



# This Week In The USHL

December 22, 2008



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## 2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

### EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	24	18	5	1	37	90	65
Cedar Rapids	23	16	6	1	33	99	46
Waterloo	24	16	7	1	33	101	74
Green Bay	24	15	7	2	32	79	63
Chicago	26	14	11	1	29	88	87
Des Moines	22	5	14	3	13	68	106

### WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	24	15	8	1	31	76	57
Omaha	27	14	10	3	31	93	91
Fargo	27	12	14	1	25	72	84
Sioux Falls	26	10	14	2	22	75	92
Sioux City	25	8	15	2	18	69	86
Tri-City	26	6	20	0	12	67	126

Omaha's Joe Marciano (left) and team captain Ben Arnt celebrate after one of the Lancers' goals in their 5-1 win over Lincoln on Friday.

## RECENT RESULTS

### Saturday, December 20, 2008

Waterloo 10 Indiana 3  
 Green Bay 3 Sioux City 2  
 Chicago 3 Sioux Falls 1  
 Des Moines at Fargo, ppd.  
 Tri-City at Omaha, ppd.  
 Lincoln at Cedar Rapids, ppd.

### Friday, December 19, 2008

Indiana 4 Sioux Falls 1  
 Omaha 5 Lincoln 1  
 Fargo 4 Tri-City 1  
 Cedar Rapids 7 Des Moines 1  
 Sioux City 2 Green Bay 1, SO  
 Waterloo at Chicago, ppd.

### Thursday, December 18, 2008

Indiana at Cedar Rapids, ppd.

### Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Lincoln at Sioux City, ppd.

### Sunday, December 14, 2008

Chicago 3 Green Bay 1

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, December 31, 2008

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

### Friday, January 2, 2009

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

### Saturday, January 3, 2009

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

### Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Sioux City at Sioux Falls

## SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	25	15	26	41	33
Mike Seidel	CR	23	11	23	34	16
Craig Smith	WAT	20	14	17	31	59
Pat Mullane	OMA	25	15	15	30	12
B. Richardson	IND	22	9	19	28	54
Kyle Flanagan	CR	23	8	20	28	6
Eric Alexander	CHI	26	17	10	27	60
David Eddy	SF	26	10	17	27	40
Kirt Hill	LIN	22	9	18	27	46
Stanislav Galiev	IND	24	12	14	26	20

## GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Mike Johnson	CR	16	12-4-0	2.01	.923	2
Kevin Murdock	LIN	15	9-5-1	2.14	.916	1
Brett Bennett	IND	21	15-5-1	2.26	.921	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	19	10-6-2	2.60	.908	0
Mike Lee	FAR	21	10-9-1	2.69	.913	0

## QUOTABLE

"We weren't worried about playing defense, we were just throwing everything and the kitchen sink at them."

*Waterloo Assistant Coach **Shane Fukushima** joking to the Waterloo Courier following their 10-3 win over Indiana on Saturday. Fukushima is acting as the Black Hawks head coach while P.K. O'Handley is with Team USA at the World Junior Championships.*

# The USHL at 30 Years



In its junior hockey history, the USHL has had a tie for the regular season championship just once - 2004-05. Both Omaha and Cedar Rapids finished with 89 points and a share of the Anderson Cup, but only one of them would be able to bring home the Clark Cup.

Fueled by an offense that included future NHLers Teddy Purcell and Justin Abdelkader as well as the elite goaltending tandem of Dan Tormey and Alex Stalock, the RoughRiders cruised through the first two rounds of the playoffs a perfect 6-0 before meeting Sioux City in the final.

The epic final saw the teams split in Cedar Rapids in games one and two, followed by a split of overtime games in Sioux City. In the end, the RoughRiders claimed their first Clark Cup with a 4-1 win at home in game five. Alex Stalock was the playoff MVP.

## USHL INSIDER

**Break Time:** The USHL is taking some much needed time off, with play resuming on New Year's Eve when all 12 teams will be in action.

**Mother Nature Chimes In:** The weather made it a difficult week in the USHL, as major storms hit the Upper Midwest, forcing the postponement of six of the 14 scheduled games. Stay tuned to [www.ushl.com](http://www.ushl.com) for the dates and times that the games are rescheduled.

**Mr. Nebraska:** After stints in Lincoln and Tri-City, and his trade to Omaha last week, new Lancers' goaltender Nick Hopper has now played for all three Nebraska teams in the last two years.

**Ten Spot:** Waterloo set a league-high for the season when they scored ten times in their Saturday win over Indiana. The ten goals was also enough to push the Black Hawks over 100 goals on the year, the first team to reach the century mark.

**Mr. Clutch:** Half of Green Bay's William Rapuzzi's ten goals have been game-winners. His five GWG's leads the USHL.

**One Is The Loneliest Number:** Each of the five teams that ended up in the loss column on Friday night scored just one goal in the game.

**Leiting It Up:** Fargo's Matt Leitner has points in eight of his last ten games, and three of those have been multi-point games.

**To The Max:** Max Hartner scored a goal in his first game with Sioux City, the team's only regulation goal in their 2-1 shootout win over Green Bay on Friday.

**Windy City Wonders:** Chicago's Eric Alexander is the USHL leader in goals (17) while teammate Andrew Miller leads the league in assists (26) and points (41).

**Smitty Scores:** Waterloo team captain Craig Smith is the hottest player in the USHL of late, picking up 13 points in his last six games, the longest current point streak in the league. He also has the longest current goal scoring streak, with five goals in his last four games.

## LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Darren Rowe (CR) - Massachusetts  
 Garrett Vermeersch (LIN) - Northeastern  
 Chris Forfar (Lin) - Michigan State  
 Eriah Hayes (Wat) - Minnesota State  
 Sebastian Geoffrion (Ind) - Ala. Huntsville  
 Eamonn McDermott (Far) - Colorado College  
 Nick Pryor (DM) - Maine  
 Mike Seidel (CR) - Minnesota-Duluth  
 Matt White (DM) - North Dakota  
 Mike Montrose (WAT) - Bowling Green  
 Yassin Cisse (DM) - Boston University  
 Sean Little (GB) - Wisconsin

## STAT OF THE WEEK

#9 is the highest scoring number in the USHL. Players wearing #9 have combined for 144 points this season. Second is #17 with 138 points, however there are two fewer players wearing #17.

## SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

*totals are team's percentages*

Team	PP	PK	Total
Cedar Rapids	18.82	88.54	107.36
Indiana	19.86	87.22	107.08
Sioux City	23.58	80.65	104.23
Lincoln	15.49	88.24	103.73
Green Bay	16.39	85.19	101.58
Omaha	18.18	83.23	101.41
Chicago	17.57	81.88	99.45
Waterloo	16.18	82.91	99.09
Fargo	12.41	84.83	97.24
Des Moines	18.88	77.34	96.22
Sioux Falls	12.75	79.87	92.62
Tri-City	13.04	77.78	90.82



**USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL**  
*as of December 22, 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
Sean Collins (Sioux City)	Washington
Tim Conboy (Topeka)	Carolina
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
Nathan Gerbe (Omaha)	Buffalo
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
Trevor Lewis (Des Moines)	Los Angeles
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
Teddy Purcell (Cedar Rapids)	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
Colin Stuart (Lincoln)	Atlanta
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**

**Trevor Lewis** (Des Moines) got called up by the Los Angeles Kings and made his NHL debut against Buffalo on Friday. He scored his first NHL goal the next night in the Kings' 6-4 loss to Detroit.

**Trevor Smith** (Omaha) was chosen as one of the AHL's "Three Stars of the Night" on Sunday after scoring twice and adding an assist in Bridgeport's 4-1 win over Lowell. Smith is the third-leading scorer for the Sound Tigers, the top affiliate of the New York Islanders.

**David Moss** (Cedar Rapids) tied his career high of goals in a season when he scored his tenth for Calgary in their loss to Chicago on Friday.

**Matt Greene** (Green Bay) scored his first goal of the season in Monday's 3-2 shootout loss to San Jose. It was Greene's second NHL goal and first since the 2006-07 season when he was with Edmonton.

**Joe Corvo** (Omaha) scored the game-winning goal in overtime in Carolina's 2-1 win over Florida on Thursday. It was the second straight game that Corvo scored the game-winner for the Hurricanes. Corvo is Carolina's top-scoring defenseman.

**Joe Motzko** (Omaha) is tied for 12th in the AHL in scoring with 18 goals and 30 points in 31 games with the Chicago Wolves.

**Jordan Fox** (St. Louis) has moved into the top ten in scoring in the ECHL with 29 points in 27 games for Gwinnett.

**Jon Booras** (Topeka), **Jamie Carroll** (Sioux Falls) and **Luke Stauffacher** (Green Bay) hold down the eighth, ninth and tenth spots, respectively, in the IHL scoring race.

**COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS**

**Dan Sexton** (Sioux Falls) scored twice, including the game-winning goal in Bowling Green's 4-1 win over Clarkson on Friday. He added another goal in their 3-1 win on Saturday, helping the Falcons sweep Clarkson. Sexton was named CCHA Player of the Week.

**Jimmy Spratt** (Sioux City) stopped 48 of 50 shots in Bowling Green's weekend sweep and was named CCHA Goaltender of the Week.

**Nick Bailen** (Indiana) had an assist in each game of Bowling Green's sweep of Clarkson and was named CCHA Rookie of the Week.

**Joe Sova** (Omaha) scored his first college goal in Alaska's 6-3 win over Western Michigan on Friday.

**Brett Olson** (Waterloo) scored the game-winning goal in Michigan Tech's 2-1 win over Upper Peninsula rival Northern Michigan on Friday.

**Tim Hall** (Ohio) scored his first college goal, the second of the game in Colorado College's 7-0 win over Sacred Heart on Saturday.

**Josh Robinson** (Sioux City) made 20 saves in Michigan Tech's 1-0 win over Northern Michigan on Saturday, his first college shutout. The win gave the Huskies back-to-back wins for the first time this season, and they are now unbeaten in their last three games.

**Chad Rau** (Des Moines) leads the nation in scoring with 27 points in 22 games for Colorado College.

**Brock Bradford** (Omaha) leads the nation in goals with 14.