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STEEL CELEBRATE 20 SEASONS WITH BOBBLEHEAD GIVEAWAY AND THROWBACK WEEKEND

Year 2000 Rusty bobblehead giveaway highlights two-game home set

GENEVA, ILLINOIS — Break out your cargo shorts and throw that *NSYNC CD into your PT Cruiser on the way to the Chicago Steel games this weekend for a 2000s-themed weekend! The Steel (25-4-1-0, 51 pts) take on the Omaha Lancers (15-10-5-0, 35 pts) for back-to-back games at Fox Valley Ice Arena this Friday and Saturday featuring a special bobblehead giveaway on Saturday night.

The one-of-a-kind bobblehead giveaway on Saturday highlights the fan festivities with the first 500 spectators receiving a Year 2000 Rusty bobblehead doll capturing the mascot complete with cargo shorts, a Nokia phone, a LIVESTRONG bracelet and even a 2000s hairstyle!

The weekend begins with a Year 2000 Throwback on Friday as the first-place Steel take on the Omaha Lancers. The nostalgia-packed evening includes the best dance moves of the new millennium and a chance to test your 2000s knowledge (as long as Y2K doesn't take out the power), with prizes going to lucky winners!

Puck drop for each game is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

On the ice, the first-place Steel are riding a franchise-record 11-game win streak and have taken victories in 18 of the last 19 contests. In the club's most recent outing, Chicago mounted a literal last-minute comeback as the team scored two goals in the final minute of play to flip a 3-2 deficit to a 4-3 win over the Dubuque Fighting Saints at Mystique Community Ice Center in Iowa.

Over his last two games, Chicago forward Erik Middendorf has tallied back-to-back game-winning goals. The Scottsdale, Ariz., native notched his sixth of the season against the Fighting Saints in a 2-0 victory on Jan. 10 and followed up the performance with a marker to put the Steel ahead 4-3 with 8.8 seconds remaining the following night in Dubuque. Since joining the Steel in November, Middendorf has totaled seven goals and seven assists over 16 games played.

The Lancers are paced in points by Alexander Campbell, a 5-foot-10, 160-pound forward, who has notched eight goals and 19 helpers in 26 games played this season. The Chateaugay, Quebec, native was selected in the third round (65th overall) of the 2019 NHL Draft by the Nashville Predators and is committed to Clarkson University. Netminder Kyle McClellan has taken the bulk of the action in net with an 8-5-3-0 record as well as a 2.39 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage.

After the two-game homestand, the Steel take to the road for a Saturday night matchup against the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders on Jan. 25.

Following the visit to Cedar Rapids, the Steel return home on Sat., Jan. 26 to wrap up the regular-season series against the RoughRiders. The 3:05 pm puck drop is a Topgolf Family

pack game and will be a celebration of Rusty's birthday with a mascot hockey game during the second intermission featuring many fan-favorite mascots from the region. Following the matchup, the Steel will be holding full-team autographs, a chance for fans to get signatures from their favorite Chicago players.

Chicago Steel games may be heard on Mixlr at <http://mixlr.com/chicago-steel/> (AUDIO) and video may be streamed on available devices through HockeyTV at www.hockeytv.com (VIDEO).

LAST WEEK

Friday, January 10 vs. Dubuque Fighting Saints W 2-0; [Postgame Central](#)

Saturday, January 11 at Dubuque Fighting Saints W 4-3; [Postgame Central](#)

Chicago Steel Upcoming Home Games:

Friday, January 17 vs. Omaha Lancers 7:05 pm (Year 2000 Throwback Night)

Saturday, January 18 vs. Omaha Lancers 7:05 pm (Giveaway: Year 200 Rusty Bobblehead Doll for first 500 fans)

Sunday, January 26 vs. Cedar Rapids RoughRiders 3:05 pm (Rusty's Birthday with mascot hockey game, Topgolf Family Pack, Full-team postgame autographs)

For more information and to purchase Steel tickets, call 855-51-STEEL or visit ChicagoSteelHockeyTeam.com.

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