



BALDY'S PUCK DROP

Weekly E-Newsletter December 19th, 2024

Dear Great Falls Americans Enthusiast:

Apologize for the tardiness for those who look forward to waking up to the Newsletter early on Thursday morning. Obviously, a busy last week on the road and a long bus ride home the last two days. As much as we appreciate our driver Rex, it simply is not a smooth enough ride to be able to put together a newsletter while riding on the bus – especially as Rex navigated the wind yesterday. It is good to be home safe and allow our players to get some time off during the holidays.



Overall, we would consider our Showcase a successful one. They played three intense 2-1 games (winning the first two while falling short on Tuesday morning in a very competitive game) that very much felt like playoff hockey as they saw teams from different divisions. It was a great experience for our players to play these types of games and it is especially rewarding for them to be able to do so in front of so many scouts and their own families and friends. We had a fantastic support network there with several parents, grandparents and even billet parents Ryan - Krista Smith and Adam - Pam Stanczak making the trip to support our team.

A huge part of what makes the Showcase successful is the chance to play in front of college scouts at all levels. The normal process is these scouts will be waiting outside our dressing room after each game and ask to talk to certain players they are interested in. We had some great success here as according to my notes, we had eleven different players talk to rough twelve different schools and in some cases the player talked to multiple schools over the three games. After all, the promotion and development of these young men as players and people are why we do this, so tack that on to the two wins and we can call it a success. I'll also note that even though some of the younger players may not have been called out by a college coach (they are generally going to be recruiting age-out players now), they were still seen and identified as a future prospects.

It is hard to believe there are only 19 regular season games remaining and the 2nd part of the season should be an exciting one. We have cemented ourselves in 3rd place with a good chance to move up a spot and secure home ice for the first round of the playoffs. We have put ourselves in a good position to be able to accomplish our goals and we have a great group of players both on and off the ice. We look forward to a mini break for the holidays and will be back to work on the ice on the 28th in Havre as we prepare for our New Years Eve game versus Butte.

Thank you to all those who participated in our special "Baldy Christmas Ornament" sale and congrats to Joseph Maroney (Power, MT) for winning the special GFA "Stocking Stuffer" package drawn from those who purchased an ornament. The package includes a GFA Blanket, Scarf, Beanie, Mini-Stick, Special Edition pin set, GFA Support Banner and official game puck.



Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas from the Great Falls Americans and we will be back with a shortened version of Baldy's Puck Drop next week as we prepare for the New Year's Eve game. In the meantime – thanks for your continued support and be safe.



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Player Profile – #9 Sebe Perez (Captain) (Tucson, AZ) 5'9" 175 lbs. FOR – Shoots Right DOB 09/17/2004

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

Favorite Movie: Trolls **Favorite Actor/Actress:** Salma Hayek

Favorite Food: Steak **Favorite Pre-Game Meal:** Pasta

If you were animal: A Hawk – Get to fly around

Musical Group You Won't Miss in Concert: Victor Ray

Music Guaranteed to get you hyped: Oliver Tree & Arden Jones

Person stuck with on a deserted Island: A Kraft Brother

Hobbies other than Hockey: Lifting

Three People you would invite to Dinner:

Sabrina Carpenter, Sidney Crosby, Teddy Swims

College/University of Choice: University of Notre Dame and Hobart College

Like Most About Great Falls: My teammates and billet family.

How would you define a successful season: College Hockey offers and winning the Fraser Cup!



Here are the upcoming events for you to mark your calendars:

- December 28th – The Americans will practice at the Havre Ice Dome and then conduct clinics with their youth teams.
- December 31st – Home game versus the Butte Irish – 6:05 PM Puck Drop!
- January 3rd - Game at Yellowstone at 7:05 PM. Official Watch Party at **Buffalo Wild Wings**.
- January 4th - Game at Yellowstone at 7:05 PM. Official Watch Party at **Buffalo Wild Wings**.
- January 10th – Home game versus Helena - 7:05 PM Puck Drop!
- January 11th - Road game versus Butte at 7:30 PM. Official Watch Party at **Buffalo Wild Wings**.

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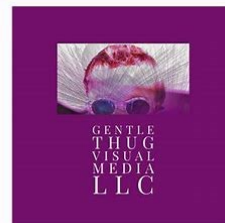


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