



This Week In The USHL

February 23, 2009



USHL Images

William Rapuzzi brushes bears aside on his way to the Green Bay bench after the Gamblers scored and set off Saturday's "Teddy Bear Toss."

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Green Bay	43	29	10	4	62	171	118
Cedar Rapids	44	29	11	4	62	168	101
Indiana	45	29	14	2	60	164	130
Waterloo	44	26	15	3	55	179	147
Chicago	46	25	19	2	52	149	159
Des Moines	43	9	30	4	22	129	203

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	44	28	13	3	59	145	111
Omaha	45	23	15	7	53	152	145
Fargo	46	23	20	3	49	135	135
Sioux Falls	45	21	21	3	45	141	149
Sioux City	45	17	24	4	38	146	159
Tri-City	44	8	35	1	17	103	225

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, February 22, 2009

Green Bay 5 Des Moines 3

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Fargo 2 Indiana 1
 Waterloo 5 Lincoln 1
 Tri-City 4 Omaha 3
 Sioux Falls 6 Green Bay 5, SO
 Sioux City 8 Des Moines 2
 Chicago 3 Cedar Rapids 1

Friday, February 20, 2009

Green Bay 5 Des Moines 2
 Lincoln 4 Omaha 1
 Chicago 5 Waterloo 1
 Indiana 4 Fargo 1
 Sioux Falls 2 Cedar Rapids 1

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Chicago 2 Indiana 1
 Sioux Falls 5 Sioux City 4, SO

Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Omaha 5 Sioux City 2
 Lincoln 8 Waterloo 3
 Cedar Rapids 5 Tri-City 1

Sunday, February 15, 2009

Fargo 3 Omaha 2, OT

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Lincoln at Tri-City

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Omaha at Sioux Falls

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Waterloo at Des Moines

Friday, February 27, 2009

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

Saturday, February 28, 2009

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Cedar Rapids at Green Bay
 Tri-City at Sioux Falls

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	45	27	41	68	57
Craig Smith	WAT	39	22	34	56	84
Kirt Hill	LIN	42	21	33	54	85
Mike Cichy	IND	41	21	31	52	19
Mike Seidel	CR	43	20	32	52	24
Michael Forney	GB	42	23	25	48	43
S. Da Costa	SC	33	22	26	48	19
David Eddy	SF	45	17	31	48	46
Terry Broadhurst	SF	45	21	25	46	26
Stanislav Galiev	IND	45	19	27	46	34

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Troy Grosenick	CR	18	10-3-3	2.09	.916	1
S. Summerhays	GB	15	12-2-1	2.15	.919	0
Anthony Borelli	LIN	19	12-5-0	2.23	.920	1
Kevin Murdock	LIN	25	15-7-3	2.25	.914	1
Mike Johnson	CR	28	19-8-1	2.32	.909	2

QUOTABLE

"I'm not going to say anything that's going to make the hockey gods mad. I'm just going to take it one game at a time. Whatever happens, happens."

*Current New Jersey Devils' and former Des Moines Buccaneers' goaltender **Scott Clemmensen** to NJ.com in reference to the success he's enjoyed this season.*

The USHL at 30 Years



In 1993-94, Waterloo's Jason Blake enjoyed one of the most magical seasons in USHL history. Blake ran away with the USHL scoring title, putting up 100 points (50 goals, 50 assists) in 47 games, besting the next-highest scorer by 15 points. What makes the total noteworthy is that he is the last USHL player to hit the 100-point mark while the league still played a 48-game regular season.

Blake's offensive prowess helped the Black Hawks reach their highest win and point totals as a junior team (both totals have since been eclipsed) and he was rewarded in a big-time way.

That season, Blake was named USHL Player of the Year, USHL Forward of the Year and was a First-Team All-USHL selection. He was also chosen as USA Hockey's first-ever Junior Player of the Year.

USHL INSIDER

Point Night: Lincoln defeated Waterloo 8-3 on Tuesday and nine different players had multi-point games. Brett Chartier led the way with four assists, while Garrett Peterson and Ross Henry had three points each.

Herd Charging: Sioux Falls picked up wins in all three games this week, two of them coming via the shootout, and have now won five games in a row.

Capitol Return: Former Des Moines standout Marty Mjelleli has returned to the Buccaneers as an assistant coach and scout. Mjelleli played parts of two seasons in Des Moines, including an all-star campaign in 2003-04. Mjelleli played four seasons at St. Cloud State University and briefly in the ECHL after college.

Clutch Scorer: Radoslav Illo has scored goals in four straight games and has netted the game-winner in Tri-City's last two victories.

Andy Is Dandy: Andy Taranto scored all three goals that Fargo scored this weekend. On Saturday, he scored twice, including the game-winner with 49 seconds to play in regulation of the Force's 2-1 win over Indiana.

Balch Is Burying 'Em: After going scoreless in his first two games after a trade from Des Moines, Josh Balch is on a five-game streak with eight points in those five games.

New "Mark": Donnie Hallmark scored a pair of goals in the Sioux City's 5-4 shootout loss to Sioux Falls on Wednesday. The points gave Hallmark 27 points on the year, setting a new career high. His previous high was 25 points set last season.

On A Vroll: Robbie Vrolyk scored twice in Sioux Falls' 6-5 shootout win over Green Bay on Saturday night. Vrolyk, who has seven goals in his last four games, has hit the 20-goal plateau for the first time in his USHL career.

Steel Solid: Don't look now but the Chicago Steel are charging hard to the fourth and final playoff spot in the East Division. They have won seven straight and now trail Waterloo by just three points.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Dean Chelios (CHI) - Michigan State
 Ben Arnt (OM) - Quinnipiac
 Steve Thompson (SC) - Alaska-Fairbanks
 Matt Leitner (FAR) - Minnesota State
 Terry Broadhurst (SF) - Nebraska-Omaha
 Nick Jensen (GB) - St. Cloud State
 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

STAT OF THE WEEK

The Green Bay Gamblers held their annual "Teddy Bear Toss" on Saturday night. After Michael Forney scored a power play goal at 4:51 of the first period, fans lobbed a franchise record 6,021 bears on the ice.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	19.05	89.25	108.30
Cedar Rapids	18.21	86.59	104.80
Waterloo	21.67	83.09	104.76
Indiana	18.47	85.83	104.30
Sioux City	22.62	79.52	102.14
Green Bay	17.49	82.22	99.71
Omaha	17.13	82.48	99.61
Fargo	12.55	85.46	98.01
Chicago	15.68	81.56	97.24
Sioux Falls	13.14	82.73	95.87
Des Moines	16.21	77.42	93.63
Tri-City	12.21	77.83	90.04



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL
as of February 23, 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
John Zeiler (Sioux City)	Los Angeles

PRO ALUMNI NEWS

Joe Jensen (Sioux Falls) was one of five people hospitalized after being injured when the Albany River Rats bus crashed last week. Jensen incurred a concussion in the crash. None of the five people that were hospitalized had life-threatening injuries. The River Rats are the AHL affiliate of the Carolina Hurricanes.

Tom Gilbert (Chicago) through 59 games has scored three goals and 34 points for the Edmonton Oilers, establishing a new career-high for points in a season.

Kevin Swider (Omaha) once again has a commanding lead in the SPHL scoring race. In 47 games, Swider has scored 31 goals and 79 points. He has a 15-point lead over the next closest player.

Jason Blake (Waterloo) now has 22 goals on the year, tops on the Toronto Maple Leafs. Blake has reached the 20-goal plateau in five of the last six years.

Tim Stapleton (Green Bay) is the top scorer for the AHL's Toronto Marlies and is now 11th in the league in scoring with 16 goals and 53 points in 51 games.

Philippe Lamoureux (Lincoln) is fifth in the ECHL in goals against average with a mark of 2.41. He has a record of 23-13-2 in 38 games for the Alaska Aces.

Ruslan Fedotenko (Sioux City) scored twice in Pittsburgh's 5-4 win over Philadelphia on Saturday. They were the first two goals Fedotenko scored since returning from injury last week. Fedotenko, who missed 15 games with a broken hand, also had an assist in the game.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Brian Gifford (Indiana) scored his third goal of the season, the game-winner in overtime, as Denver rallied to beat Wisconsin 4-3 on Friday. The Pioneers tied the game with 15 seconds left in regulation.

Billy Maday (Waterloo) scored twice, including the game-winner in Notre Dame's 4-3 overtime win over Nebraska-Omaha on Friday.

Chad Beiswenger (Omaha) was named the NCHA Player of the Year. Beiswenger is currently 22-2-3 on the year for Wisconsin-Superior, where he is a senior. Beiswenger was also named to the All-NCHA First Team, along with other former USHLers **Sean Garrity** (Green Bay) of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and **Nick Tabisz** (Green Bay) of St. Norbert.

Nick Tabisz (Green Bay) scored the game-winner in overtime as St. Norbert rallied to beat Wisconsin-Stevens Point 4-3 on Saturday, helping the Green Knights sweep their NCHA quarterfinal series.

Brian Keane (Indiana) scored the game-winning goal in overtime as Massachusetts defeated Maine 4-3 on Friday.

Zane Kalemba (Tri-City) make 31 saves as Princeton blanked Ivy League rival Yale 2-0 on Saturday. It was Kalemba's second shutout of the season.

Chris VandeVelde (Lincoln) had a hat trick, helping North Dakota to a 6-2 win and a weekend sweep of Alaska-Anchorage. VandeVelde now has 13 goals on the year.

Dan Barczuk (Ohio) scored a goal, his fourth of the season, and had two assists as Lake Superior State beat Western Michigan 7-4 on Friday.