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Cyclones National Championship Hopes Dashed by Surging West Chester

Cyclones dominate but unable to solve goaltender in loss to the Rams 4-2

March 14, 2009 – Cleveland, Ohio - With a bitter second round defeat in last years ACHA National Tournament, still very fresh in their minds, the Iowa State Cyclones looked to seek redemption in the 2009 tournament. #6 Iowa State faced off against #11 West Chester University in the first round of the tournament. Both teams hit the ice hard determined to move on to the second round. After some serious pressure from Iowa State pinpointed by a **Pete Majkozak (White Bear Lake, MN)** breakaway which missed the net, West Chester was first to strike, scoring the lone goal of the first period. Iowa State pumped 18 shots in the direction of the West Chester net to only 4 for the Golden Rams. Cyclone goaltender, **Erik Hudson (Spoakne, WA)** made 3 saves on 4 shots for the period.

The second period brought new life to Iowa State. A series of bone-crushing body checks gave the Cyclones the physical edge in the second period. However, after failing to capitalize on a power play, West Chester was first to strike. A series of costly defensive turnovers proved to be the turning point in this game. West Chester University scored three goals in a 1 minute and 5 second span to take a gripping 4-0 lead. Goaltender, **Jim Stenson (Eatontown, NJ)** made his National Tournament debut replacing Hudson after he allowed 4 goals on 10 shots. With momentum back on their side, Iowa State finally got on the board with a shorthanded goal when senior forward **Bill Adolph (St. Paul, MN)** made a cross crease pass to **Mike Murtaugh (Alexander, IA)** who scored the initial Cyclone goal. The Cyclones again outshot the Golden Rams 17-6, but carried a 3 goal deficit and momentum going into the final stanza. Hudson left the game with 6 saves on 10 shots while Stenson finished the period with 4 saves on 4 shots.

An aggressive Cyclone team took the ice as it was do or die for Iowa State. Some inspirational play from the two Cyclone seniors led to a flurry of scoring opportunities early in the period. With the West Chester goalie seemingly unbeatable, it was Iowa State’s fourth unit that provided the spark. Sophomore forward **Josh Jeske (Cottage Grove, MN)** found the back of the net after a quick snap shot from the slot to beat the West Chester goaltender. Continuing to dominate the play, the Cyclones were unable to score in the latter stages of the third period. Despite out shooting West Chester 53-20, the Cyclones were upset in the first round of the National Tournament by a score of 4-2. Iowa State will play in a consolation match tomorrow. Stay tuned to www.cyclonehockey.com for more information on Sunday’s game.

The Cyclone Hockey team first appeared at Iowa State in 1965. In 1969 the current head coach, Dr. Alan Murdoch became involved with the program. The Cyclone Hockey team competes in the Central States Collegiate Hockey League. The CSCHL is a league in the American Collegiate Hockey Association. The team has been ranked eighth, seventh, sixth, fifth and fourth in ten of the ACHA rankings this season. Last season, the Cyclones placed eighth in the ACHA tournament. There are 28 players on the team, along with a full time coaching staff.

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GAME SUMMARY

GOALS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
IOWA STATE	0	1	1	2
WEST CHESTER	1	3	0	4

First Period – Scoring: WCU Campli (Bushman) 8:37

Penalties: ISU Bench (Too many men) 15:15; WCU Johnson (Highsticking) :17

Second Period – Scoring: WCU Longo 16:04 ua; WCU Mervin (Jordan) 15:44; WC Petrillo (Bixler, Jones) 14:59; ISU Murtaugh (Adolph) 9:25 sh

Penalties: ISU Behrman (Hooking) 9:35; WCU Shockley (Holding) 3:06

Third Period – Scoring: ISU Murtaugh (Adolph) 10:35

Penalties: ISU Pascale (Boarding) 19:44; WCU Bushman (Hooking) 19:15

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1	2	3	TOTAL
IOWA STATE	18	17	18	53
WEST CHESTER	4	6	10	20

GOALTENDERS (SV/SH)	1	2	3	TOTAL
ISU: HUDSON	3/4	3/6	0/0	6/10
ISU: STENSON	0/0	4/4	6/6	10/10
WCU: HACKNEY	18/18	16/17	17/18	51/53

POWER PLAY: ISU: 0-3 WCU: 0-3

PENALTIES: ISU: 3-6 WCU: 3-6