

Blackhawks practice for charity

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The Blackhawks will conduct a joint practice with the Omaha Beef of the United Indoor Football Association, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit MOHM's Place of Council Bluffs and the Open Door Mission of Omaha.

"It's very exciting to be teaming up with the Omaha Beef in a joint effort to better our teams and do something positive for the community," said Iowa Blackhawks owner Jake Hiffernan. "Our teams have a common goal, and that is to be the best community partner as possible and to bring a championship to our respective cities."

The Black on Black practice for charity will begin at noon with the joint practice session between the Beef and Blackhawks. Fans will also get a chance to see performances by the Blackhawks' Fly Girls and the Beef's RumpRoasters and Prime Dancers. Admission will be \$5 at the door.

The Iowa Blackhawks are preparing for their season opener scheduled for Friday, April 14, at the St. Joseph, Mo., Civic Center against the Storm.

Last season the Blackhawks, under the direction of head coach Mike Wolff, won their conference title and played for the APFL championship. The Blackhawks have their sights set on a return trip to the APFL title game.

Blackhawks season tickets are now on sale. For more information regarding the Iowa Blackhawks' upcoming season, call their office at (712) 366-9326, e-mail jakehiffernan@iowablackhawks.com, or visit www.iowablackhawks.com.

The Omaha Beef are preparing for their season opening contest against the defending UIF champion Sioux Falls Storm. The Beef will kick off their seventh season Friday, March 24, at the Omaha Civic Auditorium. Kick off will be at 7:35 p.m.