



Tri-City Storm

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February General Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

7:00 p.m. - FirstTier Event Center - 2nd Floor



Note the earlier date.

Due to Tuesday games and Ash Wednesday the meeting date was moved.

More Storm players will be visiting with us

All-Star Game

The annual USHL All-Star game was played at the Sioux Falls arena on February 4th. The Tri-City Storm was represented by Mike Cichy. He had been selected the day before he was traded to Indiana.

Storm forward Anthony DeCenzo also participated in the game. He was an alternate selection who got to play because a Fargo player was unable to play due to an injury.

The East team defeated the West team 4-1. Cichy had an assist on that one goal scored by the West.



Birthdays

Two player's birthdays are coming up soon. David Donnellan will be 19 on February 23rd. Kevin Nugent turns 20 on March 1st.

Hockey Weekend Across America

The 2nd annual Hockey Weekend Across America celebration is coming up the weekend of Feb. 13-15. Each day has a separate theme.

Friday is Wear Your Jersey Day. Saturday is Bring a Friend to the Rink Day. Sunday is Celebrate Local Hockey Heroes Day. Recognition can not only be of a favorite player, but also a coach, an off-ice official, or anyone who promotes the sport of hockey.

Here in Kearney the first two themes will have to be combined on Friday. The Storm plays Chicago on Friday the 13th but does not have a game on Saturday.

Two examples of planned activities in the mid-west: In Sioux City the Siouxland Youth Hockey Association will host "Let's Try Hockey" at the IBP arena on Saturday. On Friday night the Colorado Avalanche will give free tickets to children 16 and under who are wearing their youth team jersey. Of course there has to be an adult

Appreciation Dinner

The annual end of season Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for **April 5th**. That is the Sunday afternoon after the last weekend of games, which will both be played at home. The dinner will be held at the FirstTier Event Center in the second floor meeting room this year. We will begin gathering about 12:30 and plan to eat at **1 p.m.** A short program and awards will follow the meal.

Roster Changes

Gone

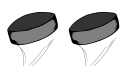
As reported last month both Alex Gerke and Mike Bochichio have left the team. Alex Gerke was traded to Bismark, ND in the NAHL. Mike Bochichio has returned home to rejoin the New Jersey Rockets in the Atlantic Junior Hockey League.

Back Again

Radislav Illo had been placed on the Affiliated list to make room for Edgar Rybakov to play a few games for the Storm. Rybakov has been released so Illo has been moved back on the active roster.

New

The latest new member to join the team is Isaac Kohls. Aaron Jannick and Berkley Scott were added just under the trade deadline.



New Player Profile



Isaac Kohls – F, 5'9", 185, 3-23-1991

Isaac is from Forest Lake, MN. about 25 miles north of Minneapolis/St. Paul. Until coming here to join the Storm he had been attending Hill-

Murray High School in St. Paul, MN. Being an all round sportsman, Isaac also played lacrosse and football at Hill-Murray.

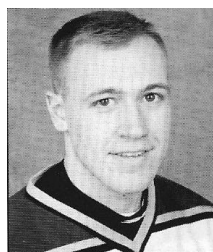
As far as playing hockey is concerned, last season Isaac had 21 goals and 32 assists. This season, as co-captain of the Hill-Murray team, he had 10 goals 8 assists before coming here.

A December sports news article reported that Hill-Murray ranked first in Class AA in the state. Kohls was a member of the best forward line. "Kohls is a very well-rounded player who has the size to bang with bigger opponents and the skills to skate around them. Lechner [his coach] said he can play all styles of hockey and has a great work ethic."

The Hockey Player's Dream

USHL – College – Professional Hockey

Last month three players from the first two teams were in the spotlight. This month we will follow up on four more. All of these players were members of the 2000-2001 team. Two stayed to play a second year and one of those was here for a third season.

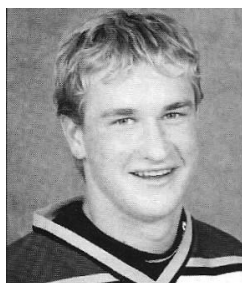


Jessie - 2000

Jessie Minneman

Jessie comes from Bloomingdale, Illinois. He spent a year as a Storm player the first year the franchise was in Kearney. The following year he played first for the Topeka Scarecrows in

the USHL and then for the Texas Tornado in the NAHL. From there Jessie played four years of college hockey at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. His professional career apparently consisted of playing two games for the Indiana Ice Miners in February last year. The Ice Miners were a team based in Indiana, Pennsylvania, in the 2007-8 season. The team existed only through mid-February, 2008, and is now dormant.



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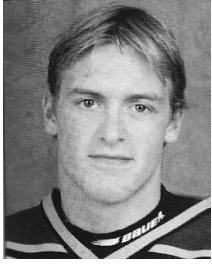
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Scott Romfro

Scott is a defenseman from Blaine MN. He joined the Tri-City Storm for its first season here in Kearney. After playing two seasons for the Storm, Scott went on to college at RPI. At the end of his senior season in March 2006 he joined the Stingrays. As a defenseman Scott led his team last season with 7 goals and was second in total points with 23.

The South Carolina Stingrays are located in Charleston, South Carolina and are a member of the ECHL.



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Matt Scherer

Matt came to the midwest from Seattle, Washington. He spent four years playing hockey in the USHL. He had played one year with the Sioux City Musketeers before joining the Tri-City Storm for their first season in Kearney.

Matt played three seasons for the Storm. Then he attended the U of Connecticut. While at UConn he was captain of the team during his senior year. Last season he joined his former teammate, Scott Romfro, to play for the Stingrays.

Paul Kelly

Paul played for Boston College in the 1999-2000 season. The following year as the season began he decided to leave school and spend a season in the USHL. Paul joined the Tri-City Storm for their inaugural year after the season had started. While here he set an individual Storm and USHL record for fastest two goals in a game at 7 seconds. The record still stands. From here he went to the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.



Paul - 2009

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Hockey Equipment – Part 6 Leg Protection



Shin Guards

Moving on down from the breezers, the next piece of the hockey player's equipment is the shin guard. This piece of equipment covers the knee cap as well as the

shin. It is made of high density foam. The knee cover may be separate and hinged to the shin guard. Straps around the back of the leg hold the guard in place. The shin guards are not seen because they are covered by the socks.



Ref Shin Guards

The referee and linesmen may wear shin guards if they wish. This piece of equipment closely resembles the player's shin guard. Since they are worn inside the trouser leg, the fan in the audience cannot tell if the officials are wearing this protection.

Goalie Pads

The goalie's leg pads are much more prominent, perhaps the most dominant part of his equipment. USA Hockey rules regulate the size of the goalie's



pads. The pads cannot be wider than 12". They extend above the knees and the bottom of the pad covers the top of the skate. The part that extends over the skate is called the boot and is either flat or pressed into a concave shape. Like the shin guards, the goalie pads have straps which wrap around the leg in the back.

Beginning next season the leg guards will only be allowed to be 11 inches wide and 38 inches long.

Hockey Lingo

Backchecking – Legal attempt by forwards on their way to the defense zone to regain control of the puck.



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Have you checked the Booster Club website lately? There are changes almost daily with the posting of news items, game scores, and roster changes. Handy dropdown menus at the top of the home screen will help you find the information you want.

There are player rosters for the present team and all of the past Storm teams as well as the May draft and the September Futures draft lists.

The Parents section contains helpful information about Kearney, photos of games and Booster Club activities, and player buttons which are for sale.

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