



Booster Club

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August General Meeting



Tuesday, August 26, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.
City/County Law Enforcement Building
Second floor community meeting room
Corner of Avenue A and 21st Street
Use the north door.



Special Guests - Coach Rudrud & Kyle Means!!

Find out what is in store for us this season. Ask questions. Get acquainted.

Meeting Date Change

Note that the **September** general meeting has been moved to one week later than our usual time. This was done so we could have the Meet 'n Greet with players as our September meeting.

Meet 'n Greet

September 30, 2008
FirsTier Event Center, Second floor
5:30 – light meal with the team
Followed by introductions and a question and answer period.

Name Change

We are now officially the Tri-City Storm Booster Club. At the last general meeting the members present voted unanimously in favor of the change to remove the word “Chasers” from the bylaws.

Birthdays



We have two player birthdays coming up.

Returning player, forward Anthony DeCenzo, will be 19 on August 25th.

New player, Eli Zuck, also a forward, will turn 19 on September 20th.

From past experience we know that players are shy about talking to a group of relative strangers. If they can get by with only telling us their name and home town, they will. Last year the audience had very few questions. Apparently we were all waiting for someone else to ask.

This year we are giving you time to think ahead. What do you want to know about the players? Do you have a question for a specific player? Send your questions to me, Mardi, at cottonmill@charter.net. We will give each player a different question to answer and allow time for other players to answer the same question.

Also, email us with the number in your family who are planning to attend. There is no cost to you but we need to have an idea of the numbers attending for purposes of food preparation. The email address is info@stormboosterclub.com

Preseason schedule

Exhibition Game

The 2008-09 Storm team will play one exhibition game and three games in the Fall Classic before the regular season begins. The **Exhibition Game** is with the Omaha Lancers on **September 20**. That game will be played at the **MAC in Council Bluffs** beginning at **5:05 p.m.**

Fall Classic

The 2008 USHL Fall Classic Schedule will be played in Sioux City from September 25-27. The Tyson Center will be the site of most of the games. The IPB Ice Center will be the secondary site. Here is the schedule for that tournament. There will be many opportunities to get a preview of other teams in the league when the Storm is not playing.

Dress warm for the Ice Center.

2008 USHL Fall Classic Schedule

Thursday, September 25

Tyson Events Center
10:00 a.m. Green Bay vs. Lincoln
1:00 p.m. Chicago vs. Sioux Falls
4:00 p.m. Cedar Rapids vs. Fargo
7:00 p.m. Waterloo vs. Sioux City
IBP Ice Center
11:00 a.m. Indiana vs. Omaha
3:00 p.m. Des Moines vs. Tri-City

Friday, September 26

Tyson Events Center
10:00 a.m. Omaha vs. Cedar Rapids
1:00 p.m. Tri-City vs. Green Bay
4:00 p.m. Fargo vs. Indiana
7:00 p.m. Des Moines vs. Sioux City
IBP Ice Center
11:00 a.m. Lincoln vs. Chicago
3:00 p.m. Sioux Falls vs. Waterloo

Saturday, September 27

Tyson Event Center
10:00 a.m. Indiana vs. Chicago
1:00 p.m. Waterloo vs. Lincoln
4:00 p.m. Sioux Falls vs. Des Moines
7:00 p.m. Omaha vs. Sioux City
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The Player Roster

There have been four changes in the 25-member player roster since it was released in July. Tom Craig and Troy Power were traded to Omaha and Greg Thocker has been removed from the list. Jeff Smith has been added.

A Player Profile

Jeff Smith – F, 6'0", 165, 10/20/1988

Jeff's hometown is Spokane, Washington. Last season he was an import player playing for the Salmon Arm SilverBacks in the British Columbia Hockey League. Salmon Arm is a town smaller than Kearney in central British Columbia. Jeff was the second highest scorer on his team last season with 60 points including a hat trick.

Committed

Sean Escobedo, our first round pick in the draft last May, has committed to Boston College in 2010.

Another Storm Player in NHL

Former defenseman Chad Anderson has signed a 1-year contract with the Montreal Canadiens. Chad spent last season with the Philadelphia Phantoms, an AHL team. Before that he was at the U of Alaska at Anchorage. In four seasons there he accumulated 16 goals and 33 assists in 138 games as a defenseman. Chad was captain of his team for 15 games of his last year there. He was also named to the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) All-Academic team three times.

Chad was one of our original Storm players. He played for the Storm in our inaugural year 2000-01 and again the following year before going to Anchorage. While he was here as an 18-19 year old he was 6'2" tall and weighed 205. Now, at age 26 (his number when he played here), he is 6'4" and weighs 217.

Original Storm fans will remember how hard Chad worked to earn his first point for the team, which finally came as an assist in the last game of the season. He finally scored his first goal early in the following season. While in college 7 of his 16 goals were scored in his senior year.

Equipment, Part 3 - Padding

Ever wonder why those hockey players look so big on the ice and then when you see them after the game they turn out to be such thin guys? Maybe this is why.

Shoulder pads



Shoulder pads do not just cover the shoulders. They look almost like a jacket and provide torso and spine protection. A flying puck or a collision with

an opposing player is not as painful as a fan might believe. The pads are made of foam with adjustable chest and side panels. Some models have abdominal and back protectors which can be extended for extra protection.

Goalie Pads



The goalie's chest and arm protector has thicker padding in front than a player's shoulder pads. It incorporates the three part elbow pad and the

shoulder pad into one piece. Each new model of padding by the leading manufacturers strives to make this piece of equipment lighter with better protection and a design which allows for better mobility.

Elbow Pads

The elbow pad has three parts to allow for freedom of arm movement while providing protection. There is a reinforced elbow cup with a portion above and below to protect the forearms and triceps in case of a hit from a puck.



But you don't see any of this padding because it is covered by the team jersey.....unless there is a fight and a jersey is pulled off.



Puckology

Checking

Back Check – Forwards in their offensive zone skate back quickly to their own defensive zone to protect their goal and keep the opponent from shooting.

Body Check – The player uses his/her body against an opponent who has possession of the puck. Legal body checking must be done only with the hips or shoulders and must be above the opponent's knees and below the neck. Unnecessarily rough body checking is penalized.


Head Butting – Using the head while delivering a body check (head first) in the chest, head, neck, or back area; or using the head to strike an opponent.

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HEAD CONTACT

The action of a player who intentionally or recklessly contacts an opponent's head either with the stick or an illegal body check. The result is a minor penalty, major penalty or major plus game misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the referee. A major plus a game misconduct penalty shall be imposed on any player who injures an opponent by head contact.



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Membership renewal time



With this issue the 2007-08 membership year draws to a close.

September is the time of new beginnings –

New team starts practicing after Labor Day

New schedule

New chances for you to meet the players.

We have a full schedule of activities planned. You won't want to miss any of them



Now is the time to renew your membership for the coming season

You will receive the September newsletter but then, if your membership has not been renewed, your name will be removed from the mailing list.



Watch for your renewal letter coming soon.

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