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Cyclones Flex Muscle in 10-2 Shellacking of Eastern Michigan
Kurbatsky leads charge by tallying Cyclones' first hat trick of season

Nov. 27, 2011 – Dearborn, Mich. – Just 16 hours after dismantling the University of Michigan-Dearborn 10-0 at the Michigan-Dearborn Holiday Classic Saturday night, the Cyclones proved it was no fluke and nearly repeated the feat Sunday morning by posting double digits in a 10-2 drubbing of Eastern Michigan.

Freshman center **Trevor Lloyd (Commerce, Mich. – Minnesota Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** started the Cyclone party at 6:51 of the first period when he took a centering pass at the top of the face-off circle from **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. – Chicago Force/CSHL)** and beat Eastern Michigan University netminder Kevin Kissaw cleanly, and **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** kept the momentum going when he deflected a hard point shot from **Matt Bennett (Anchorage, Alaska – Kenai River Brown Bears/NAHL)** down out of mid-air and past a hapless Kissaw at 11:10 for a power play tally. Iowa State extended its lead even further, to 3-0, at the 16:28 mark when **J.P. Kascsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** displayed a natural goal scorer's patience with a loose puck in the slot with three Eagles nearby and roofed it to light the lamp. Just under two minutes later, the forechecking effort of **Shawn Crawford (Winnipeg, Manitoba – OCN Blizzard/MJHL)** was rewarded when he took a whack at a loose puck out front that blooped up and over Kissaw and scored at 18:17, giving the Cyclones a 4-0 advantage heading into the locker room for the first intermission.

Any question whether the Cyclones would keep at it in the second period was erased just 34 seconds in when **Mike Dopko (Makwa, Saskatchewan – Nanaimo Clippers/NAHL)** fired a low slap shot from the point on the power play that deflected off of the skate of an Eagle defenseman in the low slot and in, and Kurbatsky further padded Iowa State's lead when he scored on the breakaway on a spring pass by Bennett at 8:14 of the second period.

Eastern Michigan started showing some life later in the second period when defenseman Cameron Williams fired a wrist shot from the point through screens and in at the 14:58 mark, but momentum swung back to Iowa State once again when the Cyclones took advantage of Eagle defenseman Aaron Amin losing an edge skating the puck behind his net and turning the puck over to **Derek Kohles (Johnston, Iowa – Dubuque Thunderbirds/CSHL)**, who fed it from the corner to Trevor Lloyd behind the Eagle net, and Lloyd fed Rooney for a goal from the low slot at 18:14. The Eagles responded only 20 seconds after Rooney's goal, though, when Eagle leading scorer Gary Astalos fired a puck from the hashmarks past **Jared Andersen (Fort St. John, British Columbia – Calgary Mustangs/AJHL)** at 18:34.

The goals by Williams and Astalos proved to be all the Eagles could muster, however, and Iowa State accounted for all the scoring in the third period. Kurbatsky earned the Cyclones' first hat trick of the season when he converted on an errant breakout pass up the middle by the Eagles' Amin at 12:38, and linemate Jon Feavel put the Cyclones up 9-2 at the 16:06 of the third when he scored on a breakaway feed from Kurbatsky. Kascsak capped the scoring when he beat Kissaw top shelf on a centering feed from behind the net by **Joe Bueltel (Louisville, Col. –Dubuque Fighting Saints/USHL)** and thus helped the Cyclones score ten goals in consecutive games.

The ten goals for pleased the small but vocal cadre of Cyclone fans cheering the team on at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Ice Arena, but Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch was as pleased with the defensive effort.

"I've always believed and I repeat it a lot to the team that offense is colorful, and 10 goals last night and 10 goals today is very exciting, but at the same time 0 goals against yesterday and 2 goals against today is the kind of defense it's going to take to take it to the next level for the national championships," said Murdoch.

Murdoch also noted that the victory over Eastern Michigan demonstrated how successful the Cyclones are when they utilize their speed and add a physical presence on the forecheck to stifle the opponent's breakout.

"Eastern Michigan, give them a lot of credit, they had a full line-up, but we were just a step quicker than they were and we needed to keep it that way," noted Murdoch. "If we started playing their style of hockey, which we did midway through the second period, when we started getting bogged down, and that's when we gave up a power play goal and a full-strength goal, we didn't do nearly as well.

"With the exception of maybe four or five minutes in the second period, we played a full game today and came out with a good victory 10 to 2."

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: After scoring a hat trick against Eastern Michigan, David Kurbatsky led the Cyclones in scoring at the Michigan-Dearborn Holiday Classic by tallying 5 goals and being credited for an assist, for a total of 6 points. Kurbatsky did not receive credit for his breakaway feed on Jon Feavel's third period goal, which would have given him 7 points. The assist was awarded instead to **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Alaska – Nelson Leafs/KIJHL)**. Cucullu was also awarded the second assist on Kurbatsky's goal in the first period, which should have gone to Feavel. By scoring two goals and one assist, including the game-winner, J.P. Kascsak extended his lead in team scoring on the strength of 13 goals and 13 assists for 26 points in 23 games. Kascsak now leads the Cyclones in both goals and assists. **Jake Rombach (North Richland Hills, Texas – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** received credit for three assists on the night and thus moves to second in team scoring with 21 points in 22 games, leapfrogging **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)**. By scoring a goal in the second period against Eastern Michigan, Brian Rooney was the only Cyclone to score goals for Iowa State in all three games of the Michigan-Dearborn Holiday Classic. Rooney also now carries a four-game point streak into next weekend against Lindenwood. Derek Kohles extended his point streak to six games by adding two assists against the Eagles. Shawn Crawford's goal late in the first period gave him at least one point in all three games of the Holiday Classic, and Matt Bennett's two assists also gave him points in all three games. After the victory against Eastern Michigan, goaltender Jared Andersen has earned the win in all four of his starts this season. Both teams were perfect on the power play, with the Cyclones going 3 for 3 and the Eagles going 1 for 1.

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GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	**1**	**2**	**3**	**FINAL**
IOWA STATE	4	3	3	10
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0	2	0	2

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Lloyd (Rooney, Kohles), 6:51; ISU, Kurbatsky (Bennett, Cucullu), 11:10 (pp); ISU, Kascsak (Rombach), 16:28 (pp); ISU, Crawford (unassisted), 18:17. Penalties: EMU, K. Astalos (cross-checking), 10:22; ISU, Ellison (boarding), 14:53; EMU, Maviglia (roughing), 14:53; EMU, G. Astalos (hooking), 15:18.

Second Period – Scoring: ISU, Dopko (Kascsak), 0:34 (pp); ISU, Kurbatsky (Bennett, Toigo), 8:14; EMU, Williams (G. Astalos), 14:58; ISU, Rooney (Lloyd, Kohles), 18:14; EMU, G. Astalos (Kozlowski), 18:34. Penalties: EMU,

Roemer (tripping), 0:22; EMU, Stankiewicz (roughing), 13:34 (double minor); EMU, Stankiewicz (misconduct), 13:34 (ten-minute major); ISU, Wilkinson (cross-checking), 13:34; ISU, Wilkinson (cross-checking), 13:34; ISU, Wilkinson (misconduct), 13:34 (ten-minute major); ISU, Elliston (tripping), 13:43.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Kurbatsky (Rombach), 2:38; ISU, Feavel (Cucullu), 16:06; ISU, Kascsak (Bueltel, Rombach), 16:23. Penalties: None.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	**1**	**2**	**3**	**TOTAL**
IOWA STATE	19	14	20	53
EASTERN MICHIGAN	8	13	13	34

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	**1**	**2**	**3**	**TOTAL**
ISU, Andersen (60:00)	8/8	11/13	13/13	32/34
EMU, Kissaw (60:00)	15/19	11/14	17/20	43/53

POWER PLAY: ISU 3-3; EMU 1-1
PENALTIES: ISU 5-18; EMU 6-22