



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

Call 237-7339 or email cottonwood@charter.net

Let us know you are coming so we know how much tea to make

Bring some meat to grill and a side dish

We will enjoy a good meal and talk about the coming season.

Team News

2011 Exhibition Games

Two exhibition games have been scheduled at the Viaero Event Center for the week end before the Fall Classic. The Storm will play the Lincoln Stars on Thursday, Sept. 15th and the Omaha Lancers on Friday, Sept. 16th. Puck drop is at 7:05 p.m. both nights.

Call the Event Center office (308-338-8011) for ticket information and about the Meet-the-Storm luncheon on Thursday before the Lincoln game.

Daniil Zharkov

Daniil Zharkov will be playing in Canada next season. He has been drafted by the Belleville Bulls, a junior team in the Canadian Hockey League. Belleville is located in southern Ontario, across Lake Ontario from Rochester, New York.

Diebold Moves On

The Tri-City Storm is looking for another goalie. Scott Diebold will be attending college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this fall. He committed to RPI last April, planning to attend next season. However, RPI recently found itself in need of a backup goalie so Scott has moved his plans up a year.

Two Added to Protected List

Bryan Sinz - D, 6', 200, 8/18/1992

Bryan is from Anchorage, Alaska, where he played youth hockey with Brad Schierhorn. Then he attended Shattuck-St. Mary's in Faribault, MN, for 7-12 grades, graduating last spring.

He was drafted by Lincoln in the May 2010 entry draft. But Bryan did not play for them; he finished high school at Shattuck. Last spring he was a member of Shattuck's U18 national championship team at USA Hockey Tier I tournament in Simsbury, Conn.

Greg Johnson - D, 6', 184, 8/5/1992

Greg Johnson is a Texan, born in Plano, and raised in McKinney where he attended Jesuit College Prep High School and carried a 3.9 average. He played for the Texas Attack U14 and U16 AAA teams before moving on to the Dallas Stars U18 team in the Elite Tier I League. He also played for his high school team.

Greg was drafted by the Sioux City Musketeers in the May 2010 entry draft. Even with growing 3 inches in the past year, which takes some adjusting, and suffering an upper body injury, Greg still played 24 games last season.

Greg's other sports interest is golf.

Entry Draft Players

These players who were drafted last May are not on the protected list. But we may be seeing some of them later this season (depending on our injury situation) or maybe they will make the team next season. Some still have a year of high school to finish yet.



Chase Berger

F, 5'9", 160, 11/14/1994

Chase is from St. Louis, MO. Last season Chase played for the St. Louis Amateur Blues U 18 team, a midget tier I team. The season before that he was a member of the

St Louis AAA Blues U 16 team.

Last year Chase was a sophomore at St. Louis U. High where he also played for his high school team. There were times during the season when he scored not one but two, three and even four goals in a game.



Will Merchant

F, 6', 178, 1/2/1994

Will is from Eagan, MN, where he was a junior at Eagan High School, a classmate of Eli May and a teammate on the school's

hockey team. We frequently see a player described as an offensive defenseman. In this case Will has been described as a defensive forward who plays well in all three zones.

Will has been mentioned as a player to watch for the next NHL draft.



Eli May

D, 6'2", 195, 9/6/1993

Eli is from Eagan, MN, one of the Minneapolis/St. Paul suburbs. He attends Eagan High School. Last season he played for his school's

Midget Tier I team. They placed third in their division in the state tournament last March. Another Storm draftee, Will Merchant, was also on that team. Eli will be a senior this year.



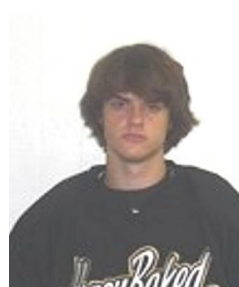
Cutler Martin

D, 6', 190, 7/20/1994

Cutler comes from East Lansing, Michigan, where he will be a senior at East Lansing High School. Last season he was a member of the Victory

Honda (MM) U18 team. Actually he joined this team for the last half of the 2009-10 season. He spent the first half of that season with the Honeybaked (MM) U16 team. The season before that he was with Compuware.

This summer Cutler was one of 120 players chosen nationwide who went to Rochester, NY, to attend the U17 USA Hockey Player Development Camp. He intends to play for the Storm next season. Beyond that his goal is to attend college. Then his Plan A is to continue playing hockey as far as it takes him. Plan B is to go into commercial real estate.



Nick Neville

D, 5'11", 160, 6/3/1993

Nick comes from Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, a small city 20 miles northwest of downtown Detroit. Last season he was

a member of the Little Caesar's (MM) U18 team.

Scouting reports describe him as a solid defenseman who creates offensive plays for his team due to good skating and great shots. This summer he has attended tryout camps and says he would like to skate for the Des Moines Buccaneers because a friend was chosen by them in the futures draft. His goal is to play hockey professionally.

Nick was also drafted by the Texas Tornados in the NAHL last spring.





Corey Petrash

F, 5'8", 165, 1994

Corey is from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Last season he played for the Winnipeg Thrashers AAA Midget Hockey Club. He spent the 2009-10 season with

the Winnipeg Sharks AAA City Midget team.

Last season Corey's team won the Telus Cup, the Canadian national midget (16-17 year olds) hockey championship. During that tournament he had four goals and one assist.

We may not see Corey on the Storm team. He has signed to play for the Winnipeg Saints Junior A team next season. He has verbally committed to attend BSU (Boise State University??) in 2013-14.



Patrick Steinhauser

F, 5'8", 165, 5/13/1993

Patrick is from Plymouth, MN, an outer northwestern suburb of Minneapolis. He just graduated from Benilde-

St. Margaret's High School where he has been a high scoring standout on the hockey team. Last winter he participated in the Bauer National Invitational Tournament which showcased outstanding 18 and under players from across the nation.

This summer Patrick and his best friend and line mate, Christian Horn, became step-brothers.

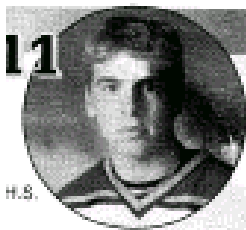
Nick Anderson

F, 6'3", 180, 1/12/1994

Nick comes from Sacramento, CA. He has been noticed as an outstanding hockey player since he turned 12. By the time he was 15 he was playing for the San Jose Jr. Sharks U 18 AAA team. Although he had planned to play for the Medicine Hat Tigers in the Western Hockey League last season, those plans changed. He started the 2010-11 season with the Wenatchee Wild in the NAHL and ended the season with the Fresno Monsters, a new NAHL expansion team which had just joined the league. It would appear they are expecting him to play for them again this coming season.

Where Are They Now?

Here are four more members of that team from ten seasons ago, the 2001-02 team.



← 2001

2007→



Wade Harstad

Wade came from Moorhead, MN, to spend one season with the Storm. The next season he was with the Topeka Scarecrows. Wade moved with the Scarecrows to St. Louis where they became the Heartland Eagles. Mid-season he went to the Fargo-Moorhead Jets in the NAHL

Wade spent his college years at the University of Wisconsin/River Falls, a D3 school. He majored in bio-medical science while playing

hockey. On the ice he was recognized for his speed and skill. His coach said he was one of the fastest skaters in the conference.

According to his Facebook profile Wade is currently living in Seattle, Washington.



Patrick Lake

Patrick Lake came from Anchorage, Alaska. After spending a season with the Storm he divided the next season between the Fair-

banks Ice Dogs and Great Falls Americans in the AWWHL and the Soo Indians in the NAHL. Then after spending at least part of the following season back with the Fairbanks Ice Dogs we lose sight of him. Patrick may be living back in Anchorage now.



Chris Nathe

Chris Nathe came to Kearney from Elk River, MN, to play hockey in 2001 and stayed for two seasons. From here he went to Bemidji State

State University where he played for another two seasons. His next move was to the U. of Wisconsin/River Falls for one season. After that we lose track of him.

Chris' second season here was his most successful and as a result his name is still in the Storm record books. Maybe changing his jersey number from #13 to #5 had something to do with that.

On Feb 8, 2003 Chris scored a hat trick. He is one of 10 Storm players to score hat tricks over the past eleven years. But Chris' accomplishment set some other team records. He was one, and the first, of only two defensemen to ever score a hat trick. He also had an assist in that game so he is one of two defensemen to have a record four points in a game.

In another game earlier that season Chris was the first of four defensemen to have three assists in one game.

By the end of that 2002-03 season Chris had two more records: Most Assists by a Defenseman (28) and Most Points by a Defenseman (37)



Justin Laverdiere

Justin Laverdiere came from Woonsocket, RI, to play for the Storm during our second season. He stayed in the east for the next two seasons playing in the Quebec Major

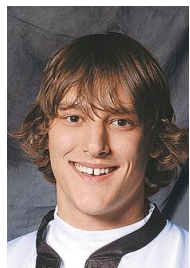
Junior Hockey League, first for the Victoriaville Tigres and then for the Quebec Remparts. In June 2004 Justin signed to play for the Fort Worth Brahmas in the CHL but something happened and apparently he did not play hockey that season.

During the 2005-06 season Justin played a few games for three different teams in the United Hockey League which was in the last year of its existence. The following season he played a couple of games for the Trenton Titans in the ECHL before apparently ending his professional hockey career.

Today Justin is deeply involved in youth hockey programs back home in Rhode Island. He is Director of Youth Programs for Rhode Island Hockey Development in Cumberland, RI, north of Providence. During this spring and summer he has been the on-ice director of a weekly skills clinic.

When the next hockey season begins he will be coach of the Peewee Minor Elite division of the Providence Capitals youth hockey organization.

Both Providence and Cumberland are located in the same county as Justin's hometown of Woonsocket.



Christian Hanson

Christian Hanson has signed a one year contract with the Washington Capitals. After finishing his last season at Notre Dame in 2009, he had signed a free agent contract

with the Toronto Maple Leafs. He spent two seasons with their farm team, the Toronto Marlies. During that time he was called up to play 6 times for the Maple Leafs in which he had 3 goals and 6 assists.

Jack Hillen

Former Storm defenseman and Colorado College All-American Jack Hillen has signed with Nashville of the NHL. Hillen played three seasons with the New York Islanders after signing as a free agent in 2008.

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