

March Madness

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The brackets are out and now the waiting begins. Thursday is the first real day of the NCAA Tournament, but there's also a very important game that evening that has huge implications. The Portland LumberJax host the Colorado Mammoth at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Garden. It's the third and final regular season meeting of the 2008 season between the two clubs.

Five of the seven all-time meetings have been decided by three goals or less, so anticipate a tight game. Colorado takes a lot of foolish penalties, so look for Keenan and Co. to take advantage of that.

What concerns me is the pressure that the Jax may be feeling. With the Edmonton Rush suddenly hot on the team's trail, does Portland feel the heat? What I mean by that is whether the Jax have a lot of hunger for the final six games. There's no question this team is a playoff team, but with Edmonton playing well, how will the Jax respond.

Look for a low scoring, 12-11 type game. It's very tough to beat a team three times, that's why I like Portland to win 12-11.

Dan Dawson will be game MVP with 3+ goals and I think Dallas Eliuk will get the start in goal. What do you all think? Go Jax!