeney: 1 st career NAHL goals; Chaffe: NAHL debut
Sep 15	vs. Shreveport	W 1-0	Logan Dombrowsky (1)	Mitchell Day (1-0-0-0, 27/27)	Tommy Aitken (1-1-0-0, 20/21)	2-0-0-0	1 st 1-0 win in NI history, 1 st -ever back-to-back shutout wins to open season
Sep 16	vs. Odessa	W 4-0	Cayden Casey (2)	Erik Chaffe (2-0-0-0, 23/23)	Hunter Hein (0-1-0-0, 29/33)	3-0-0-0	Casey: 1 st -period goal (17:24, earliest NI goal so far this yr); Mexico: G, A
Sep 17	vs. Janesville	L 3-1	Chris Pelosi	Mitchell Day (1-1-0-0, 33/35)	Peter Sterling (2-0-0-0, 33/34)	3-1-0-0	Pelosi: 2 G (1 st junior goals); NI: shutout streak ends at 22:31 (last yr: :26)
Sep 23	@ Minot	L 3-2	Braden Fischer	Mitchell Day (1-2-0-0, 28/31)	Lawton Zacher (3-0-0-0, 19/21)	3-2-0-0	Fischer: GWG, A (NAHL debut); Bulls tie game after 2-0 1 st -period deficit
Sep 24	@ Minot	W 2-1	Byron Hartley (1)	Erik Chaffe (3-0-0-0, 32/33)	Dane Couture (1-2-0-0, 21/23)	4-2-0-0	Hartley: 2 G; game scoreless thru 35 minutes; MNT goal w/ :57 left in 3 rd
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