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### Cyclone Hockey Names Mark Huber Player of the Week

*Scores on a penalty shot and in the shootout Friday night*

**Dec. 5, 2011 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce forward **Mark Huber (Dodge Center, Minn. – Edina Lakers/MnJHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Although the Cyclones suffered a tight 4-3 shootout loss to ACHA Men's Division 1 fourth-ranked Lindenwood University Friday night and another closely contested 2-1 defeat Saturday night, Huber did all he could do to secure wins for the Cyclone, particularly in Friday's game. In Iowa State's first game of the two-game weekend series against the Lions, Huber opened scoring by converting on a penalty shot 3:45 into the first period. Lindenwood would come back and eventually take the lead, but with seconds remaining in the third period and the Cyclones down 3-2 Huber made a centering pass off the half boards that resulted in **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** tying the game as time expired in regulation and sending it into overtime. After five scoreless minutes of overtime, the game moved to the shootout and Huber was the first shooter called upon by Iowa State, and the Cyclone rookie did no less than still score on the backhand while falling after catching a rut in the low slot. The Cyclones ended up losing in the shootout, but Huber was clutch at critical times.

"Mark came through when called upon for the penalty shot after one of their guys covered the puck in the crease, he came through when he put him out there for the final seconds of the third period after the timeout, and then he scored in the shootout and was our only player to do so, so he was a big reason we nearly won," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch.

Although Huber normally skates on the Cyclones' fourth line, and we even an occasional scratch early in the season, his two-point performance Friday made him Iowa State's top point-getter for the weekend and gives him 5 goals and 8 assists in 19 games, good for sixth in the team in scoring. Making the most of what he's given is what Huber has become known for.

"Mark always maximizes his ability through sheer effort and hard work and he fulfills his role of playing a strong forechecking and defensive game so well, and then he's also a big part of what's made our fourth line productive offensively, too," said Murdoch.

Not only has Huber established himself as an extremely coachable two-way player, he's already displaying leadership amongst his peers.

"He's stepped out as one of the leaders amongst our group of 14 first-year players," remarked Murdoch. "He leads by example on the ice, off the ice, at team functions, and in the classroom."

Huber and the Cyclones face off against the Maple Grove Energy this weekend at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena Friday, December 9, and Saturday, December 10. Opening face-off for both games is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Group-rate discounts and benefits start with groups of as a 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.