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**Top Prospects Tournament: Team Krampade finishes 2-0 at Top Prospects Tournament**

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ST. PETERS, MO., April 19, 2021 — The [2021 NA3HL Top Prospects Tournament](#) ended on Monday afternoon as all four Top Prospects teams squared off one last time to showcase their skills in front of their peers and college coaches.

The two-day tournament (played in conjunction with the NA3HL Fraser Cup National Tournament in Missouri), saw top prospects from all five divisions (minus the talent from the six teams competing in the Fraser Cup) play with new teammates and against players from their own team.

On Sunday after the two semi-final games from the 2021 NA3HL Fraser Cup concluded, the 2021 Top Prospects Tournament swung into action. Team Krampade (1-0), featuring a pair of Americans players including Tommy Janes and Alex Jackson, scored three goals in the middle period to hold on for a 5-3 decision over Team Bauer (1-1), who had Great Falls Americans netminder Trever Mellen in the net and Americans Head Coach and General Manager, Greg Sears on the sideline coaching. Krampade had three players (Tony Andrews, Josh Hrip, and Nikolai Rajala) score two points (1 goal, 1 assist) in their victory. Alex Jackson from the Great Falls Americans contributed one assist on Krampade’s third scoring drive in the second period. Meanwhile, Cole Schneider led the way for Bauer by scoring two of the three goals. Great Falls goalie Trever Mellen recorded nine saves in the loss.

In the nightcap game that saw Team Apex (0-1-1) with Great Falls players Henry Chavez and Tyler Lorrington making appearances, Team K1 (1-1) needed an extra period to declare their come-from-behind win over Team Apex, 5-4. Team K1’s Jonah Jangula and Team Apex’s Nikita Kovalev each racked up two goals for their respective teams.

During Monday morning's first contest that began at 9:00AM (MST), Team Krampade was victorious for the second straight day as they edged Team Apex, 4-3. St. Louis Jr. Blues forward Vinny Servizzi chipped in a goal and an assist while St. Louis Jr. Blues netminder Owen Carlson and Peoria Mustangs' goalie Andrew Doran combined for 22 saves for the winning squad. Team Apex was led by Alex Kupka (Willmar WarHawks), Kieran Christianson (Missoula Jr. Bruins) and Gordon Ogden from the Bay State Bobcats who each scored with Willmar WarHawks goalie Will Pinney acquiring 27 saves.

Apex defenseman Gordon Ogden and Krampade forward Vinny Servizzi scored for their respective teams during first period action on Monday morning. Henry Chavez (Great Falls Americans) and Jake Minch (Wausau RiverWolves) assisted on Ogden's score with 4:19 remaining. Servizzi's score with under two minutes to go before the first intermission was assisted by Louisiana Drillers' forward Thomas Mouglin. The shots-on-goal were even with Krampade attempting ten and Team Apex had nine.

Apex jumped back out in front (2-1) two minutes into the second period when Ethan Cumming (Wausau RiverWolves) and Tanner Klockzo from the Missoula Junior Bruins got the puck to Willmar WarHawks standout Alex Kupka for the only score by either team as the rest of the stanza went unanswered.

Team Apex increased the lead to 3-1 five minutes in the third period as Missoula's Kieran Christianson scored his first goal of the tournament on the unassisted play. Krampade's offense started to show why they were tough to beat as they scored the final three goals of the period including one when time expired. Joey Gimberlin (New Ulm Steel), Michael Fatta (Mid Cities Jr. Stars), and Dallas Duckson (Alexandria Blizzard) all saw their names scoring goals on the stat sheet. Frank Steinway (Louisiana Drillers) and Vinny Servizzi (St. Louis Jr. Blues) assisted on goals on the goals by Gimberlin and Fatta while Servizzi's score at the end of the contest went unassisted.

Team Krampade attempted 24 of the 40 shots during the third period when they rattled off the final three goals. Team Apex never attempted more than nine shots in each period and found a way to gather 25 shots.

After a penalty-free first stanza, only three minor penalties were whistled for the final two periods.

A night after Andrew Doran (Peoria Mustangs) picked up the win for Team Krampade, his tournament teammate Owen Carlson (St. Louis Jr. Blues) got the win on Monday morning. Carlson stopped 14 of the 15 shots he faced while Doran, who earned the start for his play the day before, had eight saves. Will Penney (Willmar WarHawks) took the loss but not before a nice effort between the pipes as he amassed 27 saves. Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks goalie Nathan Hadley allowed one first period goal and contributed nine saves for Apex.

Six players representing the Frontier Division didn't show up in the stats in this game today but made appearances including Tommy Janes and Alex Jackson (Great Falls Americans) for Team Krampade and four players for Team Apex, Blake Nerney and Kady Fennell (Bozeman Ice Dogs), Jacob Saenger (Missoula Junior Bruins) and Great Falls defenseman Tyler Lorrington.

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### **Frontier's Rumpke, Tallman and Mellen contribute to Team Bauer's 9-6 win over Team K1**

ST. PETERS, MO., April 18, 2021 — Gillette Wild's Declan Young led the way for Team Bauer (1-1) by scoring two goals, Yellowstone Quake's Austin Lawless also secured a goal while Harlan Wojtusik

(Helena Bighorns) assisted on one scoring play and Trever Mellen (Great Falls Americans) accrued 41 saves to help Team Bauer's offense outshine Team K1 (1-1), 9-6 as the 2021 NA3HL Top Prospects Tournament concluded after the second day of competition.

Team Bauer, under the direction of Great Falls Americans mentor Greg Sears, opened the first period by gathering three consecutive goals. Brett Bell (New Jersey Titans), Austin Lawless (Yellowstone Quake) and Nicholas Cyprian (Atlanta Capitals) provided the scoring punch. Teddy Marion (Milwaukee Power), Nicholas Cyprian, and Gunner Moore (Atlanta Capitals) also added assists. Team Bauer outshot Team K1, 21-8.

During the following period, Team K1 evened up the score (4-4) after gathering three successful scoring drives. Derek Boutin, Tim Marsico, and Jaron Ketterman from the Texas RoadRunners scored for K1 during the second stanza. Ketterman also added two assists. Yellowstone Quake standout Dylan Rumpke scored the only goal for Bauer with the assist coming from fellow Frontier Division foe, Harlan Wojtusik from the Helena Bighorns.

The third frame saw Bauer outscore K1, 5-2. Dylan Rumpke scored his second goal and Missoula Jr. Bruins forward Mi-Kwan Tallman was credited with his first as Bauer led 6-4 7:29 into the final period of regulation. K1 and Bauer traded goals. Tristin Maestas (El Paso Rhinos) and Gillette Wild's Tristan Baker lit up the lamp for K1. Colin Kerchoff (El Paso Rhinos) and Gillette's Brock Trbojevich set up the scores. Bauer's last three scoring drives came unassisted from Eddie Slack (Atlanta Capitals), Mason Ausmus (Milwaukee Power) and Cole Schneider (El Paso Rhinos), who tallied his third goal in two days.

Team Bauer scored nine goals using 55 shots while Team K1 buried six goals using 47 shots-on-goal.

Team K1 was sent to the penalty box three times (one per period) for minor penalties. Team Bauer did not commit any infractions.

Both teams utilized just one netminder. Trever Mellen of the Great Falls Americans (Team Bauer) bested Granite City Lumberjack's Bailey Huber (Team K1) in the net. Mellen stopped 41 of the 47 shots with all six goals allowed coming in the second and third periods. Huber took the loss for K1 despite making 46 saves.

Also seeing action from the Frontier Division was Butte Cobras' Nick Bradshaw and Luke Schleusner. Gillette Wild's Carson Kuche and Declan Young and Helena Bighorns standout Andrew Deskin also appeared for Team Bauer. Helena netminder Anthony Adleman didn't play in today's contest for Bauer.

**NOTES:** View the second day of action (box scores/game recaps) by [clicking here](#) for the NA3HL article. To view more information about the 2021 Top Prospects Tournament, please visit the tournament webpage: <http://na3hl.com/tpt/>

The 2021 NA3HL Fraser Cup Championship Game was conducted today in the same venue as the Top Prospects Tournament. The North Iowa Bulls claimed the 2021 title easily defeating the Rochester Grizzlies, 5-1. [Click here](#) to view the stats and [click here](#) to view the story.

Also, the 2021 NA3HL Draft, which will also be shown live on [HockeyTV](#) and online on the NA3HL website ([www.na3hl.com](http://www.na3hl.com)) will be conducted on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM (MST).

**NEXT CONTEST:** The 2021 North American 3 Hockey League (NA3HL) has concluded their 2020-21 season. The 2021-22 season will begin in September.

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