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Cyclone Hockey Names Paul Karus Player of the Week

Backstops Iowa State to road sweep of archrival Illinois

Jan. 23, 2012 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce goaltender **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** as its Player of the Week.

Karus came up big in net for the Cyclones this past weekend by backstopping Iowa State to a road sweep of Central States Collegiate Hockey League archrival Illinois. Both the ACHA Men's Division 1 12th-ranked Fighting Illini and the 7th-ranked Cyclones fired 30 shots on net in Friday night's contest, but Karus helped ensure an Iowa State victory by stopping 28 shots for the 4-2 victory. On Saturday night, Karus stepped up and stopped 24 of 25 shots to help the Cyclones secure a tight 2-1 win over Illinois, helping boost Iowa State's record to 23-5-1-4 and keeping the team toward the top of the CSCHL standings and the ACHA Men's Division 1 rankings.

After this weekend's games against the Fighting Illini, Karus's save percentage of .932 stands not only as the best amongst Cyclone goaltenders, it's tops amongst all ACHA Men's Division 1 goaltenders that have played more than 600 minutes (or even 240 minutes). His goals-against average of 1.99 is also amongst the best in the ACHA Men's Division 1 amongst goaltenders that have tended the net for over 600 minutes this season.

"The numbers that Paul is putting are among the best in the country and will go a long way toward possibly earning some of the things that will come up toward the end of the season, such as CSCHL All-First Team and ACHA All-American teams," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch. "Stats like that and earning awards like that can also go a long way in getting a tryout next fall for the 2013 World University Games."

This week's recognition as Cyclone Hockey's Player of the Week is the second time this season Karus has received the honor, having earned it Nov. 7, 2011, after making 34 saves on 35 shots in the Cyclones' huge 2-1 road win over then third-ranked Arizona State November 5.

Karus and the Cyclones return for home games Friday, January 27, and Saturday, January 28, against the ACHA Men's Division 1 ninth-ranked 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.