



Booster Club

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August General Meeting

Tuesday, August 28, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. – Second Floor FEC

Help plan the September “Meet and Greet”

This will be a time for Booster Club members to meet this year’s Storm players



(Plan to spend a few minutes after the meeting helping assemble the Welcome Packets.)



New Board Profiles

We do player profiles on a regular basis. Now, with the new season beginning, it is time to profile our new Board of Directors so you can become better acquainted with them. So, using somewhat the same format, here they are.

Kathy Knapp

5' 6"; 9-27---, President

Kathy’s hometown is Columbus, Nebraska where she attended Columbus H. S. Then she graduated from UNK with a bachelors in business/finance. Now she works in the insurance department at Kearney Clinic. She joined the Booster Club in March of 2001, which is about the time it was organized.

Kathy has been a Storm fan since December 2000. She attended her first game on December 8, 2000, when the Storm played Waterloo. She says, “I had never been to a hockey game before so I wasn’t sure what to expect. After that game I was hooked. We put our name on the list for season tickets after that.” Kathy and her husband, Butch, have been off-ice officials for the past several seasons.



Betty Smith

5’ 4”; 11-22---, 1st Vice President

Betty comes from Dodge City, KS, where she attended Dodge City High School. Currently she

is working for Eaton Corp. as an Autotender. Betty has been a Storm fan for 6 years and is going into her 3rd year as a member of the Booster Club. This year she is the membership chairman.

Betty’s family consists of her husband, Randy; children Veronica and Eric Ring, Matt and Mike Smith; and grandchildren Tyler, Bradyn, and Rylan.

When asked about the first Storm game she attended, Betty said she “didn’t have a clue what was going on.”

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Travis W. Flies (Flēz)
6'2", 2-17--, 2nd Vice
President



Travis is from Brady, NE where he attended Brady High School. Now he is a paraprofessional in

the Kearney Public School system. Travis has been a Storm fan for five years and a member of the Booster Club for one.

As for the first game Travis attended, let him tell you about it. "The first storm game I attended was on January 12, 2002. It was my wife and my first date."



Mardi Anderson
5' 6" (4' 1"); 8-28---,
Director;

Mardi is a Nebraskan, coming from Ithaca and attending high school at Mead before graduating from Oakland,

NE. She has been a Kearney resident for 35 years and is now a local historian as well as a Storm fan. Mardi has been a Storm fan from the very beginning. She and her husband purchased season tickets before the first season began and are charter members of the Booster Club. Her responsibility on the board since the 04-05 season has been the newsletter.

Since the first Storm games that first season had to be played away while we waited for the Arena to be finished, Mardi attended her first Storm game in Cedar Rapids. She describes that experience as follows. "Since my sister lives in Cedar Rapids we visited her in October and attended both the Rough Rider game and the Dubuque game the following night. I remember the Cedar Rapids crowd being very noisy, not realizing that is the way good hockey games are. The next night at Dubuque we met Storm player Loren Havermier on the concourse. He had been scratched with a hand injury. Having that chance to get acquainted with a team member made the whole team more "ours". The only home games I've missed since then (5) have been due to health issues."

Jennifer Turek
Treasurer; 5' 8"; 06-09---

Jennifer is from York, NE where she attended York High School. She is now the Branch Manager/Marketing Director for the KEE Federal Credit Union. (that's Kearney Eaton Employees). She has been a Storm fan for 7 years and a Booster Club member for one year.

In describing her first Storm game, Jennifer said, "I purchased tickets the first year with the thinking that this was possibly the one thing Charlie and I could do together. It seemed that he had his "thing" (hunting and fishing) and I had my "thing" (vineyards and shopping). I remember thinking, 'Please let me enjoy this so we could do something together as a couple.' By the end of the first period I was hooked and the rest is history."

Cindy Rademacher
5'10"; 5-13---, Director;

Cindy was born in Grand Junction, CO but has lived in Kearney for over 30 years. Her high school years were spent in Fowler, CO and Venango, NE. She is a retired teacher who is now spending time at Cabelas. Cindy has been a Storm fan since Day 1 and is a charter member of the Booster Club. Her board responsibility this year is being in charge of treats for bus trips.

When asked about that first Storm game she attended, Cindy said, "I love to watch hockey on TV, so I was prepared for lots of action, but not prepared for how fast the puck traveled & how hard it hit the glass in front of us in real life! I don't remember who we played or who won, all I remember is how exciting & fast it was!"

Did You Know...

... that in ice hockey circles, the term Hat-Trick is generally accepted to derive from the habit of a Toronto haberdasher presenting a new hat to any three-goal scorer in Maple Leaf Gardens - although it is also said that the originator was the Biltmore Hat Company, who sponsored the Guelph Biltmores of the Ontario Hockey League. In truth, it seems to originate from the game of Cricket and refers to a bowler taking three wickets with three successive balls.

Team Activity

Cichy on Under-18 Select Team

Mike Cichy, #1 draft for the Storm team in May, was selected in July to be a member of the 2007 Under-18 Select Team. Team members were chosen from participants in the 2007 USA Hockey Select 17 Player Development Camp held at St. Cloud University in St. Cloud, Minnesota in early July. The Under-18 Select Team represented the US in the 2007 Under 18 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka (formerly called the Junior World Cup) at Piestany, Slovakia Aug. 14-18.

The USA team played Russia in the first game of this tournament. Although they lost the game 5-3, it was a good game for Mike. He had two assists. The second game, played against Finland, was also a loss, by the same score. Seemingly stuck in a rut, the score in the third game was again 5-3, but this time with the US team on the winning side against Slovakia. Cichy had one assist in that game. The last game, played against the Czech Republic ended in a shootout with the US team winning 6-5. Before the tournament started, these two teams played an exhibition game which the US won 5-4.

Other teams participating in this event were from Canada, Sweden and Switzerland.

College Commitments

Several players are starting the season with verbal commitments to D1 colleges. Here are the ones which the individual colleges have listed.

Brandon Martell – Minnesota, 08

Mike Cichy – North Dakota, 08

Nick Oliver – St. Cloud, 09

Chris Hickey – Wisconsin, 08

Brennan Vargas – Bowling Green

A. J. Treais – Michigan, 09

Kyle Ensign – UNO, 08

Jordon Willert – UNO, 08

Ian O'Brien – Mercyhurst, 09

Preseason Player Movements

As usual during the summer, various changes have been made to the initial protected list.

Drops: Two veterans from last year's team will not be returning after all. Michael Pilot was traded to the Ohio Jr. Blue Jackets. Sean Wiles will be attending college at Alaska-Anchorage where he will join the Seawolves this fall. Forward, Brett Beebe has also been dropped.

Adds: Two players have been added to the protected list, forward Brennan Vargas and defenseman Pierre-Paul Lamoureux.

Brennan Vargas

6', 190, 6-15-1989, F

Brennan is from Coon Rapids, MN. He came from Coon Rapids High School to play the past two years with the Under-18 Developmental Team. Always big for his age, Brennan has become a defensive forward who is a play maker. He has committed to Bowling Green for next year.

Brennan's father is a scout for the Minnesota Wild.



Pierre-Paul Lamoureux
6'1", 212, 7-5-1987 F,

Pierre-Paul is from Grand Forks, ND. For the past 3 years he has played for the Red Deer Rebels in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.

As a Forward, Pierre-Paul has played center. He was going to attend the 2004 Tryout Camp with his brother, Mario, but could not because of illness.

Did you know...

... that vulcanized rubber was invented by Goodyear in 1839 but was not used for puck construction until the 1880s. In 1886, an official ruling was adopted by the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada designating the vulcanized disc as the "official" puck of the association.

Storm Alumni

It's always interesting to find out what some of our former Storm players are doing and if they are continuing to play hockey. Currently we have updates on three of those players. Konrad Reeder has signed to play a second year for the New Mexico Scorpions in the CHL. Scott Romfro and Matt Shearer have signed with the South Carolina Stingrays.

More about Romfro

Scott Romfro was an original Storm player. He was on the team two years before going on to RPI. While attending RPI, Scott, a defenseman, had a total of 8 goals and 27 assists in 123 games. He was named to the conference All-Academic team three times.

After finishing his senior year in 2006, Scott joined the South Carolina Stingrays. Last year, his first full season, Scott scored five times and had 20 assists for a total of 25 points along with his 73 penalty minutes. That's close to matching his entire college career in one season. A clue as to how Scott ended up on this team after finishing college might be found in the fact that his older brother played for them from 1996-2000.

[from stingrayshockey.com]



More about Reeder

Konrad Reeder was another original Storm player. He was a fan favorite during his two years here and current players are still compared to him occasionally. In fact, one Storm fan still has his cat named Reeder.

After finishing at St. Cloud in the spring of 2006, Konrad signed with the Colorado Eagles in the CHL. Then he went to Albuquerque to join the Scorpions for the 06-07 season. It was a very successful season despite missing six weeks with a hand injury. The post-season playoffs were especially good with 28 points, 11 goals and 17 assists. Earlier this month he signed to play for them next year.

Konrad is still a fan favorite with his signature victory back bend and slide across the ice. Now he does it when he is named a star of the game. We saw him do it after each goal, but he says he's a little stiff now to do it more often. Konrad and his wife, Katie, are expecting their first child in November.

[from The Rio Rancho Observer, 8-10-07 & New Mexico National Guard, 8-7-27]