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# 2011-12 CHL Season

## Final Standings

### Turner Conference

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA	PIM	HOME	AWAY
Fort Wayne	66	40	19	7	87	0.659	228	187	1272	19-8-6	21-11-1
Evansville	66	40	22	4	84	0.636	215	192	1390	21-11-1	19-11-3
Missouri	66	39	21	6	84	0.636	223	200	1048	19-11-3	20-10-3
Rapid City	66	38	22	6	82	0.621	226	176	1142	21-9-3	17-13-3
Quad City	66	37	27	2	76	0.576	230	201	949	20-11-2	17-16-0
Dayton	66	23	29	14	60	0.455	185	228	958	13-12-8	10-17-6
Bloomington	66	24	35	7	55	0.417	183	244	951	14-16-3	10-19-4

### Berry Conference

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	PCT	GF	GA	PIM	HOME	AWAY
Wichita	66	44	19	3	91	0.689	231	181	1077	24-8-1	20-11-2
Allen	66	39	18	9	87	0.659	212	175	1336	20-10-3	19-8-6
Texas	66	33	25	8	74	0.561	171	170	1028	22-7-4	11-18-4
Rio Grande Valley	66	32	27	7	71	0.538	208	200	1020	20-8-5	12-19-2
Tulsa	66	29	29	8	66	0.500	207	222	1000	20-8-5	9-21-3
Laredo	66	25	38	3	53	0.402	175	246	943	15-17-1	10-21-2
Arizona	66	19	38	9	47	0.356	175	247	1315	11-17-5	8-21-4

## 2012 President's Cup Playoffs

### Opening Round

#### Turner Conference

- #1 Fort Wayne eliminates #4 Rapid City 4-2
- #2 Evansville loses to #3 Missouri 4-0

#### Berry Conference

- #1 Wichita eliminates #4 Rio Grande Valley 4-1
- #2 Allen loses to #3 Texas 4-2

### Conference Finals

#### Turner Conference

- #1 Fort Wayne eliminates #3 Missouri 4-3

#### Berry Conference

- #1 Wichita eliminates #3 Texas 4-2

### President's Cup Finals

- #1 Fort Wayne eliminates #1 Wichita 4-1

## Regular Season Awards

<b>Most Valuable Player:</b>	Brandon Marino, Quad City Mallards
<b>Most Outstanding Goaltender:</b>	Mark Guggenberger, Texas Brahmas
<b>Most Outstanding Defenseman:</b>	Riley Weselowski, Rapid City Rush
<b>Coach of the Year:</b>	Kevin McClelland, Wichita Thunder
<b>Rookie of the Year:</b>	Mark Guggenberger, Texas Brahmas
<b>Man of the Year:</b>	Riley Weselowski, Rapid City Rush
<b>Equipment Manager of the Year:</b>	Romeo Vivit, Rapid City Rush
<b>Athletic Trainer of the Year:</b>	Bryan Rogers, Dayton Gems
<b>All-CHL Team:</b>	Frankie DeAngelis, Fort Wayne Komets (D) Riley Weselowski, Rapid City Rush (D) Shawn Limpricht, Rapid City Rush (F) Todd Robinson, Evansville Icemen (F) Brandon Marino, Quad City Mallards (F) Mark Guggenberger, Texas Brahmas (G)
<b>All-Rookie Team:</b>	Jeff Terminesi, Tulsa Oilers (D) Dylan King, Allen Americans (D) Jared Brown, Quad City Mallards (F) Andrew Courtney, Missouri Mavericks (F) Mike Ullrich, Tulsa Oilers (F) Mark Guggenberger, Texas Brahmas (G)



# ODESSA JACKALOPES



2011-2012  
OFFICIAL YEARBOOK





## The 2010-2011 Odessa Jackalopes, “The End of an Era”

The 2010-2011 season was nothing short of a roller coaster ride for the Odessa Jackalopes and their fans. Before the postseason even began the year had reached its limit of ups, downs, heartaches, and thrills. For the third straight year, the Jackalopes found themselves in another disappointing end to a promising playoff run. A playoff run that not just ended the season, but also ended an era of professional hockey in West Texas as the 2010-2011 season was Odessa’s final mark as a member of the Central Hockey League.

An exciting offseason saw the return of a core that was one win away from a President’s Cup Final appearance each of the last two years, and the addition of new faces that could finally fill the gaps needed to take the franchise one step further than it had ever gone before. However, before the regular season began those hopes were quickly replaced by fright when a third period brawl against the Jacks was instigated by the Colorado Eagles during a preseason game. The incident left team captain, Dave Van Drunen in the hospital and out of the lineup for more than two months, while Colorado’s Brad MacMillan was suspended for 22 games.

The Jackalopes would suffer a hangover from that preseason tilt as the team stumbled to start to year going just 2-9-1 in their first 12 games. Odessa snapped the funk on November 18th in a 6-3, home win over Rio Grande Valley thanks to four-point games from Dominic Leveille, Sebastien Thinel, and newcomer Todd Robinson. The offensive outburst from Thinel and Robinson was a sign of things to come as the two forwards battled each other all season long for the CHL’s Scoring Title.

That November win against Rio Grande Valley sparked a 16-5-2 stretch for the Jacks that saw them jump from last in their conference to fourth, and pulled them over the .500 mark at 18-14-4 coming out of the All-Star Break. Along the way, Van Drunen returned to play in a November 23rd bout against Texas. The game finished in an 8-6 loss, but the Jacks had their captain back.

Sebastien Thinel represented the Jacks at the CHL’s All-Star Game in Rapid City, South Dakota after leading the league with 60 points. Robinson was right behind at 56.

Just as things started to take course, the Jacks were dealt another blow as Dave Van Drunen was lost to injury again. This time from a broken kneecap on January 19th at Arizona from blocking a shot. Van Drunen sat out the rest of the season recovering, but became a second assistant to the coaching staff during the postseason. The loss of Van Drunen could not come at a worse time for the Jackalopes, who would only win twice in their next 14 games.

As the month of February closed down, the Jackalopes found themselves in the middle of a tight standings race with Tulsa, Arizona, and Mississippi. Odessa picked the right time to heat up their play. The Jackalopes went 11-4-1 in the final 16 games of the season to secure the fifth seed in their conference, and an opening round playoff date with the Texas Brahmas – the third straight season Odessa and Texas would meet in a playoff series.

The end of the regular season also proved to be special in the career of Sebastien Thinel. On March 11th he was named a finalist for the league’s Most Valuable Player award for the third straight year. He broke his own franchise record with his 98th point of the season on March 15th after scoring his second goal of a game against the Arizona Sundogs. Thinel ended the season atop the CHL with 110 points, while Todd Robinson finished in second with 99. Thinel was the first player in team history to score 100 points in a single season.

Texas took game one by a 5-4 final, but like last year, the rest of the series belonged to the Jacks. Odessa rattled off three straight wins and clinched the best-of-five series at home in a 5-0, shutout of Texas. Next for Odessa was another repeat date from last year, the top-seeded Allen Americans...

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***“The End of an Era”, Continued...***

It was just a year ago that the Americans had eliminated Odessa in a deciding game seven to advance the CHL’s President’s Cup Final.

The Jackalopes raced out of the gate to a 2-0 series lead in the best-of-five round. Allen took game three by a 3-1 final to keep the series alive. A controversial game four gave Allen five consecutive power plays in a 5-3 win and forced the series to a deciding fifth game. The Americans would complete the comeback in a 3-1 win and end the Jackalopes final season as a member of the CHL.

The disappointing loss wasn’t a first for the Jackalopes, but a taste of the NHL was. The Jackalopes spent the majority of their regular season without the services of forward Jean Bourbeau and goaltender Joel Martin. Both players had been called-up to the American Hockey League’s Bridgeport Sound Tigers early in the season and played their way into regular shifts. During a string of goalie injuries for the NHL’s New York Islanders, Joel Martin realized a dream when he was called-up again to play for the Isles. Martin dressed two games for New York, the parent club to both the Sound Tigers and Jackalopes, and served as the backup goaltender for the team. He is the only player in Jacks history to sign an NHL contract.

In April 2011 it was made official that the Jackalopes would leave professional hockey and move to the North American Hockey League. A junior-level league that allows amateur players the opportunity to secure college scholarships or be drafted by an NHL club. 87 former NAHL players appeared in the NHL this past season, while 375 skated for an NCAA Division I hockey program.

The move to the NAHL is the end of one era, and the start of another for the Odessa Jackalopes. New challenges and new experiences await starting with the upcoming 2011-2012 campaign...

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# CAPTURING THE MOMENT

## March 6, 2010

**Joel Martin** stops nine shooters against the Laredo Bucks in a 5-4, 11-round shootout win for the Jackalopes. **Dominic Leveille** scored the shootout winning goal in the 11th round.



## April 10, 2010

**Jeff Pierce** scores at 16:43 of overtime to win Game Two against the Allen Americans, tying the Southern Conference Finals at 1-1. **Sebastien Thinel** and **Dave Van Drunen** had the assists.



## April 19, 2010

Trailing 3-2 in the Southern Conference Finals to Allen, **Garrett Gruenke** scores the Game Six, overtime winner at 6:53 to force a seventh game. **Sebastien Thinel** and **Collin Circelli** recorded the assists.





# #6 GARRETT GRUENKE

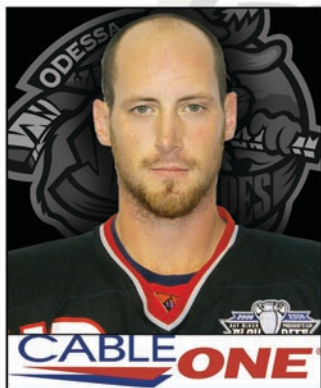
DEFENSEMAN  
6'5", 210 lbs. - Shoots: Right  
Plymouth, Minnesota



Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM
2003-04	Bozeman IceDogs	NAHL	54	4	4	8	60
2004-05	St. Thomas University	NCAA	25	0	2	2	--
2005-06	St. Thomas University	NCAA	19	1	2	3	--
2006-07	St. Thomas University	NCAA	26	0	3	3	--
2007-08	St. Thomas University	NCAA	29	1	3	4	12
2008-09	Odessa Jackalopes	CHL	63	0	5	5	149
2009-10	Odessa Jackalopes	CHL	64	2	9	11	176
Pro Totals			127	2	14	16	325

# #7 ALEX DUNN

DEFENSEMAN  
5'11", 180 lbs. - Shoots: Right  
Waterford, Michigan



Season	Team	League	GP	G	A	Pts.	PIM
2000-01	Capital Centre Pride	NAHL	31	0	7	7	88
2000-01	Omaha Lancers	USHL	7	0	1	1	10
2001-02	Capital Centre Pride	NAHL	55	15	24	39	169
2002-03	Lake Superior State	NCAA	30	2	2	4	32
2003-04	Lake Superior State	NCAA	33	5	3	8	50
2004-05	Lake Superior State	NCAA	38	6	4	10	88
2005-06	Lake Superior State	NCAA	23	3	4	7	36
2005-06	Idaho Steelheads	ECHL	9	0	0	0	12
2006-07	Odessa Jackalopes	CHL	62	8	16	24	161
2007-08	Odessa Jackalopes	CHL	64	13	20	33	129
2008-09	Manchester Phoenix	EIHL	68	13	30	43	199
2009-10	Odessa Jackalopes	CHL	64	16	28	44	145
Pro Totals			267	50	94	144	646