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The 2012-13 Preseason Roster

The preseason list of 26 25 Storm players has been released. The roster will be reduced to 23 by the night if our first regular season game in Dubuque.

These ~~fifteen~~ fourteen players are returning from last season. (Thomas Nykopp is not coming back.)

Forwards	Defense
Tim Bonner	John Hrabrovsky
Tim Lappin	Ryan Ivey
Heikki Liedes	Dylan Maller
Jared Linnell	Josh McArdle
Trevor Moore	Dalton Spicer
Grant Opperman	
Michael Vecchione	Goalie
Brian Ward	Christian Frey

One player, forward Kyle Eastman, was selected in the 2011 Futures Draft. He played two games for the Storm last spring.

Two defensemen were selected in the 2011

Entry Draft. They are Cutler Martin and Eli May. Each played six games for the Storm last spring.

Three players were on our Affiliates list after being acquired through trades last season:

- Joel L'Esperance, forward
(played two games last spring)
- Garrett Cecere, defense
- Nolan Gluchowski, defense
(played six games last spring)

Three players were chosen in the 2012

Entry Draft

- Jason Cotton, forward
- Garrett Gamez, forward
- Philip Lehr, goalie

One Player, goalie Michael Santaguida, attended tryout camp and made the cut to the All Star list.

One player, forward Tayler Munson, was added to the Storm protected list at the end of May when Griffin Foulk signed with the Everett Silvertips.

Player Profiles

These are the new players on the preseason roster. Player profiles of some have appeared in earlier newsletters. Those dates are included in parenthesis.

2011 Futures Draft (June 2011)

Kyle Eastman Cutler Martin

2011 Entry Draft (August 2011)

Eli May

Trade (February 2012)

Joel L'Esperance Garrett Cecere

2012 Entry Draft

Garrett Gamez Jason Cotton
Philip Lehr

Trade

Nolan Gluchowski

Tryout camp

Michael Santaguida

Added to protected list in May: Taylor Munson

Garrett Gamez (gahm-ez) – F, 5'11", 165, 2/17/1995

Garrett Gamez is from Chino Hills, CA, a suburb of Los Angeles. Last season he played for the LA Kings U16 after turning down the opportunity to play in the USHL.

In May Garrett committed to Denver University on a full scholarship. But he will not go there until the 2014 season.

Garrett has attracted attention in hockey circles since he was 12. He was the first selection by the Tri-City Storm in the Entry Draft last May.

He attended tryout camp in June and survived the cuts to be included on the All-Star list.

Jason Cotton – F, 6'3", 180, 2/7/1995

Jason comes from Murphy, Texas, a suburb of Dallas to the northeast. He started playing roller hockey before switching to ice hockey. Jason played for Honeybaked (1995s) during the 2007-8 season.

In July 2010 Jason went to Rochester, NY to participate in the Select 15 Player Development Camp. Even at that age he was seen as a power forward. Last season he played for the Colorado Thunderbirds U16s which is a Midget Tier I team.

Jason is one of three members of the Tri-City Storm who were chosen to participate as members of the USA U-18 Select Team which will play in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in August in the Czech Republic.



Nolan Gluchowski – D, 5'11", 185, 1/24/1994

Nolan Gluchowski is from Wixom, Michigan, on the west edge of Detroit. Nolan began playing hockey in the Honeybaked Midget program. When he entered Detroit Catholic High

School, he became a member of their hockey team.

At the end of his junior year, in May 2011, Nolan was selected by Fargo in the Futures Draft. In September he was traded to the Tri-City Storm for one of our Futures, Cory Ward. Last spring he was called up to play six games for the Storm.

During his senior year at Detroit Catholic last season, Nolan also played a game on the Kalamazoo Jr. K-wings team in the NAHL.

Taylor Munson

F, 6'1", 175, 3/2/1993



Taylor Munson comes from Fairbanks, Alaska. At 8 he was a member of the State Champion Mite Tier II team and played in the U12 Tier I National tournament four years later. In 2007 he was a member of Team Northwest, Alaska Select 14 and the Pacific District Selects.

The following season Taylor was a member of the Alaska Select 15 team. He attended Lathrop High School in Fairbanks and was a member of their championship team. Taylor also played for the U 16 Arctic Lions AAA in Fairbanks.

With the 2009-10 season Taylor started playing for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs (NAHL). He was drafted by Muskegon but chose to remain with the Ice Dogs for two more seasons. In May 2012 Coach Hauge named Taylor to the Storm roster.



Philip Lehr – G, 5'11", 157, 6/3/1993

Philip Lehr is from Berlin, Germany. Beginning with the 2006-7 season when he was thirteen, Philip played three seasons for Berlin U16 and U18 junior teams. Then as a 16 year old in 2009, he

went to the Jungadler U18 [junior Adler] team in Mannheim for two seasons. In the second season he was also a member of the Germany U18 team in International Junior competition.

Last season Philip was with the EC Rote Teufel in Bad Nauheim. Bad Nauheim is a city about the size of Kearney north of Frankfort.

Philip attended the Storm tryout camp in June. He was included on the All-Star list. On July 4 he was transferred from his European team to the Tri-City Storm.

Philip also played on the Germany U19 team in international competition last season and next winter will be on the German World Junior U20 team.

Michael Santaguida– G, 5'9, 175, 3/6/1993

Michael Santaguida's home town is Mississauga, Ontario. During the 2009-10 hockey season Michael played a few games for the Toronto Nationals Midget AAA and the Orangeville Crushers in the CCHL.

The following season, as a junior, he entered Avon Old Farms Prep School. Michael was their goalie during his junior and senior years and was named to the New England Prep All-Star Team last spring.

During this past June Michael attended tryout camps for the Lincoln Stars and for the Tri-City Storm. He made the cut to the All-Star team in both camps.

Team News

Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament

Three players connected with the Tri-City Storm have been selected to be members of the 2012 USA Under-18 Select Team. Trevor Moore was a member of the 2011 USA Under-17 Team and played last season for the Storm. This summer he will be on the Under-18 Team. Also chosen were two players drafted by the Storm in May, Tommy Vannelli and Jason Cotton.

This team will participate in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament Aug. 13-17. The tournament will be played in Breclav, Czech Republic, and Piestany, Slovakia. The other teams will come from Canada, Russia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Finland, and Sweden. Last year the Under-18 Select Team, which included Tim Lappin, came in fifth.

Storm Birthdays

Four members of the new

Storm team have summer birthdays. Cutler Martin turned 18 on July 20th. Dalton Spicer will be 20 on August 11th. A week later Joel L'Esperance turns 17 and the next day, August 19th, Tom Bonner turns 20.

One Drafted by NHL

Former Storm player, Daniil Zharkov, was the only Storm player past, present, or future, to be chosen in the NHL draft this year. He was selected by the Edmonton Oilers in the third round. Over past years 19 other Storm players have been drafted.

Daniil played for the Storm during the 2010-11 season. Last season he was a member of the Belleville Bulls in the Ontario Hockey League.

“Happy Hockey Everyone!”

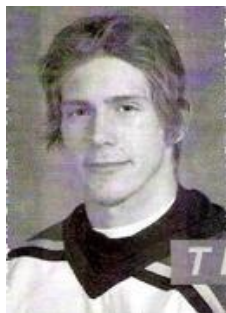
Storm fans will not be hearing the familiar voice of the past three seasons calling Storm games when the new season begins. Skip Berry, the Voice of the Storm, is leaving that position to move on to new ventures. Although he, his wife and son will remain in Kearney, Skip is moving into the next phase of his life's journey. He intends to remain a Storm fan and we will be seeing him at Storm games this coming season.

Thomas Nykopp

Thomas Nykopp will not be returning from Helsinki, Finland to skate a second season with the Storm. He will be a member of the HIFK U20 Helsinki team in the Jr. A SM-liiga. The SM-liiga is the top professional league in Finland.

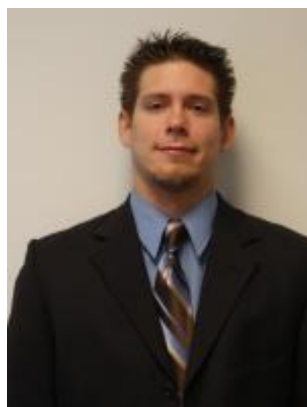
Where Are They Now?

Here are updates on three more members of the 2002-03 team.



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Tim Madsen

Tim Madsen came from Elk River, Minnesota, to play for the Tri-City Storm in 2002. This was the Storm's first coaching transition year when Coach Hillman left and Assistant Coach Reggie Simon, Tim's uncle, finished out the season. Tim returned the following season but then was traded to the Waterloo Black Hawks mid-season to finish out his USHL career.

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Tim's next move was to college at Niagara. He was an assistant captain of his team in his junior year. He suffered a career ending injury that season. But Tim stayed on to complete his degree. Although he could not play hockey during his senior year he was the Director of Hockey Operations.

Upon graduation Tim went to the St. Louis Bandits (NAHL) to be their assistant coach and recruiting coordinator in the 2008-09 season. The following season he returned to Niagara as an assistant coach and is now in his third year there. His responsibilities continue to include recruiting. Any Storm fans who attend the annual preseason Classic are likely to see Tim there.



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2012
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Eric Aarnio

Eric Aarnio was a goalie from White Bear Lake, Minn. Before coming to play for the Storm he had already spent one season playing for the Topeka Scarecrows. Then he started the 2002-03 season in the NAHL in Texas, moved to the Sioux City Musketeers where he played 13 games and finally came here to play another 26. He spent the entire 2003-4 season here, with the playoffs being the highlight of his season. From here he moved on to the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

In his four years at UNO Eric never played more than six games in a season but he was always there in practice and as a backup. He was also busy earning his degree in Finance, Banking, and Investment Science, graduating Cum Laude in 2008.

Eric interned at Con Agra while working on his Bachelor's degree. He began working for them full time after graduation. He also started immediately working on his Masters in Business



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Mark Agnew

Mark Agnew is from Hartney, Manitoba. During his three years of junior hockey he played for three different teams. In 2001-02 he played for the Swan Valley Stampers (MJHL). The following season he came here to play for the Storm (USHL). He played all 60

in that 2002-03 season. Then he joined the Fargo-Moorhead Jets (NAHL) for his final year.

College was his next stop with a scholarship to Quinnipiac. During his four years there Mark was named to the conference All-Academic Team every year. His next move was to Ohio University in 2008 where he was assistant coach while earning a Masters in Coaching Education.

From there he went to Neumann College where he was Assistant Coach through the 2010-11 season. Neumann is a private Catholic college in Ashton, PA, about a half hour out of Philadelphia.

Mark has left coaching and hockey altogether apparently. He has returned to Manitoba and is currently working for New Holland in Brandon, about an hour's drive from his hometown of Hartney. He is recently engaged to be married.

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Administration at UNO which he completed in 2010.

Eric is still at Con Agra and steadily working his way up in the company. He started as an Associate Financial Analyst and has moved through three promotions as a Financial Analyst. His last promotion, to Financial Analyst in Brand Finance, has taken him to the corporate offices in Chicago where he now resides.