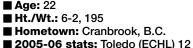
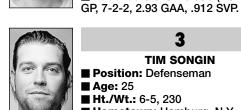


**LOGAN KOOPMANS** ■ Position: Goaltender



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**TIM SONGIN** 

■ Position: Defenseman ■ Age: 25 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-5, 230 ■ Hometown: Hamburg, N.Y. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 12 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 pts., 21 PIM. Canisius College,

35 GP, 3 G, 10 A, 13 pts., 23 PIM.

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**JASON MALEYKO** 

■ Position: Defenseman ■ Age: 26

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 195 ■ Hometown: Windsor, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 67 GP, 6 G, 40 A, 46 pts., 109 PIM.



MITCH MAUNU ■ Position: Defenseman

■ Age: 20 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-1, 205 ■ Hometown: Thunder Bay, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Windsor (OHL) 58 GP, 9 G, 27 A, 36 pts., 92 PIM.



**DAN WATSON** 

■ Position: Defenseman ■ Age: 27

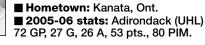
■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 220 ■ Hometown: Glencoe, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Long Beach (ECHL)

17 GP, 1 G, 2 A, 3 pts., 34 PIM.



**MIKE BERRY** ■ Position: Right wing

■ Age: 23 ■ Ht./Wt.: 5-11, 180





**MATT ZULTEK** ■ Position: Left wing

**■ Age:** 27 **■ Ht./Wt.:** 6-4, 215 ■ Hometown: Mississauga, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 24 GP, 10 G, 8 A, 18 pts., 47 PIM. Greenville (ECHL) 22 GP, 6 G, 5 A, 11 pts., 56 PIM.



11 **CHRIS BLIGHT** 

Position: Right wing ■ Age: 24 ■ Hometown: Cambridge, Ont.

G, 32 A, 61 pts., 52 PIM.



12 **RICHARD COLWILL** 

■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 65 GP, 29

Position: Right wing ■ Age: 24 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-1, 200 ■ Hometown: Fergus, Ont.

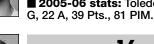
■ 2005-06 stats: Wilfrid Lauier University (CIS) 24 GP, 9 G, 10 A, 19 pts., 22 PIM.



14 **JEFF ATTARD** 

# ■ Position: Center

■ Age: 27 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 205 ■ Hometown: London, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 66 GP 17



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**MIKE WALSH** 

■ Position: Right wing ■ Age: 24

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 190 ■ Hometown: Northville, Mich.

■ 2005-06 stats: Notre Dame, 36 GP, 10 G, 7 A, 17 pts., 42 PIM.



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17 **KEN MAGOWAN** 

■ Position: Left wing

■ Age: 25 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 205

G, 30 A, 57 pts., 133 PIM.

■ Hometown: Kelowna, B.C. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 68 GP, 27



### 18

**NICK PARILLO** ■ Position: Left wing

■ Age: 29

■ Ht./Wt.: 5-9, 180 ■ Hometown: Schenectady, N.Y. ■ 2005-06 stats: Colorado (CHL) 45 GP, 18 G, 17 A, 35 pts., 107 PIM.



## 19

**MIKE JAMES** ■ Position: Left wing

■ Age: 24 **■ Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 190

■ Hometown: Windsor, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 69 GP, 17 G, 22 A, 39 pts., 160 PIM.

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## **ANDREW MARTIN**

■ Position: Center

■ Age: 23 **■ Ht./Wt.:** 5-11, 195

**■ Hometown:** Brampton, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: UMass-Lowell, 17 GP, 7 G, 5 A, 12 pts., 2 PIM.



**22** 

### **SCOOTER SMITH** ■ Position: Left wing

■ Age: 25 ■ Ht./Wt.: 5-10, 180

**■ Hometown:** Calgary ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 59 GP, 23 G, 37 A, 60 pts., 81 PIM.



23 **GERRY BURKE** 

■ Position: Defenseman

■ Age: 24

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-4, 225

■ Hometown: Milton, Mass. ■ 2005-06 stats: Toledo 68 GP, 8 G, 17 A, 25 pts., 89 PIM.



## 24

**JON SITKO** ■ Position: Defenseman

■ Age: 23 **■ Ht./Wt.:** 5-10, 190

■ Hometown: Kitchener, Ont. ■ 2005-06 stats: Bowling Green, 24 GP, 0 G, 2 A, 2 pts., 57 PIM.

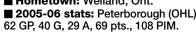


# 25

**JAMIE TARDIF ■ Position:** Right wing

■ Age: 21 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-0, 205

**■ Hometown:** Welland, Ont.





# 26

**PAUL CROSTY** 



■ Position: Defenseman ■ Age: 24 ■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 220

**■ Hometown:** Edmonton

■ 2005-06 stats: Brown University, 24 GP, 1 G, 3 A, 4 pts., 55 PIM.



# **27**

TAYLOR RASZKA

■ Position: Left wing ■ Age: 19

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2, 185 ■ Hometown: Petersburg, Mich.

■ 2005-06 stats: Brampton (OHL) 62 GP, 27 G, 10 A, 37 pts., 38 PIM.



# 31

**DOMINIC VICARI ■ Position:** Goaltender

■ Age: 21



■ Ht./Wt.: 5-10, 180 ■ Hometown: Clinton Township,

### ■ 2005-06 stats: Michigan State, 16 GP, 8-6-2, 2.62 GAA, .896 SVP.

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in points.

Maleyko collected the sixthmost points among ECHL defensemen with 46 (6 G, 40 A).

'We have a lot of guys back and we want to win for Nick," Maleyko said. "I think you can expect a team that will be high energy, high scoring, and rough and tumble.'

The return of sparkplug Nick Parillo, who has appeared in 192 games for Toledo, should help in all phases of the game. This will be the fourth season with the Storm for Parillo, who has scored 58 goals and handed out 100 assists.

Two players who finished among the top 10 on the team in scoring also are back but will start the season on the injured reserve list. Left winger Mike James, who suffered a concussion in the conference finals, still has not fully recovered. Center Jeff Attard had a shoulder surgery in the offseason. Each scored 17 goals and dished out 22 assists.

Vitucci, who shares or owns four Storm goaltending records, said he is confident in his rookie-veteran combo in net this year. Logan Koopmans will begin his third stint in Toledo as the No. 1 goalie. But Michigan State product Dominic Vicari has looked good in the preseason.

"There should be great competition in net," Vitucci said. Last year was tough for Koops. He was projected to be our No. 1 and then he was lost for most of the season with an injury. He's worked very hard."

Vitucci hopes the duo can offset the major offseason loss of Drew MacIntyre. MacIntyre, who is now in the Vancouver organization, led the ECHL in goals-against average (2.06) and played a major role in the postseason run. Vitucci said physical forward

Matt Zultek was a huge addition for the playoff stretch and pointed out that defenseman Gerry Burke is coming off an all-star year. Burke and Maleyko will be joined by fellow vet Dan Watson

be called upon to teach rookie defensemen Tim Songin, Paul Crosty and Mitch Maunu. "It may take a while to grow some whiskers back there," he

said. "But they all have the capability to be good players."
Vitucci will have a familiar face next to him on the bench. Rick Judson, the organization's all-time leader in points, is Vitucci's assistant coach this

"He has a lot of experience to offer from a player's standpoint," Vitucci said. Vitucci's former assistant coach, Stan Drulia, has moved on to Port Huron (Michigan)

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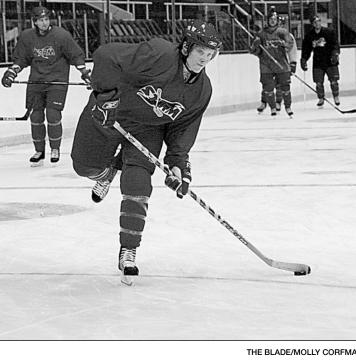
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Paul Crosty prepares to shoot in practice Monday as the Storm prepares for its season opener Friday at the Sports Arena.

man B.J. Adams, who will serve as assistant coach.

Vitucci singled out a few first-year players from whom he expects a lot of production. He said center Andrew Martin and right wingers Jamie Tardif and Mike Berry have had successful

careers already. Left winger Taylor Raszka, who grew up in Petersburg, Mich., and played in the Ontario Hockey League, now resides in Sylvania and is looking forward to playing in front of the hometown crowd, Vitucci said.

Seven of the Storm's first eight games are at the Sports Arena where Toledo lost just six times last season.

The Storm remains in the North Division with familiar foes Dayton, Johnstown, Reading, Trenton and Wheeling. But another in-state rival has joined the division with the addition of the Cincinnati Cyclones. There will be stiff competi-

tion again in the division," Vitucci said. "Reading and Wheeling will be very strong. It will be another grind.' In 2005-06, Toledo scored 244 goals (3.39 per game) and gave

up 189 (2.63). on the blue line. The trio will The Storm was incredibly stingy on the penalty kill, stopping the opposition's power play 84.4 percent of the time, which was fourth-best in the league. The power play unit scored 18.2 percent of the time and ranked 10th in the ECHL.

Blight, who finished seventh among all rookies in scoring with 61 points, was the No. 1 first-year player with seven game-winning goals. "It looks like our skill level

may be up even more," Blight

said. "We have some great col-

lege players and some young

guys with a lot of skill. Last year,

we came so close. It would be nice to take the next step." Contact Mark Monroe at: mmonroe@theblade.com or 419-724-6110.

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