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Merry Christmas

Your Board of Directors wishes each and every one of you Storm fans a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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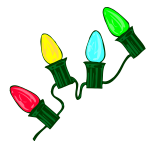
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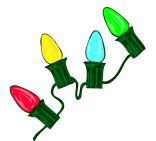
“And a Good Time Was Had By All”

Members of the Tri-City Storm met at the Holiday Inn on Sunday, Dec. 6 as guests of the Booster Club to celebrate the holiday season with some good food, gifts, and singing.

Booster Club president, Kathy Knapp, presented each player and member of the coaching staff with a gift from the Booster Club, a purple fleece blanket with the 10th anniversary logo, the player’s or coaching staff’s name and number stitched on it. The stitching was done by Rainbow Embroidery.



Coach Drew Schoneck & Kathy Knapp



Bret Moehler and Kathy Knapp



Then came the entertainment of the afternoon, karaoke, with equipment provided by Travis and Angie Flies.

The intention was for the players to select their own songs. But it wasn’t long before some team members were selecting the songs their teammates would sing – whether they knew the song or not.

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It made for an interesting afternoon.

They sang duets.

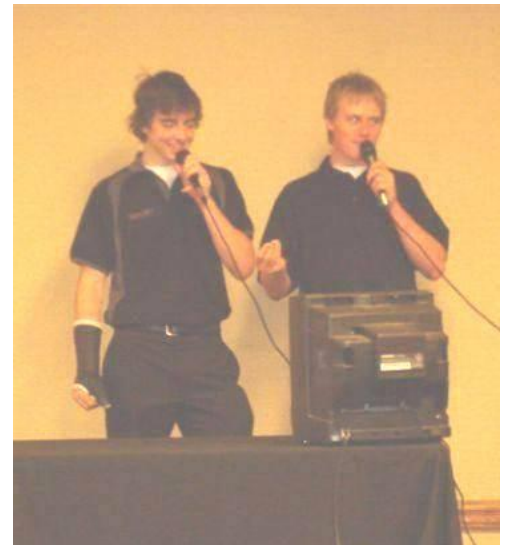
They sang solos.



Blake Colman

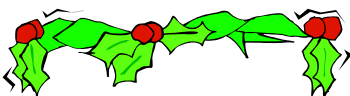


Carsen Chubak



Kenny Brooks & Max Tardy

They even sang in groups, large and small.
The encore selection of the afternoon was sung by the entire team to mark the spirit of the season – Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer.
It was a spirited rendition.



Blake Colman & Tucker Long

Roster Activity

College Commitments

Nate Jensen has announced a scholarship to attend Mercyhurst College next season. Former Storm players Phil Ginand, now a sophomore, and “Charley Carkin, freshman, are currently members of that team.

Rick Pinkston has committed to Dartmouth College beginning in the fall of 2011. Troy Mattila is a member of Dartmouth’s hockey team this season.

According to the Storm website Tri-City now has 10 players committed to NCAA Division I schools. The others are Tucker Brockett (Princeton U), Anthony DeCenzo (U of Vermont), Radoslav Illo (Bemidji State U), Luke McManus (U of Minnesota-Duluth), Michael

Montrose (Bowling Green State U), Cody Murphy (Miami U-Ohio), Jaden Schwartz (Colorado College) and Maxwell Tardy (U of Minnesota-Duluth).

Personnel Change

There were two changes in player personnel during the past month. On Dec. 3 Josh Berge was traded to Lincoln for Tucker Brockett and a first round pick in the draft next spring. They each played for their new team on Friday, Dec. 4 when the Storm went to Lincoln for the fourth match of the 7 the Storm and Stars will play this season. The Storm have won all four.

Blake Coleman was traded on Dec. 11. to Indiana for a 2010 draft pick

Player Profile



Tucker Brockett – F, 5’ 10”, 180, 10/15/1990

Tucker Brockett is from Shaker Heights, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland. He graduated from high school last spring. While in high school he was a member of the Cleveland Barons, a AAA travel team.

The Lincoln Stars drafted Tucker last spring.

However he is not a stranger to the Storm coaching staff. Coach Schoneck had been looking at him then but the Stars got him first. On the other hand, the Berge name is not new to Lincoln. Josh’s older brother skated for the Stars before going on to college.

In 20 games this season for the Stars Tucker had 4 goals and 6 assists. In his first two games for the Storm he had one goal and two assists.

Tucker is the middle child in a family of three. His younger sister, 14, just started high school. His older brother, 20, is a student at Yale and on the hockey team there after skating for the Ohio Jr. Blue Jackets. Former Storm players, goalie Nick Maricic and forward Nick Jaskowiak are also on the Yale team.

Both of Tucker’s parents are attorneys although his mother has not practiced while the children were growing up. Tucker will be attending Princeton but has not decided on a major yet. However, he says, he does know he will not be going into law because he has seen what his father has had to put up with.

Where are They Now? Our First Team

In this 10th Anniversary year we are remembering that very first team to skate for the Tri-City Storm franchise. There was a total of 28 players who played anywhere from one to 56 games in the regular season and up to seven games in the playoffs.

As of December of this year, 2009, 10 are still playing professionally. Although none have made it to the NHL yet, there are still dreams.

Here is a list of those 10 players, their teams, and the conference.

Bryan Schmidt – Kassel Huskies, Germany, DEL (Deutsche Eishockey Liga)

Scott Romfo – Cardiff Devils, Wales, EIHL (Elite Ice Hockey League)

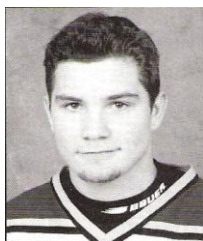
Bernd Bruckler - Nizhny Novgorod Torpedo, Russia. KHL (Kontinental Hockey League)

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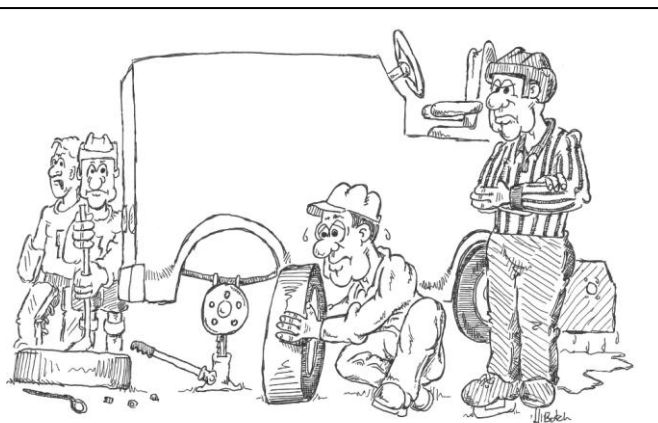
Matt Scherer – South Carolina Stingrays, ECHL
 Brad Thompson – Wichita Thunder, CHL
 Chad Anderson – Hamilton Bulldogs, AHL
 Corbin Schmidt – Alaska Aces, ECHL
 Bill Zaniboni – Mississippi Spurge in Biloxi, SPHL
 Konrad Reeder – Arizona Sundogs (Prescott Valley, AZ), CHL
 Paul Kelly – Odessa Jackalopes, CHL

But what about the others? Where are they now? In many cases we do not know. They played for the Storm and then most of them went on to college. Some played a year or two or more of college hockey. A few even gave professional hockey a try briefly before moving on into other occupations. Here is what we could find.

Billie Luger

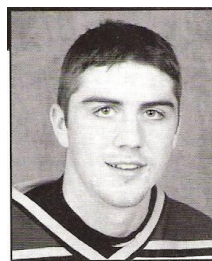


After spending two seasons with the Storm, Billie Luger went to St Cloud. After two seasons he was redshirted and then transferred to St. John's University, a DIII school 10 miles west of St. Cloud.



I know if you are interested in a vehicle you kick the tires, but with your skates on....?

Christian Toll

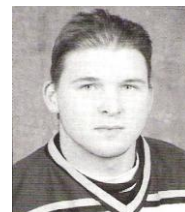


After spending two seasons with the Storm, Christian Toll went to the Minnesota State University at Mankato for 4 years. He was a member of Mankato's hockey team each of those years.

Jesse Minneman – an update

Last February we told about Jesse's USHL and college hockey. Here's an update. After graduating from Bowdoin College in 2006 with a degree in government and legal studies, he joined the staff at Kent School in Kent, CT. He teaches history and is an assistant in the boys' hockey program. He also helps with lacrosse.

Carey Ernewein



Carey Ernewein came down from British Columbia to play in the USHL. He had played about half a season for the Omaha Lancers and then went back to BC. He had just turned 20 and last year of eligibility when he returned here the next season to join the Storm for 14 games. Then he went back to British Columbia to finish the season with the Trail Smoke Eaters. The following season Carey attended the University of Brandon in Brandon, Manitoba. He played on their hockey team that season. The following year, in the 2002-03 season, he played six games for the Tulsa Oilers in the CHL.

**HAPPY
 Birthday**

Two players have their 20th birthdays coming up in January.
 Steve Bolton celebrates his on January 6.
 Radoslav Illo celebrates his on January 21.

January General Meeting

No
 December
 Meeting

**Next General Meeting
 January 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
 Viaero Event Center – VIP Room on 2nd floor**

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