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Warriors continue on the road this weekend at Alabama-Huntsville

This Week's Opponent -

The Warriors will continue to play on the road as they play at Alabama-Huntsville this Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10.

Game Information -

The Warriors enter the week with a 14-11-2 overall and a 6-6-2 College Hockey America conference record. Wayne State is in fourth place in the CHA standings. Alabama-Huntsville brings a 15-10-1 overall and a 10-3-1 CHA conference record. Alabama-Huntsville is tied for first place with Niagara in the conference standings. The Chargers are 3-2-0 in their last five games as the Warriors are 3-1-1. This past weekend, the Warriors had their five game unbeaten streak snapped with the 2-1 loss at Air Force.

Series Record -

This is the seventh and eighth meeting between the two teams. The Chargers lead the series 5-1-0 and won the last game on January 6 by a 4-2 score.

Last Week -

This past week, the Warriors scored only one of four points at the Air Force Academy. The Warriors tied the Falcons, 1-1 in overtime on Friday night, but lost 2-1 on Saturday night.

In Friday night's game, sophomore Jason Durbin scored his 12th goal of the season on an even strength goal 5:56 into the third period. Sophomore Dustin Kingston recorded his ninth assist and sophomore Matt Zito scored his first point of his career with the other assist on Durbin's goal. Sophomore goaltender David Guerrero made 31 saves in the tie as Wayne State was outshot 32-27.

In Saturday night's game, sophomore Nick Shrader scored the lone goal for the Warriors at the 8:54 mark in the second period. Adding assists on the goal were Durbin (his 12th) and sophomore Tyler Kindle (his 11th). Air Force then rallied back and scored two quick goals in the third period to record the 2-1 win. Guerrero again was in goal for WSU and made 30 saves as WSU outshot the Falcons 33-32.

CHA Tournament -

With the tie and the loss this past weekend, the Warriors slipped out of third place and moved into fourth place in the CHA standings. The Warriors will be trying to get back into the third place slot before tournament time since the fourth and fifth seed will play a single elimination game the first day of the tournament. Then whoever wins from the fourth-fifth seeded game will have to play the top seed on the next day. The conference tournament is to be held at the University of Alabama-Huntsville on March 8-11.

Nationally -

Sophomore Steve Nichols (Washington, MI) is tied for second in the nation with three short-handed goals each. Sophomore Maxim Starchenko is tied for fourth in game winning goals with four. Sophomore Marc Carlson is eighth in goalie winning percentage with a .714 tally. In Division I Men's Hockey game highs, sophomore David Guerrero is tied for fourth in goal saves with 55 versus Lake Superior State on October 13, 2000. As a team, the Warriors are 17th in scoring offense with a 3.57 average.

CHA Team Leaders -

Sophomore Jasobn Durbin is first in point scoring with 17. Sophomore Dustin Kingston is tied for sixth with 13. Freshman Chris Vail is tied for 13th with 11.

Durbin is tied for first in goals scored with nine, Kingston is fourth with eight, as Vail is tied for 12th with five.

Sophomores Keith Stanich, Tyler Kindle and Durbin are tied for eighth in assists with eight as Vail and Renfrew are tied for 16th with six.

Kindle is third in defenseman scoring with ten and Stanich is fourth with eight.

Vail is second in freshman scoring with 11 points.

Sophomore goalie, David Guerrero, is tied for third in winning percentage (.500), and is sixth in goals against average (3.18).

Team Leaders -

Durbin has moved into first place in points for Wayne State as he has recorded 24 points in 27 games. Kingston and Renfrew are tied for second with 21 points and Kingston, and Vail is third with 20. Kingston and Durbin are tied for the lead in goals scored with 12 as Stanich is first in assists with 14.

In goal, David Guerrero is first in wins (9) and saves (430). Carlson is second in wins (5) and saves (173).

2000-2001 Captains -

Sophomores Jason Durbin and Keith Stanich have been elected this year's team captains by their teammates. This is the second year in a row that Durbin has been named captain.

CHA Honors -

Wayne State has won nine CHA awards this season and have swept the week's award (January 22) once this year. Freshmen Jackson Wilson (October 23) Jack Redwood (November 5) and Chris Vail (December 11, January 15, January 22) were named CHA "Rookie of the Week" and sophomore Maxim Starchenko (January 1) and sophomore Jason Durbin (January 15, January 22) were named "Offensive Player of the Week." Guerrero has received WSU's only "Defensive Player of the Week" as he was named on January 22.

Head Coach Bill Wilkinson -

Head Coach Bill Wilkinson begins his second year with the Warriors. Last season, he led WSU in its inaugural season to a 6-23-1 record. This season he is 14-11-2.

Wilkinson is no stranger to hockey as he coached at Western Michigan for 17 seasons.

Wilkinson now posts a 334-335-56 record in 18 years of coaching (17 at WMU, 1 at WSU). He is also the chairman of the NCAA Men's Hockey championship selection committee.

Wilkinson is assisted by Danny Brooks, Willie Mitchell and Cal McGowan.

The CHA -

College Hockey America (CHA) is in its second year of existence. Members include Air Force, Alabama-Huntsville, Bemidji State, Findlay, Niagara and Wayne State.

Last season, Niagara won the CHA with a perfect 15-0 conference and a 29-7 overall record. Alabama-Huntsville was second with a 12-5 conference and 17-10 overall record, and Bemidji State was third with a 8-8 conference and 13-20 overall record. WSU was not eligible to compete for the conference title last season as the Warriors were an affiliate member only.

Next Up for the Warriors -

WSU returns home on February 23-24 to host Bemidji State at 7:05 p.m. and then finish its home schedule by hosting Niagara on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3.

Date	Opponent	Time/ Results	Breaking it Down - The Warriors this Season
10/13	@LSSU	L, 1-2	At Home 6-5-0
10/14	@LSSU	L, 3-6	On the Road 6-8-2
10/17	@Notre Dame	L, 1-2 ot	Game One of Series 8-5-1
10/20	CANISIUS	W, 7-4	Game Two of Series 7-5-1
10/21	CANISIUS	L, 1-2 ot	When Leading After 1st Period 7-0-1
10/27	@Iona	L, 0-1	When Trailing After 1st Period 3-5-0
10/28	@Iona	W, 4-3	When Tied After 1st Period 6-4-1
11/3	FAIRFIELD	W, 8-3	When Leading After 2nd Period 10-1-1
11/4	FAIRFIELD	W, 6-5 ot	When Trailing After 2nd Period 1-9-1
11/10	FINDLAY*	L, 3-2 ot	When Tied After 2nd Period 4-0-0
11/11	@Findlay*	T, 3-3 ot	When Scoring First 10-2-1
11/17	AIR FORCE*	L, 3-4	When Opponent Scores First 5-8-1
11/18	AIR FORCE*	W, 5-2	When Outshooting Opponent 12-5-1
11/24	@Bemidji State*	W, 5-4 ot	When Outshot by Opponent 3-6-1
11/25	@Bemidji State*	L, 1-8	In Overtime 3-3-2
12/1	@Mercyhurst*	W, 4-1	One Game Meeting 3-1-0
12/8	AMERICAN INTER.	W, 7-0	
12/9	AMERICAN INTER.	W, 1-0	
12/29	vs. Queens at UCONN	W, 5-2	
12/30	@UCONN	W, 5-4 ot	
1/5	ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE*	L, 5-0	
1/6	ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE*	L, 4-2	
1/12	@Niagara*	W, 9-6	
1/13	@Niagara*	W, 4-3	
1/19	@Findlay*	W, 5-2	
1/20	FINDLAY*	W, 3-1	
1/25	USA 17 UNDER TEAM (exh)	L, 3-4	
2/3	@Air Force*	T, 1-1	
2/4	@Air Force*	L, 1-2	
2/9	@Alabama-Huntsville*	7:05 pm	
2/10	@Alabama-Huntsville*	7:05 pm	
2/23	BEMIDJI STATE*	7:05 PM	
2/24	BEMIDJI STATE*	7:05 PM	
3/2	NIAGARA*	7:05 PM	
3/3	NIAGARA*	7:05 PM	

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