

# THIS WEEK IN THE USHL

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**\*Round One: April 7-20\***  
 Round Two: April 22-30  
 Round 3: May 2-11

Cedar Rapids' Bryce Aneloski pauses in shock after Waterloo's Craig Smith scored the game-winning goal in the second overtime period on Friday night.

## ROUND ONE PLAYOFF BRACKET

### Omaha vs. Sioux City

*Omaha leads series 2-1*  
 Game 1 at Omaha: Omaha 3 Sioux City 0  
 Game 2 at Sioux City: Sioux City 6 Omaha 2  
 Game 3 at Omaha: Omaha 5 Sioux City 4, OT  
 Game 4: April 17 at Sioux City - 7:05 p.m.  
 \*Game 5: April 19 at Omaha - 7:05 p.m.

### Sioux Falls vs. Lincoln

*Lincoln wins series 3-0*  
 Game 1 at Sioux Falls: Lincoln 3 Sioux Falls 2, 2 OT  
 Game 2 at Sioux Falls: Lincoln 5 Sioux Falls 3  
 Game 3 at Lincoln: Lincoln 7 Sioux Falls 3

### Indiana vs. Chicago

*Series tied 1-1*  
 Game 1 at Indiana: Chicago 4 Indiana 3  
 Game 2 at Indiana: Indiana 7 Chicago 2  
 Game 3: April 15 at Chicago - 7:30 p.m.  
 Game 4: April 18 at Chicago - 7:30 p.m.  
 \*Game 5: April 19 at Indiana - 7:05 p.m.

### Waterloo vs. Cedar Rapids

*Waterloo leads series 2-0*  
 Game 1 at Waterloo: Waterloo 4 Cedar Rapids 3, 2 OT  
 Game 2 at Waterloo: Waterloo 3 Cedar Rapids 0  
 Game 3: April 16 at Cedar Rapids - 7:05 p.m.  
 \*Game 4: April 18 at Cedar Rapids - 7:05 p.m.  
 \*Game 5: April 19 at Waterloo - 7:05 p.m.

\*if necessary

## SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Jason Gregoire	LIN	3	2	3	5	0
Jake Skjodt	IND	2	2	2	4	0
Matt Bartkowski	LIN	3	1	3	4	0
Brandon Bollig	LIN	3	1	3	4	2
Chris Connolly	OM	3	1	3	4	0
Andrew Miller	CHI	2	1	3	4	0
J.J. Crew	LIN	3	0	4	4	0
John Kemp	IND	2	0	4	4	2

Several tied with 3 points

## GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L	GAA	SV%	SO
Matt DiGirolamo	WAT	2	2-0	1.14	.944	1
Brady Hjelle	CR	2	0-2	2.30	.922	0
David Reekie	LIN	3	3-0	2.38	.918	0
Drew Palmisano	OM	3	2-1	2.66	.900	1
Eric Hartzell	SF	2	0-2	3.00	.920	0

## QUOTABLE

"I really didn't know who got it until I saw the replay and my stick whacked it in. I was celebrating, but I didn't know who to go to."

*Omaha's **Andrew Conboy** to the Omaha World-Herald following his game-winning goal in overtime against Sioux City on Saturday.*

**Revenge:** The Lincoln Stars exacted some revenge on Sioux Falls, sweeping them out of the first round of the Clark Cup Playoffs 3-0. It was Sioux Falls that ousted Lincoln with a four-game sweep a year ago. It was Lincoln's first playoff sweep since the second round in 2003.

**A New Champion:** Sioux Falls' ouster means that there will be a new Clark Cup Champion this year. Eight different teams have won the last eight Clark Cups and there hasn't been a back-to-back champion since Omaha did it in 1993 and 1994.

**SC At IBP:** Sioux City and Omaha will be playing game four of their first round series at Sioux City's IBP Ice Center. The circus is in town and has taken over the Tyson Event Center, displacing the Musketeers.

**Blast From The Past:** Former Waterloo Black Hawks great James Marcou dropped the ceremonial first puck prior to Saturday's game with Cedar Rapids.

**OT Winner # 1:** Jason Gregoire scored 1:16 into the second overtime, giving Lincoln a 3-2 win over Sioux Falls in game one of their series.

**OT Winner # 2:** Craig Smith scored with 2:36 to play in the second overtime to give Waterloo a 4-3 win over Cedar Rapids in the first game of their series.

**OT Winner # 3:** Andrew Conboy scored with 1:25 remaining in the first overtime period to give Omaha a 5-4 win over Sioux City in game three of their first round series.

**The Power Of Five:** Five of the seven goals scored by Waterloo in their first two games have come on the power play. They are five for seven (71.4%) on the man advantage thus far.

**Kemper Is Tops:** With three points on Saturday night, John Kemp became the all-time playoff scoring leader in Indiana Ice history. He has 22 points in his playoff career.

**Slow Starts:** Of the eight playoff teams, only Cedar Rapids has failed to get on the scoreboard in the first period.

**Two Of The Same:** Lincoln and Omaha have each put 133 shots on goal in their first three playoff games.

**Shooting Gallery:** Chicago's Rob Madore tied the league-high for saves in a period during this post-season, making 16 stops in the first period Saturday against Indiana.

**First Round Blues:** Sioux Falls has now been dispatched in the first round of the Clark Cup Playoffs three times in their history (2000 and 2002 were the other years), and all three times it has been by way of a series sweep.

**Goal A Game:** Lincoln's Danny Baco has scored a goal in each of the Stars' first three playoff games and is tied for the playoff goal scoring lead (with teammate Jared Festler) with three goals.

**LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS**

Matt Crandell (SC) - Michigan St.  
 Jake Drewiske (SF) - St. Lawrence  
 Aaron Schmit (CHI) - Ferris St.  
 Jake Newton (LIN) - Alaska-Fairbanks  
 Rody Selk (DM) - American International  
 Simon Olsson (CHI) - Alaska-Fairbanks  
 Rick Carden (LIN) - St. Lawrence  
 Eric Alexander (CHI) - Ferris St.  
 Ryan Kretzer (LIN) - Nebraska-Omaha  
 Derek Roehl (OH) - Western Michigan  
 Eric Springer (SF) - Wisconsin  
 Bobby Reiners (DM) - Connecticut

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Nathan Gerbe** (Omaha) scored seven goals in the NCAA tournament, a new record for the event. Gerbe was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the Frozen Four. His Boston College team defeated Notre Dame 4-1 in the title game.

Boston College's 2008 National Championship Team had six former USHLers on the roster - **Tim Filangieri** (Waterloo), **Nick Petrecki** (Omaha), **Carl Sneep** (Lincoln), **Brock Bradford** (Omaha) and Gerbe.

**Tom Gilbert** (Chicago) signed a six-year, \$24 million contract with the Edmonton Oilers.

**Kurt Sauer** (North Iowa) scored the first goal of the playoffs for Colorado. This, after scoring just once in 54 games during the regular season.

**Calle Ridderwall** (Tri-City) scored the game-winning goal in overtime as Notre Dame beat Michigan 5-4 to advance to the NCAA title game.

**Duvie Westcott** (Omaha) had a goal and three assists as Syracuse defeated Hamilton 7-1 in AHL play, the 15th straight win for the Crunch.

**Karl Goehring** (Fargo-Moorhead) was the AHL Goaltender of the Month for March.

**Ryan Malone** (Omaha) scored twice in the final 1:02 to give Pittsburgh a 5-3 win over Ottawa and a 2-0 lead in their first round Stanley Cup playoff series.

**Tyler Haskins** (Sioux City) has been returned to the ECHL's Utah Grizzlies after a stint with the Bridgeport Sound Tigers, the AHL affiliate of the New York Islanders.

**THE WEEKLY NUGGET**

Lincoln's **Jimmy McGroarty** is the first Lincoln coach (yes, they've only had two) to start his career 3-0 in the playoffs. **Steve Johnson** went 2-1 in his first three games in 1996-97, but did go 12-2 overall that playoff year and won the Clark Cup.