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Brian Rooney Named Cyclone Hockey Player of the Week

Senior captain leads in effort, amongst leaders in points

Sept. 19, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce forward **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. – Chicago Force/CSHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Rooney, the team's captain and lone senior, was amongst the team's leaders in scoring for the weekend after tallying an assist in the Cyclones' 4-2 victory over the Huntsville Havoc's tryout team Friday night and adding two more assists Saturday night in Iowa State's 10-5 win over Huntsville's tryout team, helping the Cyclones sweep the exhibition series and start the season with a 2-0-0-0 record. Even greater than his noteworthy contributions on the stats sheet, however, was his leadership by example on the ice, as he gave 100 percent every shift and stood out with his superb effort on the forecheck and the backcheck and with his willingness to engage physically and lay out some hard hits.

Not only has Rooney been leading on the ice, he's been doing so off the ice as well.

"I think he's showing the type of leadership that we want to see amongst veterans, but maybe taking it a step further," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch of Rooney. "I've seen several things off the ice as far as team leadership, having an influence on players, and stepping up when the time is right to communicate with the head coach about things that head coaches need to know.

"So, he's been doing the right stuff, and that's what we like to see."

In addition to Rooney's leadership and standout performances against Huntsville, he also scored two third-period goals in Cyclone Hockey's intrasquad game Wednesday, including the game-winning goal for Team Gold with 1:54 remaining in the game.

Last season, Rooney compiled a respectable 11 goals and 14 assists in 42 games, but he's the Cyclones' second-leading scorer amongst returning forwards and is expected to play a larger role offensively in 2011-12, as well as continuing to provide an intense checking game.

Rooney and the Cyclones return to the ice for home games this weekend at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against the St. Cloud States Huskies. The opening face-off for Friday and Saturday night is scheduled for 7:30.

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 still available. Group-rate discounts and benefits start with groups as low as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office today at 515.294.6164 for more information or visit www.cyclonehockey.com.