

For Immediate Release

Monday, January 22, 2001

Warriors host USA National 17 and Under Team Friday

This Week's Opponent -

The Warriors will host the USA National 17 and Under Team (based in Ann Arbor, MI) on Thursday, January 25, 2001, beginning at 7:05 p.m. The game will be held at the Fraser Sports Complex in Fraser, MI.

Game Information -

The Warriors enter the week with a 14-10-1 overall and a 6-5-1 College Hockey America conference record. Wayne State is currently tied for second place in the conference with Niagara University.

Series Record -

This is the first meeting between the two teams and it will count as an exhibition game.

Last Week -

This past weekend, the Warriors swept its fourth opponents series of the year as they defeated the University of Findlay Oilers in a "home-and-home" series. On Friday, WSU defeated Findlay, 5-2, on the road and then defeated them once again, 3-1, at home. With these two wins, Wayne State jumped into a tie in the CHA conference after starting the weekend in fifth place.

On Friday, sophomore Jon Brink (Portage, MI) scored two goals as sophomore Tyler Kindle (Portage, MI) added two assists for the night. Freshman Chris Vail (Grosse Points Shores, MI) had three assists in the 5-2 win. Also scoring goals that night were sophomores Jason Durbin (Trenton, MI), Dan Rafner (Stenhamra, Sweden) and Brent Renfrew (Fairbanks, AK). Sophomores Nick Shrader (Blissfield, MI), Maxim Starchenko (Kharkov, Ukraine) and Keith Stanich (Bethel Park, PA) all added one assist.

On Saturday, the Warriors defeated Findlay for the third time this season with a 3-1 score. Durbin and Kindle added one goal apiece in the victory as sophomore Marc St. Jean (Orleans, Ontario) scored his second goal of the season. Durbin rounded out the night by also adding an assist on the last goal of the night.

In goal both nights was sophomore David Guerrero. On both nights, Guerrero saved 22 shots on goal to improve his record to 9-6-1 overall and 5-4-1 in CHA games.

WSU Sweeps CHA -

For the first time this season, Wayne State University has swept the week's CHA "Player of the Week" awards. For last weekend's play, sophomore Jason Durbin received the CHA's "Offensive Player of the Week" award; sophomore David Guerrero (St. Leonard, Quebec) received the "Defensive Player of the Week" award and freshman Chris Vail (St. Clair Shores, MI) received the "Rookie of the Week" award. This is the second consecutive week that Durbin and Vail received their respective honors.

For the weekend, Durbin registered two goals and one assist in the sweep over Findlay. Guerrero had 44 saves over the two games and allowed three goals against for a .936 save percentage and a 1.50 goals

against average. Vail tallied three assists on Friday night's win. Once again, Vail led all freshman scorers with three points.

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 tied for first in point scoring with 15. Sophomore Dustin Kingston is tied for fourth with 12. Freshman Chris Vail is tied for ninth with 11, as sophomores Maxim Starchenko, Tyler Kindle and Brent Renfrew are tied for 15th with nine.

Durbin and Kingston as tied for second in goals scored with eight, as Vail is tied for eighth with five.

Sophomore Keith Stanich is tied for sixth in assists scoring with eight, as sophomores Kindle and Durbin are tied for eight with seven. Vail and Renfrew are tied for 13th with six.

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

Vail is tied for second in freshman scoring with 11 points.

Sophomore goalie, David Guerrero, is sixth in winning percentage (.438).

Team Leaders -

Durbin has moved into first place in points for Wayne State as he has recorded 22 points in 25 games. Renfrew is second with 21 points and Kingston and Vail are tied for third with 20. Kingston leads the team in goals scored with 12 as Stanich is first in assists with 14.

In goal, David Guerrero is first in wins (9) and saves (369). 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 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 14-10-1.

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

Wilkinson now posts a 334-334-55 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 -

The Warriors will then return to CHA action as they play at Air Force on February 2-3, and at Alabama-Huntsville on February 9-10. WSU returns home on February 23-24 to host Bemidji State at 7:05 p.m.

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 6-7-1
10/17	@Notre Dame	L, 1-2 ot	Game One of Series 8-5-0
10/20	CANISIUS	W, 7-4	Game Two of Series 7-4-1
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 6-3-0
11/3	FAIRFIELD	W, 8-3	When Leading After 2nd Period 10-0-1
11/4	FAIRFIELD	W, 6-5 ot	When Trailing After 2nd Period 1-9-0
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 10-1-1
11/17	AIR FORCE*	L, 3-4	When Opponent Scores First 5-8-0
11/18	AIR FORCE*	W, 5-2	When Outshooting Opponent 12-4-1
11/24	@Bemidji State*	W, 5-4 ot	When Outshot by Opponent 3-6-0
11/25	@Bemidji State*	L, 1-8	In Overtime 3-3-1
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	7:05 PM	
2/3	@Air Force*	7:05 pm	
2/4	@Air Force*	7:05 pm	
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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