#### **SERIES NOTES**



#### **CHARLOTTE CHECKERS**

All-Time Iowa Wild Record: 9-20-1-2 (4-11-0-1 at Iowa, 5-9-1-1 at Charlotte)

Last Time: Charlotte defeated Iowa 4-2 on Jan. 28, 2025... Caedan Bankier and Ryan Sandelin scored for the Wild... Justin Sourdif registered two goals for the visitors... Cooper Black turned aside 20-of-22 shots to earn the win

2024-25: Iowa and Charlotte faced off in a season series for the first time since 2016-17... The Checkers won all four games against the Wild... Caedan Bankier and Ryan Sandelin each scored two goals against Charlotte... Samuel Hlavaj allowed six goals in two starts... Trevor Carrick paced Checkers skaters with five points (1-4=5)... Cooper Black finished 3-0-0 with a 0.67 GAA and a 0.974 SV%

#### 2025-26 IOWA WILD LEADERS

GOALS: Tyler Pitlick (2) ASSISTS: Ben Jones (2)

POINTS: Ben Jones, Tyler Pitlick (2) PLUS/MINUS: Several tied (even)

PIM: Mark Liwiski (19)

PPG: --

POINTS/GAME: Ben Jones, Tyler Pitlick (1.00)

GAA: Cal Petersen (3.11) SV%: Cal Petersen (0.899)

### **UPCOMING IOWA WILD GAMES**

OPPONENT	DATE	TIME (CT)	BROADCAST
at Charlotte	10/18	5 p.m.	AHLTV/KXn0
at Texas	10/24	7 p.m.	AHLTV/KXn0
at Texas	10/25	7 p.m.	AHLTV/KXn0
vs. GR	10/28	7 p.m.	AHLTV/KXn0
vs. Tucson	11/1	6 p.m.	AHLTV/KXn0

#### MINNESOTA WILD

**Previous Game** 

10/14 at Dallas Stars Boldy (4), Kaprizov (4)

**Next Game** 

10/17 at Washington Capitals

**2025-26 Season Record** 2-2-0

#### **TEAM NOTES**

RETURNING SKATERS: Tonight's lineup features 10 players that skated for Iowa against Rockford in 2024-25... Caedan Bankier and Ryan Sandelin led returning skaters in goals against Charlotte last season... Matt Kiersted recorded three points (0-3=3) in four games against Iowa with Charlotte last season

2024-25 STATS: Charlotte scored the first goal in three of four meetings last season... The Checkers shut out the Wild twice... Charlotte outscored Iowa 9-1 in third periods during the season series... The Checkers went 2-for-8 on the power play and scored one shorthanded goal against the Wild

FINDING THE WIN COLUMN: Iowa enters the weekend series against Charlotte seeking the team's first win of the season... The Wild went winless in the first seven games of 2024-25 (0-6-1)

# 2025-26 CHARLOTTE CHECKERS LEADERS

GOALS: Ben Steeves (2)

ASSISTS: Foote, McAllister, Studnicka (2)

POINTS: Jack Studnicka (3)

PLUS/MINUS: Ludvig Jansson (+1)

PIM: Mark Alscher (4) PPG: Ben Steeves (2)

POINTS/GAME: Ryan McAllister (2.00)

GAA: Cooper Black (4.06) SV%: Cooper Black (0.860)

### CONNECTIONS

CRONIN: Leason (Anaheim)
GLEASON: Entwistle (Hamilton)

KIERSTED: 233 AHL games with Charlotte

**NEWPOWER:** Pinho (Bridgeport)

SANDELIN: Livingstone (Minnesota St.-Mankato)

SPACEK: Alscher, Hovorka (Czechia)

#### **MILESTONES**

GLEASON: Needs 10 games to reach 400 AHL games PETERSEN: Needs 8 wins to reach 100 AHL wins PITLICK: Needs 1 game to reach 700 pro games SANDELIN: Needs 7 games to reach 100 AHL games

#### **ALL-TIME NUMBERS**

- Entering the 2025-26 season, 126 Wild players had suited up for at least one game against the Checkers in the team's first 12 seasons
- Zack Miller and Christoph Bertschy hold the all-time lead for goals (7) by an Iowa skater against the Checkers
- Jordan Schroeder, Tyler Graovac, and Gustav Olofsson each own nine assists against Charlotte
- Darcy Kuemper (1-0-0) is the only lowa goaltender with a winning record against Charlotte

### **ABOUT THE OPPONENT**

- Charlotte finished 44-22-3-3 in 2024-25
- The Checkers advanced to the Calder Cup Finals before being eliminated by the Abbotsford Canucks in six games (4-2)
- Charlotte ranked 4th in the AHL in power-play percentage (21.2%)
- The Checkers ranked 1st in the AHL on the penalty kill (86.6%)

### **FAST FACTS**

- In 2024-25, lowa went 11-11-4-0 when wearing green
- The Wild were 3-11-1-0 when wearing wheat
- Iowa finished 11-14-1-2 when wearing white
- The Wild went 20-7-0-1 when scoring first
- Iowa was 7-30-5-1 when allowing the first goal
- The Wild went 15-20-3-1 when outshooting opponents
- lowa finished 11-17-3-1 when outshot

#### **RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

Oct. 11 - Oct. 16

- 10/14/2025: Ben Jones Recalled to Minnesota
- 10/14/2025: Hunter Haight Assigned to Iowa (AHL)
- 10/16/2025: David Jiricek Assigned to Iowa (AHL)

## **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

#3 - Jack Peart (PEERT)

#4 - Will Zmolek (ZMO-lehk)

#7 - Carson Lambos (LAM-bohs)

#9 - Matthew Sop (SAHP)

#19 - Caedan Bankier (KAY-duhn bayn-KEER)

#21 - David Spacek (SPAH-chek)

#23 - Matt Kiersted (KEER-stehd)

#27 - Riley Heidt (HIGHT)

#31 - Samuel Hlavaj (huh-LAH-vai)

#43 - Hunter Haight (HAYT)

#55 - David Jiricek (YIHR-ih-chehk)

#86 - Jean-Luc Foudy (ZHAWN-LEWK F00-dee)

#91 - Elliot Desnoyers (deh-NOI-ay)

#95 - Rasmus Kumpulainen (RAZ-muhs KOOM-poo-lye-nen)

#96 - Nicolas Aubé-Kubel (oh-BAY-koo-BEHL)

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