



This Week In The USHL

February 2, 2009

USHL Images



Sioux City players and fans celebrate Stephane Da Costa's game-winning goal with 10 seconds left in their 3-2 win over Sioux Falls on Saturday.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Green Bay	35	26	7	2	54	140	86
Cedar Rapids	36	25	8	3	53	146	80
Indiana	37	24	11	2	50	134	114
Waterloo	37	23	11	3	49	150	116
Chicago	39	18	19	2	38	123	146
Des Moines	35	7	24	4	18	105	158

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	36	24	11	1	49	118	87
Omaha	38	21	13	4	46	131	121
Fargo	39	18	19	2	38	115	118
Sioux Falls	38	16	20	2	34	116	127
Sioux City	38	15	20	3	33	119	130
Tri-City	38	6	32	0	12	87	201

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, January 31, 2009

- Green Bay 3 Indiana 2
- Cedar Rapids 5 Des Moines 4, OT
- Sioux City 3 Sioux Falls 2
- Waterloo 5 Chicago 3
- Fargo 2 Omaha 0
- Lincoln 4 Tri-City 3

Friday, January 30, 2009

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

Thursday, January 29, 2009

- Des Moines 3 Chicago 2, OT

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

- Indiana 3 Waterloo 2, OT

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

- Omaha 5 Tri-City 2

Sunday, January 25, 2009

- Cedar Rapids 5 Sioux City 2

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

USHL Prospects/All-Star Game
at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Friday, February 6, 2009

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

Saturday, February 7, 2009

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

Sunday, February 8, 2009

- Lincoln at Fargo

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

- Green Bay at Cedar Rapids
- Tri-City at Sioux City

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

- Indiana at Des Moines

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	38	23	34	57	55
Craig Smith	WAT	33	19	31	50	77
Mike Seidel	CR	35	18	29	47	22
Kirt Hill	LIN	34	17	28	45	69
Pat Mullane	OMA	36	20	23	43	14
Mike Cichy	IND	33	16	27	43	15
David Eddy	SF	38	15	25	40	44
B. Richardson	IND	33	13	27	40	70
Terry Broadhurst	SF	38	20	18	38	26
Louis Leblanc	OMA	38	18	20	38	38
Stanislav Galiev	IND	37	17	21	38	26
S. Da Costa	SC	26	17	21	38	6

GOALTENDING LEADERS

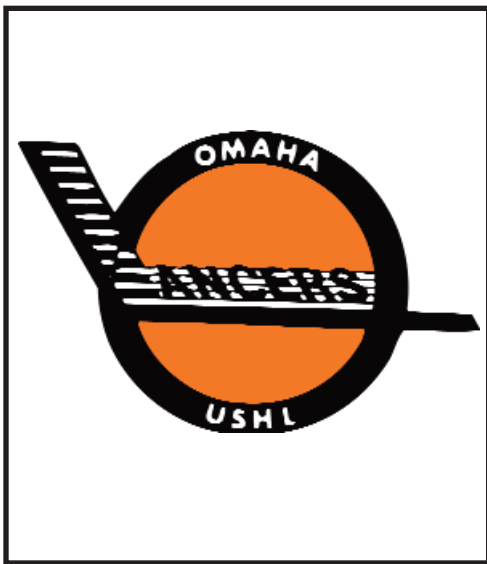
Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Anthony Borelli	LIN	15	10-3-0	1.93	.928	1
Troy Grosenick	CR	14	8-2-2	1.98	.920	1
Mike Johnson	CR	24	17-6-1	2.24	.914	2
Kevin Murdock	LIN	21	13-7-1	2.26	.915	1
Reid Ellingson	GB	26	16-6-2	2.51	.911	1

QUOTABLE

"There's nothing like winning. I've talked about this team's quiet toughness all year. They kind of spoke for themselves tonight."

Cedar Rapids Head Coach Mark Carlson to the Cedar Rapids Gazette following his team's 5-4 overtime win over Des Moines on Saturday.

The USHL at 30 Years



To many, the first team that comes to mind when talking about the USHL is the Omaha Lancers. Perhaps this is because they have won more Anderson Cups (5) and more Clark Cups (7) than any other team in USHL history. Perhaps it is because for much of the 1990's, it was the hardest junior hockey ticket to get in the United States. But it hasn't always been that way, for the Lancers also hold the USHL record for futility.

The Lancers lost all 48 games of their inaugural season (1986-87), and the first five of their second season before tasting victory. That landmark win came early in the 1987-88 season when future NHLer Fred Knipscheer scored 1:18 into overtime, giving Omaha a 7-6 win over Des Moines.

"We are going to have a party," said team president Tom Edwards after the win.

USHL INSIDER

They Don't Know When To Fold 'Em: Green Bay has extended their winning streak to 12 games, the longest winning streak in the USHL this season. It is also the longest winning streak in Gamblers franchise history.

Putting The "O" In Fargo: Mike Lee, the fourth highest ranked goaltender in North America according to NHL Central Scouting, recorded his first USHL shutout, making 35 saves in a 2-0 win over Omaha on Saturday.

Oddomatic: Cedar Rapids' Nick Oddo scored a pair of goals in Friday's 6-1 win over Chicago. He then had a pair of assists in a 5-4 overtime win over Des Moines on Saturday. It's the third time this season that Oddo recorded points in back-to-back games.

Perfect 10: Stephane Da Costa scored the game-winning goal with just ten seconds to play in regulation in Sioux City's 3-2 win over Sioux Falls on Saturday. Da Costa has at least one point in 18 of Sioux City's last 20 games.

Be Like Mike: Mike Cichy continues to make an impact with the Indiana Ice. On Wednesday, Cichy scored the game-winning goal in overtime, giving Indiana a 3-2 win over Waterloo. Cichy has 14 points in his first seven games with the Ice.

Dandy Danny: Danny Kristo had his third three-point game of the season, scoring twice and adding an assist, in Omaha's 5-2 win over Tri-City on Tuesday. Kristo is now averaging over a point-per-game, with 29 in 28 games.

All-Star Type Performance: Anthony DeCenzo has been added to the roster of the West Division team in the USHL Prospects/All-Star Game, replacing Fargo's Keegan Flaherty who is injured. He celebrated his selection by putting up four points in three games last week.

Himelson's High Point: Andrew Himelson's first USHL goal was one to remember, coming at 2:13 of overtime to give Des Moines a 3-2 win over Chicago on Thursday, and snapping the Bucs' losing streak at seven.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Andy Taranto (FAR) - Alaska-Fairbanks
 Chris Crane (GB) - Ohio State
 Rob Linsmayer (CHI) - Holy Cross
 Chris Saracino (GB) - RIT
 David Makowski (GB) - Denver
 Ryan Daugherty (Oma) - Northern Michigan
 Alex Gerke (TC) - Connecticut
 Jake Newton (Lin) - Northeastern
 Torey Krug (Ind) - Michigan State
 Brandon Richardson (ind) - Nebraska-Omaha
 Darren Rowe (CR) - Massachusetts
 Garrett Vermeersch (Lin) - Northeastern

STAT OF THE WEEK

Michael Merrifield left Michigan State and joined the Green Bay Gamblers in December. He already has nine goals on just 26 shots, for a shooting percentage of .346, the highest shooting percentage in the USHL.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	17.95	89.17	107.12
Cedar Rapids	19.20	87.77	106.97
Indiana	17.39	85.71	103.10
Green Bay	19.43	83.33	102.76
Waterloo	18.63	83.83	102.46
Sioux City	21.67	80.56	102.23
Omaha	18.33	81.35	99.68
Fargo	13.20	84.52	97.72
Des Moines	16.59	80.41	97.00
Chicago	16.43	80.44	96.87
Sioux Falls	13.11	81.69	94.80
Tri-City	11.46	77.60	89.06



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL
as of February 2, 2009

Justin Abdelkader (Cedar Rapids)	Detroit
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
Chris Butler (Sioux City)	Buffalo
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
Tim Kennedy (Sioux City)	Buffalo
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
Drew Miller (Omaha)	Anaheim
David Moss (Cedar Rapids)	Calgary
Joe Motzko (Omaha)	Atlanta
Andreas Nodl (Sioux Falls)	Philadelphia
Kyle Okposo (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
T.J. Oshie (Sioux Falls)	St. Louis
Max Pacioretty (Sioux City)	Montreal
Joe Pavelski (Waterloo)	San Jose
Toby Petersen (Fargo-Moorhead)	Dallas
Chris Porter (Lincoln)	St. Louis
Ryan Potulny (Lincoln)	Edmonton
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
Trevor Smith (Omaha)	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

Joe Motzko (Omaha) was called up by the Atlanta Thrashers and made his season-debut with the team on Saturday against Carolina. **Colin Stuart** (Lincoln) was also called up by the Thrashers at the same time, his second recall of the season.

Justin Abdelkader (Cedar Rapids) was recalled by the Detroit Red Wings. He made his season-debut in their game Saturday against Washington. He played 13 shifts and had two shots on goal in 9:25 of ice time.

David Backes (Lincoln) is fifth in the NHL in penalty minutes with 125.

Jason Blake (Waterloo) has stayed on his hot streak, with eight points in his last four games. Blake now has 37 points on the year, tying him for the Toronto Maple Leafs' team scoring lead.

Ryan Johnson (Thunder Bay) returned to the Vancouver Canucks' lineup after a lengthy absence due to injury. He scored his first goal since his return in Vancouver's 5-3 loss to Nashville on Wednesday.

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls) may have fallen off the NHL goal scoring lead, but he has cracked the top 20 in scoring. Vanek has seven assists in his last ten games and now has 29 goals and 48 points, tying him for 17th in the NHL in scoring.

Kyle Okposo (Des Moines) is on fire, scoring goals in four straight games. He has five goals in that stretch, including a two-goal game in Thursday's 5-4 Islanders' win over Atlanta. One of Okposo's goals was the game-winner.

Paul Stastny (Omaha) continues to recover from a broken arm.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Zach Redmond (Sioux Falls) had three assists in Ferris State's 7-1 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Friday.

Alex Stalock (Cedar Rapids) picked up his second shutout in the last four games, making 33 saves in Minnesota-Duluth's 1-0 win over Wisconsin on Saturday.

James Marcou (Waterloo) had four assists in Massachusetts' 6-4 upset win over Northeastern on Friday. Marcou leads the Minutemen in scoring with 31 points in 26 games.

Mike Gurtler (Indiana) scored his tenth goal of the season at 3:09 of overtime as Mercyhurst beat Air Force 3-2 in overtime on Saturday.

Mario Lamoureux (Tri-City) had a goal and an assist in North Dakota's 4-2 win over St. Cloud State on Saturday night. Lamoureux now has four points in 11 games during his freshman season.

Sergio Somma (Green Bay) scored a pair of goals in Ohio State's 6-2 win over Alaska on Saturday.

Tim Miller (Omaha) scored his sixth goal of the season 40 seconds into the second period on Friday night. It turned out to be the game-winner in a 2-1 Michigan win over Notre Dame. The win snapped Notre Dame's unbeaten streak at 200 games.

Brock Bradford (Omaha) scored his 17th goal of the season in Boston College's 2-2 tie with Providence on Friday. Bradford is now tied for third in the nation in goals, three behind the leader.