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## Blackhawks, Beef enter player development partnership

The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, have announced a player development partnership with the Omaha Beef for the 2009 season that will focus on providing players opportunities to continue and advance their football careers.

"The entire (Blackhawks) organization is excited about the partnership," said Blackhawks owner, Jake Hiffernan. "We have an obligation to our players to provide them with opportunities to advance their careers and an obligation to our fans to win a championship. This partnership should provide us with both."

Omaha Beef president, Dakota Crow agreed.

"Omaha and Council Bluffs have had a long history of indoor football," said Crow. "We feel that this strategic partnership will help offer even more entertainment and excitement for thousands of fans as well as assisting in player development for both teams."

The first step of the two team's partnership will be a two-day joint tryout hosted by the Blackhawks at the Mid-America Center on January 24-25. Players can register for the tryout through either team's website - [www.IowaBlackhawks.com](http://www.IowaBlackhawks.com) or [www.BeefFootball.com](http://www.BeefFootball.com).

More information will be released regarding the partnership in coming weeks.

The Blackhawks will be kicking off their sixth season of competition in the American Professional Football League in April while the Beef will begin their tenth season of competition in March as a member newly formed Indoor Football League.

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