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### Cyclones to Face Professional Hockey Prospects Opening Weekend

*Huntsville Havoc to hold tryout camp in Ames and have players face Iowa State in two exhibition games*

**August 16, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce that it has teamed with the Huntsville Havoc of the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL) to play a pair of exhibition games the opening weekend of the Cyclones' 2011-2012 season.

The Cyclones will play exhibition games Friday, Sept. 16, and Saturday, Sept. 17, both tentatively scheduled for 7:30 p.m., against a team of players participating in a Huntsville Havoc tryout camp held by the SPHL team at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena those two days. Cyclone Hockey is very pleased and excited to start the new season with the team's first games played against a professional opponent in Iowa since the Cyclones played the long since defunct Des Moines Capitols of the International Hockey League in the 1970s.

"I think it's good for our players to see what the talent pool is in the professional field and it's good for those prospects of professional teams to get some game experience and get assessed in real game conditions," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch. "So, I think it'll be a win-win situation for Huntsville and Iowa State."

Cyclone Hockey alumni Glenn Detulleo, who played for the Havoc in 2010-11 and will do so again in 2011-12 and who serves informally as a player assistant coach for Huntsville, is organizing the Havoc's tryout camp in Ames and is excited to give aspiring Havoc players an experience superior to that at most professional open tryout camps.

"Traditionally, free agent camps are composed of practices and intra-squad games," said Detulleo to Cyclone Hockey. "We feel this camp is providing players the most 'game-like' scenario to show off their skills."

Detulleo also noted that the tryout camp is a superior value to most professional open tryout camps, because the \$300 price for the camp includes hotel accommodations Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night—thanks in large part to the Havoc's partnering with Cyclone Hockey—as well as breakfast, lunch, and post-game meals on Friday and Saturday. At most open tryout camps, the player has to pay for these expenses in addition to the camp fee.

With the contraction of teams at the "Double-A" level, particularly in the Central Hockey League, and the corresponding reduction in positions open for pro hockey players in North America, Detulleo and Huntsville Havoc Head Coach Randy Murphy are looking for diamonds in the rough who now might otherwise fall through the cracks but who could prove to be solid contributors at the SPHL level.

"We feel there are some great players out there that, for one reason or another, have been passed over or missed," said Detulleo. "We're offering these players the opportunity to show us they deserve a shot playing pro hockey."

Players attending the camp will also receive maximum exposure, as the exhibition games will be broadcast by the Cyclone Hockey online on America One and a player assistant coach from the CHL's Evansville IceMen is slated to attend and assist Detulleo in conducting practice session Friday morning and Saturday morning. Additional coaches from the CHL and ECHL level may also be brought in.

The tryout camp will be limited to 12 forwards, 8 defensemen, and 3 goaltenders. Players interested in skating at the tryout camp are encouraged to visit the Huntsville Havoc's website: [www.huntsvillehavoc.com](http://www.huntsvillehavoc.com)

The Iowa State Cyclones play in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL) and are a member of the American College Hockey Association's Men's Division 1. Season tickets for the 2011-12 season are now on sale. Call the Cyclone Hockey office today at 515.294.6164 for more information or visit [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com)