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### Cyclone Hockey Names David Kurbatsky Player of the Week

*Kurbatsky tallies second hat trick of season Saturday night*

**Jan. 16, 2012 – Ames, Iowa** – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce forward **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** as its Player of the Week.

Kurbatsky demonstrated his ability to protect the puck along the boards in Iowa State's convincing 7-1 win over Kent State and led the charge offensively, flashing his finishing skills in the slot, by scoring three crisp goals. The junior winger extended the Cyclones' lead in the second period by scoring two goals, including a shorthanded goal, and tallied with 6.9 seconds remaining in the third to earn his second hat trick of the season. He led all Cyclones in plus/minus in Saturday's contest by compiling an impressive +4 rating and had a strong +5 rating for the weekend.

Kurbatsky's performance on Saturday night was a prime example of why he's one of the Cyclones' biggest goal-scoring threats.

"It's like the puck has eyes when he has it, and he certainly showed that on Saturday night getting the three-goal hat trick against a very good Kent State University," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch.

Also underscoring Kurbatsky's status as one of the Cyclones top goal scorers is the fact that, after the weekend series against Kent State, he had 10 goals in his last 10 games, giving him 15 goals in 29 games so far this season and placing him third on the Cyclones in goals scored and only one behind the 16 goals of **J.P. Kacsak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** and **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)**.

One of the traits Kurbatsky has that makes him so dangerous with the puck, as shown by the hat trick he scored earlier this season on Nov. 27 against Eastern Michigan University, is his solid 5-foot-11, 190-pound frame, which he uses to shield the puck and power through checks.

"He has the ability and the strength, when he's got a one-on-one against the defenseman, to cut for the far post and really put the opposing goaltender in a predicament," said Murdoch of Kurbatsky. "Sometimes the only thing that the opposing defenseman can do is take him down and that puts us on the power play."

Having earned Cyclone Hockey Player of the Week honors Oct. 24 for his two-way performance against the Arizona Wildcats, this marks the second time Kurbatsky has been named Player of the Week this season and makes him only the second player, besides **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. – Chicago Force/CSHL)**, to earn such honors multiple times.

Kurbatsky and the Cyclones are on the road this weekend to take on Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL) archrival Illinois. Both games, Friday night and Saturday night at 7:30, can be seen online live on the America One Network. 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).