



Congratulations
Waterloo Black Hawks
2007 USHL Champions

EAST DIVISION

| Team | GP | W | L | OTL | PTS | GF | GA |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Waterloo | 60 | 39 | 17 | 4 | 82 | 225 | 157 |
| Cedar Rapids | 60 | 37 | 18 | 5 | 79 | 239 | 189 |
| Indiana | 60 | 27 | 28 | 5 | 59 | 182 | 223 |
| Green Bay | 60 | 24 | 30 | 6 | 54 | 176 | 198 |
| Ohio | 60 | 13 | 40 | 7 | 33 | 119 | 242 |
| Chicago | 60 | 12 | 46 | 2 | 26 | 150 | 253 |

WEST DIVISION

| Team | GP | W | L | OTL | PTS | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Omaha | 60 | 38 | 17 | 5 | 81 | 218 | 191 |
| Tri-City | 60 | 36 | 18 | 6 | 78 | 203 | 171 |
| Lincoln | 60 | 37 | 20 | 3 | 77 | 241 | 200 |
| Sioux Falls | 60 | 34 | 21 | 5 | 73 | 195 | 174 |
| Sioux City | 60 | 34 | 21 | 5 | 73 | 219 | 178 |
| Des Moines | 60 | 29 | 21 | 10 | 68 | 215 | 206 |

TOP TEN SCORERS

| Player | Team | GP | G | A | PTS | PIM |
|-----------------|------|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| Rich Purslow | DM | 60 | 27 | 55 | 82 | 28 |
| Phil DeSimone | SC | 60 | 26 | 47 | 73 | 60 |
| Jacob Cepis | CR | 58 | 34 | 38 | 72 | 59 |
| Jared Brown | LIN | 60 | 30 | 41 | 71 | 30 |
| James Marcou | WAT | 58 | 24 | 47 | 71 | 60 |
| Carter Camper | LIN | 56 | 23 | 48 | 71 | 40 |
| Aaron Palushaj | DM | 56 | 22 | 45 | 67 | 62 |
| Mark Olver | OM | 57 | 29 | 35 | 64 | 84 |
| Ben Ryan | DM | 59 | 22 | 42 | 64 | 66 |
| Stephen Schultz | LIN | 57 | 31 | 32 | 63 | 74 |
| Garrett Roe | IND | 57 | 24 | 39 | 63 | 143 |
| Max Pacioretty | SC | 60 | 21 | 42 | 63 | 119 |
| John Kemp | IND | 50 | 16 | 47 | 63 | 34 |

TOP TEN GOALTENDERS

| Player | Team | GP | W | L | OTL | GAA | SV% | SO |
|--------------------|------|----|----|----|-----|------|------|----|
| Ryan Rondeau | WAT | 33 | 17 | 8 | 4 | 2.46 | .902 | 2 |
| Matt DiGirolamo | WAT | 33 | 22 | 9 | 0 | 2.54 | .905 | 3 |
| Matt Lundin | SF | 44 | 24 | 15 | 5 | 2.55 | .912 | 2 |
| Ian Keserich | TC | 47 | 26 | 13 | 5 | 2.62 | .901 | 3 |
| Jerry Kuhn | SC | 49 | 27 | 18 | 3 | 2.67 | .921 | 3 |
| Matt Dalton | DM | 53 | 27 | 15 | 9 | 2.83 | .909 | 5 |
| Kent Patterson | CR | 29 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 2.91 | .913 | 2 |
| Bryce Christianson | LIN | 25 | 15 | 4 | 0 | 2.95 | .895 | 3 |
| Drew Palmisano | OM | 36 | 20 | 10 | 5 | 3.00 | .910 | 0 |
| Bryan Hogan | LIN | 46 | 27 | 13 | 3 | 3.04 | .889 | 2 |

QUOTABLE

"The USHL is so competitive, every game is so well played. The playoffs will be interesting to watch because any team can win. It's great for our athletes and fans."

Waterloo head coach **P.K. O'Handley** on the upcoming Clark Cup playoffs.

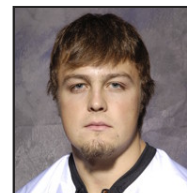
**RBK OFFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**



Dustin Gazley
Sioux City
Novi, Mich.

Gazley had six points in four games, three of them Sioux City wins. He scored 2-2-4 (GWG) in Saturday's 8-3 win over Des Moines. He also had a goal in a loss to Omaha. **Runner-up:** Andrew Conbo of Omaha (2 GP, 2-2-4, PPG, +2, 8 SOG)

**CCM DEFENSIVE
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**



Luke Lucyk
Tri-City
Fox Point, Wisc.

Lucyk had a goal and an assist in Saturday's 5-1 win over Sioux Falls. The goal was the game winner and helped the Storm jump into second place. He finished +4 and had 3 SOG. **Runner-up:** Chad Langlais of Lincoln (3 GP, 1-3-4, +2, 4 SOG)

**STAUBER'S GOALCREASE
GOALTENDER OF THE WEEK**



Bryan Hogan
Lincoln
Highland, Mich.

Hogan played all three games for the Stars last week and posted a 2-1-0 record, including wins over Waterloo and Sioux Falls. He had a 1.63 GAA, a .949 SV% and his second shutout. **Runner-up:** Nick Graves of Green Bay (1 GP, 1-0-0, 1.00, .952)

USHL Handful

Solid As A Rock: Tri-City's Aaron Rock made 10 saves in the shootout Friday against Des Moines, giving him the league high for the season...**Not In Their House:** Waterloo closed the season by going 11 straight at home without a regulation loss, dating back to February 23...**Power Player:** Rich Purslow of Des Moines won the league scoring title with 82 points, 55 of which came while Des Moines was on the power play. He had a point in over half of the Buccaneers' league record 103 power play goals...**They Shoot And Score:** USHL teams combined for 2,382 goals on the season, 357 more than a year ago...**And They Came:** The USHL drew 42,896 fans to their 12 games this weekend, an average of 3,575 per game.

CLARK CUP NOTEBOOK

Clark Cup Playoffs - Round 1

Divisional Best-of-Seven Series

All start times local

*if necessary

East Division

#1 Waterloo vs. #6 Chicago

Game 1: Thursday, April 19 at Waterloo - 7:05 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday, April 21 at Waterloo - 7:05 p.m.

Game 3: Sunday, April 22 at Chicago - 7:30 p.m.

Game 4: Tuesday, April 24 at Chicago - 7:30 p.m.

Game 5: Wednesday, April 25 at Waterloo - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 6: Friday, April 27 at Chicago - 7:30 p.m.*

Game 7: Saturday, April 28 at Waterloo - 7:05 p.m.*

#2 Cedar Rapids vs. #5 Ohio

Game 1: Tuesday, April 17 at Ohio - 7:05 p.m.

Game 2: Wednesday, April 18 at Ohio - 7:05 p.m.

Game 3: Friday, April 20 at Cedar Rapids - 7:05 p.m.

Game 4: Saturday, April 21 at Cedar Rapids - 7:05 p.m.

Game 5: Monday, April 23 at Cedar Rapids - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 6: Wednesday, April 25 at Ohio - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 7: Saturday, April 28 at Cedar Rapids - 7:05 p.m.*

Ohio home games will be played at the Dispatch Ice Haus

#3 Indiana vs. #4 Green Bay

Game 1: Wednesday, April 18 at Indiana - 7:05 p.m.

Game 2: Friday, April 20 at Indiana - 7:05 p.m.

Game 3: Saturday, April 21 at Green Bay - 7:05 p.m.

Game 4: Monday, April 23 at Green Bay - 7:05 p.m.

Game 5: Thursday, April 26 at Indiana - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 6: Saturday, April 28 at Green Bay - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 7: Sunday, April 29 at Indiana - 7:05 p.m.*

West Division

#1 Omaha vs. #6 Des Moines

Game 1: Wednesday, April 18 at Omaha - 7:00 p.m.

Game 2: Friday, April 20 at Des Moines - 7:00 p.m.

Game 3: Saturday, April 21 at Omaha - 7:00 p.m.

Game 4: Tuesday, April 24 at Des Moines - 7:00 p.m.

Game 5: Friday, April 27 at Omaha - 7:00 p.m.*

Game 6: Saturday, April 28 at Des Moines - 7:00 p.m.*

Game 7: Sunday, April 29 at Omaha 0 7:00 p.m.*

#2 Tri-City vs. #5 Sioux City

Game 1: Friday, April 20 at Tri-City - 7:00 p.m.

Game 2: Saturday, April 21 at Tri-City - 7:00 p.m.

Game 3: Tuesday, April 24 at Sioux City - 7:00 p.m.

Game 4: Wednesday, April 25 at Sioux City - 7:00 p.m.

Game 5: Thursday, April 26 at Tri-City - 7:00 p.m.*

Game 6: Saturday, April 28 at Sioux City - 7:00 p.m.*

Game 7: Monday, April 30 at Tri-City - 7:00 p.m.*

#3 Lincoln vs. #4 Sioux Falls

Game 1: Wednesday, April 18 at Sioux Falls - 7:05 p.m.

Game 2: Friday, April 20 at Sioux Falls - 7:05 p.m.

Game 3: Saturday, April 21 at Lincoln - 7:05 p.m.

Game 4: Tuesday, April 24 at Lincoln - 7:05 p.m.

Game 5: Wednesday, April 25 at Lincoln - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 6: Friday, April 27 at Sioux Falls - 7:35 p.m.*

Game 7: Saturday, April 28 at Lincoln - 7:05 p.m.*

Game 6 to be played in Sioux City due to building conflict in Sioux Falls

Future Playoff Rounds

Round 2 - Divisional Round Robin

**Three seeds that advanced from round one

**Each team plays on game at home and one on the road

May 2-6, 2007

Round 3 - USHL Final Four

**Top two seeds advancing from round two

**Hosted by the top remaining seed

May 12-13, 2007

News and Notes

Indiana has home ice advantage in a playoff series for the first time.

Two series - Cedar Rapids vs. Ohio and Sioux Falls vs. Lincoln - will open with the lower seed hosting the first two games due to building conflicts.

Omaha and Des Moines have met more often in the Clark Cup playoffs than any other USHL teams.

One-quarter (Steve Poapst - Chicago, Charlie Skjodt - Indiana, Jack Fritsche - Ohio) of the league's coaches will be coaching their first-ever USHL playoff games this season.

Mike Hastings has coached more playoff games (111) than all the coaches in the east division combined (102).

In half of the first round match-ups, the lower seed won the regular season series. Green Bay, Sioux City and Sioux Falls all won their respective series from the higher seed.

Seven goaltenders played over 40 games in the USHL this season, five of which played in the west division.

Woody Paige, a sports columnist for The Denver Post and a regular contributor on ESPN, gave props to the USHL and their officiating staff last week on ESPN's Around The Horn. After winning the program for the day, Paige got 30 seconds to talk about any topic he wanted, and he chose to discuss the USHL officials wearing pink and black uniforms last Friday and donating the proceeds from the auction, as well as their game salaries and travel per diem to the American Cancer Society. The fundraiser was the brainstorm of Heather Roberts, Omaha's Director of Sales and Marketing and has become one of the most recognized events done league-wide during the season.

The USHL Entry Draft is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. CDT. The draft can be followed online at www.ushl.com.

All USHL teams have now scheduled their tryout camps for 2007. For further information on league tryouts visit our tryout page at www.ushl.com/tryouts/.