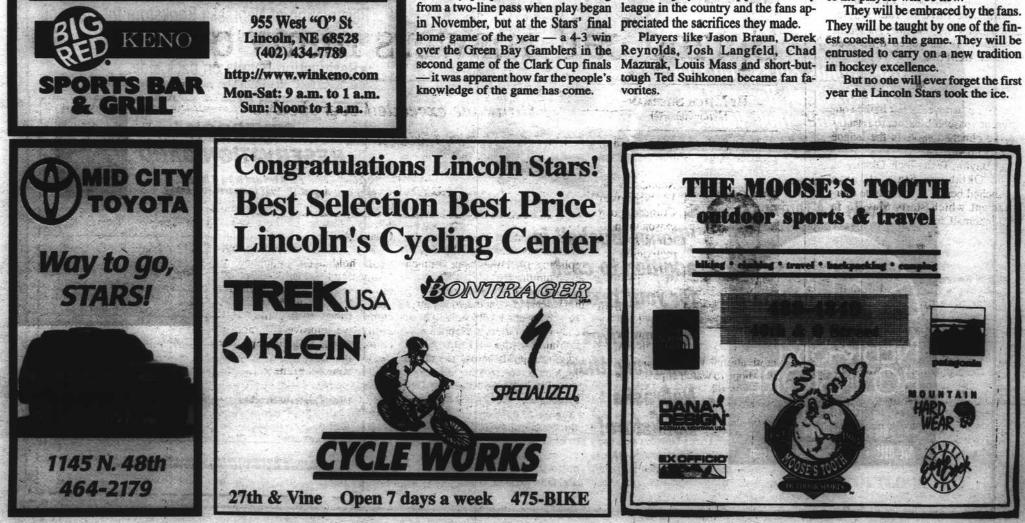
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COLN The Staff at the Daily Nebraskan Would Like to Salute the Lincoln Stars on their **Clark Cup Victory.** Way to Go Guys!

Big Red Keno Sports Bar & Grill is where the action is! So bring your friends out for great fun! And right now it's SAND VOLLEYBALL time! Come and play free of charge (exceptions are leagues). Must be 21 years old to play.

Live Keno, Free NTN Trivia, Great Food, Beer Deck Pool, Darts, Happy Hour, 35 T.V.s, Sand Volleyball



The Lincoln Stars' first year period of time couldn't have been much better. A United States Hockey League title, a berth in the Junior A National Hockey Tournament and a 40-win regular season - something no team has accomplished in a first-ever season.

But anyone who saw the Stars at one of the sold-out --- and every home game was packed with 4,321 Silly-String, Section-K loving fans - home games at the Ice Box, watched a team transform from a group of unknowns into one of the most successful sports teams in the city of Lincoln's history.

And as the team grew together, so did its fans. Of course, success made that a little easier.

Many people didn't know icing

And that knowledge grew in quick

The people here are more enthusiastic than most of the USHL towns I've been," Stars Coach Steve Johnson said in January. "These have to be some of the most enthusiastic fans I have ever seen."

The merger between the team and an energetic bunch of fans was apparent everywhere. The crowds' energy was transformed on the ice and the players' tenacity gave fans a great appreciation for the game.

The players were everyday people and that's what the community loved. They worked in the community. They attended local high schools and colleges. They left their families for the chance to play in the top junior hockey league in the country and the fans ap-

From 12 states and two provinces they became a fine-tuned skating machine, as the Stars finished the regular ason 40-13-1.

In the USHL playoffs, Lincoln dismissed Rochester in five games, the bigname Omaha Lancers in five and swept Green Bay - the team with best regular-season record (41-11-2).

Now the Stars will hit the ice in Springfield, Ill., on Friday for the Junior A Tournament and the chance to surprise and win over the hearts of more people.

But next season things will be different. Age requirements and college offers will take some Stars away from the Star City. Next year's team will have some of the same faces, but a lot of the players will be new.