



# Superior International Junior Hockey League



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# THE SIJHL THIS WEEK

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### SIJHL Standings

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA
North Stars	14	13	1	0	0	26	.929	82	34
Dryden	14	11	2	0	1	23	.821	74	33
Sioux Lookout	15	7	8	0	0	14	.467	52	70
Fort Frances	14	4	8	2	0	10	.357	43	63
Wolverines	17	2	12	2	1	7	.205	40	90
Wisconsin*	2	1	1	0	0	2	.500	6	6

\* - Wisconsin plays a 20-game non-league member schedule

### Recent results

- Oct. 27: Dryden 8 Fort Frances 0
- Oct. 29: Sioux Lookout 4 Wolverines 3 (Shootout)
- Oct. 30: North Stars 7 Sioux Lookout 1
- Oct. 30: Fort Frances 4 Wisconsin 1
- Oct. 31: North Stars 6 Dryden 2
- Nov. 1: Wolverines 3 Dryden 2 (Shootout)

### Upcoming games

- Nov. 3 Sioux Lookout @ Fort Frances 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4: Fort Frances @ Sioux Lookout 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6: North Stars @ Sioux Lookout
- Nov. 6: Wolverines @ Fort Frances 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7: North Stars @ Dryden 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7: Wolverines @ Sioux Lookout 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8: Wolverines @ Dryden 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8: North Stars @ Fort Frances 2:30 p.m.

### Leading scorers

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	GP	G	A	PTS	PPG	SHG	GWG
Mitch Forbes	FWNS	F	14	15	16	31	4	0	1
Ryan Magill	FWNS	F	11	12	24	2	2	2	1
Jordan Davis	FWNS	F	14	10	13	23	4	0	2
B.J. McClellan	DID	F	13	5	18	23	3	0	0
Kevin Burton	DID	F	13	13	9	22	4	0	3
Colton Kennedy	FFL	F	12	11	11	22	2	0	0
Trevor Gamache	FWNS	F	12	7	11	18	2	1	1
Mike Lennon	DID	F	13	5	13	18	2	0	2
Jon Mitchell	DID	D	13	4	12	16	2	1	0
Galen Matyjanka	SLF	F	15	6	8	14	1	0	2
A.J. Wensley	SLF	D	15	5	9	14	3	0	1
Garrett Nystedt	DID	F	12	8	5	13	4	0	1
Kyle Heck	DID	F	14	7	6	13	6	0	1
Randall Hanlan	FWNS	D	14	3	10	13	1	0	0
Kevin Hamel	FWNS	D	14	5	7	12	2	0	2

### Leading goaltenders

NAME	TEAM	GP	W	L	OT/SOL	SO	GAA	SV%
Peter Emery	DID	8	6	2	0	2	2.01	.936
Jayne Brattengeier	FWNS	4	4	0	0	0	2.08	.882
Curtis Barker	DID	6	4	0	1	0	2.47	.905
Guillaume Piche	FWNS	11	9	1	0	0	2.56	.904
Jordan Giguere	SLF	7	3	4	0	0	3.83	.899

## Lakers' Kennedy named Sportop player of the month



THUNDER BAY, Ont. – The Superior International Junior Hockey League has announced that Fort Frances Lakers forward Colton Kennedy has been named the league's Sportop Marketing player of the month for October.

In nine games last month the 20-year-old Kenora product scored nine times and dished out an additional nine assists for 18 points while moving into the top 10 in SIJHL scoring. He also recorded points in eight of those games he skated in last month and is currently tied for fifth in league point production with 11 goals and 11 helpers for 22 points.

Kennedy will be recognized on-ice at a future SIJHL game for his accomplishment and will receive a prize package courtesy of Sportop Marketing in Thunder Bay.



**TOP 20:** The Canadian Junior Hockey League has added five teams to their weekly national rankings of the top teams in the country now recognizing 20 clubs.

With that, the CJHL announced their first top-20 rankings on Monday and the SIJHL's lone representative this week are the league-leading Fort William North Stars who were listed in 18th spot in Canada.

For a second consecutive week the No. 1 ranked team in the country is the Kingston Voyageurs of the Ontario Jr. A Hockey League. The defending Dudley-Hewitt Cup champion Voyageurs are 17-1.

**NATIONAL STAGE:** Two members of the SIJHL are on the national stage this week. Fort William defenceman Kyle Breukelman is part of Team Canada West that is currently competing in the World Jr. A Challenge in P.E.I. while former Ice Dogs coach Larry Wintoneak is on the coaching staff. Also, North Stars athletic trainer Meggan McLeod is away serving in the same capacity with Team Ontario Red at the Canadian national women's under-18 championship that goes Nov. 4-8 in Surrey, B.C.

**THIS WEEK:** Eight games make up the SIJHL schedule this week, which gets underway Tuesday evening at Ice for Kids Arena in Fort Frances where the hometown Lakers will entertain the visiting Sioux Lookout Flyers.

That contest will be the first of a two-game, home-and-home affair as Sioux Lookout will welcome Fort Frances on Wednesday. Both games get underway at 7:30 p.m. CT.

This weekend will also see a full slate of action with a total of six games on the docket.

Both Fort William and the K&A Wolverines embark on three-game road trips with the North Stars playing in Sioux Lookout Friday, Dryden on Saturday before rounding out the trek in Fort Frances Sunday afternoon.

K&A meanwhile open with a contest vs. the Lakers at Ice for Kids before taking on the Flyers at Sioux Lookout Arena in game two before wrapping up their western swing with a 1:30 p.m. CT matinee against the Ice Dogs at Memorial Arena.

**AROUND THE SIJHL:** Winners of seven consecutive games the Fort William North Stars have extended their lead atop the SIJHL standings. With a record of 13-1 they lead the second place Dryden Ice Dogs by three points who have supplied an 11-2-1 record to date.

**THE LEADERS:** The North Stars duo of Mitch Forbes (15g-16a-31pts) and Ryan Magill (12g-12a-24pts) sit one-two respectively in league point production. They are followed by the Stars Jordan Davis (10g-13a-23pts) and the Ice Dogs B.J. McClellan (5g-18a-23pts) who are tied for third in overall offensive numbers in the SIJHL.

Dryden's Jon Mitchell has moved up into top spot in scoring among all SIJHL defencemen. He has accumulated four goals and 12 assists for 12 points, two ahead of A.J. Wensley of Sioux Lookout who has amassed 14 points on the year including five goals.

Ice Dogs forward Kyle Heck leads the league in power play goals with six while teammate B.J. McClellan is pacing the SIJHL in man advantage assists with eight.

Between the pipes, Dryden's Peter Emery continues to lead the way among all SIJHL netminders in both goals-against average and save percentage.

He possesses a stingy 2.01 GAA as well as an impressive .936 save mark. Emery has also posted two of the three shutouts that have been recorded in the league so far this season.

**STREAKS:** Among the top 25 point producers in the SIJHL four players are riding consecutive game point streaks.

Leading the way is Dryden defenceman Jon Mitchell who has points in eight-straight contests scoring three times while dishing out nine assists for 12 points.

Meanwhile the trio of Mitch Forbes (Fort William), Jordan Davis (Fort William) and Chase Dobranski (Sioux Lookout) all have points in five consecutive matches registering 13, nine and six points respectively.

**ON THE NET:** Fans can follow the progress of the SIJHL all season long by visiting the league's official web site at [www.sijhl.com](http://www.sijhl.com).

Included on the site is live, in-game scoring via Pointstreak, which provides the latest game summary updates as they happen.



## TEAM CAPSULES



**DRYDEN ICE DOGS:** Dryden will look to bounce back after a weekend road trip saw them pick up one out of a possible four points. In a first place showdown with Fort William on Saturday it was the Stars who skated away with a 6-2 victory. From there the club traveled to Schreiber to meet the recently relocated K&A Wolverines where they dropped a 3-2 decision in a shootout. Despite that the Ice Dogs stingy defence sees them continuing to lead the SIJHL in the fewest goals allowed at 33. Dryden also tops the league in power play proficiency as well firing at a rate of over 29%. The penalty kill has also been solid sitting second overall at 84.52%. The return of former Ice Dogs forward Chad Liley has increased the club's already solid offensive corps as he recorded nine points in his first three games back with the team. Dryden has four players in the top 10 in SIJHL scoring. B.J. McClellan (Tie 3rd), Kevin Burton (T-5th), Mike Lennon (T-7th) and Jon Mitchell (9th). Burton also remains the league leader in game-winning goals with three. McClellan tops the SIJHL in assists with 18 and power play points with 11.



**FORT FRANCES LAKERS:** Fort Frances got back into the win column last week when they skated to a 4-1 victory over the Wisconsin Mustangs at the Northwest Sports Complex in Spooner, Wis., on Oct. 30. Team captain Colton Kennedy led the way with a goal and two assists. Lakers head coach and general manager Wayne Strachan has made some roster moves re-acquiring forward Tim Hennesey and picking up Fort Frances native T.J. Pocock who joins the club as one of the goaltenders. Netminder Zac MacMichael was released while Ben Hilborn and Brendan Muise were dealt to the Lindsay Muskies for future considerations. The club will host a food drive on the Nov. 6 vs. the Wolverines as well as on Nov. 8 against the North Stars. Then on Nov. 24 when the Lakers welcome the Wisconsin Mustangs fans are asked to bring new, unwrapped toys to the game, which will be distributed to less fortunate families in the district. Also at the game the Lakers are holding a bake sale of special Christmas baked goods to help support the locally-owned Junior A hockey team. Tickets to the 400 club are also still available where fans can purchase a membership and hope to win cash prizes at all home games right up through the Christmas holidays.



**FORT WILLIAM NORTH STARS:** Already leading the SIJHL in road wins with eight the North Stars will look to improve on that with their three road contests this weekend. They also top the league in wins (13), winning percentage (.929), goals scored (82) and home wins (5). Four Fort William players in Mitch Forbes, Ryan Magill, Jordan Davis and Trevor Gamache are all among the top eight point producers in the league. Randall Hanlan, Kevin Hamel, Kyle Breukelman and Josh Blacksmith are all in the top 10 in scoring among league defencemen. The club is first in the SIJHL on the penalty kill at 87.39% and are second on the power play at 21.39%.



**SIoux LOOKOUT FLYERS:** The Flyers are perfect 3-0 this season in games that have gone to either overtime or a shootout. The squad has gone 5-5 in their past 10 games having already set new franchise marks for wins and points. Galen Matyjanka and A.J. Wensley share the team lead in scoring with 14 points apiece. Wensley, Clayton Lewis and Darnell Ferland are all in the top 10 point producers among defencemen in the league. The club is third in the SIJHL in both the power play and penalty kill clicking at 19.83% with the man advantage and 80.43% when they have been shorthanded. Sioux Lookout is 5-2 when scoring first in games and 2-6 when the opposition strikes first. The Flyers along with Dryden will be competing in a "Mayor's Challenge" for the games Nov. 10 in Dryden and Nov. 14 in Sioux Lookout. The team that draws the most fans to their home game will then have the other town's mayor attend an upcoming game in the opposing city wearing the winning team's jersey and drop the puck in a pre-game ceremony.



**K&A WOLVERINES:** The Wolverines made a number of changes last week including announcing that they will be playing a number of home games in Schreiber throughout the rest of the season. The club also announced that coach Steve Dumonski was relieved of his duties while no official word has been made public as to who the new head coach of the club will be. Newly acquired goaltender Jean-Roch Thibert has been impressive in his first two games with the club helping his new side pick up three out of a possible four points. He turned aside 42 of 45 shots fired his way in a 4-3 shootout setback vs. Sioux Lookout on Oct. 29 on Schreiber and followed that up with a stellar 44-save performance in a 3-2 shootout victory over Dryden. The victory snapped a 14-game losing streak for the club as they picked up their first win since Sept. 19. Alex Poirier helped end the drought scoring once in regulation as well as one in the shootout. Poirier has six points in six games since being picked up and has points in four straight games.

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