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Roster Changes

They are gone

We knew several of the players who started the fall camp in September would be cut. Here is the list:

- Jacob Meyers, goalie, to Alexandria in the NAHL
- Adam Miller, goalie, returned to Chicago Steel
- Zack Rall, defense, picked up by Des Moines
- Leo Guillemain, defense, returned to France
- Joonas Kunnas, defense
- Sean O'Rourke, defense, returned to Fairbanks, Alaska

Justin Henry, forward, returned home to Michigan

Patrick Steinhauser, forward, to Wichita Falls in the NAHL

New Players Added

These still give us a total of 25 so we know one or two currently on the roster will not be staying. The additions are:

- Tyler Amburgey
- Trevor Gorsuch
- Johnny Hrabovsky
- Adam Chlapik
- Desmond Bergin

New Players



Tyler Amburgey
D, 6'2", 215, 5/6/1991

Tyler Amburgey was a member of the Tri-City Storm in the 2009-2010 season. His profile appeared in the October 2009 newsletter. Tyler comes from the Dallas-Ft.

Worth metropolitan area in Texas. He spent last season with the Dubuque Fighting Saints.

Tyler was released from Dubuque and as a free agent was acquired by Tri-City on September 29th. He was not able to get here in time for the home and season opening game the next day but he did play the next two games away against Dubuque and Des Moines. He had two assists against Dubuque.



John (Johnny) Hrabovsky
D, 6', 190, 3/19/1993

John comes from Hershey, PA, where he graduated from Hershey High School last spring. During high school he played three seasons for the

Central Penn Panthers in the MET League, North; in the Midget 16-American League; and finally the Metropolitan Hockey League. Also during that last season he played two games each with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Jr. Knights & Walpole Express in the Atlantic Junior Hockey League.

John tried out for the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders in June and made the cut to join them for the final tryout camp in mid-August. He was prepared to accompany the team to the Classic in Sioux City in September. He did go to the Classic but, due to a free agent acquisition deal completed on September 20, he went as a member of the Tri-City Storm two days later instead.



Trevor Gorsuch
G, 6'2", 195, 7/11/1994

Trevor is from St. Charles, a suburb of St. Louis, MO, where he attended Francis Howell North High School. He still has one year of high school left which he is

spending here at KHS. For the past two seasons Trevor was the goalie for his high school team and also played for the St. Louis Blues U18 Midget Majors team. He has had the advantage of working with the Blues' NHL goalie Bruce Racine.

Last May Trevor was drafted by the Omaha Lancers but was apparently released by them which left him free to reach an agreement two days before our season opener to join the Tri-City Storm.

Trevor also plays baseball.



Adam Chlapik
F, 6", 185, 2/4/1994

Adam Chlapik comes from Prague, Czech Republic but he has played three seasons in this country. As a 14 and 15 year old, he played two seasons for the HC Slavia

Praha U18 team back home in Prague in the Czech U18 league. Then he came to the US and spent the 2009-10 season with the LA Jr. Kings U18 team. Adam was selected by Omaha in the Futures Draft in 2010 and then named to their team last season. He had started his second season with them when he was traded to Tri-City.

Adam has also been a member of the Czech International team for three years, first on the U16 team and now on the U17 team. He is rated high on the list of potential NHL draft candidates.

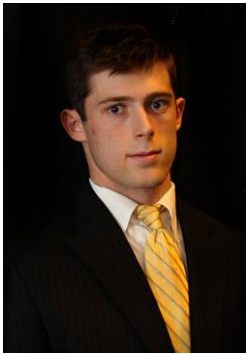


Three player Birthdays

J D Peterson already celebrated his birthday on September 12th when he turned 20.

On the first day of November Nick Lappin will be 19.

Two days later, on November 3rd, Brad Shierhorn will also turn 19.



Desmond Bergin
D, 6', 180, 2/6/1993

Desmond Bergin is the latest addition to the Storm roster. He comes from Natick, MA, which is about 15 miles west of Boston in the Boston Metro area. Desmond graduated last spring from St. Sebastian's School where he was a co-captain of his school's hockey team during his senior year. Also he was named to the New England Prep Schools' East All-Star team.

Before coming to Tri-City Desmond was to have been a member of the Boston Junior Bruins in the Eastern Junior Hockey League this season. He has committed to Harvard in 2012.



Goalie of the Week Honors

Goalie Pheonix Copely was named Goalie of the Week for the first week of player recognition awards by the United States Hockey League. He shared that honor with the Lincoln Stars goalie.

In the season opening home game against Sioux City, Pheonix played a perfect game which ended in a shutout score of 1-0.

In addition, during that game he made successful saves against two penalty shots. The last time that was done was on Dec. 11, 2010 when Scott Diebold was in goal against Fargo.

Pheonix followed up with another perfect game the next time the team played at home, shutting out the Chicago Steel 2-0. There were no penalty shots in that game however.

The Referee's Whistle

Can you imagine watching a hockey game in which the referee, clad in shirt, not striped, a vest and tie, carried a bell to ring to stop the game for penalties? The first hockey games were played

in the mid-1800's and this is what the referees used. A bell. Real ring of authority, right?

The whistle was invented in 1883 for use by London policemen to replace the hand rattles they had been using. A rattle. That doesn't have a real sound of authority either, does it? They did not think so either and were glad to adopt the whistle.

A Birmingham, England, toolmaker, invented



the whistle by reproducing the sound made by a string on his breaking violin when it fell off a table. The following year he introduced a second version, the pea whistle. This sound

Was more pleasant and adapted to sports referees. At first they did not want to use this "new fangled nonsense." They felt they could get along "very well without that silly thing." But gradually they came to accept the pea whistle as standard referee equipment.

Although football referees now use a different style of whistle, hockey and rugby refs still use the pea whistle.

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Where Are They Now?

Season 1 & 2 Updates

In looking back over past Tri-City Storm teams we found that 11 members of the original 2000-01 team have skated professionally since leaving here. Jessie Minneman played two professional games one season. Corbin Schmidt and Bill Zaniboni played four years, Bryan Schmidt, and Scott Romfo played five seasons, Paul Kelly and Brad Thompson both played six years.

Chad Anderson, Matt Scherer, Konrad Reeder, and Bernd Bruckler are still playing professionally this season. Chad is starting his second season with the Alaska Aces in the ECHL. This is his sixth pro season.

Matt Scherer is still with the South Carolina Sting Rays. He joined them when he left college five years ago.

Konrad Reeder will be starting his sixth year professionally on Oct 21 when the CHL's Rapid City Rush opens its season.

Bernd Bruckler left the Russian team he was with for the past two seasons and is now playing for another Russian team in the same league, the Novosibirsk Siber in southern Siberia. This is his seventh year as a pro.

The 2001-02 team only had four who played professionally. Noah Ruden played one year and Justin Laverdiere played two seasons.

Larry Sterling played seven years but apparently is not playing this season. Bobby Robins is the only member of this team to still be playing. He is entering his seventh pro year and is now playing for the Chicago Express.

Focus On the 2002-03 Season

The third season began with the pre-season Buc Bowl in Des Moines in mid-September. The Storm lost to Cedar Rapids (0-3) on Friday but then turned around to beat Sioux Falls (7-2) on Sat. and Chicago (4-2) Sun. morning. They did not participate in the Super 6 pre-season tournament in Cedar Rapids.

This is the year the Storm changed coaches mid-season. Jim Hillman, who had come with the franchise from S. Paul, MN, left in late December, two games before the Christmas break. Assistant Coach, Reg Simon, took over the coaching duties until the end of the season. There were six returning players: Chad Anderson, David Boguslawski, Pat Borgestad, Scott Foyt, Chris Nathe, and Matt Scherer. Pat was traded to Des Moines after 25 games.

There were 25 first year players. One, Brad Cooper, went to the Texas Tornados in the NAHL before the season started. Over the coming months the remaining 24 players will be in the spotlight.