



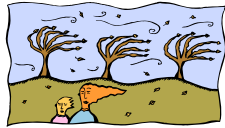
Booster Club

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March General Meeting

March 25, 2008 - 7:00 p.m. - FEC - 2nd Floor

Final preparations for the Appreciation Banquet



Looking Ahead

Time to Select the Board of Directors for the Booster Club's 2008-9 Season

In accordance with our bylaws, at the March general meeting the President will appoint a Nominations Committee chairperson. This person will be a member in good standing and can select up to two additional members to serve on the committee. They will assemble a slate of candidates which will be submitted to the general membership via the newsletter, email, or a general mailing at least one week before the May General meeting. Depending on how things go, you may receive this slate of candidates at the April meeting, in the April or May newsletter, or in a special email or mailing at least a week before the May general meeting when elections are held.

The newly elected Board will then take office immediately following the election. They will determine who will be responsible for each of the officer positions and other Board responsibilities before the June general meeting.

Appreciation Banquet

April 6, 2008 – Doors open at 12:30 p.m. – Meal served at 1:00 p.m. – Holiday Inn

Highlights of the season – pictures of players – Awards

Door prizes –

**Including a set of player pins of all 33 players who played for the Storm team this season.
Each pin is autographed.**

Players receiving awards are selected by a vote of his teammates.

The player receiving the People's Choice award will be chosen by a vote of Storm fans.

Draft Process

Have you noticed that one or both of the assistant coaches have been missing from the bench during recent games? They have been occupied in an intensive scouting endeavor searching for candidates for the spring draft. Our assistant coaches, Doug Johnson and Tom Rudrud, do have help. Charlie Graves scouts for the Storm. He focuses on Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota high schools. There are other scouts on the east and west coasts who are on the lookout also.

Each scout will submit his list of prospects to the Storm office. Keeping in mind the type of players wanted on next year's team, the lists will be studied for players who appear to have those characteristics. With that new list in hand, the coaches will be ready for the entry draft this spring.

The draft is held each year in May after play offs are over. Shortly before the date of the draft, each team draws up a protected list. This list consists of veteran players the team wishes to

protect plus players who were drafted last October for the affiliates list. It is not released until after the draft. Since each team's list may have a different number of players, the first rounds of the draft are used to fill that list up to 23 players. Then there are seven more rounds to bring the lists to 30.

Being drafted does not guarantee the player is on the team. The coach usually requires him to attend tryout camp.

There is no rule on age of players selected but USHL coaches generally stay within the 16-20 age group. USA hockey rules for junior hockey do not allow players over 21. A 20-year-old player is eligible to play if he does not turn 21 until after Jan. 1 of that season.

Want to learn more about the draft?

See also:

ushl.com/draft/faq-entry.cfm

ushl.com/draft/faq-futures.cfm

Hockey Equipment

The Helmet

“Rule #22b – All players of both teams shall wear a helmet of design, material and construction approved by the Rules Committee at all times while participating in a game, either on the playing surface or the players' bench or the penalty benches.”



During the 1970's wearing a helmet became mandatory in junior and college hockey. It was mandatory for every NHL player who signed a contract after June 1, 1979. Wearing the helmet was voluntary for any player who was a member of the NHL before that. The last player to go bareheaded was Craig MacTavish (St. Louis Blues) in the 1995-6 season. He retired after the following season.

Before the 1970's a few NHL players did wear helmets. Usually it was because they were recovering from a head injury. One player wore his because he had a metal plate in his head. In the case of one Blackhawk player it was because he was embarrassed about being bald.

If a goalie's or a player's helmet comes off during play, a linesman or the ref is to stop the play immediately. In the case of the player, he has to leave the ice and cannot come back on until after the face-off. If either the goalie or a player causes a stoppage in play by deliberately removing his helmet, he gets a 2-minute penalty.

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Danny Heath will be 18 on March 20th

Troy Power will be 18 on March 29th

Ryan Peltoma turns 20 on April 5th

Hockey Equipment, Cont.

All players must wear their helmets with the chin straps properly fastened. If they remove the helmet while on the ice, on the bench, or in the penalty box, and are warned by the ref to put it back on but do not, they can also receive a 2-minute penalty.

There is an organization called the HECC (Hockey Equipment Certification Council) whose mission is “to seek out, evaluate and select standards and testing procedures for hockey equipment for the purpose of safety certification.”

They have lists of approved hockey equipment which can be found on their website <hecc.net>. Nike Bauer is probably the most familiar brand name on the list.

Helmets are made of a resin or plastic called vinyl nitrile. This material will absorb the impact of a stick, a puck, skates, or the blow of hitting the ice. The inside is reinforced with an Aramid fiber. Aramid is short for "aromatic polyamide". It is a strong, heat-resistant fiber. Kevlar and Twaron are two brand names for this material. While the helmet is not guaranteed to prevent concussions, wearing it reduces the danger.



Where Are They Now? Storm Alums

Tom Pohl

Tommy Pohl was a member of the Storm during the 2002-3 & 2003-4 seasons. He played in 55 and then all 60 games during those two seasons. From here he went to the U of Minnesota where he is now a senior. Anyone following his career probably noticed that Tom was often scratched during his first three years there. This year as one of six seniors on the team he has played almost every game.

Tom is still 6'1"; he's put on about five more pounds of muscle. He still looks the same, just a little older, what one would expect between ages 18 and 24.



The U of Minn. describes Tom as a “forward with solid offensive skills • energetic presence on the ice and in the locker room • hard-working forward willing to play any role for the team.” Many fans will say that is an accurate description of the Storm player we knew also.

Tom may not have played every game during those first three years but he was definitely not just sitting around. A political science and marketing major, Tom has been a U of M Scholar Athlete for three years. For the last two years he was named to the WCHA All-Academic Team, and last year was a WCHA Conference Scholar-Athlete.

While a member of the Storm, Tom claimed the title of best ping pong player on the team, a claim disputed by several of his team mates. Fans remember him for the Pohl Vault, his victory jump against the glass whenever he scored a goal.

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----- Appreciation Banquet Reservation Form-----

Name _____ Phone # _____

Adults _____ # Children 6-10 _____ # Children 5 and under _____

___ Player ___ Coach or staff ___ Parent ___ Host Family ___ Booster Member ___ Storm Fan

Family or Host Family for _____

(Storm Player's name)

Ticket Prices: Adult members \$12.00 Adult nonmembers \$15.00 Children 6-10 \$7.00

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