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Americans earn the weekend sweep over the Sabres

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GREAT FALLS, Mont., October 12, 2024 — The #3 Great Falls Americans (7-4-0-0) and the #5 Badlands (SD) Sabres (4-4-1-1) started out slow offensively as the first period went scoreless. Great Falls found a way to score three goals over the second and third periods for a 3-1 win. Easton Kennedy, Blake Komrofske, and Blayne Juszczak all scored for the host team. Zach Vockler scored once for the Sabres. Kaden Rhyder received 27 saves for the Americans while Badlands goalie Hunter Oger stopped 38 shots. The Badlands loss pushed them back to fifth in the NA3HL Frontier Division standings while Bozeman defeated the Yellowstone

Quake, 6-0 to retake the fourth position. Great Falls remains in third behind the Helena Bighorns (10-1-0-0) and the Sheridan (WY) Hawks (7-3-2-0) ([game story](#)).

Saturday evening was the second game of the two-game series against their South Dakota opponents. Great Falls was hoping for the weekend sweep after going 1-1 the previous weekend on the road in Sheriidan, Wyoming against the Sheridan Hawks . After tonight, Great Falls and Badlands will see each other on the ice for one more weekend series in Rapid City, South Dakota in February 2025.

Four goals is all the #3 Great Falls Americans needed to earn a 4-1 victory over the #5 Badlands (SD) Sabres on Saturday evening at the Great Falls Ice Plex in Great Falls, Montana. Blake Komrofske, Aiden Kennedy, Ty O'Bey and John Lang tallied the goals. The victory by the Americans gave them the weekend sweep over their South Dakota counterparts.

Blake Komrofske, who scored his first goal in Friday's 3-1 victory, secured his second goal of the season off the stick of Masen Kerr, who set up his sixth assist. Ty Brander provided his first assist on the Americans first period score. The lone score occurred with 5:25 remaining. The Great Falls defense allowed two shots-on-goal by the Sabres while they accumulated 21.

The Americans added two successful scoring drives in the middle stanza. Forwards Aiden Kennedy and Ty O'Bey each put the puck in the net for the 3-0 lead. Zac Orwig and Ty O'Bey earned the assists on Kennedy's goal 72 seconds into the period with the Sabres in the penalty box. Six minutes later, Garren Narvaez and Cal Laggis set up O'Bey's eighth goal of the season.

Great Falls sailed through the final period of regulation tacking on one score. John Lang scored the Americans fourth goal with helpers from Garren Narvaez and Matt Beazley. The Sabres offense led by

Zach Vockler stopped the shutout by scoring with 11:38 left. Vockler's ninth score was assisted by Dylan Woolstenhulme and Patrick Gosselin.

The home team acquired 42 shots while holding the Sabres to 25.

The sixty-minute contest saw 21 infractions called between these two Frontier Division clubs. Both teams went 1-for-6 on the power play.

Kaden Rhyder picked up his seventh win in ten appearances (7-3-0-0) for Great Falls. He accrued 24 saves while allowing one third period goal. Jackson Roethler (0-1-0-0), a goaltender from Minnesota, created 38 saves in his first game with Badlands.

FRONTIER DIVISION UPDATE: The Helena Bighorns (10-1-0-0) survived a scare by the #2 Sheridan (WY) Hawks (7-3-2-0) by winning in overtime, 4-3. Five of the six regulation goals were made in the second period. Finn Theriault led the Bighorns with two goals. Vincent Leaf and Kiefer Dunham chipped in the goals for Sheridan. Each team scored three goals before the second intermission. The scoreless third period came and went but two minutes into the five-minute extra period, Jeffrey Hershberger registered the game-winning score to keep the Bighorns from suffering their second loss. Malik Johnson (7-0-0-0) redirected 27 shots in 62 minutes for the Bighorns. TJ Wonnacott got the start for the visiting Hawks. He made 41 saves but suffered his second overtime loss (3-0-2-0) this season ([Box Score](#)).

The #4 Bozeman Ice Dogs (6-3-0-0) scored six goals just like they did on Friday night and easily defeated the #8 Yellowstone (WY) Quake (0-12-0-0), 6-2 in Cody, Wyoming to complete the weekend sweep. The Ice Dogs led 4-0 after the first period with Barrett Becker scoring twice with Sage Courchene and TJ Kelsey each adding one goal. Devin Bruns of Bozeman scored in the second and third periods. Jake Ricci and Max Goulden tacked on the goals for the Quake. Oscar Gribauval (1-0-0-0) gathered 16 saves in his debut with the Ice Dogs. Nate Whitson and Nicolas Ulyanov each saw action in the net for Yellowstone. Whitson (0-3-0-0) took the loss while Ulyanov swatted away 56 shots ([Box Score](#)).

The #6 Gillette (WY) Wild (4-5-1-0) and the #7 Butte Irish (4-5-0-0) are idle this weekend and will return to action next weekend.

NOTES: The **Great Falls Americans Booster Club** is raffling off **"RTIC" Coolers** with three different prizes.

FIRST PRIZE: 52 Quart Ultra-Light Wheeled Cooler with freezable divider, 30 can soft pack cooler, large ultra tough tote, (4) 30 oz. tumblers, and Meat Package from Central Avenue Meats.

SECOND PRIZE: 32 Quart Ultra-Light Wheeled Cooler with freezable divider, 20 can soft pack cooler, small ultra tough tote, (2) 30 oz. tumblers, and Meat Package from Central Avenue Meats.

THIRD PRIZE: 22 Quart Ultra-Light Wheeled Cooler, 12 can soft pack cooler, small ultra tough tote, (2) 30 oz. tumblers, and 10 lbs. of burger from Central Avenue Meats.

The drawing will be held at the October 25th home game against the Butte Irish and you don't have to be present to win. All proceeds go to the Great Falls Americans hockey team.

Contact Adam Stanczak for tickets at 406-564-6771.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Friday, October 25th: "Think Pink for the Girls" Breast Cancer Awareness



Night: The Americans will be wearing special edition pink jerseys and a special figure skating exhibition by the Great Falls Figure Skating Club during the first intermission. Life in Bloom Floral and Gift Boutique and She Bare Wax and Sugar will be raffling off gift baskets with several raffle items. The Great Falls Ice Plex ice will be painted pink. The special edition jerseys (signed by the player) will then be auctioned off with all proceeds going to **"Think Pink For the Girls."** The auction will start during the morning of the

October 25th and run through Sunday evening, November 3rd. Be sure to register with DASH (QR Code) and be ready to place your bid on your favorite player's pink jersey for a great cause.

The Americans will donate \$1 for everyone in attendance that night (matched by **City Chevrolet**) and will also offer a special signed and framed 8"x10" team photo in the Pink Jerseys for sale. A very special thanks goes out to **Benefis Health-Sletten Cancer Institute** for making this all possible as our partner who has made this event possible. Let's pack the Ice Plex for "Pink" Night!

Saturday, November 2nd: Sled Hockey with the Great Falls Americans and Eagle Mount: A special sled hockey exhibition with the Americans players facing off against the Eagle Mount Therapeutic Recreation athletes. The exhibition (free to the public) will take place from 4PM-5:30PM before the University of Providence Argos game against Utah State at 7:00PM. Come check out sled hockey and support these amazing athletes.

Friday and Saturday, November 22-23: Military Appreciation Weekend: The Great Falls Americans will celebrate "Military Appreciation Weekend" during Friday, November 22nd (against the Bozeman Ice Dogs) and November 23rd versus the Butte Irish.

Season Two of the **"Americans Podcast with Jim Quick"** premiered on September 5, 2024, with his first guest of the season, Cole Molaski, a forward from Suamico, Wisconsin, who is in his first season with Great Falls. Other players featured this season include Ty O'Bey, Easton and Aiden Kennedy, Sebe Perez and Mercer Twomey. [Click here](#) to learn more about Mercer Twomey on the official podcast of the Great Falls Americans. Each podcast will feature one American player as we get to know the team this season. Jim completed 13 episodes during his first season. Fans can listen to the full podcasts from Seasons One and Two by [clicking here](#).

560AM KMON Weekly Radio Interview with Coach Greg Sears: Join KMON Radio Sports Director "Baker Bob" McNamee every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings during the 2024-25 season with Great Falls Americans Head Coach and General Manager, Greg Sears as he talks about the Americans. The Weekly Radio interview on 560AM KMON in Great Falls can be heard locally every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings during the Hourly Sports Report (6:15AM (MST), 7:15AM (MST), and 8:15AM (MST) live. [Click here](#) to listen to the current and previous radio interviews.

AMERICANS PHOTOGRAPHER: Look for game photos from all of the home games from Michael Noel, the Americans Official Photographer by [clicking here](#).

AMERICANS E-NEWSLETTERS: The Americans have two email newsletters for fans to receive in their inbox this season. Kevin Scott, the Americans Media Coordinator, has an **Americans E-Newsletter** that you can get on Sunday's during the regular season filled with game summaries, press releases, links, schedule, etc. [Click here](#) to subscribe (if you haven't already).

Americans Owner Matt Leaf creates and sends out a weekly email called **"Baldy's Puck Drop"** that features team news, player profile, sponsor information and lots of other tidbits relating to Americans hockey that is published on Thursday mornings. [Click here](#) to receive the weekly newsletter (if you haven't already).



NA3HL MOBILE APP: If you haven't already, download the NA3HL App available at the App Store and Google Play. Fans can set your favorite team to the Great Falls Americans today and stay up to date with the NA3HL. [Click here](#) to download from the App Store (Apple) or [click here](#) to download from the Google Play Store (Android).

2024-25 PHOTOS: Check out all the Americans photos throughout the season including some taken by Americans photographer, Michael Noel and Gentle Thug Media's Tim Ljunggren. [Click here](#) to view all the photos from the 2024-25 season.



AMERICANS TEAM STORE: [Click here](#) to view the Americans online team store that features a variety of different souvenirs to purchase. A store is available at all home games. **AMERICANS GAME TICKETS ONLINE:** Fans can also buy game day tickets on the website prior to the game by [clicking here](#).

Please check out the Americans website at www.greatfallsamericans.com for all your updated news, game summaries, rosters, photo galleries, etc.

NEXT CONTEST: The Great Falls Americans welcome the Yellowstone Quake (Cody, WY) into the Great Falls Ice Plex for a pair of contests on Friday and Saturday, October 18-19. Friday's action begins at 7:05PM (MST) and Saturday's matinee will begin at 3:35PM (MST) due to the University of Providence Argonauts men's hockey game against Montana State University starting at 7:00PM (MST). Catch the action with Ryan Siders on the Play-By-Play for the Americans home games on the NA3HL streaming service, [NAHLTV](#).

Badlands will face the #1 Helena Bighorns next weekend at the Roosevelt Park Ice Arena at 7:00PM on October 18-19th.

[P. Gibson's Sports Grill and Casino](#) (1600 Fox Farm Road) is the place to be after Friday and Saturday night home games where the Americans invite their fans and supporters to their post-game dinner.

[Buffalo Wild Wings](#), located at 17 Northwest Bypass in Great Falls, hosts the "Americans Watch Party" this season when the Americans are on the road. Fans are invited to get food and drinks and watch the game.

[NAHLTV](#) is the NA3HL's new streaming platform and is the place to catch all the action for fans that are unable to attend the home and away games this season. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to view any of the Americans home and away contests.

[Click here](#) for the 2024-25 Great Falls Americans schedule and results.

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