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Chicago Wolves Game Notes

CHICAGO AT GRAND RAPIDS

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ONE OF THE LAST TEAMS STANDING

For the third time in the organization's 25-year history, the Chicago Wolves are off to a 4-0 start as head coach **Rocky Thompson's** team pulled off a pair of home wins last weekend against the same team the Wolves are playing this weekend. The Wolves and the Charlotte Checkers (5-0-0-0) are the only unbeaten teams left in the AHL.

Winning the first handful of games in October typically leads to a magical June for the Wolves. In 1997-98, head coach John Anderson's first Wolves squad started 3-0 and went on to capture the 1998 Turner Cup. In 2001-02, the Wolves won their first three games and finished the year holding the Calder Cup aloft. In 2007-08, the Wolves raced out to a 6-0 start and didn't stop until they owned the 2008 Calder Cup.

There's only one Wolves team that started 3-0 that didn't win the league championship: The 2012-13 crew that opened 4-0, but early and frequent injuries left the squad just shy of the playoffs.

If there are any coaches out there looking for bulletin board material to make sure their team doesn't get overconfident early in the year, there are these nuggets: Last year, the Milwaukee Admirals were the last AHL team to lose a game -- but the Admirals' 4-0 start couldn't prevent them from missing the playoffs. In 2016-17, the news wasn't much better for the last team to suffer a loss. The Albany Devils broke out to a 5-0 start before losing on Oct. 26. While the Devils secured a Calder Cup Playoff berth, they were done after Round 1.

WHY THE WOLVES ARE WINNING

Again, it's early in the season to draw many conclusions, but the Wolves appear to have a nice blend of hungry veterans with NHL experience and eager prospects with preternatural skills.

For example, the Wolves have won two games in overtime -- and the game-winning goals came from 19-year-old defenseman **Erik Brännström** (a 2017 NHL first-round pick by Vegas) and 20-year-old defenseman **Dylan Coghlan** (an undrafted free agent who signed a three-year entry deal with Vegas). Both were their first professional goals in North America.

Brooks Macek and rookie center **Reid Duke** leads the Wolves with three goals -- the first three of his pro career -- but the team's points leaders are familiar names who've proven themselves on the big stage. Veteran forwards **Curtis McKenzie** (G, 6A) and **Brandon Pirri** (G, 4A) have scored at least one point in each game while forward **Daniel Carr**, who played 71 games for the Montreal Canadiens over the previous two seasons, has racked up one goal and five assists in the last three games.

LAST WEEK'S HOMESTAND

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

[at] CHICAGO 5, MILWAUKEE 4 (OT)

- Rookie defenseman **Dylan Coghlan** scored his first professional goal 2:56 into overtime to cap a furious rally and wrap up the win in a battle of unbeaten
- Forwards **T.J. Tynan**, **Daniel Carr** and **Curtis McKenzie** scored in the third period as the Wolves rallied from a two-goal deficit while Coghlan and McKenzie added two assists apiece
- Goaltender **Oscar Dansk** picked up the win with 23 saves

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

[at] CHICAGO 5, GRAND RAPIDS 1

- Right wing **Brooks Macek** recorded his first professional hat trick on North American soil to lead the Wolves to victory in the team's 25th anniversary season home opener
- Linemate **Daniel Carr** assisted on all three of Macek's scores while center **Gage Quinney** helped on two. Defenseman **Zac Leslie** and forward **Brandon Pirri** produced the other goals.
- Goaltender **Max Lagace** earned the win with 32 saves

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TALE OF THE TAPE

REGULAR-SEASON SERIES

0-1-0-0 Grand Rapids | 1-0-0-0 Chicago



1-4-0-0



4-0-0-0

LEADING SCORERS

GRAND RAPIDS

CHICAGO

Skater	G	A	Pts	Skater	G	A	Pts
Zadina	2	1	3	McKenzie	1	6	7
Camper	1	2	3	Carr	1	5	6
Puempel	1	2	3	Pirri	1	4	5
Ford/Terry	1	2	3	Duke	3	1	4

SERIES GAME-BY-GAME

Date	Location	Time	SF-SA	PP	PK
Oct. 13	Allstate Arena	5-1	24-33	1-4	5-6
Oct. 20	Van Andel Arena	6 p.m.			
Nov. 24	Allstate Arena	7 p.m.			
Nov. 28	Van Andel Arena	6 p.m.			
Jan. 16	Allstate Arena	7 p.m.			
Feb. 10	Van Andel Arena	3 p.m.			
Feb. 23	Allstate Arena	7 p.m.			
March 29	Van Andel Arena	6 p.m.			

THROWING IT BACK TO 1996

When the Wolves played their first game in Grand Rapids on Nov. 1, 1996 (a 4-3 loss), here was the world as we knew it:

- Wolves goaltender Wendell Young, now in his 10th season as the Wolves general manager, was in Game 9 of a streak of 10 consecutive starts spread over 18 days.
- The movie "Romeo + Juliet," starring Leonardo DiCaprio, opened in theatres on Nov. 1.
- Almost everyone was sick of "Macarena (Bayside Boys Mix)" by Los Del Rio, as the song was in its 14th and final week atop the Billboard charts.
- Six days earlier, the New York Yankees wrapped up their first World Series victory since 1981 -- led in part by 22-year-old rookie shortstop Derek Jeter.
- "Tickle Me Elmo" was the hot toy in the stores. If you didn't purchase "Tickle Me Elmo" as a holiday gift by Black Friday, then you were out of luck.

ALL-TIME RECORD BREAKDOWN

Season	Home	Road	Overall
1996-2018	35-34-0-5-2	31-29-2-9-2	66-63-2-14-4



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BY THE NUMBERS

3 The Wolves are off to the third 4-0 start in the franchise's 25-year history, joining John Anderson's 2007-08 and Scott Arniel's 2012-13 squads as the only ones to pocket Ws in each of the first four games. This year's crew has something in common with the 2007-08 squad as both earned a pair of overtime wins and both had two goalies start two games apiece (Ondrej Pavelec and Fred Brathwaite) during their 4-0 starts. The 2012-13 team posted two shootout wins and one overtime victory in its 4-0 start. Goaltender Eddie Lack, currently with the NHL's New Jersey Devils, was the early workhorse for that team before suffering a season-ending injury in November.

4 Rookie defenseman **Dylan Coghlan** scored the first four points of his professional career last weekend. The 20-year-old from Nanaimo, British Columbia, started with an assist Oct. 13 versus Grand Rapids, then produced one goal and two assists last Saturday against Milwaukee. He earned the primary helper on both assists -- setting up **Reid Duke** and **T.J. Tynan** for the team's first two goals of the night -- before unleashing a slap shot 2:56 into overtime for the game-winner. "He's got great offensive tools, without a doubt," said Wolves head coach **Rocky Thompson** after the game.

4.5 The Wolves are averaging 4.5 goals per game, which ranks third in the league behind Iowa (5.0) and Springfield (4.8) Chicago also opened last season with 18 goals in the first four games, but that translated to a 1-2-1-0 start as the Wolves allowed 18 goals as well. The team record for most goals in the first four games is owned by the 2015-16 squad. John Anderson's boys piled up 20 goals while breaking out to a 2-1-0-1 start that stretched all the way to 8-1-0-1 before injuries and inconsistency chipped away at the team's base.

6 The Wolves have six skaters taking point streaks into tonight's game. Veteran forwards **Curtis McKenzie** and **Brandon Pirri** own four-game streaks, forward **Daniel Carr** and defenseman **Zac Leslie** boast three-game streaks and defenseman **Dylan Coghlan** and forward **Stefan Matteau** are riding two-game streaks. If and when forward **Tomas Hyka** returns from the NHL's Vegas Golden Knights, he'll take a two-game streak into his next AHL game.

10 The Wolves have scored 18 goals while allowing just 8 this season and their +10 goal differential ranks as the second-best spread in the AHL. Actually, the Wolves are tied with Springfield (+10) and Iowa (+10) and right behind league-leading Charlotte (+11). Grand Rapids, tonight's foe, shares next-to-last in the same metric. The Hershey Bears stand at -12 while the Griffins and the Manitoba Moose stand at (-10). The Central Division is the AHL's only one with at least four teams with winning percentage of .667 or better: The Wolves (1.000), Iowa and Milwaukee (.750) and Texas (.667).

353 If you've suited up for the Wolves, chances are better than 50/50 that you've also played in the National Hockey League. When **Daniel Carr**, **Curtis McKenzie** and **Zach Whitecloud** made their Wolves debuts on Oct. 5, they became the 351st, 352nd and 353rd players (out of 615 Wolves all-time) who have competed for the Wolves and in the NHL. That 57.4 percent overall success rate is even higher among goaltenders. Of the 54 players who've tended the net for the Wolves over the years -- starting with original goaltenders Ray LeBlanc and Wendell Young and continuing through current Wolves **Max Lagace** and **Oscar Dansk** -- 37 boast NHL experience (68.5 percent).

UPCOMING GAMES

Date	Opponent	Venue	Time
Sunday, Oct. 21	vs. Milwaukee*	Allstate Arena	3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 24	vs. Cleveland^	Allstate Arena	11 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 26	at Texas^	H-E-B Center	7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28	at San Antonio^	AT&T Center	3 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 2	at Manitoba^	Bell MTS Place	7 p.m.

All times Central

^AHLTV only

*The U Too

**CW50

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HOME-ROAD CONTRASTS

Regular Season	Home	Away	Difference
Goals For	5.00	4.00	1.00
Goals Against	2.50	1.50	1.00

RECORD BY DIVISION

	Record	Win %
Central	2-0-0-0	1.000
North	0-0-0-0	.000
Pacific	2-0-0-0	1.000

RECORD BY MONTH

	Record	Win %
October	4-0-0-0	1.000
November	0-0-0-0	.000
December	0-0-0-0	.000
January	0-0-0-0	.000
February	0-0-0-0	.000
March	0-0-0-0	.000
April	0-0-0-0	.000

IN OVERTIME (2-0)

Goaltender	Saves-Shots	SV%
Oscar Dansk (2-0)	1-1	1.000

IN THE SHOOTOUT (0-0)

Shooter	Goals-Chances	SH%
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Goaltender	Saves-Shots	SV%
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RECORD BREAKDOWN

When the Wolves...	Record
score four or more goals	3-0-0-0
allow two or fewer goals	3-0-0-0
outshoot their opponent	1-0-0-0
score first	3-0-0-0
score a power-play goal	3-0-0-0
allow a power-play goal	2-0-0-0
score a short-handed goal	0-0-0-0
allow a short-handed goal	0-0-0-0
lead after one period	2-0-0-0
trail after one period	0-0-0-0
lead after two periods	3-0-0-0
trail after two periods	1-0-0-0
are in a one-goal game	2-0-0-0
play at home	2-0-0-0
play on the road	2-0-0-0

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REGULAR-SEASON HIGHS AND LOWS

Most Goals Scored in a Game	5	vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
		vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
		at Colorado	Oct. 6
Most Goals Allowed in a Game	4	vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
Most Goals Scored in a Period	3	3rd period vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
		1st period vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
		1st period at Colorado	Oct. 6
Most Goals Allowed in a Period	2	2nd period vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
Most Shots On Goal in a Game	31	at Colorado	Oct. 6
Most Shots On Goal Allowed in a Game	33	vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
Most Shots On Goal in a Period	16	1st period at Colorado	Oct. 6
Most Shots On Goal Allowed in a Period	13	1st period vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
		2nd period at Colorado	Oct. 5
Fewest Shots On Goal in a Game	17	at Colorado	Oct. 5
Fewest Shots On Goal Allowed in a Game	26	at Colorado	Oct. 6
Fewest Shots On Goal in a Period	3	3rd period vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
Fewest Shots On Goal Allowed in a Period	6	3rd period vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
		3rd period at Colorado	Oct. 6
Most PPG in a Game	1	vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
		vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
		at Colorado	Oct. 5
		vs. Milwaukee	Oct. 14
Most PPG Allowed in a Game	3		
Most SHG in a Game	N/A		
Most SHG Against in a Game	N/A		
Longest Winning Streak	4	Oct. 5-present	
Longest Home Winning Streak	2	Oct. 13-present	
Longest Road Winning Streak	2	Oct. 5-present	
Longest Winless Streak	N/A		
Longest Home Winless Streak	N/A		
Longest Road Winless Streak	N/A		
Most PIM in a Game	22	at Colorado	Oct. 5
Most Combined PIM in a Game	49	at Colorado	Oct. 6
Quickest Wolves Goal from Start of Game	1:06	at Colorado (Quinney)	Oct. 6
Quickest Opponent Goal from Start of Game	3:22	vs. Grand Rapids (Pope)	Oct. 13
Shortest Time Between Two Wolves Goals	0:10	at Colorado (Quinney/Duke)	Oct. 6
Shortest Time Between Two Opponent Goals	0:23	vs. Milwaukee (Grimaldi/Grimaldi)	Oct. 14
Shortest Time Between Two Goals	0:25	at Colorado (Matteau/Meloche)	Oct. 6
Largest Margin of Victory	4	vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
		at Colorado	Oct. 6
Largest Margin of Defeat	N/A		
Largest Crowd at Home	8,317	vs. Grand Rapids	Oct. 13
Hat Tricks this Year	1	vs. Grand Rapids (Macek)	Oct. 13
Hat Tricks Against this Year	N/A		
Shutouts this Year	N/A		
Shutouts Against this Year	N/A		
Penalty Shots this Year	N/A		
Penalty Shots Against this Year	N/A		

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INDIVIDUAL
GAME-HIGHS

Points	1. Dylan Coghlan	3 vs. MIL, Oct. 14
	Curtis McKenzie	3 vs. MIL, Oct. 14
	Brooks Macek	3 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	Daniel Carr	3 vs. GR, Oct. 13
Goals	1. Brooks Macek	3 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	2. Gage Quinney	2 at COL, Oct. 6
	Reid Duke	2 at COL, Oct. 6
	Erik Brännström	2 at COL, Oct. 5
Assists	1. Daniel Carr	3 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	2. Curtis McKenzie	2 vs. MIL, Oct. 14
	Dylan Coghlan	2 vs. MIL, Oct. 14
	Gage Quinney	2 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	Curtis McKenzie	2 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	Brandon Pirri	2 at COL, Oct. 5
	Tomas Hyka	2 at COL, Oct. 5
PIM	1. Alex Gallant	12 at COL, Oct. 5
	2. Stefan Matteau	7 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	3. Alex Gallant	5 vs. MIL, Oct. 14
+/-	1. Nic Hague	+5 at COL, Oct. 6
	Zac Leslie	+5 at COL, Oct. 6
	3. Several tied	+3
Shots	1. Brandon Pirri	7 at COL, Oct. 6
	2. Brandon Pirri	5 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	3. Daniel Carr	4 vs. MIL, Oct. 14
Saves	1. Max Lagace	32 vs. GR, Oct. 13
	2. Oscar Dansk	27 at COL, Oct. 5
	3. Max Lagace	25 at COL, Oct. 6

2018-19**GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS**

No.	Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record	CHI Goal	OPP Goal	SF-SA	PP/PK
1.	Oct. 5	at Colorado	W (OT)	3-2	1-0-0-0	Dansk	Martin	17-29	1-5/6-6
2.	Oct. 6	at Colorado	W	5-1	2-0-0-0	Lagace	Martin	31-26	0-9/7-7
3.	Oct. 13	vs. Grand Rapids	W	5-1	3-0-0-0	Lagace	Rybar	24-33	1-4/5-6
4.	Oct. 14	vs. Milwaukee	W (OT)	5-4	4-0-0-0	Dansk	McCollum	20-27	1-4/0-3

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

No.	Date	Time*	Opponent	Broadcast**	No.	Date	Time*	Opponent	Broadcast**
5.	Oct. 20	6 p.m.	at Grand Rapids	AHLTV	41.	Jan. 19	7 p.m.	vs. Rockford	CW50
6.	Oct. 21	3 p.m.	vs. Milwaukee	The U Too	42.	Jan. 20	3 p.m.	vs. Milwaukee	The U Too
7.	Oct. 24	11 a.m.	vs. Cleveland	AHLTV	43.	Jan. 24	6 p.m.	at Cleveland	AHLTV
8.	Oct. 26	7 p.m.	at Texas	AHLTV	44.	Jan. 26	6 p.m.	at Cleveland	AHLTV
9.	Oct. 28	3 p.m.	at San Antonio	AHLTV	45.	Feb. 1	7 p.m.	at Rockford	The U Too
10.	Nov. 2	7 p.m.	at Manitoba	AHLTV	46.	Feb. 2	7 p.m.	vs. Manitoba	CW50
11.	Nov. 3	6 p.m.	at Manitoba	AHLTV	47.	Feb. 9	1 p.m.	at Milwaukee	CW50
12.	Nov. 7	10:30 a.m.	at Milwaukee	AHLTV	48.	Feb. 10	3 p.m.	at Grand Rapids	AHLTV
13.	Nov. 10	7 p.m.	vs. Rockford	CW50	49.	Feb. 13	7 p.m.	at Manitoba	AHLTV
14.	Nov. 11	3 p.m.	vs. Milwaukee	The U Too	50.	Feb. 15	7 p.m.	at Manitoba	AHLTV
15.	Nov. 17	7 p.m.	vs. Iowa	CW50	51.	Feb. 17	3 p.m.	vs. Iowa	CW50
16.	Nov. 18	3 p.m.	vs. Manitoba	The U Too	52.	Feb. 21	11 a.m.	vs. Texas	AHLTV
17.	Nov. 23	7 p.m.	at Rockford	The U Too	53.	Feb. 23	7 p.m.	vs. Grand Rapids	CW50
18.	Nov. 24	7 p.m.	vs. Grand Rapids	CW50	54.	Feb. 24	3 p.m.	vs. Texas	The U Too
19.	Nov. 25	3 p.m.	vs. Rockford	CW50	55.	Feb. 26	7 p.m.	vs. Rockford	AHLTV
20.	Nov. 28	6 p.m.	at Grand Rapids	AHLTV	56.	March 1	7 p.m.	at Texas	AHLTV
21.	Dec. 1	7 p.m.	vs. San Antonio	CW50	57.	March 2	7 p.m.	at Texas	AHLTV
22.	Dec. 2	4 p.m.	vs. Texas	The U Too	58.	March 5	10:30 a.m.	at San Antonio	AHLTV
23.	Dec. 5	7 p.m.	at Iowa	AHLTV	59.	March 8	7 p.m.	at Milwaukee	The U Too
24.	Dec. 7	7 p.m.	at Iowa	AHLTV	60.	March 9	7 p.m.	vs. Iowa	CW50
25.	Dec. 8	6 p.m.	at Rockford	CW50	61.	March 10	4 p.m.	vs. Milwaukee	CW50
26.	Dec. 15	7 p.m.	vs. Tucson	CW50	62.	March 15	7 p.m.	vs. Cleveland	The U Too
27.	Dec. 16	3 p.m.	vs. Tucson	The U Too	63.	March 16	7 p.m.	vs. San Antonio	CW50
28.	Dec. 18	11 a.m.	vs. Texas	AHLTV	64.	March 20	7 p.m.	at Rockford	AHLTV
29.	Dec. 21	7 p.m.	vs. Rockford	The U Too	65.	March 22	7 p.m.	at Texas	AHLTV
30.	Dec. 22	3 p.m.	at Milwaukee	CW50	66.	March 23	7 p.m.	at San Antonio	AHLTV
31.	Dec. 26	7 p.m.	at Milwaukee	AHLTV	67.	March 26	7 p.m.	at San Antonio	AHLTV
32.	Dec. 28	7 p.m.	at Rockford	The U Too	68.	March 29	6 p.m.	at Grand Rapids	AHLTV
33.	Dec. 29	7 p.m.	vs. Rockford	CW50	69.	March 30	7 p.m.	vs. Milwaukee	CW50
34.	Dec. 31	2:30 p.m.	at Iowa	AHLTV	70.	March 31	4 p.m.	at Rockford	CW50
35.	Jan. 2	7 p.m.	vs. Iowa	AHLTV	71.	April 5	7 p.m.	at Milwaukee	The U Too
36.	Jan. 4	7 p.m.	vs. San Antonio	The U Too	72.	April 6	7 p.m.	vs. Colorado	CW50
37.	Jan. 5	7 p.m.	vs. San Antonio	CW50	73.	April 7	3 p.m.	vs. Colorado	CW50
38.	Jan. 11	8 p.m.	at Tucson	AHLTV	74.	April 12	7 p.m.	at Iowa	AHLTV
39.	Jan. 12	8 p.m.	at Tucson	AHLTV	75.	April 13	7 p.m.	vs. Manitoba	CW50
40.	Jan. 16	7 p.m.	vs. Grand Rapids	AHLTV	76.	April 14	4 p.m.	vs. Manitoba	CW50

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PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS

03/08/18 Add **Ryan Wagner** (RW) signed to SPC by Chicago (AHL)
05/10/18 Add **Matthew Weis** (C) signed to SPC by Chicago (AHL)
05/31/18 Add **Tyler Wong** (RW) signed to SPC by Chicago (AHL)
06/08/18 Add **Kevin Lough** (D) signed to SPC by Chicago (AHL)
09/18/18 Add **Alex Gallant** (LW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Reid Duke** (C) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Tomas Hyka** (RW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Brooks Macek** (RW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Zac Leslie** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Oscar Dansk** (G) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Gage Quinney** (LW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Dylan Coghlan** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Zach Whitecloud** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Jimmy Oligny** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/22/18 Add **Zach Fucale** (G) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/23/18 Add **Nic Hague** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/23/18 Add **Keegan Kolesar** (RW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/25/18 Add **T.J. Tynan** (C) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/25/18 Add **Stefan Matteau** (C) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/25/18 Add **Griffin Reinhart** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/25/18 Add **Max Lagace** (G) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/27/18 Add **Brandon Pirri** (C) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/27/18 Add **Erik Brännström** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
09/30/18 Delete **Zach Fucale** (G) reassigned by Vegas (NHL) to Fort Wayne (ECHL)
10/02/18 Add **Curtis McKenzie** (LW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
10/02/18 Add **Daniel Carr** (LW) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
10/11/18 Delete **Tomas Hyka** (RW) recalled from loan by Vegas (NHL)
10/12/18 Add **Jake Bischoff** (D) loaned from Vegas (NHL)
10/14/18 Delete **Jake Bischoff** (D) recalled from loan by Vegas (NHL)