



BOOSTER CLUB

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WHO: Storm Chasers Booster Club

Coming Oct. 15th

WHAT: September General Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, September 27, 2005, @ 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Kearney Event Center, 2nd Floor

SPECIAL SPEAKER: Head Coach, Bliss Littler



**Annual Player
Decorated
Pumpkin Raffle**

The Barbeque

We watched the Storm players practice but it was frustrating. Wearing helmets and no numbers on their practice jerseys, how could we tell who was who? It was hard enough to pick out the players returning from last year, much less recognize any of the newcomers. But good to see players on ice.

The players seemed to be quicker about getting out of the locker room this year. Probably because they knew some good food was waiting for them. We had a larger attendance than last year. More members, more host families, some guests.



Butch Knapp presided over the grill with some assistance from Kurt Schmidt. Several members brought delicious salads and dessert bars & cookies.



There was lots of mingling of players and Chasers in the food line and after eating.



After the players had finished eating, received their Welcome Packets, and gone home, many members lingered, got better acquainted with each other, caught up on summer activities and just generally had a good visit. There is not room to list everyone who helped but we do want to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all of you.

Photos by Ed Anderson

Futures Draft

This year's Futures Draft was held Sept. 6th. Most of the eligible players for this draft are under 18. The USHL team making the selection holds that player's rights for one calendar year. Each team chose four US born players and two Canadian born players. We can look for these six chosen by Tri-City at try out camp next year.

David Fischer, D, Apple Valley High School

David has committed to the Minnesota Golden Gophers. After graduation next spring the Gopher coaching staff will decide whether they want him in their program in '06 or if he should play a year at the junior level before going to Minnesota in '07.

Patrick White, F, Grand Rapids MN High School

Pat White played on the 2005 United States Under-17 Select National Hockey team this summer. Team USA won the Gold Medal in the Five Nations Tournament in Switzerland. This was White's first trip overseas.

Ryan Carroll, G, North Jersey Avalanche



Ryan was a member to the USA Select 17 team and is eligible for the 2006 NHL Entry Draft. During the 2004-2005 season Ryan

played for Bergen Catholic. They were "awfully tough to score on throughout last winter, led by a splendid goalie, Ryan Carroll...."

Brett Wysopal, D Chicago Chill

Brett was a defenseman for the Chill when Team Illinois met the Chicago Chill the 18 & Under USA Hockey National Championships tournament last April.

Jesse Martin was the first of the two Canadian players chosen. He is a forward playing for Edmonton KFC in Alberta.



Josh Gillam, also a forward, plays for the Peterborough, Ontario, Fitzsimmons Towing Stars.

Last year he was the OHA Provincial Junior A eastern conference rookie-of-the-year scoring 23 goals and 57 points in 48 games. "As a rookie in the OLA junior A this summer, Gillam had 19 goals and 38 points in 21 games for Peterborough Merit Precision Junior Lakers. He also played for Ontario at a national field lacrosse championship."

Josh was drafted by the Peterborough Petes in the Ontario Hockey League but that would mean a three year commitment. He wants to look at NCAA options. He has had several university offers for lacrosse, some being schools where he could also play hockey. What a choice to have to make at 17! He hopes to pursue sports medicine.

Sources:

Apple Valley Hockey Assoc. website – 7-22-05

Grand Rapids *Herald-Review* website – 8-27-05

McKeen's Hockey.com – 9-3-05

North Jersey.com - *The Montclair Times* – 9-4-05

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Kingston This Week website - *Peterborough Examiner* – 9-6-05

Zamboni Paint Job

The Zamboni has been painted by Turner's Body Shop and has ads for Turners as well as Taco Johns and the Spagetti Shop on its sides. There is no argument about the lightening bolts but what color is the background? Photos show it black. Seeing it in action at the arena it looks either dark blue or purple, depending on the angle of the lighting.

We were told by a source close to the painting job that it was to be dark blue. But what color is it?



The Storm Plays Hockey

Storm vs. Lancers Exhibition Game

Storm Wins 4-1

The Storm opened its preseason activity with an exhibition game against the Omaha Lancers on Sept. 7 at the Kearney Event Center. To say that it was a physical game might be an understatement.

There were the usual things we see at hockey games - warm-ups, the team pre-game huddle, the face off, the action up and down the ice with some good scoring by our Storm players, the final stick tap. We saw goals by Gunderson, Ambroz, Ogleznev, and Hudson.



But in the middle of the game there were some major disagreements between the two teams which the players tried to settle in their own way. The action involved all the players on the ice, plus some who joined them. And when the Lancer goalie joined in, ours had to also. The whole affair created a substantial delay of game.



Needless to say, this is not the way the Storm usually plays hockey but when a team member needs support, he gets support. He can rely on that.

(Photos by Kim Clark)

Buc Bowl

The Storm opened their Buc Bowl activity with a game against Sioux Falls on Thursday afternoon. The Storm players were not happy with themselves after being defeated 4-2. "We underestimated them," was one player's evaluation. Ryan Gunderson made our first goal and Jon Ammerman the other one.



They were ready for Finland the next day. The "Money Line" came through with four of the five goals scored in that game. Lamoureux had two goals and Cohen and Hudson each had one. Matt Ambroz's goal made the final score 5-2.



Indiana proved to be a surprise also as they downed the Storm 3-2. Both our goals were scored by defensemen – Lawson and Bernier. The 2005-6 season opens Saturday, Sept 24 against last year's Clark Cup winner, Cedar Rapids. See you there.

(Photos by Ed Anderson)

Player Sketches

Here are three more sketches of information about new Storm players 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 who have been described in this series of articles.



Filip Ogleznev

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Filip comes from Belgorod, Russia. He attended school in the Ukraine where he played hockey. After graduation he went last



Elliot Okland

G 6-3 190 10/9/1987

Elliot is from Fargo, ND, where he has been attending high school. Elliot was goalie for Fargo Moorhead Jets.

fall to Canada where he played for the Sarnia Bees for a couple months. Sarnia is located just across from Detroit. Then he returned to Russia to play for a team near Moscow for the rest of the season



Aaron Damjanovich

G 5-11 160 7-13-86

Aaron is from Remer, MN, (west of Grand Rapids). He attended Greenway High school. Aaron played for Iron Range against Duluth in the

CCM Duluth/Range All-Star hockey game in March 2004 and was on Team Minnesota at the Chicago Showcase National High School Hockey Tournament the following month. As back-up goalie for the Billings Bulls last season, he played 13 games in regular season and 2 in playoffs.

Dues Reminder

Check your mailing label

If it is typed in bold - Thanks, your dues for the 2005-6 season are paid.

If it is not bold – This is a reminder to send in your dues (P O Box 2101, Kearney 68848) or pay at the next meeting.