



## BALDY'S PUCK DROP

Weekly E-Newsletter February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Great Falls Americans Enthusiast:

The Americans are coming off a very productive weekend. Friday saw the Americans engaged in a playoff intensity type game at Bozeman and came away with the 3-2 win. Ethan Miller completed his hat trick with the game winner with 20 seconds remaining in the game and Kaden Rhyder secured his 50th win as an American Goalkeeper - which really is quite an achievement.

The Americans were able to unload on Butte in Havre on Saturday night with an 11-0 win. It was nice to be able to relax – yet maintain a workmanlike effort – with eight different goal scorers and eight players recording multiple points as the Americans had 68 shots on goal. Ethan Miller (Right) added another 4 goals in just 10 minutes of play, which combined with Friday earned him NA3HL Frontier Division Player of the Week honors.



There were a few other special milestones achieved on Saturday night as Cooper Clouse extended his scoring streak to 28 games and recorded his 100<sup>th</sup> Junior Hockey point with an assist on the first goal. Kaden Rhyder contributed to the shutout during the first two periods and in doing so, recorded his 3000<sup>th</sup> save as an Americans Goalkeeper. Congrats to Cooper, Kaden and Ethan on their accomplishments, although they would all say they are simply doing their jobs.



Even with an impressive 11-0 win, the highlight of the night in Havre was the post-game meet and greet and the reception our players received from our Havre fans. Our players enjoyed the attention and the opportunity to sign some autographs as they decompress from a demanding weekend. And, for those you have not done so – check out the Americans Facebook page for a brief video of the fans reaction when Colton Bacon arrived to sign – it might be the coolest thing I have seen in my three years here in Great Falls. A very special thanks goes out to our partners from **Havre Youth Hockey, High Plains Wealth Management and Northwestern Energy** for hosting us and making it a special night for our players and their fans.

The Americans are excited to be home this weekend as we host Gillette on Friday night and Badlands on Saturday night. Puck drop is 7:05 PM both nights and be sure to join our players and fellow fans at our official post-game gathering spot **Old Chicago Pizza + Taproom**. Check-out the Americans Facebook page in the coming days as we will be highlighting our players in honor of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Valentine's Day. Our players are out



**Valentine's Day Meat Raffle**  
**25 Pounds of Locally Grown and Sprout Finished Meats**

Featuring Wagyu from Willow Ranch Wagyu (Sheep Creek, MT) and Beef from McCafferty Ranch (Cascade, MT)

Winner Drawn February 14<sup>th</sup> During Americans Game

Do Not Need to be Present to Win!

**Includes Premium Steaks and specially seasoned beef, pork and poultry products!**



**\$10**

selling raffle tickets this week for 25 lbs. of locally grown products from **Central Avenue Meats** with the drawing taking place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Intermission on Saturday. We will also have some special prizes to give away in honor of Valentine's Day from **She Bare Wax & Sugar Boutique**. Make this weekend's games "Date Night" so you can get your raffle ticket(s) at the game and pick up a game program for chances to win prizes

from **She Bare, Scheels and Howard's Pizza**, not to mention our **Montana Air National Guard** Chuck-a-Puck partners.



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After our games this weekend, our NA3HL Top Prospects representatives Fisher Hannesson (Left) and Cooper



Clouse (Right) will head to Plymouth, MI for a two game set on Monday and Tuesday. Coop and Fish will join other Frontier Division players on Team White and will play at 9:30 AM MT on Monday and then 10:45 AM MT on Tuesday with games being played at USA Hockey Arena. The Top Prospects Tournament is a chance for our league to bring in the top 2005-06 players and showcase their talents in front of college scouts at all levels. It is a unique opportunity and certainly an honor to be selected. Both games will be broadcast on NAHLTV, so if looking to kill some time next week tune-in and support our players as they show



everyone else what we have seen all season long from these two leaders.

Quick alumni update - 2024-25 American Blayne Juszak is an assistant coach on the North Pole Patriots JV HS team as they won their Alaska Division II State Championship over the weekend. Congrats to Blayne!



Finally, mark your calendars for **\$10 DASH Day on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**. The Americans will have several items up for purchase that will all be \$10 on DASH and there will be items available through DASH at greatly discounted prices from throughout the country. If you haven't done so already, scan the QR code to get activated with DASH and participate in this amazing sports product activation.

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### Player Profile – #25 Gavin Denis (Rhineland, WI) 5'10" 155 lbs. FOR – Shoots Right DOB 07/13/2006

**Favorite Team:** Pittsburgh Penguins **Favorite Player:** Connor McDavid

**Favorite Movie:** Talladega Nights

**Favorite Actor/Actress:** Will Ferrell, Steve Carell

**Favorite Food:** Pizza **Favorite Pre-Game Meal:** Chicken and Pasta

**If you were animal:** Eagle – So I could fly.

**Musical Group You Won't Miss in Concert:** Nothing comes to mind.

**Pre-Game Hype Music:** EDM, Rock

**One Person to be stuck with on a deserted Island:** Jase Troyer

**Hobbies other than Hockey:** Water Skiing, Boating, Camping

**Three People you would like to invite to Dinner:** My Family

**College/University of Choice:** University of Wisconsin

**Like Most About Great Falls:** The Community.

**How would you define a successful season:** Win the Frontier Division!



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Here are the upcoming dates to add to your calendar:

- February 13<sup>th</sup> – Home games versus Gillette. 7:05 PM Puck drop with special performance by Great Falls Figure Skating Club and Valentine's Weekend activations.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – Home game versus Badlands. 7:05 PM Puck drop with Valentine's Weekend activations.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Away game at Helena. 7:05 PM Puck drop and join our fans at **Buffalo Wild Wings** for our official Watch Party.
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Away game at Bozeman. 7:30 PM Puck drop and join our fans at **Buffalo Wild Wings** for our official Watch Party.
- February 24<sup>th</sup> - \$10 DASH Day!
- February 28<sup>th</sup> – Home game versus Gillette. **Special 7:35 PM Puck Drop** and featuring the **Point S Tire & Auto** Tricycle races.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Home game versus Gillette. **Special 1:05 PM Puck Drop** and “Skate with the Americans” after the game! **Big Brother/Big Sister of Central Montana**
- March 7<sup>th</sup> – Away game at Butte. 7:30 PM Puck drop and join our fans at **Buffalo Wild Wings** for our official Watch Party.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Home game versus Butte. 7:05 PM puck Drop. **Toyota Fan and Billet Appreciation Night!**

Thank you to our corporate partners for their continued support.

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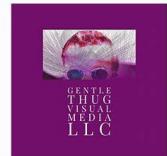
### Platinum Level



Tammy Quintrell-Stubbs



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### Gold, Silver and Bronze Level Partners (\*new this season)

All-State Signs	Beacon Ice House	Eagle Mount Therapeutic Recreation*
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Havre Youth Hockey	Central MT Lock & Safe	Century Gaming
Life in Bloom Floral & Gift Boutique	Hotel Arvon/Celtic Cowboy	Stifel   Finnicum Financial Group
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Voices of Hope*	Johnson Distributing	Mountain Title Company
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Benski Towing & Recovery	Westgate Repair, Inc	Annie's Taphouse
Sip-N-Dip Lounge*	Special Olympics of Montana*	TDS Fiber
Hoglund's Work and Western Wear	High Plains Wealth Management	

Thank you for being a part of our hockey family!

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