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### Cyclones Platinum in 7-1 Victory over Golden Flashes

*Kurbatsky leads the charge with hat trick*

**Jan. 14, 2012 – Location (Ames, Iowa)** – Following up a 6-1 victory over the Kent State Friday night, the Cyclones one-upped themselves with a commanding 7-1 victory in the Saturday night re-match against the Golden Flashes.

Cyclone forward **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** led the charge by exploding offensively and putting the game out of Kent State's reach with two goals in the second period and the final goal of the game. Kurbatsky's first goal of the night came at 13:08 of the second period when **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Alaska – Nelson Leafs/KIJHL)** sped in off the wing and took a shot from an extremely difficult angle, but which created a rebound in the slot that Kurbatsky fired into the net. Just over three minutes later, Kurbatsky took a long feed in the neutral zone from **J.P. Kascsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)**, skated in on a near breakaway on the penalty kill, and drew Golden Flash goaltender James Wisniewski into the splits and scored low for the shorthanded goal at the 16:33 mark, giving Iowa State a 5-0 lead at that point. Kent State's Tim Hurst sniped a goal top shelf with 58.8 seconds left in the second to spoil the shutout of **Jared Andersen (Fort St. John, British Columbia – Calgary Mustangs/AJHL)** and interrupted the Kurbatsky goal fest, as did the low point shot goal by Iowa State's **Mike Dopko (Makwa, Saskatchewan – Nanaimo Clippers/BCHL)** at 14:45 of the third period, but Kurbatsky finished the hat trick deal when Cucullu made a pass off the half boards to **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** and Feavel drew Wisniewski across the net only to feed it to Kurbatsky far side with 6.9 seconds left in the game, putting an exclamation mark on the Cyclone masterpiece.

Following the game, Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch was pleased to see Cyclones score fairly evenly over the course of the full 60 minutes.

“Once again, we got 2 goals in the first period, we scored 3 goals in the second, and then 2 more in the third, so we had good, balanced scoring in three periods,” said Murdoch. “We’re getting closer and closer all the time to playing complete games, 60 minutes, and that’s what it’s all about.”

The home sweep of the ACHA Men's Division 2<sup>nd</sup>-ranked Kent State Golden Flashes should go a ways toward ensuring Iowa State remains in the top eight of the ACHA Men's Division 1 Rankings after not sweeping Indiana on the road, but Coach Murdoch believes the Cyclones can work their way up much higher in the rankings as the ACHA Men's Division 1 National Tournament draws closer..

“I think we’re a top-four team, and I think we’ll show that the balance of the semester,” said Murdoch.

The Cyclones balanced scoring started at the 6:23 mark of the first period when Feavel turned on the afterburners, flew by Kent State along the alley in the neutral, split the defense coming off the boards at the blue line and sniped a goal top shelf driving the net. Only 2:27 later, **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** established a 2-0 lead for Iowa State when he fired an off-foot wrist shot from the point that scored top shelf through a number of screens on the power play. The Golden Flashes held the Cyclones off the board for the rest of the first period, but **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** re-established momentum firmly in the direction of the Cyclones when he finished a loose puck in the slot at 5:57 of the second period off of a rebound opportunity generated by a Kascsak shot.

Iowa State is on the road next weekend to take on Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL) archrival Illinois. Both Friday night and Saturday night's games will start at 7:30 and can be seen online live on America One. For more information on watching the games online, go to [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com).

The Cyclones return to Ames for home games Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28, against the Robert Morris University Eagles. Friday night's game against the CSCHL rival starts at 7:30, while the opening face-off for Saturday night's tilt will start shortly after 8:00, following the Cyclone women's hockey game against the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Group-rate discounts and benefits apply for groups of as few as 15 people and increase as the size of the group increases. Call the Cyclone Hockey office at 294.6164 for more information or visit [www.cyclonehockey.com](http://www.cyclonehockey.com).

NOTES: By posting the hat trick, his second of the season, David Kurbatsky now has 15 goals for the season and 10 goals in his last 10 games. Kurbatsky now lies third in Iowa State goal scoring, behind the 16 goals of both Jon Feavel and J.P. Kasczak. J.P. Kasczak's three assists boosts his season point total to 33 points (16-17-33) in 30 games and puts him tops in Cyclone scoring. Feavel's three-point performance gives him 27 points (16-11-27) for the season and moves him up to second in team scoring. **Brody Toigo (Delta, British Columbia – Surrey Eagles/BCHL)** continued his torrid scoring pace at defense by adding two assists, which gives him an impressive 2 goals and 7 assists in 6 games since returning to the line-up the last weekend of first semester. By making 27 saves on 28 shots, Jared Andersen improved his save percentage to .930 for the season, just behind the .931 of fellow Cyclone netminder **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)**. Andersen does have a team-leading 1.94 goals-against average following Saturday night's victory.

#### GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	2	3	2	7
KENT STATE	0	1	0	1

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Feavel (Bennett, B. Toigo), 6:23; ISU, Clark (Kasczak, Buttermore), 8:50 (pp). Penalties: ISU, Reid (kneeing), 2:31; KMU, Kummerl (slashing), 8:12.

Second Period – Scoring: ISU, Buttermore (Kasczak), 5:57; ISU, Kurbatsky (Feavel, Cucullu), 13:08; ISU, Kurbatsky (Kasczak, Helanto), 16:33 (sh); KSU, Hurst (Lyle, Nichol), 19:01. Penalties: ISU, Buettel (roughing), 10:43; ISU, Dopko (holding), 15:17.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Dopko (B. Toigo, Crawford), 14:45; ISU, Kurbatsky (Feavel, Cucullu), 19:53. Penalties: None

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	14	19	16	49
KENT STATE	7	11	10	28

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Andersen (60:00)	7/7	10/11	10/10	27/28
KSU, Wisniewski (60:00)	12/14	16/19	14/16	42/49

**POWER PLAY:** ISU 1-1; KSU 0-3

**PENALTIES:** ISU 3-6; KSU 1-2

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