



Contact Dan Vatch
Phone 630-517-3872
Email Dvatch@chicagosteelhockeyteam.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 18, 2020

STEEL LOOK FOR FIRST WIN THIS WEEKEND

Chicago takes on Green Bay in home-and-home set

GENEVA, ILLINOIS — After falling by a 10-8 score to the Muskegon Lumberjacks at Fox Valley Ice Arena on Nov. 14, the Chicago Steel (0-1-0-0, 0 pts) have two chances to get into the win column against the Green Bay Gamblers (3-0-0-0, 6 pts) this weekend.

The two-game set begins on Friday at Fox Valley Ice Arena at 7:05 pm when the Gamblers travel to Fox Valley Ice Arena for the first time in the 2020-2021 season. The clubs will finish the weekend with a matchup Saturday night at Resch Center in Green Bay, another 7:05 pm start time.

The Steel have a 53-59-5-3 record in all-time regular season matchups against the Gamblers but have taken victories in the last four games versus Green Bay dating back to the 2019-2020 season, including a pair of meetings at the USHL's inaugural Frosty Cup event in Dallas, Tex. The trip featured an outdoor game at the famous Cotton Bowl won by the Steel 7-2 on Jan. 3.

In last Saturday's loss to Muskegon, Steel forward Mackie Samoskevich led the team with a career-best five-point performance (5A) while Sean Farrell and Matt Coronato both charted four-point games (2G, 2A). Netminder Ian Shane stopped 32 Lumberjack shots, just one shy of matching his career-best. The Steel were an impressive 5-for-6 (83.3%) on the power play in the game.

The Gamblers have yet to lose in the 2020-2021 regular season, sporting a 3-0-0-0 record (6 pts) thus far. Green Bay held on for a 4-3 victory over the Youngstown Phantoms on Nov. 12 and capped their weekend with another win by a 5-4 margin on Nov. 14. Forward Jackson Kunz has reached the scoresheet in all three Gambler victories this season with four points (3G, 1A) over that stretch. Defenseman Mason Lohrei, a 2nd Round selection by the Boston Bruins (#58 overall) in the 2020 NHL Draft, has registered four points (2G, 2A) in three games for Green Bay.

Chicago announced their leadership group this week, naming forward Erik Middendorf as team captain. Defenseman Jack Babbage and forwards Sean Farrell, Adam Robbins and Mackie Samoskevich were named alternate captains in the voting process by their teammates.

After the back-to-back set on Friday and Saturday, the Steel will take on the Gamblers on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 6:05 pm, the day before Thanksgiving.

Chicago Steel games can be heard on Mixlr at <http://mixlr.com/chicago-steel/> (AUDIO) and video may be streamed on available devices through HockeyTV at www.hockeytv.com (VIDEO/AUDIO).

Chicago Steel Upcoming Games:

Friday, November 20 vs. Green Bay Gamblers 7:05 pm CT

Saturday, November 21 at Green Bay Gamblers 7:05 pm CT

Wednesday, November 25 at Green Bay Gamblers 6:05 pm CT

For more information, call 855-51-STEEL or visit ChicagoSteelHockeyTeam.com.

###