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Cyclone Hockey Opens Season with Victory over Pro Tryout Team

Cyclones outshoot Huntsville Havoc tryout team 46-25 in 4-2 win

Sept. 16, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Despite the Huntsville Havoc’s tryout team garnering the momentum early and scoring the first goal of the game, the Cyclones captured the lead late in the first period, poured on the pressure in the second and third period, and came away with a 4-2 victory in Cyclone Hockey’s first game of the regular season.

The Havoc got on the board first at 7:32 of the first period when Kevin Matheson skated into the offensive zone with the puck, made a slick drop pass to Tommy Champi, and Champi beat Cyclone goaltender **Peter Alexander (Vancouver, British Columbia - Winkler/MJHL)** far side and rang it off the inside of the cross bar and in, but the Havoc’s initial control of the game slipped as the opening period wore on. The Cyclones’ consistent effort was rewarded late in the first period when freshman forward **Mike Falvey (St. Paul, Minn. – Twin Cities Northern Lights/MnJHL)** fought through a couple checks near the offensive blue line, centered the puck to **Dave Elliston (Omaha, Neb. – Omaha AAA/NAPHL)** and Elliston fired the puck over the glove of Huntsville goaltender Steve Erbstein. Forty-nine seconds later, the Cyclones established the lead heading into the second period when the efforts of **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Cali. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** generated a loose puck in the Havoc’s crease that **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** swept around Erbstein and in to establish a 2-1 lead.

Huntsville scored the lone goal of the second period when Matt Malqueen used his 6-foot-2, 220-pound frame to screen Alexander and deflect the point shot of Matt Duncan past Alexander to tie the game at 2-2, but the Cyclones dominated the period by out-shooting the Havoc 19-9. Without the standout play in the Huntsville net by Tom Schaul, the Cyclones might have had a commanding lead heading into the third.

The Cyclones came out of the gates strong in the third period and scored 19 seconds in when **Jake Rombach (North Richland Hills, Tex. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** deftly deflected the centering pass of **J.P. Kacsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers, NOJHL)** low past hapless Havoc netminder Dan Venet, who had no chance at stopping the puck. As the period progressed, the superior conditioning of the Cardinal and Gold became apparent as Iowa State won more and more races to the puck and out-shot Huntsville 18 to 7. **Matt Bennett (Anchorage, Alaska – Kenai River Brown Bears/NAHL)** scored an insurance goal on a crisp slapper from the point, aided by a Kurbatsky screen, with 5:24 left in the game and the Cyclones held the 4-2 lead through to the final buzzer, giving Alexander a win in his first start for Iowa State on the strength of 23 saves on 25 shots.

Following the game, Cyclone Hockey General Manager Al Murdoch was pleased with the team’s quality effort.

“I felt our guys showed a lot of character,” said Murdoch. “They reminded me a lot of playing up at the University of British Columbia last year where they just kept coming back, and kept rolling, and kept moving.

“We want to see about 48 more games like that this season.”

Murdoch was also pleased with the quality of the game overall.

“That was excellent hockey,” said Murdoch, who’s entering his 43rd year as Cyclone Hockey’s general manager and head coach. “I can’t remember an opening game as good as that game was.”

The Cyclones face the Huntsville again Saturday night to finish off the two-game exhibition series against this weekend the Havoc's tryout team, with the opening face-off set for 7:30.

NOTES: Despite Falvey's effort in generating the play that resulted in Elliston's goal, **Mark Huber (Dodge Center, Minn. – Edina Lakers/MnJHL)** was credited with the assist by the officials. The Cyclones spread out their scoring in their first game of the season, as four different players scored, four different players tallied assists, and no player had more than one point.

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GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	2	0	2	0
OPPONENT	1	1	0	0

First Period – Scoring: HUN, Champi (Matheson) 7:32; ISU, Elliston (Huber), 17:55; ISU, Feavel (Kurbatsky), 18:44. Penalties: HUN, Wilkinson (hooking) 9:42; HUN, Champi (tripping), 13:24.

Second Period – Scoring: HUN, Mulqueen (Duncan, Lind), 5:11 (pp); Penalties: ISU, Reid (roughing), 2:26; ISU, Bueltel (cross-checking), 5:06; HUN, Combs (kneeing), 15:10; ISU, Rombach (cross-checking), 16:24.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Rombach (Kasczak, Rooney), 0:19; ISU, Bennett (unassisted), 14:36. Penalties: ISU, Reid (Slashing), 9:49; HUN, Anderson (hooking), 10:28.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	9	19	18	46
OPPONENT	9	9	7	25

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Alexander	8/9	8/9	7/7	23/25
HUN, Erbstein	7/9	0/0	0/0	7/9
HUN, Schaul	0/0	19/19	0/0	19/19
HUN, Venet	0/0	0/0	16/18	16/18

POWER PLAY: ISU 0-4; OPP 1-4

PENALTIES: ISU 4-8; OPP 4-8