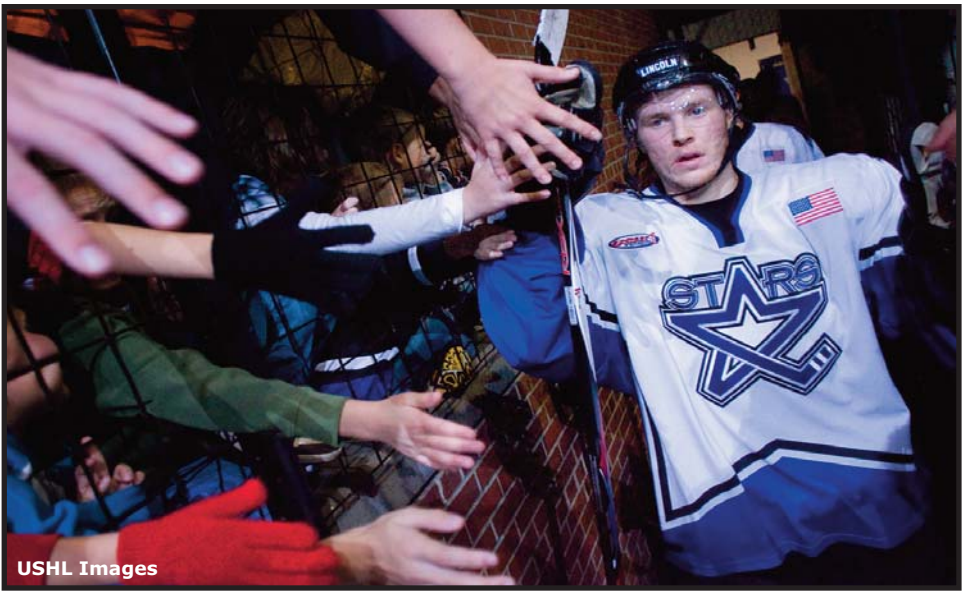




This Week In The USHL

December 1, 2008



USHL Images

Jake Newton slaps hands with the fans as he makes his way to the ice at a recent Lincoln Stars home game.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	18	14	3	1	29	71	42
Cedar Rapids	19	13	5	0	26	73	36
Green Bay	17	12	4	1	25	65	49
Waterloo	19	12	6	1	25	75	61
Chicago	20	10	9	1	21	68	73
Des Moines	17	2	12	3	7	55	89

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	19	12	6	1	25	61	46
Omaha	20	10	8	2	22	71	68
Sioux Falls	18	7	9	2	16	55	67
Sioux City	18	7	10	1	15	51	59
Fargo	20	7	12	1	15	46	64
Tri-City	20	6	14	0	12	57	94

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, November 29, 2008

Cedar Rapids 9 Des Moines 2
 Lincoln 4 Tri-City 1
 Fargo 5 Sioux Falls 1
 Green Bay 3 Waterloo 1
 Omaha 3 Sioux City 2
 Indiana 3 Chicago 2

Friday, November 28, 2008

Green Bay 6 Indiana 4
 Chicago 5 Des Moines 1
 Waterloo 2 Cedar Rapids 1

Thursday, November 27, 2008

Waterloo 5 Cedar Rapids 4
 Sioux City 5 Fargo 1
 Omaha 6 Des Moines 4

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

Fargo 4 Sioux Falls 3
 Green Bay 5 Chicago 1
 Tri-City 5 Omaha 4
 Lincoln 6 Sioux City 1

Sunday, November 23, 2008

Sioux Falls 3 Fargo 0

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Sioux City at Sioux Falls

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Des Moines at Fargo
 Omaha at Sioux Falls

Friday, December 5, 2008

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

Saturday, December 6, 2008

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

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Sioux City at Fargo

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Omaha at Sioux Falls

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Tri-City at Fargo

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	19	12	19	31	29
Mike Seidel	CR	18	10	15	25	10
Kirt Hill	LIN	17	8	16	24	26
Kyle Flanagan	CR	18	5	18	23	4
B. Richardson	IND	17	7	15	22	32
Eric Alexander	CHI	20	13	8	21	43
Pat Mullane	OMA	18	12	9	21	4
Stanislav Galiev	IND	18	11	9	20	18
Louis Leblanc	OMA	20	9	10	19	24
J. Samuels-Thomas	WAT	18	8	11	19	18

GOALTENDING LEADERS

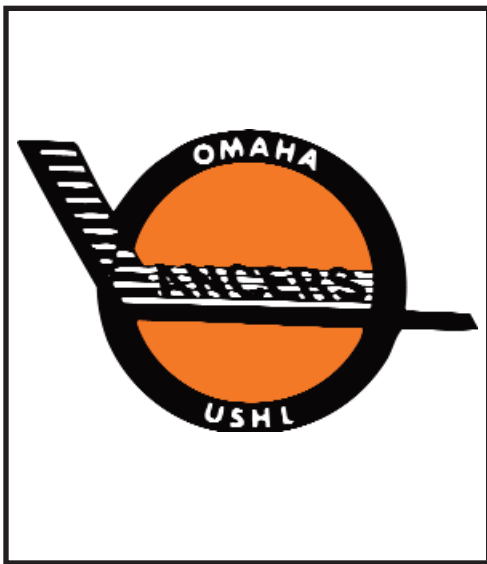
Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Mike Johnson	CR	13	10-3-0	2.01	.925	2
Kevin Murdock	LIN	14	8-5-1	2.15	.917	1
Brett Bennett	IND	15	11-3-1	2.18	.927	0
Mike Lee	FAR	15	6-7-1	2.63	.915	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	14	9-3-1	2.82	.901	0
Joe Howe	WAT	13	8-4-1	2.82	.899	1

QUOTABLE

"It felt great. It felt great to feel like I contributed."

Phoenix Coyotes defenseman David Hale, a former Sioux City Musketeer, to www.coyotes.nhl.com following his first NHL goal, in his 231st NHL game, Wednesday against Columbus. The goal put an end to Hale's goal-less string, the longest streak in NHL history to start a career.

The USHL at 30 Years



Perhaps no name is more synonymous with junior hockey in the United States than that of the Omaha Lancers. The most successful franchise in the junior hockey history of the USHL, the Lancers have enjoyed unparalleled regular season and playoff success. Those successes, however, didn't convert into national championships. Until 2001 that is.

In 2001 the Lancers were making their tenth trip to the Gold Cup National Tournament. Nine times prior, the championship express was abruptly derailed. But the tenth time turned out to be the charm.

An offense led by Riley Riddell, Aaron Slattengren and Dan Welch coupled with championship-calibre goaltending from Ray Fraser, gave the Lancers a championship game win over the Texas Tornado and their long-awaited first Gold Cup.

USHL INSIDER

Thanksgiving Sweep: Waterloo took both halves of the home-and-home Thanksgiving series with Cedar Rapids, winning 5-4 in Waterloo on Thursday and 2-1 in Cedar Rapids on Friday. A year ago, Cedar Rapids swept the series.

Twice The Fun: Fargo took a pair of games from Sioux Falls last week. Josh Birkholz and Nate Condon each scored twice in a 4-3 win at Sioux Falls on Wednesday. On Saturday, it was Keegan Flaherty's turn to score a pair of goals, as the host Force beat the Stampede 5-1.

First Period Savior: Clay Witt made 20 saves in the opening period of Wednesday's game against Fargo, setting a league-high for first period saves in the USHL this season.

Gimme Five: Sioux City scored five times in a 5-1 win over Fargo on Thursday. The offensive outburst snapped a streak of five straight games where The Musketeers scored just one goal.

Hats Off: John Moore scored three times, once each while at even strength, on the power play, and shorthanded, in the Steel's 5-1 win over Des Moines on Friday.

Offensive Explosion: Cedar Rapids, coming off a pair of losses to Waterloo, bounced back in a big way, scoring a USHL season-high nine goals in a 9-2 win over Des Moines on Saturday. Kyle Flanagan led the charge with a goal and five assists for six points, a USHL-high this season. He was also +6 in the game, a USHL-high this season.

Multi-Point Madman: Des Moines' Josh Balch is averaging over a point-per-game for the season, with 15 points in 14 games. However, he only has points in six games. He has five multi-point games, including two four-point games.

Shining Stars: Kirt Hill and Ryan Kretzer, who each joined Lincoln after the start of the season, are piling up the offense. Hill has points in 14 of 17 games he's played in, and Kretzer has points in five of nine games. Another late addition, goaltender Anthony Borelli, is 3-0-0 with a 1.00 goals against average and a .964 save percentage.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Yassin Cisse (DM) - Boston University
Sean Little (GB) - Wisconsin
Shane Berschbach (IND) - Miami
Chris Knowlton (DM) - Denver
Ryan Forgaard (TC) - Union
Matt Farris (SF) - Princeton
Ross Henry (LIN) - Western Michigan
Alex Chiasson (DM) Boston University
Joe Caveney (SC) - Lowell
Robbie Vrolyk (SF) - Northeastern
Keegan Flaherty (FAR) - Minnesota-Duluth
Joe Hartman (IND) - Miami

STAT OF THE WEEK

It appears that the power that has resided in the West Division in recent years has shifted east. The East Division is 34-14-3 against the west, with five teams over .500. The west is 17-29-5 against the east, with just one team above .500.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Indiana	20.56	88.46	109.02
Green Bay	19.15	87.62	106.77
Cedar Rapids	15.71	90.12	105.83
Lincoln	17.59	87.60	105.19
Sioux City	23.33	81.11	104.44
Omaha	15.53	83.74	99.27
Chicago	16.10	81.82	97.92
Waterloo	14.66	82.84	97.50
Des Moines	20.56	76.29	96.85
Fargo	12.61	84.09	96.70
Sioux Falls	12.28	80.00	92.28
Tri-City	12.39	78.64	91.03

USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of December 1, 2008

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
Matt Carle (Omaha)	Philadelphia
Ryan Carter (Green Bay)	Anaheim
Scott Clemmensen (Des Moines)	New Jersey
Erik Cole (Des Moines)	Edmonton
Ty Conklin (Green Bay)	Detroit
Joe Corvo (Omaha)	Carolina
Joey Crabb (Green Bay)	Atlanta
Patrick Davis (Sioux City)	New Jersey
Mark Eaton (Waterloo)	Pittsburgh
Dan Ellis (Omaha)	Nashville
Ruslan Fedotenko (Sioux City)	Pittsburgh
Jeff Finger (Green Bay)	Toronto
Sam Gagner (Sioux City)	Edmonton
Tom Gilbert (Chicago)	Edmonton
Alex Goligoski (Sioux Falls)	Pittsburgh
Matt Greene (Green Bay)	Los Angeles
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
Rostislav Klesla (Sioux City)	Columbus
Chad LaRose (Sioux Falls)	Carolina
Brian Lee (Lincoln)	Ottawa
Ryan Malone (Omaha)	Tampa Bay
Peter Mannino (Tri-City)	NY Islanders
David Moss (Cedar Rapids)	Calgary
Andreas Nodl (Sioux Falls)	Philadelphia
Kyle Okposo (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
T.J. Oshie (Sioux Falls)	St. Louis
Joe Pavelski (Waterloo)	San Jose
Toby Petersen (Fargo-Moorhead)	Dallas
Chris Porter (Lincoln)	St. Louis
Tom Preissing (Green Bay)	Los Angeles
Nate Raduns (Omaha)	Philadelphia
Brian Rafalski (Madison)	Detroit
Kurt Sauer (North Iowa)	Phoenix
Patrick Sharp (Thunder Bay)	Chicago
Brett Skinner (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
Paul Stastny (Omaha)	Colorado
Yan Stastny (Omaha)	St. Louis
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



PRO ALUMNI NEWS

David Hale (Sioux City) finally scored his first NHL goal, the first Phoenix goal of the game in the Coyotes 3-2 win over Columbus on Wednesday. Hale's first goal came in his 231st career game, the longest anyone has ever gone before scoring his first NHL goal.

Aaron MacKenzie (Thunder Bay) was recalled by the Colorado Avalanche. MacKenzie, a former WCHA Defensive Player of the Year and a captain in the AHL, is on his first recall to the NHL, but has yet to play a game.

Jeff Taffe (Rochester) started the season in the NHL with Pittsburgh. He was sent to the AHL after one game and is now tied for tenth in the AHL in scoring. He is second on the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins in scoring with 12 goals and 23 points in 21 games.

Peter Mannino (Tri-City) made his NHL debut with the New York Islanders and was thrown to the wolves in his first game. Mannino came into the Islanders' game Friday at Boston with the team down 5-1. He allowed three goals in 13:02 in the net in his debut.

Landon Wilson (Dubuque) continues to be a great story as he makes his return to the NHL. Wilson scored his first goal of the season, and first in the NHL since 2004, in the Stars' 4-3 loss to Philadelphia on Monday.

Dan Reidel (Lincoln) is averaging a point-per-game for Dayton Bombers of the ECHL.

Toby Petersen (Fargo-Moorhead) scored his first goal of the season for Dallas in a 4-3 win over Edmonton on Sunday.

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls) leads the NHL in goals with 18.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Locke Jillson (Indiana) scored his first collegiate goal in Cornell's 6-3 loss at North Dakota on Friday.

Barry Almeida (Omaha) was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week. Almeida had two points in two Boston College wins over the weekend. He had an assist in the Eagles' 5-1 win over Harvard, then scored the game-winner in their 2-1 overtime win over Dartmouth on Sunday.

Bobby Reiners (Des Moines) scored his first college hockey goal in Connecticut's 4-1 win over Brown on Saturday.

The CCHA once again honored several USHL alumni this week. **Calle Ridderwall** (Tri-City) was named Player of the Week after scoring two goals and two assists in Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Western Michigan on Friday. He added another assist in Saturday's shootout win over the Broncos.

Corey Toy (Omaha) had two assists, blocked six shots and was +4 in Ohio State's sweep of Nebraska-Omaha and was named Defenseman of the Week. **Billy Maday** (Waterloo) was named Rookie of the Week, scoring a goal and an assist in Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Western Michigan on Friday. Maday then scored the tying goal in Saturday's 4-3 shootout win, also over the Broncos.

Matt Dalton (Des Moines) made 23 saves in helping Bemidji State beat Michigan Tech 3-0 on Friday. The next night he made 26 saves as the Beavers topped the Huskies 2-1, gaining the non-conference sweep.

Ben Grotting (Lincoln) had a goal and two assists while **Matt Thurber** (Omaha) and **John Mitchell** (Green Bay) had a goal and an assist each in Wisconsin's 3-1 win over Michigan State Friday.