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### Cyclone Hockey Names David Kurbatsky Player of the Week

*Junior forward leads team in plus/minus*

**Oct. 24, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce left-winger **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Kurbatsky scored the first goal of the game Saturday night, only 2:07 into the contest, and helped Iowa State establish an early lead and set the tone for what would end up a 4-2 victory over the ACHA Men's Division 1 23<sup>rd</sup>-ranked University of Arizona Wildcats, advancing the Cyclones to an impressive 10-0-1-1 record for the season.

“Since the beginning of the season, he’s been playing the best hockey I’ve seen him play in his Cyclone Hockey career,” Cyclone Hockey General Manager and head Coach Al Murdoch said of Kurbatsky. “He’s been a leader both offensively and defensively and a big reason we’re off to a strong start.”

After 12 games, Kurbatsky has 5 goals and 4 assists and is tied for fifth in team scoring on the strength of 9 points, evidencing he is indeed one of the Cyclones’ top players offensively, but it hasn’t come at the sacrifice of defense. The junior forward has registered an even or plus rating in all 12 games so far in 2011-12 and currently leads all Iowa State players in plus/minus at +13.

On a team with 14 freshmen, Kurbatsky not only serves as a strong example on the ice, he’s an excellent example off the ice.

“Kurbatsky is one of our top leaders in the classroom, too,” said Murdoch. “He’s been on the dean’s list back-to-back semesters, and that’s what Cyclone Hockey wants to see from its players, because we really stress the importance of academics.”

Kurbatsky and the ACHA Men’s Division 1 eighth-ranked Iowa State Cyclones return to the ice for home games this weekend at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against the 14<sup>th</sup>-ranked University of Illinois Fighting Illini. The opening face-off for Friday, October 28, is slated for 7:30 p.m. The puck drop for Saturday, October 29, is slated for 8:05 p.m., after the Iowa State women’s team’s game against South Dakota State University.

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 offer savings over individual tickets the rest of the season. 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](http://www.cyclonehockey.com).