



# This Week In The USHL

March 16, 2009



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The Chicago Steel pay tribute to those affected by cancer in a post-game ceremony on Saturday. Lanterns with the names of victims were placed in a circle at center ice and a moment of silence was observed.

## 2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

### EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
x-Green Bay	50	34	12	4	72	203	134
Cedar Rapids	53	33	15	5	71	197	133
Indiana	52	34	16	2	70	190	148
Waterloo	51	31	17	3	65	202	170
Chicago	52	27	23	2	56	163	186
Des Moines	50	10	35	5	25	145	240

### WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
x-Lincoln	53	32	16	5	69	167	137
x-Fargo	53	28	20	5	61	165	146
x-Omaha	53	27	19	7	61	186	172
Sioux Falls	52	26	23	3	55	164	167
Sioux City	51	19	27	5	43	158	178
Tri-City	52	10	41	1	21	127	256

x - clinched playoff berth

## RECENT RESULTS

### Sunday, March 15, 2009

Lincoln 3 Cedar Rapids 2

### Saturday, March 14, 2009

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

### Friday, March 13, 2009

Indiana 1 Lincoln 0  
 Green Bay 2 Tri-City 0  
 Omaha 6 Chicago 3  
 Cedar Rapids 3 Fargo 2, SO  
 Waterloo 3 Sioux City 0

### Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Omaha 7 Lincoln 1  
 Cedar Rapids 4 Indiana 3

### Sunday, March 8, 2009

Fargo 8 Des Moines 0

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, March 17, 2009

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

### Thursday, March 19, 2009

Tri-City at Sioux City

### Friday, March 20, 2009

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

### Saturday, March 21, 2009

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

### Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Cedar Rapids at Green Bay  
 Des Moines at Chicago

## SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	51	28	45	73	59
Mike Seidel	CR	52	25	39	64	32
Mike Cichy	IND	48	27	36	63	19
Craig Smith	WAT	46	24	37	61	92
Kirt Hill	LIN	49	23	36	59	100
Pat Mullane	OMA	51	23	34	57	22
Louis Leblanc	OMA	53	27	28	55	66
Michael Forney	GB	49	25	30	55	47
Stanislav Galiev	IND	52	24	30	54	44
Terry Broadhurst	SF	52	25	28	53	26
S. Da Costa	SC	39	25	28	53	19
David Eddy	SF	52	20	33	53	48

## GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
S. Summerhays	GB	19	14-4-1	2.17	.919	1
Kevin Murdock	LIN	29	17-9-3	2.21	.919	1
Troy Grosenick	CR	23	13-4-4	2.29	.911	1
Mike Lee	FAR	42	22-13-4	2.42	.918	2
Brett Bennett	IND	46	30-14-2	2.43	.916	3

## QUOTABLE

"He had some big saves. He stopped guys on break-aways. Give him credit. It's a tough situation. He hasn't had a lot of practice time because of the schedule on the road. To go into a building with 22,000 people, it's obviously a great thing for him."

*New York Islanders' Head Coach Scott Gordon to NHL.com on Peter Mannino's performance in his first NHL victory on Sunday.*

# 2009 CLARK CUP PLAYOFF PICTURE

## East Division Race

Green Bay: clinched playoff berth  
 Cedar Rapids: magic number is 2  
 Indiana: magic number is 3  
 Waterloo: magic number is 8  
 Chicago: needs all points and help  
 Des Moines: eliminated from playoffs

\*Chicago (4-3-0) owns the tiebreaker on Cedar Rapids.

\*Indiana leads the tiebreaker on Chicago (4-2-0) with two games to play in the season series.

\*Waterloo leads the tiebreaker on Chicago (3-2-0) with two games to play in the season series.

## West Division Race

Lincoln: clinched playoff berth  
 Fargo: clinched playoff berth  
 Omaha: clinched playoff berth  
 Sioux Falls: magic number is 6  
 Sioux City: needs all points and help  
 Tri-City: eliminated from playoffs

\*Sioux Falls leads the tiebreaker on Sioux City (4-1-0) with two games to play in the season series.

\* Lincoln's magic number to clinch the West Division title is 6. They own the tiebreaker over Fargo (4-1-0) with two games to play, and lead the tiebreaker on Omaha (3-3-1) with one game to play.

## Anderson Cup Race

Green Bay: 72  
 Cedar Rapids: 71  
 Indiana: 70  
 Lincoln: 69  
 Waterloo: 65  
 Fargo: 61  
 Omaha: 61

\*Chicago, Des Moines, Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Tri-City have all been eliminated from Anderson Cup contention.

\*Green Bay's magic number to clinch the Anderson Cup is 14.

## USHL INSIDER

**Join The Club:** Three teams joined Lincoln in clinching berths in the Clark Cup playoffs this weekend. Clinching on Saturday were Fargo and Omaha in the West Division and Green Bay in the East Division. There is one spot left in the West and three up for grabs in the East.

**Freaky Friday:** Friday the 13th saw three goaltenders turn in shutout performances. Brett Bennett made 26 saves as Indiana blanked Lincoln 1-0. Parker Milner made 28 saves as Waterloo beat Sioux City 3-0, and Reid Ellingson 27 saves in Green Bay's 2-0 win over Tri-City.

**What A Bunch Of Sellouts:** Waterloo sold out both games they hosted at Young Arena this weekend, giving them 19 sellouts this year, setting a new record for the team and marking the third straight season that they have broken their sellout record.

**A Playoff Force In Fargo:** The Fargo Force clinched a playoff berth in their inaugural season, making them the third USHL team in that area to accomplish the feat. The Bears made the post-season in their first year of 1995-96, as did the Ice Sharks in their first season, 1996-97.

**Doublin' Up:** Omaha's Jake Hauswirth had a goal and two assists in the Lancers' 6-3 win over Chicago on Saturday. Hauswirth now has 63 points on the season, doubling his offensive output from his rookie season a year ago.

**Turnaround In Titledown:** A year after missing the playoffs and finishing dead last in the league, the Green Bay Gamblers have rebounded and made the post-season, more than doubling their win and point totals from a year ago.

**On The Tube:** Fargo Head Coach Dean Blais was featured last week on "The Late Show with David Letterman." The segment featured photos submitted for a Letterman look-alike contest and Blais' was one of those that was used.

**The Whole Speel:** Dalton Speelman scored three times, his first USHL hat trick, in the Gamblers' 5-1 win over Des Moines on Saturday, the win that helped Green Bay secure a playoff berth.

## 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 became the 11th expansion team in USHL history to qualify for the playoffs in their inaugural season, joining the likes of North Iowa, Thunder Bay, Des Moines, Danville, Madison, Lincoln and Sioux Falls.

## SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

*totals are team's percentages*

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	18.01	88.96	106.97
Waterloo	21.75	82.86	104.61
Indiana	19.37	85.16	104.53
Cedar Rapids	18.61	85.50	104.11
Sioux City	20.73	80.43	101.16
Green Bay	17.97	82.47	100.44
Omaha	17.70	81.78	99.48
Fargo	13.28	85.85	99.13
Chicago	14.91	81.95	96.86
Sioux Falls	13.23	82.12	95.35
Tri-City	15.00	78.80	93.80
Des Moines	15.22	76.12	91.34



# USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of March 16, 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

**Peter Mannino** (Tri-City) made 40 saves in picking up his first career NHL victory, a 4-2 New York Islanders win over Chicago on Sunday. The win comes in Mannino's second NHL appearance.

**Max Pacioretty** (Sioux City) was ranked the tenth best prospect in The Hockey News' 2009 Future Watch. He's up 27 spots from his ranking a year ago. Also listed in the same edition as the the 27th highest rated prospect is **John Carlson** (Indiana).

**Tim Stapleton** (Green Bay), after a three-game recall to the Toronto Maple Leafs, has regained the scoring lead for the Toronto Marlies with 21 goals and 64 points in 59 games. The total ties him for 11th in the AHL in scoring.

**Teddy Purcell** (Cedar Rapids) had a three-game scoring streak snapped when he went without a point in the Los Angeles Kings' 4-2 loss to Vancouver on Friday. Purcell has three goals and 13 points in 27 games for the Kings this season.

**Travis Morin** (Chicago) continues to sit among the top scorers in the ECHL. Morin leads the South Carolina Stingrays with 75 points in 63 games, a total good for third overall in league scoring.

**Konrad Reeder** (Tri-City) has 11 points in his last ten games and is now 15th in scoring in the Central Hockey League. He is second in goals (30) and fifth in points (66) for the league-leading Colorado Eagles.

**Paul Stastny** (Omaha) scored his first goal since returning to the Colorado Avalanche lineup after missing time with a broken arm in a 3-2 overtime win over Edmonton on Saturday.

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## COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

**Alex Tuckerman** (Sioux City) scored at 10:26 of overtime to give Northeastern a 3-2 win over Massachusetts in game three of their best-of-three first round series in the Hockey East playoffs. The goal was set up by former Musketeers' teammate **Steve Quailer**.

**Jordan Pearce** (Lincoln) stopped all 60 shots he faced in a pair of Notre Dame shutout wins, 5-0 on Friday and 1-0 on Saturday, over Nebraska-Omaha in the CCHA quarterfinals.

**Jack Connolly** (Sioux Falls) had two assists in Minnesota-Duluth's 4-1 win over Colorado College on Friday. The next night he scored a goal and added another assist as the Bulldogs beat the Tigers 3-1, completing the sweep and advancing to the WCHA Final Five.

**Matt Read** (Des Moines) scored his 13th goal of the season at 8:06 of overtime as Bemidji State beat Robert Morris 3-2 on Saturday to win the College Hockey America playoffs and punch their ticket to the NCAA tournament.

**Alec Richards** (Indiana) made 19 saves as Yale blanked Brown 2-0 on Saturday to complete the sweep of their ECAC quarterfinal series.

**Brock Bradford** (Omaha) scored twice as Boston College beat New Hampshire 5-3 in the first game of their Hockey East quarterfinal series on Friday.

**Aaron Palushaj** (Des Moines) scored twice and added an assist as Michigan beat Western Michigan 6-1 on Saturday, completing the sweep of their CCHA quarterfinal series.