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### Cyclone Hockey Forward Matt Cohn Signs Pro Contract

*Inks professional tryout contract with Louisiana Ice Gators of Southern Professional Hockey League*

**September 6, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce that forward **Matt Cohn (Hampshire, Illinois / Chicago Force / CSHL)** has signed a professional tryout (PTO) contract with the Louisiana Ice Gators of the Southern Professional Hockey League (SPHL).

“I think he has all the skill necessary,” said Cyclone Hockey Head Coach Al Murdoch of Cohn’s signing of a pro contract.

“He’s a great skater, a good puckhandler, has a good shoot, is very coachable, and still has a lot of energy in the tank to play a few more years,” added Murdoch in describing Cohn. “He could score goals, but he could also backcheck and play the defensive style that we expect players to play with Cyclone Hockey.

“So, he was a good two-way player who was pretty fearless and also a pretty intelligent player.”

Cohn is pleased that he already has a spot on a training camp roster in October, giving him some piece of mind to concentrate on his off-season training and preparation for the 2011-12 season, and is particularly pleased that it’s with the Louisiana Ice Gators.

“Everything I’ve heard about the program is real top-notch, real professional, and that’s it’s a great area down there,” said Cohn of the Ice Gators organization and the Lafayette, Louisiana, community. “So, I’m excited to get down there and work my butt off to make the team.”

Cohn, who transferred to Iowa State for his senior season after skating the previous three for the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos, is also grateful to Cyclone Hockey for helping prepare him to make the jump to the professional ranks.

“Coach Murdoch does a great job of turning young boys into men,” said Cohn. “That’s what I’ll always credit him for, is that he got us ready for the next step.”

Cohn scored 15 goals and 8 assists in 37 games in 2010-11 as a newcomer on a deep Cyclone roster replete with talented seniors in their fourth year with Cyclone Hockey, but he put up noteworthy numbers as a go-to player at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). In 2007-08, his freshman season, Cohn finished fourth in Bronchos scoring with 17 goals and 12 assists in 36 games. He followed that up his sophomore year by pacing all UCO players in scoring with 18 goals and 22 assists in 36 games and helped lead the young UCO program to its first ACHA Men’s Division 1 National Tournament in only its third season. In 2009-10, Cohn tallied 11 goals and 24 assists in 37 games and finished second in scoring on a Bronchos team that made a Cinderella run to the semifinals of the 2010 ACHA Men’s Division 1 National Tournament before losing to the eventual champion Lindenwood Lions.

Prior to playing college hockey, Cohn played a season of junior hockey for the Chicago Force of the Central States Hockey League (CSHL), where he was a teammate of current Cyclone senior forward **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Illinois / Chicago Force / CSHL)**.

Cohn's signing with the Ice Gators makes him the second Cyclone Hockey alum to sign a contract with an SPHL team for the 2011-12 season, joining former Cyclone scoring ace **Glenn Detulleo**, who led the SPHL's Huntsville Havoc in scoring in 2010-11 with 15 goals and 42 assists in 56 games and who will return to Huntsville for a second season as a player/assistant coach and his eleventh season of pro hockey. The 22-year-old Cohn's signing also makes him the third Cyclone alum to sign a pro contract for 2011-12, following Detulleo's signing with Huntsville and the signing of Mike Lebler with the Linz Black Wings of the Erste Bank Hockey League. Lebler, who led the Cyclones in scoring in 2009-10 and 2010-11, has already played in exhibition games for the Black Wings and will begin regular season play Friday, September 9, as Linz faces KHL Medvescak Zagreb.

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. The Cyclones' season kicks off with an intrasquad game Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. and continues that weekend with exhibition games against the Huntsville Havocs' tryout camp team Friday, September 16, and Saturday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. Season tickets for the 2011-12 season are still available. Call the Cyclone Hockey office today at 515.294.6164 for more information or visit [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com)

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