

DETROIT VIPERS

AT CLEVELAND LUMBERJACKS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2001
IHL Game #: 262



CLEVELAND LUMBERJACKS

(24-19-5)

Affiliate of Minnesota Wild

(18-5-1, home)

Team Game: 49

(6-14-4, road)

Home Game: 25



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(13-28-6)

Affiliate of Tampa Bay

(8-14-3, home)

Team Game: 48

(5-14-3, road)

Road Game: 23

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
3	D	Eric Charron	43	7-9-16	+13	52
6	D	Nick Naumenko	43	2-28-30	-6	42
7	C	Brett McLean	47	12-12-24	-1	36
9	C	Brian Bonin	48	23-31-54	+9	37
13	F	Pavel Patera	47	4-39-43	+11	18
14	RW	Chris Longo	29	2-2-4	-5	32
16	F	Pascal Dupuis	43	13-12-25	+11	23
19	D	Ian Herbers	47	2-6-8	+6	109
20	F	Peter Bartos	27	11-13-24	+8	8
21	F	Kai Nurminen	43	12-25-37	+1	14
26	RW	Christian Matte	42	33-22-55	+11	44
28	C	Darryl Laplante	47	4-12-16	+7	29
32	C	Richard Park	41	13-11-24	+2	12
34	C	Chris Armstrong	46	6-15-21	E	26
36	D	J.J. Daigneault	29	5-6-11	+3	12
37	D	Lawrence Nycholat	8	0-2-2	+4	11
55	D	Garrett Burnett	29	2-4-6	+4	130

#	POS	PLAYER	GP	G-A-P	+/-	PIM
3	C	Thomas Ziegler	47	6-17-23	-9	24
4	F	Kaspars Astashenko	21	4-7-11	-9	32
5	F/D	Kenton Smith	40	1-0-1	-18	14
6	D	Maxim Galanov	7	0-2-2	-11	0
7	D	Ben Clymer	42	4-8-12	-12	66
8	D	Kyle Kos	19	0-6-6	-2	84
11	F	Jaroslav Svejksky	2	2-2-4	+3	2
14	RW	Dale Rominski	30	2-3-5	-9	36
16	D	Mikko Kuparinen	22	1-1-2	-5	25
17	RW	Jason Podollan	45	14-14-28	-9	85
18	LW	Martin Cibak	46	8-22-30	+1	49
19	LW	Kyle Freadrich	13	2-3-5	+2	31
21	C	Scott Nichol	40	4-12-16	-20	121
22	D	Mike Jones	42	5-12-17	-4	29
23	LW	Travis Clayton	1	0-1-1	+1	0
25	RW	Samuel St. Pierre	47	5-6-11	-17	18
27	C	Mike Kiesman	22	0-0-0	-10	51
29	LW	Dmitri Afanasyev	44	11-16-27	-20	16
32	D	Kristian Kudroc	38	4-3-7	-11	74
34	LW	Gordie Dwyer	11	0-0-0	-1	71
45	D	Marek Posmyk	32	5-10-15	+3	38
71	D	Mario Larocque	38	0-0-0	-14	86

#	PLAYER	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	Sv%
30	Zac Bierk	27	12-11-3	2.90	0.905
35	Derek Gustafson	12	7-4-1	2.73	0.906

#	PLAYER	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	Sv%
1	Evgeny Konstantinov	23	4-12-2	4.63	0.847
35	Dieter Kochan	26	7-13-3	3.28	0.903

Head Coach: Todd McLellan
Assistant Coach: Jock Callander
Athletic Trainer: Dave Zenobi
Equipment Manager: Doug Tretiak
Asst. Equipment Manager: Phil Simon

Head Coach: Brad Shaw
Assistant Coach: Bobby Jay
Athletic Trainer: Rudy Cantu
Equipment Manager: Josh Penn
Asst. Equipment Manager: Tom Kahila

Referee: Kevin Hall

Linesmen: Jim Garofalo, Brian Wisner

Tonight's IHL Schedule (all times EST)

GRR	@	ORL	7:00 PM
CHI	@	MAN	8:30 PM
KCT	@	MIL	8:30 PM
UTA	@	HOU	8:30 PM

Tonight's NHL Schedule (all times EST)

2000-01 CLEVELAND LUMBERJACKS

<u>FORWARDS (12)</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>SHOOTS</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>BIRTHPLACE</u>	<u>1999-00 TEAM</u>	<u>LGE</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PIM</u>
23 Steve Aronson	6-1	205	Right	7/15/78	Minnetonka, MN	U. St. Thomas	MIAC	33	38	53	91	72
20 Peter Bartos	6-0	185	Right	9/15/73	Martin, Slovakia	HC Ceske Budejovice	Czech	41	12	14	26	48
9 Brian Bonin	5-10	186	Left	11/28/73	Saint Paul, Minnesota	Syracuse	AHL	67	19	28	47	20
55 Garrett Burnett	6-3	220	Left	9/23/75	Coquitlam, BC	Kentucky	AHL	58	3	3	6	506
16 Pascal Dupuis	6-1	200	Right	4/7/79	Shawinigan, Quebec	Shawinigan	QMJHL	61	50	55	105	164
28 Darryl Laplante	6-0	198	Left	3/28/77	Calgary, Alb.	Detroit	NHL	30	0	6	6	10
14 Chris Longo	5-10	180	Right	1/5/72	Belleville, Ontario	Cleveland	IHL	75	16	20	36	75
26 Christian Matte	6-0	190	Right	1/20/75	Hull, Quebec	Hershey	AHL	73	43	61	104	85
						Colorado	NHL	5	0	1	1	4
7 Brett McLean	5-11	194	Left	8/14/78	Comox, British Columbia	Johnstown	ECHL	8	4	7	11	6
						Saint-John	AHL	72	15	23	38	115
21 Kai Nurminen	6-1	198	Left	3/29/69	Turku, Finland	TPS Turku	Finland	54	41	36	78	40
32 Richard Park	5-11	190	Right	5/27/76	Seoul, South Korea	Utah	IHL	82	28	32	60	36
13 Pavel Patera	6-1	172	Left	9/06/71	Kladno, Czech. Rep.	HC Slovnaf Vsetin	Czech	29	8	14	22	36

<u>DEFENSEMEN (7)</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>SHOOTS</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>BIRTHPLACE</u>	<u>1999-00 TEAM</u>	<u>LGE</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>PIM</u>
34 Chris Armstrong	6-0	205	Left	6/26/75	Regina, Saskatchewan	Kentucky	AHL	78	9	48	57	77
3 Eric Charron	6-3	195	Left	1/14/70	Verdun, Quebec	Saint-John	AHL	37	2	15	17	82
						Calgary	NHL	21	0	0	0	37
36 J.J. Daigneault	5-10	192	Left	10/12/65	Montreal, Quebec	Phoenix	NHL	53	1	6	7	22
19 Ian Herbers	6-4	225	Left	7/18/67	Jasper, Alberta	Tampa Bay	NHL	37	0	0	0	45
						NY Islanders	NHL	6	0	3	3	2
2 Mike Matteucci	6-2	210	Left	12/27/71	Trail, BC	Long Beach	IHL	62	0	4	4	155
6 Nick Naumenko	5-11	185	Right	7/7/74	Chicago, Illinois	Kansas City	IHL	54	9	27	36	79
37 Lawrence Nycholat	6-0	192	Left	5/7/79	Calgary, Alberta	Swift Current	WHL	70	22	58	80	92

<u>GOALTENDERS (2)</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>CATCH</u>	<u>BORN</u>	<u>BIRTHPLACE</u>	<u>1999-00 TEAM</u>	<u>LGE</u>	<u>GP</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>W-L-T</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>GAA</u>
30 Zac Bierk	6-4	205	Left	9/17/76	Peterborough, Ontario	Tampa Bay	NHL	12	31	4-4-1	0	3.65
						Detroit	IHL	15	46	4-8-2	1	3.26
35 Derek Gustafson	5-11	210	Left	6/21/79	Gresham, Oregon	St. Lawrence	ECAC	24		17-4-2		2.09

assigned to Jackson (ECHL)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE...

#2 Mike MATTEUCCI	(mah-TOO-chee)
#3 Eric CHARRON	(sha-RON)
#6 Nick NAUMENKO	(nah-MENK-OH)
#7 Brett MCLEAN	(muh-CLAIN)
#9 Brian BONIN	(bah-nin)
#13 Pavel PATERA	(pah-TAIR-uh)
#14 Chris LONGO	
#16 Pascal DUPUIS	(doo-PWEE)
#19 Ian HERBERS	
#20 Peter BARTOS	
#21 Kai NURMINEN	(NUHR-mih-nehn)
#23 Steve ARONSON	(air-uhn-SIN)
#26 Christian MATTE	(mat)
#28 Darryl LAPLANTE	(la-PLAHNT)
#32 Richard PARK	
#34 Chris ARMSTRONG	
#36 J.J. DAIGNEAULT	(dain-YO)
#37 Lawrence NYCHOLAT	(nick-o-LET)
#55 Garrett BURNETT	

HOCKEY OPERATIONS

General Manager	Michael Mudd
Head Coach	Todd McLellan
Assistant Head Coach	Jock Callander
Equipment Manager	Doug Tretiak
Assistant Equipment Manager	Phil Simon
Medical Trainer	Dave Zenobi

#30 Zac BIERK	(berk)
#31 Derek GUSTAFSON	

COACH TODD MCLELLAN (muh-KLELL-un)

Cleveland Lumberjacks' Team Notes

At a glance: Cleveland Lumberjacks active leaders in...

Goals: Christian Matte (33)

Points: Christian Matte (55)

Shots: Christian Matte (150)

PP Goals: Christian Matte (16)

GW Goals: Christian Matte (4)

Assists: Pavel Petera (39)

PIM: Garrett Burnett (130)

+/-: Eric Charron, Mike Matteucci (+13)

SH Goals: Brian Bonin, Christian Matte, Darryl Laplante (2)

Leaders of the pack: For the second consecutive week, a member of the Cleveland Lumberjacks' squad earned one of the weekly honors handed out by the IHL. Christian Matte was named the "Lifesavers Player of the Week" following a five-goal, six-point week. The seal was a four-goal outburst against Cincinnati on Saturday, 1/27, the best single-game effort in all the IHL this season. Derek Gustafson earned Honorable Mention for "Edge Goaltender of the Week" following a 2-0-0 week and just two goals against on 54 shots, including a 22-save shutout of Detroit on Tuesday, 1/23.

Who's hot: Pascal Dupuis has brings in a streak of three consecutive games where he has put two points on the board. He scored a pair of goals 1/26 in Cincinnati and repeated the feat 1/31 at home against Kansas City. Between those games he picked up a pair of assists at home against Cincinnati, 1/27. The recent outburst has moved up to eighth with 25 points (13-12—25).

Back on track: Cleveland has now won four straight and five of their last six contests, moving them to within three points of third place in the Eastern Division.

On a roll: Cleveland possesses the best active winning streak in the IHL, winners in four straight. The streak matched a team high for this season, putting the 'Jacks in position to improve on that mark tonight.

Heavy around the middle: The Lumberjacks continue to thrive during the second period, scoring a league-high 61 goals in that frame. Only four other teams have even hit the 50-goal mark in the middle period, with Utah's 56 topping the reaming IHL clubs.

Last line of defense: Cleveland netminders have been solid between the pipes in recent games. Cleveland has allowed just 7 goals in the past four games, including a shutout of Detroit 1/21. The team save percentage has been 0.940 in that stretch, allowing 1.75 goals per game

Isn't that special: Some of the recent success of the club can be traced back to special-teams play. In the past four games, the Lumberjacks are 4-for-12 on the power play (0.333) while the penalty kill has stopped eight of the past nine opportunities (0.889).

Tough to beat: Cleveland has been nearly perfect when holding their opponents to 2 or fewer goals, a feat they have accomplished 18 times this season. The 'Jacks are 8-0-0 when allowing no goals, 3-0-0 when allowing a single goal and 6-0-1 when the opposition puts two goals on the board for a 17-0-1 mark overall.

Blueliners see red: 'Jacks' defensemen contributed to the team's success at both ends this past week. Opponents were held to 88 shots in three games, an average of less than thirty per game. At the other end of the rink, they scored three goals and added eight assists led by J.J. Daigneault's two goals and an assist.

Naumenko lends a helping hand: Defenseman Nick Naumenko leads all IHL defensemen in assists with 28 helpers this season. His 30 points overall rank him 4th among his counterparts in the league.

Bright future: Minnesota, the NHL affiliate of the 'Jacks, has to be happy with how their future looks. Rookie Pavel Patera continues to lead the rest of the first-year players with 43 points, including a league-high 39 assists. Patera (1st-43), Pascal Dupuis (8th-25) and Peter Bartos (9th-24) all rank in the top ten in league scoring by a rookie.

Latest moves: The Lumberjacks made a pair of moves yesterday. Goaltender David Brumby was returned to Jackson of the ECHL and Steve Aronson was assigned to Jackson for the weekend. Aronson is expected to return to Cleveland in time for Sunday's game against Grand Rapids.

CLEVELAND LUMBERJACKS

IHL Season: 41st (9th in Cleveland) **Affiliation:** Minnesota Wild

Arena: Gund Arena (19,941) **Team Colors:** Blue, Gold, Black

IHL Titles: 4 ('62, '68, '86, '91 while based in Muskegon)

General Manager: Mike Mudd (1st season)

Coach: Todd McLellan (1st IHL season)

Last Season: 40-30-12, 92 points (4th-Eastern Conference, 8th-Overall)

Playoffs: Eliminated in Conference Semifinals (defeated Milwaukee 2-1, lost to Grand Rapids 4-2)

Key Returnees: RW Chris Longo

Key Newcomers: LW Garrett Burnett (Kentucky-AHL), D Ian Herbers (Detroit-IHL, Tampa Bay-NHL), RW Christian Matte (Hershey-AHL), D Mike Matteucci (Long Beach-IHL), D Nick Naumenko (Kansas City-IHL), C Richard Park (Utah-IHL)

Notable: Jock Callander, who broke the IHL's All-Time Points Record last season, has hung up his skates and stepped behind the bench as an assistant coach - he had 1,415 points as an IHL player from 1984-2000...the Lumberjacks are beginning their first season as an affiliate of the National Hockey League's Minnesota Wild.

"Jacks Hockey, it's Wild"