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Tri-City Storm Hockey Camps



Open Camp

Any hockey player who has aspirations of making the team can attend Storm Open Camp as a free agent. But with few spots open on the team, it is not easy for a free agent to make the team.

Main Camp

The Main Camp is an invitation only camp. Invited players included returnees from last season's team, those selected in the Entry and Futures Drafts both in 2011 and 2012, affiliated players acquired through trades last season and the players listed who just finished the Open Camp and were invited to stay. This camp was held at the Las Vegas Ice Center June 13-16. By July 1 the coaches must select 25 players who will be invited to come to the Training Camp.

However it is possible for a stand out player to be chosen.

In the past three years there have been three notable free agent players – Brett Mohler, now at Bowling Green, Simon Denis, now at Ferris, and Dalton Spicer.

This year's two-day Open Camp was held at the Las Vegas Ice Center on June 11-12. The coaches invited the following players to stay and participate in the Main Camp.

2012 Open Camp to Main Camp Invites:

- Jon Strand - Goalie
- Jordyn Kaufer - Goalie
- Alex Mono - Defenseman
- Kyle Kruenegel - Defenseman
- Chris Hausinger - Defenseman
- Connor McPherson - Defenseman
- Beau Dommer - Forward
- C.J. Stubbs - Forward
- Beau Rossbach - Forward
- Kenny Hausinger - Forward
- Rayce Miller - Forward
- Brandon Tucker - Forward
- Shane Gachne - Forward

(list from Skip Berry press release to the Storm website)

In preparation for making the 25-player list and after watching the Main Camp participants for two days, the coach named 42 players, divided into two teams, to play two all-star games, one Friday afternoon and the other Saturday morning.

Here are the names of those players along with notes to help identify all but the last ten of them.

Mario Puskarich – Forward [2009-10 Tri-City Storm team]

Christian Frey – Goalie [Tri-City Storm end of Season team]

Dylan Maller – Defenseman [Tri-City Storm end of season team]

Dalton Spicer – Defenseman [Tri-City Storm end of season team]

Ryan Ivey – Defenseman [Tri-City Storm end of season team]

John Hrabovsky – Defenseman [Tri-City Storm end of season team]

Jared Linnell – Forward [Tri-City Storm end of Season team]

Trevor Moore – Forward [Tri-City Storm end of Season team]

Michael Vecchoine – Forward [Tri-City Storm end of season team]

Grant Opperman – Forward [Tri-City Storm end of season team]



Brian Ward – Forward [Tri-City Storm end of Season team]

Tim Lappin – Forward [Tri-City Storm end of Season team]

Nolan Gluchowski – Defenseman [Affiliate, from Fargo, played 6 games last season]

Cutler Martin – Defenseman [2011 Entry Draft, played 6 games last season]

Eli May – Defenseman [2011 Entry Draft, played 6 games last season]

Kyle Eastman – Forward [2011 Futures Draft, played 2 games last season]

Chase Berger – Forward [2011 Entry Draft, played 2 games last season]

Garrett Cecere – Defenseman [Affiliate, from Dubuque]

Joel L'Esperance – Forward [Affiliate, from Des Moines]

Dan Labosky – Forward [2011 futures draft]

Philip Lehr – Goalie [2012 Entry Draft]

Jason Cotton – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Nick Hutchinson – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Devin Tringale – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Thomas Aldworth – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Garrett Gamez – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Thomas Lindstrom – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Chase McMurphy – Forward [2012 Entry Draft]

Kevin Kerr – Defenseman [2012 Futures Draft]

Will Harrison – Forward [2012 Futures Draft]

Dylan Pavelek – Forward [2012 Futures Draft]

Joshua Gabriel – Forward [2012 Futures Draft]

Zach Nagelvoort - Goalie

Michael Santaguida - Goalie

Linden Springer - Defenseman

Phillip Middleton - Defenseman

Brady Reisgraf – Defenseman

Tyler Jones - Defenseman

David Longaker – Defenseman

Logan Wendling - Forward

Mason Bergh - Forward

Jakob Romo – Forward

(Names are from the Storm website. A few players on the Storm's protected list were injured and unable to attend the main camp in Las Vegas.)

Training Camp

Training Camp begins Sept. 1 in Kearney. At this time the 25 players who were named after the Main Tryout Camp will begin training and practices for the 2012-13 season. There will be some exhibition games and then the pre-season Fall Classic Tournament in Sioux City on the last weekend in September.

Then the coach has the difficult job of cutting two players to get down to the 23-player list that each USHL team is allowed for the season.

2012 Entry Draft

This year's Entry Draft was held on May 22nd. Prior to this date the coach had drawn up a protected players list. This year there were 20 on that list. Eleven more were selected in the draft. They are listed here. Next month there will be more information about them.

1. Garrett Gamez (pronounced gahm-ez), forward from Chino Hills, CA
2. Jason Cotton, forward from Murphy, TX
3. Nick Hutchinson, forward from Hicksville, NY
4. Matt Staples, defense from Coppell, TX
5. Thomas Aldworth, forward from Keller, TX
6. Tommy Vannelli, defense from Victoria, Minnesota
7. Devin Tringale, forward from Medford, MA
8. Thomas Lindstrom, forward from Brooklyn Park, MN
9. Philip Lehr, goalie from Berlin, Germany
10. John Hrabovsky, defense from Hummelstown, PA (drafted to reacquire his rights.)
11. Chase McMurphy, forward from Chestermere, Alberta



2012 Futures Draft Selections

1. Kevin Kerr – Defense, 5'11, 155, 2/9/1996

Kevin Kerr was the first pick in the Futures Draft. He is from Bensalem, PA, on the northeast edge of Philadelphia, where he just completed his sophomore year at Holy Ghost Prep. Kevin was selected to be a member of Team USA last January in Innsbruck, Austria, in the Winter Youth Olympic Games. He has committed to Penn State in 2014.

2. Dylan Pavelek – F, 5'10, 180, 1/16/1996

Dylan Pavelek comes from Marysville, Michigan, on the eastern edge of the state north of Detroit. Earlier this year he participated in tryouts for the NTDP [Nat. Team Dev. Program] U17 team. Last season he was a member of the Belle Tire U16 team. Dylan has committed to Ohio in 2014.

3. Joshua Gabriel – F, 6'0, 180, 2/13/1996



Joshua Gabriel is from Lancaster, NY, where he will be a junior in high school. Lancaster is in western New York, 11 miles east of downtown Buffalo. Last January Joshua participated in the U-16 Tier 1 Elite League Showcase in

Hingham, Mass. He was described as a solid player, consistent, versatile.

Last season Joshua was a member of the Buffalo Jr. Sabres U16 team. Before that he had been noticed as a dominant player on teams in his age group. Next season he will move up to the Jr. Sabres U18 team.

HOCKEY TRIVIA by the NUMBERS!

Q. What was the price of the Stanley Cup, the most famous trophy in sports?

A. The Stanley Cup was purchased in the late 1890's by Lord Stanley of Preston, Canada's Governor-General for \$48.67. Lord Stanley of Preston originally donated the Cup to the Canadian National Champion in 1893. Today, the Cup is awarded to the NHL Playoff Champion.

From <http://www.falmouthicearena.com/funfacts.htm>

4. Will Harrison – F, 5'10, 200 lbs, 1/7/1996

Will Harrison is from Springfield, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C. Last season he played for the DC Capitals U16 team. Last spring he also was invited to try out for the NTDP [Nat. Team Dev. Program]. Will's coach says, "Will has a great nose for the net and a scorers touch."

5. Travis Brown – D, 6'1", 180, 5/6/1996

Travis Brown is from Otsego, Minnesota, and attends high school in Rogers which is south of Otsego. Both towns are northeast of Minneapolis. He will start his junior year this fall.

6. Jake Kielly – Goalie, 6'1", 155, 9/10/1996

Jake Kielly comes from Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Last season Jake was a member of Eden Prairie's Bantam A team. In July he will go to Rochester, NY, to attend the national U 16's and U17's camp.



Protected List Change

Griffin Foulk was originally included on the Storm protected list which was drawn up before the Entry Draft. But he has signed a contract to play for the Everett, WA, Silvertips in the Western Hockey League. Griffin was replaced on the list by Tayler Munson, a forward for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs of the NAHL.

Update on Greg Battani



Greg Battani skated for the Storm during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons. From here he went on to college. Recently he was certified as an air traffic controller and is working in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Where Are They Now? Two Toms

We continue to find out what has happened to members of the 2002-2003 team.



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Tom Morrow

At 6'6", Tom Morrow is the tallest Tri-City Storm player to date. He came here from Afton, MN, and then was traded mid-season to Des Moines. Then he went to Boston University for the next four seasons. Besides being a popular member of the hockey team, Tom earned a degree in business management. In the NHL draft between his USHL and college careers in 2003, Tom was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres.

By the end of summer following college, Tom was one of 30 who were unsigned free agents. He chose to spend the next season in Germany playing for the Hannover Indians in the Oberliga (English: *Premier League*). At the time he was there, the Indians were in the third of four divisions. They have since moved up to the second division.

The following season, 2008-09, Tom returned to the US to play for the Bakersfield Condors in the ECHL. Sometime following his second year in college, Tom added another inch. By the time he was playing for the Condors he was 6'7". The next season Tom moved to Michigan and played for the Kalamazoo Wings also in the ECHL.

When the season ended in the spring of 2010 Tom ended his professional hockey career.



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Tom Pohl

Tommy Pohl came from Red Wing, MN, to play for the Tri-City Storm during the 2002-3 & 2003-4 seasons. While a member of the Storm, Tom claimed the title of best ping pong player on the team, a claim disputed by several of his team mates. Fans remember him for the Pohl Vault, his victory jump against the glass whenever he scored a goal.

From here Tom went to the U of Minn. He was often scratched during his first three years there. But in his final year as one of six seniors on the team he played almost every game. A political science and marketing major, Tom was a U of M Scholar Athlete and was named to the WCHA All-Academic Team multiple years. He was also a WCHA Conference Scholar-Athlete his junior year.

On March 16, 2008, (Tom's senior year) the U of Minn. and Mankato were playing the deciding game in the first round of the WCHA conference play-offs. In the second period Tom sustained a hit which knocked him off his feet. Not unusual for a hockey player. The problem was that his helmet flew off when he hit the ice and he slid head first into the boards. The resulting gash on the forehead and skull fracture led to his being airlifted to Mayo Clinic for emergency surgery.

Tom came through the surgery successfully. His sense of humor remained intact, but now days he wears his hair a little longer to hide the scar. Needless to say, his hockey career was ended but he still plays a little hockey now and then. A year ago at a charity hockey game held at Prior Lake, MN between "current and former NHL, WCHA, USHL, AHL, ECHL and College Players" one of the celebrity players was "Tom Pohl - U of Minnesota (WCHA), Allstar Team Coach"

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