



This Week In The USHL

January 12, 2009



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2008-09 USHL STANDINGS

EAST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Green Bay	29	20	7	2	42	106	74
Indiana	29	20	7	2	42	104	84
Cedar Rapids	28	19	8	1	39	115	59
Waterloo	29	19	9	1	39	122	93
Chicago	32	17	14	1	35	107	112
Des Moines	27	6	18	3	15	84	127

WEST DIVISION

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Lincoln	29	20	8	1	41	96	68
Omaha	32	17	11	4	38	109	103
Fargo	33	15	17	1	31	96	101
Sioux Falls	31	12	17	2	26	90	107
Sioux City	30	9	18	3	21	83	104
Tri-City	31	6	25	0	12	74	154

Waterloo's Lee Moffie (left) celebrates his game-winning goal in overtime against Indiana on Friday night. The Black Hawks won the game 2-1 at Young Arena.

RECENT RESULTS

Sunday, January 11, 2009

Chicago 6 Des Moines 4
Fargo 4 Tri-City 2

Saturday, January 10, 2009

Indiana 2 Omaha 1, SO
Lincoln 4 Fargo 3
Cedar Rapids 4 Waterloo 0
Green Bay 5 Chicago 0
Sioux City 6 Tri-City 0

Friday, January 9, 2009

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

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Sioux Falls 6 Sioux City 1

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

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Indiana at Cedar Rapids

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Lincoln at Sioux City

Friday, January 16, 2009

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

Saturday, January 17, 2009

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Des Moines at Sioux Falls
Green Bay at Waterloo

SCORING LEADERS

Player	Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Andrew Miller	CHI	31	22	30	52	37
Mike Seidel	CR	28	14	25	39	16
Craig Smith	WAT	25	15	23	38	63
Pat Mullane	OMA	30	19	18	37	14
Kirt Hill	LIN	27	13	22	35	52
Louis Leblanc	OMA	32	15	18	33	28
B. Richardson	IND	26	11	21	32	64
Eric Alexander	CHI	32	17	14	31	79
David Eddy	SF	31	11	20	31	42
Kyle Flanagan	CR	28	10	21	31	10

GOALTENDING LEADERS

Player	TM	GP	W-L-SOL	GAA	SV%	SO
Anthony Borelli	LIN	10	8-2-0	1.71	.937	1
Kevin Murdock	LIN	17	11-5-1	2.12	.920	1
Mike Johnson	CR	19	13-6-0	2.22	.916	2
Brett Bennett	IND	26	17-7-2	2.54	.915	0
Reid Ellingson	GB	22	12-6-2	2.57	.909	0

QUOTABLE

"When we have crowds like this, people have no idea what it means to our team. We appreciate the people coming out and spending their dollars. It helps us win hockey games when we have crowds like this, there's no question."

Cedar Rapids Head Coach Mark Carlson to the Cedar Rapids Gazette following the RoughRiders' 4-0 win over Waterloo in front of a sellout crowd at home.

The USHL at 30 Years



One of the fiercest rivalries in the history of the USHL was the one between Waterloo and Dubuque. Located just 90 minutes apart, the rivalry got a kick start when longtime Black Hawk Jack Barzee took his team from Waterloo to Dubuque prior to the 1980-81 season and promptly won a league title.

The rivalry had fuel added to it in 1991-92. That year, the USHL scoring race was dominated by twin brothers Peter and Chris Ferraro. Chris won the title the year prior, while Peter missed time with injuries. In 1991-92, however, they were 1-2 in the scoring race and at mid-season, Waterloo sent a package of players and draft picks to Dubuque in exchange for the duo. Peter scored 51 points in 21 games with the Black Hawks, while Chris had 50 points in 18 games. The Ferraros helped Waterloo get to the post-season, but they were eliminated in four games by St. Paul in the first round.

USHL INSIDER

Good Things Come In 3's: Three USHL teams - Green Bay, Indiana and Lincoln reached the 20-win plateau for the season on the weekend.

1 Minute Away: Sioux Falls goaltender Eric Hartzell was one minute away from securing his second shutout of the 2008-09 season last Wednesday against Sioux City, but gave up a goal to Adam Pawlick at the 19-minute mark of the third period. The Herd won the game 6-1.

Century Mark?: Chicago's Andrew Miller is running away with the USHL scoring race. Miller has 52 points on 22 goals and 30 assists through 31 games. He is on pace to score 100 points this season. If Miller does reach the century mark, he would be the first USHL player to score 100 in a season since Des Moines' Peter Fregoe racked up 103 points in 1998-99.

Saturday Shutouts: Three of the five games played on Saturday night ended in shutouts. Cedar Rapids' Troy Grosenick picked up his first USHL shutout with a 4-0 win over arch-rival Waterloo. Steve Thompson made 23 saves as Sioux City blanked Tri-City 6-0. Steve Summerhays and Reid Ellingson split a shutout as Green Bay whitewashed Chicago 5-0.

King Of The Hill: Lincoln's Kirt Hill is in the midst of a five-game scoring streak. It's the third time this season that Hill has had a streak of at least five games. He had streaks of six games and nine games earlier in the year.

What More Can He Do?: Jeff Teglia did just about everything he could for the Omaha Lancers this weekend, stopping 68 of 71 shots he faced, but it wasn't enough as the Lancers went 0-1-1, losing a pair of 2-1 games.

Sending 'Em Home Happy: Lee Moffie scored at 2:57 of overtime as Waterloo beat Indiana 2-1 on Friday.

Pick Six: Des Moines' Alex Chiasson is on a six-game scoring streak.

Stephane Is Scoring: Sioux City forward Stephane Da Costa is in the middle of an eight-game scoring streak where he's picked up 12 points.

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

USHL teams like the second period. Ten of 12 teams have scored more goals in the 2nd period than the other two periods. Sioux Falls and Waterloo are the exceptions, having scored more in the 3rd period.

SPECIAL TEAMS REPORT

totals are team's percentages

Team	PP	PK	Total
Cedar Rapids	19.39	87.27	106.66
Indiana	17.26	88.16	105.42
Lincoln	15.63	88.77	104.40
Sioux City	22.70	80.85	103.55
Omaha	18.24	83.33	101.57
Green Bay	17.57	83.65	101.22
Chicago	18.64	81.22	99.86
Waterloo	16.98	82.26	99.24
Fargo	12.64	84.80	97.44
Des Moines	18.34	78.23	96.57
Sioux Falls	12.72	81.32	94.04
Tri-City	11.95	78.52	90.47



USHL ALUMNI IN THE NHL
as of January 12, 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
Ryan Potulny (Lincoln)	Edmonton
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

Ryan Potulny (Lincoln) was called up by the Edmonton Oilers on the weekend and figured in all the scoring in his first game. Potulny recorded a pair of assists in the Oilers' 2-1 win over St. Louis.

Kurt Sauer (North Iowa) was injured in Phoenix's game against Dallas on Saturday night and is expected to miss up to four weeks.

Jeff Taffe (Rochester) is third in the AHL in scoring with 16 goals and 42 points for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. Taffe also has two points in eight NHL games with Pittsburgh this season.

Max Pacioretty (Sioux City) has two goals and two assists in five games since the Montreal Canadiens called him up from the AHL.

Trevor Smith (Omaha) scored his first NHL goal in the New York Islanders' 5-2 loss to Calgary on Thursday.

Ty Conklin (Green Bay) is fourth in the NHL in shutouts with four, which is two off the league lead.

Ruslan Fedotenko (Sioux City) is out of the Pittsburgh Penguins lineup for four-to-six weeks after breaking his hand in a fight against Atlanta on January 6. Fedotenko had 21 points in 39 games for the Penguins.

Thomas Vanek (Sioux Falls) is tied for second in the NHL with 27 goals, two goals behind the league leader.

Kevin Swider (Omaha) is the top scorer in the SPHL with 57 points, 13 ahead of the next closest player. Swider has won four straight SPHL scoring titles.

COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWS

Anthony Maiani (Sioux City) scored the game-winning goal in overtime as Denver defeated Michigan Tech 4-3 on Friday. Maiani was assisted on the goal by **Jesse Martin** (Tri-City) and **Patrick Wiercioch** (Omaha).

Jordan Pearce (Lincoln) pitched back-to-back shutouts this weekend and was named CCHA Goaltender of the Week. He stopped a total of 38 shots as Notre Dame swept Alaska. **Mike Embach** (Indiana) scored four goals this weekend, including three in a 4-2 Ferris State win over Western Michigan, to be named CCHA Player of the Week. **J.J. Crew** (Lincoln) scored his first collegiate goal, which turned out to be the game-winner, in Western Michigan's 2-1 win over Ferris State. He added an assist the next night and was named CCHA Rookie of the Week. **Kyle Lawson** (Tri-City) had three assists and was a +3 in Notre Dame's sweep of Alaska and was named CCHA Defenseman of the Week.

Brian O'Neill (Chicago) was named ECAC Rookie of the Week. O'Neill scored the game-winning goal in Yale's 2-1 win over Dartmouth on Friday. He then scored twice in a 6-2 win over Harvard on Saturday.

Jason Gregoire (Lincoln) scored twice and added an assist in North Dakota's 6-3 win over Minnesota on Friday. He scored another goal in Saturday's 6-1 win over the Gophers.

Garrett Roe (Indiana) is tied for second in the national scoring race with 30 points, on 11 goals and 19 assists, in 22 games. He is two points off the lead.

Chris Connolly (Omaha) scored a pair of goals in Boston University's 4-1 win over Maine on Saturday.