



# TWiST

*This Week in Sharks Territory...*

December 9, 2009

Check out TWiST every Wednesday to find up-to-date info on the schedule, players, promotions, events, and much more. My name is Kelly Mullen, Public Relations Intern for the Sharks, and I'm prepared to keep you in the know.

**Worcester  
Sharks  
15-10-0-2**

**FIND FINZ!**



## PIC OF THE WEEK



The Sharks salute the crowd after their 3-2 shootout win over Portland on Sunday, which was *Heroes Night – A Tribute to the Worcester 6*. To learn more about the event, read on to page 4.

**Thursday, 12/10, 1:00-2:00pm**

"Be a Leader" sponsored by the Law Firm of Abigail Williams & Associates at Elm Park Community School, Worcester

**Sunday, 12/13, 11:00am-12:00pm**

Baystate Griffin Learn to Skate/Play at Horgan Arena, Auburn

**Monday, 12/14, 1:00-2:30pm**

FINZ will be joined by a player at Charlton Elementary School

To invite FINZ to an event, visit [www.sharksahl.com](http://www.sharksahl.com) and go to the Community section to fill out the FINZ request form.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Friday, December 11, 2009 @ Manchester 7:30pm**

**Worcester is currently in a stretch of playing just six games in 27 days!**

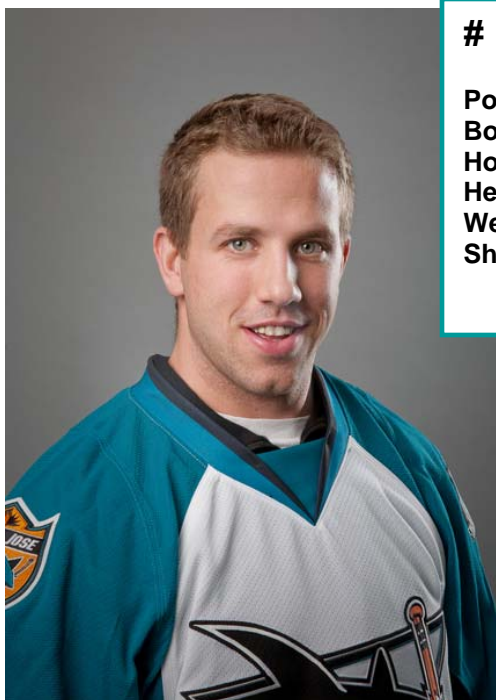
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## GET TO KNOW...



### # 11 CORY QUIRK

**Position:** Forward  
**Born:** July 3, 1986  
**Hometown:** Brockton, MA  
**Height:** 5.10  
**Weight:** 180  
**Shoots:** L



Season	Team	--- Regular Season ---							---- Playoffs ----				
		Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM	
2004-05	Waterloo Black Hawks	USHL	59	14	26	40	28	5	0	0	0	0	
2005-06	UMass-Amherst	NCAA	36	8	5	13	16						
2006-07	UMass-Amherst	NCAA	39	13	18	31	22						
2007-08	UMass-Amherst	NCAA	36	11	18	29	14						
2008-09	UMass-Amherst	NCAA	39	11	19	30	24						
2008-09	Albany River Rats	AHL	11	5	2	7	4	--	--	--	--	--	
2009-10	Worcester Sharks	AHL	21	1	3	4	8						



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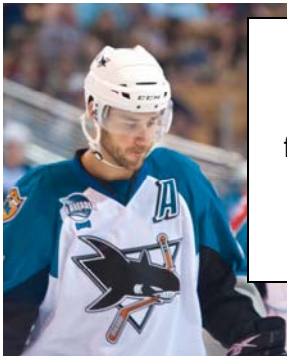
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Lunchbox Giveaway

The Sharks will be giving away lunchboxes to the first 1,000 kids (12 and under) before the Sharks take on the Springfield Falcons on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm!



## DID YOU KNOW?



Joe Callahan received his first professional fighting major on Sunday 12/6 vs. Portland's Kyle Wanvig.

The Sharks just reached a new franchise-high eight game point streak! The Sharks are 7-0-0-1 beginning on 11/21. Joe Callahan has had 2 GWGs and Logan Couture has had 3!



Dan DaSilva had his first multi-point game on Sunday vs. Portland (1-1-2).



Logan Couture leads the AHL with SIX game winning goals in only 15 games in Worcester.

Steven Zalewski scored the shootout-winner in Sunday's contest vs. Portland.





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## EVENT RECAP

### Heroes Night – Tribute to the Worcester 6

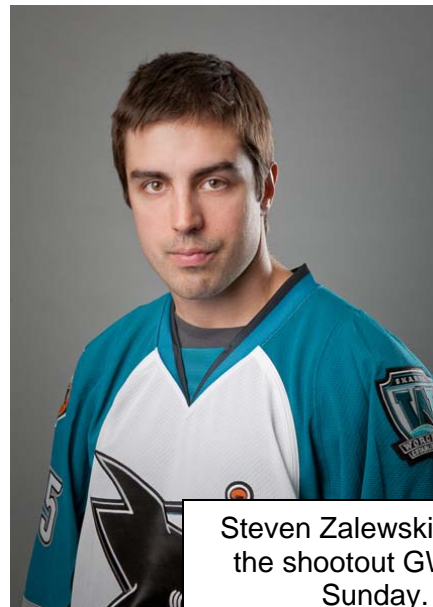
On December 3, 1999 a five-alarm fire began in the Worcester Cold Storage Warehouse in Worcester, Massachusetts and raged for six days. Six brave firefighters lost their lives, Firefighters Paul Brotherton, Jeremiah Lucey, Timothy Jackson, James Lyons, Joseph McGuirk and Lieutenant Thomas Spencer.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of the treacherous blaze that prematurely took some of Worcester's finest, the Worcester Sharks dedicated their game on Sunday vs. Portland to remembering the fallen heroes and educating the community on fire safety. Among the events of the day, a special Worcester 6 banner was raised into the rafters, the Worcester Police and Fire Department took on the Providence Fire Department in an annual Guns 'n Hoses game (ending in a 5-5 tie), and Mike Lombardi from the FX show *Rescue Me* performed with his band Apache Stone. Sharks' goalie Alex Stalock wore a commemorative Worcester 6 mask that was designed by Sharks' Director of Community Relations, Mike Myers. The mask is being auctioned off on eBay until Wednesday, 12/9 at 3:00pm.

Players wore red, white, and black jerseys that were awarded to fans in auctions during and after the game. Proceeds from the auctions will go directly to the Worcester Fire Scholarship Program and the burn care unit at the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To end the day on a high note, the Sharks defeated the Portland Pirates in an exciting game that ended in a shootout game-winning goal by Steven Zalewski! For a game recap, read on to page 7.

Alex Stalock sporting the W6 tribute mask.



Steven Zalewski scored the shootout GWG on Sunday.



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## **GAME RECAP**

### **@ SPRINGFIELD, W 4-2**

SPRINGFIELD, MA- Logan Couture scored his team leading 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> goals, including his league leading 6<sup>th</sup> game winning goal of the season as the Sharks won their 6<sup>th</sup> straight game in a 4-2 win over the Falcons at the Mass Mutual Center on Friday night.

Worcester's Alex Stalock made 20 saves and Benn Ferriero added a goal and an assist as the Sharks defeated the Falcons for the 4<sup>th</sup> straight time this season.

Benn Ferreiro (2<sup>nd</sup> goal) gave Worcester a 1-0 lead after he pounced on a loose puck in front and fired it past Andrew Perugini at 11:34. The goal was the result of a great rush by Steven Zalewski and Danny Groulx, but it was Ferreiro that cashed in with an unassisted goal. Nick Petrecki and Theo Peckham dropped the gloves, helmets, and sticks at 13:34 and picked up fighting majors. The fight stemmed back to a late hit by Peckham on Petrecki on November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Sharks led 1-0 after twenty minutes outshooting the Falcons 13-7.

The Sharks took a 2-0 lead after Dwight Helminen's (4<sup>th</sup> goal) shot from a tough angle 45 feet away broke off the glove of Perugini and into the net. Dennis McCauley and Kevin Henderson received assists on the play. On the power play, Logan Couture (8<sup>th</sup> goal) gave Worcester a 3-0 lead after his shot from the left circle snuck through the pads of the rookie netminder at 9:51. After the goal, Springfield head coach Rob Daum pulled Andrew Perugini in favor of Aaron Sorochan. The Sharks led 3-0 after forty minutes of play.

The Falcons scored twice early in the third period as Colton Fretter (11<sup>th</sup> goal) struck at :53 seconds on the power play after Alex Stalock lost the puck behind his own net. Adam Henrich (2<sup>nd</sup> goal) scored to cut the Sharks lead to 3-2 at 3:33. But Logan Couture scored a pretty goal after a give-and-go with Benn Ferriero on the power play at 13:12 to give Worcester a two goal advantage. The Sharks held off a late Springfield attack to defeat the Falcons 4-2.

With the win, the Sharks swim to 14-10-0-1 (29 points) on the season and currently have a SIX game winning streak (6-0-0-0).

Notes: Three stars: (3) Benn Ferriero (1-1-2), (2) Colton Fretter (1-1-2), (1) Logan Couture (2-0-2)... before the game, San Jose loaned Derek Joslin and Ryan Vesce to Worcester, neither made it in time for the game. Alex Stalock wore his commemorative W6 Tribute mask, which he will be wearing in all games until the Sharks' *Heroes Night – A Tribute to the Worcester 6* on December 6<sup>th</sup>... Stalock made 20 saves for the Sharks, Perugini made 15 saves on 18 shots in 29:51 of play and Sorochan made 18 of 19 stops in 28:09 for the Falcons... Worcester went 2/6 on the power play... Springfield went 1/5 on the power play... Final shots were 37-22 in favor of the Sharks.... Dennis McCauley recorded his first pro assist on the goal scored by Helminen... Worcester is 4-0-0-0 against the Falcons this season.



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## @ MANCHESTER, SOL 5-4

MANCHESTER, NH- Steven Zalewski and Benn Ferriero scored in the final five minutes of the third period to force overtime but the Monarchs went 5-for-8 in the shootout as the Sharks dropped a 5-4 decision at the Verizon Wireless Arena on Saturday night.

Steven Zalewski had three points (1-2-3) Logan Couture had two assists and Couture, Ferriero, Mashinter, and Quirk scored in the eight round shootout loss.

Manchester's Alec Martinez fired the puck from a tough angle along the left wing boards that snuck through a screen in front of Tyson Sexsmith and into the net to give the Monarchs a 1-0 lead at 2:48. After a faceoff win in the offense zone by Andrew Desjardins, Michael Wilson (3<sup>rd</sup> goal) tied the score at 1-1 after he sent a hard low slap shot from the blue line just inside the post past Jeff Zatkoff at 6:31. With Dwight Helminen in the box for interference, Steven Zalewski sent Benn Ferriero on a shorthanded break away and Ferriero (3<sup>rd</sup> goal) did not disappoint with a great deek and roofed a shot past the Zatkoff's glove at 13:17. The Sharks led 2-1 after twenty minutes outshooting the Monarchs 15-7.

In the second period, Nick Petrecki and Richard Clune fought at 3:36 behind the play, and it was Petrecki that sent down Clune with a flurry of right hands. The Monarchs tied the score at 7:39 when Marc Andre Cliché (4<sup>th</sup> goal) poked in a loose puck in front as he was falling on top of the crease. Tough guy Kevin Westgarth (4<sup>th</sup> goal) scored after he was found the puck all alone on top of the crease and roofed it past Sexsmith at 14:23. After a slow start of the second period, the Sharks poured the pressure on Jeff Zatkoff in the final five minutes but the rookie netminder stood his ground. The Sharks trailed 3-2 after forty minutes outshooting the Monarchs 27-16.

Kevin Westgarth (5<sup>th</sup> goal) extended the lead to 4-2 in favor of the Monarchs early in the third period at 5:13. With under five minutes remaining, the Sharks turned up the jets as Steven Zalewski (8<sup>th</sup> goal) fired in a centering feed from Benn Ferriero behind the Monarchs net to cut the lead to 4-3. Benn Ferriero (4<sup>th</sup> goal) tied the score at 4-4 after Zalewski from the left side found him alone in front at the back door at 17:17 to force overtime.

After a scoreless overtime period, the Sharks and Monarchs lit up the red light in a goal scorers' style shootout. The Monarchs took the victory home in the shootout going 5-for-8 on Tyson Sexsmith with David Meckler getting the game winner in round eight. Dean Strong had a chance to tie the shootout but Jeff Zatkoff made a pad stop for the victory.

With the shootout loss, the Sharks swim to 14-10-0-2 (30 points) on the season and currently have a SEVEN game point streak (6-0-0-1) to tie a franchise record.

Notes: Three stars: (3) Benn Ferriero (2-1-3), (2) Kevin Westgarth (2-0-2), (1) David Meckler (game winner in shootout)... before the game, San Jose recalled Derek Joslin and Ryan Vesce. Tyson Sexsmith made 25 saves for the Sharks and was 3-for-8 in the shootout in his first start since a 3-1L in Portland on November 20, Jeff Zatkoff made 29 saves and was 4-for-8 in the shootout for the Monarchs... Worcester went 0/2 on the power play...Manchester went 0/5 on the power play... Final shots were 33-30 in favor of the Sharks.... Worcester is 1-1-0-1 against the Monarchs this season.... the Sharks won seven games on March 16 – March 31<sup>st</sup> in 2007...Worcester is in a stretch of playing just six games in 27 days...Zalewski extended point streak to three games (1-6-7).... Couture extends point streak to three games (3-3-6)....Ferriero has a two game point streak (3-2-5).



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## HOME vs. PORTLAND, SOW 3-2

**WORCESTER, MA** – The Worcester Sharks beat the Portland Pirates in an exciting 3-2 shootout win on Heroes Night – A Tribute to the Worcester 6 on Sunday afternoon at the DCU Center in Worcester.

Andrew Desjardins (7<sup>th</sup> goal) and Dan DaSilva scored in regulation for the Sharks, but Steven Zalewski's 4<sup>th</sup> round shootout goal sunk the Pirates in Worcester's 2<sup>nd</sup> shootout in less than 24 hours. With the win, the Sharks set a new franchise record with points in eight consecutive games (7-0-0-1).

The Sharks set an aggressive tone for the game right from the faceoff with crisp passes, sharp shooting, and heavy hits. Despite the 10 shots on Pirates' netminder Jhonas Enroth and 8 on Worcester's Alex Stalock, neither team put one between the posts.

About five minutes into the second period the Sharks thought they pushed one by Enroth, but it was recalled much to the Worcester fans' dismay. Andrew Desjardins (7<sup>th</sup> goal) made one count at 9:23 when he received a pass from Dan DaSilva in front of the net and flipped it in to put the Sharks up 1-0. The Pirates fired back at 19:08 when Mark Mancari (10<sup>th</sup> goal) set up a slapshot that slipped by the glove of Alex Stalock, tying the game at 1-1.

The third period opened with a 10-man scuffle behind the Sharks' net. Worcester quickly responded when Cory Quirk fed to Dan DaSilva inside the crease at 2:38 for a goal that gave Worcester back the lead, 2-1. Portland's Mark Mancari (11<sup>th</sup> goal) scored his second goal of the afternoon at 12:32, balancing the score at 2-2 and forcing overtime.

Neither team could find the back of the net during the overtime, forcing the Sharks into their 2<sup>nd</sup> shootout in 24 hours. Ferriero and Vesce scored for Worcester, but it was the fourth shooter, Steven Zalewski, who scored the game-winner. Alex Stalock, wearing his special W6 Tribute goalie mask, was perfect in the shootout stopping all three shooters. The mask is being auctioned off on SharksAHL.com through Wednesday.

With the shootout win, the Sharks swim to 15-10-0-2 (32 points) on the season and currently have an EIGHT game point streak (7-0-0-1) for a new franchise record.

**Notes:** Three stars: (3) Alex Stalock (30 saves), (2) Andrew Desjardins (goal), (1) Dan DaSilva (goal)... Alex Stalock made 30 saves for the Sharks...Jhonas Enroth made 37 saves for Portland... Worcester went 0/4 on the power play...Portland went 0/3 on the power play... Final shots were 40-32 in favor of the Sharks...The Sharks are 1-2-0-0 against Portland this season...Worcester is in a stretch of playing just six games in 27 days... Joe Callahan (1<sup>st</sup> fighting major) fought Kyle Wanvig in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period.... Before the game the Worcester Police and Fire Department hockey team tied the Providence Fire team 5-5.... The Sharks raised a special W6 Tribute banner to the rafter during a moving pregame on ice ceremony.