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### Cyclone Hockey Names J.P. Kascsak Player of the Week

*Freshman forward gets four goals and an assist to help sweep Minot State*

**Nov. 14, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce left-winger **J.P. Kascsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Kascsak led the charge offensively in the Cyclones' sweep of the ACHA Men's Division 1 tenth-ranked Minot State Beavers by scoring two goals in Iowa State's 4-1 win Friday night by being credited for two goals, including the game-winning goal, and adding an assist in the Cyclones' 4-3 victory Saturday night.

Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch noted after Saturday night's game that Kascsak had a lot of highlight-reel plays.

"All of his goals were pretty goals this weekend," said Murdoch of Kascsak.

After his five-point weekend against Minot State, Kascsak now leads the Cyclones in scoring with 21 points in 18 games, on the strength of 10 goals and 11 assists. Kascsak, a freshman, is currently second in Cyclone goal scoring, one goal behind the 11 goals of **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)**, and his penchant for lighting the lamp and for picking up assists from rebounds he creates comes, in no small part, due to his shot power and his ability to get shots off quickly.

"He has a quick, quick release," said Murdoch. "His wrist shot, snap shot, and slap shot are all hard and quick."

The 6-0, 196-pound Kascsak also excels because of his deceptive speed, his strength on his skates, and his solid build, which he uses to fight through traffic and to engage opponents physically to gain possession of the puck. Murdoch also likes Kascsak's off-ice traits.

"He's a very good student and a very good student of the game," said Murdoch of Kascsak's class work and coachability.

Add Kascsak's shooting prowess, stickhandling skills, physicality, hockey sense, coachability, and attention to academics, as well as his ability to succeed straight away as a freshman after gaining valuable junior hockey experience, the rookie is "the kind of player we want more of," according to Murdoch.

Kascsak and the sixth-ranked Cyclones hit the road for away games against the fifth-ranked Ohio University Bobcats Friday and Saturday night at Bird Arena in Athens, Ohio. Both games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time, or 6:30 p.m. Central Time. Cyclone Hockey will broadcast both games online live on the America One Network. For more information or to order the games, go to [www.b2livetv.com/partner\\_members.asp?id=355](http://www.b2livetv.com/partner_members.asp?id=355) or [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com).

The Cyclones' next home games are Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena against the Lindenwood Lions, currently ranked second in the ACHA Men's Division 1 Rankings. Friday's game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. The opening face-off for Saturday's game will be around 8:05 p.m., following the Iowa State women's hockey team's game against Rainy River Community College. Single-game tickets start as low as \$5 and are available at the gate or in advance by calling the Cyclone Hockey office at 515.294.6164 or visiting

[www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com). Group-rate discounts and benefits for all home games apply for groups as few as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office or visit the Cyclone Hockey website for more information.

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.

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