



Booster Club

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January General Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

7:00 p.m. – Second Floor – First Tier Event Center

Check our website to see who the special speaker will be.

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Note the change from the regular 4th Tuesday meeting date.

The Storm plays Lincoln on Tuesday, January 23rd.

We do not want to discourage any fan from attending that game.

Roster Changes

We have not reached the February deadline yet so there were several more roster changes during the past month. Players know these changes are going to happen and they are somewhat prepared to move on, often with short notice. But we fans grow attached to our players and forget this. Sometimes it is harder for us than the player to say goodbye.

Three players have moved on to other teams. Danny Markowitz has gone to the Ohio Jr. Blue Jackets. Bryce Christenson is now with the Lincoln Stars. Scott Fletcher has gone back to the OHL and is now in Ontario. On the other side of these moves, Aaron Rock is now back. He will be our backup goalie for the rest of the season.

In case you are keeping count, we have been balancing 24 players on our 23-man roster so far this year. Three leaving and one arriving puts us at 22 now. So we can guess there will be more changes before that February deadline. So stay tuned.

!! Coming Soon !!

Bowl with the Storm

The annual Bowl with the Storm at the Big Apple is coming up.

Check our website for the day and time.

Here is a chance for all Storm Chasers to meet and spend some time with our Storm players.

Believe me. When we bowl with them, we are all on level ground. Remember, they are all good....hockey players.



More USHL Arenas

Ready for a road trip yet? The Storm goes to Green Bay the last weekend in January. Maybe a trip to Chicago the second weekend in March would be better. You will have to wait until playoffs or next season to go to Cedar Rapids. If you have never been there, here is what these arenas are like.

The **Chicago Steel** play their games at the Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, a suburb of Chicago. While sitting in the small parking lot across the street waiting for the arena to open for a game, one can watch the planes coming down to land at O'Hare.

The building has 3 sheets of ice. The sheet used by the Steel has a seating capacity of 2500 and mezzanine seating at high tables along one side. The bleacher style seats are on three sides only, none on the visiting goalie end. The mezzanine is reached by elevator. It is a fairly new building but made more for practices than for competition. Besides the Steel, the Edge is the home of the Robert Morris College Screaming Eagles and the Chicago Blackhawks practice here.



The Edge Ice Arena

The **Green Bay Gamblers** home is the Resch Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. It is located about two blocks from the Green Bay Packers football field. The ultimate for a sports fan is when the Storm plays the Gamblers on Friday and Saturday nights and then the Packers play a home game on Sunday.

The first two seasons the Storm played the Gamblers they were in a different facility. The Resch Center opened in September of 2002. It has a seating capacity of over 10,000. There is a mezzanine around the top of the seating area which can be reached by elevator as well as stairs. Unfortunately there are no restrooms or concession stands at that level. But waitresses will bring your concession stand orders to your table or seat on the mezzanine. Suites are located above the mezzanine level. The scoreboard suspended at center ice contains four large TV screens, one on each side.



The **Cedar Rapids Rough Riders** do their skating at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena (CRIA) which opened on January 8, 2000. The facility was built with public and private funds and is owned by the City of Cedar Rapids. The arena has two sheets of ice, a pro shop, and party rooms. The seating capacity is 4000 including the suites.

Fans can enter slightly above ice level and go into the seating area or take the elevator or stairs up to the concourse which circles the top of the seating area like in our arena. Also from the entry lobby area one can look through windows to see the second sheet of ice.

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The Cedar Rapids Ice Arena

“Folks, we are going to a Shoot Out!!!”

Billy, our arena announcer, shouts enthusiastically.

But then, all activity ceases in the ice. Not only do the players return to their respective benches, but the goalies also go to the benches. What’s going on here?

The arena doors open, two men come out and move the goals aside. Then two zambonis come onto the ice. But, no, they do not head for the edges as they usually do when they Zamboni the ice. Instead, they make a dry sweep two zambonis wide down the middle clearing off the “snow” from the middle of the rink between the goals. Then they exit.



It’s a new rule in the USHL which the coaches voted on last summer. Before shootouts the ice is to be swept clear of “snow” down the middle of the rink through the goal creases from the boards at one end to the boards at the other end.

You will notice that after the goals are put in place and the goalies return to their positions, they do not stir up the ice in their creases like they do at the beginning of each period. You may have also noticed that this sweeping was not done before our first shootout of the season. New rule. They forgot.



Where Are They Now?

David Boguslawski

David Boguslawski was a forward for the Storm for three years. He was still in high school when he arrived in Kearney and we watched him mature as a player and as a person. David worked hard to improve his hockey skills. He had 30, 36, and 25 points in his three years here and we looked forward to seeing what he would do in college.

He left with a scholarship to Robert Morris University, a Division 1 school where he would be a member of their first hockey team. As a freshman he had a total of 15 points but last year he had only 8. What happened?

An article at <uscho.com> tells about the battle David has been fighting, and winning, over the past two years. In the summer of 2005 he was diagnosed with cancer. There were surgeries and medication. His weight dropped from 188 to 155. But David does not give up. Even though he was not strong enough to lift weights with the rest of his teammates when he returned to school, he skated, often alone, and rode the exercise bike. He played one game a week end during the first half of last season.

David’s hard work and focus have paid off. He has regained his weight. He is playing hockey like he used to. In 16 games played so far this season he has 8 goals and 4 assists.



Four of those goals and three assists came after Christmas with one goal each in four straight games played Dec. 29 - Jan. 7!

Bogie still wears #23, the number he wore here as a member of the Storm team.

Photo by Robert Morris University



Who is in goal tonight?



One birthday coming up.
Tommy Mannino turns 20 on February 19th.



(More USHL Arenas, cont.)

Although a person can enter and stand by the glass to watch the action on that ice, there are no seats. There is a small viewing balcony above which can be reached from the concourse level.