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Cyclones Avenge Friday Night's Shootout Loss with 4-2 Win

Power play on fire with three goals

Oct. 22, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – After a disappointing 2-3 shootout loss Friday night to the University of Arizona Wildcats, the Cyclones' top players came out firing on all cylinders Saturday night, established an early lead, and earned a 4-2 victory on the strength of three power play goals.

The Cyclones grabbed the lead 2:07 into the first period when **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Alaska – Nelson Leafs/KIJHL)** made a short centering pass from behind the Arizona net out front to **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** and the junior put it home low past Arizona netminder David Herman. Herman helped keep Arizona within one for nearly the rest of the first period, but **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** extended Iowa State's lead to two with 7.3 second remaining in the period when he fired a crisp slap shot from the point that beat Herman five hole, giving the Cyclones their first power play goal of the night.

Arizona kept Iowa State off the board the first half of the second period, but the Cyclones drew their lead to three when **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** took a pass from Cucullu near the offensive blue line, used his speed to shield the puck on the backhand, and snuck a shot in short side for a power play goal at 13:40. It looked like Iowa State was going to carry a three-goal lead into the second intermission, but Wildcat defenseman Jonathan Watanabe broke the Cyclone shutout with 47 seconds left in the second period when he fired a hard, crisp snapshot from the point that beat Iowa State netminder **Peter Alexander (Vancouver, British Columbia – Winkler Flyers/NAHL)**.

Twenty-four seconds into the third period, Arizona's Michael Ferreira was whistled for checking Feavel from behind, and **J.P. Kasczak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** made the Wildcats pay when he took a feed from **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** high in the offensive zone, skated in, and sniped a power play goal top corner on Herman at 1:00, giving the Cyclones the 4-1 lead. The Wildcats quickly reduced Iowa State's lead to two when Eric Watters scored from one knee a minute and 33 seconds later, but the Cyclones kept Arizona off the board the rest of the third period and secured an important 4-2 victory over the ACHA Men's Division 1 23rd-ranked Wildcats.

Special teams proved to be the difference, as the Cyclones scored 3 goals on 6 power plays and the team limited Arizona to 1 power play goal on 4 opportunities with the man advantage. A significant reduction from the 55 minutes in penalties Iowa State took Friday night was a major factor in the favorable result on Saturday as well.

"Only four penalties against a top-20 team would be better, we took five penalties, but they took seven and we made them pay," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Alan Murdoch.

Overall, Murdoch was pleased to come away from the weekend with no losses in regulation, as the Cyclones are now 10-0-1-1, and he was also complimentary toward the hard-working Arizona Wildcat team.

"Arizona's a lot better than their ranking shows," Murdoch said of the 23rd-ranked Wildcats. "I think they're closer to a top-ten team, but I know we're a top-eight team, so it's a good win for us."

The Cyclones are back in action again next weekend for a pair of home games at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against long-time Central States Collegiate Hockey League rival University of Illinois, currently ranked 14th in the ACHA Men's Division 1 standings. Opening face-off for Friday night's game is 7:30. Saturday night's game will follow the women's hockey game, with the game likely to start between shortly after 8:00. Season tickets purchased this week still offer a discount over the price of tickets at the gate. Group-rate discounts and rewards start for groups as few as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office at 294.6164 for more information or visit www.cyclonehockey.com.

NOTES: After being held off the score sheet Friday night, the Cyclones top two scoring lines scored all four of Iowa State's goals in Saturday's game against the Arizona Wildcats. Scoring three power play goals tonight, the Cyclones' power play moves to 12 for 54, giving the team a 22.2 percent power play efficiency. Nine different Cyclones tallied points during the game. With two assists, Chris Cucullu was the only Iowa State player to have a multi-point game. With his goal 1:00 into the third period, J.P. Kasczak moves into a tie for second in team scoring with Jake Rombach, with both having 6 goals and 6 assists for the season. Kasczak has 3 goals and 4 assists in his last 6 games. James Buttermore moves into fourth in team scoring, now with 5 goals and 5 assists, and has 4 goals and 4 assists in his last 6 games. By tallying an assist on the first goal of the game, defenseman **Dominic Toigo (Delta, British Columbia – South Delta Ice Hawks/PIJHL)** broke a six-game pointless streak. Defenseman **Matt Bennett (Anchorage, Alaska – Kenai River Brown Bears/NAHL)** ended an eight-game pointless streak by assisting on Feavel's power play goal.

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GAME SUMMARY

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

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Kurbatsky (Cucullu, Toigo), 2:07; ISU, Clark (Helanto), 19:52 (pp). Penalties: UA, Bench Minor (too many men on the ice), 4:14; UA, Gleason (roughing), 6:35; ISU, Rooney (roughing), 6:35; ISU, Rooney (unsportsmanlike conduct), 17:50; UA, Herman (holding), 18:55 (served by Waxenberg).

Second Period – Scoring: ISU, Feavel (Cucullu, Bennett), 13:40 (pp); UA, Watanabe (Lowell, Gleason), 19:13 (pp). Penalties: ISU, Rooney (interference), 7:03; UA, Allen (elbowing), 12:27; ISU, Bueltel (cross-checking), 19:00.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Kasczak (Buttermore), 1:00; UA, Watters (Slugocki, Lowell), 2:33. Penalties: UA, Ferreira (checking from behind), 0:24; ISU, Kasczak (slashing), 11:16; UA, Murmes (slashing), 17:03; UA, Murmes (roughing), 17:03.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	17	12	13	42
ARIZONA	8	9	7	24

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Alexander (60:00)	8/8	8/9	6/7	22/24
UA, Herman (59:34)	15/17	11/12	12/13	38/42
UA, Sisler (0:26)	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

POWER PLAY: ISU 3-6; UA 1-4

PENALTIES: ISU 5-10; UA 7-14