



# Tri-City Storm Booster Club

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## *No July General Meeting*

The new Board of Directors has met. Following are the positions they will hold for the following year:

Kathy Knapp – President  
Jan Hankey – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Special Projects  
Jennifer Turek – Treasurer  
Jamie Legates – Director

Betty Smith – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Membership  
Mardi Anderson – Secretary & Newsletter  
Cindy Rademacher – Director – Bus Treats  
Travis Flies – Director

***Next General Meeting will be August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Watch for Details***

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

We have one birthday to note this time. Brett Mohler, a new member of the team, will turn 20 on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July.

## **Fall Schedule**

- Sept. 18 – Home – Exhibition Game with the Omaha Lancers
- Sept. 24-26 – Sioux City – Fall Classic – Three games in three days.
- Oct. 3 – Omaha – Season opener with Omaha Lancers in their new home at the Civic Auditorium
- Oct. 9-10 – Home – Home season openers with Indiana Ice
- Oct. 16 – Home – Fargo Force comes to town for one game
- Oct. 20 – Home – Lincoln Stars come to Kearney on a Tuesday
- Oct. 23 – Away – Youngstown Phantoms
- Oct. 24 – Away – Youngstown again
- Oct. 30 – Away – Des Moines Buccaneers
- Oct. 31 – Away – Lincoln Stars again but in their arena

## **NHL Draft**



The NHL draft was held on June 27. Storm returning player, Radoslav Illo, was selected in the 5<sup>th</sup> round by the Anaheim Ducks. Illo will begin his second season with the Storm this fall. He had the most goals for the team last season with 21.

A new player coming to our team this year is Maxwell Tardy. He was selected in the 7<sup>th</sup> round by the St. Louis Blues. Max will be making the transition from high school to the USHL this season.

Former Storm player, Mike Cichy, was also selected in the 7<sup>th</sup> round. He was chosen by Montreal.

### **Other Storm Headlines**

***Greg Shea Returns to the Event Center and the Storm as President of Day to Day Operations***  
***Storm Hires Ryan Bengurik, Former Lincoln Star Assistant, as Assistant Coach***  
***Jason Peck Hired as Equipment Manager***  
***Jaden Schwartz, New Storm Player, To Try Out For Canadian World Junior Team in August***

# The Protected List

The timeline for naming team members in the USHL was slightly different this year. In the past the 30 man roster was published by July 1, cut to 25 after the Buc Bowl and then reduced to 23 by the night of the opening game of the regular season. This year the 30 man roster was published 48 hours after tryout camp closed. The 25 man roster came out on July 1. The 23 man roster is to be published on September 27<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Fall Classic ends in Sioux City.

The Storm 25 man roster includes six members returning from last season. They are:

Josh Berge	Anthony DeCenzo
Charlie Doderer	Radoslav Illo
Rick Pinkston	Torin Snyderman

Of the 15 players drafted on May 13<sup>th</sup>, seven have been named. They are:

Ken Brooks	Carsen Chubak
Blake Coleman	Justin DeMartino
Brice Geoffrion	Mitch Hughes
Tyler Pistone	

Six players come from other USHL

teams through trades or releases. They are:

Nathan Jensen from Cedar Rapids  
Mike Montrose from Waterloo  
Matthew Kinman from Sioux City  
Cody Murphy from Cedar Rapids  
Josh Myers from Des Moines  
Andy Panzarella Des Moines

Myers and Panzarella were acquired in a trade for Danny Heath and Joe Wilson. Wilson had been selected by the Storm in the Futures Draft at the beginning of last season. Another former Storm player who will be seen this season on an opposing team is Matt Bailey who was released by the Storm and picked up by Sioux Falls.

Three players on the Storm protected list were first seen by fans at tryout camp. They are Preston Dekker, Adam Hout, and Brett Mohler. Two came from the 2008 Futures Draft, Jaden Swartz and Max Tardy.

The 25<sup>th</sup> protected player is the backup goalie, Steve Bolton.

## Player Profiles

### Players coming from other USHL teams



**Matthew Kinman** – D, 6'2", 190, 12-13-1990

Matthew comes from Union, KY, located on the southwest edge of the Cincinnati, OH, metropolitan area. He played for Sioux City last year and as a defenseman had one goal and one assist in 34 games.

**Cody Murphy** – F, 5' 10", 179, 4-22-1991

Cody is from Highland, IL. While in high school he played for Team Illinois in midget majors. Summer before last he was a member of Team USA U-17 Select Team which



played in Europe. Cody was an Indiana Ice Futures draft in 2007. He played two games for the Ice that season.

In the 2008-09 season he was a member of the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders where he had five goals and 11 assists. Scouts have said he is "Very fast with good finishing ability and a nice shot" and "A good skater with excellent finishing ability."

Last September Cody committed to play for Miami of Ohio in the 2010 season.

**Josh Myers** – F, 5'11", 185, 4-26-1990

Josh's hometown is Colorado Springs, CO, where he played for the Pikes' Peak Miners. He spent the 2007-08 season with the Lincoln Stars

where he had three goals and two assists in 45 games. Last season he played 52 games for the



Buccaneers where he had six goals and 13 assists.

When Josh was with the Stars he was asked what USHL rink outside of his own was his favorite. His answer was, "Outside of the Ice Box Tri-City because it was the first USHL rink I had ever walked into." Now he gets to play here.



**Andy Panzarella** – D, 6'1", 190, 2-13-1990

Andy is from Columbia, MD, a suburb of Baltimore. During high school he played for the Washington Jr.

Nationals in the Atlantic Junior Hockey League. At that time he was described as a "defensive defenseman who leads the league in penalty minutes while patrolling the blue lines."

Andy was a fall 2005 Des Moines Futures draft and joined the team after graduating in 2007. In his first season with them he had one goal and four assists; two goals and five assists in the second season.

Some Storm fans have noted the number of penalty minutes he accumulated. He was second in the league last season and third the season before (when P-P Lamoureux was first). But in all his fights he has never exchanged blows with a Storm player.

### Players from Tryout Camp

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**Preston Dekker** – F, 6', 185, 2-16-1990

Preston's home town is Glendale, AZ. Last season he was a member of the Green Mountain Glades in Burlington, VT. Last May he was drafted by the Motor

City Machine in the NAHL. In June he attended the Tri-City Storm tryout camp in Las Vegas where he was noticed by Coach Shonecker and placed on our 25-player protected list.



**Adam Hout** – D, 5'10", 187, 9-29-1989

Adam's hometown is Ladera Ranch, CA, a planned community in south Orange County near San Juan Capistrano. He started his hockey career skating for the L. A. Jr. Kings. He was Sioux City's first

round selection in the May 2007 USHL draft and attended their tryout camp but he signed with the Port Alberni Valley Bulldogs in the British Columbia Hockey League. As a defenseman he had three goals and two assists. Adam also was named to the Storm's protected list after attending our tryout camp.

**Brett Mohler** – F, 6', 180, 7-26-1989

Brett is from Yorba Linda, CA, which is in Orange County near Anaheim. He skated for the LA Selects Midget AAA team before joining the Port Alberni Valley Bulldogs where he was a



teammate of Adam Hout last season. He had 12 goals and 28 assists. He had several assists as well as at least one goal at tryout camp in June.

### Players From the 2008 Futures Draft

These two were profiled in this newsletter last October. Here is some updated information.



**Max Tardy** – F, 5'10", 165, 10-27-1990

Max graduated from Duluth East (MN) 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 last season's Futures Draft. He is from Wilcox, Saskatchewan where he played for the (cont. on p. 4)



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## *The Youngstown Arena*

Did you think our arena was the only one to undergo several name changes in its comparatively short life?

The weekend of October 23-24 the Storm will be taking a looong bus ride to Youngstown, Ohio, to play the Phantoms, the other purple team. The arena where these games will be played is a new one owned by the city of Youngstown.

Ground was broken in 1998. The convention center was completed in 2005 following receipt of a HUD Redevelopment grant. During this time it was called the Youngstown Convocation Center. After it opened, General Motors was awarded a three-year contract for naming rights. They called it the Chevrolet Centre. This year, after GM chose not to renew, the contract was awarded to Covelli Enterprises. So now it is the Corvelli Centre.

Sam Corvelli of Warren, OH, used to be the biggest McDonalds franchisee worldwide. But in 1997 he sold his 43 McDonalds stores and started opening Panera Bread and O’Charley’s restaurants. By the end of this year he will have 150 in OH, WV, PA and FL.

The Corvelli Centre seats at most 7,000 for a center stage in the round event, 5,700 for a hockey or indoor football game. The indoor football team is the Mahoning Valley Thunder who have been playing there for two seasons now.



(Profiles. cont.)



Notre Dame Hounds, a team in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) located in Wilcox. Although Jaden has not committed to a college, he has a brother, Rylan, who is attending Colorado College.

### **The 25<sup>th</sup> Member of the Team**

**Steve Bolton** – G,  
 6’1”, 175, 6-12-1990

Steve comes from Las Vegas where he was goalie for the Las Vegas Outlaws U16 and Nevada Stars U18



teams. Steve played last season in the Vancouver Island Junior Hockey League for the Oceanside Generals. His team placed second in play offs at the end of the season. Steve was an important factor in the team going that far in the playoffs. The week before he was named to the Storm protected list the Naniamo Clippers announced he had been acquired by their team.