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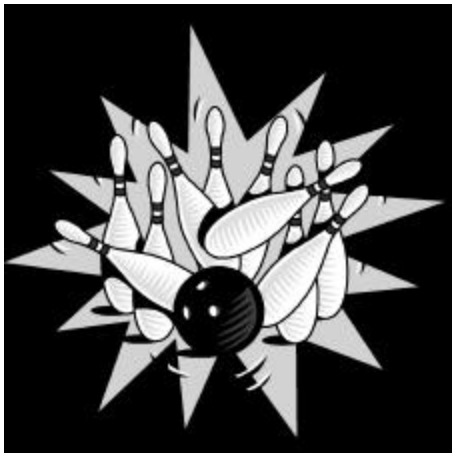
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**October Storm Chaser Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2004  
Kearney Event Center – second floor**

**\*\*note the change in day\*\***

We are meeting a day later than usual so those members who wish can go hear the captain of the 1980 US Olympic hockey team, Michael Eruzione, speak at UN/K. He will appear at the Health & Sports Center at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26.



## **Bowl With the Storm**

**Sunday, November 7, 2004  
3-5 p.m.  
at the Big Apple**

Here is your chance to get better acquainted with our Storm Players.  
R.S.V.P. to Kim Clark by November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Email <kmclark@nebi.com> or phone (308)627-5895



drawing by Butch Knapp

**Who is the scariest?**



## Second Annual Player Decorated Pumpkin Raffle

The Storm Chasers held their second annual Pumpkin Raffle during the Sioux Falls game on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Pumpkins donated by Cinderella Pumpkin Patch east of Elm Creek were distributed to the Storm players with instructions to decorate but not cut them. Stormy and radio announcer Matt Rosen each got one too. A lot of imagination went into the decorating of those pumpkins. By not cutting them the winners will be able to enjoy their prizes longer. Ours lasted until Christmas last year.

Actually this event consisted of 25 small raffles. A sack was placed by each decorated pumpkin. Tickets were sold individually or in groups of six. The purchasers placed their raffle tickets in the sacks by whichever pumpkins they hoped to win. There was also an opportunity to vote for the most creative and the scariest pumpkins.

1<sup>st</sup> Place

**The Most Creative Pumpkin**



2<sup>nd</sup> Place



3<sup>rd</sup> Place



These were very colorful pumpkins. Kyle Kuk's pumpkin was gold with pictures of the Anderson Cup team stuck on it. Brett Watson's Spiderman pumpkin was bright red. Alex Hudson's California pumpkin had orange hair under those little umbrellas and a blue mustache.

### The Scariest Pumpkin

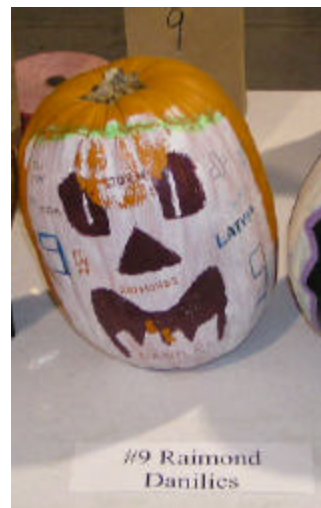
1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place



Brian Kilburg's pumpkin had an evil looking jester drawn on it in red and black. Morgan Simonson's was topped by an Elvis wig and the name "Ruddy" under the face. Raimonds Danilics pumpkin was a ghost with his home country, Latvia, written on one cheek.

Photos of all the pumpkins can be viewed by going to the photo section of the Storm Chasers' website at <[www.tricitystormchasers.com](http://www.tricitystormchasers.com)>.

## Former Storm Players Making their Mark

The Maverick Stampede tournament hosted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha on Oct. 9-10 featured at least one former Storm player on each of the four participating teams. Here are the stats they accumulated.

### Saturday

Merrimack 5 - RPI 3

Bryan Schmidt (Merrimack) – one power play goal, one assist

Scott Romfro (RPI) – one assist

UN/O 4 - UConn 1

Thomas (UN/O) – two assists, one with Parse (3<sup>rd</sup> star)

Parse (UN/O) – two assists, one with Thomas

### Sunday

UConn 4 - RPI 3

Matt Scherer (UConn) – one goal, first of the game on a power play.

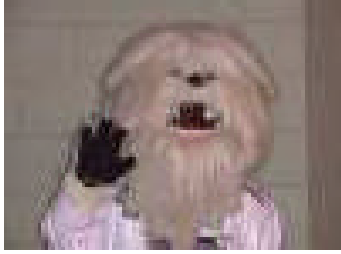
Scott Romfro (RPI) – one assist and was on the starting lineup

UN/O 4 - Merrimack 3

Thomas (UN/O) – two goals, one with Parse assisting

Parse (UN/O) – two assists, one with Thomas

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## Take School by Storm Rally

By Mardi Anderson

Fifteen hundred elementary students converged on the Kearney Event Center on the morning of Oct. 13. They listened to an inspirational speech by former Husker player, Matt Davison, got autographs from Storm players, watched a figure skating performance by the Blakleys, watched a Storm scrimmage game, and best of all, meet Stormy. While the entrance of the Storm players onto the ice was met with the most enthusiastic applause and cheering of the morning, when Stormy appeared in an audience section, attention immediately left the ice and turned to him. The kids got hugs, high fives and even some autographed shirts. How Stormy can hold a pen in his big paw and write his name on the shirt some kid is wearing is beyond me. The morning ended with each student receiving treats from several Affiliated Foods suppliers. Affiliated Foods was the sponsor of the rally.

The Storm Chaser Booster Club was asked by the Storm office for volunteers to help with the rally. Our thanks goes to these ten members who answered the call: Marty & Peggy Garrels, Ken & Cindy Fankhauser, Ed & Mardi Anderson, Don Jennings, Kim Clark, Joan Mickelson, and Deb Hendrickson. There really was order to the chaos of bringing that many youngsters together in one building at one time. The

events of the morning went quite smoothly. This volunteer would not be opposed to doing it again next year.

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## September Meeting

Assistant Coach Tom Rudrud was our special guest at the Storm Chasers' September meeting. He talked about scouting and finding potential Storm players. The tender system of acquiring players is no longer being used, just the draft. There are also some contact connections for finding good European players.

Kim Clark brought the donation box which has been placed at our booth on game nights. There had been discussion last season of placing a container so non-member fans who want to show their support of the team could make contributions toward our projects. Kim said she could not find an appropriate box so she made one that looks like a Storm jersey.



Coach Rudrud



Kim and The Box



## The Face-Off

“The action of dropping the puck between the sticks of two opposing players to start play.”

Originally the referee would place the puck on the ice between the two players and shout “Play!” Since it was not unusual for the ref to be hit by a stick blade, the practice was changed to dropping the puck so the ref would have time to jump back from flying blades.

The face-off players must stand squarely facing their opponent’s end of the ice or goal. They are to be about a stick length apart from each other [Zarb’s stick or Reeder’s?] with stick blades on the ice.

In the early days of hockey the other players would crowd around the centers as they faced off. *New rule.* No player can come within five feet of the face-off players and they cannot interfere with opposing players until the puck is in play. When the four red circles were painted on the ice, players wanted to come inside before the puck dropped. *Another new rule.* Players cannot enter the circle more than once before the puck is dropped.

The referee turned the responsibility for dropping the puck over to the linesmen on all occasions except at the beginning of each period and after a goal is scored. This

way he can stand to the side and see that these rules are followed.

Ever wondered why a face-off player is removed and replaced by another member of his team? It may be because the player did not get set or is taking unfair advantage by swiping at the puck before it is dropped.

A point of protocol – the visiting player is to put his stick blade on the ice first or he is out of the face-off.

A good face-off player knows not to watch the ice to be ready to hit the puck when it lands. Too much delayed reaction time. The player watches the ref’s or linesman’s hands. When the hand moves to drop the puck, the player moves his stick to hit it.

## Former Storm Players (cont.)

Doesn’t this quote taken from Merrimack’s write up of the game sound familiar?

“But Thomas would score the game-winner on the shorthand at the 7:29 mark. Scott Parse intercepted a Warrior pass in the Maverick end and went off to the races with Thomas on a 2-on-1. Healey stopped Parse’s initial shot, but Thomas followed the rebound and slammed it in to snap the tie and send UNO on to the win.”

Former Storm Players receiving tournament honors:

Tournament MVP – Bill Thomas  
All Tournament Team –

Forwards – Scott Parse and Bill Thomas  
Defense – Scott Romfro



## Opportunity Knocks

Been looking for a way to become more involved in supporting the Storm team? Here are some suggestions.

Take a turn at the Booster Club booth. It's open from 6:00 p.m. until the end of the first intermission. Come to the booth or see Ken Fankhauser about signing up.

Help with treats for the players on the bus to away games. You can either provide some of the treats or help bag them up. See Karen Heun for details.

Trudy Ekberg is chair for the Holiday Party. I'm sure she would appreciate any help.

### **Reminder**

It's not too late to renew your membership. Do it now so you can attend the upcoming activities with the Storm players.

## Coming Events

Oct. 21 – 7:05 - Away game with Sioux City

Oct. 22 – 7:05 - Away game with Lincoln

Oct. 23 – 7:05 - Away game with Sioux Falls

Oct. 26 – Mike Eruzione at UN/K

**Oct. 27 – 7:00 - Storm Chaser meeting**

Oct. 29 – 7:05 - Away game with Green Bay

Oct. 30 – 7:05 - Away game with Green Bay

Nov. 5 – 7:05 - Home game with Sioux City

Nov. 6 – 7:05 - Home game w/ Cedar Rapids

**Nov. 7 – 3:00 - Bowl With the Storm**

**Nov. 23 – 7:00 - Storm Chaser meeting**

**Dec. 14 – Holiday Party for the Storm**