



WSHL WRAP-UP; September 28-October 1, 2017

Fresno Monsters @ Long Beach Bombers RIVALRY RENEWED; BOMBERS POST THREE STRAIGHT ONE-GOAL WINS OVER MONSTERS

09.28.17 – Long Beach 5, Fresno 4

09.29.17 – Long Beach 4, Fresno 3

09.30.17 – Long Beach 3, Fresno 2

The Long Beach Bombers surpassed the Fresno Monsters as a Western Division power over the past two seasons, but Fresno is back in the game in Year Two under former NHLer Kevin Kaminski. The Bombers did post a three-game sweep on home ice, but in reality, the margin was razor thin, with all three games decided by a single goal.

Long Beach scored three times in a span of 7:40 early in the game and withstood a late Fresno rally for a 5-4 win in Thursday's series opener.

Daylon Mannon's second goal of the game came with 9:10 left in the third period and got the Monsters within a goal, but Domenic Bosetti (31 saves) protected the one-goal lead the rest of the way for an entertaining Bombers victory in front of the Long Beach crowd.

Cody Key also scored twice for Fresno while five different Bombers lit the lamp, including Miroslav Rohlik, whose tally with 30 seconds left in the second period proved to be the game-winner.

Anton Ahlin scored with two seconds left in regulation to give the Bombers another one-goal win, 4-3, on Friday night.

The Monsters led 2-0 at the first intermission, but the Bombers scored twice to tie it up after two periods. Tomas Urbanec's second goal of the game gave Long Beach a 3-2 lead 2:48 into the third.

Mannon scored again for Fresno, knotting the game at three at the 13:12 mark. He also had a pair of assists in the game.

Although the final shot he faced eluded Fresno's Adam Barvik, he did make 40 saves in the game – 21 in the second period.

Bosetti recovered after allowing a pair of goals in the first period, stopping 22 of 23 shots the rest of the way and finishing the game with 34 saves.

Rohlik scored two big goals as the Bombers completed the sweep with another one-goal win on Saturday. Fresno led, 2-1, after one period, but Rohlik scored in the second period to tie things up, then added the lone goal of the third to give Long Beach a 3-2 win.

Bosetti again surrendered a pair of first period goals, but shut the door the rest of the way, making 43 saves – including all 30 shots he faced over the final two frames.

Logan Domagala and Cole Beckman scored the Fresno goals 16 seconds apart midway through the first period and Urbanec supplied the other Bombers goal.

Barvik was between the pipes again for the Monsters, making 40 saves.

Valencia Flyers @ Phoenix Knights FLYERS WIN BIG IN THE DESERT

09.29.17 – Valencia 9, Phoenix 2

09.30.17 – Valencia 4, Phoenix 1

10.01.17 – Valencia 4, Phoenix 0

The Valencia Flyers put six points into the bank with a three-game sweep of the Knights in Phoenix.

Dylan San Agustin scored three times for Valencia on Friday and teammates Dawson Keay and Joey Piroli added two each as the Flyers posted a 9-2 win.

Spencer Kozlowski was sharp for Valencia, making 33 saves on 35 shots, and allowing only first-period tallies by the Knights' Colton Seeman and Colton Schneiderman.

Phoenix stayed right with the Flyers in Saturday's game. Valencia had just a 2-1 lead after 40 minutes in what was a goaltending duel between Kozlowski and the Knights' Cody Call.

The Knights out-shot the Flyers in the third period, but WSHL veterans Keay and Nikita Pintusov and scored for Valencia to secure a 4-1 win.

Phoenix had their chances, but Kozlowski was again the difference, stopping all 16 shots he faced in the third period and 39 of 40 in the game.

Call (37 saves) kept the Knights in it as long as he could and Anthony Masanotti scored the Phoenix goal.

Kozlowski was given Sunday off, but there was no drop-off in Valencia's goalie play. Zachary Everett posted a 30-save shutout to backstop the Flyers to a 4-0 win, making 17 saves in the third period alone as the Knights once again turned up the heat late in the game.

Call made 17 of his 40 saves in the first period for Phoenix, but Keay and Jacob Ulestig each scored a pair of goals to help Valencia finish off the sweep.

Wichita Jr. Thunder @ Springfield Express STRUGGLES CONTINUE FOR DEFENDING CHAMPS; JR. THUNDER SWEEP IN SPRINGFIELD

09.29.17 – Springfield 10, Wichita 1
09.30.17 – Springfield 11, Wichita 1
10.01.17 – Springfield 10, Wichita 1

The defending Thorne Cup champion Wichita Jr. Thunder dropped to 0-6-0 on the season following a convincing three-game sweep at the hands of the Springfield Express.

Stephane Doerring scored a hat trick and three more Express skaters scored a pair of goals each in a 10-1 Springfield win on Friday.

The Express led, 7-0, after 40 minutes and cruised to the win despite Wichita's Corey Steinbarger ruining Kristof Dobos' shutout bid.

Dobos was required to make just 11 saves for Springfield while Wichita's Connor Green stopped 49 pucks – 21 of them in the first period alone.

Ondrej Cerny, Ian Herrmann and Kyle Cagnoni all scored twice for the Express and Bruno Ndossi collected three assists.

Wichita's struggles continued in an 11-1 loss on Saturday. Nikita Sokov scored three goals and assisted on two others and Bruno Ndossi tallied a pair for Springfield.

Austin Tilton went the distance for the Jr. Thunder, making 50 saves.

It was more of the same on Sunday. Cagnoni (2-5-7) figured in seven of the 10 Springfield goals as the Express out-shot the Jr. Thunder 66-15 and cruised to a 10-1 win.

Vegard Faret (2-2-4) and Akos Szigeti also had two-goal games for Springfield.

Green was under duress all night, facing 23 shots in each of the first two periods and ending the game with 56 saves.

William Cawthorn and Chad Purdy split the crease duties for Springfield.

Ontario Avalanche @ Tahoe Icemen ICEMEN GIVE ONTARIO ALL THEY CAN HANDLE, TAKE THREE POINTS FROM AVS

09.29.17 – Ontario 5, Tahoe 4 (SO)
09.30.17 – Tahoe 5, Ontario 3
10.01.17 – Ontario 1, Tahoe 0

The Tahoe Icemen continued their strong play early in the season with a win and a pair of one-goal losses – one of them in a shootout – against the visiting Ontario Avalanche.

The Icemen were 20 seconds away from victory on Friday, but Ontario's Levi Hulston tied the game up and forced overtime.

Both the four-on-four and three-on-three overtime periods went by without a goal with the Avalanche out-shooting the Icemen, 9-8.

Although he was bested in the shootout, Tahoe's Maximilian Haselbacher made 54 saves in the game, stopping 22 of 23 shots in the first period.

Filip Subrt made 34 saves for Ontario and picked up the second point by winning the shootout.

One of Jesse Zaharichuk's two goals for the Avalanche came with six seconds left in the second period, tying the score, 2-2. He also added an assist.

The Icemen built a 5-1 lead after two periods on Saturday. The Avalanche scored a pair of goals to cut the deficit in half, but Wade Conlan (33 saves) closed the door for the final 12:22 in a 5-3 Tahoe win.

Five different players scored for Tahoe, including Jackson Oleson, who supplied the game-winner.

Connor Duffy made 30 saves for Ontario.

Almost 56 minutes went by without a goal in Sunday's game. Ontario's William Ma finally found the net with 4:05 left in the third period and Subrt made 34 saves to keep the Icemen off the board in a 1-0 Avalanche win.

Zaharichuk and Alex Bouchard drew assists on Ma's game-winning goal and Tahoe's Conlan matched Subrt's 34 saves, but was the tough-luck loser.

Bellingham Blazers vs. Seattle Totems (home-and-home) **TOTEMS TOP BLAZERS IN SEATTLE AND BELLINGHAM**

09.29.17 – Bellingham 4 @ Seattle 5

09.30.17 – Seattle 8 @ Bellingham 6

The Seattle Totems picked up two big early-season wins in their intra-state rivalry with the Bellingham Blazers, winning close games in both cities to sweep a home-and-home series.

Friday in Seattle, Tom Ignatovich's second goal of the game for the Totems tied the score, 4-4, with 47 seconds left in the second period.

Braden O'Brien scored the only goal of the third period to give the Totems a 5-4 win. Veteran Michael Shippee assisted on four of the five Seattle goals.

Sean Meetsma scored a pair of goals for the Blazers.

Seattle scored five times in the third period for an 8-6 comeback win Saturday in Bellingham.

Mitch Hunt's second goal of the game tied the contest, 6-6, with 9:01 left. Ignatovich notched the game-winner with 4:13 remaining – his second goal of the game – and Cam Gross added an insurance marker.

Jamahl Eakett had a hat trick for Bellingham, which included a pair of unassisted goals late in the second period to give the Blazers a three-goal lead.

Superior RoughRiders @ Casper Coyotes

STRONG START CONTINUES FOR ROUGHRIDERS AS THEY TAKE FOUR POINTS IN CASPER

09.29.17 – Superior 5, Casper 1

09.30.17 – Superior 6, Casper 4

The Superior RoughRiders improved to 4-0-0 on the season and took over the top spot in the Mountain Division with a pair of wins in Casper against the Coyotes. Sunday's game could not be played due to an equipment problem with the ice at the Casper Ice Arena.

Nikita Sheberov and Thore Weyrauch each had two goals and two assists and Marshall Murphy stopped 31 of 32 shots to lead the RoughRiders to a 5-1 win on Friday.

Bradley Green scored the lone Casper goal and Luka Sotlar made 38 saves for the Coyotes.

Both of Sheberov's goal came in the first period with the second holding up as the game-winner.

The RoughRiders kept their strong early-season play going on Saturday, leading 3-0 after one period, and getting two more goals from Sheberov (2-2-4) in the third period to respond after Casper made a push.

Sheberov gave Superior a two-goal lead with 2:53 left, Brody Surette got Casper back within a goal 47 seconds later, but Sheberov lit the lamp again to put the finishing touches on a 6-4 'Riders win.

Dylan Ossachuk entered the Casper net in the first period after starter Nolan Kare was lifted. Ossachuk made 32 saves which included stopping all 17 shots he faced in the second period as the Coyotes recovered from their early deficit.

Emmanuel Hertel-Bauman (38 saves) was the winning goaltender for Superior.

Utah Outliers @ Ogden Mustangs

BATTLE OF UTAH HEATS UP AS MUSTANGS, OUTLIERS SPLIT

09.29.17 – Ogden 6, Utah 5

09.30.17 – Utah 3, Ogden 2

The Battle of Utah got off to a great start with a pair of one-goal games in Ogden. Both the Mustangs and Utah Outliers posted one-goal wins to kick off what should be a spirited season series.

The Mustangs scored three times to take an early lead in the first period Friday's game. Three times the Outliers got back within a goal, but they were unable to complete the comeback in a 6-5 Ogden win.

Rhett Rampinelli scored twice in the first period for Ogden and added three assists for a five-point game.

The intra-state rivalry went up a notch on Saturday as Brandon Krumpshmid scored all three goals for the Outliers in a big 3-2 road victory.

Krumpschmid tallied a goal in each frame and Dawson Rodin stopped 41 of 43 shots for Utah.

Matt McClelland and Ian Currie scored late in the second period for Ogden to tie the game and Krumpschmid scored the only goal of the third period with just 1:24 left on the clock.

Oliver Marslatt made 25 saves for the Mustangs.

Colorado Jr. Eagles vs. Cheyenne Stampede (home-and-home)
STAMPS, STRUGGLING TO FIND THE NET, DROP PAIR TO JR. EAGLES

09.29.17 – Colorado 10 @ Cheyenne 0

09.30.17 – Cheyenne 0 @ Colorado 6

The Colorado Jr. Eagles swept both ends of a home-and-home series from Cheyenne, shutting the Stampede out in both games. Cheyenne has yet to score a goal in their first four games of the season.

The Stampede were blanked in front of their home fans for the second Friday in a row. Nine different Colorado skaters lit the lamp, including Michael Petrotto who scored twice, and Hunter Bancroft stopped all 17 shots he faced to post the shutout in a 10-0 Jr. Eagles win.

Cheyenne's scoring woes continued in Fort Collins on Saturday. They managed just 13 shots on Colorado's Hunter Bancroft, who stopped them all in a 6-0 Jr. Eagles win.

Vincent Mastrandrea and Carter Dahl scored two goals each for Colorado. Dahl's came a minute apart midway through the second period and gave the Jr. Eagles a three-goal lead.

Ronnie Brennan did what he could in the Stampede net, making 49 saves, including 19 of 20 shots sent his way in the first period.

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