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*The Tri-City Storm Booster Club
wishes you all a*

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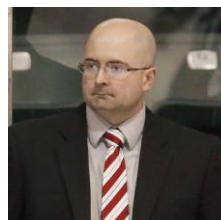
Happy New Year

Storm Changes - Staff

Head Coach

For the second time in Storm franchise history the head coach/general manager was relieved of his duties in December. The first time, when Jim Hillman left, coaching duties were taken over by Asst. Coach Reggie Simon. At the time he was at the very beginning of his coaching career and only had about three months experience. This time, when we were all surprised to learn on December 7th that Drew Schoneck had been removed, the assistant coach who moved into his position had much more coaching experience.

Josh Hauge, who joined the Storm coaching staff at the beginning of this season, came from the head coaching position of the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in the NAHL. He had been



with the Ice Dogs for six years, three as assistant coach and three as head coach.

Last September at the preseason press conference, Coach Hauge said three important things had happened to him over the summer. His NAHL team won the league championship. He got married. He got a job with the Storm and moved to Kearney.

Hauge went on to say that his hiring was two seasons in the making. Drew had approached him last season but he wanted to stay at Fairbanks one more season. They had just come in second in the league and he believed they could win the championship the next season (which they did).

His goal here is to win a championship as

soon as possible. He said players are young guys with high ability; his job is to teach skills. He wanted to open up the game. By that he meant allowing flexibility for players to make their own decisions on a play. He also prefers that the players keep possession of the puck as they come down the ice. He does not believe in dump and chase.

Trainer

At the beginning of the season Craig Brandenburger started his third year as trainer/equipment manager for the Storm. But then he left at the end of October to return to Fargo, ND. Although he continues to work in his professional field it is not as a sports trainer for the Fargo Force.

Staff members from New West Sports Medicine then filled in on a rotating basis for the next three weeks. After Thanksgiving, Matt Sterns took on the job of trainer for the Storm. He had formerly been working at New West.

Equipment Manager

Since Matt's area of expertise does not include hockey equipment, an equipment manager was needed. Along came Cody Incollingo to fill that position. His name may sound slightly familiar to some Storm fans. Cody participated in the Storm tryout camps in Las Vegas.

Cody's hometown is Langhorne, PA, a small community outside of Philadelphia but he finished high school in Las Vegas while playing for the Nevada Stars U16 AAA. His junior hockey years included time spent with the Boston Jr. Bruins, and Valley Jr. Warriors in the EJHL, and most recently the New Mexico Mustangs in the NAHL. Now, as he ages out of junior hockey, he is ready for something new. We welcome Cody to Kearney



Storm Changes - Team

Gone

Davey Middleton has left the Storm again. He is now playing for the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders.

Adam Chlapik was traded to the Muskegon Lumberjacks

Greg Johnson has joined the St. Louis Bandits in the NAHL

Soren Jonzzon has gone to Youngstown to join the Phantoms. In return, the Storm received a conditional pick in the next Entry Draft.

Added

Josh Henke came in that trade from the Muskegon Lumberjacks on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24.

Adam Wilcox came from the Green Bay Gamblers in trade for a first round Entry Draft pick next spring.

Added Temporarily from the Affiliates List

Griffin Foulk was the third Futures Draft choice last May. He is playing for the Colorado Thunderbirds U18. He was called up to play in the game on Thanksgiving Eve against the Stars and again the following Sunday in Sioux Falls.

Kyle Eastman was also chosen last spring by the Storm, their second selection in the Futures Draft. This season he is playing for the Buffalo Jr. Sabres U18. Kyle was called up for the two home games against Des Moines Dec. 9-10.

Connor Hutchins, the fifth Futures Draft choice, is playing for the Dallas Stars U16 team. He was also called to play in the two home games against Des Moines.

There are currently only 22 players on the Storm roster. This includes three goalies, eight defensemen, and 11 forwards. It is safe to say we can expect more changes.





Adam Wilcox

G, 6'1", 175,
11/26/1992

Adam is from South St. Paul, MN, where he attended South St. Paul High School.

Adam was drafted in 2009 by Green Bay. After graduating from high school in 2010 Adam joined the Gamblers and spent the 2010-2011 season with them. He was starting his second season there when he was traded to the Storm for a first round draft pick.

In the last NHL draft Adam was selected by the Tampa Bay Lightning. He will be playing for Minnesota next season.



There are five birthdays to note this time. Goalie Adam Wilcox celebrated his 19th birthday on Nov. 26th, just a few days after

being traded to the Storm.

On New Year's Day Andrew Dorantes will turn 18.

Heikki Liedes turns 19 on January 12th.

Our other goalie, Pheonix Copley, will be 20 on January 18th.

The next day Tim Lappin will celebrate his 18th birthday.



Top Prospects Game

On January 24th the USHL will be hosting the first ever game featuring forty top NHL draft prospects. These players from the 16 teams in the conference will be chosen to compete in this game. It will be played on the home ice of the Lumberjacks in Muskegon, Michigan.

The participants will be chosen by the USHL along with scouts and general managers from the NHL and NHL Central Scouting.



Josh Henke

F, 5'10", 180, 5/17/1994

Josh comes from Trenton, Michigan, south of Detroit. He started playing hockey when he was five. By the time he was 11 and playing for

Compuware, he had settled into the position of forward. The following year as a Pee Wee he played for Honeybaked. When he was 15 as a Bantam Major he was playing for Belle Tire U16.

Josh was 16 and a high school sophomore when he was selected in the 2010 Futures Draft by Muskegon. He had also been drafted by London in the Ontario Hockey League but Josh wants to play college hockey.

He played the 2010-11 season for the Victory Honda U18 Major Midget team and then became a member of the Muskegon Lumberjacks. This was Josh's first year there. He had played eight games for them before he was acquired by the Storm from the Lumberjacks in trade for Adam Chlapik and a second round pick next spring in the Entry Draft.

Storm on TV

Once again the Storm and FOX Nebraska have agreed to have three Tri-City Storm games televised. The first one has already happened. The Saturday afternoon game with Des Moines was on the air December 10.

The next game to be televised is the January 28th game against Sioux Falls. The last game will be on March 24th when Dubuque comes to town. Both of those are evening games with a 7 pm air time.

Copley Commits

Pheonix Copley has committed to attend Michigan Tech next year. He says he will probably be a premed major while he is there. Pheonix is the ninth member of this year's team to make a college commitment.

Swartz Captain

Jaden Swartz, former Storm player, will be a member of Canada's team in the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship games in January for the second year in a row. This year he will be the captain. The tournament begins Dec. 26 and ends Jan. 5 in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Teams competing with Canada are the US, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Switzerland, Latvia, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Russia.

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USHL Players of the Week

Two Storm players were chosen for Player of the Week honors for the last week of Conference play before Christmas break.

Tim Bonner was one of two forwards honored as Forward of the Week. He earned a total five points in the two games against Sioux City. He had a goal and two assists on the Tuesday home game. Then he followed up with two goals in the Saturday game in Sioux City.

Pheonix Copley was honored for the second time this season as the Goalie of the Week. He made a season high 42 saves in the first game against Sioux City and 38 in the second with a .972 while allowing only one goal in each game.

Both of the Storm goalies are in the top ten USHL goalie save percentages. Pheonix is third with .919% and Adam Wilcox is sixth with .912%.



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