



Booster Club

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April Board/General Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2007 – 5:45 p.m.

Meet at Chaser Booth – North Concourse – FirstTier Event Center

All Chaser members are invited to attend this combined Board/General meeting

before Playoff Game #5 at the FirstTier Center.

If we sweep Sioux City we will meet that night anyway but at 7 p.m. in our usual place on second floor.

Annual Achievement Awards

Players, their families and host families, Storm staff, and Storm fans, some Chaser members, some not, all met at the Holiday Inn on Sunday, April 1 for the presentation of the Achievement Awards for the 2006-2007 season.

The hall was decorated with posters of each player. Besides name, number, and this year's official picture there were also two game action pictures on each poster. As each player was introduced he drew a name from the door prize basket and the lucky winners of the posters were read off at the end of the evening. Another door prize was a full set of autographed buttons of all the players who skated for the Storm this season.

Special thanks goes to Cindy Rademacher and her committee of Betty Smith, Jennifer Turek and Angie Flies for all the work they did to make a successful evening. Special thanks to Angie for making the posters and for the video/sound system.

Bill Boyer, our game announcer, was the emcee again this year.

Storm Chaser president, Karen Heun, presented a new award this year – a People's Choice Award. During the last three home games fans had the opportunity to vote for their favorite player. The winner was Mario Lamoureux. The Volunteer of the Year award went to office official Jeff Wirth. We had to wait until the last home game to learn the identity of the Affiliated Foods Most Valuable Player. This year that award went to Ian Kesarich.

Coach Bliss Littler handed out the player awards and had a few comments to make afterwards. Each award recipient was photographed with the coach. Go to Page 2 for pictures of the players and the award each received.

Player Birthdays



Four birthdays coming up, including those of our two youngest players and one of the two oldest players.

Tristin Llewellyn will be 18 on May 2nd.
Luke Lucyk will be 21 on May 5th.

Cameron Cooper will be 19 on May 19th
David Brownschidle will be 18 on May 23rd.

Achievement Awards



Most Improved Player
← Ryan Peltoma



Top First Year Player
Calle Ridderwall →



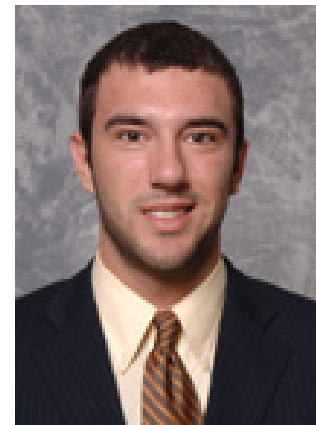
Best Defenseman (tie)
← Brett Wysopal
← Tristin Llewellyn



Best Forward
Jesse Martin →



Most Inspirational Player
and
People's Choice
← Mario Lamoureux



Most Valuable Player
Ian Keserich →



Snapshots by Randy Rademacher.



Dates to Remember

May 15 - USHL Draft
Check USHL website for live updates all day

June 1-3 – Try Out Camp
Ice garden, Bloomington, MN



Nebraska Hockey Arenas

There are three USHL hockey arenas in ~~Nebraska~~ used by Nebraska teams. The MAC in Council Bluffs, Iowa is used by the Omaha Lancers. Ice Box in Lincoln is used by the Stars, and the First Tier Event Center in Kearney is used by the Tri-City Storm.

Omaha

Home ice for the Omaha Lancers is at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs. The MAC is located just off the intersection of I-80 and I-29 by the casinos. The facility opened in October 2002. The arena has a seating capacity of 6,900 for hockey games.

Fans enter the arena at ground, ice, level and go up a wide stairway or elevators to 2nd floor.

A concourse with numerous concession stands and restrooms circles the arena at this level. Fans enter the seating area and go down to their seats from here. Ushers at each entrance keep fans from entering when the puck is in play.

There are skyboxes on the 3rd floor on the convention center side.

Lincoln

The Ice Box is the home of the Lincoln Stars. This building was built on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Lincoln in 1957 as a horse barn. It still serves as a horse barn during state fair time in late August and early September. Ice was installed when the Stars came to Lincoln. They celebrated their 10th anniversary last season which means it was about 1995 when the ice was put in.

An easy way to find the Ice Box is to go to the Bob Devaney Center north of the UNL campus. The Ice Box is about a block north of the Devaney Center.

Fans enter this arena at ground, ice, level.

Behind the ice level seating, 10 rows of seats rise up on each side and one end of the arena. There are walls behind the top row, no second story concourse like in our arena. The stage at the north end also holds several rows of seats. A sky box, the Galaxy Club, was recently constructed above it after removing the top rows of seats on the stage.

Seating capacity is said to be 4600. Lincoln sells out many of their games and their average attendance this past season is 4337. Because of the comparatively low ceiling in this facility and with full crowds, the noise level during games is quite loud.



The season in review

Regular Season Achievements

Most goals – Ridderwall – 27; Martin – 19
Most assists – Martin – 37; Ridderwall – 34
Total points – Ridderwall – 61; Martin – 56
All 60 games played – Ridderwall, Hudson,
Lamoureux, Willert
Most penalty minutes – Llewellyn – 165,
Lamoureux – 100
Most power play goals – Ridderwall – 14;
Ambroz – 9
Most short handed goals – Van Gilder – 3
Ridderwall – 2
Most game winning goals – Ridderwall – 7;
Hudson, Ambroz & Wiles – 3

Storm Player Standings in the USHL at the end of the regular season

Keserich ranks in several areas:
Most minutes played – 6th
Most wins – 4th with 26
Most shut outs – five way tie for 3nd with 3
Most games played – 4th with 47
Goals against average – 4th with 2.62
Goals scored – Ridderwall – tied for 8th
Assists – Martin – four way tie for 15th
Penalty minutes – Llewellyn – 6th
Short handed goals – Van Gilder – six way tie for 4th.

(More next month)

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