



Booster Club

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June General Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 2006 – KEC, upstairs
Meet the new Board – Hear about Try Out Camp – Start planning next season’s activities

Player Parents

They have supported their son’s hockey careers from the very beginning. They got them to lessons and practices. Saw to it that the boys had the proper equipment (at no little expense). Some dads (and moms) even did some coaching. They attended the boy’s games in youth hockey and/or in high school both at home and away. And then they gave permission for their sons to come way out here to central Nebraska to play hockey at the USHL level in pursuit of that dream of playing in a D1 college and maybe even at a professional level.

And they continue to attend the games. Sometimes it is more convenient to attend our games on the road because they are closer to home but most of them try to get to Kearney when they can. Getting here is not easy. It means a drive of 8 or 10 or 12 hours or more. Or if they fly there is still another 2 or 3 hours driving time to get here after they land.

Now, besides saying good-bye to some of our team members, we must also say good-bye to their parents. They have become our friends and we will miss them.



The Cohens

Zach Cohen with his parents Sue and Mark

The Obermeyers

Jake Obermeyer and his parents Nancy and Dave



Volunteers of the Year

Butch and Kathy Knapp received their award at the Appreciation Banquet. Butch is a penalty box official or tends a goal light. Kathy runs the camera or keeps stats.



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The Protected List

There were 15 names on the protected list going into the draft earlier this month. Ten were on last season's team:

Matt Ambroz	Cameron Cooper	Mike Pilot	Jordan Willert
Greg Battani	Mario Lamoureux	Aaron Rock	
David Brownschidle	Tristin Llewellyn	Sean Wiles	

The other five were selected in the Futures Draft last September, the first four from the US and Jesse Martin from Canada:

David Fischer	Brett Wysopal	Jesse Martin
Ryan Carrol	Patrick White	

David Fischer was named Mr. Hockey at the end of this year's Minnesota high school season. He led his team in scoring with 39 points.

May 4th Draft

Fifteen potential Storm players were chosen in the May 4th draft. Their next step will be to attend try out camp in Bloomington, Minnesota on June 2-4. Then comes decision time. First, the player has to decide whether to attend the camp. Then the coach has to decide who he will invite to be members of the team. Finally each of the players chosen must decide if they will come to Kearney.

We as fans are interested in learning more about each of these potential players. We would like to know more than their name, where they were last year, and what position they played. Four names may be familiar because they attended tryout camp a year ago. We have done some searching and found some information about these boys, but keep in mind that there has been no opportunity to check with them to verify the accuracy of all the facts and figures recorded here.



Bryce Christianson

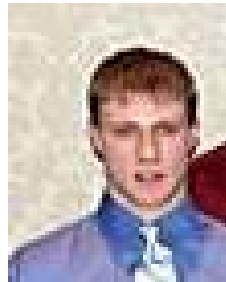
Goalie 6'3" 195 1/23/87 (19)

Bryce is from Anchorage, Alaska. During the 2005-06 season he played for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in the NAHL. He had a .912 save average and a 2.92 goals against average at playoff

time. Bryce played with Brent Cornelius on the same team back in 1999.

Calle Ridderwall – Forward, shoots left, 5'11" 160, 5-28-1988 (turning 18)

Calle skated for the Chicago Chill (AAA Midget, Amateur Hockey Association) last year. He played on the Chill's top line and had 52 goals, 66 assists for 118 points during the season. Calle has committed to Notre Dame for the 07-08 season.



Kyle Ensign

Defense, 5'10" 175, 1988.

Kyle is from New Richmond, Wisconsin, which is about 40-45 miles east of the Twin cities, just across the Mississippi River. It has a population of 7,469.

Kyle was one of eight finalists for the Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association Player of the Year. A month ago he played for Wisconsin in the Chicago Showcase. One report called him the "second best defenseman in Wisconsin high school hockey last season."

Dan Markowitz – Defense, shoots left, 6', 172, 3-11-1988 (18)

Dan's hometown is Jericho, NY, pop 13,045, which occupies 4.1 sq miles on Long Island. He graduated from Portledge High School in June. He has a 4.0 average with A's in

science and math subjects. Portledge is a private school at Locust Valley, NY, also on Long Island. Dan has played hockey for 13 years, last year for the New York Bobcats in the Atlantic Junior Hockey League. Two years ago as a Midget Minor Bobcat, he led the league in defenseman scoring. He was a member of the New York State select teams as a 14-, 15- and 16-year-old. He has been described as a defenseman who shoots the puck.

Nick Oslund– Forward, 6’3”, 215,
11-15-1987 (18)

Nick graduated from Burnsville, High School in Burnsville, Minnesota, a suburb on the south side of the Twin Cities. He was the leading scorer going into his senior year. Last year he played on his team’s top scoring line. Nick has been called a “big forward that can really hit people, and has pretty good hands for his size.” Says he likes to play the body and use his size in addition to scoring. He was a candidate for Mr. Hockey this past season. Nick is on the final NHL Central Scouting List. He has committed to St. Cloud for 2007–08 season. If his name sounds familiar it is because he attended our tryout camp last year.



Andrew Sackrison
Forward, 6’2”, 185,
11-12-1987 (18)

Andrew attended St. Louis Park High School. Last season he was one of the top 5 scorers in the metro Twin

Cities area and also was a candidate for Mr. Hockey. He was one of the four team captains of his team last year. One report said that “Tri-City is picking up a very talented offensive player at a pretty low pick. It's what is referred to as a ‘great value pick.’” Another said he is “excellent at finding open space in the offensive zone.” Andrew is on the final NHL Central Scouting List and has committed to Minnesota State at Mankato. He also attended our tryout camp last year.

Josh Burgren – Forward

Josh graduated from Centennial High School in Circle Pines, Minnesota. This is a suburb next to Blaine, in the north twin cities area. Unfortunately stats don’t seem to be available except the evaluations, “Really small, but has a ton of talent,” and “Very good skills, but also very small.” [another Reeder?]

Jordan Van Guilder – Forward, shoots left, 5’10”, 165

Jordan also graduated from Centennial High School. He is not a younger brother of Mark. One commentator stated that he “gets to stay with lifelong teammate Josh Bergren in Tri-City. Tri-City is all about the Minnesota HS prospects.” Jordan attended our tryout camp last year.

Aaron Marvin – Forward, shoots left, 6’2”, 190, (17)

Aaron comes from Warroad, Minnesota where he was attending high school. Warroad, population 1,722, is located at the southwest corner of Lake of the Woods, basically on the Canadian border. According to one report, “Warroad won the Minnesota High School hockey Class A championship in 2005. Aaron Marvin scored the game winning goal in double overtime of the thrilling final game.” Another describes him as a “Big forward that is an excellent skater with good hands.” He is on the final NHL Central Scouting List. North Dakota and Mankato are both very interested but he has not committed yet.

Chris Hickey– Forward, 6’2”, 185, 9-2-1988 (17)

Chris attended Cretin Derham-Hall High School in St. Paul, MN during this past school year where he maintains a 3.8 grade average. This spring Cretin Durham-Hall won the Class AA state hockey championship team. Chris has been their leading scorer for the last three years. The Cretin Derham-Hall coach says, “He loves to play in the corners. He’s very competitive.... He’s a goal scorer, but he’s not a pretty goal scorer all the time. He’ll get the ugly ones too, which sometimes are the prettiest ones.” Even though he has one more year of high school, Chris has committed to U of Wisconsin in

either 07-8 or 08-9. Chris is a three-sport athlete who also plays football and baseball. He was at the Storm tryout camp last year.

Peter Child – St. Paul School – Defense, shoots left, 6', 190, '88

Peter is from South Burlington, Vermont and goes to St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. He played in the Select 17 festival at St. Cloud, MN last summer. Peter has not decided on a college yet.

Ryan Peltoma – Defense, 6'1", 175

Ryan is from Brainard, Minnesota and graduated this spring from Brainard High School. He was called a high scoring defenseman in a pre-season evaluation of the Brainard team last year. Ryan spent a week at Minnesota Hockey camp with his team in summer 2004. This camp, north of Brainerd, was founded by Herb Brooks and runs for 9 weeks during each summer. It is a popular summer training camp for serious hockey players at all levels from high school through NHL.

Brandon Martel – Defense

Brandon comes from Elk River, MN where he has been attending Elk River High School. Elk River has a population of 16,000+ and is north-west of the Twin cities. It's a hockey town, home of Reggie Simon, Tim Madsen and Chris Nathe.



Barry Sanderson

Forward, Shoots right. 5'9",
155, 4-22-1990 (16)

Barry learned to skate and play hockey in the early 1990's in Fairbanks, Alaska where his dad was stationed in the Army. Now he lives in Dearborn, Michigan, and plays for Detroit Honeybaked. Summer before last he participated in the Select-14 Player Development camp at Rochester, NY. [Rudrud helps with this camp every year, don't know what age level.] Then last summer he attended the Select-15 camp at St. Cloud. His stats for last season were 20 goals, 22 assists and 178 penalty minutes. Barry was also drafted by the Mississauga IceDogs in the OHL. So now he has a decision to make – OHL or USHL?

Bryan Brutlag – Defense

Bryan was a junior last year at the Academy of Holy Angels in Minneapolis where Cameron Cooper was a teammate. He is on roster of the Minnesota Select 17 team for this summer and was on the Select 16 team last year. Barry participated in the 2006 Prospects Tournament last April along with Cooper. He had 2 goals and 2 assists. Looks like he was fast as well as able to go up for a goal. Can he keep those skills at the USHL level?