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Three Cyclone Hockey Players to Compete in 2009 World University Games

AMES, Iowa- The Cyclones roster is returning with talent and depth this upcoming season, which was proven when it came to the World University Games player selections. Junior forward **Pete Majkozak** (White Bear Lake, MN), and junior defenders **Brent Cornelius** (Fairbanks, AK), and **Adam Mueller** (Broomfield, CO) were selected to participate in the 2009 World University Games, February 18th-28th, held in Harbin, China. The three were selected from 80 participants—including three other Cyclone teammates, **Brian Spring** (Des Moines, IA), **Mike Murtaugh** (Alexander, IA), and **Bill Adolph** (St. Paul, MN)--whom were chosen to tryout in Detroit, MI, Aug 15th-17th. The three stood apart from the other 77 players with their hard drive on the ice, as Cyclone Hockey Associate Coach Brian Wierson—who traveled with the players to Michigan--explains.

“Like the rest of the players, they [Majkozak, Cornelius, and Mueller] demonstrated intensity,” said Wierson, “but they also impressed [scouts] with their ability to play on an Olympic sized sheet of ice, which they will be playing on in Harbin.”

This will be the first time either Majkozak, Cornelius, or Mueller has had the opportunity to not only represent Cyclone Hockey and the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) on a world wide level, but the first time they will wear the jersey embedded with the USA logo and represent their country.

“It’s always been a dream to play for team USA,” said Cornelius. “Watching even the Olympics [this past summer] and just watching other people compete on a world level, it’s just a dream come true.”

13 Cyclone players have participated in the World University Games,—which occur every two years—within the past nine years, most recently former Cyclone **Allen Raushel** (Cloquet, MN) competed at the 2007 Games in Turin, Italy.

The team will be coached by University of Rhode Island Head Coach, **Joe Augustine** (North Scituate, RI) and **Dave Debol** (Saline, MI), head coach at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Also heading to Harbin will be another Cyclone face. Cyclone Head Coach, **Dr. Alan Murdoch** (Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada), will again serve as General Manager of the team for the 4th consecutive time.

"We have assembled an outstanding team which will be as good as any country represented at the World University Games," said Murdoch. "We are not going to just participate, we are going to medal, be in the championship game and bring home gold medals."

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