



# BOOSTER CLUB

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## **STORM CHASER BOOSTER CLUB – AUGUST MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 23, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Kearney Event Center**

**Featuring Mike Muir – Strength & Conditioning Coach**

What kind of strengthening and conditioning programs do the Storm players follow?

What do they eat?

What is that stuff they drink after a game? Why?

Mike will tell us about his duties and responsibilities and then we can ask questions.

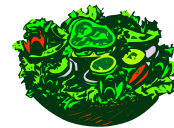
At the end of the evening we will assemble the Welcome Packets  
to be distributed to the players at the Barbeque.



## **Second Annual Barbeque** **For Storm Players, Host Families, Player Families,** **Storm Chaser Members and their guests**



**Tuesday, September 6, 2005**  
**Kearney Event Center**



**Come any time after 4 p.m. and watch the Storm players practice.**

**Plan to eat when practice is over.**

**The Storm players will join us as soon as they get changed.**

**Although there is no admission charge, we need to know how many to plan for. If you plan to attend, please let the project chairman, Jeff Morgan, know how many.**

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# Superstitious Hockey Players

Athletes are notoriously superstitious and hockey players may be the most superstitious of all. They grow beards or don't cut their hair during playoffs. They may not change certain pieces of clothing as long as they are on a winning streak. Remember the year most of the Storm players bleached their hair for playoffs?

Some players always put their equipment on in the same order. Some eat the same food before a game. Some follow the same routine in the hours before a game.



One of our Storm players from four and three years ago, Matt Scherer, did not believe he was superstitious until he realized he always does his on-ice stretches on the blue line. And how many times did you watch Doug Conley wait until all the players were off the ice before he left?

But ours are not the only hockey players with superstitions. The Mad About Hockey website has a whole section on superstitions. Here are a couple.

Bob Gainey played for the Montreal Canadiens. Then from 1990 to 1995 he was first coach and then general manager of the Minnesota North Stars. He is currently general manager of the Canadiens. On the topic of superstitions, he said that, as a player, "In between periods, I always ask for a drink made with 30 percent Coke and 50 percent water. I've had this habit ever since I started to play for the Canadiens."

Should we believe he has a little trouble with math, or should we just presume a third ingredient was omitted in that quote?



Ron Hextall was a goalie who began and ended his professional career (1982-1999) with the Philadelphia Flyers. He said, "I hit the posts and the crossbar at the beginning of every period and during the intermissions."

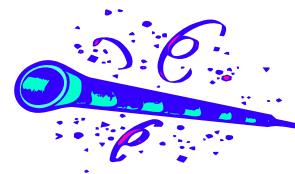
How many times did we see Michael Zacharias do that last year?



But the players are not the only ones who are superstitious. How many fans do you know who always wear.....(you fill in the blank) to the games? Or wear the same sweatshirt when we are on a winning streak?

We might ask...How much of what the players do is habit and how much is superstition? How much of what the fans do is a show of loyalty to the team rather than superstition?

Also, we might ask...Do any of these actions really affect the outcome of a game?



## Birthdays

There are only two player birthdays in August. Alex Hudson turned 18 on August 1. Brandon Bukowski will turn 18 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

# Know the Players

We continue with more sketches of information about the new Storm players who are currently on the roster. Keep in mind that there will be changes yet before the season starts so we may not get to know all of the players included here.

## Richard Bachman

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Richard Bachman is a goalie. He is not to be confused with the author Richard Bachman, otherwise known as Stephen King. Although he comes from Highland Ranch, Colorado, last year Richard attended Cushing Academy, about 60 miles from Boston. Cushing has one of the top ice hockey programs in New England area.



Richard was selected in the draft last May. When we saw him at tryout camp in June we understood why he had been drafted. An understatement would be to say he's a very good goalie.

## David Brownschidle

F 5-10 175 5/23/89 Mercer County, Lawrenceville NJ

David Brownschidle comes from New Jersey where he attended Princeton Day School last year. He just turned 16 in May so he may be attending Kearney High School this year.

He played in the Atlantic Youth Hockey League last year as a member of the Mercer Chiefs.

## Brandon Bukowski

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Brandon Bukowski comes from Superior, Wisconsin, where he attended Superior High School last year. Besides being a member

of his high school hockey team, he was a member of Team Wisconsin.

Brandon also participated in a youth leadership program last year sponsored by the Superior-Douglas County Chamber of Commerce. He will be a senior this year.

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## Cameron Cooper

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Cameron Cooper is from Lakeville, Minnesota and attended the Academy of Holy Angels in



Minneapolis, north of Bloomington in Richfield.

He is not to be confused with the Cameron Cooper Corp. (oil and gas field equipment industry) which, incidentally, is doing quite well on the NYE right now.

Cameron is a good student. He received high honors on the honor roll for the third trimester last year with a grade point average of 3.6 or better. And he is not done with high school yet.

Cameron is another of those we saw at tryout camp a year ago. Then he was selected in the Futures Draft by Tri-City last August and attended try out camp again this year.

## Jonathan Milhouse

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Jonathan Milhouse comes from Yorba Linda, California. where he has

been playing for the California Wave. The California Wave organization has youth hockey teams from Mites to Midgets AAA in the Anaheim area.

Summer before last (2003) he was a member of the Pacific District Select 14 team that played in Rochester, NY. That's the National Development Camp that Rudrud attends as one of the coaches every year. Get the feeling Jonathan has been on the Storm radar screen for a while even though he did not attend our tryout camp?

(Read about Jordan Willert on page 4.)

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## Buc Bowl – September 15, 16, 17

At the Des Moines Buccaneer Arena and Metro Ice Sports Facility

Sept. 15 -2:30 p.m. Tri-City vs. Sioux Falls (facility) Sept. 16- 4:00 p.m. Finland vs. Tri-City (arena)

Sept. 17-11:30 a.m. Indiana vs. Tri-City (facility)

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**Jordan Willert**

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Jordan Willert comes from Minot, North Dakota, where he was the leading scorer for his Minot High School hockey team last year. He will be a senior in high school this fall.

Jordan attended our tryout camp last year as well as this year and was selected in the draft last May.

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*Just in case you are a little homesick or have forgotten since way last spring – here’s what the arena looks like. The ice is back!*



Photo by Kim Clark