



# This Week In The USHL

December 15, 2008



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## 2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

### EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	22	17	4	1	35	83	54
Cedar Rapids	22	15	6	1	31	92	45
Waterloo	23	15	7	1	31	91	71
Green Bay	22	14	7	1	29	75	59
Chicago	25	13	11	1	27	85	86
Des Moines	21	5	13	3	13	67	99

### WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	23	15	7	1	31	75	52
Omaha	26	13	10	3	29	88	90
Fargo	26	11	14	1	23	68	83
Sioux Falls	24	10	12	2	22	73	85
Sioux City	23	7	14	2	16	65	82
Tri-City	25	6	19	0	12	66	122

Brett Skalski (right) celebrates with Josh Myers and Ami Peled after a Buccaneers' goal. Skalski had two goals and an assist in Friday's 5-3 win over Fargo.

## RECENT RESULTS

### Sunday, December 14, 2008

Chicago 3 Green Bay 1

### Saturday, December 13, 2008

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

### Friday, December 12, 2008

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

### Thursday, December 11, 2008

Fargo 6 Tri-City 3

### Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Sioux Falls 4 Omaha 3

### Sunday, December 7, 2008

Fargo 3 Sioux City 2, OT

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Lincoln at Sioux City

### Thursday, December 18, 2008

Indiana at Cedar Rapids

### Friday, December 19, 2008

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

### Saturday, December 20, 2008

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

### Wednesday, December 31, 2008

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

## SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	24	13	25	38	33
Mike Seidel	CR	22	10	23	33	14
Pat Mullane	OMA	24	14	13	27	12
Craig Smith	WAT	19	12	15	27	45
David Eddy	SF	24	10	17	27	40
Kirt Hill	LIN	21	9	18	27	46
B. Richardson	IND	20	9	18	27	54
Kyle Flanagan	CR	22	7	20	27	4
Eric Alexander	CHI	25	17	9	26	60
Stanislav Galiev	IND	22	12	13	25	20

## GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Mike Johnson	CR	16	12-4-0	2.01	.923	2
Kevin Murdock	LIN	15	9-5-1	2.14	.916	1
Brett Bennett	IND	19	14-4-1	2.19	.927	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	18	10-6-1	2.71	.907	0
Mike Lee	FAR	20	9-9-1	2.78	.911	0

## QUOTABLE

"He had absolutely no confidence. We sent him home for a week to take some time with his main goaltending coach. Since he's been back, he's been back to calmness and reconfirmed that he has regained his skills. He's been outstanding the last four games."

*Des Moines Head Coach J.P. Parise to the Des Moines Register on the recent performance of goaltender Aaron Crandall.*

# The USHL at 30 Years



One of the most dominant teams in USHL history came in the form of the 1994-95 Des Moines Buccaneers, who rode a 38-5-5 mark and 290 goals to Anderson, Clark and Gold Cup titles.

"To only lose five games during the regular season was something else. It was a special team and we had a coach in Bob Ferguson who, unless you played for him, you'll never understand how great of a coach he is," said Regg Simon, the captain of the 1994-95 Buccaneers.

"In the national championship game that year we were down by a goal with a little over 20 seconds left and Omaha iced the puck trying to score on an empty net. Bob Thorton won the offensive zone draw to Reggie Berg, who shot and Brad Frattaroli tipped it in to force overtime, where we won it. 'Refuse to Lose' became our de facto motto and our fans really took to it as well."

## USHL INSIDER

**Final Weekend:** This weekend marks the final weekend of USHL play in the 2008 portion of the 2008-09 season.

**Tri-City Terror:** Tri-City's Mike Cichy had points on all five goals Tri-City scored last week, scoring three goals and assisting on the other two, but the effort wasn't enough as the Storm went 0-3 for the week.

**Forcing The Issue:** The Fargo Force look like anything but an expansion team of late, winning five of their last seven games and surging into play-off position in the West Division.

**Waterloo Winning Too:** The Black Hawks are among the hottest teams in the USHL, having won eight of their last ten games and are currently on a three-game winning streak.

**Eddy Stampeding:** David Eddy has been on a tear in Sioux Falls since the calendar flipped to December. Eddy has scored three goals and has ten points in six December games, including points in each of his last four games.

**Des Moines Doubles Up:** With Saturday's 2-1 win over Sioux Falls on Saturday, the Buccaneers won back-to-back games for the first time this season.

**Indy Owns The West:** With Saturday's 3-2 win over Lincoln, Indiana improved to a USHL-best 10-1-0 on the year against teams from the West Division.

**Overtime For Omaha:** Louis Leblanc netted the game-winner in overtime as Omaha beat Cedar Rapids 3-2 on Friday.

**Different But Same:** Matt Donovan scored twice on Friday and Jeff Costello scored twice on Saturday, but the RoughRiders lost a pair of games, 3-2 in overtime to Omaha on Friday and 3-2 to Fargo on Saturday.

**Storm Stopper:** T.J. Massie made a league-high 46 saves in Tri-City's 7-2 loss to Waterloo on Saturday.

## LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Chris Forfar (Lin) - Michigan State  
 Eriah Hayes (Wat) - Minnesota State  
 Sebastian Geoffrion (Ind) - Ala. Huntsville  
 Eamonn McDermott (Far) - Colorado College  
 Nick Pryor (DM) - Maine  
 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

## STAT OF THE WEEK

Shutouts are down in the USHL in 2008-09. Through the first 141 games, there have been eight shutouts. A year ago through the same number of games, there were 11 shutouts recorded.

## SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

*totals are team's percentages*

Team	PP	PK	Total
Indiana	20.15	87.30	107.45
Cedar Rapids	17.39	88.64	106.03
Lincoln	16.06	88.51	104.57
Green Bay	17.12	86.05	103.17
Sioux City	23.08	79.65	102.73
Omaha	18.11	82.67	100.78
Chicago	18.06	82.19	100.25
Des Moines	19.26	78.99	98.25
Waterloo	15.67	82.47	98.14
Fargo	12.14	84.48	96.62
Sioux Falls	12.77	79.59	92.36
Tri-City	13.43	77.69	91.12



# USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of December 15, 2008

## PRO ALUMNI NEWS

**Joey Crabb** (Green Bay) scored his first NHL goal in Atlanta's 3-2 overtime loss to the New York Rangers on Wednesday.

**Jeff Taffe** (Rochester), who started the season in Pittsburgh, is now ninth in the AHL in scoring with 29 points in 25 games for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

**Thomas Vanek** (Sioux Falls) continues to lead the NHL in goals with 24. He is three goals up on the second highest goal scorer.

**Nathan Gerbe** (Omaha) picked up his first NHL point, an assist, in a 4-2 Buffalo win over New Jersey on Saturday.

**Colin Stuart** (Lincoln) was recalled by the Atlanta Thrashers for one game and then sent back to Chicago of the AHL. Stuart played 8:39 in Saturday's game at Boston.

**Teddy Purcell** (Cedar Rapids) was called up by the Los Angeles Kings and recorded an assist in his first game back, a 6-2 win over St. Louis on Thursday.

**Luke Stauffacher** (Green Bay) is tied for seventh in the IHL in scoring with 26 points. His 15 goals tie him for second in the league and he is tied for the league lead in game-winning goals with three.

**Dan Ellis** (Omaha) earned his second shutout of the season, making 27 saves in Nashville's 3-0 win over Dallas on Saturday.

**Andy Franck** (Sioux City) currently sits second in the CHL goaltender rankings with a 1.79 goals against average in 14 games for Oklahoma City.

## COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

**Brett Olson** (Waterloo), playing in front of hometown friends and family, scored Michigan Tech's lone goal with 3:32 to play in regulation to force overtime in Saturday's 1-1 tie with Minnesota-Duluth.

**Mike Sislo** (Green Bay) took home Hockey East Player of the Week honors after scoring four goals and two assists in a 9-4 win over Holy Cross on Thursday.

The CCHA honored three USHL alumni this week. **Carter Camper** (Lincoln) was named Offensive Player of the Week after scoring a goal and five assists in Miami's sweep of RPI. **Eddie Del Grosso** (Indiana) was named Defensive Player of the Week after scoring a goal in each game of Nebraska-Omaha's sweep of Lake Superior State. **Chad Billins** (Waterloo) was named Rookie of the Week after scoring a goal and going +3 in a win over Alabama-Huntsville on Saturday.

**Nico Sacchetti** (Omaha) scored his first college goal, the final goal of the game, in Minnesota's 4-1 win over Colorado College on Saturday. **Jake Hansen** (Sioux Falls) also scored his first career goal in the game.

**Corey Elkins** (Sioux City) paced the offense for Ohio State, scoring twice and adding an assist as they routed Bentley 10-1 on Friday.

**Robby Dee** (Omaha) scored his first goal of the season, and the second of his career, in Maine's 5-1 win over Union on Saturday.

**Richard Bachman** (Cedar Rapids) made 21 saves as Colorado College knocked off Minnesota, 1-0 on Sunday. It was the first time the Tigers have shut out Minnesota, in Minnesota, since 1955.

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
Teddy Purcell (Cedar Rapids)	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
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