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October General Meeting

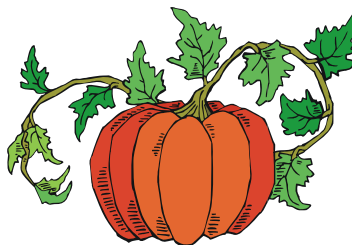
Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 7 p.m.

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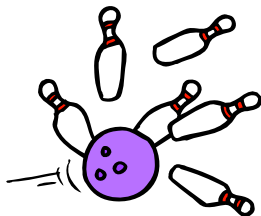
*Which Storm players will be our special guests?
Come & find out.*



*Renewed Your
Membership yet?*

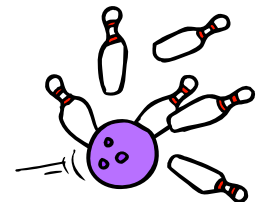


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Bowl With the Storm

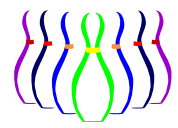
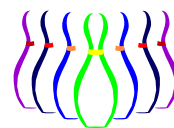
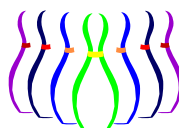
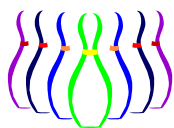
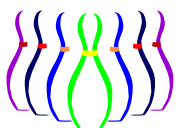
Sunday, November 16 - 2:00 p.m.



Big Apple Fun Center

Come, bring the family, and enjoy a fun afternoon with your Tri-City Storm players.
Get better acquainted in an informal setting.

You know you can't beat them in a hockey game. But how about at bowling? Have you seen a hockey player bowl? You might have a chance. In the eight year history of this franchise only one player has bowled enough to own his own ball.



The Latest Roster Changes

There were several roster changes just before and right after the Fall Classic. And then one change was necessary after the regular season began when Danny Heath was placed on 45 day injured reserve and Duncan McKellar was added to fill his spot on the roster. Tanner Slarks is also here to fill in for an injured

Released:	Added:
Chris Franks	Alex Gerke
Andrew Hamburg	Diederick Hagemeyer
Michael Juola	Radislav Illo
Mark Morikowa	Kevin Nugent

Diederick Hagemeyer returns for his second year on the team. Here is some information about the other three plus Duncan McKellar and Tanner Slarks.

Alex Gerke

D, 5'10", 163, 10-16-88

Alex comes from Tomah, Wisconsin, where he attended high school. He lettered in hockey all four years and was honored as an all-state defenseman. After graduation in May 2007 he joined the Dubuque, Iowa, Thunderbirds, a Junior B team in the Central States Hockey League. Alex played every game last season and was the lead scoring defenseman. Thirty-nine of his forty-five goals came on the power play. Last spring he was tapped by the Bismarck Bobcats of the NAHL. Alex attended the Storm tri-out camp and made the final cut for the Sunday All-Star games.

Duncan McKellar

F, 6'3", 185, 3-16-1990

Duncan is from Phoenix, Arizona, where he played for P.F. Chang's Midget AAA team. Last spring he was drafted by the Wenatchee (Washington) Wild, a new team beginning this fall in the NAHL. He was also drafted by Sioux Falls and played two games in the Fall Classic for them where he had an assist. On Oct. 3 he was traded to the Lincoln Stars. He played in the first two games of their regular season and had one assist (against the Storm) before being released. Now he is on the Storm roster to replace his long time friend, Danny Heath, who was placed on the Injured Reserve list for 45 days.

Radoslav Illo

F, 6'0", 185, 1-21-90

Rado comes from Bystrica, a city of 25,000 in northwest Slovakia. Here he played in the Extraliga U18 league. A year ago he came to the US to play for the Youngstown Phantoms (NAHL). But early in the season he went to the Jr Whalers Independent Team in the Continental Hockey Association (CHA), a junior hockey league. They said he was "a very versatile player,...able to play both forward and defense ... and he has breakaway speed and incredible puck skills." He had two goals and an assist in the Classic.

Kevin Nugent

F, 6'2", 195, 3-1-1989

Kevin is from New Canaan, Connecticut, where he attended Taft School which plays in the Connecticut League. His coach there described him as a "smart player, effective in all situations on the ice." He has also been called "more of a play maker than goal scorer." A year ago in May he was drafted by Waterloo. Kevin has committed to Notre Dame, where his father played hockey from 1974-8. Since his father is 6'5", Kevin may have a little more growing to do.



Tanner Slarks

D, 5'11", 190, 1-17-1991

Tanner is from Spokane, Washington. He has been playing for the Spokane Braves in the Kootenay International Junior Hockey League. The Braves are the only American team in this Canadian Jr. B league. Last season Tanner had one goal and 12 assists. So far this season in 13 games he has four goals and six assists for the Braves. Remember, he plays defense.

Futures Draft

The Futures Draft was held October 14th. This is the draft where USHL teams draft players born in 1991 and 1992 – 17 and 16-year-olds – to be on their Affiliated Player lists. Each team can also have some ‘90’s and ‘91’s coming into this season. By the end of the draft each team will have a 12-member list of players who are immediately eligible to move to their team’s player roster if needed. They, along with those drafted next May, will form the core of their team in the 2009-2010 season.

Players selected by the Storm in the last Futures Draft included Torin Snyderman, David Chaney and Alec Rush, all current members of the Storm team. Two other players, Tyler Pitlick and Riley Sheahan, were carried over to start the list for this season. Also on that pre-draft list were Tyler Landman and Max Tardy. Both of these players attended try-out camp last June.

The Tri-City Storm was first in draft order this year. However, pick position is frequently included in player trading deals between teams as was obvious by the team order in each round. The Storm, for example, had first pick in the first round, but was last in the second and fourth rounds, and had traded their pick in third round to Waterloo. Then they had two picks in the sixth round which made up for the lost turn.

The Storm Affiliated Player list now consists of these players:

Tyler Pitlick

F, 6’2”, 188, 11-1-1991

Tyler is a senior at Centennial (Minn.) High School. He has grown a couple of inches since he was profiled with the Futures last year. Last August Tyler was a member of the US Under-18 team which played in the Czech Republic. He has committed to Minnesota State. Tyler’s uncle is NHL player Lance Pitlick.

Riley Sheahan

F, 6’2”, 180, 7-12-1991

As reported a year ago, Riley plays for St. Catharines’ Falcons, in Ontario, Canada. He has chosen to go the NCAA route instead of OHL and is committed to Notre Dame. Scouts have described him as a slick, skilled center.

Tyler Landman

F, 5’9”, 180, 1990

Tyler is a senior this year at Roseau (Minn.) High School. He was drafted by the Steel last May but apparently opted to stay at Roseau for his last year in high school. And who can blame him with Roseau having a state championship team. Scouts have described Tyler as a talented offensive player, a great passer, a gritty, hard worker.

Max Tardy

F, 5’10”, 165, 10-27-1990

Max is currently attending Duluth East (Minn.) High School. He has committed to Minnesota-Duluth. Scouts have described him as a good playmaker.



Jaden Schwartz

F, 5’10”, 170, 1992

Jaden was the #1 pick in this year’s Futures Draft. He is from Wilcox, Saskatchewan where he plays for the Notre Dame Hounds, a team in the Saskatchewan Jr. Hockey

League (SJHL) located in Wilcox. In 12 games so far this season, he has 9 goals and 12 assists for 21 points.

Last season he was honored as the Top Scorer for the Saskatchewan AAA Midget Hockey League. He had 39 goals and 72 assists for 111 points in 44 games. Jaden has a brother, Rylan, who is committed to Colorado College.

Joe Wilson

F, 5’10”, 170, 2-6-1992

Joe lives in North Syracuse, New York, where he plays for the Syracuse Stars in the Eastern Junior Hockey League (EJHL). He attends Liverpool High School where he is an “A” student. So far in 11 games this season he has scored 12 goals and had 7 assists for 19 points. This includes the first weekend in October when he had 2 hat tricks in back to back games.

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Kevin Boyle

G, 6'0", 170, 5-30-1992

Kevin is from Manalapan, NJ and plays for the New Jersey Rockets, a junior B team. Last season he had a .895 save percentage and

has a .863 so far this season. Kevin was drafted by the OHL team Sault St. Marie Greyhounds last May.

Beau Bennett

F, 6'1", 1975, 11-27-1991

Beau is from Gardena, CA, and plays for the LA Jr. Kings. In 13 games played in September and October, he has scored 6 goals and had 8 assists. Beau was on the Omaha Lancers 33-man roster released last July.

Caleb Herbert

F, 5'10", 178, 10-12-1991

Caleb attends Jefferson High School in Bloomington, MN, where he is a senior. He missed part of the hockey season last year because of a broken leg. But that is healed now and in August he was also a member of the US Under-18 team which played in the Czech Republic along with Tyler Pitlick. Caleb had two goals in the game with the Swiss team and was named Player of the Game. Scouts have noted his skating speed.



Matthew Friese

F, 4-17-1992

Matthew was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and has grown up in Wasilla. He is a junior at Wasilla High School this year and,

according to the roster on their website, is a member of the Wasilla High School hockey team. Matthew is listed in draft information as playing for the Alaska Avalanche. He has a brother, Adam, who played on the same line as Matthew at Wasilla last year and now plays for the Alaska Avalanche Jr. A team in the NAHL.

Derek Deblois

F, 1991

Derek comes from Rhode Island and attends Hotchkiss Prep in Lakeville, Conn. where he is a junior this year. He is on a list of hot prospects made by a scout out east of players likely to be offered scholarships. During the 2005-6 season he played for the Jr. Bruins with Mike Cichy and Matt Zarbo

T.J. Schlueter

F, 1991

T. J. is a junior in high school. He plays for the St. Louis Selects which is the St. Louis Blues' AAA team.

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