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### Cyclones Fall to Lindenwood in Tight 2-1 Loss

*Iowa State unable to break Lindenwood trap late in the game*

**Dec. 3, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – After a tightly contested 4-3 shootout loss to Lindenwood Friday night, it was no surprise that Saturday's night's game was also an extremely close affair, but a timely shorthanded goal in the third period proved to be all the Lions needed to move into the trap and shut the Cyclones down late in the third period and hand Iowa State the 2-1 loss.

**Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** got the Cyclones off on a good foot early in the first period when he picked up a loose puck along the half boards in the offensive zone, dragged the puck around fallen Lindenwood defenseman Tyler Bowman at the point, and drove to the high slot and scored a fluttering wrist shot 4:32 into the opening period. The Cyclones carried that lead into the second period, but Lindenwood evened the game up 1-1 working the puck around the perimeter on the power play for a Steve Brancheau one-timer, power play goal scored top corner blocker side on a screened **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** at the 12:08 mark of the second period.

Iowa State appeared primed for a short power play a few minutes into the third period after a holding call to **David Elliston (Omaha, Neb. – Omaha AAA/NAPHL)** expired at the 7:45 mark; but, just after Elliston touched the ice and got to the bench, Lindenwood defenseman Brett Morrell fired a shot from the point that Peppi Sipila deflected downward out of midair and past Karus low.

Down 2-1 with a minute remaining, the Cyclones pulled Karus on the fly for the extra attacker, but the Lions managed to generate a face-off in Iowa State's defensive zone with 16.8 seconds. The Cyclones called for a time-out, trying to duplicate Friday night's third period heroics by **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)**, who scored as time expired in regulation following a time-out, but Lindenwood managed to pin the Cyclones along the boards off the ensuing face-off and Iowa State never got the puck out of their own zone.

Indeed, generating sustained offensive pressure proved difficult for the Cyclones for much of the third period, as Lindenwood took full advantage of their one-goal lead.

“What we might have struggled with a little bit with Lindenwood is when they changed their style,” said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch. “They went from an aggressive two-man forecheck, to a one-man forecheck, to a zero-man forecheck in the trap.”

“Once they got a one-goal lead, it was just like in the NHL,” said Murdoch, who had noted Lindenwood is coached by former NHL defenseman Rick Zombo. “They had complete faith they could shut us down with the trap, and they did.”

The loss to Lindenwood puts the Cyclones at 16-5-1-3 for the season heading into next weekend's home games against the Maple Grove Energy to close out the first semester. The opening face-off for both Friday's game and Saturday's game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Group-rate discounts and benefits start with groups of as few as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office at 294.6164 for more information or visit [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com). Cyclone Hockey memorabilia and apparel makes for great gifts, and the Cyclone Hockey souvenir stand will be well-stocked for holiday shopping.

NOTES: Jon Feavel was the only Cyclone to tally a point in Saturday's game against Lindenwood, as his first-period goal was unassisted. Feavel's goal was his 13<sup>th</sup> of the season and ties him with **J.P. Kacsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** for the team lead. By making 21 saves on 23 shots, Paul Karus bumped his goals-against average down to a paltry 2.09, which leads the team. His save percentage for the season stands at .931, also tops amongst all Cyclone netminders.

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### GAME SUMMARY

<b>GOALS BY PERIOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>FINAL</b>
IOWA STATE	1	0	0	1
LINDENWOOD	0	1	1	2

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Feavel (Unassisted), 4:32. Penalties: LIN, Brancheau (holding), 2:25; LIN, Meletti (tripping), 3:50; ISU, Kurbatsky (hooking), 3:56; LIN Bunnstedt (charging), 10:37.

Second Period – Scoring: LIN, Brancheau (Long, Belanger), 12:02 (pp). Penalties: ISU, Lloyd (checking from behind), 1:42; ISU, Dopko (holding), 2:45; LIN, Carey (unsportsmanlike conduct), 5:55; LIN, O'Connell (holding), 8:17; ISU, Rooney (slashing), 10:41; LIN, Berner (holding), 14:52; ISU, Elliston (holding), 14:52; ISU, Helanto (hooking), 16:38.

Third Period – Scoring: LIN, Sipila (Morrell, Brancheau), 7:49 (sh). Penalties: ISU, Elliston (holding), 5:45; LIN, Belanger (holding), 6:33.

<b>SHOTS BY PERIOD</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
IOWA STATE	10	11	9	30
LINDENWOOD	8	9	6	23

<b>GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ISU, Karus (59:22)	8/8	8/9	5/6	21/23
LIN, Crosswell (60:00)	9/10	11/11	9/9	29/30

**POWER PLAY:** ISU 0-5; LIN 1-6

**PENALTIES:** ISU 7-14; LIN 7-14