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Shawn Crawford Named Cyclone Hockey Player of the Week

Sophomore forward leads Cyclones in points and plus/minus over weekend

Oct. 3, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce forward **Shawn Crawford (Winnipeg, Manitoba – OCN Blizzard/MJHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Crawford led the Cyclones in scoring over the weekend by assisting on Iowa State's first goal against Oklahoma on Saturday, which established a 1-0 Cyclone lead early in the second period, and by scoring Iowa State's second goal on Saturday, which re-established a Cyclones lead 7:37 into the third period. Although the team allowed a Sooner power play goal late in the third period and then again in overtime and lost 3-2, Crawford's relentless forechecking, backchecking, and physical play generated a lot of offensive chances both Friday and Saturday night, and he led the team with a +2 rating as the Cyclones earned four of six possible points for the weekend by posting a 1-0 shutout victory and 3-2 overtime loss to the ACHA Men's Division 1 eighth-ranked Oklahoma Sooners.

"He played with a lot of heart this weekend," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch of Crawford. "He's transitioned to a new position very well and he uses his speed and energy to make things happen in all three zones, and it showed this weekend by leading the team in some important statistical categories."

Crawford, who was a defenseman for the Cyclones in 2010-11, missed the first three games of this season but has gotten off to a strong start with 2 goals and 2 assists in 3 games and an impressive +4 rating. The sophomore forward's 1.33 points per game currently place him second on the team.

Crawford and the Cyclones return to the ice for home games this weekend at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against the Dells Ducks. 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 and still a great value. Group-rate discounts and benefits start with groups as few as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office today at 515.294.6164 for more information or visit www.cyclonehockey.com.