



This Week In The USHL

December 8, 2008



USHL Images

Tri-City's Rick Pinkston (left) and Lincoln's Eric Meland are all smiles as they "chat" prior to a face-off in Lincoln on Friday night.

2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	20	16	3	1	33	77	46
Cedar Rapids	20	15	5	0	30	88	39
Green Bay	19	13	5	1	27	70	54
Waterloo	21	13	7	1	27	82	68
Chicago	22	11	10	1	23	75	78
Des Moines	19	3	13	3	9	60	95

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	21	14	6	1	29	72	49
Omaha	23	11	9	3	25	77	82
Fargo	23	9	13	1	19	56	73
Sioux Falls	21	8	11	2	18	65	80
Sioux City	21	7	12	2	16	62	75
Tri-City	22	6	16	0	12	61	106

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Fargo 3 Sioux City 2, OT

Saturday, December 6, 2008

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

Friday, December 5, 2008

Indiana 4 Chicago 3
 Lincoln 6 Tri-City 2
 Cedar Rapids 9 Omaha 1
 Green Bay 4 Waterloo 3

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Des Moines 4 Fargo 2
 Omaha 2 Sioux Falls 1

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Sioux Falls 8 Sioux City 6

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Omaha at Sioux Falls

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Tri-City at Fargo

Friday, December 12, 2008

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

Saturday, December 13, 2008

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

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Green Bay at Chicago

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Lincoln at Sioux City

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Indiana at Cedar Rapids

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	21	13	23	36	33
Mike Seidel	CR	20	10	21	31	12
Kirt Hill	LIN	19	9	17	26	28
Eric Alexander	CHI	22	16	9	25	54
Pat Mullane	OMA	21	14	11	25	8
B. Richardson	IND	18	9	15	24	52
Kyle Flanagan	CR	20	6	18	24	4
David Eddy	SF	21	10	13	23	40
Stanislav Galiev	IND	20	11	11	22	18
Louis Leblanc	OMA	23	10	11	21	28
J. Samuels-Thomas	WAT	20	8	13	21	18

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Mike Johnson	CR	15	12-3-0	1.94	.926	2
Kevin Murdock	LIN	15	9-5-1	2.14	.916	1
Brett Bennett	IND	17	13-3-1	2.16	.928	0
Mike Lee	FAR	18	8-8-1	2.69	.912	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	16	10-4-1	2.79	.905	0

QUOTABLE

"I honestly haven't thought about (last year). We are focused on this year, and every year is year-to-year. We're in such a battle this year that it's going to take way more than 13 wins to make the playoffs."

Green Bay Head Coach Jon Cooper to the Green Bay Press-Gazette following his team's win over Waterloo on Friday. The win was the 13th of the year for the Gamblers, matching last year's total.

The USHL at 30 Years



The Fargo-Moorhead Ice Sharks moved to Chicago and became the Steel in 2000. For the most part, the team hovered around the .500 mark, until 2003-04. Under the direction of rookie Head Coach Wil Nichol, the Steel won their first-ever East Division title, besting Cedar Rapids by one point.

The feat was remarkable considering the Steel didn't have a scorer or a goaltender ranked among the league leaders. Danny Charleston led the team in scoring and Curt Hammer award winner Topher Scott also provided clutch goals. Shane Connolly and Adam D'Alba split the goaltending duties and Nichol claimed league coach of the year honors.

The division title didn't bring post-season success, however, as the Steel fell to eventual Clark Cup champion Waterloo in a tight, five-game, first-round series.

USHL INSIDER

Helping The Cause: USHL Photographer Robert Meyer has reduced the prices for purchasing league photos at www.ushlimages.com during the holiday season. In addition, all monies collected through the site from now through the end of December will be donated to the American Heart Association in memory of Indiana Ice President Michael Schupay.

Blog Re-launched: Speaking of photos, Meyer's popular photo blog, Best Seat in the House, is back and better than ever. You can view the blog at blog.ushlimages.com.

Back On The Bench: Former Thunder Bay and Sioux City Head Coach Dave Siciliano's retirement didn't last long. Siciliano has been named the interim head coach of the Thunder Bay Kings, a AAA midget team in his hometown of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Offensive Juggernaut: Cedar Rapids has found the offense of late. They scored nine goals in back-to-back wins over Des Moines and Omaha and have scored 24 goals in their last three games.

Triple Double: Lincoln's Ryan Kretzer has scored a goal and an assist in each of his last three games.

Extra Sessions: On Saturday, Waterloo's Craig Smith scored 21 seconds into overtime in a 4-3 win over Omaha. On Sunday, Fargo's Chris Franks scored with 13 seconds to go in overtime as the Force downed Sioux City 3-2.

Mr. Consistent: Andrew Miller has been the most consistent scorer in the USHL this year. Miller has at least one point in 18 of the Steel's 21 games this season and leads the league in scoring with 36 points in 21 games.

Snapped: Matt White scored twice and Josh Balch had a pair of assists as Des Moines beat Fargo 4-2 on Thursday, snapping the Buccaneers' eight-game skid.

Easy For Eddy: Sioux Falls' David Eddy had five points in an 8-6 win over Sioux City. Eddy has ten points in his last six games.

LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Mike Seidel (CR) - Minnesota-Duluth
Matt White (DM) - North Dakota
Mike Montrose (WAT) - Bowling Green
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

STAT OF THE WEEK

Cedar Rapids scored nine goals in back-to-back games this past week. The 18 goals in two games is their highest two-game total since they scored 16 in a pair of wins over Chicago on October 13-14, 2006.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Cedar Rapids	17.45	90.36	107.81
Indiana	21.01	86.73	107.74
Green Bay	18.63	86.84	105.47
Sioux City	23.68	81.48	105.16
Lincoln	17.74	87.41	105.15
Omaha	17.39	82.98	100.37
Chicago	17.05	82.22	99.27
Waterloo	15.50	82.52	98.02
Des Moines	20.17	77.06	97.23
Fargo	12.40	83.77	96.17
Sioux Falls	12.78	77.86	90.64
Tri-City	13.33	76.72	90.05

USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of December 8, 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
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
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
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

Sean Collins (Sioux City) was called up by the Washington Capitals and made his NHL debut Saturday against Toronto, playing 13:42 in the Capitals' 2-1 win.

Nathan Gerbe (Omaha) was recalled by the Buffalo Sabres and played his first NHL game against Tampa Bay on Saturday. Gerbe had four shots on goal in 15:09 of ice time in the Sabres' 4-3 win.

David Moss (Cedar Rapids) has scored eight goals in 27 games for the Calgary Flames this season. A year ago, he scored just four goals in 41 games.

Tim Conboy (Topeka) was recalled by the Carolina Hurricanes and has one assist in two games. Conboy played 19 games at defense and forward for the Hurricanes a year ago.

Patrick Sharp (Thunder Bay) had a career year for the Chicago Blackhawks last season, leading the team with 36 goals. Sharp is proving that was no fluke, as he has 16 goals in 25 games this year, putting him on a pace to score 52 goals for the year.

Mark Eaton (Waterloo) scored his first goal of the season in Pittsburgh's 3-2 shootout loss to the New York Rangers on Wednesday. It was Eaton's first goal in 90 games. His last goal came during the 2005-06 season when he was a member of the Nashville Predators.

Martin Hanzal (Omaha) doubled his season goal output and picked up his first career hat trick, scoring three times in Phoenix's 6-3 win over Toronto on Thursday.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Jordan Pearce (Lincoln) was named CCHA Goaltender of the Week after he went 2-0-0 and stopped 55 of 56 shots as Notre Dame swept Ferris State.

Chris Wideman (Cedar Rapids) was named CCHA Defensive Player of the Week after notching four assists in Miami's weekend sweep of Western Michigan. Wideman had an assist on the game-winner in Saturday's 4-2 win, then set up three more goals in Sunday's 7-3 victory.

USHL alumni swept the weekly awards in Hockey East. **Louis Liotti** (Sioux City) scored twice, including the overtime winner, in Northeastern's 3-2 win over Maine on Friday to be named Player of the Week. **Chris Connolly** (Omaha) was named Rookie of the Week after scoring the game-winning goal on a penalty shot and adding an assist in Boston University's 3-1 win over Boston College on Saturday night. **Brian Foster** (Des Moines) was named Goaltender of the Week after making 48 saves in a pair of wins, including 29 saves in a 2-0 shutout of UMass-Lowell on Friday.

Patrick Cullen (Indiana) was named ECAC Rookie of the Week after scoring twice in RPI's 7-3 loss at Yale on Friday. The next night, he scored two more goals in a 7-2 win over Brown.

A pair of former RoughRiders did battle on Friday night in Colorado Springs. **Alex Stalock** made 28 saves and **Richard Bachman** made 32 stops as Colorado College and Minnesota-Duluth played to a 1-1 tie.

Travis Turnbull (Sioux City) netted a hat trick in Michigan's 5-3 win over Michigan State on Saturday. Turnbull also had an assist the night before for the four-point weekend in the Wolverines' sweep.