



# This Week In The USHL

January 5, 2009



USHL Images

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## 2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

### EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Indiana	27	19	7	1	39	101	81
Green Bay	27	18	7	2	38	99	73
Cedar Rapids	26	18	7	1	37	110	57
Waterloo	27	18	8	1	37	120	88
Chicago	29	15	13	1	31	99	102
Des Moines	25	6	16	3	15	78	117

### WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	27	18	8	1	37	88	63
Omaha	30	17	10	3	37	107	99
Fargo	30	14	15	1	29	88	92
Sioux Falls	29	10	17	2	22	81	105
Sioux City	28	8	17	3	19	76	98
Tri-City	29	6	23	0	12	72	144

## RECENT RESULTS

### Saturday, January 3, 2009

Green Bay 7 Waterloo 4  
 Omaha 4 Sioux City 3, SO  
 Des Moines 2 Tri-City 1  
 Lincoln 6 Indiana 2  
 Cedar Rapids 3 Sioux Falls 2  
 Chicago 5 Fargo 3

### Friday, January 2, 2009

Cedar Rapids 4 Des Moines 3  
 Lincoln 3 Sioux City 2  
 Waterloo 8 Tri-City 3  
 Omaha 5 Indiana 3  
 Green Bay 7 Sioux Falls 2  
 Fargo 5 Chicago 2

### Wednesday, December 31, 2008

Indiana 6 Des Moines 5  
 Waterloo 7 Chicago 4  
 Omaha 5 Sioux City 2  
 Green Bay 6 Cedar Rapids 4  
 Lincoln 3 Sioux Falls 2  
 Fargo 8 Tri-City 1

### Saturday, December 20, 2008

Waterloo 10 Indiana 3  
 Green Bay 3 Sioux City 2  
 Chicago 3 Sioux Falls 1  
 Des Moines at Fargo, ppd.  
 Tri-City at Omaha, ppd.  
 Lincoln at Cedar Rapids, ppd.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Sioux City at Sioux Falls

### Friday, January 9, 2009

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

### Saturday, January 10, 2009

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

### Sunday, January 11, 2009

Des Moines at Chicago  
 Fargo at Tri-City

### Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Indiana at Cedar Rapids

### Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Lincoln at Sioux City

## SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	28	21	28	49	33
Mike Seidel	CR	26	13	25	38	16
Craig Smith	WAT	23	16	21	37	63
Pat Mullane	OMA	28	19	17	36	12
B. Richardson	IND	25	11	21	32	64
Louis Leblanc	OMA	30	14	17	31	28
Kyle Flanagan	CR	26	10	21	31	8
Kirt Hill	LIN	25	10	21	31	50
Eric Alexander	CHI	29	17	12	29	65
Stanislav Galiev	IND	27	13	16	29	24
J. Samuels-Thomas	WAT	23	13	16	29	22

## GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Kevin Murdock	LIN	16	10-5-1	2.13	.919	1
Mike Johnson	CR	18	13-5-0	2.23	.916	2
Brett Bennett	IND	24	16-7-1	2.65	.912	0
Mike Lee	FAR	24	12-10-1	2.65	.912	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	20	11-6-2	2.67	.905	0

## QUOTABLE

"It was fun to watch that showing as a coach, and as it went on you became a fan."

*Lincoln Head Coach Jimmy McGroarty to the Lincoln Journal-Star following Ryan Kretzer's four-goal performance in Saturday's 6-2 win over Indiana at The Ice Box.*

# The USHL at 30 Years



The USHL saw an end of an era in 1999-00, when the Twin Cities Vulcans were sold and it was agreed that they would move to Kearney, Neb. and become the Tri-City Storm. But the Vulcans had one more magic trick to perform before leaving Minnesota.

The Vulcans finished fifth in the West Division, which was good for the number six seed in the playoffs. After sweeping Sioux Falls in three games in round one and knocking Lincoln out in five games in round two, the Vulcans lost the Clark Cup finals to Green Bay in five games. Because the Gamblers were hosting the Gold Cup, the Vulcans were given a bid into the national tournament, where they would knock off the Gamblers in the title game, the final game in Vulcans' history.

It was the second Gold Cup for the Vulcans, the first coming in the 1990-91 season.

## USHL INSIDER

**Big Night At The Gate:** New Year's Eve is almost always a big night at the gate for USHL teams, and December 31, 2008 was no exception. A total of 24,124 fans attended USHL games on New Year's Eve, an average of 4,021 per game. The league-high came in the Des Moines vs. Indiana game, which was played before 5,888 at Pepsi Coliseum.

**Frankly Speaking:** Fargo defenseman Chris Franks scored twice, including the game-winner, and added an assist in Fargo's 8-1 win over Tri-City on New Year's Eve.

**Four Score:** Lincoln's Ryan Kretzer became the second USHL player to score four goals in a game, when he turned the trick in the Stars' 6-2 win over Indiana on Saturday. Previously, Des Moines' Josh Balch scored four times against Waterloo on October 24.

**P.K. Who?:** While Waterloo Head Coach P.K. O'Handley was with Team USA at the World Junior Championships, the Black Hawks went 3-1-0 and scored 29 goals in the four games.

**It Only Took One:** Brady Horn, a newcomer to the Sioux Falls Stampede roster, picked up his first USHL point, an assist, in his first USHL game on Saturday night.

**Bruijsten Buries 'Em:** After scoring just four goals in his first 21 games, Sioux City's Mitch Bruijsten almost equalled the total after the break. Bruijsten scored a goal in all three Sioux City games, and added a couple of assists for a five-point week.

**Windy City Rally:** Chicago trailed Fargo 3-1 entering the third period on Saturday night, but got goals from Alex Carpenter, Andrew Miller, John Moore and Dean Chelios in the final frame to rally for a 5-3 win.

**Speaking Of Rallies:** Indiana rallied in a big way for the win on New Year's Eve. The Ice trailed Des Moines 5-1 early in the third period, but reeled off five goals in a span of 6:39 to come away with a 6-5 win. Incidentally, the Ice weren't even close to the USHL record for fastest five goals. The record is held by the 1988-89 Thunder Bay Flyers, who scored five in 1:52 against Dubuque on October 29, 1988.

## LATEST COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

David Makowski (GB) - Denver  
 Ryan Daugherty (Oma) - Northern Michigan  
 Alex Gerke (TC) - Connecticut  
 Jake Newton (Lin) - Northeastern  
 Torey Krug (Ind) - Michigan State  
 Brandon Richardson (ind) - Nebraska-Omaha  
 Darren Rowe (CR) - Massachusetts  
 Garrett Vermeersch (Lin) - Northeastern  
 Chris Forfar (Lin) - Michigan State  
 Eriah Hayes (Wat) - Minnesota State  
 Sebastian Geoffrion (Ind) - Ala. Huntsville  
 Eamonn McDermott (Far) - Colorado College

## STAT OF THE WEEK

Outshooting your opponent is usually a good way to get yourself a victory, and this year in the USHL is no exception - but not by a huge margin. In 2008-09, teams are 37-30-5 on the year when outshooting the other team.

## SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

*totals are team's percentages*

Team	PP	PK	Total
Cedar Rapids	19.67	86.54	106.21
Indiana	18.47	87.50	105.97
Lincoln	15.58	89.08	104.66
Sioux City	23.70	80.00	103.70
Omaha	19.01	82.53	101.54
Waterloo	18.00	82.29	100.29
Green Bay	17.14	82.89	100.03
Chicago	18.67	80.86	99.53
Fargo	13.46	84.62	98.08
Des Moines	18.71	78.99	97.70
Sioux Falls	12.57	80.12	92.69
Tri-City	12.50	77.30	89.80



# USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL

as of January 5, 2009

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
Chris Butler (Sioux City)	Buffalo
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
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
Andreas Nodl (Sioux Falls)	Philadelphia
Kyle Okposo (Des Moines)	NY Islanders
T.J. Oshie (Sioux Falls)	St. Louis
Max Pacioretty (Sioux City)	Montreal
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
Trevor Smith (Omaha)	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

## PRO ALUMNI NEWS

**Max Pacioretty** (Sioux City) got called up by the Montreal Canadiens, making his NHL debut Friday night against New Jersey. He scored the lone goal in a 4-1 loss.

**Chris Butler** (Sioux City) picked up his first career NHL point, an assist, in his NHL debut on December 19.

**Brian Lee** (Lincoln) scored his first NHL goal, the game-winning goal in Ottawa's 3-2 win over Edmonton on December 30.

**Tim Kennedy** (Sioux City) was called up by the Buffalo Sabres and made his NHL debut on December 27 against the New York Islanders, playing 11:04 in the game.

**Trevor Smith** (Omaha) was called up by the New York Islanders and has appeared in three games.

**Erik Cole** (Des Moines) has been on a hot streak lately for the Edmonton Oilers, having picked up four goals and seven points in his last seven games.

**Sean Collins** (Sioux City) was recalled for the second time this season by the Washington Capitals and scored his first NHL goal against Tampa Bay on New Year's Day, a 7-4 Washington win.

**Yan Stastny** (Omaha) has established career highs this season in games played (32), goals (2) and points (5) with the St. Louis Blues.

**Scott Clemmensen** (Des Moines) has carried the mail in goal for New Jersey of late, going 15-6-1 with a 2.21 goals against average.

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## COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

**Patrick White** (Tri-City) scored the game-winning goal in overtime as Minnesota defeated Northeastern 3-2 in the championship game of the Dodge Holiday Classic in Minneapolis.

**Mark Olver** (Omaha) was named CCHA Player of the Week after scoring two goals and two assists in Northern Michigan's weekend sweep of Wisconsin, including two goals and an assist in Friday's 3-2 win. **Shane Sims** (Des Moines) was named CCHA Defensive Player of the Week after recording three assists, going +3 and blocking three shots in Ohio State's wins over Army and Clarkson. He assisted on the game-winner in each game.

**John Kemp** (Indiana) was named CCHA Rookie of the Week after picking up six assists in three games last week. Kemp tied a UNO record with four helpers in an 8-3 win over Yale.

**Rob Madore** (Chicago) made 29 saves in Vermont's 3-0 shutout of St. Lawrence in the championship game of the Catamount Cup, a tournament Vermont hosts. It was Madore's first college shutout.

**Ryan Cramer** (Waterloo) scored his first college goal, but Bemidji State lost 4-3 to North Dakota on Friday. **Matt Dalton** (Des Moines) made 36 saves in the game for the Beavers.

**Channing Boe** (Green Bay) scored his first college goal, which gave Minnesota State-Mankato the lead for good, in 4-3 win over Nebraska-Omaha on Saturday.

**Greg Collins** (Cedar Rapids) scored a pair of goals in the third period, including the game-tying goal, in New Hampshire's 5-4 win over Maine on Sunday.