PEORIA RIVERMEN WEEKLY RELEASE

Week 15—January 10, 2012

2011-12 RIVERMEN LEADERBOARD

Category	Player	No.
Goals	McRae/Sterling	15
Assists	T.J. Hensick	30
Points	T.J. Hensick	42
Plus-Minus	*Cade Fairchild	+21
Penalty Minutes	Anthony Peluso	104
Goals Against Avg.	Ben Bishop	2.30
Save Percentage	Ben Bishop	0.927

2011-12 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Overall Record: (18-16-2-1)

January 2012 (2-1-0-0, 2 pts)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 1	at Milwaukee	W 1-0
Jan. 6	vs. Chicago	L 5-2
Jan. 8	vs. Milwaukee	W 4-2
Jan. 12	vs. Lake Erie	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Houston	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Houston	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	@ Texas	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	@ San Antonio	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 24	vs. Milwaukee	10:00 a.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Grand Rapids	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Grand Rapids	7:00 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
Oklahoma City	37	23	10	1	3	50
Charlotte	37	21	13	2	1	45
Toronto	37	19	13	3	2	43
Abbotsford	35	22	10	3	0	47
Houston	36	19	8	2	7	47
Chicago	35	19	12	1	3	42
Milwaukee	33	20	12	0	1	41
Rochester	36	16	13	4	3	39
PEORIA	37	18	16	2	1	39
Hamilton	35	16	14	1	4	37
Grand Rapids	34	15	13	4	2	36
San Antonio	36	17	17	2	0	36
Lake Erie	36	16	18	1	1	34
Texas	34	15	16	1	2	33
Rockford	36	13	19	1	3	30

UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

Jan. 14: The first 2,500 fans at Carver Arena will receive a free Peoria Rivermen winter hat when the Rivermen take on the Houston Aeros.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Friday, Jan. 6 vs. Chicago Wolves — L 5-2
Although the Rivermen and Wolves meet 10 times this season, Friday's game was the final of five contests at Carver Arena. Chicago's Mike Duco recorded a hat trick en route to a 5-2 win over Peoria and earned him a call-up to Vancouver just two days later. Stefan Della Rovere and Brett Sonne each scored for Peoria while Ben Bishop saved 27 of 31 shots on goal in his fifth consecutive start. The Rivermen went 0-for-4 on the power play while Chicago finished 0-for-3.

Sunday, Jan. 8 vs. Milwaukee Admirals — W 4-2
The Rivermen power play went 3-for-7 in an impressive 4-2 win over the Milwaukee Admirals on Sunday. After a three-goal first period, Peoria chased Atte Engren from the net in favor of Jeremy Smith, who was sent down from Nashville earlier that morning. Brett Sterling and T.J. Hensick each recorded one goal and an assist and Jake Allen stopped 33 of 35 shots on goal in the win. The Admirals went 1-for-3 on the power play.

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Thursday, Jan. 12 vs. Lake Erie Monsters
7:00 p.m. at Carver Arena
The Monsters travel to Carver Arena for the first time this season in the first game of a three-games-in-three-days series for the Rivermen. Peoria split two previous meetings in Lake Erie in November.

Friday, Jan. 13 vs. Houston Aeros
Saturday, Jan. 14 vs. Houston Aeros
7:00 p.m. at Carver Arena
Houston comes to Carver Arena on Friday for a back-to-back series against the Rivermen and their two lone meetings in Peoria this season. The Rivermen defeated the Aeros 3-2 in a shootout on December 11 in their only previous meeting this season.

RIVERMEN NOTES SECTION

- After a two-point performance on Sunday, **T.J. Hensick** continues to lead the Western Conference in points and assists with 42 and 30, respectively.
- Rookie defenseman **Cade Fairchild** is still the league leader in plus-minus at +21.
- The Rivermen power play improved to 21.2 percent (33-for-156) on the season, which ranks fifth in the AHL and first in the Western Conference.
- Hensick and Fairchild were both selected to play in the 2012 AHL All-Star Classic earlier this week. Vote for Hensick and Fairchild to start in the game at TheAHL.com!

TRANSACTIONS

- Jan. 7 — Cade Fairchild (D) returned on loan from St. Louis (NHL)
- Jan. 3 — David McKee (G) released from PTO
- Jan. 3 — Jake Allen (G) reassigned by St. Louis (NHL) from Team Canada
- Jan. 2 — Cade Fairchild (D) recalled from loan by St. Louis (NHL)