



This Week In The USHL

March 9, 2009



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2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Green Bay	48	32	12	4	68	196	133
Cedar Rapids	49	31	13	5	67	185	121
Indiana	49	32	15	2	66	182	142
Waterloo	49	29	17	3	61	195	167
Chicago	50	26	22	2	54	156	177
Des Moines	49	10	34	5	25	144	235

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
x-Lincoln	49	31	14	4	66	160	123
Fargo	51	28	20	3	59	160	139
Omaha	50	25	18	7	57	171	164
Sioux Falls	51	25	23	3	53	161	165
Sioux City	49	18	26	5	41	154	172
Tri-City	50	10	39	1	21	125	251

x - clinched playoff berth

Omaha's Joe Tolles congratulates a member of the Team USA Special Olympics Floor Hockey Team after Friday's game. The Lancers practiced with the team every week prior to the tournament in Boise, Idaho, where they won the gold medal.

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Fargo 8 Des Moines 0

Saturday, March 7, 2009

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

Friday, March 7, 2009

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2009

Green Bay 6 Cedar Rapids 5
 Sioux Falls 6 Tri-City 2

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Green Bay 11 Waterloo 0
 Tri-City 6 Des Moines 4
 Fargo 4 Sioux City 1
 Cedar Rapids 2 Indiana 1
 Omaha 6 Sioux Falls 1
 Lincoln 5 Chicago 2

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Omaha at Lincoln
 Indiana at Cedar Rapids

Friday, March 13, 2009

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

Saturday, March 14, 2009

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

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Lincoln at Cedar Rapids

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

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

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	49	27	42	69	59
Mike Cichy	IND	45	27	34	61	19
Craig Smith	WAT	44	23	37	60	90
Mike Seidel	CR	48	23	34	57	30
Kirt Hill	LIN	46	22	35	57	94
Michael Forney	GB	47	25	29	54	47
Pat Mullane	OMA	48	22	32	54	18
David Eddy	SF	51	20	34	54	48
Louis Leblanc	OMA	50	25	27	52	58
S. Da Costa	SC	37	25	27	52	19

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Troy Grosenick	CR	20	11-3-4	2.24	.911	1
S. Summerhays	GB	18	13-4-1	2.24	.915	1
Kevin Murdock	LIN	28	17-8-3	2.25	.917	1
Anthony Borelli	LIN	21	13-5-1	2.26	.922	1
Mike Lee	FAR	41	22-13-3	2.41	.919	2

QUOTABLE

"It's everyone right now. Everyone is doing something, and it's good chemistry within in the team. They're cheering each other for a good defensive play as well as a goal."

*Fargo Head Coach **Dean Blais** to the Fargo Forum on his team's recent hot streak, which has seen them win six in a row and climb into second place in the West Division.*

The USHL at 30 Years



In 1996-97, the Lincoln Stars entered the USHL as the newest expansion team, and so began a love affair between a team and a city that still runs hot to this day. That first season was a sign of things to come, as they came out of the gates looking like anything but an expansion team.

The Stars finished second in the South Division, posting a record of 40-13-1, one point behind the leaders and just three points behind Green Bay, who claimed the Anderson Cup. The Stars would become a perennial league power, winning three regular season and one playoff title in their first ten years.

Steve Johnson was the first coach of the Stars, a position he held for 11 years. Johnson, who is fourth on the USHL's all-time wins list with 433, has coached two expansion teams and has a combined record of 67-31-2 in those first seasons.

USHL INSIDER

One Down, Seven To Go: Congratulations to the Lincoln Stars on becoming the first USHL team to clinch a playoff berth for the 2009 Clark Cup playoffs.

So Many Hat Tricks He Needs A Hat Rack: Omaha's Louis Leblanc scored a hat trick for the second straight game when he netted three in the Lancers' 6-3 win over Green Bay on Friday. It was Leblanc's third hat trick of the season.

Crazy 8's: Fargo scored eight goals not once, but twice this week. They did the trick in an 8-1 win over Chicago on Friday, then did it again in an 8-0 victory over Des Moines on Sunday. In addition, Cedar Rapids did the same in a crazy 8-5 win over Des Moines on Friday.

Here Come The Hawks: After last Saturday's 11-0 drubbing at the hands of Green Bay, Waterloo bounced back with a 3-2 overtime win in Lincoln on Friday and a 5-0 rout at Cedar Rapids on Saturday.

Movin' On Up: Indiana's Mike Cichy continues to climb the USHL scoring chart, now locked into second position with 61 points, having scored 17 goals and 32 points in 19 games since being traded to the Ice. He's just eight points behind league leader Andrew Miller of Chicago, who's in a bit of a slump, picking up just four points in his last seven games.

We're Going To Overtime: Lincoln did their fans a favor this weekend by providing them with some hockey free of charge. On Friday the Stars fell, 3-2 in OT to Waterloo. The next night, they turned the tables and beat Sioux City 4-3 in OT on a Chris Forfar goal with 24 seconds to play.

Storm Trooper: Radoslav Illo went scoreless in two of three games for the Storm last week, but he is still among the hottest scorers in the league, with ten goals and 14 points in his last ten games.

Have You Herd?: Sioux Falls' dynamic duo of David Eddy and Terry Broadhurst had another big week. Eddy scored three times and had two assists, while Broadhurst scored twice and had two assists, helping the Stampede win three times and gain a 12-point clearance over fifth-place Sioux City in the race for fourth place in the West.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Jake Areshenko (FAR) - Bemidji State
 Anthony Hayes (GB) - Michigan State
 Joe Lavin (OM) - Notre Dame
 Max Grover (SF) - Bowling Green
 Loren Barron (IND) - Quinnipiac
 Dan Sova (WAT) - Michigan Tech
 Robin Bergman (CR) - Maine
 Michael Keenan (SC) - Dartmouth
 Dean Chelios (CHI) - Michigan State
 Ben Arnt (OM) - Quinnipiac
 Steve Thompson (SC) - Alaska-Fairbanks
 Matt Leitner (FAR) - Minnesota State

STAT OF THE WEEK

Fargo is tops in the league at scoring the first goal of the game, doing so 32 times. They are 22-9-1 on the year when scoring first. USHL teams have a combined record of 207-71-19 when scoring first.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	18.40	89.07	107.47
Indiana	19.19	85.34	104.53
Cedar Rapids	18.26	86.17	104.43
Waterloo	21.45	82.30	103.75
Sioux City	21.52	80.00	101.52
Green Bay	18.22	82.04	100.26
Fargo	13.26	86.82	100.08
Omaha	18.26	81.67	99.93
Chicago	14.67	81.95	96.62
Sioux Falls	13.49	81.85	95.34
Tri-City	15.42	78.01	93.43
Des Moines	15.38	76.06	91.44



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of March 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)	Carolina
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
Nate Guenin (Green Bay)	Philadelphia
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
Joel Rechlicz (Indiana)	NY Islanders
Kurt Sauer (North Iowa)	Phoenix
Patrick Sharp (Thunder Bay)	Chicago
Brett Skinner (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
Trevor Smith (Omaha)	NY Islanders
Tim Stapleton (Green Bay)	Toronto
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 Wozniwski (Dubuque)	St. Louis
John Zeiler (Sioux City)	Los Angeles

PRO ALUMNI NEWS

David Moss (Cedar Rapids) netted his first NHL hat trick, scoring three goals, including the game-winner, in Calgary's 6-3 win over Ottawa on Tuesday.

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls) returned to Buffalo's lineup after missing nine games with a broken jaw. He scored his first goal since his return in a 6-3 Sabres loss to Ottawa on Saturday.

Erik Cole (Des Moines), who started his NHL career in Carolina, was traded back to the Hurricanes at the trade deadline, after a 63-game stint in Edmonton. In two games with Carolina since the trade, Cole has one goal and five points.

Joe Pavelski (Waterloo) scored a pair of goals in San Jose's 4-3 overtime loss to Minnesota on Thursday, reaching the 20-goal mark for the first time in his NHL career.

Rostislav Klesla (Sioux City) returned to the Columbus Blue Jackets lineup after missing a month due to injury. He picked up an assist in his first game back.

Mark Stuart (Rochester) has set career-highs in goals (5), assists (7) and points (12) this season with the Boston Bruins.

Tom Preissing (Green Bay) has been out of the Los Angeles Kings' lineup with an upper body injury since January 15. Last week, he was assigned to their AHL affiliate in Manchester, N.H. for a rehabilitation assignment. Preissing has played just two games since Christmas.

Brian Lee (Lincoln) has been recalled by the Ottawa Senators.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Drew Dobson (Waterloo) scored three goals, his first college hat trick, in Michigan Tech's 6-5 overtime, upset win over Minnesota on Friday.

Greg Collins (Cedar Rapids) scored the game-winning goal in New Hampshire's 6-5 overtime win over Vermont on Saturday. Collins also had a pair of assists in the game.

Chris VandeVelde (Lincoln) scored the game-winning goal on a power play with 5:59 to play in regulation of North Dakota's 2-1 win at Wisconsin on Friday. The win gave the Fighting Sioux the 2008-09 WCHA regular season title.

Steve Quailer (Sioux City) scored his ninth goal of the season in overtime as Northeastern beat Boston College 2-1 on Friday night.

Christian Morrisette (Green Bay) scored his first goal of the season, the game-winner in overtime, as RPI beat Dartmouth 3-2 in the first game of their ECAC quarterfinal playoff series on Friday.

Corey Elkins (Sioux City) scored three times and added an assist as Ohio State beat Bowling Green 7-1 on Saturday, helping the Buckeyes sweep their first-round CCHA playoff series.

Matt Read (Des Moines) had a goal and two assists in Bemidji State's 6-4 win over Robert Morris on Saturday. Read now leads the Beavers in scoring with 30 points in 32 games.

Shane Lovdahl (Cedar Rapids) scored his first goal of the season in Alaska-Anchorage's 4-3 win over Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday.