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### Cyclone Hockey Alum Matt Cohn Signs with Danville Dashers

*Federal Hockey League team opens season tonight*

**October 29, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce that Cyclone Hockey alum Matt Cohn has signed a professional contract with the Danville Dashers of the Federal Hockey League.

Cohn will be part of history tonight when he's on the roster for Danville as the Dashers play their first game in team history as an FHL expansion team. Danville's game against the Thousand Island Privateers at David S. Palmer Arena also marks the Dashers' first home game in team history.

Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch was pleased upon hearing the news that Cohn would be continuing his hockey career after starting the season with the Louisiana Ice Gators of the Southern Professional Hockey League.

"It's my understanding that Matt was one of Louisiana's final cuts and that they were impressed with him but that he was the victim of the numbers game as cuts from the ECHL and Central Hockey League trickled down," said Murdoch. "So, it's good to see a goal-scorer like Matt that can also play a strong two-way game sign a pro contract with Danville to keep playing and keep working his way up the hockey ladder, and I've heard Louisiana and some nearby CHL teams will be keeping their eye on him."

By signing with Danville, the Chicagoland native Cohn returns to his home state after four seasons of college hockey in the American Collegiate Hockey League, including 2010-11 with Iowa State. Cohn scored 15 goals and 8 assists in 37 games last season as a newcomer on a deep Cyclone roster replete with talented seniors in their fourth year with Cyclone Hockey, but he put up noteworthy numbers as a go-to player at the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO).

In 2007-08, his freshman season, Cohn finished fourth in Bronchos scoring with 17 goals and 12 assists in 36 games. He followed that up his sophomore year by pacing all UCO players in scoring with 18 goals and 22 assists in 36 games and helped lead the young UCO program to its first ACHA Men's Division 1 National Tournament in only its third season as an alternate captain.

In 2009-10, again serving as an alternate captain, Cohn tallied 11 goals and 24 assists in 37 games and finished second in scoring on a Bronchos team that made a Cinderella run to the semifinals of the 2010 ACHA Men's Division 1 National Tournament before losing to the eventual champion Lindenwood Lions. Cohn's exploits during his junior season earned him the Bronchos' Most Outstanding Forward award and also a spot at the 2010 USA Hockey World University Games Evaluation Camp.

In addition to his on-ice exploits with Central Oklahoma, Cohn was busy off the ice in the community and received the Oklahoma City Community Service Award after the 2008-09 season.

The Dashers are owned by Illinois businessman Barry Soskin, who has owned numerous pro and junior hockey teams over the past 25 years. Soskin founded the Toledo Storm of the East Coast Hockey League for the 1991-92 season and the Storm won the ECHL championship in their second and third seasons of existence. He has also owned, at different times, the Nashville Nighthawks of the Central Hockey League, the Waterloo Black Hawks of the United States Hockey League, the Albert Lea Thunder of the North American Hockey League, the Traverse City

Enforcers of the defunct Continental Elite Hockey League, and the Penn Enforcers of the defunct America East Hockey League, and the Pelham Prowlers of the defunct Southern Elite Hockey League.

The 2011-12 season marks the FHL's second season of play after the Akwesasne Warriors won the league's championship in its inaugural season. With the other seven teams of the FHL located in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Vermont, and Ontario, the Dashers are a geographic outlier located in Danville, Illinois, in the primarily Northeastern league. The FHL is working to expand the league in the Midwest, however, to give the Dashers more teams in closer proximity.

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. Individual game tickets for Cyclone Hockey games start as low as \$5. Group-rate discounts and rewards start for groups of 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)