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Cyclones Take 1-0 Shutout Victory Over Eighth-Ranked Oklahoma Sooners

Alexander stops penalty shot with 23.8 seconds remaining to maintain win

Sept. 30, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Iowa State scored the lone goal of the game in the second period of a 1-0 victory over the ACHA Men's Division 1 eight-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, but a huge save with 23.8 seconds left in the game by freshman goaltender **Peter Alexander (Vancouver, British Columbia – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** proved to be the crucial play of the game.

The Cyclones were holding a narrow 1-0 lead over the Sooners as the seconds were winding down in the third period and fending off significant Oklahoma pressure—the Sooners skating with the extra attacker after calling goaltender Colin Fernandes to the bench with 1:08 remaining—when referee Brady Johnson blew the whistle with 23.8 seconds remaining after an unidentified Cyclone player covered a loose puck in the Iowa State crease with his glove amidst a scramble for the puck, resulting in an automatic penalty shot for the Sooners. Oklahoma Head Coach Peter Arvanitis called on junior Chad Hudson, who finished second in Sooner scoring in 2010-11 with 18 goals and 37 assists in 37 games, to take the penalty shot, but freshman Alexander maintained his poise and made a calm butterfly save as Hudson tried to go low on a clean shot. Alexander's big save pumped up the Cyclone crowd and his teammates, and the Cyclones were able to keep the Sooners off the scoreboard after the ensuing face-off and grab an important win over a top ACHA opponent. The goose egg handed to the Sooners also earned Alexander his first shutout of his Cyclone Hockey career, as he stopped all 26 shots he faced.

Cyclone Hockey General Manager & Head Coach Al Murdoch was, as expected, pleased with the play of Alexander, but also with the team's special teams.

"The key was special teams," said Murdoch of the close victory. "It was a power play goal that was the game-winner, and we shut down their power play pretty well."

The penalty killing unit of both Iowa State and Oklahoma played very well, but the Cyclones killed off all three Sooner power plays and managed to finish a chance on the power play 1:28 into the second period when **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** got a difficult puck across the low slot to a driving **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)**, who corralled the puck and shot the puck over the pad of Fernandes and in.

Although only the Cyclones' fifth game of the 2011-12 season, and the Sooners fourth game of the season, the physical, closely contested game had a distinct post-season feel to it.

"It almost looked like playoff hockey," said Murdoch of the hard-fought game. "Both teams were pretty emotional, pretty pumped up, and played to win, no question about it, right down to the last second."

The Cyclone victory moves Iowa State to a 5-0-0-0 record heading into their second game of the two-game series against the Oklahoma Sooners. Opening face-off for Saturday night's game is 7:30. Tickets are available before the game at the arena starting at 6:30. Season tickets are still available and still a great value. Group-rate discounts and rewards start for groups as small as 15 people. Call Cyclone Hockey at 515.294.6164 for more information.

NOTES: Jon Feavel's power play goal marked his seventh goal of the season, furthering his lead amongst all Cyclones in goal scoring. Feavel also leads the team in overall scoring with 9 points in 5 games. Peter Alexander's

shutout victory improved his goals-against average to 1.00, tying **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** for the team lead, and raised his save percentage to .961, just behind Karus's .962.

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GAME SUMMARY

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

First Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: ISU, Bennett (slashing), 4:35; OU, Lee (high-sticking), 15:46; OU, Power (roughing), 20:00.

Second Period – Scoring: ISU, Feavel (Kurbatsky, D. Toigo), 1:28 (pp). Penalties: OU, Hudson (cross-checking), 5:27; OU, Martin (cross-checking), 8:41; ISU, Bennett (hooking), 9:32; ISU, Bench Minor (too many men on the ice), 13:12 (served by Rombach); ISU, Clark (delay of game), 19:24; ISU, Clark (roughing), 19:24; OU, M. McKinney (delay of game), 19:24; OU, M. McKinney (delay of game), 19:24; ISU, Falvey (delay of game), 19:24; OU, Power (delay of game).

Third Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: OU, Jon Schanke (charging), 13:35.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	9	9	9	27
OKLAHOMA	5	10	11	26

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Alexander (60:00)	5/5	10/10	11/11	26/26
OU, Fernandes (58:52)	9/9	8/9	9/9	26/27

POWER PLAY: ISU 1-5; OU 0-3

PENALTIES: ISU 6-12; OU 8-16