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NAPHL SETS NEW STANDARD FOR NAHL ADVANCEMENT

The North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) is pleased to announce another season of record-breaking advancement to the North American Hockey League (NAHL). In total, a record-breaking total of 89 NAPHL players were either drafted or tendered by NAHL teams for the current 2021-22 season.

24 current or former players were selected in the 2021 NAHL Draft, which was held on Wednesday, July 14th, and in addition to the 24 players who were drafted, a record number of 65 players who played in the league during the 2020-21 season signed NAHL tenders for the current 2021-22 season.

The NAPHL has proved over the years that the league is a great stepping-stone for development and training for young hockey players looking to gain experience and knowledge to work their way up to the National level. No other USA Hockey Midget Tier I league has had more players play in the NAHL over the course of the last three seasons than the NAPHL, which included more than 80 NAPHL alumni playing in the NAHL during the 2020-21 season.

“As we are now in our 13th season, the benefits of the NAHL’s Ladder of Development exposure model that is exclusive to the NAPHL has never been stronger or more prevalent. NAHL teams are seeing these players multiple times throughout a season and their selections are based on in-person scouting at NAPHL events,” said NAPHL Director Tony Zasowski. “In addition, the NAPHL players have benefitted from attending NAHL Combines, NAHL team pre-draft tryout camps, and the addition of the Fall League have all added to the exposure opportunities. No other youth league in USA Hockey has a model like it and these results are one of the byproducts of the system.”

No other USA Hockey youth league does more for its players than the NAPHL. Operated by the full-time staff of the North American Hockey League (NAHL), who make it their mission to outperform others both on and off the ice in promoting its players. NAPHL players are recognized on the league’s website and social media outlets, which receive millions of pageviews and social media engagements annually. This also includes broadcasts and play-by-play of every game on HockeyTV, highlights from every game on social media, monthly and yearly award recognition, feature stories, and real-time statistics.

Members of the NAPHL get the opportunity to attend some of the most dynamic and highly scouted events. Selected NAPHL events take place during the same time as NAHL events, which usually feature every NCAA Division 1 and every NHL team along with dozens of junior scouts under one roof. No matter what age classification you compete, the NAPHL provides the most dynamic vertical exposure structure designed specifically to educate, develop, expose and advance players in the NAPHL.



Colorado Springs Tigers 18U forward Marc Fletemeyer was one of dozens of current and former NAPHL players selected in the 2021 NAHL Draft.



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FORWARD

MAX MUDGE

Mudge recorded a point in all four games in Blaine, which included three multi-point games. He had two goals and three assists in a 6-0 win over Chippewa and had the game-winning goal in a 9-2 win over New Hampshire.

SAM KARTCH

Kartch led all T1ER scorers with 11 points in four games in Blaine. That included three multi-point games, including three goals and three assists in a six-point game in a win over Tahoe Prep.

CARSON DOXSEY

Posted eight points (5 goals, 3 assists) in five games played in September. He recorded at least a point in four of the five games and had two multi-point games.

FILIP PLIASTOS

Pliastos had eight points in four games during the event in Blaine, which included five goals and three assists. He recorded at least a point in all four games and had two, three-point games.

BRADY INGEBRITSON

Tied for the 18U scoring lead in September with 13 points (5 goals, 8 assists) in eight games played. That included three multi-point games, including a five-point outing in a win over Southern Minnesota on September 17th.

SAM JACOBSON

Jacobson was torrid in the month of September with 27 points (11 goals, 16 assists) in just eight games. He recorded multi-point games in all eight games and had a six-point outing in a win over Fairbanks on September 19th.

DEFENSEMAN

MATT PEDERSEN

Had eight points in five games in Blaine, which included six goals and two assists. Pedersen recorded a hat-trick in a 9-4 win over the Jersey Whalers and had three multi-point games.

JAYDEN VENEY

Had six points (3 goals, 3 assists) in four games during the Blaine event. That included two game-winning goals in wins over Tahoe Prep and Janesville.

AIDEN JENKS

Tied for the team scoring lead in September with five points (3 goals, 2 assists) in four games played. He had at least a point in all four games and scored a goal in three consecutive games.

JULIAN KEMP

Kemp is 2nd in team scoring after one event as he put up five points (1 goal, 4 assists) in four games played in Blaine. That included a three-point game in a 6-5 OT win over the Polars on September 17th.

TYLER LAFFERTY

Led all 18U defensemen with 10 points in 8 games played in September. That included recording at least a point in six of eight games and three, multi-point games.

ETHAN HALL

Hall had five points in four games in Blaine, which included a goal and four assists. He had two multi-point games as well.

GOALTENDER

MATTHEW SYVERSON

Allowed just one goal in two games, stopping 47 of 48 shots. Posted a 21-save shutout against the Maine Nordiques.

IANNICO AMARANTO

Amaranto posted shutouts in both starts in Blaine, stopped all 44 shots he saw in two games. That included a 28-save shutout over Philadelphia and a 16-save shutout over Colorado Springs.

JACK HOUCK

Houck allowed just a single goal in two wins during the event in September. He stopped 46 of 47 shots and had a 20-save shutout in a 2-0 win over the Green Giants.

TYLER HOULE

Houle went 2-0 at the event in Blaine, allowing just two goals in two starts and stopping 48 of 50 shots. That included a 25-save shutout of the Gray Ducks on September 18th.

NOAH MCCRARY

McCrary allowed three goals in five games played in September, which included two shutouts. He stopped 73 of 76 shots, which was good for a .959 save percentage and 0.86 goals against average.

MIKAH NELSON

Nelson posted a 4-0 record during the month of September and appeared in six total games. He stopped 82 of 93 shots during the month.

18U T1ER

16U T1ER

15U T1ER

14U T1ER

18U FALL

16U FALL



The 'Next Shift' initiative is a collaborative effort by the NAHL and NA3HL to recruit, develop, and advance on-ice officials. Many former NAHL and NA3HL players have remained involved in the game as on-ice officials following their junior careers and then advanced into the professional levels of hockey. Learn more at nahl.com



COMMITTED TO DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

When considering opportunities beyond youth hockey, it is important for prospective players and their families to look into and understand the NAHL's history, advancement success, strategic partnerships, and the ladder of development within the USA Hockey landscape. We want everyone to come away with a better understand of how the NAHL and its family of leagues can help the prospective player develop both on and off the ice in order to realize their hockey goals. The NAHL is the ONLY Tier II junior league within the USA Hockey landscape.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The NAHL has established partnerships with USA Hockey and the USHL in an effort to further strengthen and streamline the junior hockey landscape in the United States. The partnership reinforces the NAHL's common core commitment to develop players for the NCAA and NHL. When you combine the strength and resources of these strategic partnerships you get an unmatched investment into the advancement of the players entrusted to the NAHL.



USHL

The USHL and the NAHL have created a policy that allows players to move back and forth between the leagues under certain conditions more freely. With advancement being a primary goal of both leagues the opportunity for players to play in the best spot for their development at that time became very important. This partnership between the two leagues promotes the Ladder of Development in junior hockey, and provides for greater developmental and advancement opportunities for players. The USHL is the ONLY Tier I junior league within the USA Hockey landscape.

USA HOCKEY

USA Hockey and the North American Hockey League have announced an enhanced long-term partnership that will further improve the junior hockey development program in the United States. As part of the enhanced partnership, USA Hockey will provide additional resources to the NAHL to continue to improve all facets of the league, including player development, coaching, officiating and overall visibility. The NAHL is the ONLY Tier II junior league within the USA Hockey landscape.



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HOW THE NAHL CONTINUED SUCCESS IN 2021



NAHL Commissioner Mark Frankenfeld awards the Robertson Cup back on June 22. The NAHL was one of the few junior leagues in North America to complete a full season in 2020-21.

Working hard with a little creativity from beginning to end, the North American Hockey League successfully navigated the uncertain 2020-21 season.

A year after not being able to host a championship, it was with a sense of pride that the NAHL arrived at the end of its Robertson Cup Playoffs, with an added twist.

Along with crowning the Shreveport Mudbugs as champions in Blaine, Minnesota on June 22, the NAHL also conducted a variation of its Top Prospects Tournament that is usually a midseason recruiting highlight.

After being unable to complete the 2019-20 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NAHL embarked upon the 2020-21 season Oct. 8, about a month later than normal. The majority of the 23 active teams — down three from the season before and six short of the number getting ready to enter the 2021-22 season — played 56 games but the Midwest Division played 48 and there were a few other variations.

“Going back to the beginning and watching our owners react and trying to find ways to keep the league going,” commissioner Mark Frankenfeld said. “We’ve got a lot of owners in our league who are entrepreneurs and builders and creators. Those types of people are the ones that find a way. They were getting through this with patience and the perseverance. The ability and the desire to find a way was really refreshing.”

Plans were made, scrapped and revised when necessary as the league dealt with changing times and unforeseen challenges.

Frankenfeld said the respect he already had for the owners grew with what he witnessed.

“Just watching their desire to find a way, watching these folks play games without fans,” he said. “New Mexico didn’t play a home game. Other teams played some games on the road; playing in pods up in the Dakotas and just finding a way for the players to stay on the ice.”

Frankenfeld compared it to the way the league has grown and navigated the changing landscape of U.S. juniors during the 2000s.

“We were just kind of wading through those waters and finding a way,” he said.

HOW THE NAHL CONTINUED SUCCESS IN 2021

The Top Prospects Tournament was one example.

“We did a lot of scheduling and rescheduling,” Frankenfeld said. “We probably looked at 20 different variations and templates. The [NAHL] Showcase didn’t happen and that was a disappointment. It’s one of our marquee events and it’s so important for our players, but with the NCAA blackout on recruiting and other timing, we just couldn’t do the Showcase.”

“The owners felt they owed it to the players to do the Top Prospects.”

It paid off.

“We had a lot of commitments,” he said. “We set another single-season record this past season, which included a record number of Division I commitments. We felt we owed it to the players who could get that extra value out of it to have it at the Robertson Cup. Our goal is to make sure that we continue to do our job of developing these players and make sure that when it’s time for them to be seen or time for them to move on to the NCAA, they’re ready.”

The NAHL has built a reputation for doing just that.

During the 2020-21 season, a record number of 395 NAHL players made NCAA commitments, with 293 of those (74%) being a record number of NCAA Division I commitments.

The NAHL Showcase also plays a big role in that success, with dozens of players each season earning an NCAA Division I opportunity during and following their participation in the event. The event returns this week after a hiatus in 2020.

Dubbed ‘The Greatest Show on Ice,’ the Showcase provides for interdivisional play with all the league’s teams in one place and also has divisions for younger leagues. The event is a staple of the opening-month schedule for the league and a highlight of the recruiting season for colleges.

“They’ve retained some really good coaches in the league that are respected, and their word carries weight,” said Michigan Tech head coach Joe Shawhan, who graduated from the league after a successful run with the Soo Indians, which left him as the then NAHL career wins leader for head coaches. “They’ve really found their niche in a couple of areas, including their events.”

Shawhan had 10 former NAHL players on the roster of his 2020 team that won 21 games, seventh best in the country.

He said the presence of some experienced players that don’t fit into the United States Hockey League over-age parameters have helped raise the overall level of play, allowing coaches a better opportunity to assess the abilities of all the league’s players.

“It gives you a really good way of comparison,” Shawhan said, “and it gives late bloomers another means of further development.

“They can really show the players they are.”

The league’s expansion through the years has taken it into more parts of the country, which is another potential reason NAHL players are committing to more college programs. In 2021-22, that will include a record number of 29 teams, including new markets such as Anchorage, Alaska and El Paso, Texas.

“They’ve done a good job from an exposure standpoint,” said St. Lawrence University head coach Brent Brekke, who began his coaching career in the NAHL with the Chicago Freeze. “They run the big showcase in Blaine [Minnesota] with all the different levels of hockey and teams from all regions of the country.”

“They’ve expanded the footprint of the league, which I think is important. It gives an opportunity for colleges located all over the country to see their players. And, they do a real good job with their archived video.”

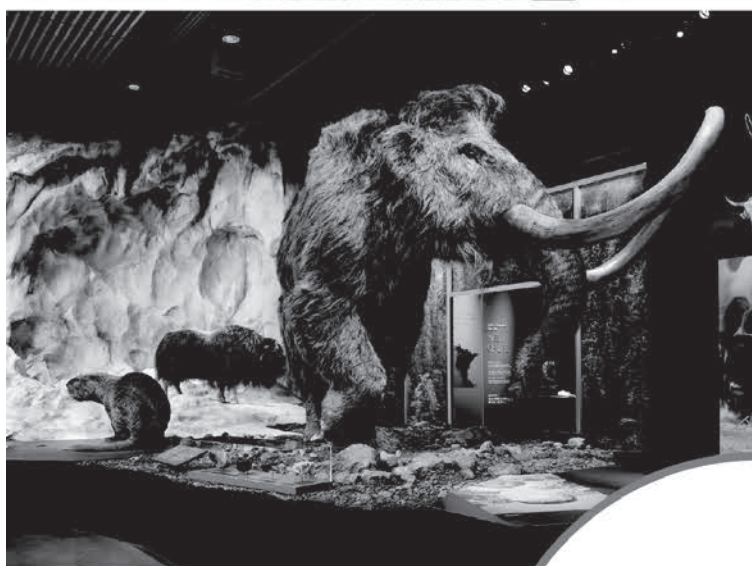
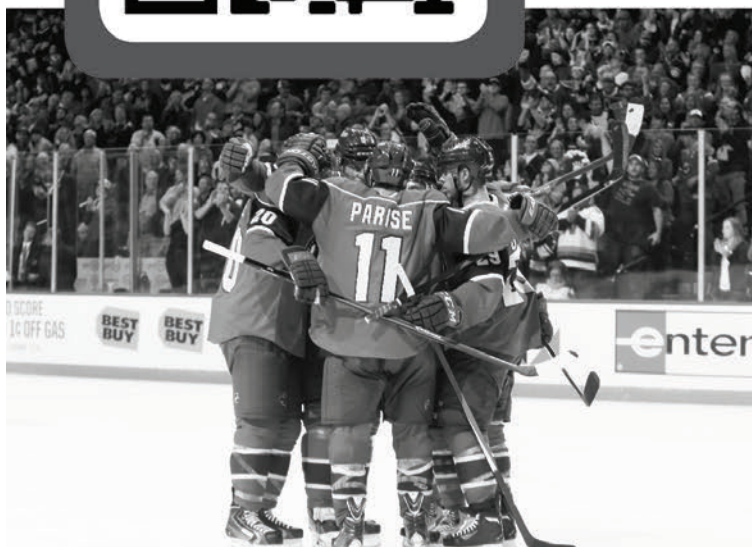


The 2021 NAHL Top Prospects Tournament happened as a result of hard work and collaboration between ownership, staff and players alike.

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OUR HISTORY

Currently in its 47th season, the North American Hockey League (NAHL) began as a small bus league in Michigan, and has grown into the largest and oldest USA Hockey-sanctioned Junior hockey circuit with a record number of 29 teams representing some of the nation's best collegiate development programs.

The NAHL's Proven Pathway for young adults between the ages of 16-20 stems from the commitment of the best owners, coaches and players in the country.

Each season, hundreds of collegiate and professional scouts attend NAHL games and events, continuing the league's proven track record of moving players on to the next level.

During the 2020-21 season, the NAHL recorded a record-breaking number of 395 NCAA commitments, 293 (74%) of which were NCAA Division I commitments, also a new single-season record.

WHAT IS JUNIOR HOCKEY?

The goal of Junior hockey is to promote, develop and administer the domestic USA Hockey program for Junior-aged players, teams and leagues.

USA Hockey's Junior program is available to athletes who are 20 & under.

The North American Hockey League is one of only two non pay-to-play Junior hockey leagues in the country. Teams provide a competitive opportunity for the elite player to develop throughout their career.

The reach and exposure of the North American Hockey League spreads nationwide, with 29 teams in 17 states stretching from Alaska to Maine.

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NORTH AMERICAN PROSPECTS HOCKEY LEAGUE



OUR HISTORY

Now in its 13th season in 2021-22, the North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) is made up of teams that compete at the 18U, 16U, 15U and 14U USA Hockey Tier I level. The league also features divisions for Tier II and Prep teams. The success of NAPHL teams on the National stage -- as well as the success of NAPHL players at the next levels of hockey -- is further proof that the NAPHL is redefining exposure and has elevated itself to one of the premier training grounds for development and opportunity.

The NAPHL has enjoyed a record-breaking amount of advancement in recent seasons, highlighted by a large amount of players earning their way to the North American Hockey League (NAHL). No other USA Hockey Midget Tier I league has had more players play in the NAHL over the course of the last two seasons than the NAPHL. More than 80 NAPHL alumni are currently rostered in the NAHL, and tenders for the 2022-23 season can be signed until May 31, 2022.

2020-21 NAPHL TO NAHL TENDERS

ARIZONA BOBCATS AAA (18U)

Caleb Wall, G, New Mexico Ice Wolves

CARSHIELD AAA HOCKEY (18U)

Jack Anderson, D, El Paso Rhinos
Tyler Culleton, F, Janesville Jets
Nolan Kahl, F, Corpus Christi IceRays
Jackson Kerich, F, Anchorage Wolverines
Brett Robinson, D, Minnesota Wilderness
Matthew Smith, G, Springfield Jr. Blues
Kolton Watts, F, New Mexico Ice Wolves
Coby Weber, F, Springfield Jr. Blues

COLORADO SPRINGS TIGERS AAA (18U)

Brayden Ring, F, New Mexico Ice Wolves

DES MOINES BUCCANEERS AAA (18U)

Brady Braun, F, Maine Nordiques
Carter Casper, F, Minnesota Magicians
Cameron Crolley, F, Corpus Christi IceRays
Noah Griswold, F, Fairbanks Ice Dogs
Garrett Horsager, D, Wichita Falls Warriors
Ryan Mulrenin, F, Fairbanks Ice Dogs

ESMARK STARS AAA (18U)

Ryder Brophy, F, Lone Star Brahmas
John Camp, F, Amarillo Wranglers
Dominic Dezort, F, El Paso Rhinos
Nathan Dickey, G, Kenai River Brown Bears
Michael Felsing, F, Minnesota Wilderness
Yahor Ramanau, D, Wichita Falls Warriors
Zachary Stoner, D, Johnstown Tomahawks
Connor Strobel, G, Amarillo Wranglers

INDY JR. FUEL AAA (18U)

Grayson Garritty, G, Jamestown Rebels
Joseph Grainda, F, Chippewa Steel
Adam Johnson, G, Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks

JANESVILLE JETS (FALL)

Boone Mathison, F, Janesville Jets

MEIJER AAA HOCKEY (18U)

Matt Babinski, F, Chippewa Steel
Tyler Behl, D, Shreveport Mudbugs
Dugan Bradfield, D, Minnesota Magicians
Evan Burkle, F, Austin Bruins
Logan Furstenau, F, Shreveport Mudbugs
Carson Galin, F, Johnstown Tomahawks
Dylan Gliński, F, Jamestown Rebels
Emerson Goode, F, Odessa Jackalopes
Mason Kelly, F, Aberdeen Wings
Drake Morse, F, Shreveport Mudbugs
Carter Schram, F, Springfield Jr. Blues

MERCER CHIEFS AAA (18U)

Eddie Evaldi, D, St. Cloud Norsemen
Elliott Lareau, F, Maryland Black Bears
Jake Puskar, F, New Jersey Titans

New Jersey Jr. Titans AAA (16U)

Justin Solovey, F, New Jersey Titans
New Jersey Jr. Titans AAA (18U)
Marcus Sang, F, New Jersey Titans

NORTHEAST GENERALS AAA (18U)

Nick Ramm, F, Northeast Generals
Tyler Ramm, F, Northeast Generals

NORTHSTAR KNIGHTS AAA (18U)

Christopher Brown, G, Danbury Jr. Hat Tricks
Cody Croal, F, Minot Minotauros
Calvin Hanson, F, Bismarck Bobcats
Owen Hanson, F, Minot Minotauros
Kaden Hjelm, F, Kenai River Brown Bears
Anthony Menghini, F, Austin Bruins
Blaise Miller, F, Bismarck Bobcats
Jacob Napier, D, Aberdeen Wings
Kade Peterson, F, St. Cloud Norsemen
Joe Westlund, F, Minot Minotauros

NORTHWEST STARS AAA (18U)

Max Mudge, F, North Iowa Bulls
Philadelphia Little Flyers AAA (18U)
Chris Blango, D, Lone Star Brahmas
Byron Hartley, F, Amarillo Bulls
Koby Howat, F, Maine Nordiques
David Matousek, F, Johnstown Tomahawks
Patrick O'Connell, F, Aberdeen Wings

TEAM MARYLAND AAA (18U)

Dimitry Kebreau, F, Maryland Black Bears

TRI-STATE SPARTANS AAA (18U)

Klayton Knapp, G, Austin Bruins
Keaton Lipsett, F, Odessa Jackalopes



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ALUMNI PLAYING
IN THE NAHL

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ALUMNI PLAYING
IN THE USHL

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ALUMNI PLAYING
TIER II IN CANADA

MAKING AN IMPACT

2021 NCAA AWARDS



TYRONE BRONTE
WCHA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM
NAPHL 2015-17
NAHL 2017-20

JORDAN KAWAGUCHI
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NAPHL 2012-13

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NAPHL 2015-16
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TWO NAPHL ALUMNI SELECTED IN 2021 NHL DRAFT

The North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) is pleased to announce that two former players who previously played in the NAPHL were selected in the 2021 National Hockey League Draft, which took place virtually on June 23-24.

Former Gentry Academy 15U standout and forward Chaz Lucius was selected 18th overall in the 1st round by the Winnipeg Jets.

Lucius, 18, played in 13 games with the USA U18 National Development Team Program this season, tallying 20 points (13 goals, 7 assists).

The product of Grant, Minn. racked up 50 points (31 goals, 19 assists) in 46 games with the USA U17 NTDP in 2019-20.

He led the USA in scoring at the 2020 U17 World Hockey Challenge with 10 points (7G, 3A), which also led the tournament in goals and points.

Lucius is committed to play for the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, starting next season.

Lucius played in the NAPHL during the 2018-19 season, helping the Gentry Academy 15U team to a perfect 13-0 record that season. Lucius led the NAPHL in scoring that season with 62 points (39 goals, 23 assists) in just 13 games played. He was also named to the All-NAPHL 15U 1st team that season.

The other NAPHL alumnus selected in the 2021 NHL Draft was former Pursuit of Excellence 18U goaltender Talyn Boyko, who was selected #112 overall in the 4th round by the New York Rangers.



Chaz Lucius (Winnipeg Jets - Round 1, #18 overall) played in the NAPHL during the 2018-19 season.



Talyn Boyko (New York Rangers - Round 4, #112 overall) played in the NAPHL during the 2017-18 season.

Boyko, a native of Drumheller, Alberta., was selected by the Tri-City Americans 53rd overall in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft. The 6'8"/196 lbs. netminder played for the Pursuit of Excellence 18U team in the NAPHL during the 2017-18 season.

Boyko, 18, played in nine regular season games that season and posted a 4-5-0 record with a 2.65 goals against average and a .915 save percentage.

He also played in the 2017-18 NAPHL 18U All-Star Game for the North All-Stars, allowing just a single goal on 17 shots in the game.

For the past three seasons, Boyko has played in 48 games with the Americans in the WHL. Boyko has posted a .888 save percentage and 4.22 goals against average. In the 2020-21 season, he improved his overall save percentage to .901 from .892 in the year prior and shaved 1.50 off from his goals against average, dropping to 3.02 from 4.52 in 2019-20.

NAHL, NAPHL ALUM SIBELL NAMED GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Former NAHL and NAPHL goaltender Jake Sibell was named the 2021 USA Hockey Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year.

Sibell believed during his years as a backup goalie that his opportunity would come eventually.

The Isanti, Minn., native understood that it was his responsibility to make sure he was ready to make the most of it when that chance came.

The 21-year-old Niagara University commit never could have imagined he was prepared to produce the season he did when that opportunity finally arrived in 2020-21.

In his first junior season as a No. 1 goalie, Sibell showed just how prepared he was with an incredible performance for the Aberdeen Wings throughout the North American Hockey League season. That effort has resulted in his selection as USA Hockey's Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year.

"My reaction when I first heard about it was to just be in awe," Sibell said. "I never thought I'd be able to achieve something like this. It's just a huge honor.

"I saw the names of the past winners. There are some great names in there, obviously, so to be able to be in the USA Hockey record books is going to be something that I cherish for a while."

Sibell had already played his way into the NAHL record book in many categories. He set league records for wins (43), goals-against average (1.19) and save percentage (.952) while tying another with 11 shutouts.

It was all about waiting for his opportunity, he said.

"I have a pretty competitive family and we have a good hockey family here," said Sibell, who went 43-2-1. "I took some lessons from my father and some other goalie coaches that I've been talking to while growing up.

"I tried to take everything in as I grew up. One of the lessons I do remember is just in general, 'your time is going to come, but you have work for it, otherwise when it does come, it's going to slip by.'

"I always had that in the back of my mind and kept working. I knew it was going to work out eventually."

Prior to playing in the NAHL, Sibell played in the NAPHL during the 2016-17 season, where he put up some eye-popping numbers as a 16-year-old.

Continuing the ladder of development, Sibell played 18, 19 and 21 games in his first three years of juniors before playing a league-high 47 in 2020-21, followed by 11 more in the Robertson Cup Playoffs, where the Wings finished as runners-up.

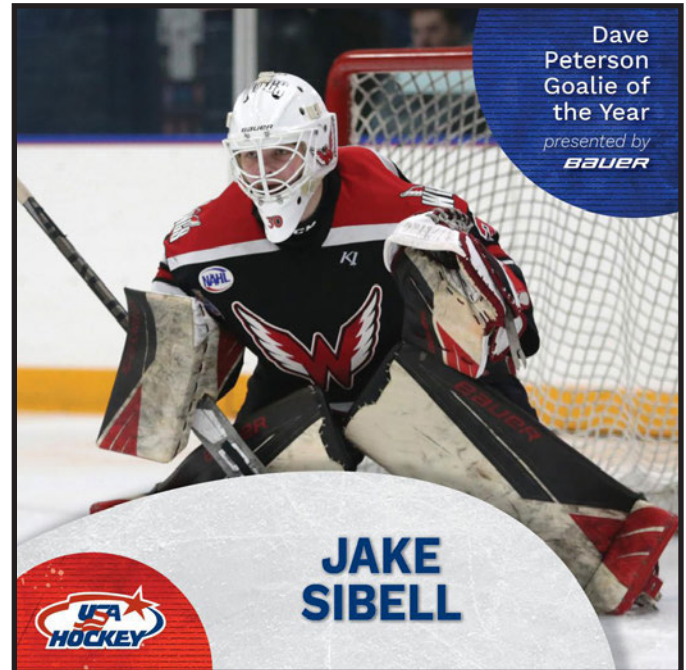
While working on the individual skills that go with goaltending, Sibell also tried to become more aware of his surroundings as a team member.

When he dropped his GAA from 2.65 in 2019-20 and raised his save percentage from .906, the improvement was a reflection of what he was able to accomplish along with the skaters on a team that went 51-4-0-1 and won the Central Division by a whopping 39 points.

"The experience of seeing different plays over and over definitely helped a lot," Sibell said. "But I think more from the goaltending side of it, learning to be a better teammate was important.

"At the beginning of my junior career, I was a quiet kid who just kind of kept to myself. I kind of came out of my shell these last couple years and was able to focus on my teammates instead of just focusing on myself.

"That brought some good results when my teammates were able to trust me and I was able to trust what they were doing."



Aberdeen Wings goalie Jake Sibell followed the Ladder of Development from the NAPHL to the NAHL, and was named the Dave Peterson Goalie of the Year by USA Hockey.



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FOUR NAPHL LEAGUES GET NEW BRANDING FOR 2021-22



The North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) is pleased to announce that it has created and launched four new logos to represent the four different leagues that will make up the NAPHL during the upcoming 2021-22 season.

Founded in 2009 and celebrating its 13th season in 2021-22, the North American Prospects Hockey League (NAPHL) is the premier training ground for development, exposure, and opportunity. During the 2021-22 season, the NAPHL will be made up of four different leagues: Tier 1, Fall, Showcase (Tier II), and Prep (High School).



“The NAPHL is a key piece in the recruiting landscape for the NAHL and NA3HL and has evolved to give players of all ages and levels of hockey a spot to be part of the league and showcase themselves for the scouts. We wanted to create a stronger identity for each league within the NAPHL, as they are unique and special in what they have to offer, but with the same mission of showcasing prospects for the NAHL,” said NAPHL Director Tony Zasowski.

All NAPHL teams are USA Hockey certified. The Tier 1 League is for Tier 1 level teams that compete in a full NAPHL season and is the highest level for USA Youth Hockey, which includes 5-6 different showcases during the 2021-22 season. Historically, the majority of NAPHL players recruited by NAHL teams come from the Tier 1 League. A record-breaking total of 89 NAPHL players were either drafted or tendered by NAHL teams for the upcoming 2021-22 season.



The Fall League has three events in the Fall and is for High School players based in Minnesota and Wisconsin before their high school season begins. The Fall League teams are operated by NAHL teams.

The Showcase League is for Tier I and Tier II teams from all over North America looking to showcase their players at NAPHL events. It includes teams from some of the strongest Tier II leagues in the United States like the CSDHL.

The Prep League is for academic-based teams who are tied to a school or academy. These include Prep and High School teams in existing affiliate leagues and Canadian Sport Academies.



The NAPHL has enjoyed a record-breaking amount of advancement in recent seasons, which is highlighted by a large amount of advancement to the NCAA and NAHL. The NAPHL is operated by the NAHL's experienced staff and provides an organized and competitive experience guaranteed to benefit all of the participating student-athletes. The NAPHL is composed of regular-season events leading up to its Championship Tournament in which the top teams at each level compete for a league championship.



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The primary mission of the NA3HL, which is managed organizationally by the NAHL, is to provide a structured developmental environment for student-athletes whose youth options are limited but are still reaching their potential and have aspirations of playing in the NAHL or United States Hockey League (USHL) and eventually the NCAA or American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

ON THE RISE

No other league has had more movement and advanced more players on to play in the North American Hockey League (NAHL) than the NA3HL. Thanks to additional and enhanced initiatives that were put in place this season in cooperation with the NAHL, more players from the NA3HL play, practice, and earn NCAA Division I scholarships with the NAHL than any other league. As a result, the NA3HL has continued to make their mark in advancement of players to the NAHL as over 40 NA3HL alumni began the 2021-22 season on NAHL rosters. The NA3HL is also the only league that has an exclusive NAHL tendering system.



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