



# This Week In The USHL

## October 13, 2008

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Amid the smoke and lights, Sioux City's Adam Janecyk waits his turn to be introduced to the home crowd on October 11 at the Tyson Event Center.

### 2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

#### EAST DIVISION

| Team         | GP | W | L | OTL | PTS | GF | GA |
|--------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|
| Green Bay    | 2  | 2 | 0 | 0   | 4   | 10 | 8  |
| Cedar Rapids | 3  | 2 | 1 | 0   | 4   | 8  | 7  |
| Indiana      | 3  | 2 | 1 | 0   | 4   | 11 | 7  |
| Des Moines   | 3  | 1 | 1 | 1   | 3   | 17 | 15 |
| Chicago      | 3  | 1 | 2 | 0   | 2   | 11 | 12 |
| Waterloo     | 2  | 0 | 1 | 1   | 1   | 5  | 7  |

#### WEST DIVISION

| Team        | GP | W | L | OTL | PTS | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|---|---|-----|-----|----|----|
| Lincoln     | 4  | 3 | 1 | 0   | 6   | 15 | 13 |
| Sioux Falls | 3  | 2 | 1 | 0   | 4   | 12 | 11 |
| Omaha       | 4  | 2 | 2 | 0   | 4   | 16 | 14 |
| Tri-City    | 4  | 2 | 2 | 0   | 4   | 14 | 19 |
| Sioux City  | 3  | 1 | 2 | 0   | 2   | 12 | 13 |
| Fargo       | 4  | 1 | 3 | 0   | 2   | 9  | 14 |

### RECENT RESULTS

#### Saturday, October 11, 2008

Indiana 6 Fargo 2  
 Lincoln 5 Sioux City 3  
 Sioux Falls 5 Des Moines 4, SO  
 Omaha 5 Tri-City 2  
 Cedar Rapids 4 Waterloo 3, SO  
 Green Bay 7 Chicago 6

#### Friday, October 10, 2008

Indiana 3 Fargo 1  
 Tri-City 5 Sioux City 4  
 Chicago 2 Cedar Rapids 0  
 Omaha 8 Des Moines 5  
 Lincoln 5 Sioux Falls 4

#### Saturday, October 4, 2008

Cedar Rapids 4 Indiana 2  
 Des Moines 8 Tri-City 2  
 Green Bay 3 Waterloo 2  
 Lincoln 3 Omaha 1  
 Sioux City 5 Chicago 3  
 Sioux Falls 3 Fargo 2

#### Friday, October 3, 2008

Fargo 4 Omaha 2  
 Tri-City 5 Lincoln 2

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

#### Monday, October 13, 2008

Omaha at Tri-City

#### Friday, October 17, 2008

Waterloo at Indiana  
 Chicago at Sioux City  
 Green Bay at Tri-City  
 Cedar Rapids at Sioux Falls  
 Fargo at Lincoln  
 Omaha at Des Moines

#### Saturday, October 18, 2008

Des Moines at Indiana  
 Chicago at Sioux Falls  
 Green Bay at Lincoln  
 Cedar Rapids at Tri-City  
 Fargo at Sioux City  
 Omaha at Waterloo

#### Friday, October 24, 2008

Cedar Rapids at Fargo  
 Fargo at Green Bay  
 Omaha at Sioux City  
 Des Moines at Waterloo  
 Indiana at Sioux Falls  
 Tri-City at Chicago

### SCORING LEADERS

| Player          | Team | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM |
|-----------------|------|----|---|---|-----|-----|
| Brett Chartier  | LIN  | 4  | 3 | 4 | 7   | 9   |
| Anthony Decenzo | TC   | 4  | 2 | 5 | 7   | 0   |
| Josh Balch      | DM   | 3  | 2 | 5 | 7   | 4   |
| Victor Anilane  | SF   | 3  | 2 | 5 | 7   | 2   |
| Andrew Miller   | CHI  | 3  | 2 | 5 | 7   | 21  |
| Eli Zuck        | TC   | 4  | 2 | 4 | 6   | 4   |
| Chris Knowlton  | DM   | 3  | 2 | 4 | 6   | 2   |

Several tied with 5 points

### GOALTENDING LEADERS

| Player          | TM  | GP | W-L-SOL | GAA  | SV%  | SO |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------|------|------|----|
| Chris Paliafito | IND | 1  | 1-0-0   | 2.00 | .900 | 0  |
| Brett Bennett   | IND | 2  | 1-1-0   | 2.01 | .932 | 0  |
| Mike Johnson    | CR  | 3  | 2-1-0   | 2.29 | .910 | 0  |
| Kevin Murdock   | LIN | 2  | 2-0-0   | 2.50 | .917 | 0  |
| Dan Sullivan    | OMA | 2  | 1-1-0   | 2.53 | .915 | 0  |

### QUOTABLE

"He has a hard shot and I thought he would try to overpower me, and that's what he did. He made a good try. I got a little piece of it, just enough."

*New Jersey Devils' goaltender Martin Brodeur to NHL.com after stopping former Des Moines star **Kyle Okposo** on a penalty shot Friday.*

# The USHL at 30 Years



In 1982-83, the St. Paul Vulcans were among the doormats in the USHL, finishing sixth out of seven teams. After winning just 18 games, nobody would have predicted how dramatically their fortunes would turn the following season. The Hubbard family purchased the team, they hired Kevin Hartzell as coach, and the team would go on to win the Anderson and Clark Cups in 1983-84.

"We started out 2-2 that year and then went on a 13-game winning streak and never looked back," Hartzell said. "Our main rival was Sioux City. In game seven for the Clark Cup, it was 2-2 at the end of two periods. The season series was split equally and this playoff series was tied 3-3. We ended up winning the game 5-2 to win the Clark Cup and this series started a great rivalry between Bob Ferguson and myself that we enjoyed for years."

## USHL INSIDER

**Columbus Day Clash:** Bliss Littler, who coached Tri-City from 2003 to 2008, will make his first return trip to Kearney as coach of the Omaha Lancers on Monday night.

**Hockey Is In The Blood:** Several NHL players have sons playing in the USHL. Chris Chelios (Dean - Cedar Rapids), Mike Krushelnyski (Alex - Chicago), Ulf Samuelsson (Philip - Chicago), Chris Pryor (Nick - Des Moines), Steve Chiasson (Michael - Omaha), Craig Ludwig (C.J. - Omaha), Bob Janecyk (Adam - Sioux City), Eddie Olczyk (Tommy - Sioux City, Eddie - Waterloo) and Darren Rumble (Chris - Sioux Falls) all have sons in the league in 2008-09.

**Record Breaker:** Green Bay's Michael Forney set the USHL record for fastest three goals by an individual, when he scored three times in 2:17 Saturday night against Chicago. The previous record was held by Ron Buckmeier of Rochester, who scored three goals in 2:23 against Thunder Bay on November 11, 1994.

**Keep The Pucks Part 2:** Congratulations to Omaha's Bliss Littler and Indiana's Jeff Blashill, each of which got their first wins with their teams over the weekend.

**Goose Egg:** Chicago's Hudson Stremmel picked up the USHL's first shutout of the season, making 38 saves in Chicago's 2-0 win over Cedar Rapids on Friday.

**Make 'Em Throw The Hats:** In addition to the Forney hat trick above, two more players notched hat tricks on the weekend. Jake Hauswirth scored three times in Omaha's 8-5 win over Des Moines on Friday. Sioux City's Stephane Da Costa scored three in Friday's 5-4 loss at Tri-City.

**Hopp To It:** Tri-City's Nick Hopper made 43 saves, including 21 in the third period of the Storm's 5-4 win over Sioux City on Friday.

**Return To Power:** Indiana snapped an 0-13 streak on the power play to open the season when Zach Golembiewski with the man-advantage in Saturday's 6-2 win over Fargo.

## LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Victor Anilane (SF) - Bemidji State  
 Alec Rush (TC) - Princeton  
 Eric Meland (Lin) - Princeton  
 Cody Murphy (CR) - Miami  
 Josh Balch (DM) - Yale  
 Joe Howe (Wat) - Colorado College  
 Seth Ambroz (Oma) - Minnesota  
 Keegan Meuer (Wat) - Wisconsin  
 Mike Walsh (Chi) - Air Force  
 Stephane Vigier (SC) - Northern Michigan  
 Garrett Peterson (Lin) - Notre Dame  
 Sean Escobedo (TC) - Boston University

## STAT OF THE WEEK

USHL teams have scored 140 goals through the first 19 games of the 2008-09 season, good for 7.37 goals per game. This is six more goals, or 0.32 more goals per game than last year through 19 games.

## SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

*totals are team's percentages*

| Team         | PP    | PK    | Total  |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Green Bay    | 30.00 | 82.35 | 112.35 |
| Des Moines   | 28.57 | 80.95 | 109.52 |
| Fargo        | 13.04 | 92.31 | 105.35 |
| Cedar Rapids | 11.76 | 92.86 | 104.62 |
| Waterloo     | 7.69  | 94.74 | 102.43 |
| Chicago      | 21.05 | 80.77 | 101.82 |
| Tri-City     | 25.93 | 75.00 | 100.93 |
| Lincoln      | 18.18 | 76.67 | 94.85  |
| Omaha        | 12.50 | 81.48 | 93.98  |
| Sioux City   | 21.43 | 71.43 | 92.86  |
| Sioux Falls  | 9.09  | 80.95 | 90.04  |
| Indiana      | 6.25  | 83.33 | 89.58  |

## USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of October 13, 2008

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Tyler Arnason (Fargo-Moorhead) | Colorado     |
| David Backes (Lincoln)         | St. Louis    |
| Keith Ballard (Omaha)          | Florida      |
| Jason Blake (Waterloo)         | Toronto      |
| Jared Boll (Lincoln)           | Columbus     |
| Adam Burish (Green Bay)        | Chicago      |
| Matt Carle (Omaha)             | Tampa Bay    |
| Ryan Carter (Green Bay)        | Anaheim      |
| Ty Conklin (Green Bay)         | Detroit      |
| Erik Cole (Des Moines)         | Edmonton     |
| Joe Corvo (Omaha)              | Carolina     |
| Mark Eaton (Waterloo)          | Pittsburgh   |
| Dan Ellis (Omaha)              | Nashville    |
| Ruslan Fedotenko (Sioux City)  | Pittsburgh   |
| Sam Gagner (Sioux City)        | Edmonton     |
| Tom Gilbert (Chicago)          | Edmonton     |
| Alex Goligoski (Sioux Falls)   | Pittsburgh   |
| Matt Greene (Green Bay)        | Los Angeles  |
| David Hale (Sioux City)        | Phoenix      |
| Martin Hanzal (Omaha)          | Phoenix      |
| Jack Hillen (Tri-City)         | NY Islanders |
| Ryan Johnson (Thunder Bay)     | Vancouver    |
| Rostislav Klesla (Sioux City)  | Columbus     |
| Chad LaRose (Sioux Falls)      | Carolina     |
| Brian Lee (Lincoln)            | Ottawa       |
| Ryan Malone (Omaha)            | Tampa Bay    |
| David Moss (Cedar Rapids)      | Calgary      |
| Kyle Okposo (Des Moines)       | NY Islanders |
| T.J. Oshie (Sioux Falls)       | St. Louis    |
| Joe Pavelski (Waterloo)        | San Jose     |
| Toby Petersen (Fargo-Moorhead) | Dallas       |
| Tom Preissing (Green Bay)      | Los Angeles  |
| Brian Rafalski (Madison)       | Detroit      |
| Kurt Sauer (North Iowa)        | Phoenix      |
| Patrick Sharp (Thunder Bay)    | Chicago      |
| Paul Stastny (Omaha)           | Colorado     |
| Yan Stastny (Omaha)            | St. Louis    |
| Mark Stuart (Rochester)        | Boston       |
| Jeff Taffe (Rochester)         | Pittsburgh   |
| Bill Thomas (Tri-City)         | Pittsburgh   |
| Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls)     | Buffalo      |
| Steve Wagner (Tri-City)        | St. Louis    |
| Blake Wheeler (Green Bay)      | Boston       |



## PRO ALUMNI NEWS

**Blake Wheeler** (Green Bay) scored his first NHL goal on his first shot in his first game, a 5-4 Boston win over Colorado on Thursday. He is averaging just over 13 minutes of ice time in his first two games.

**Paul Stastny** (Omaha) has one assist in each of the first two games for the Colorado Avalanche.

**T.J. Oshie** (Sioux Falls) made his NHL debut with the St. Louis Blues on October 10, playing 15:34 against Nashville.

**Peter Mannino** (Tri-City) is the top ranked goaltender in the opening week of play in the AHL. Mannino, playing with the Bridgeport SoundTigers, the top affiliate of the New York Islanders, stopped 34 of 35 shots in a 2-1 shootout loss to Hartford.

**Kyle Okposo** (Des Moines) was awarded a penalty shot in the first period of the Islanders 2-1 loss to New Jersey on Friday. Okposo was stopped on the play by Martin Brodeur.

**Andrew Alberts** (Waterloo) has been traded by the Boston Bruins to the Philadelphia Flyers. Alberts had played his entire career with Boston, who chose him in the sixth round of the 2001 NHL Draft.

**Jim Jackson** (Des Moines) is tied for second in the AHL in scoring among defensemen with three assists in the first three games of the season for the Peoria Rivermen. Peoria is the top affiliate of the St. Louis Blues.

Former Sioux City and Des Moines Head Coach **Bob Ferguson** is back in Iowa's capitol with the Iowa Chops, Anaheim's AHL affiliate. Ferguson is the Chops' assistant general manager.

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## COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

It was a six-point night for **Pat Cannone** (Cedar Rapids) in Saturday's 7-3 Miami win over Ohio State. Cannone scored the first goal of the game and then added three assists, all in the second period. Cannone then added two more assists in the third period.

**James Marcou** (Waterloo) scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner, as UMass defeated North Dakota 3-2 on Saturday.

Former Cedar Rapids goaltenders played a lot of hockey this week. **Alex Stalock** made 29 saves in Minnesota-Duluth's 5-0 win over Northern Michigan in the Superior Cup tournament. It was the fifth career shutout for Stalock. **Richard Bachman** needed to make just 16 saves in a 1-0 Colorado College win over Alabama-Huntsville on Friday. Bachman has five shutouts in just 36 career college games. **Kent Patterson** made five saves in his college debut, playing the third period in Minnesota's 3-1 exhibition game win over the University of British Columbia.

**Brock Bradford** (Omaha) had a goal and two assists in Boston College's 5-4 win over Wisconsin on Friday. Bradford returns to the Eagles' lineup after missing most of last season with injuries.

**Jared Festler** (Lincoln) scored his first collegiate goal in St. Cloud State's 7-2 win over Mercyhurst on Friday. In that same game, **Garrett Roe** (Indiana) had a goal and three assists. Roe is currently the nation's top scorer with 1-7-8 in the Huskies' first two games.

**Tim Miller** (Omaha) scored the game-winning goal with 2:33 to play in regulation as Michigan knocked off St. Lawrence 5-4 on Friday. **Brandon Bollig** (Lincoln) scored his first college goal in the same game.