



This Week In The USHL

March 23, 2009



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The Lincoln Stars wore one-of-a-kind jerseys for their annual "Jerseys Off Our Backs" benefit, with proceeds going to the MDA. The jerseys, designed by Stars' trainer Corey Courtney, netted over \$33,000 at auction.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
x-Indiana	55	36	17	2	74	203	159
x-Green Bay	53	35	14	4	74	215	144
x-Cedar Rapids	55	34	16	5	73	201	139
x-Waterloo	54	34	17	3	71	221	175
Chicago	54	28	24	2	58	171	194
Des Moines	53	11	37	5	27	151	249

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
y-Lincoln	56	35	16	5	75	180	143
x-Fargo	56	30	21	5	65	175	154
x-Omaha	56	29	20	7	65	198	180
Sioux Falls	55	26	26	3	55	167	181
Sioux City	55	20	29	6	46	169	196
Tri-City	56	11	44	1	23	135	272

x - clinched playoff berth
y - clinched division title

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, March 21, 2009

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

Friday, March 20, 2009

Indiana 5 Cedar Rapids 2
Omaha 6 Des Moines 1
Fargo 3 Tri-City 1
Waterloo 6 Sioux City 0
Lincoln 3 Green Bay 2
Chicago 4 Sioux Falls 1

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Sioux City 6 Tri-City 2

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

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

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Lincoln 3 Cedar Rapids 2

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Cedar Rapids at Green Bay
Des Moines at Chicago

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Indiana at Waterloo
Sioux City at Sioux Falls

Friday, March 27, 2009

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

Saturday, March 28, 2009

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

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Des Moines at Green Bay

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Waterloo at Chicago

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	53	29	46	75	59
Mike Cichy	IND	51	30	38	68	21
Craig Smith	WAT	49	28	40	68	98
Mike Seidel	CR	54	26	40	66	34
Kirt Hill	LIN	52	24	40	54	108
Louis Leblanc	OMA	56	28	30	58	74
Stanislav Galiev	IND	55	26	31	57	46
Michael Forney	GB	52	26	31	57	47
S. Da Costa	SC	43	26	31	57	19
Pat Mullane	OMA	52	23	34	57	29
B. Richardson	IND	50	18	39	57	133

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Kevin Murdock	LIN	32	20-9-3	2.19	.921	1
S. Summerhays	GB	20	14-5-1	2.22	.916	1
Troy Grosenick	CR	24	13-5-4	2.33	.910	1
Mike Lee	FAR	44	24-13-4	2.37	.919	2
Anthony Borelli	LIN	24	14-6-2	2.44	.917	1

QUOTABLE

"You just have to soak everything in and learn from how hard these guys work here. The guys who have been in the league 15 years are still some of the first ones at the rink in the morning. You have to put in your time and work hard every day."

Colorado Avalanche defenseman and former Cedar Rapids RoughRider Derek Peltier to avalanche.nhl.com following his NHL recall.

2009 CLARK CUP PLAYOFF PICTURE

East Division Race

Indiana: clinched playoff berth
 Green Bay: clinched playoff berth
 Cedar Rapids: clinched playoff berth
 Waterloo: clinched playoff berth
 Chicago: eliminated from playoffs
 Des Moines: eliminated from playoffs

West Division Race

Lincoln: clinched division title
 Fargo: clinched playoff berth
 Omaha: clinched playoff berth
 Sioux Falls: magic number is 2
 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.

Anderson Cup Race

Lincoln: 75 points
 Indiana: 74 points
 Green Bay: 74 points
 Cedar Rapids: 73 points
 Waterloo: 71 points

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

*There are no tiebreakers utilized
 when it comes to the Anderson Cup.
 Should multiple teams finish in a tie
 for the Anderson Cup, they will all be
 named co-champions.

USHL INSIDER

A Banner Night: Lincoln, earlier this month, became the first USHL team to clinch a berth in the Clark Cup Playoffs. On Saturday, they added to their season by clinching the West Division title.

The Well Runs Dry: Andy Taranto's goal scoring streak was snapped at ten when he went without a goal in Fargo's 3-1 win over Tri-City on Friday. Taranto scored 13 goals during the ten-game streak. The league record for consecutive games with a goal was set by Sioux City's Ruslan Fedotenko during the 1998-99 season when scored in 13 straight games. Fedotenko had 21 goals during his streak.

Hats Off To Smitty: Craig Smith made a statement in Waterloo on Saturday night, scoring a hat trick in the second period, and also adding an assist, in Waterloo's 7-4 win over Chicago. The win clinched Waterloo's berth in the Clark Cup Playoffs.

Lending A Helping Hand: USHL linesman Dana Penkivech is one of thousands of volunteers in the Fargo area that is filling and piling sandbags in anticipation of the flooding of the Red River. The river is expected to crest in the Fargo area late this week.

Multi-Goal Mike: Indiana's Mike Cichy scored a pair of goals in the Ice's 5-2 win over Cedar Rapids on Friday. Cichy now has seven multi-goal games this season, six of them coming since he was traded to Indiana.

A Toast To "Jam": Aaron Jamnick wasted little time making an impact on the Tri-City Storm. In just his second game, Jamnick scored the game-winning goal in overtime as the Storm beat Sioux City 4-3 on Saturday.

Alexander The Great: Eric Alexander had three points (a goal and two assists) in Lincoln's 5-1 win over Fargo on Saturday. Alexander now has 15 points in 18 games since being traded from Chicago to Lincoln in February.

It Only Takes One: Robin Bergman scored the go-ahead goal with one second remaining in the second period on Saturday against Des Moines. The goal held up, and the RoughRiders went on to a 2-1 win.

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

On February 28, Waterloo lost 11-0 at Green Bay. Since then, the Black Hawks have gone 7-0-0 and have only allowed ten goals in those seven games, outscoring opponents 34-10.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	18.44	88.76	107.20
Waterloo	22.85	83.38	106.23
Indiana	20.13	85.53	105.66
Cedar Rapids	18.18	85.65	103.83
Green Bay	18.45	81.99	100.44
Omaha	18.77	81.43	100.20
Fargo	13.59	85.55	99.14
Sioux City	20.22	78.31	98.53
Chicago	14.73	81.69	96.42
Tri-City	15.71	78.91	94.62
Sioux Falls	13.19	81.10	94.29
Des Moines	15.13	76.07	91.20



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of March 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)	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
Derek Peltier (Cedar Rapids)	Colorado
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

Derek Peltier (Cedar Rapids) was called up by the Colorado Avalanche and made his NHL debut, in his hometown, playing 11:10 in Colorado's 3-2 shootout loss at Minnesota against the Wild on March 17.

Patrick Sharp (Thunder Bay) was activated from the injured reserve list by the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday and scored twice in his first game back, a 4-1 win over Los Angeles. Sharp missed 16 games with an injury.

Joey Crabb (Green Bay) has been recalled by the Atlanta Thrashers.

David Backes (Lincoln) has points in four of his last five games and is second on the St. Louis Blues in goals (24) and points (45). He has tied his career-high in games played this season (72) while establishing career-highs in goals, assists, points and penalty minutes.

Jason Blake (Waterloo) was featured on Hockey Night in Canada during their pre-game segment called "Getting To Know." Blake listed his biggest hockey memory as signing his first NHL contract and says that the three people he would like to have dinner with would be Tiger Woods, Donald Trump and Wayne Gretzky.

Sam Gagner (Sioux City) scored a goal in Edmonton's 5-4 shootout win over Chicago on Friday. It was Gagner's 14th goal of the season, surpassing his total of 13 from his rookie season.

Davis Drewiske (Des Moines) has been called up by the Los Angeles Kings for the second time this season.

Blake Wheeler (Green Bay) currently leads the NHL in plus/minus ranking at +36.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Alex Stalock (Cedar Rapids) helped Minnesota-Duluth become the first team in the history of the WCHA Final Five to start in the play-in game and go on to win the tournament. Stalock has been at the top of his game in the post-season, going 5-0 with a 0.60 goals against average, a .981 save percentage and two shutouts.

Calle Ridderwall (Tri-City) scored twice as Notre Dame beat Michigan 5-2 in the championship game of the CCHA Playoffs.

Alec Richards (Indiana) made 27 saves and picked up his fourth shutout of the season as Yale beat Cornell 5-0 in the ECAC championship game, giving the Bulldogs their first-ever ECAC playoff title. Richards is 4-0 so far in the post-season, with a .955 save percentage, a 1.25 goals against average and a pair of shutouts.

Matt Greer (Des Moines) scored the game-winning goal in Minnesota-Duluth's 2-1 win over Minnesota in the first game of the WCHA Final Five.

Aaron Palushaj (Des Moines) had a goal and an assist and **Tim Miller** (Omaha) had two assists as Michigan beat Alaska 3-1 in the CCHA semifinals.

Ben Ryan (Des Moines) scored with one minute to play in regulation to give Notre Dame a 2-1 win over Northern Michigan, advancing the Fighting Irish to the CCHA title game.

Andy Bohmbach (Waterloo) had a goal and an assist in Wisconsin's 4-1 win over WCHA regular season champion North Dakota in the third place game at the WCHA Final Five.