



This Week In The USHL

November 24, 2008



USHL Images

A familiar sight this season has been goaltender Brett Bennett and the rest of the Indiana Ice celebrating a victory. The Ice has a USHL-best 13 wins.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	16	13	2	1	27	64	34
Cedar Rapids	15	12	3	0	24	59	27
Waterloo	16	10	5	1	21	67	53
Green Bay	14	9	4	1	19	51	43
Chicago	17	9	7	1	19	60	64
Des Moines	14	2	9	3	7	48	69

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	17	10	6	1	21	51	44
Omaha	17	8	7	2	18	58	57
Sioux Falls	16	7	7	2	16	51	58
Sioux City	15	6	8	1	13	43	49
Fargo	17	5	11	1	11	36	55
Tri-City	18	5	13	0	10	51	86

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Sioux Falls 3 Fargo 0

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Indiana 5 Des Moines 3

Lincoln 4 Fargo 1

Waterloo 6 Tri-City 3

Cedar Rapids 6 Sioux Falls 0

Green Bay 6 Omaha 3

Chicago 2 Sioux City 1

Friday, November 21, 2008

Indiana 5 Sioux City 1

Sioux Falls 2 Lincoln 1

Omaha 5 Chicago 4, OT

Cedar Rapids 3 Fargo 2, SO

Waterloo 5 Tri-City 0

Saturday, November 15, 2008

Cedar Rapids 3 Green Bay 2

Sioux Falls 5 Des Moines 3

Indiana 3 Omaha 2, SO

Chicago 6 Tri-City 2

Waterloo 5 Fargo 2

Lincoln 2 Sioux City 1

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

Chicago at Green Bay

Omaha at Tri-City

Fargo at Sioux Falls

Sioux City at Lincoln

Thursday, November 27, 2008

Cedar Rapids at Waterloo

Omaha at Des Moines

Fargo at Sioux City

Friday, November 28, 2008

Indiana at Green Bay

Des Moines at Chicago

Waterloo at Cedar Rapids

Saturday, November 29, 2008

Des Moines at Cedar Rapids

Lincoln at Tri-City

Sioux Falls at Fargo

Green Bay at Waterloo

Sioux City at Omaha

Indiana at Chicago

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Sioux City at Sioux Falls

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Des Moines at Fargo

Omaha at Sioux Falls

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	16	12	17	29	27
Eric Alexander	CHI	17	12	8	20	37
Mike Seidel	CR	15	8	12	20	6
Kirt Hill	LIN	15	7	13	20	26
B. Richardson	IND	15	6	14	20	30
Pat Mullane	OMA	15	10	9	19	0
Stanislav Galiev	IND	16	10	7	17	18
Craig Smith	WAT	12	9	8	17	39
Brett Bruneteau	DM	14	7	10	17	6
J. Samuels-Thomas	WAT	15	6	11	17	16

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Mike Johnson	CR	11	9-2-0	1.73	.937	2
Brett Bennett	IND	13	10-2-1	1.90	.937	0
Kevin Murdock	LIN	13	7-5-1	2.24	.914	1
Mike Lee	FAR	12	4-7-1	2.71	.913	0
Adam Janecyk	SC	7	2-3-1	2.71	.913	0

QUOTABLE

"Maybe at the beginning of my career that would have been something, but 14 years into it, it is what it is. He deals with the defense, and I have Lamber and Barnes and Tip yelling at me...probably him, too... but hopefully I won't be getting yelled at a lot."

Former Dubuque forward Landon Wilson to the Dallas Morning News on getting recalled by the Stars and playing for his father, Rick, a Stars assistant coach.

The USHL at 30 Years



"That was such a fun year because we had just come off finishing dead-last the season before," said Regg Simon, former head coach of the Des Moines Buccaneers when talking about his 2005-06 national championship team. "It all started with drafting Kyle Okposo first overall. We also had Trevor Lewis, who went on to be a first-round pick, Jeff Petry, a second-round pick and Shane Sims, a fifth-round pick. Brian Foster was one of our goalies, and he was a fourth-round pick. We also had Aaron Palushaj and Ben Ryan, who were drafted the following year.

"Looking back on that year, it was a fun group of kids to be around. There wasn't a day that we didn't have fun because of the guys on that team. Most of those players have stayed in touch or came to visit at some point or another. When you win a championship together, all the coaches and players you are with through that time hold a special place in your heart."

USHL INSIDER

Congratulations Are In Order: With Saturday's win over Sioux Falls, Cedar Rapids Head Coach Mark Carlson has reached 300 wins for his USHL career. Carlson becomes the seventh USHL coach to reach that mark, joining Mike Hastings (529), Dave Siciliano (522), Bob Ferguson (517), Steve Johnson (433), P.K. O'Handley (347) and Kevin Hartzell (314).

Busy Week: Most USHL teams will play three games over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, beginning with four games on Wednesday. Included also is the traditional Thanksgiving Day game in Waterloo, which dates back to the 1960's.

First The Bad News, Then The Good News: The Green Bay Gamblers started the season 4-0-0. Since then, they have not been able to win back-to-back games. Fortunately for them, they haven't lost back-to-back games either.

Late Bloomer: Mike Dalhuisen played 31 games with Chicago in 2006-07 without scoring any goals. He went goal-less in 41 games for Lincoln last year as well. This season, in just ten games, Dalhuisen has scored twice, including the Stars' only goal in their 2-1 loss to Sioux Falls Friday.

Change Of Scenery: Last week, Waterloo traded Brett Beebe to Chicago, and the second-year USHLer is off to a good start with the Steel. Beebe scored a goal in Friday's overtime loss to Omaha, then picked up an assist in Saturday's 2-1 win over Sioux City.

OT Winner: Pat Mullane scored 3:11 into the extra session on Friday, as Omaha beat Chicago 5-4. Mullane is second in the USHL with three game-winning goals.

Finally, A Zero: Eric Hartzell, who was second in the USHL last season in shutouts with five, finally earned his first shutout of this season, making 37 saves in Sunday's 3-0 win over Fargo.

Rough Roadie: Sioux City went out east last weekend and took some lumps. They lost at Indiana on Friday and at Chicago on Saturday, scoring just two goals in the process.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Sean Little (GB) - Wisconsin
 Shane Berschbach (IND) - Miami
 Chris Knowlton (DM) - Denver
 Ryan Forgaard (TC) - Union
 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

STAT OF THE WEEK

Waterloo has become the highest scoring team in the USHL, with 67 goals on the year. They scored 43 goals in their first 12 games, an average of 3.58 goals per game, but have scored 24 goals in their last four (6.00 goals per game).

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Indiana	19.59	89.58	109.17
Green Bay	18.52	88.04	106.56
Cedar Rapids	13.82	91.30	105.12
Lincoln	17.00	87.27	104.27
Sioux City	21.79	81.33	103.12
Waterloo	15.38	83.90	99.28
Chicago	17.00	81.90	98.90
Omaha	14.29	83.81	98.10
Des Moines	21.98	75.31	97.29
Fargo	9.78	84.35	94.13
Sioux Falls	13.00	80.61	93.61
Tri-City	13.00	79.57	92.57

USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of November 24, 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
Joey Crabb (Green Bay)	Atlanta
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
Peter Mannino (Tri-City)	NY Islanders
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
Landon Wilson (Dubuque)	Dallas



PRO ALUMNI NEWS

Landon Wilson (Dubuque) was recalled by Dallas and played nine shifts in the Stars' 2-1 shootout loss to Anaheim. It was Wilson's first NHL action since playing 19 games with Pittsburgh in 2003-04. He spent the four seasons in between playing in Europe.

Ty Conklin (Green Bay) improved to 6-1 on the year and dropped his goals against average to 2.41, making 31 saves in Detroit's 5-2 win over Calgary on Saturday.

Adam Berkhoel (Twin Cities) had three straight shutouts and a streak of 204 minutes 13 seconds without allowing a goal for the AHL's Wilkes Barre-Scranton Penguins.

Peter Mannino (Tri-City) has been recalled by the New York Islanders from their AHL affiliate in Bridgeport, but has yet to appear in an NHL game. In ten games with Bridgeport, Mannino was 6-1-2 with a 2.46 goals against average and a .912 save percentage.

Joey Crabb (Green Bay) was recalled by the Atlanta Thrashers on Monday after scoring five goals and ten points in 16 games for the AHL's Chicago Wolves. Crabb was originally drafted by the New York Rangers in 2002.

David Hale (Sioux City) continues to set NHL goal scoring records, for his lack thereof. Hale has played 229 games in his NHL career without scoring a goal. That is the longest streak of games to start a career without scoring in NHL history. The previous mark was 217 games.

Ryan Johnson (Thunder Bay) scored his first goal of the season, and first as a member of the Vancouver Canucks, in a 6-3 win over the New York Rangers on Wednesday.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Shane Connolly (Chicago) made 26 saves, earning his first shutout of the season in Wisconsin's 1-0 win over St. Cloud State on Saturday.

Christian Hanson (Tri-City) was named CCHA Player of the Week after he scored two goals and an assist in each of Notre Dame's wins this weekend, 5-1 Friday and 9-1 Saturday, both over Bowling Green. **Justin Brossman** (Sioux City) was named CCHA Rookie of the Week after picking up an assist in Alaska's 3-2 win over Ferris State on Friday. On Saturday, he scored the game-winning goal in a 2-0 win, also over Ferris State.

Andy Miele (Cedar Rapids) scored both goals and **Cody Reichard** (Indiana) made 20 saves as Miami shut out Michigan 2-0 on Friday.

Robert Martini (Indiana) scored his first college goal, Niagara's only goal of the game, in Saturday's 3-1 loss to Bemidji State.

Casey Wellman (Cedar Rapids) earned Hockey East Rookie of the Week honors after scoring the game-winning goal in overtime and adding two assists in Massachusetts' 4-3 win over Boston College on Saturday.

Andrew Olson (Des Moines) leads Connecticut in goals with seven and is tied for the team lead in points with ten. Four of his goals have come on the power play and two of them are game-winning goals.

Four former USHL players - **Brock Bradford** (Omaha), **Garrett Roe** (Indiana), **Chad Rau** (Des Moines) and **Aaron Palushaj** (Des Moines) are tied for third place in the national scoring race with 20 points each. Bradford is also tied for the national lead in goals with 12. **Scott Darling** (Indiana) has the second lowest goals against average in the nation at 0.99.