



Tri-City Storm Booster Club

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**Tuesday
October 28, 2010**

**Featured
Guests were**

**Captain
Rick Pinkston**

**Alternate
Captains**

Matt Johnson

Dan Kolomatis

Cody Murphy

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**Tuesday
November 23, 2010
7:00n p.m.**

**Viaero Event Center
VIP Room, 2nd floor**

Featured Guests

**Some members of
the Tri-City Storm**

**Who will it be????
Come and see**

**Here is your chance
to meet some storm
players in an informal
atmosphere.**

**Sit and visit with them
about**

**How the last game went
What they did last
summer**

**Their dreams for the
future**

**Who tells the best
jokes....**

Welcome Season Ticket Holders!!

The Tri-City Storm Booster Club members are Storm fans. You as Season Ticket holders are Storm fans. It only made sense to us to form a partnership. At our September meeting the Booster Club did just that by amending the by-laws to include all Season Ticket holders in the Booster Club membership.

Storm fans who are not Season Ticket holders can still join the Booster Club in the usual way, by paying the annual dues.

Below is a message from Cindy Rademacher, our VP in charge of membership. A membership application form is also included on the last page.

We encourage you Season Ticket holders to fill out the form even though you do not owe any dues so we can email you about upcoming events with players. Also, we would like to get better acquainted with you and give you a chance to tell us if there are activities you find interesting and possibly would like to help with.

HEY, STORM FANS! ANOTHER HOCKEY SEASON IS HERE AGAIN!

Together, Storm Hockey and the Storm Booster Club are beginning an exciting 11th year!

The Storm Hockey organization and the Storm Booster Club have come together to offer an exciting partnership for Storm fans! At the September Booster Club meeting, the by-laws were amended to include season ticket holders as Booster Club members! Those of you who are season ticket holders are already Storm fans like we are!

Our Mission Statement says it all: "It is the mission of the Tri-City Storm Booster Club to support the Tri-City Storm team of the USHL, its players and coaches, staff, families and fans." To accomplish this mission, we need true hockey fans to be a part of it all!

We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., on the 2nd floor of the Viaero Event Center. The best part of our meetings is getting to meet and become acquainted with the players, coaches and support staff. You'll receive a great monthly newsletter that is full of hockey news, stats, news about players—past, present, and future—information about our favorite sport—HOCKEY!

The Booster Club holds several fund-raising events, one of which is coming up at the next home game—the pumpkin raffle—on Oct 29th; plus we sell player buttons, bells, beads, etc. at the Booster Club booth.

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The money raised goes back to the team in various ways: road trip treat bags, a Holiday banquet and gifts for the team, and an Appreciation/Awards banquet in the spring, to name just a few.

Can we count on you to help continue the mission and traditions of the Storm Booster Club?

We encourage you to complete a membership form so we can contact you about upcoming events. Please stop at the Booster Club Booth, which is now located by the Viaero Phone Center and the Storm Store to pick one up or download a copy from our website.

[Or use the one at the end of this newsletter.]

You can leave your completed form at the booth or mail it to P.O. Box 2101, Kearney, NE 68848. We appreciate your email address to help keep our postage costs down. You'll start receiving the newsletter and become part of the "support team" right away!

Have questions? Need answers? Email me at clich1970@yahoo.com or contact me at 308.236.5986 or contact our President, Jan Hankey, at 308.293.4061 or email her at janhankey@charter.net.

Sincerely,

Cindy Rademacher

Membership Vice-President

Getting Acquainted

All except six players on the roster have been profiled in this newsletter sometime in the past. Now it is time to get acquainted with Simon Denis, Cass Mappin, Cody Lappin, Dan Kolomatis, Chris Eiserman, and the newest member of the team, Darik Angeli.



Simon Denis – D, 5'10", 170, 8/20/1991

Simon is one of our two Canadian players. He is from Burnaby, British Columbia. Burnaby is immediately east of Vancouver. As Vancouver

has grown into a metropolitan area, Burnaby is in the first layer of suburban communities surrounding it.

Simon has played for the last two seasons for the Burnaby Express in the British Columbia Hockey League. Last season he was named most outstanding defenseman of the year.



Cassidy (Cass) Mappin – F, 6'10", 185, 12/20/1990

Cass Mappin is our other Canadian player. He comes from a farm near Big Valley, Alberta. Big Valley is in central

Alberta about 90 miles northeast of Calgary.

Cass started out four years ago playing for the Red Deer Rebels in the Western Hockey League. After three seasons he was ready to move farther from home.

Last September Cass was acquired by the Vancouver Giants. Just before Christmas they traded him to the Regina (Saskatchewan) Pats. Now, this September, just before the Classic, Cass came down here to central Nebraska to join the Tri-City Storm.

Cass is a physical player who is not afraid to come to the defense of his teammates, as we have already seen.



Nick Lappin – F, 6'1", 170, 11/1/1992

Nick Lappin is from Geneva, Illinois, a suburb on the west side of Chicago. He played for Team Illinois before going to the USHL. Two years

ago he was drafted as a Future by the Rough Riders and last season was a member of their team. He started this season with the Rough Riders before being traded to the Storm for a second round draft pick.

The Lappins are a hockey family. Nick's father and three uncles all played hockey at the D 1 level, some going farther. His brother, Tim, was drafted as a Future by the Storm last spring.

Nick turns 18 on Nov. 1 making him eligible for the draft next June. He also plays golf.

INTERESTING FACT: “The Agriplex is Big Valley's main ice facility. It has seating for approximately 800 people and is home to many minor hockey games and tournaments. Time is also available for public skating.” The population of Big Valley is 351.



Dan Kolomatis - D, 6', 180,
5/22/1991

Dan comes from Basking Ridge, New Jersey, in the center of the northern part of the state. He was a member of the New Jersey Junior Rockets B in

the Atlantic Junior Hockey League.

In October 2008 he was selected by the Chicago Steel in the Futures Draft. He played two games for the Steel that season and then played a full season with the Steel last year.. Dan was prepared to start this season in Chicago but the trade agreement that had him coming to the Storm if his teammate Kevin Lind went on to college brought him to Kearney instead.

Last July Dan was one of three New Jersey natives to attend the New Jersey Devils rookie camp. He is described as an offensive defenseman. In September he committed to play for Merrimack next season.



Darik Angeli – F, 6'2", 195,
10/11/1990

Darik is the newest member of the team. He comes from Lakewood, CO. Darik played AAA hockey for the Rampage and was also a

member of the Colorado Thunderbirds. In spring 2009 he was drafted by the Sioux City Musketeers. He played for them until the draft deadline the following February. Then he was traded to the Chicago Steel where he finished out the season.

Darik started the current season with the Steel and was traded to the Storm on Oct. 19th. Those fans attending or watching the Lincoln game know he made quite an impression in his first game with the Storm.

Little Known Fact: *Not only does the USHL have a rule about the number of 20-year-olds on each team, there also is a rule about the number of under 18-year-olds. This season each team must have three. Our Storm players are Branden Fisher (17), Cory Czarnik (16), and Andrew Dorantes (16) who is the youngest.*



Chris Eiserman – G, 6'3",
210, 7/28/1993

Chris is from West Newbury, Mass., a short distance northeast of Boston.

During the 2007-8 and 2008-9 hockey seasons Chris was goalie both the Bantam Majors Valley Junior Warriors (U14 and then U17) and his Newburyport Jr. High School and high school teams. Last year he joined the New Hampshire Junior Monarchs in EJHL.

Last spring when his brother, Bill, was drafted by the Tri-City Storm, Chris was drafted by the Youngstown Phantoms. Apparently a trade took place during the summer to enable him to come with his brother to Kearney. Chris has chosen to attend Kearney High for his junior year and practice with the Storm. As a member of the Affiliates list he will be available as an emergency goalie during this season.

Chris has committed to play for UMass-Lowell in 2012. He and Bill have a younger brother who is a forward.



Six Storm players have already or will soon be celebrating their birthdays.

Mario Puskarich celebrated his 18th birthday the day the Classic started on September 22nd.

Rick Pinkston celebrated his 20th birthday on October 4th

Darik Angeli, the newest member to join our team, celebrated his 20th birthday on October 11th

Tucker Brockett turned 20 on October 15th. Four days later he was traded to the Chicago Steel

Cory Czarnik will turn 17 the day of our next home game on October 29th.

Nick Lappin, who was the newest member of the team, turns 18 on November 1.

Brad Shierhorn will celebrate his 18th birthday on November 3rd.



Annual Pumpkin Raffle

October 29 at the Sioux City game

Check the tables in the southeast corner on the concourse.
Pumpkins decorated by the Storm players.

Choose the pumpkins you like best by purchasing tickets and dropping them in the bags by your favorite pumpkins.

With luck you can take one home!!

Where are They This Season?

Brian Schmidt (00-02) – From what can be gathered in translated articles from Krefeld, Germany, Brian played the last two seasons for the Kassel Huskies in Germany. Sometime last season he tore a ligament. Now in October he attended the Krefeld Penguins training camp, also in Germany. He was not offered a contract and is headed back home where he has an offer from the AHL.

Konrad Reeder (00-02) – Has gone to Germany to play for the Rosenheim Starbulls in the ESBG German league. Rosenheim is located in Bavaria, Germany, 52 kilometers (about 32 miles) northwest of Munich. The ESBG German League is the second level of hockey teams. The Rosenheim team just moved up this season from the third level.

Chris Zarb (03-05) – Has joined the Dundee (Scotland) Stars in the newly formed Elite League.

Bobby Robins (01-02) – Has returned from Europe to play for the Condors in Bakersfield, CA in the ECHL

Other former Storm players in the ECHL

Matt Scherer (00-03) – South Carolina Stingrays, North Charleston, SC

Chad Anderson (00-03) – (Anchorage) Aces. He's back in the city where he went to college.

Geoff Paukovich (02-03) – Las Vegas, Nevada Wranglers

Ryan Dingle (02-04) & Jonathan Milhouse (06-07) – Victoria, British Columbia Salmon Kings

Brian Kilburg (02-05) – Utah Grizzlies, West Valley City, UT

Mike Zacharias (04-05) – Idaho Steelheads, Boise, ID

Brett Watson (04-06) – Wheeling, West Virginia Nailers,

Sam D'Agostino (05-06) – Cincinnati, Ohio Cyclones

Kyle Lawson (05-06) – Florida Everblades, Estro, FL

Scott Fletcher (06-07) – Toledo, Ohio Walleye

[thanks to gerdog on stormreport.net for names and teams]

Storm Booster Club

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All of you are encouraged to fill out the membership form which is included below. Send it to Tri-City Storm Boosters, P O Box 2101, Kearney, NE 68848 or email it to me at Cottonmill@charter.net.
Season Ticket holders, just send the form so we can get to know you better.
Non-Ticket holders include your dues for this season's membership. Thanks.

STORM BOOSTER CLUB

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Tri-City Storm Booster Club Membership 2010-2011 Season

Membership valid from September 1st through August 31st each year

Individual (\$15.00)____ Family (\$25.00)____ Benefactor (\$35.00)____

Student (18 & Under \$10.00)____ Season Ticket holder (no dues)____ (membership comes with the ticket)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

We are trying to cut some of our monthly costs by sending newsletters by email. Please indicate if you would prefer to receive your monthly newsletter by US Postal Mail _____

Please check the club activities you would be interested in helping with:

Treats for Road Games: _____

Booster Booth: _____

Pumpkin Raffle: _____

Holiday Party: _____

Appreciation Banquet: _____

Other Activities as Needed _____

Send application along with Check or Money Order if you owe dues to:

Tri-City Storm Booster Club
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Thank You for Supporting the Tri-City Storm Booster Club and Storm Hockey!!!

Check the web site out at <www.stormboosterclub.com>