



# **Buffalo Sabres**

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## **Sabres-Blues preview**

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Ted Nolan is beginning to sound helpless in his effort to get the Buffalo Sabres playing at a higher level, and the coach's players aren't exactly offering any solutions.

Such is life for the worst team in the NHL, which looks to avoid a fourth straight loss as it visits the St. Louis Blues on Tuesday night.

The Sabres (3-11-2) have only one non-shootout victory, scoring the fewest goals in the league (18) while allowing the most (53). Issues have mounted at both ends of the ice as well as on specials teams, all of it compounded by Saturday's 6-1 loss to Pittsburgh.

Buffalo scored fewer than three goals for the 15th time, and its three failed power plays dropped it to 2 for 50 for a league-worst 4.0 percent conversion rate.

"The only thing we have control over is putting them on the ice," Nolan said. "We can't skate for them, we can't shoot for them, we can't compete for them."

"You run out of words. Except you say it over and over again - you can't quit."

The Sabres' effort is coming into question, too, which doesn't bode well for a team that often enters each contest at a talent disadvantage.

"Each individual in here needs to look at themselves and do their job, and then collectively as a group we can come together," said Drew Stafford, who has a team-best eight points. "It can't be one guy here, one guy there. We're running out of things to say here. It's just a matter of regrouping and coming back to work."

Zemgus Girgensons scored Buffalo's lone goal against the Penguins.

"You can take my comments from one game, and it's going to be the same thing," Girgensons said. "If you've got an effort and you can compete, it can be a close game. But if you don't try ... you see the result."

They likely won't get any relief against a Blues team that won seven straight before falling 2-1 to Nashville on Saturday. It was a rare flat outing for St. Louis (9-4-1), which got on the board in the first with Jori Lehtera's goal but tailed off from there.

"We looked slow and indecisive," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We weren't sharp. We looked slow in the head, slow in the feet, and we made a lot of tired plays with the puck. We looked like a team that's played a lot of hockey."

Vladimir Tarasenko had his four-game goal streak snapped, but he earned an assist on Lehtera's goal. He has eight goals and four assists over his last seven games and has combined with linemates Lehtera and Jaden Schwartz for 17 points in the last five.

St. Louis' top line of Paul Stastny, David Backes and Alexander Steen was on the ice for both Predators goals.

"Quite frankly, we're sitting on one line doing everything for us right now," Hitchcock said. "We're going to need a lot more from people if we expect to be good in (the Central Division)."

Brian Elliott made 33 saves as his four-start win streak ended. He's 10-0-2 with a 1.74 goals-against average against Buffalo, though it's unclear if he or Jake Allen will be in net.

Elliott made 24 saves in a 2-1 win April 3 to extend the Blues' winning streak to four over the Sabres, who could counter with Michal Neuvirth in goal after he rested Saturday.

## **Zadorov gets chance to play**

By Amy Moritz

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It started as a cute anecdote. Nikita Zadorov would skate over to Ted Nolan every day at practice.

"Coach, am I in?" he would ask.

Nolan told him to be patient. He needed to see more from the 19-year-old defenseman. He needed to see consistent work ethic. He needed to see maturity. He needed to see the youngster earn his way on to the blueline.

The anecdote is turning part legend around the Sabres room, since Nolan loves to tell the story, smiling every time he recounts it. It was the sign of a player hungry to be on the ice. And as Zadorov improved, he found his way into the lineup.

He's been there for the last four games. On Saturday, he found himself paired with Rasmus Ristolainen.

That's two first-round draft picks from 2013 as a defensive pair for the Buffalo Sabres.

When the established way of progressing through the first two months of the season aren't working, well, why not throw Zadorov and Ristolainen together?

"If you look at both of them, one's more on the defensive side, one's on the offensive side," Nolan said. "They're both young. Right now when you go through things like this you don't know any better. You might just find your way through it. Those two guys I thought played very well the other night and hopefully in time they'll just get better and better."

The guys loved playing together and they were paired again at the team's practice Monday morning.

Expect to see them in tandem again tonight when the Sabres play at the St. Louis Blues (8 p.m. NBCSN, Radio 550 AM).

Zadorov and Ristolainen may have been the best defensive pair on the ice for the Sabres in their 6-1 loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Zadorov wasn't on the ice for any of the Penguins goals while getting 20:11 of ice time, including a turn on the power play and 18 seconds on the penalty kill.

Ristolainen was minus-1 in his 20:51 of ice time, playing 2:02 on both the power play and penalty kill while taking three shots.

"You know we kind of have same style of the game," Zadorov said. "It's easy to play when you move the puck quickly. If someone jumps up on offense, the other guy is going to stay back on defense."

"We're always behind each other and helping each other. I think it's great to have the support of your partner."

"I think we work pretty good together," Ristolainen said. "We just have to get more games, then it's easier to say how we go. It was just the first game, and we just try to push each other forward."

The ability to challenge each other and raise the other's game could be a key in their development especially as the Sabres search for answers.

Although they were drafted in the same year, Ristolainen, 20, split last season between Rochester and Buffalo.

Zadorov, 19, spent the season with his junior team in London and made his NHL debut earlier this season.

Both played in the World Junior Championships last year. Zadorov, playing for Russia, led all defensemen with four goals while Ristolainen scored the overtime goal that gave Finland the gold medal.

The two players have a comfort level with each other that comes from being in similar circumstances.

That comfort seemed to help elevate their game,

"I think it's great," Zadorov said. "We were drafted the same year, and we were buddies here. You know he's a great player. I think it's awesome to play with a guy the same age, and we can talk and hang out."

## **Sabres notebook: Ennis moving from center to right wing**

By Amy Moritz

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Ted Nolan isn't just mixing up the lines. He's mixing up positions.

Such is life when you're struggling to score goals and find the right defensive zone coverage.

So at Monday morning's practice at First Niagara Center it was Tyler Ennis on one wing of the Buffalo Sabres' top line with Zemgus Girgensons at center and Matt Moulson on the left wing.

"When you run into obstacles, you don't stop and quit," Nolan said. "You've got to find a way to get over it, around it or through it, so we'll try some things. We've got to get Matty Moulson going. With Girgensons and Tyler we feel that could be our legitimate No. 1 line. We can go from there."

Ennis was ready for the change. He recalled playing right wing with Moulson when the winger arrived in Buffalo last season. The duo had some chemistry then. Perhaps they could find it again. Either way, Ennis understands something has to change.

"I like both," center and wing "but you know, why not? As a team it's not going. If I have to play wing, I gotta be great at wing," Ennis said. "I got to do my job. I didn't do my job well enough at center, and you know we're not having a great start to the season and maybe this will spark us."

Nolan saw a bit of a spark in Ennis at practice on Monday as the team prepared for tonight's game against the Blues in St. Louis. Nolan wants to see if freeing Ennis from some of the responsibilities at center might help him be more effective offensively.

"He even had a smile on his face this morning playing that position," Nolan said of Ennis. "There's a lot of responsibilities (at center), trying to win draws and play defense and when you're gifted offensively ... you want that (scoring) responsibility more so than the others. So doing this will hopefully spring him a little bit more where Girgensons can do more of the gut work and spring those two guys to let them do their offensive magic." Ennis knows the difference between center and wing and is looking forward to the new line combination.

What's the difference in the forward positions for him?

"Oh, so much," Ennis said. "There's a lot that comes with center. It's a completely different position. I'm looking to play well in the D-zone at wing. Not as much responsibility I guess. There's still lots, but I think I'm more stationary. Zemgus is a great centerman and he can play well down there. I think we're going to have a good line."

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Monday also saw Drew Stafford move to center on a line with Cody Hodgson and Nicolas Deslauriers.

"He came in the office the other day. He wants to try that position," Nolan said of Stafford. "He looked at Girgensons who is a converted center iceman. Mitchell was a converted center iceman. ... He sees an opportunity so we discussed it. We have to try different things, but Cody Hodgson has got to play much better for us. We'll see how it goes."

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Also filed under "see how it goes" is playing Marcus Foligno or Patrick Kaleta tonight. Both are returning from injury – Marcus from a shoulder injury suffered over a week ago in Pittsburgh and Kaleta from breaking bones in his face during the preseason.

"They'll both be a little bit rusty missing some time, so we'll see who the best of the best is feeling health-wise come the first game and we'll go from there also," Nolan said.

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The Sabres will face off against their former captain Steve Ott tonight. Ott earned tons of respect from Nolan last year.

"I have really fond memories of Steve Ott," Nolan said. "The one thing about Steve, he competes. He competes hard. ... When you have him on your team you love him. But now he's on the opposition."

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The auction of autographed Buffalo Sabres Hockey Fights Cancer jerseys continues at NHL.com through Nov. 16. The auction includes autographed jerseys worn by Rick Jeanneret and Jim Kelly during the ceremonial puck drop before the Nov. 7 game.

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The "Bowl-A-Rama" celebrity bowling tournament will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Jan. 11 at Transit Lanes. The event benefits the Buffalo Sabres Foundation. The event includes auctions, prizes, live entertainment, food and an open bar. Each team has an opportunity to bowl with a celebrity Sabres guest, including players, alumni and broadcast personalities.

Participants must be 21 years or old.

Registration for five-person teams is \$1,000. Visit [sabres.com/bowling](http://sabres.com/bowling) or contact Teresa Belbas at 855-4588 or via email at [teresa.belbas@sabres.com](mailto:teresa.belbas@sabres.com).

## **Sabres hope to find offense against Blues**

By Louie Korac

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**SABRES (3-11-2) at BLUES (9-4-1)**

**TV: NBCSN**

**Season series:** This is the first of two games between the Buffalo Sabres and St. Louis Blues. The Blues swept the set last season, winning the most-recent game 2-1 on April 3.

**Sabres team scope:** The Sabres begin a two-game road swing that concludes against the Minnesota Wild on Thursday. Buffalo is winless in three straight (0-2-1) and has the fewest points in the League (eight). The Sabres have scored 20 goals on the season, tied for the fewest in the NHL with the Florida Panthers, who have played four fewer games. The Sabres have scored two or fewer goals in 15 of 16 games this season. "You run out of words," a frustrated Sabres coach Ted Nolan told reporters after a 6-1 home loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday. "... Our fans pay good money to watch us play, or at least compete and perform for that if there's nothing else. We've got to find a way; we've got to keep searching for it."

**Blues team scope:** The Blues tied the Anaheim Ducks for the longest winning streak in the NHL this season with seven but had their streak snapped with a 2-1 loss Saturday to the Nashville Predators. Tuesday will be the third of a five-game homestand for the Blues, who finished last week against the Predators with their fourth game in six nights. T.J. Oshie (concussion) took part in a full practice Monday with the Blues. "I was shocked that he stayed there the whole time," Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said of Oshie. "... I don't know how he's feeling. I didn't get into what the trainers talked about. They told us he was going to stay for whatever he could and then he ended up staying right to the bitter end, which is a good sign."

## **Sabres youngsters Rasmus Ristolainen and Nikita Zadorov impressing as tandem**

By Bill Hoppe

Olean Times Herald

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BUFFALO – When you're struggling and searching for anything to ignite the team, you experiment. So with nothing to lose, Sabres coach Ted Nolan paired Rasmus Ristolainen, 20, and rookie Nikita Zadorov, 19, together last game.

The defensemen became the Sabres' top tandem in Saturday's ugly 6-1 loss to Pittsburgh, each skating more than 20 minutes, more than Tyler Myers. Zadorov wasn't on the ice for any goals against.

"If you look at both of them, one's more on the defensive side (Ristolainen), one's on the offensive side (Zadorov)," Nolan said Monday inside the First Niagara Center. "They're both young. When you go through things like this, you don't know any better. You might just find your way through it."

The 2013 first-round picks will play together again tonight in St. Louis against the Blues.

"I think it's awesome to play with a guy the same age as you," Zadorov said.

Ristolainen added: "We were pretty good together, just have to get more games, then it's easier to say how it goes. It was just the first game."

Before the game, Zadorov was surprised to see the pairing.

"After the game," he said, "I felt great."

For Zadorov, playing against Penguins superstars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, a fellow Russian, was "unreal."

"When I was a kid, I was just wishing to play against those guys," he said. "Now I'm on the ice playing against the best guys in the world. I think it's great."

Ristolainen, the No. 8 pick, has played all season. Tonight will be his 51st NHL game. Meanwhile, Zadorov, the No. 16 pick, sat early before playing the last four contests. Tonight will be his 13th NHL contest.

Nolan has upped Zadorov's minutes each appearance.

"It means a lot, it means coach trusts me in putting me in every situation on the ice," Zadorov said.

He added: "I'm not really surprised. When you try to play every game good, you know you're going to get ... more opportunity to show coaches what you can do. For me, when I'm playing more, I'm playing better."

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Tyler Ennis is often the Sabres' only offensive threat. So why did Nolan switch the speedster from center to right wing beside Zemgus Girgensons and Matt Moulson on Monday?

You try everything when you only have three wins and 18 goals in 16 games. Ennis has a team-high four goals.

"When you run into obstacles, you don't stop and quit, and you got to find a way to get over around it or through it," Nolan said.



Ennis, a center the last year or so, understands the move.

"As a team, it's not going," he said. "If I have to play wing, I got to be great at wing. I got to do my job. I didn't do my job well enough at center. We're not having a great start to the season. Maybe this will spark us."

Nolan believes it could jumpstart Moulson, who has only one goal.

"We got to get Matty Moulson going," he said. "Going with Girgensons and Tyler, we feel that could be a legitimate No. 1 line. So we'll go from there."

Nolan made one other surprising move Monday, putting Drew Stafford, a winger his entire career, at center between Nick Deslauriers, Cody Hodgson and Patrick Kaleta, who could play tonight.

Stafford visited Nolan's office recently and asked about trying something new.

"He sees the position, he sees an opportunity," Nolan said. "So we discussed it."

Nolan wouldn't say if Stafford will play center tonight.

In lineup news, Nolan said Kaleta, out since Sept. 28, has the "green light." Winger Marcus Foligno can also play (shoulder, four games).

Only one will likely return.

"They'll both be a little bit rusty missing some time," Nolan said. "So we'll see who the best of the best is feeling health-wise."

Kaleta hasn't played an NHL game since Oct. 10, 2013.

The other lines Monday: Torrey Mitchell, Brian Flynn, Brian Gionta; Foligno, Cody McCormick, Chris Stewart.

Nolan said goalie Michal Neuvirth will start tonight.

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Sabres goalie Matt Hackett, out since suffering a gruesome knee injury April 12, has been practicing regularly as the third netminder. He's still a ways away from returning.

## **Sabres' Nolan has a new top line**

By Paul Hamilton

WGR 550

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**Buffalo, NY (WGR 550)** -- Ted Nolan is frustrated and desperate. In practice on Monday he moved Tyler Ennis to wing and on another line put Drew Stafford at center. Nolan said, "We are at that point where we have to try anything. When you run into obstacles you don't stop and quit and you've got to find a way to get over it, around it or through it so we'll try different things. We've got to get Matty Moulson going with Girgensons and Tyler, we feel that could be our legitimate number one line.

Ennis is a natural wing, but this time it's on the right wing. Nolan said, "He even had a smile on his face this morning playing that position. There's a lot of responsibility to try to win draws and play defense and when you're a gifted offensive type of player, you want that responsibility more so than the other, so by doing this hopefully it'll spring him a little bit more where Girgensons can do a lot of the gut work."

Stafford centered the fourth line with Nic Delauriers and Cody Hodgson. Nolan said, "He came in the office the other day and he wanted to try that position. He sees the position and he sees an opportunity, so we discussed it."

Nolan wouldn't commit to saying that Stafford will play center in St. Louis. He did say, "We'll go from there, but we have to try different things. Cody Hodgson has got to play much better for us also, so we'll put those two guys together and we'll see how it goes.

Monday's lines were:

Moulson-Girgensons-Ennis

Mitchell-Flynn-Gionta

Foligno-McCormick-Stewart

Deslauriers-Stafford-Hodgson (Kaleta)

On Sunday they sent Johan Larsson back down to Rochester so Marcus Foligno is ready as is Pat Kaleta. Nolan said, "We're going to see. That was his first full practice and Kaleta I believe he has the green light also, but they'll both be a little bit rusty missing some time so we'll see who the best of the best is health wise come the first game and we'll go from there.

Michal Neuvirth will get the net Tuesday against the Blues.

## **Stafford moves to center as Sabres shuffle lines**

By Chris Ryndak

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The Buffalo Sabres feel like they can take some chances when it comes to the personnel in their lineup and the line combinations at Monday's practice reflected that.

Tyler Ennis was on the right wing with center Zemgus Girgensons and Matt Moulson at First Niagara Center. Torrey Mitchell was back in the middle between Brian Flynn on the left and Brian Gionta on the right. Cody McCormick was reunited with left wing Marcus Foligno and right wing Chris Stewart.

But perhaps the most noteworthy change was Drew Stafford practicing at center. He was with left wing Nicolas Deslauriers and a rotation of Cody Hodgson and Patrick Kaleta on the right side.

Stafford has been on the on the wing for his entire eight-year career with the Sabres. Coach Ted Nolan said Stafford came to them with the idea and they discussed the possibility of moving to the middle.

The 29-year-old forward is eager to move back to a position he hasn't played much since high school in order to help the team.

"It's been a while, but I like studying the game and learn new things," Stafford said. "Over the years, it's maybe been close to happening but with the lineups we've had, it's just never come to fruition until now. We're trying anything at this point, so we'll give it a shot and see how it goes."

Stafford, at 6-foot-2, 214 pounds, has taken his share of faceoffs already this year, going 30-for-68 (44.1 percent) so far. He's comfortable with that aspect of his new role and will focus on the team's defensive zone play.

"It's more our D-zone that we have to clean up a little bit, he said. "I'm going to try to lean on my size and strength down low to help get the puck out."

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### **THE NEW NO. 1**

Ennis has moved back and forth between wing and center in his career, but had only played center so far this year. When Matt Moulson first joined the team last season, it wasn't long before he and Ennis were wings on a line together.

With Girgensons in the middle, Ennis knows the pressure is on to score goals or else they'll find themselves with new linemates soon.

"When it's going this way, there needs to be changes to the lines," Ennis said. "We're not putting the puck in the net so it was a matter of time that the lines were going to get switched around. I'm excited to play with Matty and Z. They're both very hard-working guys with a lot of skill and they're fun to play with. We've got to put the puck in the net and we've got a big challenge in St. Louis."

Nolan is intrigued by that line combination and, like the players, sees that they're at the point where they have to try new things in order to spark some offense.

"We are at that point. When you run into obstacles, you don't stop and quit. You've got to find a way to get over it or around it or through it," he said. "We'll try different things. We've got to get Matty Moulson going. With Girgensons and Tyler, we feel that can be our legitimate No. 1 line and we can go from there."

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## **PAIR OF FIRSTS**

On defense, Rasmus Ristolainen and Nikita Zadorov were paired together once again. They skated together in Buffalo's game against Pittsburgh on Saturday and Nolan liked what he saw. He said the two will remain together for Buffalo's game in St. Louis on Tuesday.

The defensemen were both drafted by Buffalo in the first round of the 2013 NHL Draft. Ristolainen was taken eighth overall and Zadorov was selected with the 16th overall pick.

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## **STARTERS AND INJURY UPDATES**

Nolan said Michal Neuvirth will start in goal against the Blues.

Foligno was a back at practice after injuring his shoulder in a game on Nov. 1. He'd taken a few skates, but was a full participant on Monday. He's a possibility to play against St. Louis as is Patrick Kaleta, who's been out since Sept. 28 when he took a slap shot to the face during the preseason and needed surgery to repair the damage.

Nolan wasn't able to say after practice for sure if either or both would be ready to go.

"We're going to see. That was [Foligno's] first full practice there today. Kaleta, I believe, has the green light also," Nolan said. "They'll both be a little bit rusty, missing some time so we'll see who the best of the best is feeling health-wise and we'll go from there."

Buffalo sent forward Johan Larsson, who was up on an emergency recall, back to the Rochester Americans of the American Hockey League on Sunday.

The game on Tuesday is scheduled for 8 p.m. EST and can be seen on NBCSN. Dan Dunleavy and Rob Ray's call of the game can be heard live on WGR 550.

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## **Sabres prospects report**

By Kris Baker

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**Sam Reinhart** (2014, first round) scored twice in his Western Hockey League season debut on Friday to earn the game's first star as the Kootenay ICE held on for a 4-3 victory over the defending WHL champion Edmonton Oil Kings.

Reinhart wasted little time making his presence known, scoring on his first shift just 32 seconds into play when he jammed a puck into the net from the edge of the crease. He'd again provide a quick strike to start the second period, picking a short side corner from a tough angle while on a two-man advantage 21 seconds in to give the ICE a 2-1 lead.

Reinhart, who also picked up an assist in Saturday's shootout victory at Swift Current, has three points through his first two games. He scored 105 points last season, and there's no question that the ICE captain will continue to carry the offensive load as the club looks to quickly scramble their way out of last place in the league standings.

Kootenay is off until the weekend when they'll face Calgary (Fri.) and Lethbridge (Sat.). But first, Reinhart will serve as captain of Team WHL when the 2014 Subway Super Series gets underway against Team Russia on Monday and Tuesday.

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### **OHL**

**Justin Bailey** (2013, second round) went to the slot for his 10th goal of the year and added two assists as Kitchener blasted Peterborough 8-2 on Friday. Bailey, who was held without a point for just the second time this season in Saturday's overtime loss at Plymouth, finished Kitchener's three-game weekend with one helper in the Rangers 5-4 overtime loss at Saginaw on Sunday. Bailey continues to lead the team with 10 goals and 22 points in 16 games.

On Friday, **Brendan Lemieux** (2014, second round) scored off a big one-timer as part of a two-point night in Barrie's 9-2 drubbing of Sudbury. The aggressive winger was kept off the scoresheet on Saturday as the Colts were hammered 8-3 at Sault Ste. Marie. Stepping up his game as a hard-working puck hound, Lemieux has amassed nine goals, including five with the man advantage, and 16 points through 15 games.

**Eric Cornel** (2014, second round) ended a six-game drought Friday when he battled down low for a third-period goal in Peterborough's 8-2 loss to Kitchener. On Sunday, Cornel was unable to connect as the Petes were manhandled for the second straight game in a 6-1 loss to Oshawa. The Kemptville, Ont. native has collected 14 points (5+9) in 16 contests.

A night after being blanked in the big loss to Barrie, **Nicholas Baptiste** (2013, third round) notched a pair of primary assists in the final three minutes of regulation on Saturday as Sudbury clawed their way back from a three-goal deficit to earn a 7-6 overtime victory over Belleville. The helpers give Baptiste eight points (4+4) in seven games since returning from injury.

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### **OMJHL**

**Vaclav Karabacek** (2014, second round) snapped a four-game funk with his fifth goal of the year as Gatineau was defeated by Charlottetown 4-1 on Friday. The Czech winger returned to action Sunday, posting five shots on goal in a 4-2 loss to Baie-Comeau. A 21-goal scorer last season, Karabacek has struck just twice in his last 13 games.

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## WHL

Swift Current defenseman **Brycen Martin** (2014, third round) recorded one assist last week as the Broncos won once in three tries. The 6-foot-2 rearguard has gathered seven helpers while going without a goal in his first 21 outings. Last season, Martin's longest goal drought lasted 21 games as he finished the season with a total of six.

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## NCAA

**Hudson Fasching** scored his fifth goal of the year on Sunday as No. 1 Minnesota defeated Notre Dame 4-2 to earn the sweep of the Big Ten/Hockey East Challenge series. Following a faceoff win, Fasching set up back door on the power play and finished off a tic-tac-toe passing play to make it a 2-0 game at 6:24 of the opening period. On Friday, Fasching entered the zone with speed down the middle of the ice to set up a goal as the Gophers opened the series with a 5-0 shutout of the Fighting Irish.

**Christian Isackson** (2010, seventh round) continued to receive limited fourth line minutes, finishing with three shots on goal and a plus-one rating in Minnesota's sweep of Notre Dame. The senior centerman will continue the search for his first point of the year on Friday when the Gophers face Minnesota-Duluth.

Notre Dame goaltender **Cal Petersen** (2013, fifth round) earned his fourth straight start Friday, making 39 saves in the 5-0 road loss to the top-ranked Gophers. Petersen returned to the crease on Sunday, but allowed three goals on nine shots in the opening period before being replaced by Chad Katunar as the Irish were swept in a 4-2 loss. The freshman stopper is 3-3-1 through his first seven starts while posting a 2.50 GAA and .925 save%.

**Connor Hurley** (2013, second round) was kept off the scoresheet in the weekend losses and has now gone without a point in four straight contests against ranked opponents. The Fighting Irish's third line center, Hurley has a goal and four assists through his first nine games as a collegian. Notre Dame will look to get back in the win column next weekend when they visit Merrimack.

**Judd Peterson** (2012, seventh round) logged two shots on goal over the weekend as No. 6 St. Cloud State was swept for the first time this season with 3-2 and 3-1 losses to unranked Minnesota-Duluth. The Huskies will look to get back on track Friday at Western Michigan.

**Anthony Florentino** (2013, fifth round) was held pointless in back-to-back games for the first time this season as No. 10 Providence split a pair of games with Merrimack. The sophomore defender is tied for second in team scoring thanks to a team-best four assists.

Providence fifth-year senior **Mark Adams** (2009, fifth round) resumed his role on the Friars' third defensive pair with freshman Jake Walman (STL) in the series with Merrimack. Providence next hosts Vermont for a Hockey East set starting Friday.

**Brad Navin** (2011, seventh round) was unable to produce as Wisconsin extended their losing streak to six games with a pair of losses to No. 2 North Dakota. Navin has one of the seven goals that Wisconsin has scored through their first six games. The Badgers get a week off before taking a trip west for tilts against Colorado College and Denver beginning Friday, Nov. 21.

In the ECAC, **Max Willman** (2014, fifth round) went without a point over the weekend as Brown dropped a pair of home games to St. Lawrence and Clarkson. The second-line winger has scored one goal through his first three games while his 10 shots are currently second-most for the Bears.

**Sean Malone** (2013, sixth round) remained out of the lineup with an injury as Harvard blanked RPI 4-0 on Friday and played to a 2-2 tie at No. 8 Union on Saturday. The Crimson return to action this weekend with a pair of home games against Brown (Friday) and Yale (Saturday).

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## **USHL**

**Christopher Brown** (2014, sixth round) scored a power-play goal on one of his five shots as Green Bay skated to a 3-1 win at Waterloo. The 18-year-old forward has a team-high five goals and eight points in his first dozen games for the Gamblers, who are off until Friday when they face expansion Madison.

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## **U20 4 NATIONS CUP**

**Victor Olofsson** (2014, seventh round) scored a pair of goals Saturday as Sweden concluded the U20 4 Nations Cup with a 4-1 victory over Russia to capture the tourney's top spot. Olofsson's two goals tied for the tournament lead to keep the speedy trigger man firmly on Sweden's World Junior radar. The 19-year-old winger, who went without a point in earlier wins versus the Czech Republic and Finland, averaged 13:46 of ice time per game at the event. He has 12 points (6+6) in 18 games this season for MODO of the SHL.