



This Week In The USHL

October 20, 2008

Photo Courtesy Sioux Falls Stampede



Sioux Falls donated their chuck-a-puck proceeds from Saturday night to the flood relief effort in Cedar Rapids. Pictured (L-R) are Sioux Falls CEO Gary Weckwerth, Cedar Rapids Head Coach Mark Carlson and Sioux Falls President Jim Loria.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Green Bay	4	4	0	0	8	21	12
Cedar Rapids	5	4	1	0	8	21	9
Indiana	5	4	1	0	8	20	10
Chicago	5	2	3	0	4	16	18
Waterloo	4	1	2	1	3	12	13
Des Moines	5	1	3	1	3	19	24

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	6	4	2	0	8	21	23
Omaha	7	4	3	0	8	26	23
Sioux Falls	5	3	2	0	6	17	18
Sioux City	5	2	2	1	5	20	17
Tri-City	7	2	5	0	4	19	34
Fargo	6	1	5	0	2	12	23

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Indiana 4 Des Moines 1
 Waterloo 5 Omaha 1
 Sioux Falls 4 Chicago 2
 Green Bay 8 Lincoln 3
 Cedar Rapids 8 Tri-City 1
 Sioux City 6 Fargo 1

Friday, October 17, 2008

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

Monday, October 13, 2008

Omaha 4 Tri-City 3

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, October 25, 2008

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

Sunday, October 26, 2008

Indiana at Sioux City
 Green Bay at Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Waterloo at Chicago

Thursday, October 30, 2008

Sioux Falls at Fargo

Friday, October 31, 2008

Des Moines at Lincoln
 Chicago at Green Bay
 Omaha at Tri-City

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Pat Mullane	OMA	7	5	5	10	0
Louis Leblanc	OMA	7	4	5	9	12
Stephane Vigier	SC	5	1	8	9	4
Stephane Da Costa	SC	5	6	2	8	2
Eli Zuck	TC	7	3	5	8	6
Brett Chartier	LIN	6	3	5	8	9
Shane Berschbach	IND	5	2	6	8	4
Andrew Miller	CHI	4	2	6	8	21

Several players tied with 7 points

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Brett Bennett	IND	4	3-1-0	1.75	.942	0
Mike Johnson	CR	4	3-1-0	2.05	.911	0
Joe Howe	WAT	4	1-2-1	2.95	.899	0
Mike Lee	FAR	5	1-4-0	2.98	.904	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	4	4-0-0	3.00	.892	0

QUOTABLE

"When you skate out on the ice with this crowd, it just gets you pumped up and I get goose bumps every time. It just gives us that extra kick we need."

Waterloo Black Hawks goaltender Joe Howe to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier regarding the hometown crowd at Saturday's 5-1 win over Omaha, the Black Hawks' first win of the season.

The USHL at 30 Years



The 1993-94 season was a special one for the Waterloo Black Hawks. After finishing seventh in the USHL in 1992-93, the Hawks rebounded and made a run for the league title, finishing in second place with a then-franchise best record of 33-15-0.

"Nobody thought our team would do anything that year because of what we did the year before. The rules were different back then and we came back with 12 20-year olds. They took their lumps the year before and came back experienced and hungry," said Scott Brand, the Black Hawks general manager at the time. "They were a good, close team that was a lot of fun to be around. We just didn't get the finish we wanted."

Waterloo was eliminated from the playoffs in the first round, losing to St. Paul 4-games-to-2. That year, Jason Blake scored 100 points, the last player to do it in a 48-game USHL season.

USHL INSIDER

A Legend Returns: That was former Sioux City Head Coach Dave Siciliano, and his wife Carol, in attendance at the Musketeers' games over the weekend.

Hawks Win: Joe Howe made 23 saves and Craig Smith scored a goal and assisted on two others as Waterloo, in their home opener, defeated Omaha 5-1. It was Waterloo's first win of the season, making them the last USHL team to enter the win column in 2008-09.

Happy Returns: Bliss Littler won his first game in Kearney as head coach of Omaha, as the Lancers defeated Tri-City 4-3 on Columbus Day.

Chapeaux au loin à Stephane (Hats Off To Stephane): Sioux City's Stephane Da Costa scored a hat trick for the second time in the last four games, netting three in a 6-1 win over Fargo on Saturday.

It's A Winner: Greg Wolfe scored his first goal of the season, the game-winning goal in overtime, as Chicago defeated Sioux City 3-2 on Friday.

A Little Lee-Way: Despite his 1-4-0 record, Fargo's Mike Lee is among the top goaltenders in the USHL. He is fourth in the league in goals against average (2.98) and save percentage (.904), is second in saves (122) and tops in games played (five).

Shining Stars: Trailing 2-0 to Fargo entering the third period on Friday, Lincoln scored three times to rally for the 3-2 win. Corey Chakeen, Eric Meland and David Gerths were the goal scorers. Chakeen's goal came just 24 seconds into the period and Gerths' game-winner came on the power play with 4:05 to play.

Hole In The Offense: Tri-City's top eight scorers were kept off the scoresheet in a pair of losses on the weekend.

Partners Helping Partners: Sioux Falls hosted Cedar Rapids on Saturday night and took the proceeds from their chuck-a-puck promotion and donated them to the flood relief effort in Cedar Rapids. The Stampede presented RoughRiders Head Coach Mark Carlson with a check for \$705 during the second intermission.

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

Green Bay averaged 54.75 penalty minutes in their first four games. They are on pace for 3,285 penalty minutes, a number that would smash the league record by 1,302 minutes set in 1996-97 by Thunder Bay.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Sioux City	29.17	84.62	113.79
Green Bay	22.22	90.13	112.35
Cedar Rapids	12.24	95.83	108.07
Indiana	20.00	87.18	107.18
Tri-City	18.60	82.86	101.46
Omaha	13.95	84.78	98.73
Des Moines	18.18	79.31	97.49
Waterloo	9.38	86.84	96.22
Chicago	15.63	80.00	95.63
Lincoln	14.71	80.56	95.27
Fargo	8.82	84.21	93.03
Sioux Falls	9.09	80.56	89.65

USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of October 20, 2008

Andrew Alberts (Waterloo)	Philadelphia
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
Erik Cole (Des Moines)	Edmonton
Ty Conklin (Green Bay)	Detroit
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

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls) leads the NHL in goals with seven. He is the top scorer for the Buffalo Sabres, having scored 7-2-9 in five games. He has scored at least one goal in all five games the Sabres have played and was the NHL's First Star of the Week.

Brian Rafalski (Madison) leads the Detroit Red Wings in scoring with six points in five games.

Teddy Purcell (Cedar Rapids) has picked up where he left off last season, scoring three goals in his first four games for Manchester in the AHL.

Speaking of Manchester, their roster is dominated by USHL alumni. In addition to Purcell, the Monarchs have played **Trevor Lewis** (Des Moines), **David Meckler** (Waterloo), **Alec Martinez** (Cedar Rapids), **Davis Drewiske** (Des Moines), **Eric Werner** (Sioux Falls), **Scott Parse** (Tri-City) and **Joe Piskula** (Des Moines) so far in 2008-09. The Monarchs are the AHL affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings.

The Los Angeles Kings have signed defenseman **Matt Greene** (Green Bay) to a five-year contract extension, reportedly worth \$14.75 million. Greene was traded to the Kings by Edmonton in the off-season and is currently an assistant captain with the team.

Bobby Goepfert (Cedar Rapids) was recalled from South Carolina of the ECHL to Hershey of the AHL.

Scott Polaski (Sioux City) has scored 1-4-5 in two games and is tied for fourth in scoring in the Central Hockey League.

Paul Stastny (Omaha) is tied for the Colorado Avalanche scoring lead.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

John Swanson (Chicago) scored St. Cloud State's first goal in Friday's 3-2 loss to Minnesota. The goal was good enough that ESPN included it in its Top Plays segment. It came in at number nine.

Brian Foster (Des Moines) made 17 saves in New Hampshire's 1-0 win over RPI on Friday. It was Foster's first shutout of the season, and third of his career.

Dan Charleston (Chicago) scored the game-winner in overtime as Nebraska-Omaha defeated Union 2-1 on Saturday.

Richard Bachman (Cedar Rapids) made 19 saves in a 2-0 Colorado College win over Michigan Tech on Friday, his second shutout of the season.

Jack Connolly (Sioux Falls) had three assists on Friday as Minnesota-Duluth defeated Western Michigan 5-2. Last year's USHL Rookie of the Year has four points in four games for the Bulldogs.

Nathan Perkovich (Chicago) scored twice and assisted on two more goals as Lake Superior State knocked off Ohio State 7-3 on Friday.

Aaron Palushaj (Des Moines) had a goal and three assists in Michigan's 5-3 win over Northern Michigan on Saturday. Palushaj leads the Wolverines in scoring with seven points in four games.

Scott Darling (Indiana) had a memorable college hockey debut, making 24 saves as Maine shut out Alaska 2-0 on Saturday.

Patrick Wiercioch (Omaha) had two goals and an assist in Denver's 6-5 win over Wisconsin on Friday.