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January General Meeting



Tuesday, January 26, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Viaero Event Center – VIP Room – 2nd floor



**Three or four Storm players will be our guests.
Now you can meet them and ask your questions.**

As for Booster Club business, it's time to begin planning for the end-of-season Appreciation Banquet. We also need to talk about future plans for the website.

Hockey Weekend Across America

The third annual Hockey Weekend Across America will be celebrated the last weekend in January. This is the time to wear hockey jerseys to school, to attend a hockey game, to invite friends along to a hockey game.

Here in Kearney the Tri-City Storm will be hosting a "Pregame on the Pond" at Yanney Park on Thursday, January 28th at 6 p.m. After some team drills there will be a pickup

game involving not only Storm players but also players from the Youth and Adult Hockey Organizations. And then there will be public skating afterwards

The weekend will be topped off by two home games. Friday night's game is against the Fargo Force. On Saturday the Sioux City Musketeers will be in town.

Illo in World U20 Tournament



Radoslav Illo, second from the left, was named Slovakian Player of the Game when they played the United States Team.

Radoslav Illo was a member of the team from his native Slovakia in the top division of the 2010 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Under 20 World Championship Tournament. Games were played in Saskatoon and Regina, British Columbia, Canada. Other participants were the US, Canada, Latvia, Switzerland, Austria and the Czech Republic. Games were played from December 26 through January 5.

Slovakia was victorious in three of the six games they played – against Latvia, Austria, and the Czech Republic. Illo played in all of these games. He had a total of two goals and three assists.

Player Activity

Bolton is Goalie of the Week

Steve Bolton was in goal for two of the three games the Storm played the second weekend in January. The two wins earned him Goaltender of the Week recognition from the USHL. His record so far this season is 5-3-0 with a .913 save percentage. For that weekend his save percentage was .950. The Friday night game against Cedar Rapids ended in a 1-0 shutout. This was Steve's first shutout as a goalie in the USHL.

It was also the Storm's first shutout this season. The last shutout, by the same score against the same team, was last February. That was the only shutout in the 2008-2009 season. There were two shutouts in the 2007-2008 season. One was against Waterloo in February and the other was against Sioux Falls in the last game of the season.

Illo & Schwartz Chosen for the All-Star Game

The Tri-City Storm will have two representatives in the All-Star game this year. Forwards Radoslav Illo and Jaden Schwartz will join the West Division Team. The game will be played on January 26 in Indianapolis.

For the last two seasons the Storm has had only one player in the All-Star game, Mike Cichy last year and Alex Hudson the year before. Before that, three years ago in the 2006-7 season, we had three players in the All-Star game, Jesse Martin, Calle Ridderwall, and Tristin Llewellyn.

Birthdays

Three Storm players will be celebrating February birthdays. Andrew Panzarella turns 20 on Feb. 13 and Douglas Marshall turns 20 on Feb. 16. Tucker Long will be 18 on Feb. 26th.

Hockey Trivia

- Q. What year was the first formal ice hockey game played?
- A. The first year on record was 1855 in Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Hockey was adapted from the Native American game of lacrosse to play on a frozen ice surface.

Roster Changes

One Storm player has left the team in the past month. Adam Hout went to Alberni Valley in the British Columbia Hockey League.

We have seen three new players on the ice, Kurt Akers, Doug Marshall and Branden Fisher. Also Matt Friese, a 2008-2009 Futures draft came to Kearney from Wasilla, Alaska to spend a weekend with the team and play a couple of games. He scored a goal in the Sunday game against Waterloo.

New Player Profiles



Kurt Akers – F, 5'10", 180, 6/13/1989

Kurt is from Glenview, IL. During the last season and a half he has been a member of the Niagara University hockey team. Before that he spent the

2007-2008 season with the Syracuse (NY) Stars in the EJHL.

In the summer of 2006 Kurt attended the USA Hockey Select 17 Player Development Camp at St. Cloud, MN. Also attending that camp that year were Anthony DeCenzo, Tristan Llewellyn, and Anthony Schooley.

Doug Marshall – D, 6'2", 200, 2/16/1990

Doug is from Garden Valley, PA. He has spent the past season and a half with the Surrey Eagles in the British Columbia Hockey



League. The season before that (2007-2006) he was a member of the Syracuse (NY) Stars in the EJHL. He spent the 2006-7 season skating for the Philadelphia Jr. Flyers, a Junior B team.

As a defenseman for the Eagles this season he played 35 games in which he had 4 goals and 8 assists. He has already topped his totals for last season of 3 goals and 7 assists.

(See Branden Fisher on p. 4)

Indoor Ice

As members of the Tri-City Storm prepare to run some drills and play a pickup hockey game the old fashioned way on the outdoor pond at Yanney Park, a question comes to mind. Hockey originated as an outdoor sport and in colder climates continues to be played outdoors. When was the ice brought indoors? When was the first indoor hockey game played?



1893 hockey game at the Victoria Skating Rink

The first indoor ice arena opened in London, England, in 1876. It was called the Glaciarium. Three years later the United States opened its first indoor ice rink at Madison Square Gardens in New York City. But these were just ice skating rinks.

The real first belongs to Canada where the first indoor ice hockey game was played on March 3, 1875. This game took place in Montreal at the Victoria Skating Rink. There were nine members on each team. They used the same kind of sticks and skates that were used outdoors, but the puck was made of wood.

Victoria Ice Skating Rink was 204 feet long and 80 feet wide. The ice was surrounded by

a 10-foot wide platform built a foot above ice level. Spectators could sit here or the skaters could rest.

Modern day arenas and successful indoor hockey games got started in Canada in the early 1900's when the Patrick brothers created hockey leagues. They opened their first arena in Victoria, Canada, on Christmas Day in 1912. It cost \$110,000 and had a seating capacity of 4,000. A few days later they opened a second one in Vancouver. It cost \$210,000 and would seat 10,000 people. They then proceeded to build more arenas across the northwestern United States and western Canada. Today, of course, a new arena costs hundreds of millions of dollars to build.

Some Facts about Indoor Ice

The system for keeping ice on the floor of an arena is basically a huge refrigerator. It works on the same principal anyway.

“The main difference in an ice rink, other than sheer size, is that the refrigerant doesn't cool the ice directly. Instead, it cools **brine**water, a calcium-chloride solution, which is pumped through an intricate system of pipes underneath the ice. In most rinks, the pipes are embedded in a concrete or sand base”(1) Or now it may be glycol which is antifreeze that is chilled and continuously flows through those pipes.

There is about 10 miles of piping under the concrete which keeps the surface at about 16 degrees for playing hockey. The ice ideally needs

to be about $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick to attain the proper hardness for playing hockey. If it is thicker the ice will be softer and slower. Typically there will be 15,000 gallons of frozen water on the cement surface of an ice arena for a hockey game.

Why is the surface of indoor ice so much smoother and more even than the ice on an outdoor pond? An ice conditioning machine, commonly called a Zamboni because that was the first brand made, is used. It scrapes up loose shavings and puts down a layer of hot water which will be frozen within minutes.

(1)<http://www.howstuffworks.com/ice-rink.htm>
<http://www.falmouthicearena.com/funfacts.htm>

Hockey Trivia

The world's first ice surface to be frozen by mechanical means was the Glaciarium in London England. This modern marvel, built in 1876 by John Gamgee, was accomplished by an indirect refrigeration system utilizing glycerin as the secondary coolant and ether as the primary coolant.



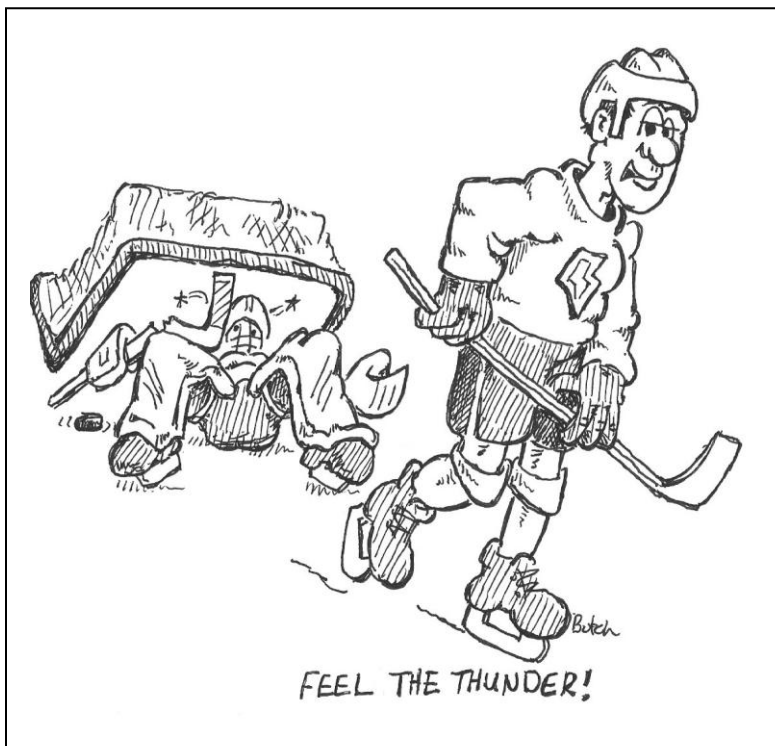
Branden Fisher – D, 6'1", 175, 3-12-1993

Branden is from Soldotna, Alaska. He first showed up on our radar when he was selected in the Futures Draft last May. He was scheduled to join the team next season but then he received a phone call

about the 30th of December asking him to join the Storm now. By Friday, January 8 he was in Kearney and played his first game against Cedar Rapids on Sunday.

Branden first started playing hockey when he was 7 at his mother's suggestion. He did not take skating lessons or have a teacher. He just put on the skates and got out on the ice. At 7 one can do that.

He says he played for 2-3 years before getting serious about playing hockey. This led to three years of driving 3 hours to Anchorage four times a week as Branden worked his way up in the youth hockey program to be a member of Team Alaska. Then he joined the Kenai River Brown Bears, an NAHL team, at the beginning of this season.

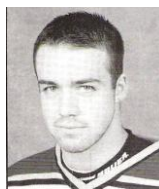


Branden is a junior in high school but has been home schooled so now he will continue his studies online. Other interests include snowboarding and mountain racing, which will probably have to be put on hold as long as he is in Nebraska.

Branden has a 13-year-old sister who also plays hockey. So now the trips to Anchorage continue.

Where are They Now?

To continue in the series of updates on players who were members of the very first Storm team 10 year ago, the focus this month is on #12, Derek Boudreau and #13, Jon Hart. There is also this update on Scott Romfo. He has returned to Cardiff, Wales where he is apparently working on an MBA while he maintains his connection with the team and plays an occasional game.



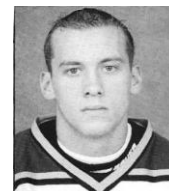
Derek Boudreau

Derek Boudreau was one of very few players that first year who were not from Minnesota. He was from

Massachusetts. Derek was with Storm only in 2000-01 season. After skating for a season with the Walpole Jr. Stars, he entered Salem State College, a D III ECAC East conference school, in Salem, Mass. where he was on the team for two seasons.

Jon Hart

Jon Hart played a half dozen games for the Twin City Vulcans in the 1999-2000 season and then came



with the franchise to spend the next season with the Tri-City Storm. From here he went to the Minnesota State University at Mankato. He was a member of their team for three years.

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