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July General Meeting

July 31st – 7 p.m. – FEC, 2nd floor

**Note the change in date to the 5th Tuesday.
Due to some scheduling conflicts the date was changed.**

Vote on bylaw changes

The 2007 NHL Draft

Patrick White was the second USHL player to be selected in this year's draft. He was the 25th pick overall, being selected in the first round by the Vancouver Canucks. Patrick was the only player from last season's team to be drafted.



Membership Reminder

It's that time of year again – membership renewal time. If you are a current member you will be receiving a renewal notice in the mail. For those who were not members last year but would like to become a Stormchaser, go to the website at <tricitystormchasers.com>, select "Membership" from the menu on the left.

Dues are the same as they were last season, \$15 for a single membership, \$25 for a family and \$35 for a benefactor.

July 1 Roster

We are moving closer to knowing who will be on the Storm team next season. On July 1 the long awaited protected list of 25 was published.

There are 10 returning players on that list. The defensemen are:

Cameron Cooper
Kyle Ensign
Tommy Mannino
Ryan Peltoma

The forwards are:

Alex Hudson
Mario Lamoureux
Michael Pilot
Jordan VanGilder
Jordan Willert

Aaron Rock is the protected returning goalie.

Last year's Futures on the protected list are:

Chris Hickey, forward
Peter Child, defense
Brandon Martell, defense

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USHL

FALL CLASSIC

SEPTEMBER 27, 28, 29

It was originally called the Corn Bowl and it was held in Sioux City. Then for the last 17 years it was called the Buc Bowl and we all traveled to Des Moines to watch it. Now it's back in Sioux City and will be known as the Fall Classic.

It's the USHL's pre-season tournament. It's the place to go and watch your new team. Get a preview of what's in store for this season, both your own team and their competition. It's the place where the individual players, who have been playing against each other in practice, finally have a chance to come together and play as a team.

All 12 teams in the USHL conference will be there. Each team will play three games, one a day over the three-day tournament period. There will be six games played each day so, as in the past, there will be two sheets of ice in use. Four games will be played in the Tyson Event Center, the other two at the IBP Ice Center. There will be plenty of chances to watch the

opposition in action as well as your own team.

So who is watching these games besides a few Storm fans, and fans from other teams who are either retired or taking vacation time from work? Sioux City fans will be there, of course, since it will be in their city. The team members watch to see what their competition will be. Many of the players' families will be there and the scouts and coaches from the NHL and DI colleges.

Tri-city plays Chicago on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Tyson Events Center. On Friday they go out to the IBP Ice Center to play Green Bay at noon. Then on Saturday they start the day off with a 10 a.m. game against Indiana back at the Tyson Events Center. For the full schedule, go to ushl.com/news/story.cfm?id=340. Soon there will also be an official website for the Fall Classic at www.ushlfallclassic.com.

From ushl.com



Did you know ...

... that in the summer of 2002 the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) officially recognized the 3rd March 1875 game at the Victoria Skating Rink as the earliest eyewitness account of a specific game of hockey? The circumstances that surround that event fulfill the IIHF's criteria for what can be recognized as the site of the first game of hockey. *[That means hockey is 132 years old!]*

... that Canada beat Denmark 47-0 in the 1949 World Championship?

... that the temperature of the hot water poured onto the ice by a Zamboni is between 50 and 60 degrees centigrade? *[That's 122 – 140 degrees Fahrenheit]*

From azhockey.com

Rule Changes



At the USHL's Annual Congress this summer several rule changes were adopted for the coming season. Other junior leagues in this country will also be implementing these changes.

Ice Surface: Goal lines will be moved back. They will be 11 feet from the end boards. On the other hand, the blue line will be moved closer to the red line. As a result a total of four feet will be added to the attack zones between the blue and goal lines. The feeling is this move will lead to a more offensive game.

Sticks: The curve of the stick has been increased from 1/2" to 3/4". This is the curvature both the NCAA and NHL use.

Goaltending Equipment: Goaltending equipment is reduced in size to that worn by NHL players for the last two year. Actually the change was made last year with a one year grace period. Now it will be mandatory.

Line Changes/Puck out of play: If a player shoots the puck over the glass a face-off results. If that player – not the goaltender – is in his own

offensive zone his team will not be allowed to make any line changes for that face-off. They have to wait until play resumes.

Face-offs: If a player commits a face-off violation he will not be allowed to replace the ejected center.

Icing: The USHL is going to try a new icing procedure during pre-season games to see how it works. Scott Brand calls it attainable touch icing. The USHL article describes it as follows, " " It's the same as possession (touch) icing except it addresses any perceived danger that could come with a collision as two players race for the puck," Brand said. Once the puck crosses the goal line the linesman will make a determination by the end zone face-off dot which player would have touched the puck first."

This new icing rule will be implemented during the Fall Classic in Sioux City. Storm fans in attendance can observe this rule as it plays out.

From ushl.com

Phoenix Coyotes re-sign Bill Thomas....

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) - The Phoenix Coyotes re-signed forward Bill Thomas and goaltender David LeNeveu to one-year contracts Friday and signed free-agent forward Tomas Survoy to a one-year pact.

Thomas, 24, had eight goals and six assists in 24 games for the Coyotes last season along with 13 goals and 20 assists for their AHL affiliate in San Antonio.

Thomas was signed as a free agent out of the University of Nebraska-Omaha in March 2006 and had one goal and two assists in nine games that season for the Coyotes.

From thehockeynews.com on July 13, 2007

(Roster, from page 1)

Of those drafted last spring, the protected list includes seven forwards:

Mike Cichy Colin Smith
Bret Beebe A.J. Treais
Troy Mattila, Nick Oliver
 Josh Berge.

The defensemen are:

Chris Franks Nick Jaskowiak
 Thomas Kleidon.

There is one drafted goalie on the protected list: Ian O'Brien

One protected player, Brendan Arniel, a forward, was not in any of these groups

but attended tryout camp in June. Brendan played for the Winnipeg Blues last year. His dad is the coach for the AHL team in Winnipeg.

The Storm also published a Futures list if 8 players – defensemen:

David Carle Anthony DeCenzo
Greg Thocker Charlie Raskop
 Danny Heath

Forwards: Troy Power and Tyler Johnson.

This is the pool from which players may be drawn to replace anyone on the protected list who chooses not to come here.

There is also the possibility that one or two foreign players will join the team.

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