

North American Hockey League Game Recaps 09.28.24

By: Michael Seitz September 28, 2024

Shreveport Mudbugs 3 vs Chippewa Steel 4 – Chippewa defeated Shreveport 4-3 yesterday afternoon in the NAHL Showcase. Goaltenders Aden Gariepy and Tyler Spokane kept the game scoreless through a period before Shreveport broke the ice. David Ehrhard scored the game's opening goal 55 seconds into the second period. Chippewa answered nine minutes later as Jackson Lackas potted his fourth of the young season. The Mudbugs took the lead late in the middle frame. Aiden Puley slipped one past Spokane with under three minutes to play in the period. However, Shreveport's lead did not last long as the Steel found three unanswered tallies. Tomas Trunda's third of the year at 4:07 of the final period tied the game at two before Jacob Ligi's fourth at 5:47 gave Chippewa the lead. The Steel added a fourth, and what would become the game-winning, goal six minutes later via Ryder McIntosh. Bryce Boucher pulled the Mudbugs back within one with just under three minutes to play in the game, but it would not be enough. Spokane stopped 32 of 35 shots in the win while Gariepy made 29 stops.

Austin Ice Bats 3 @ Louisiana Drillers 4 – Louisiana defeated Austin 4-3 Saturday evening in a tight-checking affair. The Ice Bats jumped out to a quick lead as Paul Wiese scored just 1:39 into the game. The lead only held up for 15 minutes of clock time before the Drillers struck twice in the first period's final 3:20. Jake Bergstrom scored first before Jackson Lord pushed Louisiana ahead in the dying seconds of the frame. The middle frame began as the first concluded. However, this time it was Austin's Georgii Tokarskll tying the game with his fourth of the year

18 seconds in. The Drillers punched back on the power play just 3:12 later as Johnathon Brendt scored. The Ice Bats then answered quickly once again. Tara Korotchenko found his second goal of the season. The teams headed into the final 20 minutes knotted at three. The game-winning goal, and lone of the third period, came off the tape of Louisiana's Brendan Johnson at 10:59. Cole Schmidt stopped 22 of the 25 shots he faced for the Drillers in the victory while Bryson Fazee made 19 saves in the loss.

Willmar WarHawks 1 @ St. Louis Jr. Blue 4 – St. Louis defeated Willmar 4-1 last night in a game where goaltender Brooks Barofsky and forward Joseph LoPiccolo stole the show. Both goaltenders were locked in for the game's first 20 minutes as the teams entered the first intermission scoreless. The Jr. Blues broke the ice just under three minutes into the second period. LoPiccolo netted his second goal of the year and first of the night at 2:49. Later in the frame, LoPiccolo found the back of the net for a second time. St. Louis was not done there. Kyle Settles pushed the Jr. Blue advantage to 3-0 with his third goal of the year with under three minutes to play in the second period. Willmar finally spoiled Barofsky's shutout bid with 4:12 remaining in the game as Carson Wendorff got the WarHawks on the scoresheet. St. Louis' Jack Reuss added the final tally of the game at 17:11 of the third period to push the tilt to its 4-1 final. Barofsky stopped 26 of 27 shots he faced in the win while Willmar's Josh Mack made 25 saves.

New Hampshire Jr. Mountain Kings 3 @ Long Beach Sharks 2 – New Hampshire took down Long Beach in dramatic fashion last night. Both goaltenders held their opposition scoreless in the opening 20 minutes as the game's first goal did not come until 1:19 into the second period. Sam

O'Neil and the Sharks took advantage of a Nick Cox cross-checking penalty, potting a power play goal to put Long Beach up 1-0. New Hampshire did not waste much time grabbing the goal right back as Xander St. Pierre tied the game just 2:07 later. The game moved to the third period knotted at one apiece. Like the second, the final frame opened with a power play marker. This time, though, the Jr. Mountain Kings found the goal through Braedan Gagnon. The Sharks continued to grind and were rewarded on a power play of their own. Mason Jackson scored the game-tying goal which pushed the contest into overtime. New Hampshire picked up the extra point thanks to Tommy Titone's third goal of the year 3:30 into overtime. Tristan Harris made 33 saves on 35 shots in the winning effort for the Jr. Mountain Kings.

Minnesota Wilderness 3 @ Peoria Mustangs 7 – Peoria thumped Minnesota yesterday on the back of a four-goal opening period. The Mustangs struck early and often in this game as Andrew Johnson opened the scoring less than three minutes in. Ian Ingles was next to find the back of the net on the power play at 6:20 before Jordan Mini made it 3-0 Peoria. Nathan Pleva's goal at 16:01 ended the first-period onslaught and gave the Mustangs a 4-0 lead. All four goals to start the game for Peoria were each player's first markers of the season. The second period began with Johnson finding his second tally of the game to push his team's lead to 5-0. This time the goal came on the man advantage. Minnesota finally got on the board with a power play goal of their own. Kaden Rocheleau potted his third goal of the campaign at 7:28 of the second. The Mustangs were able to answer the opening Minnesota goal with one of their own five minutes later with Colten Cox credited for the score. The Wilderness found their second power play marker of the middle period at 16:14 as Tyler Webb cashed in. The teams traded goals in the third period with Peoria's Pleva and Minnesota's Rocheleau each scoring their second goals of

the game to push the tilt to its 7-3 final. Peoria's Filip Kaczmarczyk impressed in the win stopping 40 of 43 shots he faced. Minnesota's Nate Jansen stopped 12 of the 15 shots he faced before Pierson Haislet took over and made 19 saves on 23 tries.