



BOOSTER CLUB

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THIRD ANNUAL BARBEQUE

Sponsored by the Storm Chaser Booster Club

**Honored Guests: The 2006-7 Storm Hockey Team
Also for the Storm Staff – Host families – and Chaser guests**



Monday, September 18, 2006

**4:00 - Watch the Storm team practice
5:00 - Enjoy a meal with the team members (Serving till 6)**



Visit with the Players, other Storm fans and Chaser members

Storm players will receive their Welcome Packets

**Storm Chasers -- Bring guests who might like to join
Suggestion – bring some lawn chairs**

No need pre-register – There is no charge



SEPTEMBER MEETING

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006
Kearney Event Center – Second Floor**



**Featured Speaker will be a member of the Storm Staff.
Check the website for further details**



Are we there yet? Are we there yet?

Yes, we are almost there, almost to the new season. The ice is in. The KEC met its goal of having the ice in by Sept. 1. It was in use almost immediately. The Adult League started off with drop in hockey all three days of Labor Day weekend and some of the early arriving storm players got together for some ice time on Monday, Labor Day, afternoon.

Center ice is a little different this year with just the word “STORM” instead of the whole logo.

Changes this Season

At the K E C

As the Kearney Event Center has announced, there will be some changes in the building this year, welcome changes.

Two video screens are being installed so the fans can see replays, pre-game activity, etc. An addition with air-lock doors is being constructed across the front. It will include box office windows, but for some fans the part they will appreciate most is not having ice cold air blowing on them as people enter the Arena. The Wall of Fame is being expanded. There will also be two new signs outside the building

In the Game

There were rumors and now it has been confirmed. There will be some changes in the goalie equipment. Some is to the shape of padding we can't see but the most obvious is that the goalie pads will be an inch narrower. That may not be noticeable to the fans but the goalies may be able to tell the difference.

The rulebook is written to cover two years between changes and we are going into the second year with this edition. So we will not see any rule changes this year, just the announced stronger enforcement of some rules already there.

Dates to Remember

- Sept 18 – Booster Club Barbeque
- Sept. 26 – Booster Club general meeting
- Sept. 28-30 – Buc Bowl in Des Moines
 - Sept. 28, 4:30 p.m. – Tri-City vs. Green Bay
 - Sept. 29, noon – Tri-City vs. Cedar Rapids
 - Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. – Tri-City vs. Ohio
- Oct. 4 – Futures Draft
- Oct. 6 – Season Opener at Sioux Falls
- Oct. 13 – Home Opener with Des Moines

Futures Draft

Of the six players drafted by the Storm last year, three are on this year's team – Patrick White, Jesse Martin and Brett Wysopal (Y-sō'-pol). This year Tri-City will be 9th of the 12 teams (chosen by lottery) to select in each round. Each team chooses enough players to bring their affiliate list up to 12. These are the players a team protects besides their 23-member team of active players. Players eligible for this draft must be 16 or 17 years old.

Muir Moves On

Team Trainer and equipment manager, Mike Muir, has accepted a position as trainer and strength coach for the Manchester (New Hampshire) Monarchs in the American Hockey League (AHL). The Monarchs are a field team for the Los Angeles Kings. Mike's replacement, Mark Doren, arrived in Kearney Sept. 5 will take over the training/strength and conditioning duties. Seth Lunbury will be equipment manager.

Where Are They Now?

Two Former Storm Players Now in AHL

Bobby Robins – Tri-City Storm 2001-2002 – Went to UMass Lowell

From <BinghamSenators.com> 07/13/06

OTTAWA SIGNS ROBINS....

Ottawa Senators general manager John Muckler announced today the signing of three prospects. The club signed one-year deals with forward Bobby Robins, and defensemen Neil Komadoski and Neil Petruic.

ROBINS returns to Ottawa's American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate, the Binghamton Senators, after joining them for the final 16 games of their 2005-06 season. The 24-year-old signed his first professional contract, a 25-game AHL amateur tryout agreement, on March 13 following the completion of his collegiate career at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Robins tallied seven points (4 goals, 3 assists) and 19 penalty minutes in 16 games with Binghamton. He led U-Mass Lowell in points (31) and penalty minutes (94) in 35 games before joining the B-Sens, and ended up tallying 69 points (32 goals, 37 assists) in 127 career games for the River Hawks.



“We’re really excited about Bobby and the brand of hockey he will bring over the course of an 80-game schedule,” said Binghamton head coach Dave Cameron. “He bangs, crashes and gets to the net. You need players like that on a team and he’ll be good for us.”

(Bobby hasn’t changed his style of play since he played for the Tri-City Storm, has he.)

Bryan Schmidt – Tri-City Storm 2000-2001 & 2001-2002 – Went to Merrimack



(Now with Providence Bruins, farm team for Boston Bruins)

From <merrimackathletics.com>

Schmidt (below), as of April 18, has scored two goals and added two assists in 15 games. He recalls his first goal, “I was on the power-play and it ended up being a broken play, but a teammate (Ben Walter formerly of UMass Lowell in Hockey East) passed me the puck from behind the net. The goalie was out of position and I just tapped the puck in from the back-door.” He added, “I was real excited to get my first goal and it definitely sticks out in my mind as a great experience of playing in the ‘A’ so far.”

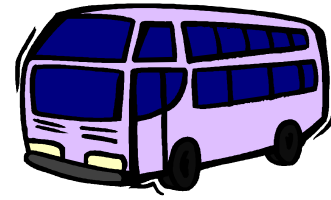
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Got a star by your name on the mailing label up there? That means you have paid your dues by the time the labels were printed and stuck on these newsletters.

Good for you!

You are all set to attend the Barbeque on the 18th.

As for the rest of you – get those dues in.



Bus Trip

There have been a few responses to the suggestion of a bus trip to the Omaha game on Oct. 7 so far. In order to know whether or not we should arrange for a bus, we need to hear from you by the night of the general meeting, Sept. 26th. Or earlier.