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Cyclone Hockey Names Brandon Clark Player of the Week

Draws positive attention in losing effort at CSCHL Tournament

Feb. 20, 2012 – Ames, Iowa – Cyclone Hockey is pleased to announce defenseman **Brandon Clark (Spokane, Wash. – Trail Smoke Eaters/BCHL)** as its player of the week.

The Central States College Hockey League Tournament didn't go as the Cyclones would have liked, as the team traveled 12 hours to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, for the tournament, lost 5-1 to Illinois in the first game of the first round of the tournament, and then immediately made a 12-hour return trip back to Ames, but Clark still managed to draw positive attention from some important people watching in the stands.

"I know a number of the coaching staff for Team USA for the 2013 World University Games were present at the Central States Tournament and he was one of the players that they singled out, even in a losing cause, that they felt could be a good fit," said Cyclone Hockey General Manager and Head Coach Dr. Alan Murdoch of Clark.

"We hope to have two or three guys that get selected to the final 48 or so that get invited to training camp next Christmas for the World University Games," added Murdoch. "We'll encourage our players to look at it, apply for it, get in the good shape that it takes to be in physically and mentally to do something like that, but take it to a higher level, and Clark's a player they see who has the potential to do that."

As one of the Cyclones' alternate captains for the Cyclones in 2011-12, Clark's leadership was also noticeable in the tough, disappointing loss to the Fighting Illini at the CSCHL Tournament.

"He kept everyone pretty cool, calm, and collected, despite the fact we were losing, trying to keep everyone focused and, in particular, leading by example with his own play," said Murdoch.

Despite not tallying a point in Iowa State's lone game this past weekend, Clark leads all Cyclone Hockey defensemen in scoring on the strength of 8 goals and 13 assists. His five power play goals is tied for the team lead, amongst forward and defensemen, both, and his nine points tallied with the man advantage is also tied for tops amongst all Cyclones. Clark, ever the reliable, consistent, two-way defenseman, also leads all Iowa State defensemen in plus/minus at +21.

Clark and the Cyclones return home for the team's final home series of the season Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25, against the up-and-coming Waldorf College. Friday night is "Senior Night," and Cyclone Hockey will be recognizing players on both the ACHA Men's D1 and D3 team during the first intermission, as well as Cyclone Hockey Cheer Squad members and staff members who are seniors. The scheduled start time for Friday night's game was 7:30 p.m., but other events at the rink will likely push the start to closer to 8:30 p.m. Saturday night's game is still slated for a 7:30 p.m. puck drop. 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.

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.