



This Week In The USHL

February 9, 2009



USHL Images

Fans and players stand at attention as the American Flag is unfurled by youth hockey players at center ice prior to the 2009 USHL Prospects/All-Star Game.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Cedar Rapids	38	26	8	4	56	151	85
Green Bay	37	26	9	2	54	144	94
Indiana	39	26	11	2	54	149	121
Waterloo	39	24	12	3	51	157	126
Chicago	41	20	19	2	42	130	149
Des Moines	37	8	25	4	20	116	169

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	39	26	12	1	53	127	95
Omaha	40	21	13	6	48	138	130
Fargo	42	21	19	2	44	127	125
Sioux Falls	40	16	21	3	35	119	132
Sioux City	40	15	22	3	33	123	141
Tri-City	40	7	33	0	14	91	205

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, February 8, 2009

Fargo 4 Lincoln 3

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Cedar Rapids 5 Omaha 4, OT
 Fargo 2 Green Bay 1
 Waterloo 3 Sioux Falls 2, SO
 Chicago 3 Sioux City 0
 Indiana 7 Des Moines 3
 Lincoln 4 Tri-City 3

Friday, February 6, 2009

Tri-City 1 Cedar Rapids 0, OT
 Fargo 6 Green Bay 3
 Lincoln 2 Sioux Falls 1
 Des Moines 8 Waterloo 4
 Indiana 8 Sioux City 4
 Chicago 4 Omaha 3, SO

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

USHL Prospects/All-Star Game
 Team CCM 4 Team Reebok 1

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Green Bay at Cedar Rapids
 Tri-City at Sioux City

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Indiana at Des Moines

Friday, February 13, 2009

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

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Des Moines at Indiana
 Cedar Rapids at Waterloo
 Chicago at Lincoln
 Green Bay at Sioux Falls

Sunday, February 15, 2009

Fargo at Omaha

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Sioux City at Omaha
 Tri-City at Cedar Rapids
 Waterloo at Lincoln

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	40	24	38	62	55
Craig Smith	WAT	34	19	31	50	77
Mike Seidel	CR	37	19	30	49	22
Kirt Hill	LIN	37	18	31	49	73
Mike Cichy	IND	35	18	29	47	15
Pat Mullane	OMA	38	21	24	45	16
B. Richardson	IND	35	14	28	42	70
Stanislav Galiev	IND	39	18	23	41	28
Louis Leblanc	OMA	40	18	22	40	42
David Eddy	SF	40	15	25	40	44

GOALTENDING LEADERS

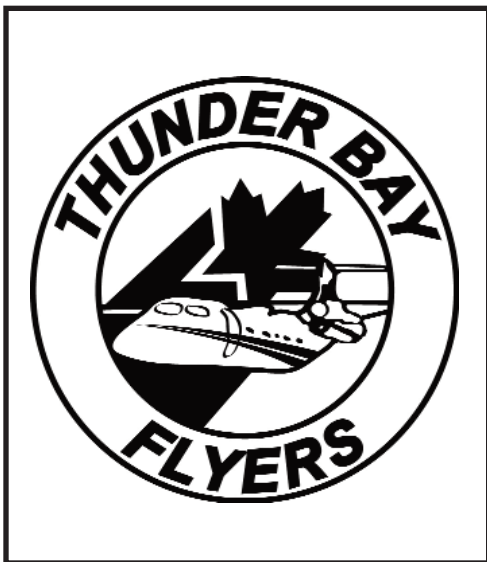
Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Troy Grosenick	CR	15	8-2-3	1.90	.925	1
Anthony Borelli	LIN	16	10-4-0	2.07	.923	1
Kevin Murdock	LIN	23	15-7-1	2.24	.914	1
Mike Johnson	CR	25	18-6-1	2.31	.911	2
Mike Lee	FAR	34	17-12-2	2.58	.912	1

QUOTABLE

"Certainly after this weekend, we're not surprising anybody. We were hoping to get at least one this weekend, and thought two wins would be an accomplishment. But taking all three is just incredible."

Fargo Force Head Coach Dean Blais to the Fargo Forum in reaction to his team winning three games in three days over the weekend.

The USHL at 30 Years



After their first two seasons where they finished in the bottom half of the USHL, Dave Siciliano took over the Thunder Bay Flyers and they immediately became contenders. It all culminated with the 1988-89 season, where the Flyers enjoyed one of the greatest years in junior hockey history.

"This was the best overall team I coached in the USHL. They were highly skilled, possessed great speed, played with intensity and intelligence and were very tough," Siciliano said. "A very hard combination to beat."

The Flyers rolled to their second-straight Anderson Cup title, fashioning a 40-6-2 record along the way. They also claimed the Clark Cup, winning an epic series against St. Paul in the finals. "I must say the final series was the toughest series we played in playoff hockey that season," Siciliano said. That with the Vulcans was an outstanding series going the full five games with the winning goal scored in the final minutes at the Fort William Gardens by Greg Johnson. This series was a classic."

The Flyers advanced to play for Canada's Tier II championship, the Centennial Cup, winning the tournament and the national championship, the first time a team based in a United States league had done that. "We lost one game during the round robin and then won the championship vs. the home team which made it even more gratifying. That win helped put the USHL on the Canadian hockey landscape."

USHL INSIDER

Fabulous Friday: Radoslav Illo scored with 42 seconds left in overtime, giving the Tri-City Storm a 1-0 win over Cedar Rapids on Friday. The win snapped the Storm's losing streak at 19 games. They had last won on November 26.

Freaky Friday: The Green Bay Gamblers had their franchise-best winning streak snapped at 12 with a 6-3 loss at Fargo on Friday night. The last loss for the Gamblers came against Sioux City on December 19, the final weekend before the holiday break.

The "Cost" Of Going Overtime: All-star Jeff Costello scored at 2:42 of overtime to give Cedar Rapids a 5-4 win over Omaha on Saturday. The win, coupled with a Green Bay loss, gives the RoughRiders sole possession of first place in the East Division.

What's Cookin'?: Indiana's Max Cook had a goal and an assist in Friday's 8-4 win over Sioux City. He then scored twice in a 7-3 win over Des Moines on Saturday. Cook also scored the game-winning goal in both games.

Great Scott: Scott Pavelski scored a shorthanded goal in regulation and then added the winner in the shootout as Waterloo beat Sioux Falls 3-2 on Saturday.

Forcing The Issue: The Force stormed out of the gates after the all-star game, winning three games in three days, all at home. On Friday, they snapped Green Bay's winning streak at 12 games with a 6-3 win. On Saturday they again beat the Gamblers, 2-1. Then on Sunday afternoon they beat Lincoln 4-3.

That's A Lot Of Rubber: Clay Witt made a career-high 41 saves, and stopped three more in the shootout, but the Herd lost 3-2 at Waterloo on Saturday.

Capitol Gains: Alex Chiasson had a goal and three assists, Rocco Carzo had two goals and an assist and Brett Bruneteau and Josh Myers had a goal and an assist each as Des Moines crushed Waterloo 8-4 at home on Friday.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Brett Bennett (IND) - Wisconsin
 Eric Hartzell (SF) - Quinnipiac
 Philip Samuelsson (CHI) - Boston College
 Mike Dalhuisen (LIN) - Quinnipiac
 Garret Kennedy (IND) - Miami
 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

STAT OF THE WEEK

There were 86 goals scored in the USHL last weekend (not counting shootout goals) and 30 of them, or 34.9%, came on special teams. 25 of the goals came on the power play and five were scored shorthanded.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	19.14	89.72	108.86
Cedar Rapids	18.66	87.92	106.58
Indiana	18.10	85.29	103.39
Waterloo	19.07	83.40	102.47
Green Bay	18.09	82.90	100.99
Sioux City	21.24	79.26	100.50
Omaha	18.09	81.99	100.08
Fargo	13.55	84.82	98.37
Des Moines	17.39	80.29	97.68
Chicago	16.20	81.03	97.23
Sioux Falls	12.62	82.06	94.68
Tri-City	10.84	77.32	88.16



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL
as of February 9, 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
Davis Drewiske (Des Moines)	Los Angeles
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
Andy Wozniewski (Dubuque)	St. Louis

PRO ALUMNI NEWS

Davis Drewiske (Des Moines) was called up from Manchester Monarchs by the Los Angeles Kings and made his NHL debut on February 3 against Ottawa, playing 10:15. Drewiske was the 70th USHL player to appear in an NHL game this season, establishing a new league-high for alumni in the NHL in one year.

Andy Wozniewski (Dubuque) was called up by the St. Louis Blues for one game before being returned to Peoria of the AHL. He spent last season with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls), who was enjoying an all-star season with the Buffalo Sabres, will miss the next 3-4 weeks because of a broken jaw. Vanek suffered the injury when he was hit in the face with a puck during Buffalo's game on Saturday against Ottawa.

Tim Stapleton (Green Bay) scored four goals on Sunday in the Toronto Marlies' 10-5 win over Grand Rapids and was named the AHL's "First Star of the Night" on Sunday.

Alex Goligoski (Sioux Falls) was reassigned by the Pittsburgh Penguins to their AHL affiliate in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Goligoski, an early-season injury replacement, scored six goals and had 20 points in 44 games with Pittsburgh.

Mark Stuart (Rochester) has tied his career-high for goals in a season with four and set a new career-high for points in a season with ten.

Chad LaRose (Sioux Falls) scored his 12th goal of the season in Carolina's 7-2 win over Phoenix on Saturday, establishing a new high for goals in a season.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

The championship game of the legendary Beanpot in Boston takes place Monday between Boston University and Northeastern. Boston University's roster sports six former USHL players: **Ryan Ruikka** (Des Moines), **Colby Cohen** (Lincoln), **Chris Connolly** (Omaha), **Eric Gryba** (Green Bay), **John McCarthy** (Des Moines) and **Zach Cohen** (Tri-City). Northeastern has nine former USHLers: **Steve Quailer** (Sioux City), **Joe Vitale** (Sioux Falls), **Alex Tuckerman** (Sioux City), **Dennis McCauley** (Sioux City), **David Strathman** (Cedar Rapids), **Louis Liotti** (Sioux City), **J.P. Maley** (Des Moines), **Randy Guzior** (Chicago) and **Steve Silva** (Green Bay).

Erik Condra (Lincoln) was the hero for Notre Dame on Friday. Condra scored his first goal of the game midway through the third period, then added another with one second to play in regulation to tie the game. The Irish would win the game over Ohio State 4-3 on **Calle Ridderwall's** (Tri-City) overtime winner.

Scott Darling (Indiana) made 31 saves, giving him his third shutout of the season as Maine blanked New Hampshire 1-0 on Saturday.

Brett Olson (Waterloo) had a goal and an assist in Michigan Tech's 2-2 tie with Colorado College on Friday. Olson has now taken over as the top-scorer for Michigan Tech with 20 points in 30 games.

Doug Jones (Cedar Rapids) is second in the nation in points-per-game among freshmen, with 25 points in 23 games. He is one of two freshman in all of NCAA Division I hockey to average over a point-per-game.

John Mitchell (Indiana) scored twice, the second being the game-winner, as Wisconsin beat Minnesota 5-4 Saturday and swept the weekend series.