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Cyclone Hockey Names James Buttermore Player of the Week

Tallies two goals and two assists in two games against Robert Morris

Jan. 30, 2012 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce center **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** as its player of the week.

Buttermore led the Cyclones in points scored for the weekend at four, on the strength of a two-assist performance in Iowa State's 5-2 victory over the ACHA Men's Division 1 ninth-ranked Robert Morris University on Friday and a two-goal game in the Cyclones' 6-4 loss to the Eagles on Saturday. The freshman forward's timely goal scoring in Saturday night's game helped Iowa State stay even with Robert Morris and then stage a near comeback, as his goal at 9:03 of the second period tied the game at 2-2 and his power play goal with 6.2 seconds remaining in the second period helped draw the Cyclones to a more manageable two-goal deficit (5-3) heading into the third period after allowing three quick goals to the Eagles just over midway in the period.

After a pair of two-point games, Buttermore is currently second in Cyclone scoring, with 15 goals and 18 assists in 31 games, and is on a five-game point streak, during which period he has tallied 3 goals and 6 assists. Buttermore's streak is only a smaller part of a freshman season where he has consistently been an impact player for the Cyclones and one where he's becoming a young leader by example.

"He's centered a scoring line all season, he's playing a rotation on the power play, and occasionally rotating in on the penalty kill when we have a critical face-offs," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch of Buttermore. "He's just stepping up and doing it all and quietly showing good leadership on the ice and off the ice."

Losing a number of the team's top forwards to graduation after last season, the Cyclones needed some of its incoming freshman for the 2011-12 season to step up and become major contributors early on, and Buttermore was one of the rookies the Cyclones looked to the most for filling that void because of his development in minor hockey and high school hockey in Minnesota and his junior hockey experience with the Winkler Flyers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League.

"We knew we were getting a good blue-chip player, because his academics are strong, as well as his hockey skills," said Murdoch. "He has a good foundation from Minnesota, and the minor hockey development there is absolutely excellent, and then to couple that with playing a year of junior hockey up in Winkler, Manitoba, absolutely huge."

"He's the kind of guy that we're trying to recruit. Exceptional student, and an exceptional athlete on the ice."

Buttermore and the Cyclones are on the road next weekend for a pair of games against the ACHA Men's Division 1 fourth-ranked Lindenwood Lions. Friday night's game is slated to start at 7:30, while Saturday's game is scheduled for a 4:00 p.m. start. Both games will be broadcast online live on the America One Network. Go to www.cyclonehockey.com for more details and to order.

Iowa State returns home for a series against the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos (spelling is correct) Friday, February 10, and Saturday, February 11. Friday night's contest is scheduled for a 7:30 opening puck drop, while Saturday night's game will start at approximately 8:05, following the Cyclone women's game against North Dakota State. 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.

The Iowa State Cyclones play in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League (CSCHL) and are a member of the American College Hockey Association's Men's Division 1.