



# BOOSTER CLUB

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## APRIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 25, 2006 - 7:00 p.m. - Kearney Event Center

Nominations for Next Season's Board – Evaluate the past season



families and friends.

### Appreciation Banquet Highlights

The sixth annual Storm Appreciation Banquet was held on March 26, 2006 at the Ramada Inn. About 230 players, player families, host families, friends and Chaser members attended. This year instead of a formal banquet setting where the players were all seated in a line of tables across the front, the players were scattered about at tables in the banquet room where they could sit with their families, host



We also enjoyed a special musical feature by this quartette specially assembled to sing a song about the Storm team which included all their names. We don't know if they are taking bookings for future concerts or not. Check with Ron Hendrickson, Bill Boyer, Randie May, or Ken Fankhauser.



# The season in review

## Regular Season Achievements

Most goals – Markovic – 30; Cohen – 18  
Most assists – Palmer – 39; Markovic – 23  
Total points – Markovic – 53; Palmer – 52  
All 60 games played – Obermeyer, Cohen, Bernier,  
Battani, Ambroz  
Most penalty minutes – Lamoureux – 133,  
Ambroz – 102  
If Llewellyn's penalty minutes for the Ice  
were combined with the  
Storm, he would be second  
with 119 minutes  
Most power play goals – Cohen – 9; Markovic – 6  
Most short handed goals – Markovic – 6; Cohen,  
Lamoureux, Watson, & Obermeyer – 1  
Most game winning goals – Markovic & Ambroz –  
4; Palmer, Cohen, Lamoureux, &  
Watson – 3

## USHL Standings at the end of the regular season

Rock ranks #1 in three areas:  
Most shut outs – 7  
Most games played – 48  
Best goals against average – 2.9  
Goals scored – Markovic is 4<sup>th</sup>  
Assists – Palmer – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Penalty minutes – Lamoureux – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Short handed goals – Markovic – tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Storm Season Records Broken

Short handed goals – Markovic – 6.  
Broke Konrad Reeder's record of 4  
Goals against average – Rock – 2.09.  
Broke Peter Mannino's record of 2.11  
Shut outs – Rock – 7.  
Broke Peter Mannino's record of 5  
Goalie minutes played – Rock – 2722:33.  
Broke Noah Ruden's record of 2383:16  
Team record for most shoot out games – 9 this year.  
Broke record of 8 in 01-02 & 02-03

## Record tied

Most goals by a defenseman – Lawson – 9.  
Tied with Bryan Schmidt, Chris Nathe, and Jake  
Obermeyer in his first season here in 03-04.

## How we did against other teams in the USHL.

There were many close games this year  
resulting in six overtimes and nine shoot outs. The  
Storm's overall record was 28-23-9. Here are the  
results by division.

### West Division – 13-14-3

Omaha – Won 4 – lost 3  
Lincoln – Won 4 – lost 4 One win and one  
loss were in overtime  
Sioux City – Won 3 – lost 4 One win in  
overtime & one loss in a shoot out  
Sioux Falls – Won 2 – lost 6 One win in a  
shoot out, one loss in overtime

### East Division – 15-9-6

Chicago – Won 4 – lost 1  
Waterloo – Won 4 – lost 1  
Cedar Rapids – Won 4 – lost 1 Two wins in  
shoot outs  
Des Moines – Won 2 – lost 4 One win in a  
shoot out, one loss in overtime  
Green Bay – Won 1 – lost 4 Two losses in  
shoot outs  
Indiana – Won 0 – Lost 4 Two losses in  
shoot outs & one loss in overtime  
and the fourth loss was with a score  
of 1-0

### Comments:

→ As much time as Mario & Matt spent in the  
penalty box, they did not come close to matching  
Bobby Robins record of 180 penalty minutes.  
→ There were no hat tricks this year.

## Birthdays

Here is the end of the list of birthdays  
of this season's players. All of these birthdays  
come in May. Despite what was said in an  
earlier newsletter, David Brownschidle  
retained his position as the youngest member  
of the team by three weeks.

May 2 – Tristan Llewellyn – 17  
May 19 – Cameron Cooper - 18  
May 22 – Jaroslav Markovic - 21  
May 23 – David Brownschidle – 17

# 2006 USHL Entry Draft

The 2006 USHL Entry Draft will be held on May 4. Again this year draft selections will be made available to the public on the USHL website.

Players do not have to register for this draft. Players 20 years old or younger, usually down to 16, are eligible unless they have already skated with a USHL team or are affiliated with a team already.

The order of selection is determined by end of season standings in reverse order. This year Tri-City is exactly in the middle. The order this year is:

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|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Chicago    | 7. Des Moines    |
| 2. Waterloo   | 8. Omaha         |
| 3. Sioux City | 9. Lincoln       |
| 4. Indiana    | 10. Cedar Rapids |
| 5. Green Bay  | 11. Sioux Falls  |
| 6. Tri-City   |                  |

To start with, all the teams will choose enough players to fill up their 23 player roster. In the second part of the draft each team gets to choose seven more players. We would all like to know who the protected players are before the draft but the teams don't have to publish this list until after the draft. Then both the returning veterans and the drafted players are included. For two weeks after the draft no changes can be made.

How does a player know he has been drafted? The coach or someone from the coaching staff of the team which selected him will call within 24-48 hours. That is quite a range of time. Maybe the player will already know he has been selected because he was watching the draft on the website. One hopes the call is quicker than that.

Only one USHL team can draft a player. However he can be drafted by more than one league. Then he has to decide which league he wants to skate in. If he had already signed a tender in one league, he can still be drafted by another league.

Just because a player was drafted this is no guarantee that he will be on the team next season. His rights belong to the team but he still has to go to their tryout camp. There he will compete with the returning veterans and other players who have been invited to attend. If he is not selected to join the team he is then released and any other team can pick up his rights.

## Tryout Camp

**When:** June 2-4

**Where:** Bloomington, Minnesota at the Ice Gardens

Six of the 11 teams in the USHL, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Indiana, Omaha, Sioux Falls, and Tri-City, will be having their tryout camps at this time this year. Some will start a day earlier and/or run a day later.

The Sioux Falls Stampede will also be in Minneapolis. The other four teams will be in their home towns, all at their own arenas except the Omaha Lancers who will be at Tranquility IcePlex.

The two other teams holding tryouts later in the month will be going out of town. The Waterloo Black Hawks go to Spooner, Wisconsin, and the Lincoln Stars go to Prior Lake, Minnesota.

## Former Players Make Good

We watch former Storm players go off to college and we follow their careers there. Now some of them are moving up into the professional ranks. By now most of us know about Bill Thomas and congratulate him on making the jump from college hockey at UNO directly to the NHL with the Phoenix Coyotes.

We have some other alumni who are now with lower ranked pro teams:

### **AHL:**

Bobby Robins – Binghamton  
Bryan Schmidt – Providence

### **ECHL:**

Corbin Schmidt – Alaska  
Brad Thompson – Johnstown  
Scott Romfo – South Carolina  
Paul Kelly – Dayton

### **CHL:**

Larry Sterling – Ft. Worth

### **UHL:**

Justin Laverdiere – Ft. Wayne

Bernd Bruckler went to Finland after playing in the ECHL last winter.

## Now available

1. The slide show reviewing activities of the Storm season assembled by Kim Clark & Karen Heun and shown at the Appreciation Banquet is now available on DVD.
2. The Appreciation Banquet program was videotaped by Butch Knapp. Copies are now available.
3. Official photos of the Appreciation Banquet taken by Corbey Dorsey are now available.

Contact Karen Heun for details about getting copies of any of these.

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Jordan Willert receives recognition as Best First Year player.



Always ready to give Bill Boyer a hard time, Jaroslav Markovic responded to his award of Best Forward by giving Bill a big hug.



The team designated Jarod Palmer as Most Inspirational.



Kyle Lawson was named Best Defenseman



Sean Wiles was designated Most Improved Player.



Goalie Aaron Rock was named Most Valuable Player.

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