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### Cyclones Shut Out By Fighting Illini 0-1 in Tight Tilt

*Despite strong third period, Iowa State comes away empty-handed*

**Oct. 28, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – After losing momentum to Illinois in the first period, Iowa State gained control of the game late in the second period and fired a barrage of shots in the third period, but the Cyclones came up short in a 0-1 shutout loss to the Fighting Illini.

From the opening face-off, the Fighting Illini immediately used their speed and quickness to generate offensive chances and to stifle the Cyclones breakout on the forecheck, and Illinois' effort was rewarded at 13:17 when Austin Bostock took a pass near the hash marks from defenseman J.T. Turner at the point and scored a well-placed shot top shelf past Cyclone netminder **Peter Alexander (West Vancouver, British Columbia – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)**.

Momentum swung back and forth for much of the second period, never too decidedly in one direction, until Iowa State kept the puck in the attack zone for the vast majority of the final five minutes of the period, generating a number of prime scoring chances in flurries off offense, but Fighting Illini goaltender Nick Clarke proved up to the task and the defense in front of him did a good job of blocking shots and clogging passing lanes to prevent the Cyclones from moving it across the slot successfully and scoring goals.

With both teams firing 17 shots after two periods, the Cyclones took some measure of control in the third period and fired 14 shots on net, thanks in part to two power plays in the second half of the period, to Illinois' 4 shots, but the Cyclones were unable to get a puck past the stingy Clarke and Illinois handed Iowa State its first loss in regulation for the 2011-12 season.

"I thought we had a very good third period, but we couldn't buy a goal out there in the third period," said Murdoch. "Their goaltender really played well. We took 31 pretty good, quality shots on him and he stood right in there and didn't give an inch."

Murdoch was also complimentary of Illinois' defensive play in their own zone as whole.

"I thought Illinois played very good defensively against us in their defensive zone and didn't give us the opportunity for many screen shots or tip ins or more rebounds."

Heading into tomorrow night's re-match against Illinois, Murdoch said the team will "work on getting in the goaltender's eyes so he can't see the puck coming in and on getting a quick release on shots."

The ACHA Men's Division 1 eighth-ranked Cyclones play the 13<sup>th</sup>-ranked Fighting Illini again Saturday night after the Iowa State women's team plays the South Dakota State Jackrabbits. The opening face-off should fall between 8:05 and 8:15 p.m. In the Halloween spirit, the first 100 fans who come to the game in costume receive a highly popular Cyclone Hockey hat, which normally sells for \$20.00, for free. Group-rate discounts and rewards start for groups as few as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office at 294.6164 or visit [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com) for more information.

NOTES: Iowa State's shutout loss to Illinois was the team's first shutout loss since Lindenwood University blanked the Cyclones 2-0 last season on February 12, 2011. After compiling 55 penalty minutes against the University of Arizona last Friday, the Cyclones had were the polar opposite against Illinois and had no penalties called against

them in tonight's game. By making 20 saves on 21 shots, Peter Alexander bumped his goals-against average down to 1.71 and his save percentage up to .937.

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### GAME SUMMARY

<b>GOALS BY PERIOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
IOWA STATE	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	1	0	0	1

First Period – Scoring: UI, Bostock (Turner), 12:17. Penalties: None.

Second Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: None.

Third Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: UI, Cardona (hooking), 11:51; UI, Welch (cross-checking), 16:58.

<b>SHOTS BY PERIOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
IOWA STATE	8	9	14	31
ILLINOIS	9	8	4	21

<b>GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ISU, Alexander (59:30)	8/9	8/8	4/4	20/21
UI, Clarke (60:00)	8/8	9/9	14/14	31/31

**POWER PLAY:** ISU 0-2; UI 0-0

**PENALTIES:** ISU 0-0; UI 2-4