



HERSHEY BEARS WEEKLY RELEASE

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Still the one: HERSHEY enters the final days of 2008 as the number one team in the AHL in wins (23), points (47) and winning percentage (.734). Should the BEARS possess the best winning percentage in the league after the games of January 4, Bob Woods and Mark French will travel to Worcester to coach the Canadian AHL All-Stars at the AHL All-Star Classic January 25-26. Manitoba has the second best winning percentage in the league at .694.

Neuvirth makes his debut: Goaltender Michal Neuvirth made his HERSHEY debut this past weekend, starting Saturday against Binghamton and Sunday against Albany. Neuvirth made 24 saves Sunday to earn his first AHL win in a 5-3 win over the River Rats at GIANT Center.

Holiday roster movement: Right wing Andrew Gordon made his NHL debut this past Tuesday for Washington against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden. Defenseman Bryan Helmer, who was also recalled last Tuesday, was named the number one star of the game this past Friday for the Caps against the Buffalo Sabres. Helmer was assigned to HERSHEY Saturday, and defenseman Tyler Sloan was assigned by Washington on Sunday.

Atlantic Division, Hello!: After playing just two games against the Atlantic Division in 2008-09 thus far, the BEARS will begin a four-game stretch against Atlantic Division competition Wednesday. HERSHEY will travel to Springfield, Providence, Hartford and Worcester in a span from December 31-January 4.

Washington update: The Capitals travel to Buffalo to face the Sabres Tuesday night for the team's final game of 2008. Washington returns home New Year's Night to play the Tampa Bay Lightning at Verizon Center. Face-off is at 7:00 p.m.

BEARS MOVE INTO 2009 AS FIVE GAME ROAD TRIP BEGINS



NEW YEAR'S IN NEW ENGLAND: BEARS TRAVEL TO SPRINGFIELD, PROVIDENCE WORCESTER AND LOWELL

The HERSHEY BEARS Hockey Club embarks on a five-game road trip this Wednesday after a 5-3 win over the Albany River Rats Sunday at GIANT Center. The win was HERSHEY'S league-leading 23rd of the season. The road trip begins Wednesday in Springfield with a 1:00 p.m. start against the Falcons.

The BEARS will return home to face Houston on Friday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for all BEARS home games are on sale now at the GIANT Center box office, or by calling (717) 534-3911.



TEAM	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS
HERSHEY	32	23	8	0	1	47
Bridgeport	33	21	9	1	2	45
WB/Scranton	33	20	11	1	1	42
Binghamton	33	17	10	3	3	40
Philadelphia	33	19	13	0	1	39
Norfolk	34	13	16	1	4	31
Albany	32	11	16	3	2	27



Player	GP	G	A	PTS
Keith Aucoin	30	11	30	41
Alexandre Giroux	25	18	12	30
Chris Bourque	27	8	20	28
Kyle Wilson	32	14	12	26
Graham Mink	29	13	13	26

UPCOMING OPPONENTS

GAME 33
Wednesday, December 31
HERSHEY at Springfield Falcons
1:00 p.m. Airtime 12:40 p.m.
RADIO: WQIC (100.1 FM)
WLPA (1490 AM), Sportsjuice.com

GAME 34
Friday, January 2
HERSHEY at Providence Bruins
7:05 p.m. Airtime 6:45 p.m.
RADIO: WQIC (100.1 FM)
WLPA (1490 AM), Sportsjuice.com

GAME 35
Saturday, January 3
HERSHEY at Hartford Wolf Pack
7:00 p.m. Airtime 6:40 p.m.
RADIO: WQIC (100.1 FM)
WLPA (1490 AM), Sportsjuice.com

GAME 36
Sunday, January 4
HERSHEY at Worcester Sharks
4:05 p.m. Airtime 3:45 p.m.
RADIO: WQIC (100.1 FM)
WLPA (1490 AM), Sportsjuice.com