



# Tri-City Storm

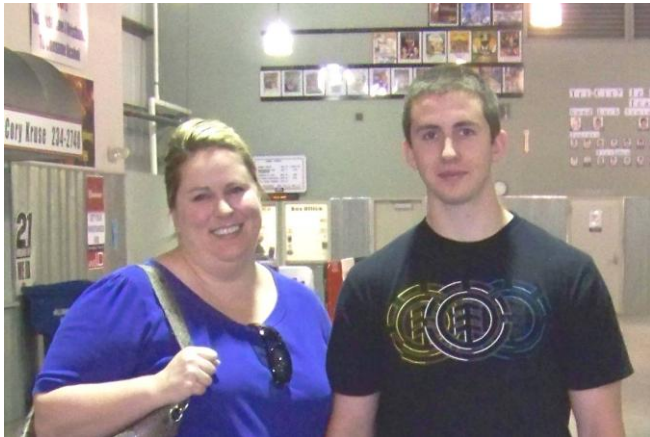
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Taylor Aronson and his mother, Jean, met some Storm fans at the arena last Saturday morning

## Aronson Visits Kearney

The Tri-City Storm's second draft pick, Taylor Aronson, visited Kearney last weekend (May 16-17). Taylor is from Placentia in Orange County, California, where he skates with the LA Jr. Kings. Saturday morning, after a tour of the Event Center he met with several new and long time Storm fans who gathered on the concourse to meet him. Not only did the fans have the chance to get acquainted with Taylor, but Taylor had the chance to get acquainted with Storm fans and get an idea of the loyalty and support he can expect if he decides to join the team.

Taylor is 17 and will be a senior in high school next year. He is an only child and when asked how his parents feel about his leaving home to play hockey he said they have known this was coming. His mother, Jean, who traveled with him this weekend, said he wanted to go when he was 15 but they managed to hold on to him for an extra two years.

In answer to a question about who taught him to skate and how he got involved in hockey, Taylor said his cousin invited him to play in-line hockey when he was about 4. He liked it and stayed with it. Like most California hockey players, he started out on in-line skates and switched to ice later.

Storm owner, Kirk Brooks, was the Aronson's tour guide for the weekend visit. He said he has watched Taylor play for some time now when Taylor's team and his Las Vegas team would meet. Kirk said Taylor and his team always won. He would rather have Taylor on his side than against him.

## USHL Expands

Our conference will add two more teams beginning in the 2009-2010 season thus making this a 14-team league. Both will be in the East Division so the Des Moines Buccaneers will be switching once again to the Western Division to make an even seven in each division.

One new team, located in Youngstown, Ohio, will be the Youngstown Phantoms. The other is Team USA from the National Training Development Program (NTDP) in Ann Arbor, MI.

The Phantoms will play at the Chevrolet Center in Youngstown. Bruce Zoldan is the owner of this team. He also owns the Mahoning Valley Phantoms, an NAHL team.

Since the team is new with no returning members from the previous season, the Phantoms conducted a draft on May 11 before the Futures and Entry Drafts. In this special draft they selected one player from each of the other teams in the league. David Donnellan was chosen from the Storm team.

When the Fargo Force joined the league last season, the Ohio Junior Blue Jackets were leaving so their returning players were turned over to the Force, making a special draft unnecessary.

In the case of Team USA they already have a list of returning players since they have been in existence for some time, just not as a member of this league.

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# The Season in Review

We will all agree this was not the best season in the Storm's history. However there were some records broken. And not all of them were negative. Not all of the records are included here, just some of the more interesting ones.

First are some team records. The record for the first eight seasons is given first, followed by what we did this season. Unfortunately, all of the records included here were broken on the negative side.

Next are some goalie records, then other individual player records. The last section shows how the Storm did versus each of the other teams in the league last season.

## Storm Team Season Records

Most Points – 91--- Least Points – 58  
Points This Season - 48  
Most goals – 225 ---Least goals – 166  
Goals This Season - 140  
Most goals against - 208--Least goals against - 138  
Goals Against This season – 295  
Most wins – 43 --- Least wins – 27  
Wins This season - 11  
Longest win streak – 12  
Longest win streak this year – 2  
Longest winless streak – 12  
Longest winless streak this year – 19

## Some goalie records

Most losses in a season – Noah Ruden – 16  
Most losses this season – T. J. Massie – 19  
Most penalty min. in a season – Peter Minnino - 18  
Most penalty min. this season – Nick Hopper – 27

### New record

Most shutouts in a season - Aaron Rock – 7  
Most shutouts this season – T. J. Massie – 1

Most wins in a season –  
Peter Minnino & Ian Keserich - 26  
Most wins this year – T. J. Massie – 5

## Some Individual player records

Most Games Played this Season  
Kevin Nugent & Anthony DeCenzo – 60  
Most goals this season – Radislav Illo – 21  
Storm record – Rastislav Spirko – 35  
Most assists this season – Anthony DeCenzo – 26  
Storm record – Bill Thomas – 38  
Most penalty minutes this season – Alec Rush – 72  
Storm record – Pierre-Paul Lamoureux - 244  
Most points this season – Anthony DeCenzo – 44  
Storm record – Bill Thomas – 69

Most power play goals this season  
– Anthony DeCenzo & Radaslav Illo – 8  
Storm Record – Calle Ridderwall – 14

## How we did against the other teams in the USHL

The Storm was victorious in four of the five overtime games they played. The last game with Chicago was lost in overtime

There was only one shootout, which they lost. The Storm's overall season record was 11-48-1. Here are the results by division. The best record was against the Omaha Lancers.

### West Division – 9-27-0

Lincoln – 2-6-0  
Omaha – 4-3-0  
Sioux City – 2-5-0  
Sioux Falls – 1-6-0  
 Fargo – 0-7-0

### East Division – 2-21-1

Des Moines – 1-3-0  
Waterloo – 0-4-0  
Cedar Rapids – 1-3-0  
Green Bay – 0-4-0  
Indiana – 0-4-0  
Chicago – 0-3-1

## Wally Lacroix

Wally Lacroix has been named Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator for the Tri-City Storm

Wally was born in Canada and skated at many levels of hockey in Canada and the US as a defenseman. Most recently he has been running hockey operations at the Las Vegas Ice Center and coaching the Las Vegas Outlaws. Wally is also a linesman in the ECHL. He was one of the officials in the 2009 Kelly Cup finals. This was not his first time officiating in the ECHL playoffs.

Wally also plays inline hockey. In 2002 he played on a team in the 30-over division of the USA Hockey InLine tournament in Las Vegas.

# The Drafts

## Futures Draft 2009

The Futures Draft, which has been held in September or October, was held this year on May 12, the day before the regular spring draft. Each team chose five players. These are the young players with a 1993 birth year. At 16 this year they are in the middle of their high school careers. They still have some growing to do and some hockey skills to develop but are already showing promise. They've caught the eye of scouts and coaches.

Each of the 13 teams participating in the draft will place their five players on their affiliate list for the 2009-10 season and will retain their playing rights for three years. If there is a need during the coming season any of these players can be placed on their active roster. Team USA did not take part because they are choosing players for their U17 team now.

Following are the five players chosen by the Storm.



**Peter Hand** – D, 6'0", 180, 1993

Peter comes from Westchester, MI. and plays for Compuware. As a defenseman for the U16 team last season he had 1 goal, 7 assists, and 97 PIM. During playoffs, in which they won the U16 national

championship, he had 5 assists. Peter has also been drafted by the Plymouth Whalers in the Ontario Hockey League.



**Brandon Fisher** – D, 6'1", 168

Brandon is a sophomore at Soldotna High School in Soldotna, Alaska. He is a member of the Alaska All Stars where he had 4 goals and 30 assists last season.

**Dakota Olvin** – D, 5'9", 150, 1993

Dakota attends Howell High School in Howell, MI where he is now a sophomore. A defenseman, during the past season he scored 2 goals and had 10 assists. He only collected 32 PIM.



**Cory Ward** – F, 1993

Cory is from Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is a member of the Nevada Stars AAA (U16). In 30 games last season, he scored 25 goals and 30 assists for a total of 55 points. One of his teammates is backup goalie Brittany Brooks.



**Cody Bisbing** – F, 5'10", 143, 5-5-1993

Cody is from Mesa, Arizona, where he is a sophomore in high school and is maintaining a 3.667 grade average. Last season he was a member of PF Chang's U-18 team.



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→ →Please Note: There will not be a general meeting in June. We will meet again July 28<sup>th</sup> and begin planning for next season. ← ←

## Eldon "Pokey" Reddick

Eldon Reddick is the new goalie coach for the Tri-City Storm.

He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and grew up in Toronto. His father gave him the nickname "Pokey" because he didn't move very fast around the house when he was a child and the name stuck. Once he got in front of the net, however, it was a different story as he proved to be quick and agile.

He started playing at 17 in the WHL. Five years later he was playing for the Winnipeg Jets in the NHL. Pokey's NHL years also included playing for the Edmonton Oilers, being on the 1990 team which won the Stanley Cup, and for the Florida Panthers. His professional career included playing in the WHL, IHL, NHL, AHL, and three seasons in Germany playing for the Frankfurt Lions.

Pokey is the only professional goalie to play all three rounds of a playoff series undefeated, an achievement while playing for the Ft. Wayne Komets in 1992-3 for which he was named MVP. When he joined the Winnipeg team



Since leaving the professional ranks Pokey has worked with the youth hockey program at the Las Vegas Ice Center as coach for both the Nevada Stars and the Las Vegas

Outlaws. He and his family live in Las Vegas. He has two sons and two daughters.

## 2009 USHL Draft

The 2009 USHL draft was held on May 13. The Storm started with a list of 15 protected players and chose 15 more plus acquired two more in trades. Player profiles will be included in the June and July newsletters.

## Tryout Camp

The annual Storm tryout camp will be held in Las Vegas June 12-14. Several Storm fans are planning to attend. Watch for a report in the June newsletter.

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