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Cyclones Quashed 5-1 in First Round of CSCHL Tournament

Illinois pulls away with four-goal second period

Feb. 17, 2012 – Athens, Ohio – After winning three of four games over the University of Illinois during the regular season, with all four being close contests, there was an expectation of the same for the Cyclones' matinee matchup in the first round of the Central States Collegiate Hockey League Tournament against Illinois, but the Fighting Illini had other ideas and dispatched the Cyclones 5-1 on the strength of a four-goal second period.

After a scoreless first half to the first period, Illinois managed to strike first when Sam Fatigato held up along the half boards just past the blue line, decided against making a centering pass, and took a few strides and fired a shot toward the far pad of Iowa State netminder **Paul Karus (Brookfield, Wisc. – Mass Maple Leafs/CHA)** that rebounded out front and which Andrew Cardona buried for the power play goal at the 10:10 mark of the first period. The Fighting Illini carried the 1-0 lead into the first intermission, and then didn't look back.

Only 2:47 into the second period, John Scully dished the puck to Fighting Illini defenseman Mike Evans at the top of the hash marks and Evans fired it high for the 2-0 Illinois lead. Twenty-eight seconds after Evans' goal, Iowa State forward Ryan Reid was assessed a five-minute major for checking from behind, and a game disqualification, and Illinois made the Cyclones pay a dear price.

With five full minutes of power play time, Illinois extended their two-goal lead to a four-goal lead after Fatigato fed Cardona in the low slot for a power play goal at 4:28 and Joe Sullivan fired a crisp slap shot from the face-off circle for another tally with the man advantage at 7:23. The Cyclones pulled Karus and put **Jared Andersen (Fort St. John, British Columbia – Calgary Mustangs/AJHL)** in net at that point to try spark the team, but the Fighting Illini were again the team to score next when Jon Langan and John Scully intercepted a pass in the neutral zone and Scully skated it and lit the lamp with a shot bar-down at 13:25. The Cyclones responded shortly thereafter, only 15 seconds later, when **Matt Bennett (Anchorage, Alaska – Kenai River Brown Bears/NAHL)** sprung **Jon Feavel (North Pole, Alaska – Fairbanks Ice Dogs/NAHL)** in the neutral zone and Feavel powered his way to the net and pushed one in low, but Iowa State was unable to score the final 6:20 of the second period or any of the third period and were dispatched back from Athens back to Ames as quickly as they came.

“Trying to find the positives, if we're going to lose a game in tournament play, it might as well be in the Central States rather than the national tournament,” said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch.

Murdoch wondered if the good news the Cyclones received on Wednesday from the ACHA caused the young team to lose a bit of their hunger for the Central States Collegiate Hockey League Tournament.

“It was thrilling for a lot of the guys on Wednesday, because none of the freshmen or sophomores have been to the national tournament in the ACHA, so it was pretty exciting on Wednesday when we got the invite,” said Murdoch. “Sometimes when you've got something exciting like that, you kind of let down just a little bit.”

The veteran Cyclone Hockey head coach also gave Illinois due credit for a game well-played.

“I knew their goaltending was solid, I knew their defensemen play a smart game of hockey, and I knew their forwards were opportunistic, especially on the power play,” said Murdoch. “Last weekend, they lost to Lindenwood 3-2, a close game, but both of the goals Illinois scored were power play goals.

“So, we knew coming into it that their power play was going to be good and sure enough it was, three goals.”

The Cyclones will look to regroup for one final home series Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25, against the up-and-coming, and budding intrastate rival, Waldorf Warriors. Opening face-off for both games is slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday night is Senior Night, as Cyclone Hockey will salute its players, cheer squad members, and staff who are seniors. The series against Waldorf is the last chance Cyclone fans will have to catch Cyclone Hockey at the Ames/ISU Ice Arena until next September, so fans are encouraged to cheer on the Cyclones at home one final time this 2011-12 season and take advantage of great deals on Cyclone Hockey apparel and memorabilia while it lasts. Group-rate discounts and rewards apply for groups of as few as 15 people. Contact the Cyclone Hockey office at 294.6164 for more information or visit www.cyclonehockey.com.

NOTES: The Cyclones regular-season scores against Illinois were as follows: 1-0 loss Oct. 28, 4-3 shootout win Oct. 29, 4-2 victory at Illinois Jan. 20, and a 2-1 win at “The Pond” Jan. 21.

GAME SUMMARY

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

First Period – Scoring: UI, Cardona (Fatigato, Evans), 10:10 (pp) Penalties: ISU, Lloyd (cross-checking), 9:43; UI, Wirt (slashing), 14:56; ISU, Reid (elbowing), 17:59.

Second Period – Scoring: UI, Evans (Scully, Langan), 2:47; UI, Cardona (Fatigato, Berrara), 4:28 (pp); UI, Sullivan (Ursitti), 7:23 (pp); UI, Scully (Langan), 13:25; ISU, Feavel (Bennett), 13:40. Penalties: ISU, Reid (checking from behind major), 3:15 (served by Elliston); ISU, Reid (game disqualification), 3:15; UI, Evans (tripping), 8:01; ISU, Wilkinson (elbowing), 16:20 (served by Elliston); ISU, Wilkinson (misconduct), 16:20; UI, Sullivan (hooking), 19:37.

Third Period – Scoring: None. Penalties: UI, Wirt (roughing), 16:29; ISU, Huber (roughing), 16:29; ISU, Huber (cross-checking), 16:29 (served by Elliston); ISU, Kasczak (slashing), 18:25.

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	9	5	9	23
ILLINOIS	5	14	6	25

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU, Karus (27:23)	4/5	4/7	-/-	8/12
ISU, Andersen (32:37)	-/-	6/7	6/6	12/13
UI, Rooney (60:00)	9/9	4/5	9/9	22/23

POWER PLAY: ISU 0-3; UI 3-6

PENALTIES: ISU 9-27; UI 4-8

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