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Cyclones School Utes for 7-0 Shutout

Feb. 11, 2017 – Ames, Iowa – After a 6-2 victory over 19th-ranked Utah Friday night, 10th-ranked Iowa State entered Saturday night’s rematch with goals of limiting the Utes’ shots, keeping them off the scoreboard, and scoring even more goals over the first-year ACHA Men’s Division 1 team than the team had the previous night, and the Cyclones achieved all of those aims en route to a dominating 7-0 shutout.

Iowa State got on the board a mere 25 seconds into the game when a Jake Uglem (Moorhead, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL) point shot hit bodies in the slot and Colton Kramer (Sioux City, Iowa – Minot Minotauros/NAHL) took the loose puck and pushed in past goaltender Jared Manzella, who was diving back toward the right post after the trajectory of Uglem’s original shot suddenly changed. At the 2:06 mark, the Cyclones extended their lead to 2-0 when Clayton Janecke (Scales Mound, Ill. – Wisconsin Whalers/NA3HL) deflected an Uglem point shot at the right hash marks past Manzella inside the left post and the Utes responded by inserting Patrick Kasper into the net, instead, in an attempt to send a message to the team.

A slashing penalty to Noah Beery at 7:04 of the first period put the Cyclones on the power play and it took only 22 seconds to convert, as Jackson Graalum (Fargo, N.D. – Aberdeen Wings/NAHL) took a loose puck from behind the Utah net, made a pass from the left face-off circle to Jon Severson (Rockford, Ill. – Nashville Jr. Predators/NA3HL) all alone in the slot, and Severson rifled a shot over the butterflied pad of Kasper to give Iowa State a 3-0 lead at the 7:26 mark. Cyclone netminder Derek Moser (Tomah, Wisc. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL) had to make a quick save on a point-blank shot by Ute forward Julian Cronan at the 8:30 mark, but that was the only time Moser was really tested by Utah in the opening period and Drew Carlson (Livonia, Mich. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL) capped scoring in the first frame by taking a puck won back in an offensive zone face-off, skating toward the slot, and firing a shot that scored high glove side on Kasper at 15:43.

Up 4-0 after 20 minutes of play, the Cyclones continued to push the pedal to the metal early in the second and a Tony Uglem (Moorhead, Minn. – Austin Bruins/NAHL) pass at the offensive blue line intended for A.J. Gullickson (Verona, Wisc. – Alexandria Blizzard/NA3HL) missed the target but made its way over to Trevor Sabo (Skokie, Ill. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL) in the right face-off circle and Sabo fired a shot that scored low at the 1:18 mark. Sabo tallied again at 10:33 of the second period when he and Tony Uglem sped in on a two-on-one and Sabo took a pass across the slot and roofed it top-right corner to give Iowa State a commanding 6-0 margin. Neither team scored during the remainder of the second period, which was marked by a number of minor penalties, and Iowa State carried its six-goal lead into the second intermission.

The Cyclones started playing the xylophone the first few minutes of the third period. Anthony Song (Ames, Iowa – Syracuse Stars/USPHL Premier) took a pass in the slot from Carlson and quickly fired a shot on net that rang off the right post 2:58 into the third and just under four minutes later Graalum skated in on a breakaway, faked Kasper down with a drag across the crease to his backhand, and rang his backhand off the left post at the 6:44 mark. After not getting lucky on the two posts, Iowa State did have fortune on its side at the 11:18 mark after referee Trevor Waite thought Moser had made a save on a Ute shot from beside the net but the puck was actually loose in the Cyclones’ crease, spoiling any change Utah might have had in knocking in a goal.

A tripping penalty to Utah forward David Barnes at the 14:40 mark put Iowa State on the power play and, after prolonged puck possession in the offensive zone, Jake Arroyo (Bolingbrook, Ill. – Austin Bruins/NAHL) made a
pass from the top of the umbrella to Song in the left face-off circle and Song blasted a one-timer that scored at 16:16 of the third.

Utah forward Brett Myer rang a shot off the crossbar with 2:20 remaining during a delayed penalty to Tony Uglem that was eventually assessed at 17:47 and that was the closest the Utes got to scoring, as Iowa State won 7-0 despite having to kill penalties for all but a few seconds the remainder of the third.

Moser stopped all 14 shots he faced, seven of which came during the third period, while the Cyclones fired 48 shots on net during the course of the contest.

Following the game, Cyclone Hockey Head Coach and General Manager Jason Fairman was satisfied with the team’s performance pleased that the team met a number of its goals for the game.

“The players set some objectives before the game and we accomplished most of them,” said Fairman. “The particulars of those goals will stay in the locker room, but I feel relatively pleased with the way we played. “I think we played more like the Cyclone Hockey team we need to be. Overall, it was a pretty solid weekend, for the most part.”

One of the keys to the shutout was limiting Utah to only 14 shots for the game, a lot of which came down to dominating puck possession, but some of which was due to a lot of selfless play.

“We blocked a lot of shots tonight,” explained Fairman. “One of the team’s goals tonight involved shots and I was glad to see the guys willing to make that sacrifice and I told them that’s what it’s going to take.

“That’s what we did last year when we made our run—guys were blocking shots and driving the net and I hope we can do that next weekend, because I was starting to see that this weekend.”

As hinted upon in the discussion of blocked shots, the Cyclone forwards’ success in driving the net played a significant role in the seven goals put up on the Utes Saturday night and the thirteen goals for the weekend.

“I thought we moved the puck well and were using our speed,” Fairman said of the team’s success offensively. “This last week in practice we were concentrating on driving the net and I thought we did that pretty well and that’s what we need to do to be successful.

“So, that was encouraging, and I hope it carries into next weekend, because we’re certainly going to need it to be successful against Ohio.”

Iowa State indeed heads east to take on Central States Collegiate Hockey League rival Ohio in Athens Friday and Saturday night at Bird Arena. The Cyclones do so still in contention to win the CSCHL regular season championship despite Iowa State’s up-and-down season. Fairman knows the Cyclones face a tough task on the road against the Bobcats but is hopeful the team will have a little extra motivation.

“It’s a tough place to play and we’re going to have to be very sound defensively,” said Fairman of Bird Arena. “It’s a smaller sheet of ice, so you can transition very quickly and if you get caught out of position you’ll pay for it dearly.

“We’re going to address some things in practice in preparation for that. Hopefully we can build off this weekend. We’re playing for a banner next weekend and hopefully that’ll be part of the motivation the players have in the back of their minds.”

Of note, Cyclone Hockey will not be broadcasting the games at Ohio on EverSport. The games will be broadcast online live by Bobcat Hockey on Go Live Sports Cast. To watch, go to Go Live Sports Cast’s event schedule at http://golivesportscast.com/events/ and click on the appropriate games between Iowa State and Ohio.

Following the road series at Ohio, Iowa State will play at the CSCHL Tournament at The Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, Illinois, the home ice of the Robert Morris Eagles. Cyclone Hockey is still working out broadcasting possibilities with Robert Morris but the outlook is currently positive.
Iowa State plays its final home game Saturday, March 4, against Midland, which likely secured a trip to the ACHA Men’s Division 1 National Tournament this weekend with a pair of respectable showings against third-ranked Adrian. The game March 4 against the Warriors marks Senior Night, as Cyclone Hockey will be saluting seniors Drew Carlson, Alex Grupe, Eero Helanto, Dalton Kaake, and Chase Rey. Cyclone Hockey will broadcast Senior Night’s game online live on EverSport at https://eversport.tv/acha.

Cyclone Hockey fans can still take advantage of steep discounts on group rates for groups of fans of 10 or more fans for Senior Night. Group rates must be secured two weeks prior to the desired game a group intends to attend. Contact Cyclone Hockey at 515.294.3498 to secure your group rate tickets. Fans can learn more about Cyclone Hockey’s extremely affordable ticket prices and group rates at the organization’s website at www.cyclonehockey.com. Cyclone Hockey can also be followed on Facebook at /CycloneHockey, on Twitter at @Cyclone Hockey, and on Instagram at @CycloneHockey. Cyclone Hockey…Right Now.

NOTES: By picking up an assist on Iowa State’s first goal, Aaron Azevedo now has 30 points (12-18-30) on the season and is the first Cyclone to reach the 30-point mark this season. Trevor Sabo’s two goals on the night give him ten for the season. Sabo is now fourth in team goal scoring and is now seventh in team scoring with 16 points (10-6-16) in 29 games. Colton Kramer’s two-point night keeps him second in team scoring with 26 points (12-14-26) in 33 games played. Kramer is second in team goal scoring only because he’s played two more games than Azevedo. For the second straight night, Tony Uglem had two assists. He is now second on the team in assists with 16 in 25 games played and has 24 points (8-16-24), which places him third in team scoring. Like his brother, Jake Uglem tallied two assists on the night. Jake is now ninth in team scoring with 14 points (6-8-14) in 29 games played and is second on the team in defensemen scoring, taking the tie-breaker over Jake Arroyo on the fact Arroyo has played more games (32) and has less goals (1). Chase Rey (St. Peters, Mo. – Janesville Jets/NAHL) snapped a 12-game pointless streak with his two assists. Rey is now sixth on the team in assists with ten in 32 games played. Jon Severson snapped a four-game pointless streak with his goal and is 11th in team scoring with 13 points (6-7-13) in 32 games played. Anthony Song broke a five-game pointless streak with his two-point night. Drew Carlson also snapped a five-game pointless streak on the strength of his first-period goal. Carlson is still sixth in team scoring with 16 points (3-13-16) in 32 games played. Video review revealed that A.J. Gullickson picked up the second assist on Trevor Sabo’s second goal, as Gullickson made a board pass up to Trevor Sabo to get the puck into the neutral zone and to start the two-on-one give-and-go. Gullickson stands seventh in team scoring with 14 points (8-6-14) in 22 games played. Video review also showed that Brit Brothen (Andover, Minn. – La Crosse Freeze/NA3HL) picked up a second assist on the Cyclones’ first goal of the second period by making a breakout pass up to Tony Uglem in the neutral zone. Derek Moser’s shutout was his third of the season. In 23 games played, all of which he has started, Moser has a 14-8-1-0 record, a 2.48 goals-against average, and .910 save percentage.

GAME SUMMARY

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First Period – Scoring: ISU, Kramer (J. Uglem, Azevedo), 0:25; ISU, Janecke (J. Uglem, Rey), 2:06; ISU, Severson (Graalum, Kramer), 7:26 (pp); ISU, Carlson (Song), 15:43.
Penalties: UU, Beery (slashing), 7:04; ISU, Reuter (holding), 15:55 (served by Kaake), 15:55; ISU, Reuter (roughing), 15:55; UU, Dangel (roughing), 15:55.

Penalties: ISU, Song (slashing), 2:17; ISU, Grupe (tripping), 11:02; UU, Beery (interference), 12:51; ISU, Arroyo (tripping), 13:06; UU, Dangel (slashing), 16:52; ISU, Kramer (tripping), 19:43.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Song (Arroyo, Rey), 16:16 (pp).
Penalties: UU, West (boarding), 7:28; UU, Meaney (game misconduct), 12:39; UU, Barnes (tripping), 14:40; ISU, T. Uglem (high-sticking), 17:47; UU, Dangel (interference), 18:38; ISU, Rey (slashing), 18:43.

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**POWER PLAY:** ISU 2-4; UU 0-7

**PENALTIES:** ISU 8-16; UU 8-24