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Fury 94's Zane Schartz Selected in WHL Entry Draft

The Chicago Fury is proud to announce that Fury 94 player Zane Schartz has been selected by the Tri City Americans in the 2009 Western Hockey League (WHL) Entry Draft. Chicago Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos made the announcement.

The Dallas Texas native played last season for the Fury 94 Team coached by Darren McClusky, who has strong ties to the WHL. Being selected in the WHL is the first step in being identified as a top player in your age group. Schartz commented when asked about his selection to the Tri City Americans, "Playing for Coach McClusky, the Chicago Fury, and in the Tier 1 Elite Hockey League helped prepare me for my strong showing at the WHL United States Prospect Camp in early April. Also, I appreciated Coach McClusky speaking with several WHL teams concerning my desire and ability to someday play in the WHL." The WHL is among the leaders in supplying the National Hockey League with some of its finest young players in recent years. Players of note who have come from the WHL include, **Chicago Black Hawks Cam Barker, Troy Brouwer, Brent Seabrook and Dustin Byfuglien**, who was coached by the Fury's Darren McClusky in Midget Hockey. McClusky added, Zane developed every week during the season and worked very hard for this opportunity, this is the first step of many as Zane moves up the ladder of development in hockey, and I look forward to watching him continue his progress."

"We are proud of Zane's progress and his constant desire to improve. His skill level and creativity are exceptional" says Fury Director of Player Development Nick Pollos. "The Fury congratulates Zane and his family on this selection."