

the Boiling Pot

Our next Booster Club Meeting is Monday, February 7 at the Bossier Library

The Official Booster Club of the Bossier-Shreveport Mudbugs

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Booster Club Night Fun Despite Loss

On Friday, December 17, the booster club sponsored our game against the Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees. Although the game's outcome was not what we had hoped for, the night turned out to be quite successful.

As you know, we had Billy the Exterminator and the rest of the Vexcon family on hand to sign autographs and take photos with fans. Billy was unable to get to the CenturyTel Center in time for the pregame autograph session, arriving just in time for the ceremonial puck drop. After donning his own jersey, he was joined on the ice by his brother Ricky, and their parents Big Bill and Donnie.

After dropping the puck and visiting with fans, they moved upstairs to sign autographs. We never expected the turnout we saw. Throughout the night, the line for photos and autographs would stretch from the area outside the Swamp Shack to the concession stand. The club sold photos of the team with Billy and Ricky, and the Vexcon family signed hundreds of those throughout the evening.

After the game, the team held an auction for the Vexcon specialty jerseys. We need to throw a thank you to Mudbugs owner Tommy Scott, who put together the design of the jerseys. The sweaters featured the Vexcon logo, chains and a very sharp Mudbug crest sewn with metallic silver thread. A very hardcore jersey!

Overall, the night had to be called a success. We had a number of new members sign up for the



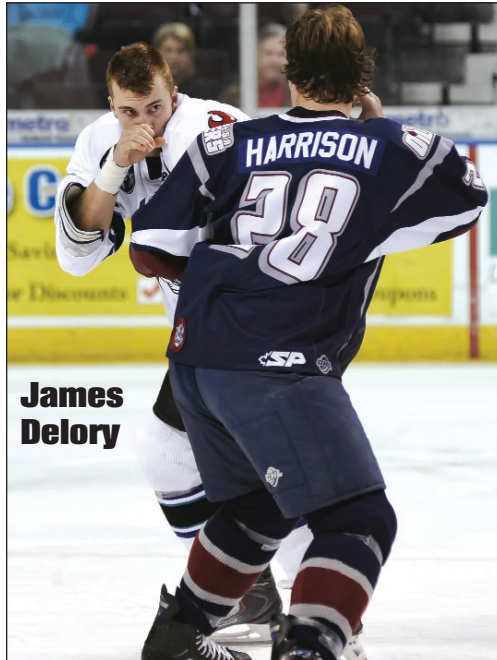
booster club that night, and in visiting with the people in line for autographs we found that there were lots of "first timers" at the game. Which is what the night was supposed have.

The club would like to say thanks to Gailyn Dennis and her committee for organizing the night's activities along with Kimberly Jacks of the front office. We'd also like to send thanks to Todd Edwards, who put together the game intro video featuring the Vexcon folks. Todd has just moved to take a new position with a baseball team in Indiana, and we wish him the best. If you missed it, the video can be seen on our website at www.mudbugboilers.org. You'll also be able to see photos of some of the team with Billy that were taken on the day they shot the video.

MUDBUGS TEAM UPDATES *from Travis Huntington*

Soupy Gets His Due

Prior to Saturday's game the Mudbugs honored longtime player and current General Manager Jason "Soupy" Campbell by retiring his #11 jersey to the CenturyTel Center rafters. In seven seasons with the Mudbugs, Campbell played over 400 games with the club and ranks in the top six players in team history in goals, assists and points. He was a part of two President's Cup Championship teams in 2000 and 2001, winning the WPHL's Playoff MVP award in '01 after leading the playoffs in scoring. "Soupy" becomes the fourth Mudbug to have his number retired by the franchise, joining #19 Dale Henry, #27 Trevor Buchanan and #33 Jim Sprott.



James DeLory

Bugs Ring In New Year in Style!

Saturday night the Mudbugs scored a season-high five first period goals and never looked back on their way to a convincing 8-2 win over the RiverKings in Bossier City. Steven Crampton recorded the second Mudbugs hat trick of the season in the win and David Rutherford scored two goals of his own to increase his league leading total. Shawn Limpricht finished with three assists, while James DeLory enjoyed the first multi-point game of his career with a goal and an assist. Justin Aikins, Brett Smith and Joe Blaznek each chipped in two assists as well and Michael Couch finished the night with a CHL season-high +6 rating as all eight Mudbugs goals came at even strength.

Rutherford's Red Light District

Forward David Rutherford netted two more goals Saturday vs. Mississippi, increasing his league lead to 22 tallies this season. Friday in Texas he became the first player in the CHL to score 20 goals this season, topping his previous

career high of 19 in the process. The Ladner, British Columbia native also has seven multi-goal games this season and nine in his Mudbugs career, but is still awaiting his first career hat trick. He has also contributed 17 assists this year for a total of 39 points, which ties him for tenth in the CHL this season.

Bugs Get Tougher, Add Skill Too

Last week the Mudbugs welcomed James DeLory back into their lineup after the second-year forward was reassigned to the club by the Rochester Americans of the AHL and their parent club, the NHL's Florida Panthers. On Saturday DeLory tallied the eventual game-winning goal and added an assist in the third period for the first multi-point game of his pro career. Skating with the 'Bugs last season, DeLory led all CHL rookies with 12 fighting majors and totaled 78 penalty minutes in 36 games. He also contributed two goals, three points and a +2 rating. After training camp in Rochester this year, the 6-5, 225-pounder started the season with Cincinnati of the ECHL.

Road Warriors Roll On

Despite going winless in their last three road games, the 'Bugs still hold the CHL's second-best road record with an 11-5-1 away mark as they continue their longest road trip of the season this week. Sunday the Mudbugs began a six-game road swing, which will take them through Rapid City, Colorado, Allen and Tulsa between a pair of games in Mississippi. Bossier-Shreveport won't play at home again until they host Dayton on January 20. Only Allen's 13-2-0 road mark bests the Mudbugs among the 18 CHL teams.

Two Mudbug Milestones in Same Building

Mudbugs Equipment Manager Billy T. Welker reached a significant career milestone two weeks ago in Mississippi, and Athletic Trainer George Bullock, Jr. then followed suit just five games later. Sunday's contest marked the 1,000th game in Bullock's hockey career, a number which does not include the games he has worked in pro baseball and both college and

high school athletics. Welker, who has been on the bench for every game in Mudbugs history, worked his 1,500th career game on December 18 at the DeSoto Civic Center.

Loose Pucks

F Jeff Martens is tied for second in the CHL with a +20 rating... D Jamie Milam is tied for fifth among defensemen with 23 points and sixth

with 17 assists... D Clay Plume ranks sixth among CHL D-men with a +13 rating... G John DeCaro earned his 98th career victory on Saturday and made a season-high 38 saves in a shootout loss on Sunday... D Michael Couch is approaching 200 career games, entering this week with 193...

Let's Go Bowling Again!

One of the club's most enjoyable evenings with the team is fast approaching. Our annual "Bowling with the Bugs" night will be held in late January or early February, depending on scheduling with the team. One of the dates being considered is Monday, January 24. If you've never been to bowling night, you need to come out and see how much fun it is. If you've attended in the past, I know you'll be there again. Keep an eye on the website and your email for details on the party.

Housekeeping Request!

The housekeeping committee is asking members to donate some needed items for the players' apartments. As most of you know, one of the tasks that the club gladly takes on is stocking the apartments with essential items.

We are asking for wide slot toasters (that can handle bagels), can openers, and blenders. If you can help with any of this, bring them to the booster club table at the next home game.

Lolette Dayberry

Housekeeping Chairperson

January 2011

HOME **AWAY**

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2 Mississippi RiverKings Away Game	3	4	5	6	7 Rapid City Rush Away Game	8 Colorado Eagles Away Game	
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16	17	18 Mississippi RiverKings Away Game	19	20 Dayton Gems CenturyTel Center 6:35 pm	21 Texas Brahmas Away Game	22 Laredo Bucks CenturyTel Center 7:05 pm	
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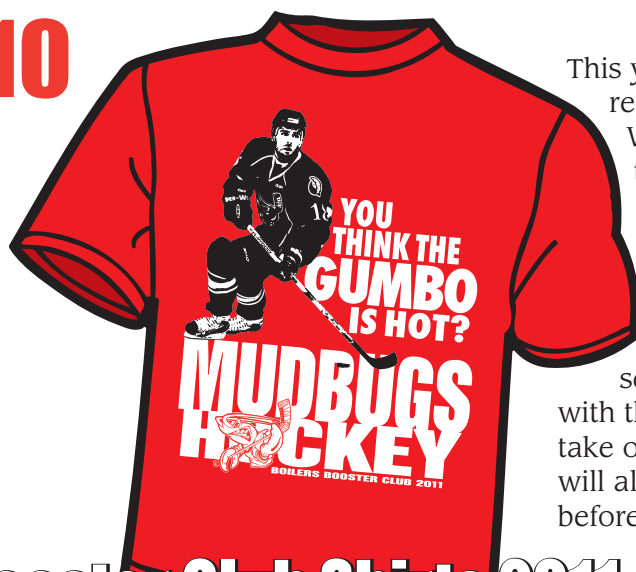
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This year's Booster Club t-shirts on sale now!

\$10



This year's booster club shirts will be red with black and white printing. We are not able to sell or distribute these shirts at the CenturyTel Center, so all orders must be made through email or at one of our meetings or gatherings. This will include tailgate parties! If you want to order via email, send it to boilers@shreve.net with the subject line of **T-SHIRTS**. We'll take orders up until January 14. That will allow us to have the shirts on hand before the next home game on Jan. 20.

Booster Club Shirts 2011

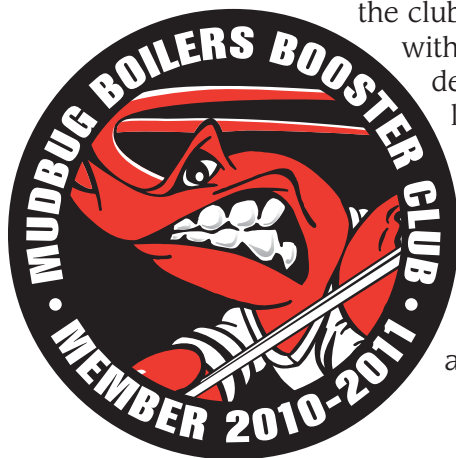
Membership Committee

At the club's January membership meeting, it was decided that we would offer new members a little incentive to join the club. So for anyone who has not been in the club for the past 2 years, we're gonna hook them up with a free booster club t-shirt (see above for the design). So we're asking you to help with this by letting folks know about the cool offer as part of our membership drive.

Want a little incentive to help with this? If you get someone to sign up for the club, have them put your name on the application as a referral. At the end of the membership drive, we'll gather all of the new forms and draw one to see who wins an autographed practice jersey.

Brad Dennis

Membership Chairperson



Boiler Night Committee

I would like to thank all who served on the Booster Club Night Committee for their enthusiasm and creative ideas which helped to make our "Billy the Exterminator" night a big success! Thanks also to Sue Melton for spending most of the night selling autograph cards. I truly appreciate everyone's time and effort!

Gailyn Dennis

Chairperson