



This Week In The USHL

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Tri-City's Mike Cichy scored five goals and ten points in five games on the way to MVP honors at the World Junior A Challenge in Camrose, Alta. last week.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	12	10	1	1	21	50	25
Cedar Rapids	11	9	2	0	18	46	20
Green Bay	11	7	3	1	15	40	36
Waterloo	11	6	4	1	13	39	37
Chicago	12	6	6	0	12	41	46
Des Moines	11	2	6	3	7	36	51

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	12	7	4	1	15	40	37
Omaha	12	6	5	1	13	41	40
Sioux City	10	5	4	1	11	37	35
Sioux Falls	11	4	6	1	9	36	42
Fargo	12	4	8	0	8	27	39
Tri-City	13	3	10	0	6	38	63

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, November 8, 2008

Indiana 7 Tri-City 3
 Chicago 6 Sioux Falls 4
 Lincoln 3 Des Moines 1
 Fargo 3 Cedar Rapids 1
 Sioux City 4 Green Bay 1
 Omaha 3 Waterloo 1

Friday, November 7, 2008

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

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Indiana 5 Waterloo 1

Saturday, November 1, 2008

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

Friday, October 31, 2008

Lincoln 5 Des Moines 0
 Green Bay 3 Chicago 1
 Tri-City 6 Omaha 5, OT

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Lincoln at Tri-City
 Sioux City at Omaha

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Waterloo at Chicago

Friday, November 14, 2008

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

Saturday, November 15, 2008

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

Friday, November 21, 2008

Sioux City at Indiana
 Lincoln at Sioux Falls
 Omaha at Chicago
 Cedar Rapids at Fargo
 Tri-City at Waterloo

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	11	8	12	20	23
Mike Seidel	CR	11	7	11	18	4
Brandon Richardson	IND	11	4	13	17	22
Stanislav Galiev	IND	12	9	5	14	16
Eric Alexander	CHI	12	9	4	13	26
Pat Mullane	OMA	10	6	7	13	0
Mike Cichy	TC	10	5	8	13	9
Victor Anilane	SF	11	4	9	13	4
Kirt Hill	LIN	10	4	9	13	12
Michael Forney	GB	11	3	10	13	20
Kyle Flanagan	CR	11	3	10	13	2

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Brett Bennett	IND	9	7-1-1	1.76	.941	0
Mike Johnson	CR	8	6-2-0	1.90	.929	1
Kevin Murdock	LIN	10	6-3-1	2.42	.910	1
Mike Lee	FAR	8	3-5-0	2.85	.908	0
Joe Howe	WAT	6	3-2-1	3.10	.892	0

QUOTABLE

"Physical hockey is part of the game and it seemed to be a common theme that some teams were going to try and get physical with us, but that stuff doesn't bother the American player."

Team USA Head Coach Mark Carlson to "The Pipeline Show" following Team USA's gold medal victory at the World Junior A Challenge.

The USHL at 30 Years



The USHL had a lot of teams win the Gold Cup as Junior A national champions over the years, but perhaps no team was more surprising than the North Iowa Huskies squad that claimed the cup in 1989.

"The team started slow but turned it around and really found itself in the second half," said Bob Motzko, current St. Cloud State head coach and the head coach of that team. "We had a great offense led by Mark Karpen and Donny Riendeau. Both players had over 90 points. The team had great toughness, led by captain Tom Florell and Roger Mischke. The final piece of the puzzle came when we traded for goaltender Tommy Dennis.

"It was a great weekend of play at the national tournament in Chicago because I don't think we had even one close game. We rolled through the tournament with very decisive wins."

USHL INSIDER

The Golden Ones: The United States Junior Select Team, comprised of 22 USHL players and led by three USHL coaches, claimed the gold medal at the 2008 World Junior A Challenge in Camrose, Alberta over the weekend. Team USA went 4-1-0 in the tournament, outscoring their opponents 27-12 in the five games. The Americans defeated Canada East in the semifinals 5-1 and then crushed Canada West 7-1 in the gold medal game.

MVP: Tri-City's Mike Cichy led the World Junior A Challenge in scoring with five goals and ten points in five games and was named the tournament MVP.

All Tourney Team: In addition to Cichy, Team USA members Mike Lee of Fargo, Matt Donovan of Cedar Rapids and Craig Smith of Waterloo were named to the all-tournament team.

Snapped: Cedar Rapids' Mike Seidel had his scoring streak snapped at eight games after going scoreless in a 3-1 loss to Fargo on Saturday.

En Fuego: The Indiana Ice are on fire, having lost just once in regulation this season. Forward Brandon Richardson is in the zone as well, having picked up 13 assists in his last nine games.

King Of The Hill: Since being added to the Stars' roster after the start of the season, Kirt Hill has points in eight of ten games and has taken over the team scoring lead with four goals and 13 points in ten games.

Future Forecast?: Waterloo affiliate player Tyler Zepeda made his USHL debut a memorable one on Friday night. Zepeda scored a goal and set up the game-winner in Waterloo's 6-4 win over Des Moines. He also had a pair of penalties and was a +1.

Never-Ending Game: Green Bay and Sioux Falls played to a 4-4 tie at the end of regulation on Friday. After a scoreless overtime, the teams engaged in a shootout that lasted eight rounds before Green Bay came out the winner. Gamblers goaltender Reid Ellingson stopped six shots in the shootout, establishing a new high for shootout saves by a USHL goaltender this season.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Matt Farris (SF) - Princeton
Ross Henry (LIN) - Western Michigan
Alex Chiasson (DM) Boston University
Joe Caveney (SC) - Lowell
Robbie Vrolyk (SF) - Northeastern
Keegan Flaherty (FAR) - Minnesota-Duluth
Joe Hartman (Ind) - Miami
Victor Anilane (SF) - Bemidji State
Alec Rush (TC) - Princeton
Eric Meland (Lin) - Princeton
Cody Murphy (CR) - Miami
Josh Balch (DM) - Yale

STAT OF THE WEEK

Over 34% of all goals scored in the USHL this season have been on special teams. A total of 471 goals have been scored thus far, and 140 have come on the power play while 22 have been scored shorthanded.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Sioux City	26.53	82.00	108.53
Cedar Rapids	16.13	92.15	108.28
Indiana	19.44	88.57	108.01
Green Bay	20.97	86.49	107.46
Lincoln	18.92	85.88	104.80
Waterloo	16.22	85.54	101.76
Chicago	17.81	81.25	99.06
Omaha	13.64	82.67	96.31
Tri-City	14.67	79.14	93.81
Des Moines	19.12	74.60	93.72
Fargo	8.57	84.62	93.19
Sioux Falls	9.59	79.17	88.76

USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of November 10, 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)	Philadelphia
Ryan Carter (Green Bay)	Anaheim
Scott Clemmensen (Des Moines)	New Jersey
Erik Cole (Des Moines)	Edmonton
Ty Conklin (Green Bay)	Detroit
Joe Corvo (Omaha)	Carolina
Patrick Davis (Sioux City)	New Jersey
Mark Eaton (Waterloo)	Pittsburgh
Dan Ellis (Omaha)	Nashville
Ruslan Fedotenko (Sioux City)	Pittsburgh
Jeff Finger (Green Bay)	Toronto
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
Tim Jackman (Twin Cities)	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
Andreas Nodl (Sioux Falls)	Philadelphia
Kyle Okposo (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
T.J. Oshie (Sioux Falls)	St. Louis
Joe Pavelski (Waterloo)	San Jose
Toby Petersen (Fargo-Moorhead)	Dallas
Chris Porter (Lincoln)	St. Louis
Tom Preissing (Green Bay)	Los Angeles
Nate Raduns (Omaha)	Philadelphia
Brian Rafalski (Madison)	Detroit
Kurt Sauer (North Iowa)	Phoenix
Patrick Sharp (Thunder Bay)	Chicago
Brett Skinner (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
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

Patrick Davis (Sioux City) made his NHL debut with New Jersey on Sunday against Edmonton, playing 4:30. Davis was the Devils fourth round draft pick in the 2005 NHL Entry Draft.

Nate Raduns (Omaha) was called up by the Philadelphia Flyers and made his NHL debut on Thursday against Ottawa. He had no points in 6:02 of ice time in the Flyers 4-1 loss.

Blake Wheeler (Green Bay) notched his first NHL hat trick, scoring three times in Boston's 5-2 win over Toronto on Thursday. Wheeler is fifth on the Bruins in scoring with eight points in 14 games. He is second in goals and fifth in overall scoring among NHL rookies.

Matt Ford (Sioux Falls) signed a professional tryout contract with the Hartford Wolf Pack of the AHL.

Scott Clemmensen (Des Moines) made his first start of the season after being called up by the New Jersey Devils. He allowed two goals on 28 shots in a 2-1 loss to Edmonton.

Tim Jackman (Twin Cities) was recalled by the New York Islanders and scored a goal in his first game of the season, a 4-3 shootout loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

Robbie Bina (Lincoln) was recalled by the Springfield Falcons of the AHL from the ECHL's Stockton Thunder. The Falcons are the top minor league affiliate of the Edmonton Oilers. Bina one goal and three points in seven games with Stockton.

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls) leads the NHL in goals with 12.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Nick Pisellini (Chicago) is the top goaltender for Quinnipiac, having played five games and going 2-1-1 with a miniscule goals against average of 0.83 and a save percentage of .964.

Eric Walsky (Omaha) scored four goals for Colorado College as they defeated North Dakota 7-4 on Saturday, salvaging a weekend series split with the Fighting Sioux.

Garrett Regan (Waterloo) was named CCHA Player of the Week after scoring the first goal of Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Boston College on Friday. He then scored the first two goals in Saturday's 4-2 win over Providence.

Eddie Del Grosso (Indiana) had a five point weekend, scoring a goal and four assists in helping Nebraska-Omaha sweep Western Michigan, and was named CCHA Defenseman of the Week.

Doug Jones (Cedar Rapids) was named ECAC Rookie of the Week after helping Dartmouth win two games on the road. He had one assist in Friday's 5-2 win over Union, then had three assists in Saturday's 5-2 win over RPI.

Brandon Bollig (Lincoln) scored the game-winning goal in overtime as St. Lawrence defeated Yale 3-2 on Friday.

Kevin Lohry (Sioux City) picked up his first goal of the season, the game-winner, in Princeton's 2-1 overtime win over Colgate on Saturday.

Scott Gudmandson (Omaha) made 34 saves in picking up his first college shutout, a 6-0 Wisconsin win over Michigan Tech on Saturday.