



Superior International Junior Hockey League



AROUND THE SIJHL

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SIJHL Standings

| Team | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | PTS | PCT | GF | GA |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|
| North Stars | 31 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 58 | .935 | 178 | 70 |
| Dryden | 33 | 25 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 54 | .818 | 160 | 90 |
| Sioux Lookout | 35 | 14 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 30 | .429 | 111 | 151 |
| Wolverines | 36 | 11 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 27 | .375 | 122 | 177 |
| Fort Frances | 32 | 8 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 20 | .313 | 100 | 167 |
| Wisconsin* | 11 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 4 | .182 | 35 | 51 |

* - Wisconsin plays a 20-game non-league member schedule

Recent results

Jan. 2: North Stars 11 Fort Frances 3
 Jan. 2: Dryden 3 Sioux Lookout 0
 Jan. 3: Dryden 5 Sioux Lookout 4
 Jan. 3: Fort Frances 5 Wolverines 1

Upcoming games

Jan. 6: Wolverines @ North Stars 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 6: Wisconsin @ Sioux Lookout 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 7: Fort Frances @ Wolverines 8 p.m.
 Jan. 7: Wisconsin @ Sioux Lookout 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 8: Fort Frances @ North Stars 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 9: Dryden @ North Stars 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 10: Dryden @ Wolverines 1:30 p.m.

Leading scorers

| PLAYER | TEAM | POS | GP | G | A | PTS | PPG | SHG | GWG |
|-----------------|------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Ryan Magill | FWNS | F | 27 | 27 | 23 | 50 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Colton Kennedy | FFL | F | 30 | 24 | 26 | 50 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Mitch Forbes | FWNS | F | 31 | 21 | 28 | 49 | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Trevor Gamache | FWNS | F | 29 | 16 | 29 | 45 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Jordan Davis | FWNS | F | 31 | 20 | 24 | 44 | 10 | 0 | 6 |
| B.J. McClellan | DID | F | 32 | 12 | 31 | 43 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Kevin Burton | DID | F | 29 | 22 | 19 | 41 | 11 | 0 | 4 |
| Jon Mitchell | DID | D | 33 | 13 | 25 | 38 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Mike Lennon | DID | F | 33 | 10 | 28 | 38 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| Kyle Heck | DID | F | 33 | 22 | 14 | 36 | 10 | 0 | 3 |
| Chad Liley | DID | F | 24 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Tyler Stevenson | FFL | F | 30 | 11 | 20 | 31 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| A.J. Wensley | SLF | D | 35 | 10 | 20 | 30 | 8 | 0 | 4 |
| Nathan Brown | SLF | F | 35 | 10 | 19 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Randall Hanlan | FWNS | D | 31 | 5 | 24 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Alex Porrier | KAW | F | 25 | 15 | 12 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 2 |

Leading goaltenders

| NAME | TEAM | GP | W | L | OT/SOL | SO | GAA | SV% |
|--------------------|------|----|----|---|--------|----|------|------|
| Jayne Brattengeier | FWNS | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.02 | .909 |
| Guillaume Piche | FWNS | 23 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2.33 | .904 |
| Josh Baker | DID | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2.35 | .926 |
| Curtis Barker | DID | 10 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2.59 | .910 |
| Peter Emery | DID | 16 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2.65 | .917 |

SIJHL second half underway

THUNDER BAY, Ont. – The Superior International Junior Hockey League gets their second half in full swing this week with a total of seven games on the slate.

Weekly action gets underway this evening on two fronts as the Fort William North Stars host fellow Thunder Bay rival K&A Wolverines at the Fort William Gardens while the Sioux Lookout Flyers entertain the Wisconsin Mustangs in the first of two at Memorial Arena.

Two more tilts are set for Thursday with the Wolverines welcoming the Fort Frances Lakers to the Thunder Bay Tournament Centre as well as the Flyers and Mustangs wrapping up their two-game set in Sioux Lookout.

Friday's lone affair sees the Lakers remaining in the Lakehead to meet the North Stars at the Gardens.

Saturday pits the visiting Dryden Ice Dogs against the Stars while the weekend concludes Sunday as the Ice Dogs wrap-up their mini road swing with a 1:30 p.m. matinee at the Tournament Centre vs. K&A.

MONTHLY ACCOLADES: The SIJHL announced this week that Sioux Lookout Flyers defenceman A.J. Wensley has been named the league's Sportop Marketing player for the month for December.



The 20-year-old Atikokan, Ont., product averaged over a point per game last month registering nine in seven contests on three goals, including a game-winner, as well as six assists.

On the year Wensley tops the Flyers in team scoring with 30 points on 10 goals and 20 helpers while also supplying a club-best four game-winning markers. He also sits second in scoring among SIJHL D-men.

Wensley will be honoured on-ice at a future game receiving a prize pack courtesy of Sportop Marketing of Thunder Bay.

NEW LEADERS: Entering play this week we see new leaders at the top of the SIJHL scoring parade.

Fort William North Stars forward Ryan Magill and Colton Kennedy of the Fort Frances Lakers currently share the league lead in scoring with 50 points apiece.

The previous leader Mitch Forbes of the North Stars is just one point off the pace with 49 while Fort William teammates Trevor Gamache and Jordan Davis round out the league's top five with 45 and 44 points respectively.

Jon Mitchell of the Dryden Ice Dogs continues to top all defencemen in scoring in the league averaging over a point-per-game with 38 in 33 contests.

The 19-year old D-man also paces all SIJHL blueliners in goals with 13 and assists with 25. He is also second in power play points with 18 as well as shorthanded goals and man-down points with three and four respectively.

STREAKS: Colton Kennedy's charge to a share of the SIJHL scoring lead has occurred due in part to a six-game point streak the Kenora, Ont., product is currently riding. In his run Kennedy has amassed 14 points on six goals and eight assists.

Another member of the Lakers in Tyler Stevenson also has a six-game point streak on the go picking up eight points in that span including four goals.

Travis Savard of the Stars has a modest three-game streak in tact where he has recorded four markers and a pair of helpers.



ALUMNI UPDATE: Former SIJHL goaltender Carter Hutton carved himself a place in the UMass-Lowell men's hockey record book over the weekend.

The Thunder Bay native stopped all 32 shots he faced in a 3-0 triumph over Holy Cross Saturday in opening day action of a U.S. college holiday tournament hosted by Dartmouth College.

The shutout was Hutton's ninth of his career, which set a school record for most in River Hawks history.

The senior netminder also currently leads all Hockey East goalkeepers in save percentage (.934), goals-against average (1.92) and shutouts (three).

THE LEADERS: SIJHL players who lead the league in respective categories.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Player</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>Player</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Goals | Ryan Magill | North Stars | 27 | PP Points | A.J. Wensley | Sioux Lookout | 21 |
| Assists | B.J. McClellan | Dryden | 31 | SH Goals | Ryan Magill | North Stars | 4 |
| Points (Tie) | Ryan Magill | North Stars | 50 | GW Goals | Jordan Davis | North Stars | 6 |
| Points (Tie) | Colton Kennedy | Fort Frances | 50 | Wins | Guillaume Piche | North Stars | 21 |
| PP Goals | Kevin Burton | Dryden | 11 | AVG. | Jayne Brattengeier | North Stars | 2.02 |
| PP Assists | B.J. McClellan | Dryden | 15 | Save % | Josh Baker | Dryden | .926 |
| PP Points (Tie) | B.J. McClellan | Dryden | 21 | Shutouts | Peter Emery | Dryden | 3 |

ON THE NET: Fans can follow the progress of the SIJHL all season long by visiting the league's official web site at www.sijhl.com.

Included on the site is live, in-game scoring via Pointstreak, which provides scoring updates as they happen.

SIJHL TEAM NOTES

DRYDEN ICE DOGS: Dryden enters the week with six players among the top 11 in league scoring. (B.J. McClellan 6th-43pts; Kevin Burton 7th-41pts; Jon Mitchell T-8th-38pts; Mike Lennon T-8th-38pts; Kyle Heck 10th-36pts and Chad Liley 11th-33pts)...While Mitchell leads all league D-men in points teammate Tanner Harms is fourth with 25 points with six of his seven goals coming on the power play...The Ice Dogs have gone 7-1-2 in their past 10 games and 15-1-4 in their last 20...The club sits second in the SIJHL standings at 25-4-4 including 12-2-1 on home ice...The Dogs are second in the SIJHL in goals scored (160) and fewest goals allowed (90)...Dryden remains the top team in the SIJHL on the power play with a 28.22% success rate. They have scored at least one power play goal in 29 of the 33 games they have played to date...On the penalty kill Dryden is second at 84.44%...The club is 1-2 in shootouts.

FORT FRANCES LAKERS: The Lakers have won two of their past three games including handing Fort William their second loss of the season just prior to the holiday break as they head into road contests Thursday and Friday vs. the Wolverines and North Stars...The club remains fifth in the standings with a 8-20-4 overall record...Fort Frances is fifth in the league in goals scored with 100 and fourth in the fewest allowed at 167...While Colton Kennedy shares the league lead in scoring teammate Tyler Stevenson has jumped to 12th in SIJHL point production with 31 in 30 games...Kennedy is second in the SIJHL in points per game average at 1.67...The Lakers are fourth in the league on the power play at 14.04% and are fifth on the penalty kill at 71.1%...The club has gone 7-7-3 when scoring first in a game, but are only 1-13-1 when their opponents strike first.

FORT WILLIAM NORTH STARS: The Stars lead the SIJHL in wins (29), fewest losses (2), points (58), winning percentage (.935), goals scored (178) and fewest goals allowed (70)...Ryan Magill (T-1st-50pts), Mitch Forbes (3rd-49pts), Trevor Gamache (4th-45pts) and Jordan Davis (5th-44pts) are all among the top five scorers in the SIJHL. Randall Hanlan (5g-24a-29pts) is third in points among SIJHL defencemen while Kyle Breukelman (2g-19a-21pts) is fifth and Kevin Hamel (7g-13a-20pts) sits sixth...The team is second on the power play (22.29%) and first on the penalty kill (90.54%)...They are 21-0 when opening the scoring and 8-2 when the opposition does...The Stars next eight games are all on home ice.

SIoux LOOKOUT FLYERS: Sioux Lookout will close out their four-game season series with Wisconsin this week as they also look to snap a modest two-game winless streak. They split a pair with the Mustangs last month at the Northwest Sports Complex in Spooner, Wis...The Flyers sit third in the SIJHL standings with a 14-19-2 mark...The club is a perfect 2-0 in shootouts this season and 2-2 in games that have gone to overtime...The Flyers are fourth in the league in goals scored with 111 and have allowed the third most at 151...Sportop player of the month A.J. Wensley continues to lead the team in scoring while Nathan Brown and Chase Dobranski are second and third with 29 and 23 points respectively...While Wensley is second in points among SIJHL defencemen Darnell Ferland (8g-11a-19pts) is seventh and Clayton Lewis (3g-15a-18pts) is eighth...Sioux Lookout remains third overall on both the power play (17.3%) and on the penalty kill. (81.94%)...When scoring first in a game the Flyers are 8-3 on the year, but only 6-16-2 when their opponents notch the opening marker of the contest.

K&A WOLVERINES: K&A has three games in Thunder Bay this week starting Wednesday evening when they take on league-leading Fort William. They also have two home games on tap beginning Thursday when they host Fort Frances and another Sunday afternoon when they take on visiting Dryden...The Wolverines currently trail the third place Sioux Lookout Flyers by three points in the SIJHL standings...The team has been in four of the six shootouts the league has had so far this season, winning two of them...Alex Porrier (15g-12a-27pts) remains the club's point leader and is 16th overall in the league...Drew Childs (12g-13a-25pts) and David Dawd (11g-14a-25pts) are next on the squad in offensive production and help share 17th spot in SIJHL scoring. K&A has dipped to fifth overall on the power play at 13.68% and are fourth on the penalty kill at 77.83%. The Wolverines also continue to lead the SIJHL in shorthanded goals with eight...A record of 7-5-1 has resulted when K&A scores first, but they are only 4-15-4 when allowing the game's opening marker.