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Total Turnaround Spurs Cyclones to 2-1 Win Over Sun Devils

Iowa State rebounds after 7-2 loss to Arizona State previous night

Nov. 5, 2011 – Tempe, Arizona – After playing their worst game of the season in a 7-2 loss to the Arizona State Sun Devils Friday, the Cyclones were a completely different team Saturday in playing quite possibly their best two-way hockey of the season and defeating the ACHA Men's Division 1 third-ranked Sun Devils 2-1.

Only a few minutes into the first period, it was evident that the Cyclones had taken the lessons from the stinging defeat the night before and made the proper corrections, as the team played with superior defensive awareness, added jump, enhanced skating and skill, and increased offensive vision. The Cyclones' vastly improved overall game helped keep Arizona State off the scoreboard the first two periods, and although it appeared that the team's efforts might come up empty when Dan Styrna intercepted a breakout pass by **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** and scored 39 seconds into the third period, Iowa State's exceptional execution in all three zones finally paid off at 3:14 of the third when **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Alaska – Nelson Leafs/KIJHL)** drove the net and fired a shot that generated a rebound in the crease that a crashing **Derek Kohles (Johnston, Iowa – Dubuque Thunderbirds/CSHL)** put home. A tripping call to Arizona State's Darcy Charrois only 37 seconds after Kohles' goal put Iowa State on the power play, and the Cyclones made the Sun Devils pay when **J.P. Kascsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** spun and fired a shot toward the net off the half boards that **Jake Rombach (North Richland Hills, Texas – Winkler Flyers)** deflected on its way to the net and scored at 4:28, giving the Cyclones the 2-1 lead.

The Cyclones' harvest after planting the seeds of exceptional execution all game appeared under threat of spoilage when **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Illinois – Chicago Force)** was called for tripping with 1:16 left in the game and the Sun Devils took a time out and pulled goaltender Mark Schacker for the extra attacker on the ensuing face-off, but Iowa State held Arizona State off and received some relief when Brian Parson took a tripping penalty of his own with 16 seconds left and the Cyclones held on for the 2-1 win.

The victory over the third-ranked Sun Devils did a number of things: It improved the team's record to 12-2-1-1 for the season, helped Iowa State rebound and split the series with Arizona State, and proved the Cyclones are amongst the ACHA's very best, particularly when playing their best.

"That just exemplified that we're capable of playing anybody very well at any time," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch after the game.

Murdoch was also pleased with how his team reacted to Arizona State's goal on the first shift of the third period.

"To have a shutout the first period at both ends of the rink and a shutout the second period at both ends of the rink and then to have them score early in the third period sets you back on your heels a little bit," said Murdoch. "That's just a matter sometimes having the players take a deep breath, relax, and go out and play our game, and they did."

The Cyclones won't have much time to celebrate, though, as the team flies out of Phoenix at 5:15 a.m. Sunday morning and will have to get ready for another tough series at home next weekend.

"Now we'll take a 24-hour breather, head back to sunny Ames, Iowa, and get ready for Minot State, because Minot State is going to be tough, if not tougher than Arizona State," said Murdoch of the ACHA Men's Division 1 tenth-

ranked Beavers. "They'll be big, they'll be physical, and they'll be fast, so we'll start reloading tomorrow and Monday for the next series."

The Cyclones games against the Minot State Beavers Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12, at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena are slated to start at 7:30 p.m. The series against the Beavers also concludes the Cyclones' joint effort with Ames area CENTURY 21 realtor Alissa Dietz, of the Jared Van Cleave Team, in the National Foundation for Cancer Research's "Take Down Cancer" fundraising events. Fans can still purchase "Take Down Cancer" t-shirts during the Minot State series to be entered into raffle drawings to win prizes, with the top prize being an Apple iPad. Fans can also purchase a t-shirt online at takedowncancer.com.

NOTES: Cyclone goaltender **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** made 34 saves on 35 shots in the 2-1 win, including a number of big saves while tracking the puck through significant traffic out front. Karus's goal-against average now stands at a paltry 1.46 and his save percentage has bumped up to an exceptional .949. J.P. Kascsak's assist on Jake Rombach's goal puts him at 6 goals and 10 assists for the season and ties him with **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** for the team scoring lead at 16 points. Rombach's game-winning goal was his fourth of the season, which paces all Cyclones in that category. By tallying the second assist on Rombach's goal, Brandon Clark (2-6-8) moves into a tie with d-partner **Antti Helanto (Turku, Finland – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** for the team lead in defense scoring with eight points apiece.

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GAME SUMMARY

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

First Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: ISU, Helanto (boarding), 19:02.

Second Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: ISU, Bueltel (slashing), 4:15; ASU, McAuliffe (holding), 10:04.

Third Period – Scoring: ASU, Styrna (unassisted), 0:39; ISU, Kohles (Cucullu), 3:16; ISU, Rombach (Kascsak, Clark), 4:28 (pp). Penalties: ISU, Bennett (holding), 11:49; ASU, Clark (roughing), 12:38; ASU, Clark (unsportsmanlike conduct), 12:38; ISU, Wilhelmi (roughing), 12:38; ISU, Dopko (holding), 13:24; ISU, Rooney (tripping), 18:44; ASU, Parson (tripping), 19:44.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	9	8	12	29
ARIZONA STATE	11	9	15	35

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Karus (60:00)	11/11	9/9	14/15	34/35
ASU, Schacker (60:00)	9/9	8/8	10/12	27/29

POWER PLAY: ISU 1-3; ASU 0-4

PENALTIES: ISU 5-10; ASU 6-12