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Club

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**September 28 – Storm Chasers meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Kearney Events Center on second floor**

The Kick-off Barbecue Happened

First, the Practice

First we watched the Storm team practice. Some of the time they all worked together on drills that involved both forwards and defense. Some of the time Rudrud worked with the defense while Littler worked with the forwards. Both goalies were in position throughout the whole practice, each getting to rest when the drill was focused on the other end.



Rudrud works with the defense

As for Zarb and the broken glass in front of the record keepers table – if he can shatter Plexiglas like that with a casual swing at the puck just think what his slap shot must be like. Hey, goalie! Duck!

Then Supper

Then we all went out for supper at a barbecue in the parking lot. Affiliated Foods donated the sirloin burgers. Storm Chaser Kurt Schmidt resided over the grill.



Chef Kurt Schmidt

After that workout at practice the team members did not have to be asked twice to step up to the table and get their supper. Later when we get to know the players better we will be able to identify all of them in this picture. Right now we only know that the fourth player from the left is goalie Zane Kalemba.

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Preseason Exhibition Game Omaha Lancers 5, Tri City Storm 3



Hungry players

After they ate and had a chance to visit with Storm Chaser fans, the players received their Welcome Packets. They received coupons for everything from food to a haircut – which, judging from last year, they will really need by the end of the season. There were also items like a water bottle, koozie, baseball cap, notepads, and pens.



Players collect their welcome packets



Want a better look?

For a better copy of the pictures used in this newsletter, which are in color by the way, go to the newsletter page on our website at www.tricitystormchasers.com. For more pictures, go to the photo page. There are two collections of pictures from the barbecue and another collection from the exhibition game at the MAC.

After playing against each other for about two weeks in practice, the Storm team played an exhibition game against the Omaha Lancers on September 10 at the MAC in Council Bluffs. It was a chance for some of our new players to get a taste of the pace of a USHL game. And they learned about rules that are new or more strictly enforced than in high school – like not letting a puck cross the red center line during warm ups. We started the game with a two-minute penalty for that one. But it was a good time to learn things like this. You can bet it will never happen during season.

The goalies shared the game. Kalemba played the first period and a half. Hopper was in goal for the second half of the game. At different times we saw moves that are probably a forecast of what we will see in this season. When our goalie was turned to the side of the net to watch the puck in play there, a forward was quick to step up and guard the open side of the net. His body language and stance said “I dare you to even try shooting the puck through here!”

Cody Chupp has the honor of making the first Storm goal this year. Morgan Simonson’s shot from the blue line for our second goal was a beauty. He shot with confidence. Zarb’s goal for our third score was classic Zarb. He brought the puck all the way down ice and then looked like he would pass it to a forward. The goalie thought so and made the mistake of moving to the side of the net to face those players. Zarb kept the puck and shot it through the opening left by the goalie.

During the second intermission we understand Kilburg had a few words for his teammates, especially the forwards, about the fact that there had been only four shots on goal during the second period.

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TRI-CITY STORM

2004-2005 Roster as the team heads out to the Buc Bowl

In July we published the roster of players for this year. Now we have the latest roster with more information about each player. Also we now have the names of our new players from Slovakia and Latvia. Time to start memorizing so when you see a number on the ice you know who the player is.

#	Player	POS.	HT	WT	DOB	Last Team	Hometown
2	Brian Moore	D	6-1	210	1-28-85	Youngstown Phantoms	Carmel, IN
4	Brian Kilburg	D	6-3	210	5-10-84	Tri-City Storm	Mendota Heights, MN
5	Chris Zarb	D	6-4	185	1-11-85	Tri-City Storm	Waterford, MI
6	Alex Hudson	F	5-11	190	8-1-87	California Senators	Corona, CA
7	Brian Connelly	D	5-11	170	6-10-86	Jefferson MS	Bloomington, MN
8	Kyle Kuk	D	5-11	170	2-18-86	Tri-City Storm	Monroe, MI
9	Raimonds Danilics	F	6-2	175	7-17-85	Rauman Lukko	Riga, Latvia
10	JP Platisha	F	5-11	182	1-24-84	Green Bay Gamblers	Chanhasen, MN
11	Mario Lamoureux	F	5-11	182	6-18-88	Grand Forks Cen.	Grand Forks, ND
12	Brett Watson	F	5-10	165	4-25-85	Billings Bulls	Media, PA
14	Nick Pernula	F	5-9	170	3-28-84	Tri-City Storm	Maple Grove, MN
15	Morgan Simonson	D	6-0	180	3-22-86	Tri-City Storm	Grand Forks, ND
16	Jarod Palmer	F	6-0	200	2-10-86	USNDTP	Fridley, MN
17	Jaroslav Markovic	F	5-11	170	5-22-85	MIIC Martin	Martin, Slovakia
18	Zach Cohen	F	6-3	190	2-6-87	Chicago Mission	Schaumburg, IL
19	Cody Chupp	F	6-0	185	3-17-85	Lone Star Cavalry	Big Rapids, MI
20	Mark Bernier	D	6-0	180	6-21-85	So. St. Paul HS	South St. Paul, MN
21	Ryan Gunderson	F	6-2	180	2-11-86	Mahtomedi HS	Mahtomedi, MN
22	Greg Battani	D	5-10	195	2-1-86	Benilde HS	Chanhasen, MN
24	John Mitchell	F	6-5	190	7-10-86	Neenah HS	Menasha, WI
26	Christian Hanson	F	6-3	190	3-10-86	Tri-City Storm	Venetia, PA
28	Michal Lukac	F	6-0	170	8-26-84	Tri-City Storm	Kosice, Slovakia
33	Zane Kalemba	G	5-11	185	12-19-85	Hotchkiss Prep	Saddlebrook, NJ
37	Nick Hopper	G	6-0	170	1-12-88	California Wave	Culver City, CA

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That problem was remedied in the third period.

Former players Bill Thomas and Eric Aarnio, now UN/O students, were in attendance. Eric admitted this was the first USHL game he had ever attended. Odd thought considering he spent three years in the league, but in all those games he was a participant, not a spectator. He probably felt a little strange watching the game without all that goalie gear.

All in all, the game was a good learning experience for the team. Now they have some idea of what they can do and what they need to work on during practice. And now they may have a better understanding of why the coaches put them through some of those drills.

The Buc Bowl will give them more opportunities to work on those skills. And spending three days together will also be a chance for them to bond as team.

Who to contact: Questions? Comments? Got some news that should be included here?
To contact any of the Storm Chaser Board members, go to our website at www.tricitystormchasers.com, select “contact us” from the menu on the left and send an email.

.....More about the Red Line

The red line divides the rink in half. During warm-ups each team is to use the half of the ice that contains the goal they will be defending during the first period. According to USA Hockey rule #635 (d) “during pre-game warm-up (not less than 12 and no more than 20 minutes – recommended time is 15 minutes) and before the commencement of play in any period, each team shall confine its activity to its own half of the rink. Any player crossing the center red line during warm-ups, or any player who shoots a puck at an opponent or in direction of the opponent’s goal, before the game and between periods will receive a minor penalty. The Referee is instructed to strictly enforce this rule.”

Thank You

A big **Thank You** goes to Ken Fankhauser and Stu Pesek for working out the details of putting together the Kick-Off Barbecue. And thanks to all the Storm Chaser members who pitched in to do their part.

A big **Thank You** goes to Karen Heun and her committee for getting the Welcome Packet items. Michelle Lewis, Cindy Rademacher and Brad Williams worked with her on that. And thanks to the Storm Chaser members who assembled the packets after the August meeting. There were items from 35 businesses and the Chamber of Commerce in those packets.

Membership Reminder

If you have received your membership renewal card in the mail and have not returned it yet, please do so ASAP. Or you can go on the website and renew. Or you can drop your renewals at the first home game on the 24th at the Chaser booth. Questions? Email Kathy Knapp at knappko@gtmc.net or call her at 308-263-3116.