



This Week In The USHL

March 30, 2009

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2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
x-Indiana	58	39	17	2	80	215	165
x-Green Bay	57	37	16	4	78	224	156
x-Cedar Rapids	58	36	17	5	77	209	146
x-Waterloo	57	35	19	3	73	232	188
Chicago	57	29	26	2	60	181	201
Des Moines	57	12	40	5	29	159	265

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
y-Lincoln	58	36	16	6	78	185	148
x-Fargo	58	32	21	5	69	187	156
x-Omaha	58	31	20	7	69	208	183
x-Sioux Falls	58	26	28	4	56	173	195
Sioux City	58	22	30	6	50	180	205
Tri-City	58	11	46	1	23	137	284

x - clinched playoff berth
y - clinched division title

Members of the Sioux Falls Stampede celebrate Marc Rodriguez's goal in their 4-3 shootout loss to Sioux City on Friday. The point from the shootout enabled the Stampede to clinch their spot in the 2009 Clark Cup Playoffs.

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, March 29, 2009

Green Bay 3 Des Moines 2

Saturday, March 28, 2009

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

Friday, March 27, 2009

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Indiana 5 Waterloo 3
Sioux City 4 Sioux Falls 2

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Green Bay 5 Cedar Rapids 2
Chicago 6 Des Moines 0

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

Waterloo at Chicago

Friday, April 3, 2009

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

Saturday, April 4, 2009

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

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Des Moines at Green Bay

End Regular Season

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	55	30	47	77	74
Mike Cichy	IND	54	33	40	73	23
Craig Smith	WAT	42	28	44	72	108
Mike Seidel	CR	57	28	43	71	36
Kirt Hill	LIN	54	24	40	64	110
Stanislav Galiev	IND	58	28	34	62	46
S. Da Costa	SC	46	27	35	62	21
B. Richardson	IND	53	21	41	62	141
Louis Leblanc	OMA	58	28	31	59	76
Michael Forney	GB	56	26	33	59	49

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Kevin Murdock	LIN	34	21-9-4	2.19	.922	1
S. Summerhays	GB	21	14-6-1	2.26	.913	1
Mike Lee	FAR	44	26-13-4	2.31	.921	3
Troy Grosenick	CR	24	13-5-4	2.33	.910	1
Anthony Borelli	LIN	25	14-6-2	2.44	.916	1

QUOTABLE

"It's tough. You win, you get two points, but it's a somber lockerroom. It's a down group. There's not much a coach can say at this point. I've been through this as a coach and a player. All of our players have worked their tails off. It's tough."

*Sioux City Head Coach **Todd Knott** to the Sioux City Journal after his team's 4-3 shootout win over Sioux Falls Friday, the game that, although they won, knocked Sioux City out of playoff contention.*

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

*If the playoffs started today, Indiana would play Waterloo and Green Bay would play Cedar Rapids.

*Indiana leads the season series against Waterloo 5-1-1.

*Green Bay won the season series against Cedar Rapids 4-3-1.

West Division Race

Lincoln: clinched division title
 Fargo: clinched playoff berth
 Omaha: clinched playoff berth
 Sioux Falls: clinched playoff berth
 Sioux City: eliminated from playoffs
 Tri-City: eliminated from playoffs

*Lincoln will host Sioux Falls in the first round, marking the third straight season they've met in round one.

*Fargo and Omaha will meet in the first round, with home-ice advantage coming down to the final weekend of play.

Anderson Cup Race

Indiana: 80 points
 Green Bay: 78 points
 Lincoln: 78 points
 Cedar Rapids: 77 points

*Indiana needs to pick up all four of their remaining points and needs help to clinch the Anderson Cup. Green Bay can finish with a maximum of 84 points, while Lincoln can reach 82 points and Cedar Rapids can reach 81.

*There are no tiebreakers utilized when it comes to the Anderson Cup. If teams finish in a tie, then they are named co-champions of the USHL. Tiebreakers will be utilized only for playoff seeding.

USHL INSIDER

He's OK: Former USHL official Chris Cozzan is expected to make a full recovery after having his neck cut by a player's skate in an AHL game in Norfolk, Va. on Friday night. Cozzan underwent emergency surgery to repair the injury and is recuperating in the hospital in Norfolk.

Sioux Falls Seals It: The Stampede needed one point last week to secure the final spot in the 2009 Clark Cup Playoffs, and they got it by way of a 4-3 shootout loss to Sioux City on Friday night. The Stampede will face Lincoln in the first round for the third straight season.

Road Sweet Home: Due to flooding in the Red River Valley, Fargo was forced to leave home to play two home games in different venues. It must have seemed like home as the Force won twice, 6-2 on Friday in Grafton, N.D. and 6-0 on Saturday in Grand Forks, N.D. Both wins came over Tri-City.

Balch Buries Bucs: Former Des Moines forward Josh Balch haunted his former team, scoring three goals in Chicago's 6-0 whitewashing of Des Moines on Tuesday.

Here's To You Mr. Robinson: Eric Robinson broke a very, very long goal drought in a big way on Friday. Robinson scored with just over a minute left in overtime as Cedar Rapids knocked off Lincoln 2-1. The goal, Robinson's 10th of the season, snapped a streak of 27-straight games without a goal.

Any Defense Tonight?: Friday in Des Moines, the score would make you think that the game was a defensive struggle, one which the Buccaneers won 2-1 over Chicago. Hardly. Des Moines outshot the Steel 44-43 in the game, which turned out to be a goaltender's duel. Goaltenders Michael Houser of Des Moines and Hudson Stremmel of Chicago each had 42 saves in the game.

Taranto Torches 'Em: Andy Taranto provided the offense for Fargo on the weekend, scoring five goals and adding four assists, accounting for points on 75% of the team's goals last weekend. Taranto now has 58 points on the season, after totaling just 20 points in his previous two USHL seasons.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Nick Pisellini (CHI) - Western Michigan
 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

STAT OF THE WEEK

Waterloo currently leads the league in goals with 232. If the lead holds, it will be just the third time they've led the league in goals. The other two were 1979-80, the league's first as an all-junior league and 2002-03, P.K. O'Handley's first year with the team.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Lincoln	18.12	89.16	107.28
Indiana	20.45	86.29	106.74
Waterloo	21.91	83.01	104.92
Cedar Rapids	17.60	85.71	103.31
Omaha	19.78	81.76	101.54
Fargo	15.10	85.88	100.98
Green Bay	17.59	82.08	99.67
Sioux City	20.21	78.46	98.67
Chicago	14.47	82.89	97.36
Sioux Falls	13.49	80.00	93.49
Tri-City	15.28	77.62	92.90
Des Moines	14.20	77.25	91.45



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL
as of March 30, 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
Brandon Bochenski (Lincoln)	Tampa Bay
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
Wes O'Neill (Green Bay)	Colorado
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 Wozniewski (Dubuque)	St. Louis
John Zeiler (Sioux City)	Los Angeles

PRO ALUMNI NEWS

Wes O'Neill (Green Bay) was called up by the Colorado Avalanche and made his NHL debut on Friday in Colorado's 4-1 loss to Vancouver. He played 10:33 and had one shot on net.

Brandon Bochenski (Lincoln) was recalled by the Tampa Bay Lightning and made his season debut Sunday against Ottawa. The Lightning are Bochenski's sixth NHL team, as he's also seen time with Ottawa, Chicago, Boston, Anaheim and Nashville. He had a career-high 11 goals and 22 points with Boston in 2006-07.

Tim Stapleton (Green Bay) continues to climb the AHL scoring chart, now resting in eighth place with 73 points, on 24 goals and 49 assists in 66 games. Stapleton also played three games in the NHL this season with Toronto.

Mark Eaton (Waterloo) has three goals on the season for Pittsburgh, just one goal shy of his career high of four, set when he was playing with Nashville in 2003-04.

Colin Stuart (Lincoln) has set career-highs in games played (27), goals (4), assists (3), points (12) and penalty minutes (18) this season with the Atlanta Thrashers.

Grant Goeckner-Zoeller (Sioux City) has four goals and six points in five playoff games for the CHL's Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees. Goeckner-Zoeller is second in playoff scoring for the team, who trails Laredo 2-0 in their second round playoff series.

Mark Van Guilder (Tri-City) is tied for fourth among rookie scorers in the ECHL with 22 goals and 64 points.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Dan Lawson (Lincoln) scored on a one-timer at 14:10 of the second overtime to give Vermont a 3-2 win over Air Force in the final game of the NCAA East Regional and send the Catamounts to the Frozen Four for the first time since 1996. There was a 12-minute delay in the game as the officials used video replay to review the goal, which was disputed because it went through the net.

Matt Dalton (Des Moines) made 34 saves as Bemidji State upset top-seeded Notre Dame 5-1 in the first game of the NCAA Midwest Regional. The Beavers were outshot 35-19 in the game. The next night, Dalton made 25 saves as Bemidji upset Cornell 4-1 to advance to the Frozen Four for the first time in school history as a Division I program.

Justin Mercier (St. Louis) scored both goals as Miami outlasted Minnesota-Duluth 2-1 in the final game of the NCAA West Regional, sending the RedHawks to the Frozen Four for the first time in school history. Mercier also scored the first goal of the game in Miami's 4-2 win over Denver in the first game of the West Regional on Friday.

Rob Madore (Chicago) made 25 saves in Vermont's 4-1 win over Yale in the first game of the NCAA East Regional. The next night in the final, he made 46 saves, including 25 in the third period and the overtimes in a 3-2 double overtime win over Air Force.

Jack Connolly (Sioux Falls) scored with less than 40 seconds to play in regulation on Friday, pulling Minnesota-Duluth to within 4-3 in their game with Princeton. The Bulldogs would score again with .8 seconds to play to force overtime, and then win it in the extra session, 5-4 over the Tigers and completing an improbable comeback.