



# Booster Club

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## PLAYER APPRECIATION BANQUET

VIDEO BY STORM VISION  
STORM ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Holiday Inn Ballroom – Sunday, April 1, 2007**  
**5:30 p.m. social hour – 6:30 p.m. dinner**

\$17.50 for Chaser members; \$8.50 member children 6-9 years  
\$20 for non-members, \$10 for non-children 6-9  
Children 5 & under free

**RSVP by March 26**

Don't have your tickets yet?  
— Mail your reservation form and payment to P O Box 2101 now —  
(It's that purple form you got in the mail a week or so ago or use the one below)

Player Parents may make reservations online ----- and pay at the door  
(cturek@kearney.net)

----- Appreciation Banquet Reservation Form-----

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 6-9 \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 5 and under \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Player \_\_\_ Coach or staff \_\_\_ Parent \_\_\_ Host Family \_\_\_ Booster Member

Family or Host Family for \_\_\_\_\_

(Storm Player's name)

Mail to: Storm Chaser Booster Club, P. O. Box 2101, Kearney, NE 68848



# Clark Cup Playoffs



## Schedule

The Clark Cup Playoffs begin Round One on Tue., April 17, after our last regular season weekend games on Apr 13 & 14. They are to be completed by April 29.

Round Two play games will be played May 2-6.

Round Three games will be played May 12-13.

## Playoff Format

Round one, a divisional round – All six teams in each division will play in the first round. They will be seeded according to division standings at the end of the regular season. This round will be a best of 7 series for each matchup. The #1 team will play #6, #2 plays #5 and #3 plays #4.

Teams 1-3 will have home team advantage. So, even though all six teams in each division automatically qualify for playoffs, there is something to work for during the regular season.

Round two, a divisional round – The three winners in each division will play each other in round two. It will be a round robin tournament of one game in each match up. Winners in each division are reseeded as 1, 2, and 3. Whichever winning team had the highest seed in the regular season now becomes #1, the next becomes #2 and the lowest former seed now is #3. In this round 1 plays 3 in #3's arena. Then 2 plays 3 in #2's arena. Last 2 plays 1 in #1's arena. The top two teams move on.

Since each team plays twice, it is possible that there could be a 3-way tie if each team wins one and loses one. In case of a tie regular seasons standings and records will be used.

Round three, a league round – This round is the “Final Four” playoffs. The two top teams in each

division play a single game elimination series. #1 East division team plays the #2 West division team. The #1 West division team plays the #2 East division team. The winners of these two games play one game for the Clark Cup. The #1 ranking goes to the team in each division who had the highest rank at the end of the regular season.

Of the four teams remaining, the team which was top seeded in the league at the end of the regular season will host the “Final Four” games, or has the choice not to if their arena is not available.

## Breaking tie games

There will not be any shootouts. If a game is tied at the end of regulation, sudden death overtime will be played with teams playing 5 on 5. This is the same as in the past. Overtime periods are 20 minutes long. Some fans may remember some marathon overtime playoff games in the past before the puck finally went into a net.

## Tiebreakers

The USHL uses the following list in case of a tie:

1. The record between the two teams involved (head-to-head record)
2. The team with the most wins in league competition
3. The team with the least losses in league competition
4. The greater goal difference (goals for minus goals against) in the total league competition (goal differential)
5. The greater goal difference (goals for minus goals against) between the teams in the games played between them (head-to-head goal differential)

# !! Buc Bowl Moves to Sioux City !!

To be Played Sept. 27-29, 2007

During the Storm/Musketeer game in Sioux City Friday night, Jim Kronschnabel, owner of the Musketeers, announced that the Buc Bowl name will be changed to USHL Fall Classic. He said the Buc Bowl was originally called the Corn Bowl and was played in Sioux City. Now it will be returning. The announcement came as a surprise since rumors had been floating recently that the Buc Bowl might be moving to Minneapolis.

After the general announcement, Mr. Kronschnabel said in a private interview the

Corn Bowl was played in Sioux City in 1987-1989 when Bob Ferguson was the coach. When Ferguson moved to Des Moines to coach the Bucaneers, he apparently took the preseason tournament with him and renamed it.

The USHL Fall Classic is scheduled for September 27-29 at the Gateway Arena in the Tyson Center, Musketeer home ice. Just as Des Moines has a second ice facility where some of the Buc Bowl games were played, Sioux City also has a second sheet of ice at the IBP Center several blocks south of the Tyson Center.



## March General Meeting

Tuesday, March 27 – 7:00 p.m.  
FEC Second Floor



It's election time again. We will be electing an 8-member Board of Directors at the May meeting. The nominating committee is accepting suggestions. If you would like to be on the board or would like to suggest someone, call or email one of the committee members

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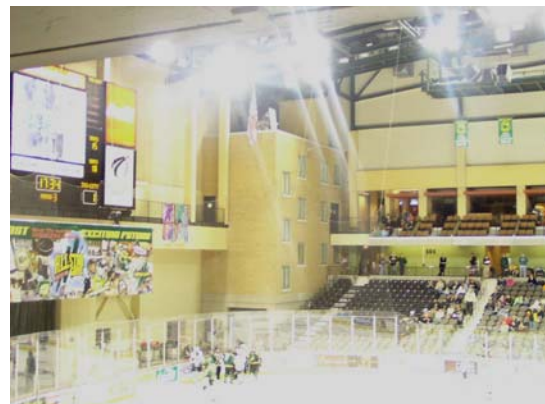
## USHL ARENAS

### Sioux City

Many Storm fans joked about the dinky rink at the Sioux City Auditorium back in the early days of our franchise. It was less than regulation size in both length and width. The visitors locker room was somewhere upstairs so the players had to come down a half flight of stairs to back stage, then down another half flight from the stage to the ice. Handicapped seating was on that stage which was accessed by possibly the most ancient elevator in the state.

In 2003 the new Tyson Events Center with its state of the art Gateway arena was completed, built at right angle to the Auditorium. In fact, one corner of the Auditorium was incorporated into the new arena. We salute the flag which waves from that corner before each game with the Musketeers.

Hockey seating capacity is 6,735 in a horseshoe shape around the regulation size ice rink. Total seating for center stage entertainment is 10,000.



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Only one team birthday to celebrate this time.  
Ryan Peltoma turns 19 on April 5<sup>th</sup>

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

(USHL Arenas, cont.)

There is a video system for instant replays on a large screen on the open end wall, 27 suites, five dressing rooms and a hospitality room. Besides broad stairs, there is a new elevator for reaching the concourse at the second level. Auditorium employees had joked of being afraid the old one would be brought over in order to cut corners in the budget. Fortunately it was just a joke!

Since the City Auditorium is a historic

building and was built so solidly that its destruction would have been a major undertaking in both time and money, it has been remodeled into a family sports center. The main auditorium now is a multi-court facility for such activities as basketball, volleyball, soccer, and wrestling. Some of the seating was removed to make way, as well as the ice.

There are also support facilities here for the new arena like a kitchen where concession stand food items are prepared.

