



# Great Falls Americans Junior A Hockey

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## 2023-24 Americans Hockey Prospectus

### QUICK FACTS

Name ..... Great Falls Americans (Junior A)  
 Seasons ..... 1979-1980, 1994-2003, 2011-Present  
 Location ..... [Great Falls, Montana](#)  
 Population ..... 60,464  
 Team Owner..... Matt Leaf  
 National Affiliation..... [NA3HL](#)  
 Division..... NA3HL Frontier  
 National Association ..... [USA Hockey](#)  
 Team Mascot ..... [Baldy the Eagle](#)  
 Team Colors ..... Red, White & Blue  
 General Manager ..... Greg Sears  
 Public Relations/Media..... Mr. Kevin Scott  
 "Voice of the Americans" ..... Ryan Siders  
 Home..... [Great Falls Ice Plex](#)  
 Capacity..... 1,500

### 2022-23 Season Recap

Overall Record..... 17-27-3-0  
 Home Record..... 10-13-0-0  
 Road Record..... 7-14-3-0  
 Neutral Record ..... 0-0-0

### 2022-23 Preview

Returning Players.....5  
 Players Lost.....22

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach ..... Greg Sears (6<sup>th</sup> Season)  
 Email ..... [gsears@gfamericans.com](mailto:gsears@gfamericans.com)  
 Phone.....(715) 566-2811  
 Record at Great Falls (02/08/24).....196-100-13-5  
 Associate Coach ..... Alex Leaf (1<sup>st</sup> Season)  
 Email..... [leaf498@gmail.com](mailto:leaf498@gmail.com)

### Key Losses

Alex Leaf.....5-11, F, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Josh Koziol.....6-3, G, Elk River, MN  
 Garet Weisenburger ..... 5-7, F, Grand Forks, ND  
 Wes Weisenburger ..... 5-10, F, Grand Forks, ND  
 Ben Cremers.....5-8, F, Beaver Dam, WI  
 Russell Rasmussen.....5-9, F, Great Falls, MT  
 Jace Thompson..... 6-0, F, Grand Forks, ND  
 Baden Powell.....5-8, D, Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
 Matt Ramstad..... 6-1, F, Red Wing, MN

### Key Newcomers

Kaden Ryhder.....6-3, G, Elizabethtown, PA  
 Aaron James ..... 5-7, F, Eagle River, AK  
 Ty O'Bey ..... 6-2, F, Ashland, WI  
 Luke Pizzey.....5-9, F, Black Diamond, WA  
 Alec Browning .....6-1, F, La Crosse, WI  
 Cade Bendigo.....6-3, F, Breezy Point, MN  
 Aiden Kennedy .....5-9, F, Detroit Lakes, MN

### Key Returners

Sam Duehlmeier .....6-4, D, Calgary, AB  
 Ryan Stowe.....5-10, G, Calgary, AB  
 Phil Harrell..... 5-11, D, St. Louis, MO  
 Aaron Leaf ..... 5-11, D, Colorado Springs, CO  
 Noah Osiowy ... 6-3, F, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

## 2023-24 Great Falls Americans Hockey Roster



(Updated: February 9, 2024)

No.	Name	Pos.	Shot	Height	Weight	Hometown
1	Kaden Ryhder	G		6'3"	185	Elizabethtown, PA
2	Sam Duehlmeier	D	L	6'4"	200	Calgary, AB Canada
3	Hayden Grabas	D	L	6'3"	205	Fernie, British Columbia
4	Caleb Gamboa	F	L	6'0"	160	Anchorage, AK
7	*Zac Orwig	F	R	5'9"	170	Rodgers, MN
8	Tariq Khan	F	R	5'10"	160	Airdrie, AB, Canada
9	*Sebe Perez	F	L	5'10"	190	Tucson, AZ
10	Ty O'Bey	F	L	6'2"	180	Ashland, WI
14	Luke Pizzey	F	R	5'9"	160	Black Diamond, WA
15	Alec Browning	F	L	6'1"	170	La Crosse, WI
16	Masen Kerr	D	L	5'11"	175	Pleasant Prairie, WI
17	Spencer Schipferling	D	L	6'0"	180	Williston, ND
19	Austin Trout	F	R	5'11"	180	Troy, ID
20	Cade Bendigo	F	L	6'3"	180	Breezy Point, MN
21	Aaron Leaf	F	R	5'11"	175	Colorado Springs, CO
22	Garrett Driscoll	D	L	5'11"	170	Colorado Springs, CO
23	Noah Oslowy	F	R	6'3"	220	Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan
24	Cal Laggis	F	R	5'7"	140	Rhineland, WI
25	Nathan Bring	F	L	5'10"	180	Great Falls, MT
27	Dmitri Kuleshov	F	R	5'10"	170	Sydney, Australia
31	Anyon Bennett	G		5'9"	150	Lino Lakes, MN
35	Noah Van Herik	G		5'10"	175	Tokyo, Japan
40	Blake Komrofske	F	R	5'10"	175	Colorado Springs, CO
41	Ryan Stowe	G		5'10"	160	Calgary, AB Canada
43	Ty Brander	D	L	5'5"	130	Airdrie, AB Canada
44	Phil Harrell	D	R	5'11"	170	St. Louis, MO
55	Joseph Buschmann	D	R	6'7"	190	Boulder, CO
73	Aiden Kennedy	F	R	5'9"	170	Detroit Lakes, MN
82	Owen Kronk	F	L	6'0"	170	Great Falls, MT
91	Aaron James	F	L	5'7"	150	Eagle River, AK
92	Jacob James	F	R	5'10"	160	Eagle River, AK
95	Garren Narvaez	F	L	6'0"	185	Phoenix, AZ

**Red Highlight = Returning Player from 2021-22 Season**

**\*= Played with Yellowstone Quake in 2023-24 (NA3HL Frontier Division)**

<b>Team Owner</b>	Matthew Leaf (1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Head Coach/General Manager</b>	Greg Sears (6 <sup>th</sup> Season)
<b>Associate Coach</b>	Alex Leaf (1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Goaltenders Coach</b>	Trever Mellen (3rd Season)
<b>Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach</b>	Zac Hattan (2 <sup>nd</sup> Season)
<b>Scouts</b>	Brian Sears (Head Scout, 6 <sup>th</sup> Season), Jeff Weber (Minnesota Scout, 6 <sup>th</sup> Season), John Van Clave (Wisconsin Scout, 6 <sup>th</sup> Season), Matt Penner (Southwest Minnesota Scout, 4 <sup>th</sup> Season), Matt Fisher (Midwest Scout, 5 <sup>th</sup> Season), Emily Bauer (Wisconsin Scout, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Season), Kyler Mack (Alaska Scout, 1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Hockey TV "Play-By-Play" Commentator &amp; "Voice of the Americans"</b>	Ryan Siders (1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Public Relations/Media Coordinator</b>	Kevin Scott (10 <sup>th</sup> Season)
<b>Social Media Coordinator</b>	Jessica Sanstra (1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Billet Coordinator</b>	Kris Steichen (1 <sup>st</sup> Season)
<b>Education Coordinator/Academic Advisors</b>	N/A
<b>Team Doctors</b>	Andrew Blackman, M.D. & Flint Ray, M.D.
<b>Team Physical Therapist</b>	Chad Molen, Reid (Louie) Molen, Eric Hunter, Elissa Weeks
<b>Team Chiropractor</b>	Jerald D. Wiley, B.S., D.C.
<b>Team Dentist</b>	Dr. Brad Hobson
<b>Team Optometrist</b>	Dr. Pat Stibel

## 2023-24 Great Falls Americans Hockey Schedule

Day/Date	Game	Time	Location
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>			
<b>Fri. Sept. 8</b>	<b>vs. Yellowstone Quake</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 9</b>	<b>vs. Yellowstone Quake</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Fri. Sept. 22</b>	<b>vs. Gillette Wild</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 23</b>	<b>vs. Gillette Wild</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Fri. Sept. 29</b>	<b>vs. Badlands Sabres</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 30</b>	<b>vs. Badlands Sabres</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>			
<b>Sun. Oct. 1</b>	<b>vs. Badlands Sabres</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
Sun. Oct. 8	@ Bozeman Ice Dogs	4:30PM	Haynes Pavilion, Bozeman, MT
<b>Thurs. Oct. 12</b>	<b>vs. Badlands Sabres</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
Fri. Oct. 13	@ Sheridan Hawks	7:30PM	Whitney Rink in the M&M's Center, Sheridan, WY
Sat. Oct. 14	@ Sheridan Hawks	7:30PM	Whitney Rink in the M&M's Center, Sheridan, WY
Fri. Oct. 20	@ Butte Irish	7:30PM	Butte Community Ice Center, Butte, MT
<b>Sat. Oct. 21</b>	<b>vs. Butte Irish</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sun. Oct. 29</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>			
<b>Sat. Nov. 4</b>	<b>vs. Helena Bighorns</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
Fri. Nov. 10	@ Helena Bighorns	7:05PM	Steed Arena, Helena, MT
Sat. Nov. 11	@ Helena Bighorns	7:05PM	Steed Arena, Helena, MT
<b>Fri. Nov. 17</b>	<b>vs. Sheridan Hawks</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sat. Nov. 18</b>	<b>vs. Sheridan Hawks</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Fri. Nov. 24</b>	<b>vs. Butte Irish</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sat. Nov. 25</b>	<b>vs. Butte Irish</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sun. Nov. 26</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>			
Fri. Dec. 1	@ Bozeman Ice Dogs	7:15PM	Haynes Pavilion, Bozeman, MT
Fri. Dec. 8	@ Yellowstone Quake	7:05PM	Riley Arena, Cody, WY
Sat. Dec. 9	@ Yellowstone Quake	7:05PM	Riley Arena, Cody, WY
<b>Sun. Dec. 17</b>	<b><a href="#">NA3HL Showcase</a></b>		<b><a href="#">NSC Super Rink, Blaine, MN</a></b>
	<b>vs. New Jersey Titans</b>	<b>4:15PM (MST)</b>	
<b>Mon. Dec. 18</b>	<b><a href="#">NA3HL Showcase</a></b>		<b><a href="#">NSC Super Rink, Blaine, MN</a></b>
	<b>@ Alexandria (MN) Blizzard</b>	<b>5:15PM (MST)</b>	
<b>Tues. Dec. 19</b>	<b><a href="#">NA3HL Showcase</a></b>		<b><a href="#">NSC Super Rink, Blaine, MN</a></b>
	<b>vs. Louisiana Drillers</b>	<b>11:00AM (MST)</b>	
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>			
Fri. Jan. 5	@ Butte Irish	7:30PM	Butte Community Ice Center, Butte, MT
Sat. Jan. 6	@ Butte Irish	7:30PM	Butte Community Ice Center, Butte, MT
<b>Fri. Jan. 12</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
<b>Sat. Jan. 13</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a></b>
Fri. Jan. 26	@ Bozeman Ice Dogs	7:30PM	Haynes Pavilion, Bozeman, MT
Sat. Jan. 27	@ Bozeman Ice Dogs	7:30PM	Haynes Pavilion, Bozeman, MT

<b>FEBRUARY 2024</b>			
<b>Fri. Feb. 2</b>	<b>vs. Helena Bighorns</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Great Falls Ice Plex</b>
Sat. Feb. 3	@ Helena Bighorns	7:05PM	Steed Arena, Helena, MT
<b>TBA</b>	<b><u>NA3HL Top Prospects Tournament</u></b>		<b><u>UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, Pittsburgh, PA</u></b>
	<b>TBA Division vs. Frontier Division</b>	<b>0:00PM (MST)</b>	<b><u>Central Roster</u>   <u>Frontier Roster</u></b>
<b>TBA</b>	<b><u>NA3HL Top Prospects Tournament</u></b>		<b><u>UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, Pittsburgh, PA</u></b>
	<b>Frontier Division vs. TBA Division</b>	<b>0:00AM (MST)</b>	<b><u>Frontier Roster</u>   <u>South Roster</u></b>
Thurs. Feb. 8	@ Badlands Sabres	7:05PM	Roosevelt Park Ice Arena, Rapid City, SD
Fri. Feb. 9	@ Gillette Wild	7:05PM	Spirit Hall Ice Arena, Gillette, WY
Sat. Feb. 10	@ Gillette Wild	7:05PM	Spirit Hall Ice Arena, Gillette, WY
<b>Wed. Feb. 14</b>	<b>vs. Helena Bighorns</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Great Falls Ice Plex</b>
<b>Fri. Feb. 16</b>	<b>vs. Helena Bighorns</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Great Falls Ice Plex</b>
Sat. Feb. 17	@ Helena Bighorns	7:05PM	Steed Arena, Helena, MT
Fri. Feb. 23	@ Badlands Sabres	7:05PM	Roosevelt Park Ice Arena, Rapid City, SD
Sat. Feb. 24	@ Badlands Sabres	7:05PM	Roosevelt Park Ice Arena, Rapid City, SD
Sun. Feb. 25	@ Badlands Sabres	12:05PM	Roosevelt Park Ice Arena, Rapid City, SD
<b>MARCH 2024</b>			
<b>Fri. Mar. 1</b>	<b>vs. Butte Irish</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>Great Falls Ice Plex</b>
Sat. Mar. 2	@ Butte Irish	7:30PM	Butte Community Ice Center, Butte, MT
<b>End of 2023-24 Regular Season</b>			

## 2023-24 Great Falls Americans Promotional Schedule

<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>			
<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Game Sponsor/Promotion Description</u>
Fri. Sept. 8	vs. Yellowstone Quake	7:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"  Point S Tires Night
Sat. Sept. 9	vs. Yellowstone Quake	7:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"  AMERICANS TAILGATE PARTY: "AFTER FIVE" LIVE BAND PERFORMS
Fri. Sept. 22	vs. Gillette Wild	7:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"
Sat. Sept. 23	vs. Gillette Wild	7:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"  "HOCKEY 101" SEMINAR BEFORE AND DURING THE GAME
Fri. Sept. 29	vs. Badlands Sabres	7:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"  Blue Cross Blue Shield Night
Sat. Sept. 30	vs. Badlands Sabres	7:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"  Hotel Avron/Celtic Cowboy Night

<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>			
Sun. Oct. 1	vs. Badlands Sabres	12:00PM	City Motor Company: "Show Me the Money"

**SKATE WITH THE AMERICANS AFTER THE GAME**

Thurs. Oct. 12	vs. Badlands Sabres	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Great Falls Hospitals/Clinic Night</b>
Sat. Oct. 21	vs. Butte Irish	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Borries Italian Supper Club Night</b>
Sun. Oct. 29	vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs	2:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>"Think Pink for the Girls" Night</b>

**NOVEMBER 2023**

Sat. Nov. 4	vs. Helena Bighorns	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Montana Credit Union: Cash Winning Game</b>  <b>Hudson Law: 4 Ticket Giveaway</b>  <b>Point S Tires Night</b>
Fri. Nov. 17	vs. Sheridan Hawks	7:00PM	<b>McDonald's:</b> McDonald's "We Win, You Win Night" (If the Americans WIN, fans will get a FREE Big Mac Coupon for McDonald's)  <b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Montana Credit Union: Cash Winning Game</b>  <b>Hudson Law: 4 Ticket Giveaway</b>  <b>MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT</b>
Sat. Nov. 18	vs. Sheridan Hawks	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT</b>
Fri. Nov. 24	vs. Butte Irish	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Comparison Insurance Night</b>
Sat. Nov. 25	vs. Butte Irish	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Hotel Avron/Celtic Cowboy Night</b>
Sun. Nov. 26	vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs	6:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>"WINE, WOMEN, AND HOCKEY": SOCIAL AND SALUTE TO GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S HOCKEY</b>

**DECEMBER 2023****NO HOME GAMES****JANUARY 2024**

Fri. Jan. 12	vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Great Falls Hospitals/Clinic Night</b>
Sat. Jan. 13	vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"

**FEBRUARY 2024**

Fri. Feb. 2	vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Borries Italian Supper Club Night</b>
Wed. Feb. 14	vs. Helena Bighorns	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Life in Bloom/She Bare Night</b>
Fri. Feb. 16	vs. Helena Bighorns	12:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>"SCHOOL DAZE"</b>

**MARCH 2024**

Fri. Mar. 1	vs. Butte Irish (Home Season Finale)	7:00PM	<b>City Motor Company:</b> "Show Me the Money"  <b>Billet Appreciation/Life in Bloom Night</b>
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**2023-24 Great Falls Americans Address/Ice Plex Location****Mailing Address:**

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 Great Falls, Montana 59403  
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# GREAT FALLS GAZETTE

Newspaper: Lee Newspapers (Statewide)  
(Billings Gazette, Montana Standard (Butte), Helena Independent Record,  
Missoulian)

406 MT Sports: Sports Department  
Phone: 406-657-1291  
Website: <http://www.406mtsports.com>



Sports Editor: Jeff Welsch ([jeff.welsch@406mtsports.com](mailto:jeff.welsch@406mtsports.com))  
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KRTV: (CBS-TV, Great Falls)  
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Sports Director: Tom Wylie ([tom@krtv.com](mailto:tom@krtv.com))  
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Office Phone: 406-791-5455

KFBB-TV: (ABC-TV/FOX Network, Great Falls)  
Phone: 406-453-4370  
Website: <http://www.swxrightnow.com/montana>  
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## Streaming Games Online:

NAHLTV  
Website: <https://www.nahltv.com>  
Subscription Cost: [NAHL TV Subscription Plans](#)





## 2023-24 Great Falls Americans: Tickets

Buy Tickets online at [greatfallsamericans.com](http://greatfallsamericans.com)

### 2023-24 Single Game Tickets

Adults	\$10
Seniors 65+/Military/Students w/ ID/Youth (under 16)	\$8
Children under 4	FREE

### 2023-24 Season Tickets

Adults	\$165
Seniors 65+/Military/Students w/ ID/Youth (under 16)	\$140
Children under 4	FREE

## 2022-23 Great Falls Americans Hockey Schedule/Results

Please click on "Results/Story" for Stats/Game Story for each game.

\*\* = Americans served as Home Team at the Showcase Tournament

& = NA3HL Top Prospects Tourney): Frontier Team: Defenseman Alex Leaf represented the Americans.

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Results/Story</u>	<u>Record</u>
Sat. Sept. 10	vs. Butte Cobras	<a href="#">3-2 W</a>	1-0 (Home) / 0-0 (Road)
Fri. Sept. 16	vs. Helena Bighorns	<a href="#">6-2 L</a>	1-1 (Home) / 0-0 (Road)
Fri. Sept. 23	vs. Yellowstone Quake	<a href="#">3-2 L</a>	1-2 (Home) / 0-0 (Road)
Sat. Sept. 24	vs. Yellowstone Quake	<a href="#">6-1 W</a>	2-2 (Home) / 0-0 (Road)
Fri. Sept. 30	vs. Helena Bighorns	<a href="#">5-0 L</a>	2-3 (Home) / 0-0 (Road)
Sat. Oct. 1	@ Butte Cobras	<a href="#">9-3 L</a>	2-3 (Home) / 0-1 (Road)
Fri. Oct. 7	vs. Butte Cobras	<a href="#">4-3 W (OT)</a>	3-3 (Home) / 0-1 (Road)
Sat. Oct. 8	@ Butte Cobras	<a href="#">4-3 W</a>	3-3 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Fri. Oct. 14	vs. Yellowstone Quake	<a href="#">2-0 W</a>	4-3 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Sat. Oct. 15	vs. Yellowstone Quake	<a href="#">3-1 W</a>	5-3 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Fri. Oct. 21	vs. Gillette Wild	<a href="#">9-4 L</a>	5-4 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Sat. Oct. 22	vs. Gillette Wild	<a href="#">5-1 L</a>	5-5 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Fri. Oct. 28	vs. Badlands Sabres	<a href="#">5-1 W</a>	6-5 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Sat. Oct. 29	vs. Badlands Sabres	<a href="#">5-4 W (SO)</a>	7-5 (Home) / 1-1 (Road)
Fri. Nov. 11	@ Sheridan Hawks	<a href="#">3-2 L</a>	7-5 (Home) / 1-2 (Road)
Sat. Nov. 12	@ Sheridan Hawks	<a href="#">4-2 L</a>	7-5 (Home) / 1-3 (Road)
Fri. Nov. 18	vs. Gillette Wild	<a href="#">4-3 W (SO)</a>	8-5 (Home) / 1-3 (Road)
Sat. Nov. 19	vs. Gillette Wild	<a href="#">4-1 L</a>	8-6 (Home) / 1-3 (Road)
Wed. Nov. 23	@ Helena Bighorns	<a href="#">3-0 L</a>	8-6 (Home) / 1-4 (Road)
Fri. Nov. 25	vs. Sheridan Hawks	<a href="#">5-3 L</a>	8-7 (Home) / 1-4 (Road)
Sat. Nov. 26	vs. Sheridan Hawks	<a href="#">5-2 L</a>	8-8 (Home) / 1-4 (Road)
Fri. Dec. 2	@ Badlands Sabres	<a href="#">2-0 L</a>	8-8 (Home) / 1-5 (Road)
Sat. Dec. 3	@ Badlands Sabres	<a href="#">6-4 W</a>	8-8 (Home) / 2-5 (Road)
Fri. Dec. 9	@ Sheridan Hawks	<a href="#">5-4 L (OT)</a>	8-8 (Home) / 2-5-1 (Road)
Sat. Dec. 10	@ Sheridan Hawks	<a href="#">3-2 W</a>	8-8 (Home) / 3-5-1 (Road)



<b>Sun. Dec. 18</b>	<b>@ NA3HL Showcase</b>		<b>NSC Super Rink, Blaine, MN</b>
	@ Wausau (WI) Cyclones	<b><u>3-2 W</u></b>	8-8 (Home) / 4-5-1 (Road)
<b>Mon. Dec. 19</b>	<b>@ NA3HL Showcase</b>		<b>NSC Super Rink, Blaine, MN</b>
	**vs. New Ulm (MN) Steel	<b><u>2-0 L</u></b>	8-9 (Home) / 4-5-1 (Road)
<b>Tues. Dec. 20</b>	<b>@ NA3HL Showcase</b>		<b>NSC Super Rink, Blaine, MN</b>
	@ El Paso (TX) Rhinos	<b><u>2-0 W</u></b>	8-9 (Home) / 5-5-1 (Road)
<b>Fri. Dec. 30</b>	<b>vs. Helena Bighorns</b>	<b><u>4-1 L</u></b>	<b>8-10 (Home) / 5-5-1 (Road)</b>
<b>Sat. Dec. 31</b>	<b>vs. Helena Bighorns</b>	<b><u>4-0 L</u></b>	<b>8-11 (Home) / 5-5-1 (Road)</b>
Fri. Jan. 6	@ Butte Cobras	<b><u>2-1 L</u></b>	8-11 (Home) / 5-6-1 (Road)
Fri. Jan. 13	@ Helena Bighorns	<b><u>5-1 L</u></b>	8-11 (Home) / 5-7-1 (Road)
<b>Sat. Jan. 14</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b><u>5-2 W</u></b>	<b>9-11 (Home) / 5-7-1 (Road)</b>
Fri. Jan. 20	@ Butte Cobras	<b><u>4-3 L (OT)</u></b>	9-11 (Home) / 5-7-2 (Road)
<b>Sat. Jan. 21</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b><u>2-1 L</u></b>	<b>9-12 (Home) / 5-7-2 (Road)</b>
Fri. Jan. 27	@ Helena Bighorns	<b><u>8-0 L</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 5-8-2 (Road)
Sat. Jan. 28	@ Helena Bighorns	<b><u>5-0 L</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 5-9-2 (Road)
Fri. Feb. 3	@ Badlands Sabres	<b><u>3-1 L</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 5-10-2 (Road)
Sat. Feb. 4	@ Badlands Sabres	<b><u>7-4 W</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 6-10-2 (Road)
Mon. Feb. 6	<b>&amp; @ NA3HL Top Prospects Tourney</b>		<b>UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, Pittsburgh, PA</b>
	Central Division vs. Frontier Division	<b><u>6-4 W Frontier</u></b>	<b>FRONTIER WINS 6-4</b>
Tues. Feb. 7	<b>&amp; @ NA3HL Top Prospects Tourney</b>		<b>UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, Pittsburgh, PA</b>
	Frontier Division vs. South Division	<b><u>6-4 W South</u></b>	<b>SOUTH WINS 6-4</b>
Fri. Feb. 10	@ Gillette Wild	<b><u>8-2 L</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 6-11-2 (Road)
Sat. Feb. 11	@ Gillette Wild	<b><u>11-6 L</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 6-12-2 (Road)
Fri. Feb. 17	@ Bozeman Ice Dogs	<b><u>5-4 L (OT)</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 6-12-3 (Road)
Sat. Feb. 18	@ Bozeman Ice Dogs	<b><u>6-3 L</u></b>	9-12 (Home) / 6-13-3 (Road)
<b>Fri. Feb. 24</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b><u>5-3 L</u></b>	<b>9-13 (Home) / 6-13-3 (Road)</b>
<b>Sat. Feb. 25</b>	<b>vs. Bozeman Ice Dogs</b>	<b><u>5-2 W</u></b>	<b>10-13 (Home) / 6-13-3 (Road)</b>
Fri. Mar. 3	@ Yellowstone Quake	<b><u>5-2 W</u></b>	10-13 (Home) / 7-13-3 (Road)
Sat. Mar. 4	@ Yellowstone Quake	<b><u>4-1 L</u></b>	10-13 (Home) / 7-14-3 (Road)
<b>End of 2022-23 Regular Season</b>			
<b>The Great Falls Americans DID NOT QUALIFY for the 2023 NA3HL PLAYOFFS</b>			

## 2022-23 Great Falls Americans Season Summary

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	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Neutral</b>
<b>Regular Season</b>	17-27-3-0	10-13-0-0	7-14-3-0	0-0
<b>Playoffs</b>	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0
<b>Season Total</b>	17-27-3-0	10-13-0-0	7-14-3-0	0-0

## 2023-24 Frontier Division Team: Website/Arena Links

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<b>NA3HL Frontier Division Teams</b>		
<b>Click on the Website &amp; Arena Link to view information and directions to the ice rinks.</b>		
<u>Team</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rink</u>
<a href="#">Badlands Sabres</a>	Rapid City, SD	<a href="#">Roosevelt Park Ice Arena</a>
<a href="#">Bozeman Ice Dogs</a>	Bozeman, MT	<a href="#">Haynes Pavilion</a>
<a href="#">Butte Irish</a>	Butte, MT	<a href="#">Butte Community Ice Center</a>
<a href="#">Gillette (WY) Wild</a>	Gillette, WY	<a href="#">Spirit Hall Ice Arena</a>
<a href="#">Great Falls Americans</a>	Great Falls, MT	<a href="#">Great Falls Ice Plex</a>
<a href="#">Helena Bighorns</a>	Helena, MT	<a href="#">Steed Arena</a>
<a href="#">Sheridan (WY) Hawks</a>	Sheridan, WY	<a href="#">Whitney Rink in the M&amp;M's Center</a>
<a href="#">Yellowstone (WY) Quake</a>	Cody, WY	<a href="#">Riley Arena</a>

## 2022-23 Great Falls Americans Season Preview

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### Great Falls Americans looks to newcomers for help in quest for playoff run in 2023-24 season

By Kevin Scott

GREAT FALLS, Mont., September 11, 2023 — The Great Falls Americans Junior A hockey team, one of 34 teams competing in the North American 3 Hockey League (NA3HL) this season is looking to get back in playoff mode after failing to make the postseason during the 2022-23 season.

Great Falls finished the 2022-23 regular season in sixth place (17-27-3-0) but came up short for a postseason run as only the top four finishers made the playoffs including the Helena Bighorns (42-10-1-2), Gillette (WY) Wild (39-10-1-2), Sheridan (WY) Hawks (27-19-3-0) and the Butte Cobras (25-21-2-1), who are now the Butte Irish this year.

Great Falls and the rest of the NA3HL are planning to play a 47-game schedule. Despite losing 22 players off last year's squad, head coach Greg Sears returns six healthy veterans to the team ready to chase a trip to the postseason in 2024.

Great Falls returns two forwards and three defensemen from 2022-23 squad. Forwards Aaron Leaf (2 goals, 4 assists) and Noah Osiowy (5 goals, 10 assists) are back on the team. The two defensemen include Sam Duehlmeier (9 assists) and Phil Harrell (2 goals, 5 assists). Ryan Stowe is back for another year (4-7-2-0 in 17 net appearances, 2.03 GAA, 691 saves, 0.921 Save Percentage). In addition to leadership, these veterans are looked upon to provide depth and experience throughout the year and they know what it is like to win at a high level. Several newcomers are also expected to make a significant impact this season.

For the second consecutive season, no changes were made from the NA3HL's eight-team Frontier Division from last season that the Great Falls Americans participate in include three Montana teams (Bozeman Ice Dogs, Butte Irish (changed their name from the Cobras), and the Helena Bighorns) and three squads from Wyoming (Gillette Wild, Sheridan Hawks, and the Yellowstone (Cody, WY) Quake and the Badlands (SD) Sabres from South Dakota.

At the end of August, training camp began for all the squads in the league including Great Falls as players began to prepare for a roster spot on their respective teams.

Most of the staff has remained intact from last year including Head Coach/General Manager, Greg Sears. Alex Leaf starts his first season as the assistant coach. Two former Great Falls Americans netminders are behind the bench after finishing their junior hockey careers. Trevor Mellen begins his third season as the Goaltenders Coach and Zac Hattan will begin his second season as the Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Robert and Kandi Rasmussen bought the team prior to the 2022-23 season from Jim Keough, who had the team for ten seasons. During the offseason, Colorado native and former USA Hockey executive Matthew Leaf bought the team from the Rasmussens. Alex Leaf, who played for the Americans last season, is the new assistant coach for sixth-year mentor, Greg Sears behind the bench. Other new members of the staff include Kris Steichen as the new Billet (Host Family) Coordinator, Ryan Siders begins his first season as the new NAHL TV Play-by-Play Commentator and "Voice of the Americans," and Jess Sanstra begins her first season as the Social Media Coordinator.

As previously mentioned, Greg Sears returns for a sixth year as the Americans Head Coach/General Manager. Kevin Scott is back as the Public Relations/Media Coordinator for his 10<sup>th</sup> season as his duties include the Great Falls Americans (new) website ([www.greatfallsamericans.com](http://www.greatfallsamericans.com)), game recaps and press releases and other media-related information. Kevin also has a FREE Weekly Email Newsletter for fans, and you can get more information for the E-Newsletter by going to the Americans website.

The Frontier Division's upcoming schedule is particularly challenging as every team looks to be much improved from the 2022-23 season with many returners coming back from each squad. Great Falls opens the season with seven straight home contests at the Great Falls Ice Plex before they see their first action on the road when they travel to Bozeman, Montana to challenge the Bozeman Ice Dogs on October 8th. The Americans home slate in September features two games apiece against the Yellowstone (WY) Quake and the Gillette (WY) Wild. The Americans will finish the home stand with three games against the Badlands (SD) Sabres.

The 47-game regular season slate for the Americans includes 22 games on the road and 22 games at home at the Great Falls Ice Plex along with three games from the following opponents, TBA (Central Division), TBA (West Division), and the TBA (South Division) that count in the season standings at the 2023 NA3HL Showcase Tournament in Blaine, Minnesota before Christmas break. All NA3HL teams will compete against other squads outside of their division in the three-day tournament (December 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>).

Also, selected league players will participate in the 2024 NA3HL Top Prospects Tournament in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at a to be announced date in February. The two-day all-star format event features many college scouts in the NCAA, junior leagues, and the NHL in attendance.

The Americans play their final home games on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> against the Butte Irish. The Americans final road game will be in Butte, Montana on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> against the Irish.

The Americans remain optimistic and excited for the new season under sixth year mentor Greg Sears and staff. They hope to rebound and make a deep playoff run after sitting out the postseason last year.

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