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Cyclones Soar over Hoosiers in First Round at CSCHL Tournament

Murdoch earns 1000th win; Pair of seniors propel Cyclones with two goals each

Feb. 18, 2011 - Bensenville, Illinois - The Cyclone Hockey team traveled back to Bensenville, Ill. for the Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL) year-end tournament as the number three seed. With seven member teams and Lindenwood earning a first round bye, the Cyclones drew the number six seed, Indiana University. In their last match up, the Cyclones defeated the Hoosiers 7-1 and 5-3, respectively, back in November. With a win, Cyclone head coach, Alan Murdoch, would reach a monumental milestone of 1,000 wins and also advance the Cyclones into the semi-finals of the tournament.

First period action saw the Cyclones carry the play; however, the Hoosiers struck first capitalizing on a rebound shot to take an early 1-0 lead just five minutes into the game. The Cyclones would continue to press and finally broke the seal, scoring a five on three power play goal with just over three minutes remaining in the period. Senior, **Mike Lebler (Penticton, BC / Nelson Leafs – KIJHL)** got things started on a beautiful tic-tac-toe passing play which saw line mates **Marcus Malmsten (Torslanda, Swed. / HC TPS - J20 Elit)** and **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Ala. / Nelson Leafs – KIJHL)** earn assists. As the period drew to a close, it looked as if the teams would head into the first intermission knotted up at one apiece. That's when **Matt Bennett (Anchorage, Ala. / Kenai River Brown Bears – NAHL)** fired a shot toward the Hoosier net which was deflected into the net by **Cort Bulloch (Fort Wayne, Ind. / Notre Dame Hounds – SJHL)**, which gave the Cyclones a 2-1 lead heading into the second period. Cyclone netminder, **Erik Hudson (Spokane, Wash. / Burnaby Express – BCHL)**, stood tall between the pipes turning aside five of six Hoosier shots while the Cyclones fired 19 toward Indiana's goaltender.

Iowa State started the second period much the way they did the first, carrying the play and keeping the Hoosiers pinned in their own end. Indiana, however, found the back of the net on a defensive zone turnover which deflected off an Iowa State shin pad. The Cyclones continued to dominate as the score was again tied at two goals apiece. At the midway point, just after Indiana had killed off a penalty, **Jordan Pascale (Aurora, Col. / Dubuque Thunderbirds – CSHL)** was whistled for a penalty which resulted in a penalty shot which Hudson calmly gloved to keep the game knotted at two. The second period ended eerily similar to the way the first one did, except this time, the spark came via the penalty kill when **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. / Chicago Force – CSHL)** won a loose puck race, dangled around two defenders, and sprung **Derek Kohles (Johnston, Iowa / Dubuque Thunderbirds – CSHL)** toward the net. His first shot was blocked, but he picked up his own rebound and hammered it home for a 3-2 Cyclone lead with just 28 seconds remaining in the period. Iowa State ended the period with 20 shots on net to only eight for Indiana. The goal from Kohles marked the second time in the game where the Cyclones scored in the final minute of the period.

The Cyclones started the third period with 10 seconds remaining on a penalty kill and stayed out of the box the rest of the game. Two third period goals, one from Lebler, and a power play goal for Bulloch, stretched the Cyclone lead to 5-2. Indiana did not garner much offense as they only mustered three shots on net and 16 for the game. Hudson ended the game turning aside 16 of 18 shots while the Cyclones peppered the Indiana netminder as he stopped 46 of 51. Senior captains Cort Bulloch and Mike Lebler ended the game with two goals apiece while Kohles chipped in with the short handed game winner in the second. The win not only advanced the Cyclones into a semi-final match up with Ohio University, but also marked win number 1,000 for head coach, Alan Murdoch and the Cyclone Hockey program.

NOTES: The win improved the Cyclones overall record to 23-16-0 on the season ... Senior, Mike Lebler notched goals 22 and 23, bringing him to 95 career goals as a Cyclone ... The Cyclones advance to play Ohio University

who have knocked them out of the last two CSCHL tournaments, last year in the semi-finals and the previous year in the championship game ... Coach Murdoch, in his 42nd year, earned his 1,000th win ... The Cyclones and Bobcats last met in Ames where the Bobcats swept the series by scores of 4-1 and 5-1.

The Cyclone Hockey team first appeared at Iowa State in 1965. In 1969 the current head coach, Dr. Alan Murdoch became involved with the program. The Cyclone Hockey team competes in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League. The CSCHL is a league in the American Collegiate Hockey Association. Last season, the Cyclones placed second in the ACHA National Tournament, losing 2-0 to Lindenwood University in the finals. There are 25 players on the team, along with a full time coaching staff.

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GAME SUMMARY

| GOALS BY PERIOD | 1 | 2 | 3 | FINAL |
|-----------------|---|---|---|-------|
| IOWA STATE | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| INDIANA | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

First Period – Scoring: 1, IU, Santostefano (Madock, Rachke), 15:00; 2 ISU, Lebler (Malmsten, Cucullu), 3:02 (pp); 3, ISU, Bulloch (Cohn, Bennett), :11. Penalties: ISU, Kurbatsky (boarding), 13:52; ISU, Kurbatsky (game misconduct), 13:52; IU, Memolo (tripping), 3:49; IU, Rachke (hooking), 3:25.

Second Period – Scoring: 4, IU, Aldendifer (Benz), 15:04; 5, ISU, Kohles (Rooney), :28 (sh). Penalties: IU, Benz (cross checking), 11:41; ISU, Pascale (hooking), 9:36; IU, Shaughnessy (cross checking), 4:46; ISU, Wilkinson (cross checking), 1:49.

Third Period – Scoring: 6, ISU, Lebler (Crawford), 18:44; 7, ISU, Bulloch (Van, Bennett), 11:12 (pp). Penalties: IU, Shaughnessy (holding), 13:05; IU, Shaughnessy (hooking), 4:50.

| SHOTS BY PERIOD | 1 | 2 | 3 | TOTAL |
|-----------------|----|----|----|-------|
| IOWA STATE | 19 | 20 | 12 | 51 |
| INDIANA | 6 | 9 | 3 | 18 |

| GOALTENDERS (SV/SH) | 1 | 2 | 3 | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ISU, Hudson | 5/6 | 8/9 | 3/3 | 16/18 |
| IU, Abramson | 17/19 | 19/20 | 10/12 | 46/51 |

POWER PLAY: ISU 2-6; IU 0-3

PENALTIES: ISU 3-19; IU 6-12

Referee: Lucas Martin

Linesmen: Kyle Larson, Paul Koskovich