



Booster Club

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October General Meeting

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. - FEC second floor



Finalize plans for the Pumpkin Raffle



Fifth Annual Pumpkin Raffle

It's that time of year again. Time for the annual Pumpkin Raffle. This year we are joining the Storm organization for a big Halloween's Eve celebration at the home game on October 30th.

Players will receive pumpkins the week before the game. Each will decorate his pumpkin in his own unique and imaginative way. There will even be pumpkins decorated by Stormy, Snowball and maybe one or two others closely connected with the Storm.

All the decorated pumpkins will be on display at the Booster Club booth on the north concourse. You can vote for the ones you like best by putting a raffle ticket (or more than one) in the

bag by your favorite pumpkins. Tickets cost \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. After the second intermission drawings will be held to see who wins each one. Come by the booth after the game and see if you are a winner.

Everyone will have the opportunity to vote by written ballot for the scariest and most creative pumpkins.

All proceeds from the raffle(s) go toward the purchase of bus treats for the players when they go to away games.

Buttons for Sale

You know you can purchase player buttons at the Booster Club booth on the north concourse during every home game. But did you know you can also purchase them through our website?

Go to tricitystormchasers.com and click on the "player buttons" choice on the left hand menu. All the player buttons are on this page, both current players and any who started out the year but are no longer here. You can order buttons and either pick them up at the next home game or have them sent to you.

We do ask that you send a check to pay for the buttons before picking them up so we know this is a legitimate order. Sorry, no credit cards. We are not equipped to handle those yet.

Order now and have your buttons ready to wear to the next game you attend.



One birthday to mark this time.
Jordon Willert turns 20 on November 6th.
Happy Birthday, Jordon.



Report on the Meet 'N Greet

Storm Fans Meet Storm Players

Booster Club members and guests began gathering about 5 pm on Sept 25. A half hour later 23 hungry players, fresh from practice, ascended to the second floor meeting room at the FEC.

After making serious inroads into the snack trays – provided by Expressions Catering – they each took a turn introducing themselves.

In a special presentation the Booster Club gave the storm team a rug in the shape of the Storm logo for their locker room center floor. On behalf of the team, the rug was accepted by 06-07 captain, Mario Lamoureux.

When the Storm players came in they were each given their special player buttons. One pair of buttons says “Proud Parent” and the other pair says “Host Family”. The players were to distribute these buttons to the appropriate people. When they left, each received their Welcome Packet, a bag of coupons, hats, etc. from local businesses.

The Fall Classic

Sioux City

Great venue - Well organized

Two good sheets of ice

28 ads on the ice for 14 companies

Finally! Hockey!



Yes, the IBP facility was a little chilly. But that's to be expected in a smaller place. The boys stayed warm. It was a fast, aggressive game. The seating was good there. All on one side but bleachers were not needed on the other side anyway. And it is easily accessible from the Interstate, just as the Tyson Center is.

The Storm's first game, against Chicago, went into a shootout with the Storm coming out on top 5-4. Considering our earlier preseason game against Lincoln, fans were beginning to wonder if our team was ever going to win a game in regulation time. These nail biters going into overtime and shootouts can be quite stressful.

So the second game, versus Green Bay, was decided in regulation time, unfortunately not in the Storm's favor. The final score was 1-3. The third

game, against Indiana, was nicely done in regulation time with the Storm coming out on top 5-3. Made for a pleasant drive home that afternoon.

There were quite a few Storm fans in attendance as well as several players' parents. So there was a good cheering section for our team. We look forward to seeing those parents, plus several others at future home and away games this season.

It's our recommendation that you begin planning now to set aside the last weekend in September (Thurs, Fri, Sat) next year to attend the next Fall Classic in Sioux City. It's a great opportunity to see our new team in action, get a preview of the opposition, and to fulfill that summer-long yearning you will have to see some more hockey games.

2007 Futures Draft

Each team in the USHL is allowed to carry 12 players on an affiliated list. These players are eligible to be called up to the active team roster at any time during this season. By September 6 each team had submitted their list of the affiliated players they had at that time. Tri-City submitted four names including Tyler Johnson and Danny Heath. Then on October 3 an online draft was held to fill out those lists to the total of 12.

Any player 16 or 17 years old was eligible to be chosen. The team drafting them then holds their playing rights of 1-3 years, depending on their birth year, 1989 – 1 year, 1990 – 2 years, and 1991 – 3 years.

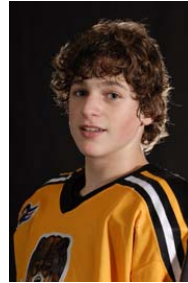
The draft order was selected by random draw, not by team standings at the end of last season. Tri-City was 12th of the 13 teams this year and made the following eight picks.



Riley Sheahan
F St. Catharine's Falcons,
Ontario, Canada.
6'2", 180, 7-12-1991.
Chose to go the NCAA
route instead of OHL.
Committed to Notre Dame.

Nick Oliver

F Roseau, MN, H. S.
6'2", 185, 1991.
Junior this year.
Committed to St. Cloud.
Drafted last May by Tri-
City. This extends Tri-
City's rights for him.



Stephen Ginand
D Boston Jr. Bruins
5'9", 150, 4-28-91
From Milford, Mass.
Sophomore this year.

Torin Snyderman F Cushing Academy, Groton,
Mass, 5'11", 185, 1-15-90, Junior this year

David Chaney

D Belle Tire
6'0", 188, 1-31-1990
Shelby Township, MI.
Attended our try-out
camp last June.



Jesse Brown F Syracuse Stars, Eastern Junior
Hockey League, 6'3", 190, 1990. From Cortland,
NY. A scoring forward, may go with OHL

Alec Rush D Eden Prairie, MN, High School, 6'1",
190, Nov. 1990. Junior this year.

Because Fargo, ND will have a team in the
league next year they were included in this year's
draft.



Storm Alumni

Steve Wagner signed with the St. Louis Blues last March and joined their farm team, the Peoria Rivermen. Last month he was moved up from the farm team to the St. Louis Blues and played his first NHL game on Oct. 4. Since then he has played two more games and had an assist in each.

Mark Van Guilder was named captain of the Notre Dame team. "Mark Van Guilder is a leader by example," says [Coach] Jackson. "He is a self-made hockey player and a great example of what Irish hockey is all about."

Chad Anderson signed with Philadelphia Phantoms, farm team of the Philadelphia Flyers. Grown a bit since he was here. Now 6'4"

Roster

This year's player roster is finally set, for a while anyway.

Our 23 players are

G 1 Aaron Rock	F 8 Mike Cichy	D 16 Greg Throckner	F 22 Troy Mattila
D 2 Kyle Ensign	D 10 Chris Franks	F 17 Brendan Arniel	F 24 Brennan Vargas
D 4 Nick Jaskowiak	F 11 Mario Lamoureux	F 18 Troy Power	D 26 Ryan Peltoma
D 5 Cameron Cooper	F 12 Jordan Van Gilder	F 19 Josh Berge	D 28 Tom Kleidon
F 6 Alex Hudson	F 14 Colin Smith	D 20 Pierre-Paul Lamoureux	G 37 Ian O'Brien
F 7 Chris Hickey	F 15 Jordon Willert	F 21 Diederick Hagemeyer	

A 24th player, Brandon Martell, defense, is on Injured Reserve



Your Board at Work

L to R: Cindy Rademacher, Betty Smith, Sandy Nevitt, Travis Flies, Jennifer Turek, Kathy Knapp, Mardi Anderson convened at the September meeting following the Meet 'N Greet.

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