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### Iowa State sweeps Robert Morris with convincing 3-0 shutout

*Hudson turns aside 22 shots; Cyclones hand Eagles first back to back losses of season*

**Jan. 8, 2011 - Bensenville, Illinois** - The No. 14 ranked Cyclones of Iowa State went into the Edge 2 ice arena on Saturday night looking for a sweep of the No. 12 Robert Morris University Eagles after winning the Friday night tilt by a score of 3-2. With six points on the line in Central States Collegiate Hockey League play as well as a potential rise in the rankings, the Cyclones were playing for more than just a sweep from a team, which prior to the holiday break, had a record of 19 wins and only three losses.

Head Coach, Al Murdoch, had this to say about the Eagles success during fall semester, “Robert Morris is a team which competed very strong at nationals last year and has carried that success over into this season. They are very well coached and they have players who are difference makers, we will have to neutralize them.”

The first period got under way with an emphasis on keeping some of those Eagles off the score sheet as they had done the night before. Eagles’ freshman sensation, Gehrett Sargis, who leads their team in goals, with 24, and is second on their team with 21 assists, ended this series with the same point totals as when he entered. That is not something many teams can say they have done this year, is hold Sargis to zero points, and is a feat that if these two teams meet again will be difficult to accomplish.

“He’s a solid player who has an excellent release. You can see his teammates trying to get him the puck,” Coach Murdoch commented about Sargis.

The first period ended with the game knotted at zero while Iowa State net minder, **Erik Hudson (Spokane, Wash. / Burnaby Express – BCHL)** turned aside all eight shots he faced, while the Cyclones shoveled 11 in the direction of Marcus Feferman.

It took over half of the second period for either team to score, but in a span of 4:16, the Cyclones netted three tallies. The first two came via the power play as the Cyclones took full advantage of a five minute major when **Shawn Crawford (Winnipeg, Manitoba / OCN Blizzard – MJHL)** was checked from behind. The first score, and eventual game winner, came from defenseman, **Justin Wilkinson (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan / Kindersly Klippers – SJHL)** when he entered the zone on his fore hand and caught Feferman off guard with a bad angle shot squeezing one by on the short side. The second tally came just over a minute later from another defenseman, **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. / Trail Smoke Eaters – BCHL)** when he streaked in on his fore hand side and blasted one through the five hole of Feferman putting the Cyclones up 2-0. Just over three minutes later, the third and final tally of the night came from **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Alas. / Nelson Leafs – KIJHL)** when he streaked down the right side with an odd man rush and let a “Jim Riley” slap shot go that beat Feferman just under his arm making the score 3-0 in favor of the Cyclones. Assisting on the second and third goals was Marcus **Malmsten (Gothenberg, Swed. / HC TPS – J20 Elit)** as well as **Mike Lebler (Penticton, BC / Nelson Leafs – KIJHL)** assisting on the third.

During the third period, the Cyclones clamped down on defense, only allowing six shots in the direction of Hudson. With the win, the Cyclones improve their record to 14-14-0 on the season and will look to improve that mark going into a pivotal series with the University of Illinois January 14 and 15. They are coming off a weekend split with the No. 1 ranked Lindenwood University Lions, losing 6-1 on Friday, but responded with a 3-1 victory on Saturday. The weekend sweep gives the Cyclones 12 hard earned points in the CSCHL standings, where they are currently atop the league standings.

**NOTES:** Cyclone net minder, **Erik Hudson**, stopped 59 of 61 shots over the weekend series with Robert Morris and leads the CSCHL in minutes played with 660. He will also represent Team USA at the World University Games in Erzurum, Turkey, January 27 – February 6, 2011 ... Head Coach and General Manager of Cyclone Hockey, Al Murdoch, serves as the General Manager for Team USA; he will be traveling with Hudson to Turkey January 27 – February 6, 2011 ... Coach Murdoch is closing in on 1,000 wins, his current record of 991 wins, 490 losses, and 42 ties makes him the winningest college hockey coach in the history of the sport.

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. The team has been ranked eighth, seventh, sixth, fifth and fourth in nine of the ACHA rankings this season. Last season, the Cyclones placed eighth in the ACHA tournament. There are 28 players on the team, along with a full time coaching staff.

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### GAME SUMMARY

<b>GOALS BY PERIOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
IOWA STATE	0	3	0	3
ROBERT MORRIS	0	0	0	0

First Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: RMU, Sugden (hooking), 11:50.

Second Period – Scoring: 1, ISU, Wilkinson, 8:43 (pp); 2, ISU, Clark (Malmsten), 7:32 (pp); 3, ISU, Cucullu (Malmsten, Lebler), 4:27. Penalties: ISU, Jensen (tripping), 18:01; ISU, Wilkinson (tripping), 17:29; ISU, Cucullu (interference), 13:26; RMU, Melone (boarding), 10:27; RMU, Melone (game disqualification), 10:27; ISU, Ralston (hooking), 3:18; ISU.

Third Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: RMU, Johnson (hooking), 15:47; RMU, Sargis (interference), 15:04; RMU, Sugden (holding), 3:36; RMU, Kuta (cross checking), 1:24.

<b>SHOTS BY PERIOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
IOWA STATE	11	11	13	35
ROBERT MORRIS	8	8	6	22

<b>GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ISU, Hudson	8/8	8/8	6/6	22/22
RMU, Feferman	11/11	8/11	13/13	32/35

**POWER PLAY:** ISU 2-6; RMU 0-4

**PENALTIES:** ISU 4-8; RMU 7-25

**Referee:** Paul Koskovich

**Linesmen:** Mike Humann, Nick Cucci