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## **USHL Expands as Waterloo Returns to Loop**

The United States Hockey League, of which the Green Bay Bobcats are a member of, will expand from four teams to five teams for the 1970-71 season.

The Waterloo Black Hawks will be returning to the league after a year's absence and Thunder Bay Ontario, Canada has been granted a franchise while charter member Rochester, Minn. will be dropping from the league.

Waterloo spent last year in the Central Pro League as a Minnesota North Star franchise, but have decided to rejoin the league after suffering an attendance drop last season.

Thunder Bay is the new name for the old Fort William Port Arthur communities which have combined into one. They have two top notch Canadian Senior teams which will combine to form the new USHL entry. The team will be nicknamed the "Bearcats."

Thunder Bay, which Bobcat General Manager John Mayasich terms, "Prime Hockey Country" has an ice arena which is capable of seating over 6,000 fans. In noting the new addition, Mayasich said "This will be a vast improvement. Waterloo had always been a power in the league when they were in it and we had developed quite a rivalry with them. Thunder Bay has tremendous facilities and top players. A good percentage of NHL players come from that area."

Rochester left the league because they were unable to play a full 40 game schedule which will be utilized by the league next season. Each team will play each other team five times at home and five times on the road.