



OFFICIAL BOOSTER CLUB OF THE TRI-CITY STORM

Booster Club

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Meet 'N Greet

Come One! Come All!

Meet the members of the 07-08 Storm team

*Tuesday, September 25, 2007
FirsTier Event Center, Second Floor
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

Snacks

Welcome Packets for the Players

Special Presentation

September general meeting after the Meet 'N Greet

Reminder

Have you renewed your membership yet? If there is a star (*) by your name on the mailing label, you are a member in good standing for another season.

No star? It's time to get that check in the mail. This will be your last newsletter. Non-renewals will be deleted from the mailing list October 15 when we prepare the next mailing.

Mail your check to:
Storm Chaser Booster Club
PO Box 2101
Kearney, NE 68848

\$15
Single

\$25
Family



\$15
Student

\$35
Benefactor

Dates to Remember

September 27-29 – Fall Classic pre-season tournament in Sioux City

Join the several Storm fans who are already planning to attend.

Get a preview of the 07-08 Storm team
Playing Schedule:

Sept. 27, 4 p.m. – vs. Chicago Steel
at the Tyson Event Center

Sept. 28, 12 noon – vs. Green Bay
Gamblers at the IBP Ice Center

Sept. 29, 10 a.m. – vs. Indiana Ice
at the Tyson Event Center

October 5 – Season opener vs. Omaha Lancers
at the MAC in Council Bluffs

October 6 – vs. Des Moines Buccaneers
in Des Moines

October 12 – vs. Waterloo Blackhawks
at the FirsTier Center

– **Our Home Opener** –

Player Profiles

Judging from past years' experience, we should expect one or two International players from Europe to join the team. This year is no exception. The difference is the countries from which these two young men come. One is from Poland and one is from the Netherlands.

Dariusz Gruszka

6'1", 160, 11/26/1988, F

Dariusz comes from Nowy Targ, a city in southern Poland which is of a size between that of Kearney and Grand Island. Nowy Targ is the home of the Podhale Nowy Targ, the hockey team that won the Polish Championship last year.

Dariusz was a member of the U-20 IIHF team representing Poland in the 2007 tournament last winter where he scored three goals and four assists in the five-game series.



Polish Flag

White and red with eagle emblem. May also be white and red with no emblem.



Netherlands Flag

Red, white, and blue in three evenly divided stripes.



It's time to catch up on birthday greetings for August and September.

We wish a Happy Birthday to these players:

Alex Hudson turned 20 on August. 1.

Ian O'Brien turned 17 on August 29th.

Ian is our youngest player this year.

There are three September birthdays.

Chris Hickey turned 19 on September 2.

Colin Smith was 19 on September 15.

Diederick Hagemeijer is 19 on September 21.



Diederick Hagemeijer

6'3", 196, 9/21/1988, F

Diederick comes from Tilburg, Netherlands, a city south of Amsterdam, near the Belgian border. He graduated from middle-baar school (high school) in 2006. He is second in a

family of four boys. Diederick did not start skating and playing hockey until he was 11, after his family moved to Tilburg. Last year he played for the Tilbury Trappers. He has been a member of several IIHF teams representing the Netherlands including the adult tournament last April in China.

Did You Know....

... that the first black player in the NHL was Willie O'Ree. He was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. An accident playing hockey as a junior left him blind in one eye. He played left-wing and had a career that covered three decades 1951-79 - his first season was with Fredericton Merchants and his final season was played with San Diego Hawks. He became the first black player in NHL history on the 18th of January 1958 when he played for the Boston Bruins in a 3-0 win over Montreal Canadiens at the Forum. He played for the Boston Bruins 1957-58 & 1960-61, Los Angeles Blades 1961-67, San Diego Gulls 1967-72, New Haven Nighthawks 1972-73 and San Diego Gulls 1973-74.

... that the first live TV hockey game broadcast took place way back in 1938. It was on the 29th October from Harringay Arena in London. The second and third periods of Harringay Racers v Streatham were transmitted by the BBC via their studios at Alexandra Palace - where the world's first regular high definition TV channel commenced two years earlier.

From azhockey.com

Board Profile

Sandra J Nevitt

5'0", 11-24---, Treasurer

Sandy was born in Lawrence, KS. She spent some of her childhood in Fremont, NE. Then she moved to Miller, NE, where she graduated from Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School.

Currently she is an administrative assistant for Expressions Catering, works at the Movie Gallery, and is a Primerica Independent Financial Consultant.

Sandy has been a Storm fan for two years and is beginning her second year as a Booster

Club member. When asked about the first Storm game she attended, Sandy had this story to tell.

“Friends had employer season tickets and they were trying to cheer my daughter, Briana, and I up due to the tragic death of my 18 year old son. It was October of 2005 and I don't remember if they won or lost but I remember the thrill of the game, even though we knew nothing of the rules, and the great team spirit. We were hooked that first game and felt like the players and fans were a great big family that we just had to be a part of.”



Bus Treats



Did you know that all the players receive a small bag of treats when they go to away games? One of the Booster Club projects – the reason we raise money by selling player buttons and holding the Pumpkin Raffle – is to provide these snacks. At first we sent along things like brownies, cookies, and potato chips. But when the team acquired a strength and conditioning coach, there was a change. Now players receive more nutritional snacks like fruit, pretzels, granola bars, and pudding.

This year Cindy Rademacher is in charge of treats. She sees that the items are purchased, put in the bags and delivered to the team bus. Of course she is open to assistance at any time. Help can be given in the form of purchasing snack items, making a donation to help cover the cost or even helping bag the items. Cindy has a list of approved snacks and will appreciate your help. It's a good way to show your support of the team.

Storm Alums

Jarod Palmer went to Miami of Ohio after his two seasons with the Tri-City Storm. A forward, he played 42 games, scored 11 times and had 19 assists for a season total of 30 points.

The writer of the article summarized here said that Jarod played “like a seasoned veteran as a freshman.” He played all three forward positions at various times during the season. He is described as tenacious when pursuing the puck, can quickly take a puck away from an opponent, and is a good defender in the final minutes of a game.

Because of his proven ability to score, set up a teammate to score, and bring the puck quickly down the ice, Jarod may anchor a line during the coming season.

Jarod's coach says, “He's not a flashy guy.

He's a gamer. If you watched him in practice, you might not notice him. Put him in a game situation, you're going to notice him because he's always got the puck or always around the puck.”



**Your place or mine?
Of Palmer's 30 points, 15 were scored at home and 15 were registered away from Oxford.**

[insidecollegehockey.com/College Hockey A to Z, 2007-08 preview, 8/28/2007]

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Kyle Lawson left the Tri-City Storm at the end of the 05-06 season to go to Notre Dame. He had quite a successful year. As a defense - man he played 38 games and had a total of 19 points – 4 goals, 15 assists. He was named to the CCHA All-Rookie team at the end of the season. Plus, he had a second semester grade point average of 3.5.

On ice he showed considerable puck handling skill and an ability to read plays moments before they happen so he was in position. Off the ice his coach says he is calm and has motivational skills which make him a leader.

To quote Coach Jeff Jackson, “Kyle has a real maturity to his game. He thinks the game so well, and he has the ability to slow the game down in his mind. You learn to appreciate the things he brings to the game from a hockey perspective and an emotional perspective.”

[insidecollegehockey.com/College Hockey A to Z, 2007-08 preview, 8/23/2007]

The First ...

... **Book on Ice Hockey** - "Hockey - Canada's Royal Winter Game" by Arthur Farrell, was published 1899.

... **Buffalo Sabres NHL game** - 10th October 1970 - Buffalo Sabres @ Pittsburgh Penguins [and this year they are playing an outdoor game in Buffalo on January 1, 2008.]

.. **Detroit Cougars Game** (they went on to become the **Detroit Red Wings**) - 18th November 1926 - Detroit Cougars lost to Boston Bruins

... **Detroit Red Wings NHL Game** - 10th November 1932 - Detroit Red Wings 3-1 Chicago Blackhawks

[So the Detroit team were Cougars for only four years before becoming Red Wings. Wonder why they changed?]

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