



BOOSTER CLUB

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JULY GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, July 25, 2006 – 7 p.m.
Kearney Event Center, Second Floor

Why should you come to this meeting anyway?

Well, it's been three months since we have seen a Storm game. It will be another 2 ½ months before we see another one, if you go to the Buc Bowl, and longer if you don't.

So it's time to get together and talk hockey.

What about the players on the protected list?

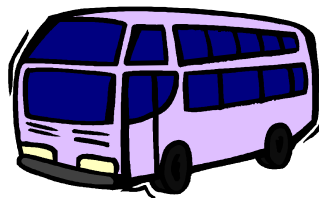
Know anything about any of the new names?

Maybe someone else does and will share with the rest of us.

Oh, yes, we need to do a little Storm Chaser business, too, as we iron out the details for the coming season's activities.

ANYONE FOR A

BUS



TRIP?

The Storm Chaser Board
bus trips to away games. We
if the first one works. Would

is considering organizing some
will start with one and plan more
you be interested?

We want to try the Oct. 7th game at Omaha.

No, we don't know prices yet but Chaser members will get a break. We just need to know if enough people are interested enough to do some serious planning.

If you are interested, email Karen Heun at <kkheun@yahoo.com> Just say "bus, Oct 7, yes and include the number who would go". Or you can say something else, too, like if you want to be included on a trip to Indianapolis or Columbus.

Rules for Playing Hockey

I was looking for Hockey rules to see if there will be any changes in the coming season. I found a website which has links to all kinds of sports rules. It includes rules for nine different kinds of hockey. We would expect to see rules for the NHL and junior hockey, for colleges and for international play. When we stop to think about it we know there are rules for roller hockey and inline hockey. But did you know there are rules for Underwater Hockey? Now there's a summer sport for you to bridge the gap from playoffs to the Buc Bowl.

The introduction to a description of this game says, "To truly appreciate Underwater Hockey though, you have to get in and play. For spectators on the surface, the view is just butts and fins." Then follows the description:

How it works...

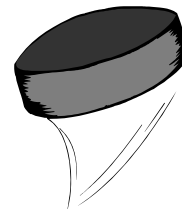
"Underwater Hockey is played with two teams of ten players. Six players per team are in the water, with four substitutes on the deck. Substitutions may be made at any point during the game (even in the middle of play). A substitute may enter the water as soon as one of the six active players has completely exited the water. Positioning is similar to soccer with forwards and backs covering flexible "zones" around the puck. There is no goalie, and offsides is allowed. Unlike ice hockey, underwater hockey is a non-contact sport. Incidental contact is allowed, but charging, holding, and obstructing are illegal.

The puck weighs around three pounds, and is made out of lead with a bright plastic covering.

Because the puck is extremely heavy, it moves well through the water and remains on the bottom. Sticks are very short, around one foot long, and slightly hooked. The sticks are painted black or white and serve to distinguish the two teams. By flicking the wrist just right, the puck can be propelled along the entire length of the front edge of the stick and flung up to ten feet in an arc two feet off the bottom. Hitting the puck with anything other than the stick is illegal, not to mention painful!

Ideally, the playing area consists of a pool 25m by 15m with a uniform depth of 2m [about 6']. (Can you tell this game didn't start in America? Originally called Octopush, Underwater hockey was started in 1954 by British diving clubs.) In reality, Underwater Hockey is played in regular swimming pools which usually have a shallow end, a deep end, and a hill somewhere in between. The differences in topography make for some fun and interesting challenges, and teams switch ends to assure fairness. Goals are located in the middle of the short end and are 3m (9') long, 20 cm (around 8 inches) high, and about 30 cm (1 foot) wide, with the long edge against the wall. The goals consist of three sections that stretch the entire 3m length: a backstop (the 8" tall portion), a trough and a shallow ramp. Goals are scored by pushing the puck up the ramp and into the trough or by hitting the backstop with the puck."

For more information you can go to <http://uw hockey.org>.



The Protected List

We have just moved another step closer to knowing who will be on the 2005-2006 team with the publication of the July 1 Protected Player list. Of course, since this is a list of 25 and we can have only 23 when that first regular season game starts, we know there will be some changes. Here is what we know so far.

Bryce Christianson, goalie, from Anchorage, Alaska. Played for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs (NAHL) last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Aaron Rock, goalie, from Wheaton, Illinois. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Greg Battani, defense, from Chanhassen, Minnesota. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Tristin Llewellyn, defense, from Ann Arbor, Michigan. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Cameron Cooper, defense, from Lakeville, Minn. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Bryan Brutlag, defense, from Minneapolis, MN. Played for the Academy of Holy Angles last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Danny Markowitz, defense, from Jericho, New York. Played for the New York Bobcats (AJHL) last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Ryan Peltoma, defense, from Brainard, Minnesota. Played for Brainard High School last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Kyle Ensign, defense, from New Richmond, Wisconsin. Played for Richmond High School last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Brett Wysopal, defense, from Chicago, Illinois. He played for the Chicago Chill last year.
Picked in futures draft last fall.

Matt Ambroz, forward, from New Prague, Minnesota. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Sean Wiles, forward, from Beloit, Wisconsin. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

David Brownschidle, forward, from Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Michael Pilot, forward, from Inver Grove, Minnesota. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Mario Lamoureux, forward, from Grand Forks, North Dakota. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Jordan Willert, forward, from Minot, North Dakota. Played for the Tri-City Storm last year.

Calle Ridderwall, forward, from Stockholm, Sweden. Played for the Chicago Chill last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Nick Oslund, forward, from Burnsville Minnesota. Played for Burnsville High School last year.
Picked in spring draft. Drafted by the NHL this summer.

Andrew Sackrison, forward, from Minneapolis, Minnesota. Played for St. Louis Park High School last year. Picked in spring draft. Drafted by the NHL this summer.

Patrick White, forward, from Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Played for Grand Rapids High School last year.
Picked in futures draft last fall. Drafted by the NHL this summer.

Aaron Marvin, forward, from Warroad, Minnesota. Played for Warroad High School last year.
Picked in spring draft. Drafted by the NHL this summer.

Josh Bergren, forward, from Circle Pines, Minnesota. Played for Centennial High School last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Jordan VanGilder, forward, from Circle Pines, Minnesota. Played for Centennial High School last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Jesse Martin, forward, from Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Played for Edmonton KFC last year.
Picked in futures draft last fall. Drafted by the NHL this summer.

Brandon Martell, forward, from Elk River, Minnesota. Played for Elk River High School last year.
Picked in spring draft.

Some Dates to Put on Your Calendar

Sept. 28-30 – Buc Bowl -

Oct. 6 – Season opener in Sioux Falls

Oct. 13 – First home game against Des Moines

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Junior Hockey Leagues

Do you know the structure of the junior hockey league organization? We are probably aware that the USHL is at the top of the US organization as Tier 1. But did you know that there is only one league at the next level which is Junior A? That is the NAHL.

Here is the breakdown of US and Canadian levels with the number of leagues in each. You can tell this is Canada's national sport.

US	Canadian
Tier I	Major Junior
1 league	3 leagues
Junior A	Junior A
1 league	11 leagues
Junior B	Junior B
7 leagues	14 leagues
Junior C	Junior C
3 leagues	7 leagues
US Independent	
5 leagues	