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## **Americans picks up second straight win over Yellowstone; Beard scores 4 goals**

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CODY, Wyo., September 15, 2018 — The second game in the two-game series between the Great Falls Americans (3-0-0-0) and the Yellowstone Quake (0-2-0-0) featured lots of scoring.

During last evening's contest, Great Falls needed just three goals to escape the defending Frontier Division champion, Yellowstone Quake. The Quake scored both of their points in the first period.

Utah native Lindros Beard scored a haul (4 goals) as the Great Falls Americans ran their record to 3-0 as they dominated the Yellowstone Quake 13-1 on Saturday night. Levi Mese and Matt Janke also contributed two goals each for the road warriors.

Each team had successful scoring opportunities via a power play during the first twenty minutes of the second game of the series between these two rivals. Dylan Rumpke, the 5'10" forward from Columbus, Ohio, scored off an assist by Beau Donelan during Yellowstone's power play four minutes into the game. Nearly six minutes later, Great Falls scored the first of their four first period goals. Lindros Beard opened the scoring drive for the Americans to tie the game 1-1.

After Levi Mese scored a pair of goals, Matt Janke lit up the lamp for his third goal of the season. The Americans, under the direction of first-year coach Greg Sears, went up 4-1 before the second period. Assisting on the four scoring plays were Braxton Lorenz, Jack Olson and Nate Simpson (3<sup>rd</sup> season assists each), Payton McSharry and Jens Juliussen (2<sup>nd</sup> assists of the year), and Garrett Peters accumulated his first. The Americans scored on four of their 13 shot attempts over Quake netminder Jake Kindestin.

Great Falls' offense out-scored Yellowstone 3-0 during the second period. Payton McSharry, one of six Alaskans on the roster, took 45 seconds to increase the lead to 5-1 off the stick of Jens Juliussen. The Americans tallied two more goals later in the period.

Luke Richesin and Ben Rinckey each registered their first goals in a Great Falls uniform. Rinckey tally came on a power play with assistance from Matt Janke and Braxton Lorenz.

It was "The Great Falls Americans" show during the final period of regulation, particularly Lindros Beard. He put the biscuit in the basket three times including the final one during a power play. Great Falls scored points on five power play chances. Also receiving goals in the period were Matt Janke, Jack Olson, and Jens Juliussen.

Great Falls remained dominant by attempting 64 shots-on-goal including 30 in the final period. Yellowstone ended the night with 14 shots against Americans goaltender Drew Scites.

The NA3HL showdown included 25 infractions resulting in 50 minutes of penalty time.

Drew Scites, hailing from Plymouth, Minnesota, swatted away 13 of the 14 shots for the winning squad. Yellowstone utilized two goaltenders as they tried to stop the offensive threat of the Americans. Jake Kindestin started for the Quake but was relieved after the first period after giving up four goals. Backup Michael Allman from Norway contributed 42 saves in the final two periods.

**NEXT CONTEST:** After entering the 2018-19 season with a three-game road trip to Missoula, Montana and Cody, Wyoming, the Americans make their home debut against the Yellowstone Quake with a two-game series beginning on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM from the Great Falls Ice Plex.

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