



Booster Club

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November General Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 - 7 p.m. - First Tier Event Center - 2nd floor

Who will be the guest players this month?

Last month we learned that Torin Snyderman, Alec Rush, and Tanner Slarks are all in high school. Tanner and Alec can both play the piano. Torin likes to create art pieces.

What will we learn this month?



Game Schedule Between These Two Events

November 26 – Omaha at home -- November 30 – Lincoln at home

December 5 – Lincoln there -- December 6 – Cedar Rapids there



Holiday Party

December 7, 2008 - Holiday Inn

5:00 p.m. - Social Time -- 5:30 p.m. - Supper

\$17.00 Adults -- \$8.50 Children (6-9) -- Free Children 5 & under

R.S.V.P. by December 2 to Paula Fuestman at 830-0909 or fuestmanp@unk.edu

Team News

Roster Changes

Duncan McKellar and David Chaney have been released from the Storm team and Kyle Politz has been traded to an NAHL team in Alaska. Before he joined the Storm, Kyle had been a member of the Alaska Avalanche.

Three new players have been added to the roster. Tanner Slarks came from Spokane, WA. He was profiled last month. Charles Carkin comes from the New England Huskies. Charlie played his first Storm game on Nov. 11 against Lincoln. Randy Cure comes from the Ice Dogs in Fairbanks, Alaska. He played his first Storm game on Nov. 15 against Chicago.

Charles Carkin – D, 6', 187, 3-10-1989

Charlie comes from Lowell, MA. He had been playing for New England Huskies in the EJHL.

A month ago the EJHL News reported that, "Carkin is a versatile defender who combines mobility, stick skills and toughness. He possesses an outstanding array of shots – wrist, snap, slap and one-timer and is a devastating open ice body checker."

Charlie has committed to Mercyhurst.



Randy Cure

D, 6'4", 195, 4-5-1990

Randy's home is Bloomington, MN. During the 07-08 season he played for the Academy of Holy Angels Stars. He was named to the Metro All-Conference team at the end

of last season. Randy started this season playing for the Ice Dogs in Fairbanks, Alaska. He arrived in Kearney on Nov. 13. Randy has also committed to Mercyhurst.



Berge Commits to Mankato

(from the Storm office press release)

"Josh Berge has committed to Minnesota State University-Mankato of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, for the 2010-2011 season. Berge, a 5'8", 160 lb. forward from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma has recorded two goals and four assists for six points on the year.

Minnesota State is very familiar with the Storm organization. The 2008-2009 Mavericks' roster includes former Storm players Mike Zacharias, Cameron Cooper, Brian Kilburg and Andrew Sackrison. The Mavericks' roster also includes Berge's older brother, Mick Berge."



There is one birthday to watch for this time. Alec Rush turns 18 on November 23rd.

Bus Treats

Possibly the most important activity of the Booster Club is providing a sack of snack treats to each player for them to take along on the bus to away games.

If you are considering donating treats for these away game trips, here are some suggestions. At the October general meeting, the players who came to get acquainted and answer our questions said that they especially like vanilla pudding and the Kellogg's fruity snacks. Low calorie, low fat granola bars are another suggestion.

Little Known Fact

When Randy Cure arrived in Kearney to join the Storm he was reunited with an old friend, Ryan Forgaard. They played youth hockey together in Bloomington, MN. Then the Forgaards moved to Faribault, MN. The Cures remained in Bloomington where Randy's father is a physician.

Pumpkin Raffle Results

Angela Flies reports that the Pumpkin Raffle was a GREAT success!! We made around \$379!!! The money will be used for bus treats and to help pay for player meals at the Holiday Party in December and at the Appreciation Banquet next spring.

The boys did an EXCELLENT job on decorating the pumpkins. We were VERY impressed. The volunteers selling raffle tickets heard a lot of very positive compliments from fans as well.

Thank you to those who helped!

Here are the results of the voting for most creative and scariest pumpkins....

Mike Cichy and Danny Heath combined efforts and their two pumpkins along with a Styrofoam ball to create this Storm snowman. They were rewarded with the most votes for Most Creative Pumpkin.

For the most creative 18 of the players had at least 1 vote which just proves there were a lot of very creative ideas.

Here are some other entries.... (Go to the website to see them in color.)

Most Creative



Scariest



Eli Zuck received the most votes for the Scariest Pumpkin.



Kyle Politz



David Chaney



Alex Gerke



Nick Maricic's pumpkin (above) was voted 2nd best for both Most Creative and Scariest.



Duncan McKellar



Ryan Forgaard



Sean Escobedo



Alec Rush

Hockey Equipment - Part 5

Breezers

Breezers, or as the Canadians call them, hockey pants, are the specially padded pants worn by all hockey players (and street hockey players). The first version of this garment was a full length waist to ankle trouser developed for the 1981-2 hockey season. It was called a "Cooperall" (as opposed to a coverall, I guess) because it was manufactured by the Cooper Company. It was not padded but was a shell trouser that covered the padding worn underneath. It was a failure.

The current, more successful version is padded, goes up high at the waist and down to the knee. The breezer is laced up in front and has a belt. The goalie's breezers also have suspenders. Fans may observe as the season progresses the inseams on the breezers of the more active players giving out. We have had a Storm player, or two, in the past who practically looked like they were wearing skirts (kilts?) by the time playoffs came around.

According to one source, they are called "breezers" because the bottom of the legs of the pants are quite wide, allowing for a fair amount

of breeze to blow in when the player is skating. This source also says that the term "breezer" is used mainly in Wisconsin and Minnesota, that they are called hockey pants elsewhere. Would it be because the majority of the Storm players on the first 2-3 teams came from Minnesota that we call them breezers here?

Women's breezers are cut a little differently than men's to allow for the differences in hip and waist proportions.

Sources: Wikipedia, lifetimehockey.com/Glossary

Strange Information Found on the Internet

Question: **What is the correct way to put on your Ice hockey Equipment?** What are some good tips, I am playing Ice hockey for the first time in 15 years, I am now 30!!

Answer: **Best Answer - Chosen by Voters**
One leg at a time and the pads go on the inside

From <answers.yahoo.com>



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