



## **WSHL WRAP-UP; September 22-24, 2017**

### **Arizona Hawks @ Valencia Flyers**

09.21.17 – Valencia 10, Arizona 1

09.22.17 – Valencia 13, Arizona 4

09.23.17 – Valencia 17, Arizona 5

The Valencia Flyers got their 2017-18 season off on the right foot, scoring 40 goals in a three-game sweep of the Arizona Hawks in Valencia.

Tristian Warr, Dawson Key and Joseph Hebert scored two goals apiece for the Flyers to lead Valencia to a 10-1 win in the first WSHL game of the season Thursday. The veteran Key added three assists for a five-point effort.

Jason Hickman and Jakob Kranabetter (1-3-4) also contributed three assists each in the game.

Arizona was down 10-0 by the time they finally got on the board. Jakob Jeffries ruined Spencer Kozlowski's shutout bid with 5:11 left in the game.

Kozlowski finished the game with 21 saves on 22 shots in the Valencia net. His counterpart, Arizona's Travis Green, made 41 saves – 18 in the first period.

Hickman (3-2-5), Hebert (1-4-5), Kranabatter (1-4-5) and Dyan San Agustin (1-4-5) led the charge as the Flyers posted a 13-4 win on Friday.

Stanislav Haurus (2-1-3) figured in three of the four Arizona goals.

The Hawks had their most productive game in Saturday's series finale, scoring five times, but unfortunately so did Valencia – potting 17.

Bailey Prouty (3-2-5) and Nickolai Gruzdev (3-0-3) each notched hat tricks for the Flyers while Hebert (2-4-6), Hickman (2-4-6), San Augustin (2-2-4), Juraj Housa (2-2-4) and Warr (2-0-2) all found the net twice for Valencia.

Ryan Davis, meanwhile, had a hat trick for the Hawks.

### **Wichita Jr. Thunder @ Oklahoma City Blazers**

09.22.17 – Oklahoma City 10, Wichita 4  
09.23.17 – Oklahoma City 10, Wichita 1  
09.24.17 – Oklahoma City 14, Wichita 1

Many times, in junior hockey, a team that wins a championship is loaded with talented 20-year-old players who age out and leave big hole in the lineup the following season. Judging by the lopsided scores in the Oklahoma City-Wichita series this may be the case for the defending Thorne Cup champion Wichita Jr. Thunder, as they were out-scored 34-6 by the Oklahoma City Blazers.

Joshua Chamberlain's three goals and Ivan Bondarenko's six-point games (2-4-6), led the way as OKC won their season opener, 10-4.

Drake Johnson also scored a pair of goals for the Blazers, as did Simon Sefcik for Wichita.

Final shots on goal were 59-14 in favor of the Blazers with Connor Green making 49 saves for the Jr. Thunder.

The Blazers hit double-digits on Saturday as well. Nine different Oklahoma City players scored goals, including Travis Hudek, who scored twice. Bondarenko picked up three more assists, and Bobby Cloutier stopped 29 of 30 shots.

Austin Tilton made 24 saves and Martin Trudman scored for Wichita.

The Blazers completed the sweep on Sunday with another dominating performance, scoring six times in the first period and rolling to a 14-1 win.

The OKC point parade was led by Patrick Tondl (3-2-5), Chamberlain (2-3-5), Griffin Wiencek (1-3-4) and David Cambria (1-3-4) and Timothy Henning kicked out 14 of 15 shots for the Blazers.

Green was again in net for the Jr. Thunder and made 49 saves – 30 of them in the first period. Christian Winther scored the Wichita goal.

Bondarenko totaled 14 points (4-10-14) in the series and Chamberlain contributed 6-6-12.

### **West Sound Warriors vs. Seattle Totems (home-and-home series)**

09.22.17 – West Sound 5 @ Seattle 4 (OT)  
09.23.17 – Seattle 3 @ West Sound 2

The road team won both ends of a season-opening home-and-home series between the Seattle Totems and West Sound Warriors.

Friday, in Seattle, the Warriors came back from a 4-1 deficit in the third period, scoring twice in the final 39 seconds of regulation, then won it 46 seconds into sudden death.

Jacob Rudloff assisted on each of the final three Warriors goals, which came in a span of 85 seconds.

The Totems led, 1-0, after the first period. Michael Shipee scored two goals 41 seconds apart early in the second period to extend the Seattle lead to three goals.

West Sound entered the third period down three goals. Alec Johnson cut the Seattle lead to two 3:21 into the frame, but it looked like that would be as close as West Sound would get.

It wasn't until 19:21 that Erik Safstram got the Warriors within a goal. Tyson Liverance added the tying goal just 14 seconds later, sending the game to overtime.

Johnson's second of the game was the winner 46 seconds into OT with Rudloff providing the lone assist.

Garrett Wills started strong, stopping 25 of 26 shots through the first two periods for Seattle, but ended up taking the loss, finishing the game with 31 saves.

Seattle took one-goal leads three times in Saturday's contest. West Sound responded the first two times to tie it up – but the Totems made Tom Ignatovich's goal with 20 seconds left in the second period hold up as the game-winner.

The Warriors out-shot the Totes, 12-11, in a scoreless third period. Wills stopped all 12 shots, and had 46 saves in the game, to pick up a well-earned win.

Connor Wherrett assisted on both goals for West Sound – they came off the sticks of Bryce Ebert and Harri Kroll.

Cam Gross and Daniel Normerstad each had a goal and an assist for Seattle.

### **Tahoe Icemen @ Southern Oregon Spartans**

09.22.17 – Tahoe 7, Southern Oregon 5

09.23.17 – Tahoe 5, Southern Oregon 1

09.24.17 – Southern Oregon 5, Tahoe 4 (2 OT)

The Tahoe Icemen went into the Medford Mad House and picked up five of a possible six points from the Southern Oregon Spartans.

Southern Oregon led, 2-1, after the first period on Friday night on a pair of Christian Ward goals, but the Icemen scored three times in a span of 4:53 early in the second period to take a lead they would not surrender.

Former Vancouver Ranger Paul Frys (2-2-4) had a four-point game in his Tahoe debut and Nick Davidow also scored twice for the Icemen.

Ward completed a hat trick for the Spartans with a third-period goal.

Tahoe goaltender Maximilian Haselbacher posted double-digit saves in each period on his way to a 31-save win.

Frys scored the first of his two goals 8:13 into Saturday's game and the Icemen never trailed in a 5-1 win. Frys also had an assist and Wade Conlan stopped 37 of 38 shots to prevent the Spartans from mounting a rally.

Nolan Willoughby scored the lone Southern Oregon goal.

The Spartans picked up the win on Sunday to avoid the sweep. Miroslav Smid scored with 2:42 left in regulation to tie the game and Kalem Nohnych won it 24 seconds into the second overtime.

Nohnych's clutch goal made a winner out of Krystof Holub, who made 31 saves, stopping 13 of 14 shots in the third period.

Thomas Spero made 11 of his 24 saves in the first period for the Icemen and Phillip Heisse scored a hat trick for Tahoe.

### **Cheyenne Stampede vs. Superior RoughRiders (home-and-home series)**

09.22.17 – Superior 9 @ Cheyenne 0

09.23.17 – Cheyenne 0 @ Superior 8

The Superior RoughRiders out-scored the Cheyenne Stampede, 17-0, over six periods, sweeping both ends of their home-and-home series.

Nikita Sheberov scored four goals in the first period, and Emanuel Hertel-Bauman stopped all 33 shots he faced to lead the Superior to a 9-0 win Friday night in Cheyenne.

Thore Weyrauch scored twice for the RoughRiders.

Superior stormed out to a 6-0 lead by the first intermission. Devin Bain entered the game in goal for the Stampede and stopped 16 of 17 shots in the second period to staunch the bleeding.

The two teams met again Saturday night in Colorado and the 'Riders again dominated. Superior out-shot Cheyenne, 38-8, in the first period but Bain stood on his head – stopping all 38 shots to keep the game tied going into the first intermission.

Eventually, Superior broke through. Sheberov and Daniel Benilov each scored twice and L. J. Newell posted a 28-save shutout to lead the home team.

Bain went the distance in the Cheyenne crease, facing 85 shots and making 77 saves.

### **Ogden Mustangs @ Colorado Jr. Eagles**

09.22.17 – Ogden 3, Colorado 2 (SO)

09.23.17 – Ogden 8, Colorado 2

09.24.17 – Colorado 7, Ogden 6

The Ogden Mustangs and Colorado Jr. Thunder were two of the top teams in the WSHL last season and look to be well-matched again after their three-game series in Fort Collins, CO. The Ogden Mustangs won two of three games, with Colorado picking up a third point by getting Friday's game to a shootout.

Friday's series opener could not be decided in overtime. Twice the visiting Mustangs took the lead on a Jacob Laurin goal and both times the Jr. Eagles tied it back up – the second time on David Mitchell's tally with 4:17 left in regulation.

Jr. Eagles veteran Braden Lajoie stopped 35 of 37 shots through the second overtime while Ogden's Jonathan Chin turned aside 31 of 33.

Chin and the visiting Mustangs prevailed in the shootout to pick up the extra point in the standings.

The Mustangs didn't need the heroics Saturday night. They scored four times in the first period on their way to an 8-2 win. Ross Bartlett figured in five of the eight Ogden goals, scoring one and setting up four others. Ian Currie had two goals and a pair of assists and Chin stopped 29 of 31 shots for the "W".

WSHL veteran Carter Dahl scored both goals for Colorado.

Seven different Colorado skaters scored in Sunday's 7-6 Jr. Eagles win, including the Zachary Lish tally with 6:31 left in the third period that held up as the game-winner.

The Jr. Eagles led 5-0 after the first period, but the Mustangs came storming back with four goals in the middle frame.

Lajoie, who stopped all 10 shots he faced in the opening period, struggled in the middle of the game, but recovered and made the saves he needed to preserve the two points for the Jr. Eagles. He finished the game with 32 saves.

Chin was in the Ogden crease for the third straight night, making 21 saves.

Ross Bartlett had two goals and an assist for Ogden.

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