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PREVIEW - MUSKEGON MOTORS TO MADISON FOR WEEKEND SERIES

MUSKEGON, Mich. — The Muskegon Lumberjacks will hop across Lake Michigan to America's Dairyland for a two-game weekend series against the Madison Capitols on Oct. 22 and 23, respectively. Both games will start at 8:05 pm EST from Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena, situated on the outskirts of Wisconsin's capital city. This series will mark the first time Muskegon has played against Madison since Feb. 8, 2020, as the Capitols opted out of the 2020-21 season due to the coronavirus pandemic.

On, Wisconsin!

The Capitols sit three points behind the Chicago Steel in the standings, good for second place in the Eastern Conference with 11 points. Madison is currently riding a five-game winning streak dating back to the beginning of October. The Caps swept the United States National Development Program (USNTDP) U17 team, beating them 8-to-6 in the first contest and routing Team USA 6-to-0 in game two. The Capitols boast a two-headed monster in the likes of Jack Musa and Kyle Kukkonen, both forwards. Musa, a Miramar Lakes, Fla. native, has appeared in all seven games with the Capitols, totaling three goals and five assists for eight points. The Boston University commit has a seven-game point streak, averaging 1.14 points per game. Kukkonen, a Maple Grove, Minn. native, also has eight points through seven games, scoring two goals and six assists. The Michigan Tech commit was selected by the Anaheim Ducks in the sixth round, No. 162 overall in the 2021 NHL Entry Draft. In goal, Simon Latkoczy returned to Madison for his second stint after winning the Clark Cup with the Steel last season. This year, Latkoczy is undefeated with a 4-0-0 record with a 1.99 GAA and a .931 save percentage.

About Last Weekend

The Lumberjacks managed to earn their first win of the season, knocking off the defending Clark Cup champs Chicago Steel 6-to-5 in overtime. Forward Joey Larson netted his first career hat trick, and Quinn Hutson potted a pair of goals for Muskegon's home opener, including the game-winner in overtime. Saturday's game was another tight battle, but ultimately the Jacks ran out of gas and fell 4-to-1 to the Steel, with the only goal coming from Tyler Hotson. Defenseman Jacob Guevin continues to lead his team in points with seven after scoring one goal and two assists on the weekend, and Larson is now the sole leader in goals with five after his hat trick on Friday. In the end, Muskegon was able to pocket two out of a possible four points last week, climbing to seventh place in the Eastern Conference standings.

Here Come the Chapeaus

Forward Joey Larson lit the lamp three times in Friday's 6-to-5 overtime win over the Chicago Steel. The Brighton, Mich. native now leads the team in goals with five and has put up one assist for six points. Larson is committed to Northern Michigan University from the revamped Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

He's Making a List, Checking it Twice

On Tuesday, Oct. 19, National Hockey League (NHL) Central Scouting released their preliminary watch list for the upcoming 2022 NHL Entry Draft. In all, six current and three future made the list. Current Lumberjacks include defensemen Tyler Dunbar, Jacob Guevin, and Jeremiah Slavin; forwards Owen Mehlenbacher and Ethan Whitcomb; and goaltender Cameron Korpi. In addition to the original six, three affiliates were named to the watch list, those being Michael Callow, Matthew Morden, and George Fegas. The Lumberjacks also boast 12 players eligible to be selected in this year's NHL Entry Draft which will take place from July 7 through July 9 at the Bell Centre in Montreal, Quebec.

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Over the Airwaves

For live video streams, all Muskegon Lumberjacks games will be broadcast on HockeyTV (Video). Additionally, all home games and select away games will be streamed on Mixlr (Audio) for free.

Jacks in the NHL Draft

The Jacks boast an NHL draft pick to the roster with defenseman Noah Ellis. Committed to play at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Ellis was selected by the Vegas Golden Knights No. 184 overall in the sixth round of the 2020 NHL Draft. The Urbandale, Iowa native appeared in 40 games with the USHL's Des Moines Buccaneers during the 2020-21 season, totaling five goals and 12 assists for 17 points.

Upcoming Theme Nights — Rivalry & Comic-Con Night

A classic rivalry comes to Muskegon for a good cause on Friday, Oct. 29, when Muskegon hosts the Dubuque Fighting Saints. Both Spartan and Wolverine fans are encouraged to support local charities, which will benefit Muskegon Rescue Mission and Love in Action. To make it enjoyable, it's turning into a competition: which fanbase can donate more? Will it be MSU or U of M? Pianist Billy Ryan will be in the house to fire up both fan bases with performances of each fight song. Those who donate will be eligible for ticket upgrades. The fun will continue into Saturday, Oct. 30, when the Lumberjacks celebrate Halloween with Comic-Con night! This spooky night will include trick or treating on the concourse and your favorite characters! Grand Rapids Comic-Con will be on the concourse. Call the Muskegon Lumberjacks Business office at (231)-799-7000 or email afranczek@muskegonlumberjacks.com.

Upcoming Games

Fri. Oct. 22 | 8:05 pm EST | at Madison
Sat. Oct. 22 | 8:05 pm EST | at Madison
Fri. Oct. 29 | 7:10 pm EST | vs. Dubuque | Rivalry Night
Sat. Oct. 30 | 7:10 pm EST | vs. Dubuque | Comic-Con Night

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About the Muskegon Lumberjacks

The Muskegon Lumberjacks are proud and dedicated members of the United States Hockey League (USHL), the nation's only Tier I junior hockey league and leading producer of NCAA players and National Hockey League draft picks in the United States. The club's goal is to create an environment where student-athletes develop into successful young men both on and off the ice, which includes playing the game the right way while keeping up with their studies in the classroom and staying actively involved in the West Michigan community. The organization is committed to providing quality, affordable, and top-notch family entertainment while providing positive role models for the youth for the local community.

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