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Cyclones Beat Buffaloes 3-2 to Advance to Quarterfinals

Mar. 11, 2017 – Columbus, Ohio – Coming off an uninspired performance in a 2-1 loss on the road against Midland last Sunday, Iowa State had something to play for again in its first-round matchup against Colorado at the 2017 ACHA Men's Division 1 National Tournament and despite a flat first period and allowing the first goal of the game in the second period, the Cyclones charged back and advanced to the quarterfinals on a 3-2 victory over the Buffaloes.

Colorado established momentum early in the opening period and largely controlled puck possession the first half, with the Buffaloes managing the get in behind the defense on a couple occasions. At the 11:28 mark, the officials chose to review a scrum around the Cyclone net to see if the puck had crossed the goal line about ten seconds before the whistle, even though no Colorado players had celebrated, and video replay revealed that, indeed, the Buffaloes had not scored, keeping the game knotted in a scoreless tie. Iowa State killed off a high-sticking penalty assessed to **A.J. Gullickson (Verona, Wisc. – Alexandria Blizzard/NA3HL)** at 12:47, but **Derek Moser (Tomah, Wisc. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** truly saved the period for the Cyclones with 4:50 left when he calmly made a pad save on a John Nitchen breakaway after the Colorado forward split the defense in the high slot. Gullickson got a breakaway of his own with about 16 seconds remaining in the opening frame, but he fired the puck high over the net to maintain the 0-0 tie heading into the first intermission.

Only 44 seconds into the second period, Moser had to make a big glove save on Trace Jablin from point-blank range after the defenseman slipped past **Eero Helanto (Turku, Finland – TPS Turku J20/Jr. A Sm-Liiga)** at the top of the left face-off circle to skate in unopposed but denied by the Cyclone netminder. Gullickson went back to the penalty box at the 6:01 mark of the second, this time for hooking, and only five seconds off the face-off Colorado blueliner Ben Hall fired a wrister from the point through traffic that scored high for the power play goal and the 1-0 Buffalo lead.

Iowa State did not remain down for long, though, as **Aaron Azevedo (Spokane, Wash. – Osoyoos Coyotes/KIJHL)** took a pass in the right face-off circle from Helanto and rifled a shot in short side at the 9:41 mark before Colorado goaltender Colin Champine could get over to cover the right post. A hooking penalty to Colorado forward Pierce Maty at 10:20 put Iowa State on its first, and only, power play of the game and **Tony Uglem (Moorhead, Minn. – Austin Bruins/NAHL)** skated back into the neutral zone for a **Jon Severson (Rockford, Ill. – Nashville Jr. Predators/NAHL)** pass that had left the zone, gained the offensive zone back, cut from the wall toward the left face-off circle, and sniped a shot top right corner across Champine and in at the 11:56 mark for the 2-1 Cyclone lead.

The Buffaloes kept pressing to tie the game up prior to the second intermission and Luke Carter skated in on a two-on-one with George Gruber VII with just under a minute remaining, but Moser stood tall and made the save as Carter decided to subtly feign pass and shoot the puck himself with 56 seconds remaining.

Up 2-1 after two periods, the Cyclones played their best hockey of the game in the third period, largely controlling play and preventing the Buffaloes from establishing the offensive zone with puck possession. With a little under two minutes left in the third, **Adam Alcott (Rochester, Minn. – Wisconsin Whalers/NA3HL)** rang a puck around the defensive boards up to Gullickson, who poked it out of the defensive zone, and the freshman forward picked up the disc in the neutral zone for a two-on-one with Uglem. With Gullickson and Uglem bearing down on him and

defenseman Erik Kardash, Champine cheated pass slightly and Gullickson took the opportunity Champine gave him and sniped a shot top left corner at the 18:16 mark for a 3-1 Cyclone advantage.

Colorado took its allocated timeout after Gullickson's goal and also pulled Champine for the extra attacker with 1:33 left and generated an offensive zone face-off with 1:23 remaining, at which point Iowa State took its timeout. The Cyclones continued to hold off the Buffaloes and faced another key defensive zone face-off with 5.9 seconds left. Matt Anders won the ensuing draw back to defenseman Alex Temby and Temby unleashed a wrist shot that deflected off of Luke Carter and over Moser's shoulder with exactly 3.0 seconds left in regulation to reduce the Cyclones' lead to 3-2. The Buffaloes got to the puck first off the face-off at center ice, but a sweep check by **Jake Uglem (Moorhead, Minn. – Winkler Flyers/MJHL)** knocked the puck away from Jake Bauer before he could send a shot in on net from the left alley to secure the 3-2 victory for the Cyclones.

Moser made 27 saves on 29 shots in the win while Colin Champine stopped 23 of 26 Cyclone shots.

Following the game, Cyclone Hockey Head Coach and General Manager Jason Fairman was relieved that Moser was able to keep the team in the game after a flat first period.

"I feel fortunate that we were able to get through that first period," said Fairman. "I don't feel we were very sharp and I don't feel we had woken up at that point.

"I think it was important we got through that first period. Derek made some good saves for us that could have changed the direction of the game if he hadn't made those saves, because I don't think we were ready. Derek was, we weren't."

Despite the Cyclones allowing the first goal, Fairman felt it might have actually worked for the better that the Buffaloes opened scoring in the second period.

"Earlier in the season I might have been concerned about giving up that first goal," said Fairman. "A lot of times back then we'd get down after goals were scored against us, but we're prepared for that now and have come from behind to win in a number of games this season against strong opponents.

"I was really pleased to see we responded today with two quick goals and we actually seemed to play a little bit better after giving up that goal. It was a wake-up call."

Fairman was happy with the third period, however, even though the team allowed a second goal in the waning seconds of regulation.

"I was pretty pleased with the third period," said Fairman. "We wanted to be able to make sure we were playing high-percentage hockey, keeping it simple, and make them earn anything they were going to get.

"Particularly, we wanted to make sure they had to earn our blue line to gain pucks in the zone and I thought we did a pretty good job of getting pucks deep and keeping it in the neutral zone. Overall, we played pretty solid in the third."

With the win, Iowa State advances to the quarterfinals of the ACHA Men's Division 1 Tournament for the fifth straight season and will play Central Oklahoma tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m. The Cyclones play the Bronchos almost as much as they play Central States Collegiate Hockey League rivals and the familiarity has bred a mutual respect and competitiveness.

"We played them four times this season and split at home and split at their place, so we're very familiar with them," Fairman said of Central Oklahoma. "We've played them four games a season for a number of years.

"I have a lot of respect for their coach, Craig McAlister, and we enjoy the competition. Obviously, we won't be friends tomorrow, but I'm sure it'll be a great game, like they usually are. We just have to bring our 'A game' and I'm sure they'll bring theirs."

Tomorrow morning's contest against the fourth-seeded Bronchos at the OhioHealth Ice Haus is slated to be broadcast online live on Go Live Sports Cast for free. The link is: <http://golivesportscast.com/2017/03/acha->

[nationals-2017-watch-live-march-9th-19th-all-times-est/](#). If Iowa State downs Central Oklahoma, the Cyclones will move on to the semifinals and play at either 5:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, depending on the re-seeding that occurs after the quarterfinals.

Aside from cheering for the team in-person or watching the tournament on Go Live Sports Cast, fans can also follow Cyclone Hockey online at www.cyclonehockey.com, on Facebook at /CycloneHockey, on Twitter at @Cyclone Hockey, and on Instagram at @CycloneHockey. Cyclone Hockey...Right Now.

NOTES: Video review revealed corrections in scoring on four of the five goals. Colorado's first goal had one assist originally credited to Phippen Weisbeck, but review showed that John Nitchen won the face-off over to Matthew Hefter, who sent the puck up to Hull at the point. Aaron Azevedo's goal had correct scoring, but Tony Uglem's goal was not assisted by **Trevor Sabo (Skokie, Ill. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** and, instead, was assisted by Jon Severson, who made a fortunate errant pass considering the result. Sabo was also credited with the assist on Gullickson's goal, but it was in fact Adam Alcott who moved the puck up to Gullickson. With his goal, A.J. Gullickson now leads Iowa State in goal scoring with 14 in 29 games played, getting the tie-breaker over **Colton Kramer (Sioux City, Iowa – Minot Minotauros)**, who has played in all 40 games. Kramer, with his assist on Azevedo's goal, has 31 points (14-17-31) and is still third in team scoring. Tony Uglem's goal was his twelfth of the season and he is now fifth in team goal scoring. Uglem remains first in team scoring with 34 points (12-22-34) in 32 games played. Azevedo is now third in team goal scoring with 13 and has 32 points (13-19-32) in 37 games played. Eero Helanto's assist on Azevedo's goal gives him 20 assists for the season, good for second on the team, and the senior defenseman now has 24 points (4-20-24) in 40 games played, one point behind Gullickson's 25 points (14-11-25). Derek Moser's save percentage remains unchanged at .918 after the win and his goals-against average ticked down from 2.32 to 2.31, but the victory over the Buffaloes was his 20th of the season. Moser's record now stands at 20-8-1-0.

GAME SUMMARY

| GOALS BY PERIOD | 1 | 2 | 3 | FINAL |
|-----------------|---|---|---|-------|
| IOWA STATE | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| COLORADO | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

First Period – Scoring: None.

Penalties: ISU, Gullickson (high-sticking), 12:47.

Second Period – Scoring: UC, Hull (Hefter, Nitchen), 6:06 (pp); ISU, Azevedo (Helanto, Kramer), 9:41; ISU, T.Uglem (Severson), 11:56 (pp).

Penalties: ISU, Gullickson (hooking), 6:01; UC, Maty (hooking), 10:20.

Third Period – Scoring: ISU, Gullickson (Alcott), 18:16; UC, Carter (Temby, Anders), 19:57.

Penalties: None.

| SHOTS BY PERIOD | 1 | 2 | 3 | TOTAL |
|-----------------|---|----|----|-------|
| IOWA STATE | 7 | 9 | 10 | 26 |
| COLORADO | 7 | 12 | 10 | 29 |

| GOALTENDERS (SV/SH) | 1 | 2 | 3 | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|
| ISU, Moser (60:00) | 7/7 | 11/12 | 9/10 | 27/29 |
| UC, Champine (58:27) | 7/7 | 7/9 | 9/10 | 23/26 |

POWER PLAY: ISU 1-1; UC 1-2

PENALTIES: ISU 2-4; UC 1-2

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