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Goalie of the Week

Adam Wilcox was named Goalie of the Week for the week following Christmas break. He made 33 saves in yet another win over Sioux City and then shut out the Omaha Lancers in a 3-0 game for a .957 save average. This third shutout in Adam's season has earned him a three-way tie for first place in the USHL.

Phoenix Copley received the Goalie of the Week award from the USHL for the last week of Conference play before Christmas break. In the two wins over Sioux City he had a season high 42 saves in the first game and 38 in the second while allowing only one goal each game.

How often does a team have both its goalies receive this award in consecutive weeks?



Happy Birthday

Only one birthday to note this time. Desmond Bergin will celebrate his 19th birthday on February 6th.

Hockey Weekend

The fifth annual Hockey Weekend Across America has been set for Feb. 17-19, 2012.

On Friday wear your favorite jersey. Invite friends or family who have never attended a hockey game to Friday and/or Saturday games. Make it a fun, hockey-filled weekend.

Hockey Timeline

Hockey in the 1950's

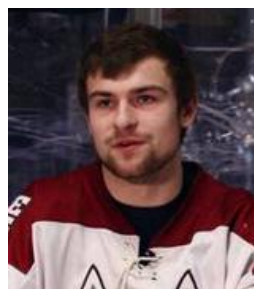
1955 – NHL officials began wearing their striped black and white shirts.

March 10, 1955 – The Zamboni appeared on NHL ice for the first time in a game between Montreal and Toronto in the Montreal Forum.

Jan. 18, 1958 – “Willie O’Ree joined the Boston Bruins as an injury call-up for a game in Montreal, thereby becoming the first black player in the NHL.”

Roster Changes

- Goalie Trevor Gorsuch did not return to the team after Christmas break.
- Dalton Spicer has been placed on season-ending injured reserve on January 9.
- Griffin Foulk returned after Christmas to join the team on a permanent basis. He is a Futures Draft choice who had been playing for the Colorado Thunderbirds U18's.
- Jared Linnell has been added.



Jared Linnell

F, 6'1", 175, 4/14/1993

Jared Linnell is the second Storm player to come from North Pole, Alaska, this season. Jared joined the Storm after

Christmas break as part of a trade with Cedar Rapids for Entry Draft pick Corey Petrash.

This is not Jared's first experience with Coach Hauge. He began playing for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs (NAHL) during the 2009-10 season when he was a junior in high school. Then he was the high scorer for the team last season when they won the conference championship. Jared started this season on the Cedars Rapids RoughRider team. He had been selected by them in the 2009 Futures Draft.

Jared will be attending the University of Alaska at Fairbanks next fall. He had made a verbal commitment back in July 2009 and signed a Letter of Intent last April. Although he had talked to at least one other university, this was not a difficult choice to make.

Jared will be a second generation hockey player at UAF. Both his parents attended that university where his mother played volleyball and his father play hockey.

Where are they now?

Correction

First a correction on the update about past teams – Larry Sterling, 2001-2, is still playing. This season he is goalie for the Dayton (Ohio) Gems in the CHL.

2002-2003 team

Nine of the players new to the 2002-03 team are still playing professional hockey. Three of them have played at the NHL level. Here are summaries of their careers to date.



Scott Parse

2002-03



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Scott Parse came from Portage, MI, to play one season for the Storm. Scott will be remembered as part of the Parse-Thomas duo who seemed to read each others' minds on the ice and combined for so many goals that season. As a result both earned UNO scholarships. Parse went on to UNO after the 2002-03 season and played for the Mavericks for the next 4 seasons. At the end of his freshman year he was drafted by the LA Kings.

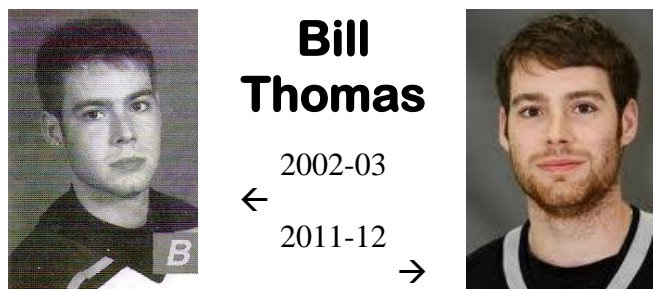
When his fourth season at UNO ended, Scott played 10 games for the Grand Rapids Griffins, AHL affiliate of the Detroit Redwings.

During the following season, 2007-08, he split his time between the Reading Royals, ECHL affiliate of the Maple Leafs and the Bruins, and the Manchester Monarchs, AHL affiliate of the LA Kings. He stayed with the Monarchs for the entire 2008-09 season.

Scott played only 14 games for the Monarchs in the 2009-10 season. In late October he was called up by the Kings and made his NHL debut on Oct. 24, 2009 in a game against the Phoenix Coyotes. He went on to play 59 games for the Kings that season.

Last season Scott started with the Kings playing five games through Nov. 15. Then he was out with an injury which resulted in hip surgery. He was able to get back for at least one game in the playoffs.

This season Scott played nine games for the LA Kings. On Nov 9 he left the game with a "lower body injury" which resulted in hip surgery early in December. He is expected to be out for the rest of the season.



Bill Thomas

2002-03



2011-12



Bill Thomas was the other half of the Parse-Thomas scoring duo during the 2002-03 Storm season. Like Parse he also earned a scholarship to UNO but stayed to play another season for the Storm before going to Omaha.

A Pittsburgh, PA, native, Bill had played two seasons for the Cleveland Barons in the NAHL before coming to the Storm. After his two

seasons here, he spent two seasons with the Mavericks at UNO and then signed with the Phoenix Coyotes in March 2006. The first Storm player to play at the NHL level, Bill played nine games for the Coyotes that spring.

During the 2006-07 season Bill played for the San Antonio Rampage in the AHL until he was called up in January to finish the season playing for the Coyotes. During the following season he again played for the Rampage but was recalled four different times to play a total of seven games for the Coyotes.

When the 2007-08 season ended Bill signed a one year contract with the Pittsburgh Penguins. But he did not get to spend much time in his home town. He was assigned to the

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Penguins' AHL affiliate, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins but was called up twice to play 16 games for the Penguins during the 2008-09 season.

Bill played part of the following season for the Springfield Falcons in the AHL. Then he went to Switzerland to play half a dozen games for Lugano in the Swiss National League A. Returning to the US, Bill signed a one year two-way contract with the Florida Panthers in July 2010. They assigned Bill to the Rochester Americans (the Buffalo Sabres affiliate team in the AHL). Bill was called up several times, playing 24 games for the Panthers last season.

During the current season Bill is once again playing for the San Antonio Rampage and has recently re-signed a one year two-way contract with the Panthers. He has played seven games for the Panthers but is not now on their active roster.



2011-12

Steve Wagner

Steve Wagner was a quiet young man from Grand Rapids, MN, who came in a trade from Des Moines after the 2002-3 season had started. He stayed for another season before going off to college at

Minnesota State University/Mankato. In 2007 at the end of his junior year, when the hockey season ended, he signed with the St. Louis Blues and then played 14 games for their AHL affiliate team, the Peoria Rivermen.

Steve started the 2007-08 season on the Blues roster, playing his first NHL game on Oct 4, the season opener. During that season and the next he split his time between the Blues and the Rivermen. After playing the first half of the 2009-10 season for the Peoria Rivermen, Steve

Two-Way Contract

What is a two-way contract?

Frequently we read that one of our Storm alumni players has signed a one year two-way contract. What does that mean? The one year part is obvious, but what does the two-way part mean?

There are two rates of pay for hockey players. The rate for an NHL player is higher than an affiliated AHL player. With a two-way contract, the player will start the season assigned to the AHL team at the AHL rate.

If he is called up to the NHL team, he is paid at the NHL rate as long as he is there. If/when he goes back down to his AHL team, his rate of pay goes back down also.



was traded by the Blues to the Pittsburgh Penguins. He finished the season playing for their AHL affiliate, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

In June 2010 Steve signed a one year two-way contract with the Penguins and was assigned to continue playing for their affiliate. He spent the entire 2010-11 season with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. Last spring his team reached the finals in the Calder Cup play-offs. In the first period of one of the games in the final round, which they won, Steve scored a hat trick, the first Wilkes-Barre/Scranton player to do so. Also quite a feat considering Steve plays defense.

Last June Steve signed a single year contract to play for Adler Mannheim, a European DEL team. He is currently in Germany playing for them.

Hockey Trivia

Q. What is the size and weight of an official game puck?

A. An official game puck measures three inches in diameter and one inch thick. It weighs six ounces and is constructed of vulcanized rubber. The puck is not only solid to remove the "bounce", but it is frozen prior to professional games to make it even more bounce resistant.



Ryan Dingle

Ryan Dingle's hockey career has given him a broad travel experience. Starting from his hometown of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, he first left the

state to go to Iowa to play for the Des Moines Buccaneers. After a season and a half he came along with Steve Wagner in December 2002 to Nebraska to join the Storm. He was part of a trade that sent Pat Borgestad to Des Moines. Ryan was team captain of the Storm the following season. Then he went back to Colorado to attend the University of Denver. After three seasons he signed with Anaheim in March 2007 and went to Oregon to play four games for their AHL affiliate, the Portland Pirates at the end of the season.

Ryan started the 2007-08 with the Pirates and then moved to Georgia to join the Augusta (GA) Lynx, the Pirates' ECHL affiliate. The following season he was back in Iowa to play for the AHL team, the Iowa Chops, during their one season in Des Moines. All of these teams were Anaheim affiliates.

At the time of the 2009 NHL draft Ryan was included in a trade that sent him along with Chris Pronger to the Philadelphia Flyers. He spent the 2009-10 season with the Flyers' AHL affiliate Adirondack Phantoms in Glen Falls, New York. Last season Ryan moved across the continent to Victoria, British Columbia, to play for the Victoria Salmon Kings, a Vancouver Canucks affiliate in the ECHL.

Now Ryan is in Italy playing for the Sportivi Ghiaccio Cortina in Cortina d'Ampezzo, a city in Veneto in the Italian northern Alps. This team is in the highest level of hockey in Italy.



Cortina, Italy

Late Breaking Team News

Tim Lappin has been chosen to compete in the NHL Top Prospects game on Tuesday, January 24th in Muskegon, MI. He will be a member of the West team.

Two players have been added to the Storm team. Forward Brian Ward is returning after a semester at Dartmouth. Due to an injury at the beginning of the season he did not get to participate in any of the Dartmouth games. Ryan Ivey is coming in as a defenseman. More about him in the next issue.

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