



# Booster Club

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*No general meeting in December  
Next general meeting January 27, 2009*

## *We Bowled With the Storm*

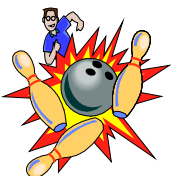
Some Storm Booster Club members and families gathered with the Storm players at the Big Apple on Sunday afternoon, November 16, for a couple of hours of fun.



One Storm player gets lots of advice on how to throw the ball.



An afternoon of food, fun, and bowling for these Storm players and members of the Booster Club



The Storm players plus a couple of junior fans

# Roster Changes

Changes to the roster during the past month have been almost daily and somewhat confusing.

Tanner Slarks was dropped from the team but added to the Affiliated list which means he was eligible to be brought back at any time. Later in the month Tanner was again added to the roster and Alec Rush was moved to the Affiliated list.

Randy Cure was traded back to Fairbanks, Alaska, in the NAHL.

Sean Escobedo was traded to the Sioux Falls Stampede for two defensemen, Bo Dolan and David Donnellan.

Nick Hopper has been traded to the Omaha Lancers for the next draft 9<sup>th</sup> pick.

T J Massie, a goalie, has been added to the roster.

As of December 21 with Hopper traded and Rush moved to the Affiliated list there are 23 names on our roster.

Another goalie, Matt Margitan, is here from Detroit, Michigan to try out and Edgar Rybakov, a forward who plays center, is on his way to Kearney from the OHL's Erie Otters.

## New Player Profiles



**Bo Dolan (Dō'-lan)** – D, 5'10", 190, 3/26/1990

Bo comes from St. Paul, MN, where he graduated from Murray-Hill High School last spring. As a senior in this private school in St.

Paul, he was a co-captain of his team. His record for the year was 5 goals, 21 assists. The Murray-Hill team was the boys' ice hockey 2008 state champion.

In the 2007 USHL Futures Draft Bo was the 6th round draft choice of the Sioux Falls Stampede. He started the present season there, playing 18 games in which he had a goal and an assist. He was also involved in one of two fights during a game with Lincoln in early December.

Bo arrived in Kearney from Sioux Falls on Dec. 9 to join the team for the three-game weekend which began with the team leaving Kearney on Dec. 10 to stay in Sioux Falls that night and go on to Fargo for the game the next day. He has played in all the Storm games since then.



**David Donnellan (Don'-el-an)** – D, 5'11", 183, 2/23/1990

David's home is Eau Clair, Wisconsin, where he graduated from Eau Clair Memorial High School last spring. David was also a co-

captain of his team last year. He had 11 goals and 27 assists last season which earned him the record of being the highest scoring defenseman in his school's history. Last March he was named MVP of the WIAA tournament.

David was the Sioux Falls Stampede's first round draft choice in the 2008 USHL draft. He started the current season there playing 17 games in which he had four assists. Like Bo Dolan, David also came to Kearney from Sioux Falls on Dec. 9 only to turn around and go back there the next day with the Storm team on that three-game weekend. He also has played in all the Storm games since then.



There are five January birthdays coming up. On New Year's Day Radislav Illo will be 19. Two weeks later, on January 15, Torin Snyderman also turns 19. Tanner Slarks birthday is January 17 when he has his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Nick Maricic will be 19 on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Edgar Rybakov will be 18 on January 5<sup>th</sup>.



**TJ Massie** – G, 5’11”, 184, 5/3/90

TJ is from Lexington, Mass. The T stands for Thomas but he goes by his initials.

TJ attended Cushing Academy during his high school years. As a junior in the 06-07 season he replaced Richard Bachman who had just graduated. That season the Academy was undefeated. TJ was placed on the Chicago Steel Affiliate list.

Upon graduating, however, TJ entered U Mass/Lowell last fall as a backup goalie, the third of 3 goalies. He played one game and part of another for a total of 80 minutes, credited with 1 win and 1 loss. He had a save percentage .875.

TJ joined the Storm team as they passed through Omaha on their three-game weekend trip to Fargo, Sioux Falls and back home. He played all three games that weekend, making his first appearance here at the FirstTier arena on Saturday, Dec. 13 against Waterloo.

Torin Snyderman also attended Cushing Academy and was a teammate of TJ’s.

## *Another College Commitment*

Ryan Forgaard has committed to Union College in Schenectady, New York. The Union College Dutchmen belong to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC). Several former Storm players are or will be skating for these colleges in the ECAC: Brown, Clarkson, Princeton, Quinnipiac, and Rensselaer.

### **The ECAC**

The birthplace of collegiate ice hockey is found in this league. Member institutions have been sponsoring the sport for over a century. On February 1, 1896 in Baltimore, Maryland, Yale faced Johns Hopkins in the first collegiate ice hockey game. Two years later on January 19, 1898, Brown defeated Harvard in Boston in the first college hockey game between schools still sponsoring the sport.

The following two players have come to Kearney and may be on the roster by the time this newsletter is sent out or they might be gone again.



**Matt Margitan** – G, 6’, 165”, 4/1/1990

Matt Martigan is here to try out for the position of goalie. He is from the Detroit suburb of Flat Rock in Monroe County, Michigan.

Last season he played for Honeybaked, the Detroit Midget AAA team. They were the state champions and Matt was the tournament MVP. During the present season he has been on the Detroit Motor City Machine team in the NAHL. He played two games and has a .889 save percentage.

Matt made his debut in the USHL as the Storm’s goalie against Fargo on Dec. 19. It only took him one period to adjust to the speed and style of play. He did not allow any pucks to get past him in the last two periods of the game. In order to play this game Matt was added to our roster in the USHL but he does not show up on the website team roster as of Dec. 22 morning.

Matt is an all round sportsman. At Flat Rock High School he played football, basketball (total 115 points last year) and baseball where he was the 2007 stolen base leader.



**Edgar Rybakov** – F, 6’1”, 187, 1/5/1991

Edgar is from Vilnius, Lithuania. He is a forward who plays the center position. Last season in Lithuania, in 38 games, he scored 21 goals and

had 17 assists, all with no penalties. This season he has been playing for the Erie Otters in Ontario Hockey League. In 23 games he has had one assist.

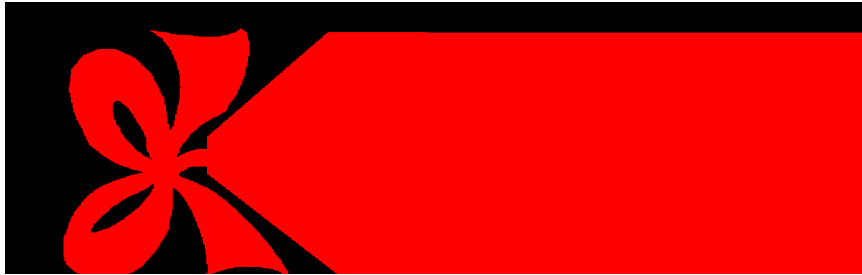
It is possible the difference in stats can be attributed to the time and game playing experience it takes to make the transition between the European and American styles of playing hockey.

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Don’t forget to check our website periodically for the latest team news, scoring updates, and all kinds of past team roster information.



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***Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!***

***An Easy Way for You to Help  
 (and not miss watching any of the game)***

One of the missions of the Tri-City Storm Booster Club is to provide nutritious snacks for the players & coaches while they are on road trips. We use money from button & bead sales to purchase treats for the 28 or 29 traveling players and coaching staff. Three to four items per person are provided when the team does a 1-day trip to Lincoln, Omaha, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, etc. If the trip is 2 days, we provide eight snacks. On the long bus rides to Chicago, Indiana, Green Bay or Fargo they each get 14-16 items.

If you would like to contribute snacks or money, it would be greatly appreciated. Here is a partial list of items that have been provided in the past (& are approved by the trainers):

Granola bars, preferably the low fat, 90-100 calorie ones \*\*\* Fruit by the Foot, Gushers, any type of fruit snacks or individual fruit cups \*\*\* Individual pudding cups (some prefer vanilla, some prefer chocolate - they trade a lot) \*\*\* Vanilla wafers, bags of pretzels, Cheezits or Animal Crackers \*\*\* We divide the bulk items up into individual snack size Ziplock bags.

Something the boys really like are the Kellogg's Fruity Snacks. They come in 24 packs of 2.5 oz bags (8 Cherry, 8 Strawberry, 8 Mixed Berry)

If you'd like to donate items, bring them to the Booster Club Booth at home games. The boys & coaches appreciate & enjoy our road trip treat bags very much!

***Suggestion Made – It has been suggested by a Booster Club member that we establish a Fund Raising Committee after the first of the new year. This will be a January agenda item. The Board is looking for volunteers. Interested??? If so, contact Kathy Knapp.***

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