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Cyclone Hockey Names Brandon Clark Player of the Week

Junior defenseman ties for team lead in scoring over weekend

Oct. 17, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce defenseman **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Clark scored a goal and two assists in Iowa State's 5-3 victory Friday night over ACHA Men's Division 1 eleventh-ranked Oakland University and played a solid two-way game in the Cyclones' 4-1 win over the Golden Grizzlies on Saturday night. By scoring three points in the Cyclones' sweep of the Golden Grizzlies, Clark tied for the team lead in points scored during the weekend with defense partner **Antti Helanto (Turku, Finland – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** and forward linemates **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** and **Jake Rombach (Winkler Flyers/MJHL)**. In addition to tying for the team lead in scoring last weekend, Clark led the team in ice time by skating on the team's second scoring line and then also regularly playing defense on the team's fourth line, where he paired with freshman blueliner **Mike Dopko (Makwa, Saskatchewan – Nanaimo Clippers/BCHL)**.

The second scoring unit has been the Cyclones' hottest line in recent weeks, and Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch says Clark has been a significant factor in his line's success.

"He's a junior playing on a line with four freshmen," said Murdoch of Clark. "As an alternate captain with a lot of collegiate experience and a lot of junior experience, he provides a lot of leadership to that line and helps set the tone."

On the strength of his three-point weekend, Clark moves to second in Cyclone defenseman, behind Helanto, on the strength of 1 goal and 4 assists in 10 games. Clark's solid decision-making and reliable two-way play has also helped put Rombach, **J.P. Kacsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)**, and Buttermore (his forward linemates) in second, third, and fourth, respectively, in Iowa State team scoring.

"It's no coincidence that everyone around him on that line is finding success," Murdoch said of Clark.

Clark and the ACHA Men's Division 1 ninth-ranked Iowa State Cyclones return to the ice for home games this weekend at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against the 22nd-ranked University of Arizona Wildcats. The opening face-off for Friday, October 21, is slated for 7:30 p.m. and the puck drop for Saturday, October 22, is slated for 8:15 p.m., after the Iowa State women's team's game against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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 good 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.