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The Futures

Squeezed in between the Expansion draft on May 17 and the Entry Draft on May 19 was the Futures Draft on the 18th. This is a draft which is mostly ignored because we probably will not be seeing any of these players. If we have some serious injuries or a player is absent for a couple of weeks at a World Tournament later in the season then maybe one will be called up to fill in for a game or two.

These are players with 1994 birth dates which means they are still in high school, sophomores or juniors this coming school year. They will stay at home to play with their current team and have time to develop their hockey playing skills before making the jump from high school or AAA Midgets to Tier I hockey in the USHL.

Each team in the league selected six players. The trade agreement with Waterloo in which we acquired Soren Jonsson included giving up our fourth round Entry Draft pick position and our first round Futures Draft pick position. So the Storm's first pick in the Futures Draft came in the second round. Actually we got two picks in the second round, Waterloo's and our own. Here is a little information about each of the six chosen by the Storm.



Tim Lappin – F, 6', 165, Jan. 19, 1994.

Tim Lappin comes from St. Charles, Ill., a Chicago suburb about 40 miles west of the city. He is a member of the

Chicago Mission (U16) team where he has been playing on the top line.

Scouts have described him as a "good passer; sees ice. Good along wall. Does a lot of little things well." He is also seen by some as an NHL draft prospect. Tim's is a hockey family. His father and three uncles all played hockey for St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York.

Tim attended both the USHL Combine showcase and the Tri-City Storm tryout camp.



John Dora – D, 6' 3", 185, Feb. 19, 1994

John Dora is from Erie, Colorado, between Denver and Boulder. He plays for the Colorado Thunderbirds Midget Minor team which won the U16 Tier 1 national championship

last spring.

His coach is working with him to help him develop skills in using his size to be an effective defenseman. One evaluation of his playing ability included the statement that John "excelled as a stay-at-home defenseman for the Thunderbirds." His father played NCAA hockey at Yale. His goal is to also play NCAA hockey at Colorado College, or Yale, or....who knows at this point.

John attended both the USHL Combine showcase and the Tri-City Storm tryout camp.

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Crossword puzzle clue – hockey feint

Answer: Deke What does that mean?

Deke - A false move which puts an opponent out of position. Frequently seen in shootouts as an attempt to fake out the goalie.

(More Futures)

Matthew Joyaux – D, 5' 7, 153, Mar. 18, 1994

Matt Joyaux also comes from a Chicago suburb, Bloomingdale, Illinois. He is a teammate of Tim Lappin's on the Chicago Mission U16 team. Matt's brother, Chris, was a Storm entry draft pick last year and played a couple of games for us last season.

Matt attended both the USHL Combine showcase and the Tri-City Storm tryout camp.

Drew Dorantes – F, 5'11", 178, Jan. 21, 1994

Drew Dorantes comes from Waterford, Michigan, on the northwest edge of Detroit. He has come up through the Compuware hockey program during the last four seasons. Last season he was on the U16 team which played in the Midwest Elite Hockey League. This league is an umbrella organization for a variety of youth hockey teams from Squirt Minor to Midget Major U18.

Drew accumulated from 10-14 goals each season along with several assists. A scout has said described him as "game smart and intelligent." He attended both the USHL Combine showcase and the Tri-City Storm tryout camp.

Trevor Boyd – F, 6'3", 185, Dec. 18, 1994

Trevor Boyd is from Muskegon, Michigan, where he just completed his freshman year at Mona Shores High School. He was sitting in his American History class when he received a text message from his father telling him he had been drafted by Tri-City. After receiving permission from his teacher, he went to the league website to confirm the news.

During his freshman season Trevor earned 38 points with 19 goals and 19 assists.

Trevor attended both the USHL Combine showcase and the Tri-City Storm tryout camp.



Cody Payne – F, 6'2", 195, Jan. 14, 1994

Cody Payne's home town is Weston, Florida, but he has dual US/Canadian citizenship and currently lives in Toronto.

He attends The Hill Academy in Vaughn, Ontario. There his home is listed as Maple, Ontario. He plays for the club team, Mississauga Reps AAA. (All three of these places are in the Toronto metro area.) They lost to the Colorado Thunderbirds in the semifinals last spring.

Showing promise as early as age 10, Cody was invited to participate in the U17 USNDTP camp. Apparently he had committed to the U17 team when he was drafted by the Oshawa Generals in the OHL in May as well as by the Tri-City Storm as a Future. On June 22 the Oshawa team announced he had signed a general agreement to play for them next season.

Cody did not attend either the USHL Combine showcase or the Tri-City tryout Camp.

NHL Draft

The 2010 NHL Draft was held on June 25-26. As predicted, **Jarden Schwartz** was selected in the first round, # 14 in fact. He was selected by the Saint Louis Blues. June 25, the day the first round selections were made, was also his 18th birthday, the first day of his eligibility to be drafted.

Kevin Lind was drafted by the Anaheim Ducks in the sixth round. Kevin came to the Storm team from the Chicago Steel as part of that trade of four players for the first Entry Draft pick.

There were 21 USHL players selected in the NHL draft. Ten of those came from U18 Team USA.

New NHL Rule

The NHL adopted a new rule on the day after their draft to levy five-minute major penalties and game ejections for misconduct for head hits from the blind side. Depending on the hit, the player could also be subject to further discipline.

The rule now prohibits "lateral or blindside hits to an opponent where the head is targeted and/or the principle point of contact." It remains to be seen how soon this rule change will filter down to the USHL level.

USHL Expansion

The USHL has expanded to 16 teams for the coming 2010-2011 season. In November, 2009, it was announced that the Dubuque Fighting Saints would be back and in February, 2010, the announcement was made that the Muskegon Lumberjacks would be the 16th team.

No final announcement has been made as scheduling for the new season has yet to be finalized, but according to Skip Berry, our radio guy and the Storm's Director of Media Relations, it is his understanding that the League will still have the Eastern and Western Conference, but that the game schedule will divide the teams into three divisions.

How that playing schedule will look remains to be seen but the two conferences will probably look like this:

Western Conference

Tri-City
Des Moines
Dubuque
Fargo
Lincoln
Omaha
Sioux City
Sioux Falls

Eastern Conference

Cedar Rapids
Chicago
Green Bay
Indiana
Muskegon
Team USA
Waterloo
Youngstown

Playoff Format?

The playoff format might look like this, according to Skip. The top six teams in each division would make playoffs. In the first round the #3-6 teams would play each other while the top two would get byes. This would be a best of three series. Then the two winners plus the two byes would play the second round. This would be a best of five series. The winner in each division would then meet to play for the Clark Cup in a five or seven game series.

Keep in mind this is only a preliminary plan. The final decision has yet to be made but at least this year we are getting a preview.



Dubuque Fighting Saints

When the USHL first organized in 1979 the Waterloo Black hawks were

there as a charter team. The following season the franchise moved to Dubuque and became the Fighting Saints.

They stayed 21 years until the end of the 2000-2001 season. The following season the franchise moved to Oklahoma to become the Tulsa Crude. That lasted one season and then the team folded.

Hockey did not leave Dubuque however. The Dubuque ThunderBirds started up in the 2001-2002 season and played for nine years. For the first six years they were in the Minnesota Junior Hockey League as a Junior B team.

During the past three seasons they were in the Central States Hockey League as a Tier III Junior A team.

Now in the fall of 2010 the Tier I Fighting Saints will be back.



Muskegon Lumberjacks

Fifty years of professional minor-league hockey in Muskegon ended with the close of last season.

Muskegon Zephyrs (1960-1965)
in International Hockey League.



Muskegon Mohawks (1965-1984)
Zephyrs renamed
affiliated with New York Islanders.



Muskegon Lumberjacks (1984-1992)
Mohawks renamed
moved to Cleveland in 1992



Muskegon Fury (1992-2008)
in Colonial Hockey League
then United Hockey League



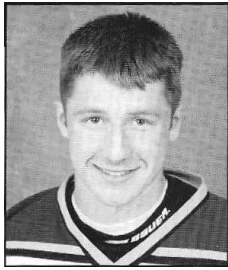
Muskegon Lumberjacks, again (2008-2010)
in International Hockey League.
moved to Evansville, Indiana in 2010.



But hockey in Muskegon has not ended. The Muskegon Lumberjacks will be back this fall as a Tier I USHL team. This franchise was formerly the Rochester Mustangs which was dormant for the last four years.

Where Are They Now?

In the continuing series of updates on players who were members of the very first Storm team 10 years ago, the focus this month is on #26 Chad Anderson and #30 Bill Zaniboni.



Chad Anderson

2000-2001
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2009-2010
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Bill Zaniboni

2000-2001
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2009-2010
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Chad Anderson came to Kearney from Chisago City, MN, in the fall of 2000 to spend his high school senior year here while he played hockey. After spending two more seasons with the Storm he was awarded a scholarship to the University of Alaska at Anchorage.

Storm fans cheered as this young defenseman finally got his first point with an assist in the last game of his first season here. Then they cheered even louder when he finally got his first USHL goal (the first of three that season) early in his second season.

By the end of his third year he was a seasoned veteran with 8 goals and 20 assists that year. Besides being an aggressive defenseman, he had come to the defense of his team mates several times and as a result had 119 penalty minutes

At the end of his four seasons at Anchorage, Chad played a couple of games in the ECHL for the Las Vegas Wranglers. After participating in the Philadelphia Flyers training camp, he signed with the Philadelphia Phantoms in the AHL for the 2007-8 season.

In August 2008 he signed with the Montreal Canadiens and was assigned to their farm team, the Hamilton Bulldogs up in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada where he has spent the last two seasons.

Bill Zaniboni came to the Storm from Plymouth, MA, after leading his high school team to three championships. He played in 16 games before going to Sioux Falls for the rest of the season. The following two years were spent in the NAHL with the Soo Indians in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Then came college where he earned a degree in Business Marketing while playing for Northern Michigan University.

Following college Bill played hockey professionally for three years: 2007-8 with CHL Arizona Sundogs and Wichita Thunder; 2008-9 with IHL Muskegon Lumberjacks and Flint Generals; last season, his most successful, in Biloxi with the Mississippi Spurge in the Southern Professional Hockey League. He received the league's Goaltender of the Year award at the end of the season.

Bill owns and operates a goalie instructional school. He has worked with junior hockey camps in Bozeman, Montana. He started last season as assistant coach of the Soo Indians when the opportunity arose to play for the Spurge. The team was hoping to have him back next season. But...

On June 9 it was announced that Bill has been hired as head coach of the Bozeman Icedogs in NORPAC, the Northern Pacific Hockey League. A month later, July 7, the Icedogs announced they would become an affiliate of the Chicago Hitmen, a new NAHL expansion team this season. The fact that the Hitmen coach, Steve Pronger, was also Bill's coach when he was with the Flint Generals and that they have kept in touch, may have had some influence on that decision.

HOCKEY TRIVIA by the NUMBERS!

Q. When hockey players suit up with all of their equipment, how much more do they weigh?

A. On average, when a player suits up with skates, helmet, shoulder pads, shin pads, elbow pads, gloves, hockey pants, socks, stick, suspenders, garter belt, athletic supporter, and jersey, they are adding an extra 25-35 pounds to their body weight. The equipment used by goalies increase their weight by 40-45 pounds.