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Cyclone Hockey Names Derek Kohles Player of the Week

Power forward leads in points and hits for the weekend

Nov. 21, 2011 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce right-winger **Derek Kohles (Johnston, Iowa – Dubuque Thunderbirds/CSHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Kohles scored Iowa State's lone goal in its 4-1 loss to the ACHA Men's Division 1 sixth-ranked Ohio University Bobcats Friday night and added an assist in the Cyclones' tightly contested 3-2 shootout loss to Ohio Saturday night. By tallying points in both games, Kohles was the only Cyclone to do so in the team's away series at Ohio University and was also Iowa State's leading scorer for the weekend.

Not only was Kohles' the Cyclones' top point-getter for the weekend, the 6-2, 210-pound power forward also led the charge physically by laying out a team-leading 12 hits over the two games. Providing a physical presence is nothing new for Kohles, though.

"He makes a lot of hits every game and he's able to make a lot of very hard hits that leave the opponent hurting," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch of Kohles. "He's able to make such hard hits that he sometimes lets up a little bit just so he doesn't get a penalty for, in essence, making too hard of a hit."

Kohles' intimidating checking game doesn't come down only to his size, though. It's also, in large part, due to sheer effort.

"He's one of our hardest workers every time we're on the ice," said Murdoch. "He's always skating hard on the forecheck, skating hard to get back on the backcheck, skating hard to make hits, and skating hard to drive the net."

One of the Iowa State's most effective forwards at crashing the net, Kohles' efforts driving the net have been rewarded in recent weeks, as he has 6 goals in his last 12 games and currently stands fifth in team goal scoring with 7 goals in 20 games. Kohles' six goals during that 12-game span is tops amongst all Cyclones, and all 12 games have been against ranked ACHA opponents, showing he's getting it done against top-level competition.

Kohles and the fifth-ranked Cyclones hit the road again this week to play a trio of games at the Michigan-Dearborn Holiday Classic. Iowa State plays its first game of the tournament on Friday at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time against the Western Michigan University Stallions of the Great Lakes Collegiate Hockey League. The Cyclones face the tournament host University of Michigan-Dearborn Wolves on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time and finish up against the Eastern Michigan University Eagles on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time. All three games will be broadcast online live on the America One Network. Fans can access the games by going to www.cyclonehockey.com and then clicking on "Fan Zone," and then "America One."

The Cyclones return to the friendly confines of the Ames/ISU Ice Arena for a home series Friday, December 2, and Saturday, December 3, against Lindenwood University, currently ranked third in the ACHA Men's Division 1 Rankings. The opening face-off for the game Friday, December 2, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. The puck will drop around 8:05 p.m. Saturday, December 3, following the Iowa State women's hockey team's game against Rainy River Community College. Friday night's game against Lindenwood will be marked by the "Jerseys Off Our Back" auction, with proceeds going to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Fans can order tickets now by calling

the Cyclone Hockey office at 515.294.6164 or by going to the Cyclone Hockey website. Group-rate discounts and benefits start for groups with as few as 15 people.