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Cyclones Sweep Central Oklahoma with 5-2 Win *Four-goal second period propels Iowa State to victory*

Feb. 11, 2012 – Ames, Iowa – After blanking Central Oklahoma 4-0 Friday night, the Cyclones swept the ACHA Men's Division 1 14th-ranked Bronchos with a 5-2 victory Saturday, thanks to a four-goal second period and standout goaltending.

The Cyclones struck first at the 8:17 mark of the first period when **Brian Rooney (Palatine, Ill. – Chicago Force/CSHL)** fed **Mark Huber (Dodge Center, Minn. – Edina Lakers/MnJHL)** along the wing in the neutral zone and Huber drove wide to beat Broncho defenseman Ryan Marrs and then toward the net and scored while getting hauled down, putting the Cyclones up 1-0. Central Oklahoma didn't fold, though, and knotted the game back up 1-1 at 15:04 of the first period when defenseman Tyler Benson's blocked shot from the top of the face-off circle went right to teammate Anthony Knuth in the high slot and Knuth scored with a low shot.

Tied 1-1 after the first period, the Cyclones pulled away early in the second, starting when **Trevor Lloyd (Commerce, Mich. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** skated a puck deep into the offensive zone and made a pass from the goal line to **David Kurbatsky (San Ramon, Calif. – Owatonna Express/NAHL)** in the low slot and Kurbatsky finished it at the 3:20 mark for the 2-1 lead. Just 18 seconds later, Iowa State tallied again when **Dominic Toigo (Delta, British Columbia – South Delta Ice Hawks/PIJHL)** crashed the crease and deflected a centering pass from the corner out of mid-air and past Broncho netminder Bretton Patchett, extending the Cyclones' lead to 3-1. Central Oklahoma pulled Patchett after Iowa State's third goal and kept the Cyclones off the board for the next 12 minutes, but **Mike Falvey (St. Paul, Minn. – Twin Cities Northern Lights/MnJHL)** re-extended the Cyclones' lead to three at 15:47 of the second period when he stripped a Broncho defenseman of the puck at the blue line, skated in on net, and scored high on the backhand past Broncho relief goalie Tory Caldwell. Central Oklahoma responded promptly with a goal 20 seconds later when Iowa State failed to clear the puck out of the slot after multiple attempts and Broncho forward Luke Ward buried a loose puck in the crease. The Cyclones presented their rebuttal on the scoreboard just 45 seconds after Ward's goal when **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** made a centering pass off the end boards to **Matt Bennett (Anchorage, Alaska – Kenai River Brown Bears/NAHL)** driving the net and the sophomore defenseman scored with a backhand of his own at 16:52.

Both teams held the other off the scoreboard in the third period, but the Cyclones' four-goal second period proved to be enough to propel Iowa State to the 5-2 victory, thanks to the solid netminding of **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)**, who made 31 saves on 33 shots, including highlight-reel saves against Donald Geary as a penalty to **Chris Cucullu (Anchorage, Alaska – Nelson Leafs/KIJHL)** expired in the first period and on a Nolan Hopkins breakaway at the 9:38 mark of the third. Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch was complimentary of Karus's play over the weekend, and particularly Saturday night's game.

"He definitely rebounded very well from a week ago when we played Lindenwood and they scored 14 goals between both goaltenders," said Murdoch of Karus. "I think he was playing the angles real well tonight, but his reflexes were also right on and he was in the zone and playing well."

"Central Oklahoma was and is pretty motivated to stay in the rankings and get the invite on Wednesday for nationals, but Karus shut them down pretty well, only two goals against for the weekend."

With the invitations for the ACHA Men's Division 1 National Tournament going out this week, there could be a tendency for some to look past the upcoming Central States Collegiate Hockey League Tournament next weekend in Athens, Ohio, at Ohio University, but Coach Murdoch certainly has no such proclivity.

“I’m not looking beyond to nationals yet or to the final weekend for the seniors,” said Murdoch. “We’re going to take it one game at a time at the Central States tournament.

“To me, we’re going to treat that and the practices this week just like it’s the national tournament.”

The Cyclones next play Friday, February 17, at the CSCHL Tournament against archrival Illinois at 1:00 p.m., the first game of the tournament. The semifinals will be played Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The single-elimination tournament will conclude with a championship game at noon Sunday, February 19. All games that the Cyclones play at the CSCHL Tournament will be broadcast online live on America One. For more information, go to www.cyclonehockey.com.

Iowa State will return home for its final home series of the season Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25, against the up-and-coming Waldorf College. The start time for both games against the budding intrastate rival is 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the final Cyclone Hockey home games of the season figure to go fast, so reserve yours now by calling the Cyclone Hockey office at 294.6164. Group-sales discounts and rewards apply for groups of as few as 15 people. Call the Cyclone Hockey office for more details.

NOTES: Jon Feavel’s three-assist night equals his best of the season and vaults him into a three-way tie with **J.P. Kascak (Springfield, Va. – North Bay Trappers/NOJHL)** and **James Buttermore (Stillwater, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** for first amongst all Cyclones in assists at 19. Feavel also moves up into second in team scoring with 36 points (17-19-36). By tallying a goal and an assist, David Kurbatsky has 18 points (14-4-18) in his last 18 games. Trevor Lloyd has been credited with assists in four consecutive games, giving him the longest active point streak of any Cyclone. Paul Karus has been the starting netminder for the Cyclones in their last 8 games and has made eight consecutive starts for the Cyclones.

GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	1	4	0	5
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	1	1	0	2

First Period – Scoring: ISU, Huber (Rooney, Kohles), 8:17; UCO, Knuth (Benson), 15:04; Penalties: ISU, Cucullu (hooking), 3:04; ISU, Karus (tripping), 4:28 (served by Huber).

Second Period – Scoring: ISU, Kurbatsky (Feavel), 3:20; ISU, D. Toigo (Lloyd, Feavel), 3:38; ISU, Falvey (unassisted), 15:47; UCO, Ward (Harris, Higgins), 16:07; ISU, Bennett (Feavel, Kurbatsky), 16:52. Penalties: ISU, Wilkinson (high-sticking), 5:12; ISU, Wilkinson (roughing), 5:12; UCO, Geary (roughing), 5:12; ISU, Wilkinson (checking from behind), 18:01.

Third Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: ISU, Crawford (interference), 0:56; UCO, Novak (interference), 3:50; UCO, Geary (tripping), 11:38; UCO, Geary (unsportsmanlike), 19:18 (served by Novak); UCO, Geary (hitting after the whistle), 19:18; ISU, Crawford (hitting after the whistle), 19:18.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	9	6	8	23
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA	14	8	11	33

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Karus (60:00)	13/14	7/8	11/11	31/33
UCO, Patchett (23:38)	8/9	0/2	-/-	8/11
UCO, Caldwell (36:22)	-/-	2/4	8/8	10/12

POWER PLAY: ISU 0-3; UCO 0-5

PENALTIES: ISU 7-14; UCO 5-10