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Cyclones Flat on Friday and Fall 6-3 to Western Michigan

Unable to come back after giving up first four goals

Nov. 25, 2011 – Dearborn, Michigan – The ACHA Men’s Division 1 fifth-ranked Cyclones came into their first game of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Holiday Classic as the heavy favorite over the winless 0-15-0-0 Western Michigan University Stallions, but three Western Michigan goals early in the second period proved impossible for the Cyclones to come back from and Iowa State suffered a disappointing 6-3 loss to open the three-game tournament.

Western Michigan freshman forward Nick Elliott opened the scoring with a power play goal at the 4:42 mark of the first period when he walked out of the corner, drove the net, stuck with the puck, and scored low, but that was the only scoring in the first period and the Cyclones looked to be in a position to even up the score after out-shooting the Stallions 16 to 13 in the opening period. The outmatched Stallions were not intimidated, though, and drew out to a 2-0 lead when defenseman Jeff Wilkie scored a power play tally 2:46 into the second period and then extended their lead only 40 seconds later when Zachary Moses took a centering feed and lifted it over Cyclone starting netminder **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wis. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)**. Karus was pulled after Western Michigan’s third goal, but the Stallions got on **Jared Andersen (Fort St. John, British Columbia – Calgary Mustangs/AJHL)** quickly when Zach Taylor made a pass from the face-off circle to Josh Faulkner at the far post that Faulkner fired home on the power play at 4:27 of the second period, only 1:01 after Moses’ goal.

Iowa State responded with their own power play tally at the 5:48 mark of the second period when **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** fired a wrist shot from the point that beat Western Michigan netminder Aaron Shellberg top shelf thanks to a screen out front by **Jake Rombach (North Richland Hills, Texas – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)**. The Cyclones’ reduced the Stallions’ lead to two midway through the second period when **Shawn Crawford (Winnipeg, Manitoba – OCN Blizzard/MJHL)** fired a laser top shelf from the face-off circle on the power play at the 11:21 mark of the second period, and Iowa State appeared poised for a third-period comeback heading into the second intermission.

Forty seconds into the third period, **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. – Chicago Force/CSHL)** scored from the face-off circle on a flurry out front and drew the Cyclones to within one goal, but costly penalties in the third period limited Iowa State’s chances of drawing even and the Stallions made the Cyclones pay with a power play goal at the 13:54 mark when Faulkner drove the net and snuck a backhand shot short side along the post. The Cyclones brought Andersen to the bench with 1:06 remaining to get the extra attacker, but an empty-net goal by Elliott with 35.1 seconds left put the game well out of reach and handed Iowa State their third straight road loss on a Friday.

“The youthfulness on a road trip on the first game showed up again, being just a little flat in the first period, and then you change your style of play to catch up,” remarked Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch. “We’ve been playing catch-up every Friday that we’ve been on the road, and our team struggles a little bit with that.

“We just have to teach the players how to deal with adversity and deal with being down by a goal or two and being able to bounce back.”

On paper, the Cyclones, with the vast majority of their roster having played Tier II junior A hockey and higher, should have manhandled a Western Michigan team that had only a handful of players to play beyond high school or

midget hockey, let alone high levels of junior hockey, but, as Coach Murdoch noted, “What they lacked in ability, they made up for in hustle.”

Murdoch also credited Western Michigan for their ability to score timely goals, particularly on the power play, and the play of senior goaltender Aaron Shellberg, who played for Iowa State’s ACHA Men’s Division 3 team his freshman year and who made 48 saves on 51 shots.

The Cyclones face tournament host University of Michigan-Dearborn on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Iowa State plays its third and final game of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Holiday Classic Sunday morning at 10:00 Eastern Time against the Eastern Michigan University Eagles. Both games will be broadcast online live on the America One Network. For more information, go to the Cyclone Hockey website at www.cyclonehockey.com and click 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.

NOTES: Western Michigan did what no other team has done this season—not even teams ranked in the top ten of the ACHA Men’s Division 1—and scored four power play goals. The previous high was two power play goals against, scored by Oklahoma on Oct. 1 first in the Sooners’ 3-2 overtime victory. **Trevor Lloyd (Commerce, Mich. – Minnesota Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** earned his first assist as a Cyclone on Brian Rooney’s goal 40 seconds into the third period, giving Lloyd points in each of the last two games after scoring his first Cyclone goal against Ohio University last Saturday. **Derek Kohles (Johnston, Iowa – Dubuque Thunderbirds/CSHL)** extended his points streak to four games by getting the primary assist on Rooney’s goal. Kohles has four goals and two assists in his last eight games. Rooney’s goal was his first in 17 games, but marked his fourth point in five games. By scoring a power play goal, Brandon Clark moved out of a tie for first in Cyclone defense scoring with **Antti Helanto (Turku, Finland – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** on the strength of four goals and seven assists for 11 points. **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** broke the tie he held with Jake Rombach for team scoring when he assisted on Clark’s goal. Buttermore now has 8 goals and 10 assists for the season.

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GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	0	2	1	3
WESTERN MICHIGAN	1	3	2	6

First Period – Scoring: WMU, Elliott (Kowalski, Faulkner), 4:42 (pp). Penalties: ISU, Reid (interference), 3:49; WMU, Moses (hooking), 5:28; WMU, Moses (tripping), 18:12.

Second Period – Scoring: WMU, Wilkie (Taylor), 2:46 (pp); WMU, Moses (Taylor, Carson), 3:26; WMU, Faulkner (Elliott, Taylor), 4:27 (pp); ISU, Clark (Buttermore), 5:48 (pp); ISU, Crawford (Bennett), 11:21. Penalties: ISU, Toigo (tripping), 2:21; ISU, Reid (hooking) 3:49; WMU, Shellberg (roughing), 5:08 (served by O’Donohue); WMU, Taylor (checking from behind), 6:32; WMU, Taylor (game misconduct), 6:32.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Rooney (Kohles, Lloyd), 0:40; WMU, Faulkner (Kowalski), 13:54 (pp); WMU, Elliott (Kowalski, Faulkner), 19:24 (en). Penalties: WMU, Kampegna (cross-checking), 2:24; ISU, Rooney (slashing), 3:34; ISU, Rombach (holding the stick), 5:41; WMU, Tucker (hooking), 6:42; ISU, Crawford (slashing), 11:58; WMU, Collins (roughing), 11:58; ISU, Helanto (slashing), 12:04; ISU, Bueltel (slashing), 15:24; ISU, Bueltel (unsportsmanlike conduct), 15:24 (10-minute misconduct).

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	16	19	16	51
WESTERN MICHIGAN	13	12	15	40

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Karus (23:26)	12/13	2/4	-/-	14/17
ISU, Andersen (36:04)	-/-	7/8	13/14	20/22
ISU, Empty Net (0:30)	-/-	-/-	0/1	0/1
WMU, Shellberg (60:00)	16/16	17/19	15/16	48/51

POWER PLAY: ISU 2-7; WMU 4-7

PENALTIES: ISU 9-26; WMU 9-29