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Cyclones Comeback Falls Just Short in 6-5 Loss to Lions

Rooney leads charge with hat trick

Feb. 4, 2012 – Wentzville, Mo. – After falling to Lindenwood Friday night 8-1, the Cyclones nearly let the game get out of hand again in Saturday's rematch, but this time Iowa State refused to fold and gave the ACHA Men's Division 1 third-ranked team a scare in a close 6-5 firefight without the team's top two scorers.

Just past the midway mark of the first period, the Cyclones looked to be in control after rebound goals 29 seconds apart by **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. – Chicago Force/CSHL)** at 13:43 and **Justin Wilkinson (Prince Albert, Saskatchewan – Kindersley Klippers/SJHL)** at 14:12, but Lindenwood reminded Iowa State how just how dangerous the Lions' power play is when Steve Brancheau fired a slap shot from the top of the face-off circle and scored low far side with 2:51 left to reduce the Cyclones' lead to one. The Lions' potent power play also proved problematic in the second period.

After the Cyclones were whistled for too many men on the ice 4:33 into the second period, Lindenwood struck on the power play again 27 seconds later when Tyler Bowman fired a slapper from the point that rang off the post right to Grant Gorczyca in the low slot for a rebound goal, tying the game at 2-2. The very next shift, Peppi Sipila fired a clean shot from the hash marks at 5:22 and scored to give the Lions' their first lead of the game. Lindenwood padded its lead even further with its third power play goal of the game when Cameron Chinnery took a Steve Brancheau lob toward the slot in the chest and fired the rebound off his body past Cyclone netminder **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** at the 8:04 mark, giving the Lions a 4-2 lead. Karus was pulled from the net and replaced by **Mike Ness (Woodbury, Minn. – Woodbury Royals/MnHSHL)** following Chinnery's goal, just as Karus was pulled from the net after allowing four goals Friday night, but this time Karus was put back into the net after a couple shifts and his teammates received the message and responded.

The Cyclones cut into Lindenwood's lead a little over four minutes after Chinnery's tally when **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** fired a long pass to **Mark Huber (Dodge Center, Minn. – Edina Lakers/MnJHL)** at the far blue line, putting Huber on a breakaway, and Huber drew Lindenwood goaltender Kent Henry to one side of the net and then dished to a trailing Rooney for a near empty-net goal at 12:38, putting the Cyclones down by one. Three minutes later, a tenacious **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** forecheck created chaos around the Lindenwood net and an easy goal for Huber at 16:41 when a loose puck entered the crease with Henry alongside then net after a failed attempt to move it to his defensemen.

Having come back to tie the game 4-4 and with just over a minute remaining in the second period, the Cyclones looked poised for a straight duel in the third, but Lindenwood re-established the advantage with 52.2 seconds remaining when Iowa State failed to clear a puck that Karus made a number of initial saves on and Joe Bostic buried the biscuit to give the Lions a 5-4 lead after two. A failure to clear the puck bit Iowa State again 12:24 into the third period when Lindenwood defenseman Tyler Bowman kept a puck in at the point and fired a shot toward the net that Bostic finished with help from Jeremy Meletti, but Cyclones' resiliency didn't waiver despite, once again, being down two goals to a talented Lindenwood Lions pride.

With two minutes remaining in the third period, Karus was called to the bench for the extra attacker and the Cyclones converted only 10 seconds later when Rooney took a feed in the slot from Huber for twiched the twine past Henry for the hat trick. Karus returned to the net following Rooney's goal at 18:50, but he was called to bench again for the extra attacker 58 seconds later, again giving the Cyclones the extra attacker with time winding down.

Lindenwood fended off Iowa State's six-man attack the remaining 52 seconds for the 6-5 win, but the Cyclones did deny a tendency to let a subpar stretch in second period set the tone for the rest of the game and yield to the opponent and proved what they could do even without leading scorer **J.P. Kasczak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** and second-leading scorer **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers)** serving disqualifications incurred the previous night.

Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch was particularly pleased with the efforts of Huber and Rooney.

“Huber scored again tonight after getting our only goal last night and picked up to assists, giving him four points for the weekend, and Rooney showed great leadership out their getting the hat trick,” said Murdoch. “So, real solid play by that unit and stepping up when we needed players to step up.”

Even without Kasczak and Buttermore in the line-up, Murdoch remained confident his team could compete with Lindenwood in the third period and also thinks the Cyclones could face the Lions twice more before the conclusion of the 2011-12 campaign.

“I thought we were very capable of beating that team, even though they had a one-goal lead going into the third period,” remarked Murdoch. “It’s going to take a little bit of work, but I’ve got a good, strong feeling we’ll see them two more times this season—at the Central States tournament and the national tournament.”

The Cyclones return home for games Friday, February 10, and Saturday, February 11, against the University of Central Oklahoma Bronchos (spelling is correct). 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.

NOTES: Brian Rooney’s hat trick gives him 11 goals for the season and 23 points, which places him sixth in Cyclone scoring. Like Rooney, Mark Huber also had a three-point night, tallying a goal and two assists, as did defenseman Brandon Clark, who picked up the playmaker by being credited for three assists. Justin Wilkinson’s goal in the first period was his first of the season and gives all Cyclone skaters (forwards and defenseman) at least one goal this season. **Joe Bueltel (Louisville, Colo. – Dubuque Fighting Saints/USHL)** was listed as dressing on the official scoresheet, but the team reconsidered just before warm-ups and decided to hold him out of the line-up after all, due to a nagging injury, despite needing and wanting the physical presence Bueltel brings to the ice.

GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	2	2	1	5
LINDENWOOD	1	4	1	6

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Rooney (Clark), 13:43; ISU, Wilkinson (Elliston, Lloyd), 14:12; LU, Brancheau (Bowman), 17:09 (pp). Penalties: LU, Belanger (elbowing), 5:47; ISU, Bennett (tripping), 15:24; LU, Brancheau (hooking), 19:25.

Second Period – Scoring: LU, Gorczyca (Morrell), 5:00 (pp); LU, Sipila (Morrell), 5:22; LU, Chinnery (Brancheau, Bostic), 8:24 (pp); ISU, Rooney (Huber, Clark), 12:38; ISU, Huber (Clark), 5:41; LU, Bostic (Chinnery), 19:08. Penalties: ISU, Bench Minor (too many men on the ice), 4:33 (served by Feavel); ISU, Falvey (boarding), 6:53; ISU, Reid (cross-checking), 13:36.

Third Period – Scoring: LU, Bostic (Meletti, Bowman), 11:24; ISU, Rooney (Huber), 18:10. Penalties: ISU, Elliston (boarding), 7:41; ISU, Crawford (ten-minute misconduct), 11:24.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	8	10	3	21
LINDENWOOD	8	20	9	37

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Karus (57:27)	7/8	16/20	8/9	31/37
ISU, Ness (1:31)	-/-	0/0	-/-	0/0
ISU, Empty Net (1:02)	-/-	-/-	0/0	0/0
LU, Henry (60:00)	6/8	8/10	2/3	16/21

POWER PLAY: ISU 0-2; LU 3-6

PENALTIES: ISU 6-20; LU 2-4

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