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Cyclone Hockey Names Paul Karus Player of the Week

Junior netminder's 34 saves on 35 shots lead Cyclones to 2-1 victory over third-ranked Arizona State

Nov. 7, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce goaltender **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** as its Player of the Week.

Karus led the charge in Iowa State's 2-1 road win over the ACHA Men's Division 1 third-ranked Arizona State by making a stifling 34 saves on 35 shots, helping the sixth-ranked Cyclones' split the series against the Sun Devils and move the team's record to 12-2-1-1 for the season. Many of the junior netminder's 34 saves in Iowa State's important victory over Arizona State were made by successfully tracking the puck through traffic, by maintaining his poise in net on dangerous scoring chances by the Sun Devils, and through superior crease positioning and rebound control.

"Karus is playing pretty focused goaltending right now," Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Al Murdoch said of Karus after the team's win Saturday. "He has from the start of the season."

Murdoch also noted that Karus's maturity and leadership in net and in general has been important on a team where the other two goaltenders in the trio are freshmen and which has 14 freshmen overall.

In his six starts this season, Karus has given up more than one goal only twice, and the most he has allowed is three. His consistent play in net since the season started in September has earned him an impressive 5-0-0-1 record and a team-leading 1.46 goals-against average and a team-best .949 save percentage. In fact, not only are his numbers tops amongst Cyclone netminders, they're amongst the very best in the country. Amongst all ACHA Men's Division 1 goaltenders that have played more than 240 minutes, Karus's save percentage and goals-against average are both second in the country. Even if the time in net is reduced to 180 minutes, Karus still stands third in save percentage and sixth in goals-against average.

Karus and the Cyclones return home for games on Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12, at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against the Minot State University Beavers for "Take Down Cancer" weekend in conjunction with the National Foundation for Cancer Research and local CENTURY 21 realtor Alissa Dietz of the Jared Van Cleave Real Estate Team. Fans can still buy "Take Down Cancer" t-shirts for only \$10 and be entered into raffles held during the weekend, with the top prize being an Apple iPad. "Take Down Cancer" t-shirts can also be purchased online at www.takedowncancer.com. The opening face-off for both games against Minot State is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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. Group-rate discounts and benefits for all homes games 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.