



Tri-City Storm Booster Club

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Next Booster Club Meeting Tuesday, August 23rd – 6:30 p.m.

At the home of Ed & Mardi Anderson

Bring some meat to grill and a side dish
We will enjoy a good meal and
talk about the coming season.

Storm Booster Club

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Team Activity

Under-17, Under-18 Teams

Three Tri-City Futures Draft players have been selected to play on USA Teams during the second week of August.

Trevor Moore and Dan Labosky, 2011 draftees, have been chosen to be part of the Under-17 Select Team. Their team will represent the USA in the Five Nations Tournament at Ann Arbor Michigan. The other four teams will be from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany and Switzerland.

Tim Lappin, 2010 draftee, will be a part of the Under 18 Select Team. His team will represent the USA in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament in Breclav, Czech Republic and in Piestany, Slovakia. Eight teams will participate in this tournament. Besides teams from the three nations already named, Canada, Finland, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland will also be represented.

New Assistant Coach

Josh Hauge (How'-gee) has been added to the Storm coaching staff. For the past six seasons he was with the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in the NAHL, three years as assistant coach and three years as head coach. Last season he led his team to that league's Robertson Cup Championship.

Before going to Alaska, Hauge had spent two years as head coach of the Dubuque Thunderbirds and the year before that as coach of the Twin City Northern Lights, both in the Minnesota Junior Hockey League. He has become known for his solidly offensive teams and offense will be his focus with the Storm this season.

Hauge is a native of Rosemount Minnesota and will be returning to Minnesota in August to be married.

Brooks to Penn State

Kenny Brooks has committed to attend Penn State in 2012. He will be a member of the inaugural Penn State Division I hockey team. The school, located in University Park, Penn., will be a part of the newly forming Big Ten Hockey Conference with Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Michigan and Michigan State.

It's not like Penn State has not had a hockey

team. They do currently have one, the Penn State Icers, but it is a club team in the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association). 2011-2012 will be their last season in that conference.

The jump to D1 was made possible through a gift of \$88 million from Terrence M. and Kim Pegula to be used for the construction

(Brooks, cont.)

of a multi-purpose ice arena, to underwrite 38 scholarships, and to finance D1 men's hockey. Penn State will also establish a D1 women's hockey team. Both will play as NCAA D1 independent teams in the 2012-13 season. The newly formed Big Ten men's hockey conference will begin with the 2013-14 season. The women's conference has not been announced yet.

Did You Know ... that Finland's first artificial rink opened in Tampere on the 22nd of November 1955.

From azhockey.com

USHL Conference Divisions

There are some minor shifts in the Eastern and Western Conferences for next season. Both of last season's new teams will be in the East and Waterloo will come over to the West.

West Conference

Tri-City
Des Moines
Fargo
Lincoln
Sioux City
Sioux Falls
Waterloo

Eastern Conference

Cedar Rapids
Chicago
Dubuque
Green Bay
Indiana
Muskegon
Team USA
Youngstown

25-Player Protected List

By now we have all seen the 25-Player Protected list. It contains some familiar names and some not so familiar names. This raises the question: What connection did each of these players have with the Tri-City Storm before being placed on this list?

The first group is obvious. They played for the Storm last year, including Davey Middleton who started the year with the team and then left mid-season.

1. Kenny Brooks
2. Drew Dorantes
3. Justin Henry
4. Soren Jonzson
5. Nick Lappin
6. Davey Middleton
7. Brad Schierhorn
8. Dean Burggrabe
9. Zack Rall
10. Scott Diebold

Players in the second group were all chosen in the Entry Draft last spring except Michael Vecchione who was selected the year before.

1. Tim Bonner
2. Thomas Nykopp
3. Michael Vecchione (2010)
4. Joona Kunnas
5. Dylan Maller
6. Josh McArdle
7. Adam Miller

The third group came to the Storm through the Futures Draft

1. Cory Ward (2009 choice)
2. Tim Lappin (2010 choice)
3. Trevor Moore (2011 choice)

Contact with the fourth group was found at this year's tryout camp. All were on the final All-Star list.

1. Sean Murphy
2. Sean O'Rourke
3. Corey Ramsey
4. Dalton Spicer

If you have been adding up the numbers in each of these groups you have noticed that they total 24. There is still one more player – Josh Manson. How was he introduced to the Storm? Not through the usual channels listed above. We can only guess that since he comes from the Salmon Arm Silverbacks, which is a Canadian team in Coach Schoneck's home territory that is how he ended up on Coach's radar.

Did You Know ... that when coach Frank Boucher pulled goalie Dave Kerr with two minutes left in a 1939-40 regular season game while coaching the New York Rangers, it was the first time an NHL coach had pulled his goalie for the extra forward to try and win a game?

From azhockey.com

Entry Draft Players

Last month two players from the 2011 Entry Draft list were described. One, Adam Miller, was named to the Protected list. Another of the seven Entry Draft players, Michael Vecchione was a 2010 draft so he was described in the June 2010 newsletter. Five other Entry Draft members are included on the Protected List. They are described here. Our two foreign players this season are both from Finland.



Joona Kunnas

F, 6'2", 195, 1/8/1993

Joona Kunnas comes to the Storm from Vauntaa, Finland, a suburb of Helsinki. He spent six years growing up in the Jokerit system, one of the Helsinki hockey organizations.

His intention was to finish his high school playing career with a year in the US. So he moved to Rancho Santa Margarita in Orange County, California and enrolled in Santa Margarita Catholic High School.

His coach, a retired NHL player, saw talent in Joona and contacted a member of the LA Jr. Kings coaching staff. Joona played 21 games for the LA Jr. Kings MM U18 team. During the past season he has adjusted to the speed and physical style of playing here. Now he is ready to move on to the next level.

Joona and Thomas Nykopp are good friends and have played many games in the Jokerit. They came to this country intending to play together. While that did not happen last season, it will this season.



Tim Bonner

F, 6', 191, 8/19/1992

Tim Bonner is from Eagan, MN, a Minneapolis-St. Paul suburb, where he attended Osseo High School. He considered moving up to

the next level last year. He talked to a couple of USHL teams and was drafted by Aberdeen in the NAHL. But he opted to stay home and finish his senior year at Osseo High. Now he is ready to move on.

Tim has been described as a "crafty offensive player."



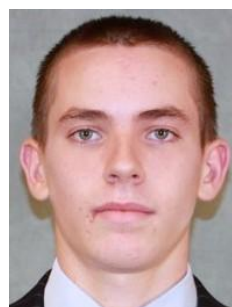
Thomas Nykopp

F, 6'3", 200,
3/6/1993

Thomas Nykopp comes from Helsinki, Finland. He played for the Jokerit where he moved up playing for the U16 through

U18 teams. His move to the US brought him to the Ohio Jr. Blue Jackets last season. Like Joona Kunnas, he also had to make the adjustment to the speed of the North American style of play.

Thomas' father, Timo, played professional hockey from 1986 through 2000. He is currently an assistant coach in a junior hockey program in Helsinki.



Dylan Maller

D, 6'1", 162, 4/1994

Dylan Maller is from Parkland Florida, which is in Broward County, close to the southern tip on the Atlantic side. During the past season he played for

the DC Capitals U18 Midget team in the NAPHL. The season before, he played for the Palm Beach Hawks. His sophomore and freshman years were spent at home with his Douglas High School Eagles.

Last December Dylan committed to the U of New Hampshire beginning in the 2013-2014 season. The DC Capitals coach has said of Dylan, "Dylan is a fantastic skater, both forward and backward

Josh McArdle

D, 6, 170, 5/8 /1994



Josh McArdle comes from Roscoe, suburb of Rockford, Illinois, where he attended Hononegh High School. In 2009-10 he played for the Madison Capitals U16 team. During the 2010-11 season he was on the Team Illinois U16 then U18 team. They won the Tier I Illinois State hockey championship and the Central District Regional hockey title.

Shortly after being drafted by the Storm last May Josh was also drafted by the Janesville Jets in the NAHL

Where Are They Now?

We continue to look back at the members of the Tri-City Storm team ten seasons ago in 2001-2002 to see what has happened to them.



Peter Hamren

Goalie Peter Hamren came to the US from Mora, Dalarna County, Sweden. This is the area where the Swedish dala horse originated. His first stop

in the 2001-02 preseason was Waterloo but apparently he was released when another goalie was named to the No. 1 spot. Then he joined the Storm and played three regular season games.

Upon being released from the Storm team Peter returned home and played for various teams in Finland, Norway and Sweden. He is now Dir. of Player Development for A.M.A. Sports Agency AB headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden



Matt Duncan

Matt was a forward who came here from Bloomington, Minnesota. After playing three games for the Storm he went to Chicago where he played the remainder of the

season for the Steel. Matt was on the Steel roster for the preseason Super 6 and Buc Bowl tournaments the following season but then he left to attend Gustavus Adolphus College. He was a member of their team for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons. Then his hockey career ended and there is no more information about him.

Aaron Fox

Aaron Fox was from Avon, Colorado. He played four games for the Storm before moving on. He spent the rest of the 2001-02 season playing for the Huntsville Wildcats in Huntsville, Ontario. They were a Junior "A" team in the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League (OPJHL). His whereabouts after then are unknown.



Dahl-Foyt Engagement

Scott Foyt

Scott Foyt is from Andover, MN, on the northeast edge of the Minneapolis metro area. Scott played one season for the Great Falls (Montana) Americans in the American West Hockey League before coming to the Storm. He spent a season and a half here before going to the Bozeman IceDogs, again in the AWHL.

Scott's next stop was the University of North Dakota where he was a member of the Fighting Sioux four years. A forward, he played both defense and forward during his sophomore and senior years. Also, as a sophomore he was a member of the team which played the final Frozen Four game against Denver University. They lost; former Storm player, Pete Mannino was the DU goalie.

Scott was named to the all-conference Academic Team for the last three of his four years at UND. He graduated in 2007 with a degree in finance management and the following year with a degree in accounting. From there he went to the Barry School of Law in Orlando, FL. In July 2009 he married Lauren Dahl, also a UND graduate. They currently live in Kissimmee, FL.