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Early Three-Goal Lead Carries Cyclones to 4-1 Win Over Golden Grizzlies

Cyclones score three goals in first nine minutes

Oct. 15, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Iowa State was held to only one goal for nearly 52 minutes of the game, but three goals in the first 8:06 of play proved sufficient to carry the Cyclones to a 4-1 victory over Oakland University and a two-game sweep of the ACHA Men's Division 1 eleventh-ranked Golden Grizzlies.

The Cyclones scored on the first shift of the game, 32 seconds in, when freshman **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** skated the puck in from the neutral zone and sniped a goal short side, just inside the post, on Golden Grizzlies goaltender Corey Hrischuk, who was cheating far side a bit with **Jake Rombach (North Richland Hills, Texas – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** an option for Buttermore on the two-on-one. A hustling **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** extended Iowa State's lead to two when he outworked Oakland defenseman Jeffrey Scheuer for a loose puck in the corner, circled behind the Golden Grizzlies' net, and swept the puck in far side for the wrap-around goal at 3:33 of the first period.

Feavel's goal chased Hrischuk from the net, as Oakland replaced him with Matt Toter, and it didn't appear as if it was going to make a difference at first, as Rombach put home a loose puck just outside Oakland's crease 8:06 into the opening frame, but the game tightened up significantly after the Cyclones established a 3-0 lead. Neither team scored the final 11:54 of the first period, and it wasn't until 16:47 of the second period until the lamp was lit again when Oakland's Alexander Hoffman's awkward shot deflected off the stick of Cyclone defenseman **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)**, and then off the glove of goaltender **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** and in.

The Golden Grizzlies limited the Cyclones' lead to two goals the remainder of the second period and for a fair portion of the third period, but Iowa State re-established a three-goal lead 9:27 into the third period when Feavel made a supreme effort to get a puck across the slot to **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)**, who fired a hard shot low and scored. Kurbatsky's power play goal proved to be the final tally of the night and gave the Cyclones some insurance the final 10:33 of the game before taking the 4-1 win.

On the heels of Karus's 26-save performance, Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch used the occasion to extend compliments to his entire goaltending contingent.

"I told the team after the game that I feel as though we have three of the best goaltenders in the country," said Murdoch. "There'd be a lot of teams in the country that would take any of the three and be better."

The Cyclones' depth at all positions proved too much for the Golden Grizzlies, as it has for all of Iowa State's opponents thus far, and it's been a key to Iowa State's scintillating start and to strong competition within the team.

"We've got healthy scratches sitting in the stands every night that are very good players, and whenever you've got that, that makes everyone more competitive when it comes to practice on Monday," said Murdoch.

The Cyclones' sweep of the Oakland Golden Grizzlies moves the team to 9-0-1-0 for the season, and unbeaten in regulation play, heading into a big home series at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena next weekend against the Arizona Wildcats, currently ranked 22nd in the ACHA Men's Division 1 Rankings. Opening face-off for Friday, October 21, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The game Saturday, October 22, is slated for an 8:15 puck drop, following the Cyclones'

women's game. Single-game tickets are available in advance during the week online or by calling the Cyclone Hockey office. Single-game tickets are also available before the game at the arena an hour before the opening face-off. Season tickets are still available and are still offer a good value. Group-rate discounts and rewards begin for groups with as few as 15 people. Visit cyclonehockey.com or call 515.294.6164 for more information or to order.

NOTES: By tallying points in Saturday's game, James Buttermore, J.P, Kascsak, and Jake Rombach all extended their scoring streaks to four games. Buttermore, Rombach, and Jon Feavel all had a multi-point games by scoring a goal and an assist each. Feavel's two points moves him to 13 points (8-5-13) in 10 games and maintains his scoring lead amongst all Cyclone players. Rombach's two points puts him in sole possession of second in team scoring on the strength of 12 points (6-6-12) in 9 games. Kascsak's assist on Rombach's goal puts him in sole possession of third in team scoring with 11 points (5-6-11) in 10 games. Buttermore's two-point night moves him up to fourth in team scoring with 9 points (5-4-9) in 8 games. By allowing only one goal, Paul Karus maintains the 1.00 goals-against average he brought into the game. His 26 saves on 27 shots boosts his save percentage slightly from .957 to .959 and moves his record to 3-0-0-0. Karus has not allowed a power play goal in any of the games he has played this season.

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GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	3	0	1	4
OAKLAND	0	1	0	1

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Buttermore (Rombach), 0:32; ISU, Feavel (unassisted), 3:33; ISU, 8:06 Rombach (Buttermore, Kascsak). Penalties: ISU, Bueltel (interference), 1:20; ISU, Cucullu (hooking) 16:47; ISU, Rooney (holding), 17:23.

Second Period – Scoring: OAK, Hoffman (Colizza, Farber), 16:47. Penalties: OAK, Corder (roughing), 15:45; ISU, Rooney (roughing), 15:45; ISU, Buttermore (head contact), 18:42.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Kurbatsky (Feavel, Cucullu), 9:27 (pp). Penalties: OAK, Bench Minor (too many men), 1:44 (served by Matyok); ISU, Bueltel (cross-checking), 4:18; OAK, Matyok (goaltender interference), 8:34; OAK, Hoffman (high-sticking), 17:39.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	11	9	12	32
OAKLAND	12	10	5	27

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Karus (60:00)	12/12	9/10	5/5	26/27
OAK, Hrischuk (3:33)	3/5	0/0	0/0	3/5
OAK, Toter (56:27)	5/6	9/9	11/12	25/27

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

PENALTIES: ISU 6-12; OPP 4-8