



BALDY'S PUCK DROP

Weekly E-Newsletter December 7, 2023

Dear Great Falls Americans Enthusiast:



Going to start this week with some NA3HL "Player of the Month" Recognition. Forward Ty O'Bey and Defenseman Phil Harrell were both recognized as honorable mention players for the month of November by the league. Ty is currently tied for the 3rd in the league for scoring (Dmitri Kuleshov is just a few points behind and is 14th in scoring) and Phil brings a veteran presence to the Defense corps and as one of the team captains.



Congratulations to both Ty and Phil for their recognition and for representing the Great Falls Americans at the highest level.

I should also mention Ty was invited to participate in Bismarck's (NAHL) practices this week, so another chance for us to showcase the development of our players. A special thanks to Dustin Bauer for the action photos of Ty and Phil.

The team was in Bozeman Friday night and ran into a determined and motivated IceDogs squad. I generally try not to look back, but in this case I'll take a bow for predicting how our games with Bozeman will likely go this season in the October 12th Edition when I said: "It was a well-played game with two evenly match teams, look for seven remaining games with Bozeman to all be competitive and could go either way." It was not our best effort – but sometimes you just have to give credit to the other team for being better that night. We are now 2-2 against Bozeman with four more to play in January – goals in those four games are also even at 11-11.

Saturday was the team Christmas party and a huge thank you goes out to our Booster Club and billet families for



organizing a great night of food, drink and bowling at the Elks' Lodge. Of course, it included an ugly sweater contest and every player ended up with a gift card in their stocking for the night. The team will do another Christmas get together while on the road at the NA3HL Showcase where they will

do their secret Santa gift exchange. They will leave on Thursday the 14th after practice, spend a night in Bismarck, attend a USHL game in Fargo on Friday and then arrive to the twin cities on Saturday the 16th. Games take place on the 17th-19th and then all players will be off for the holidays until January 2nd. I'll have more info on the Showcase event in next week's edition.



The Americans hit the road on Friday for two games in Yellowstone (Cody, WY) with puck drop at 7:05 PM both nights. Please join other passionate fans at our official watch party taking place at the **Stadium Sports Bar and Casino** (1121 5th St. S). I also am aware that we have several of our fans making the trip down to Cody – thank you for your support and be sure to drive safely!



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Player Profile – #91 Aaron James (Eagle River, AK) 5'7" 146 lbs. FOR - Shoots Left

Favorite Team: Pittsburgh Penguins **Favorite Player:** Sidney Crosby

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers **Favorite Actor/Actress:** Sarah Cameron

Favorite Food: Steak and Chicken **Favorite Pre-Game Meal:** Spaghetti

Musical Group You Won't Miss in Concert: Luke Combs

Song or Artist Guaranteed to get you hyped: "Onna Come Up" Lil Eazzy

One Item you would bring with you to a deserted Island: Water

Hobbies other than Hockey: Jet Skiing, Snowmobiling

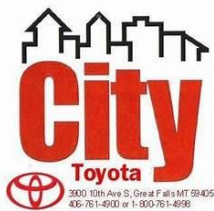
Three People you would invite to Dinner: Sidney Crosby, Cale Makar, DK Metcalf

College/University of Choice: Michigan **Like Most About Great Falls:** How nice all the people are.

How would you define a successful season: Giving our best effort every day and making a serious playoff run!



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Thank you for being a part of our family and we look forward to seeing you at the rink.

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