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President's Message

FROM THE DESK OF PAT LUCEY

I hope that everyone had a very Happy Holiday and that you all have a very Healthy, Happy New Year. It's been a really difficult few months for the Booster Club. There have been a lot of problems which were not anticipated when the season began. I apologize for all the confusion and problems and hope that you all understand that I am doing the best I possibly can to solve these problems and move on. This is a learning experience for me and I know that I probably haven't handled some things very well for that, again I am sorry. Hopefully the new year will bring better times for the Booster Club and the Falcons. The new year did start out on a good note for the team as they won a hard fought shoot out over the Manchester Monarchs to start 2009 off. I hope that this will give them the boost they need to continue winning and be a playoff team. As soon as I have a location for the January 17th meeting it will be on the Web site and there will be a sign posted at the Booster Club table. Again I hope everyone has a Happy New Year and see you at the games.

Next Membership Meeting

Saturday January 17th @ 5:00 PM. Please check the web site for location.

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"Let us not forget"



Membership Meetings for 2008/2009 Season

October 18, 2008	February 21, 2009
November 22, 2008	March 21, 2009
December 6, 2008 Executive Perch	April 1, 2009
January 17, 2009	May: 2009 TBD

2008 - 2009 Executive Board

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January Birthdays

Happy January Birthday to Booster Club Members:

1/3/2009	Lydia Mazella	1/16/2009	Albert Packard	1/23/2009	Carl Bordas
1/7/2009	Lise-Anne Grondin	1/17/2009	Linda Lariviere	1/25/2009	Tina Harduby
1/7/2009	Linda Pajak	1/17/2009	Juanita Vanasse	1/25/2009	Phillip Bilski
1/10/2009	Fran Witkiewicz	1/18/2009	Beverly Gray	1/25/2009	John Bottaro Jr.
1/11/2009	Sally Lundberg-Lawrence	1/18/2009	Kevin Krupczak	1/26/2009	Alexa Pirnie
1/11/2009	Kevin Belder	1/19/2009	Matthew Dupuis	1/28/2009	Joanne Dittbenner
1/12/2009	Janice Proulx	1/20/2009	Walter, Jr. Mattson	1/28/2009	Karen Fay
1/12/2009	Janet Seaman	1/21/2009	Mark Canty	1/28/2009	Luke Laczynski
1/13/2009	Jane Champagne	1/21/2009	Millie Yelle	1/28/2009	Karen Kendra
1/13/2009	JamieLynn Felletter	1/22/2009	Douglas Malley	1/30/2009	Amy Munger
1/13/2009	Danielle Parks	1/22/2009	Barry Kapino	1/31/2009	Logan Laczynski
1/15/2009	Eileen Krupczak	1/23/2009	Dawn Reynolds	1/31/2009	Mary Kaeding
1/15/2009	Ken Connor				

Happy January Birthday to Falcon's Players:

#16 - Stephane Goulet

Position: Left Wing
Shoots: Left
Hometown: Levis, Quebec
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 208
Birth Date: 1/7/86
Last Year: Stockton (ECHL)/Springfield (AHL)



2008-09 Season: Enters his third season of professional hockey.

2007-08 Season: Stephane scored his first AHL goal on October 5, 2007 at Portland. Picked up one assist on January 5, 2008 against Portland. Scored his second goal of the season in his 100th pro game on February 2, 2008 at Lowell. Scored two goals and added one assist earning the game's first star on March 8, 2008 against Hershey. Scored eighth goal of the year on March 16, 2008 giving him four goals in four straight games. Returned to Stockton on April 7, 2008 for the Kelly Cup Playoffs and led the Thunder in post-season goals with five.

Career Notes: Led all Stockton rookies in points with 40 (17G, 23A) during the 2006-07 season. He made his AHL debut on October 20, 2006 against Houston as a member of the Grand Rapids Griffins. Stephane led Moncton in goal scoring during the 2005-06 season with 51 markers, while ending the year second on the club in points with 93. Guided the Wildcats to a QMJHL Championship and Memorial Cup Final appearance that same season.

DRAFTED: Edmonton Oilers round seven (208th overall) in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft.

Stephane Goulet
 Right Wing
 Born Jan 7 1986 -- Levis, PQ
 Height 6.03 -- Weight 208 -- Shoots L

Selected by Edmonton Oilers round 7 #208 overall 2004 NHL Entry Draft

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2003-04	Quebec Remparts	QMJHL	54	6	8	14	14	5	0	0	0	2
2004-05	Moncton Wildcats	QMJHL	69	22	25	47	37	12	3	7	10	12
2005-06	Moncton Wildcats	QMJHL	67	51	42	93	80	13	7	8	15	16
2006-07	Grand Rapids Griffins	AHL	2	0	0	0	2	--	--	--	--	--
2006-07	Stockton Thunder	ECHL	69	17	23	40	58	5	0	1	1	2
2007-08	Springfield Falcons	AHL	36	9	5	14	22	--	--	--	--	--
2007-08	Stockton Thunder	ECHL	12	4	10	14	10	6	5	4	9	0
2008-09	Stockton Thunder*	ECHL	12	3	6	9	18					
2008-09	Springfield Falcons	AHL	11	1	2	3	4					

#8 - Bryan Lerg

Position: Left Wing
Shoots: Left
Hometown: Livonia, Michigan
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 175
Birth Date: 1/20/86
Last Year: Michigan State (NCAA)/Springfield (AHL)



2008-09 Season: Enters his first full season of pro hockey.

2007-08 Season: Finished second on the Michigan State Spartans scoring list and 11th in the CCHA scoring race with a career-high 20-19-39 in 42 games and registered 18 penalty minutes. He led Michigan State in both goals (20) and power play goals (10). Made pro debut on April 5, 2008 at Binghamton. Collected two assists on April 13, 2008 at Worcester, his first two assists of his pro career.

Career Notes: Bryan twice was named the Spartans' Offensive Player of the Year. He scored a career-high 23 goals and led the NCAA with eight game-winning goals as he helped Michigan State win the NCAA national championship in 2006-07. Bryan scored 68-60-128 in 169 games with Michigan State during his four years with the Spartans from 2004-2008.

DRAFTED: Not Drafted.

ACQUIRED: Signed standard American Hockey League two-way contract on April 4, 2008.

Bryan Lerg

Forward

Born Jan 20 1986 -- Livonia, MI

Height 5.10 -- Weight 175 -- Shoots L

Season	Team	Lge	--- Regular Season ---					---- Playoffs ----				
			GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2002-03	U.S. National Under-18 Te	NAHL	46	10	12	22	32					
2003-04	U.S. National Under-18 Te	NAHL	11	5	7	12	10					
2004-05	Michigan State University	NCAA	41	10	5	15	14					
2005-06	Michigan State University	NCAA	45	15	23	38	26					
2006-07	Michigan State University	NCAA	41	23	13	36	21					
2007-08	Michigan State University	NCAA	42	20	19	39	18					
2007-08	Springfield Falcons	AHL	4	0	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	--
2008-09	Stockton Thunder*	ECHL	7	2	8	10	4					
2008-09	Springfield Falcons	AHL	26	7	7	14	10					

FALCONS NEWS & Notes

PLAYER NOTES

- **December 15, 2008**

SCHREMP BACK WITH THE FALCONS

General Manager Steve Tambellini announced today the Edmonton Oilers have assigned centre Rob Schremp to the Springfield Falcons of the American Hockey League.

The 5' 11", 200 pound forward from Syracuse, New York was recalled from Edmonton's AHL affiliate on December 2nd and scored three assists in four games with the Oilers.

Schremp, the Oilers' second choice (1st round), 25th overall, in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft, made his season debut with Edmonton on December 3rd and scored his first career NHL point with an assist on Marc Pouliot's game-winning goal versus the Dallas Stars at Rexall Place. He also registered his first career NHL penalty minutes in that game with a hooking minor. In the Oilers next game, a 5-4 shootout win at Los Angeles on December 5th, Schremp scored a career-high two assists.

The 22-year old forward was Springfield's leading scorer at the time of his recall. He had scored one goal and a team-leading 17 assists in 18 games with the Falcons and was +5 with 10 penalty minutes.

UROUHART ASSIGNED TO STOCKTON

The Falcons also announced today that Cory Urquhart has been assigned back to their ECHL affiliate, the Stockton Thunder.

- **December 29, 2008**

DESLAURIERS ASSIGNED TO FALCONS

Springfield, MA – The Springfield Falcons announced today that goaltender **Jeff Deslauriers** has been assigned to the Falcons by the Edmonton Oilers for a two-week conditioning assignment.

In six games with the Oilers this season, Deslauriers has posted a 3-2-0 record with a 2.73 goals against average and a .915 save percentage.

During the 2007-08 campaign, Deslauriers was named Springfield's Most Valuable Player posting a record of 26-23-5 with a 2.90 goals against average and .912 save percentage in 57 games with the Falcons.

FALCONS MAKE ROSTER MOVES

Springfield, MA – The Springfield Falcons announced today that forward **Adam Huxley** has been recalled from their ECHL affiliate, the Stockton Thunder. The Falcons also announced that goaltender **Glenn Fisher** and defenseman **Rob Bina** have been assigned to the Thunder.

Huxley started the season with the Falcons playing in one regular season game before being assigned to Stockton on October 14. In 26 games with the Thunder, he has six goals and 92 penalty minutes ranking second on Stockton in penalty minutes.

Bina has played in 16 games for the Falcons registering four assists and 16 penalty minutes. In seven games with the Thunder this year, the Grand Forks, North Dakota native has one goal and two assists for three points and eight penalty minutes.

Fisher has appeared in three games for the Falcons this year and has posted a record of 0-1-0 with a 3.00 goals against average and .900 save percentage

- **January 7, 2009**

POTULNY HEADED TO ALL-STAR GAME

Springfield, MA – The Springfield Falcons, proud members of the American Hockey League, announced today that center Ryan Potulny has been named to the PlanetUSA roster and will represent the Falcons at the 2009 AHL All-Star Game in Worcester, MA presented by Charter Communications. The 2009 AHL All-Star Classic will take place on Monday, January 26 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Potulny currently leads the Falcons in scoring with 17 goals and 14 assists for 31 points in 34 games this season. The 6-foot, 190-pound native of Grand Forks, North Dakota also leads Springfield in goals and multi-point games with nine.

Potulny is in his first campaign with the Falcons and started the year in style scoring a pair of goals and earning the game's first star in Springfield's 4-3 opening night win at Hartford on October 11, 2008. Potulny was recently named the game's top star when he scored one goal in regulation and two more markers in the shootout on January 2, 2009 in a 3-2 Falcons' victory over the Manchester Monarchs.

Potulny is in his third full professional season and he was named an assistant captain of the Falcons back on October 8, 2008. He started his pro career splitting time between the AHL's Philadelphia Phantoms and NHL's Philadelphia Flyers from 2006-2008. Potulny was originally drafted by the Flyers in the third round (87th overall) in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft. Before joining the pro ranks, he spent three seasons with the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers from 2003-2006.

Booster Club Member News

2008-09 Membership Renewals

Anyone who has not renewed their membership can do so at any game at the Booster Club table.

If you have renewed or are a new member and you have not picked up your membership card you may do so also at any game at the Booster Club table by seeing Ruth.

1936-37' Hockey

Is there any interest by any new or old-time hockey fans to see an autographed 1936-1937 Springfield Indians Hockey Stick?

If so, please stop by the Booster Club Table at any home game.

Night at the Perch sign-ups

There is a sign-up sheet at the booster club table for anyone interested in a booster club night in the perch. For morw information, see any member at the table on game night

Trips

Les Kimball, our trip coordinator, has once again put together a very exciting schedule for trips this season.

November 15, 2008: Worcester Sharks (Tickets only)	February 14, 2009: Syracuse Crunch
December 28, 2008: Manchester Monarchs	February 22, 2009: Providence Bruins
January 31, 2009: Binghamton Senators	March 28, 2008: Albany River Rats

All-Star Game

The 2008 – 2009 all-star game will be played at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA on Monday January 26th, 2009. We are trying to see if there is any interest in a bus trip to the game. Contact Les Kimball at the Booster Club table or via e-mail at Sportsdad1715@msn.com

Ticket Vouchers for Booster Club Members

The Booster Club has now sold flex vouchers for the past two seasons for \$10.00 enabling members to bring friends and/or family to games. This season, vouchers will once again be available to Booster Club members for the price of \$10.00. If you are interested in getting vouchers, simply go to the Booster Club table at Falcons home games and they will be happy to assist you in obtaining as many vouchers as you would like.

FROM THE DESK OF BRUCE LANDON

December 28, 2008 - 10:30 am

Having never done a blog before this year, I was never sure what I was supposed to write about. I was told simply to write about hockey and anything to do with hockey, whether it is about the Falcons or any team in any League. The one thing I have to always remind myself of is that our website is viewed by hockey fans all over the United States and Canada. I was recently reminded of that lately by a hockey fan in Kingston, Ontario who disagreed with me about a comment I made in one of my recent blogs. Isn't that what being a sports fan is all about? You get to disagree, argue, second guess and vent all of your emotions over decisions made by coaches, managers and players.

As we enter the New Year here are a few of my own personal wishes for the game of hockey in 2009:

- 1) I hope there are no more serious injuries to the Oilers or the Falcons, so both teams can have a good second half of the season.
- 2) I hope that a player like Sean Avery can get the help he needs to become a better person and show his appreciation for the talent he has and how lucky he is to be in this sport.
- 3) I hope that we find a way to reduce the number of concussions that are sidelining so many of our talented hockey players.
- 4) I hope that someone throws a body check in the AHL All Star game. It is a wonderful showcase of some of the greatest talent in our League, but we need to get a little more emotion into the game.
- 5) I hope that the next NHL coach who is hired comes from the American Hockey League. My pick is Kevin Dineen for the work he has done in Portland over the past couple of years.
- 6) I hope that someone in hockey gives Frank Anzalone another shot at coaching. I spent three hours one night a few years ago talking hockey with Frank when he was interviewed for the job in Springfield. I came away very impressed and he deserves another chance to prove he belongs behind the bench.
- 7) I hope that we simply leave the game of hockey alone and stop tinkering with all of the rules.
- 8) I hope that Kevin Cheveldayoff General Manager of the Chicago Wolves gets his shot in the National Hockey League. He is good judge of talent and has paid his dues.
- 9) I hope that our fans will realize that in comparison to a lot of teams in the AHL, that we receive pretty good coverage from the media, despite being in a market that has to report on Boston sports, as well as all of the high school and college teams that deserve coverage as well.
- 10) I hope that I never lose sight of the fact, that it has been an honor to be a part of this game for almost 40 years and to meet so many wonderful people and to watch so many gifted and talented players make it to the National Hockey League.

Thanks for your continued support.

Bruce

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS BOOSTER CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008 - 2009 SEASON

SEND IN PAYMENT FOR RENEWAL AND PICK UP MEMBERSHIP CARD(S) AT OR AFTER THE FIRST HOME GAME.
NEW MEMBER PRICING

NEW ADULT: \$15.00

E MEMBER: \$5.00 (SEE BELOW)

NEW JUNIOR \$6.00

NEW FAMILY: \$25.00 (2 Adults & Children under 18 years)

IF PAID BY THIRD GAME OF THE SEASON, NEW ADULT PRICE WILL BE \$12.00

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IF PAID BY THIRD GAME OF THE SEASON, ADULT RENEWAL PRICE WILL BE \$10.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

BIRTHDAY _____ DATE JOINED _____

SIGNED UP BY: _____ ARE YOU A TICKET PACKAGE HOLDER? _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS 3 OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS AT SAME ADDRESS (2 Adults & Children under 18 years)

PLEASE LIST BELOW WITH THEIR BIRTHDAYS, JUNIOR MEMBERS YEAR OF BIRTH IS ALSO REQUIRED.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL? YES (Recommended) NO

(Sending newsletters via email helps keep cost of printing, processing, and postage within reason)

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

E-MEMBER: OFFERED TO FALCONS FANS LIVING MORE THAN 100 MILES AWAY.

E-MEMBERS HAVE NO VOTING RIGHTS, NO MEMBER DISCOUNTS ON BUS TRIPS, AND WILL NOT RECEIVE MAILED NEWSLETTERS. E- MEMBERS CAN ATTEND ALL OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

LIST NAMES AND BIRTHDAYS OF FAMILY MEMBERS BELOW:

NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____ NAME _____ BIRTHDAY _____

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YOU CAN RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT ANY HOME GAME THROUGH THE END OF NOVEMBER AT THE BOOSTER CLUB TABLE OR MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Springfield Falcons Booster Club
P.O. Box 1285 Springfield, Ma. 01101

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Mario Cantallini from the Plantation Inn located at the end of Interstate 291 in Chicopee, has graciously allowed us to use the parking lot of the Plantation Inn for our bus trips. Please try to patronize his establishment as much as possible whenever you need to find lodging for friends and relatives coming into town.



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