

April 10, 2017 – Ames, Iowa – Following Cyclone Hockey’s annual awards banquet on the evening of Friday, April 7, 2017, the organization is pleased to formally announce its award recipients following a 2016-17 season in which the Cyclones’ American Collegiate Hockey Association Men’s Division 1 team earned the Central States Collegiate Hockey League regular season championship and the CSCHL Tournament championship and finished fifth in the 2016-17 ACHA Men’s Division 1 Final Rankings.

Leading Cyclone Hockey in awards received was junior defenseman **Kody Reuter (Sioux City, Iowa – Austin Bruins/NAHL)**. Reuter compiled a modest 8 points (1-7-8) in 39 games played, but his impact went well beyond goals and assists and the alternate captain earned not only the Larry Saal Most Outstanding Defenseman Award but the Alexander Murdoch Most Valuable Player Award. The pair of team awards come after Reuter was named to the CSCHL All-Defensive Team for 2016-17 and an ACHA Men’s Divisional National Tournament Honorable Mention, both of which marked the second consecutive season that Reuter had received those league and national accolades.

To Cyclone Hockey Head Coach and General Manager Jason Fairman, there was no doubt that Reuter was the team’s most important player.

“I’d hate to think where we’d have been this last year without Kody in the line-up, with every situation that he played in, including his leadership,” said Fairman. “He was clearly our most valuable player.

“If you break down Kody’s game zone by zone, he was a defensive stalwart and plays in shut-down situations, he plays on our penalty kill, and in 5-on-3 situations when the other team is trying to score. He brought a physical presence, he has strong ability to break the puck out, and at times he showed offensive abilities jumping into the rush, and he displayed great vision on the ice. He just did so many things for us in all areas in every zone.”

Sophomore forward **Tony Uglem (Moorhead, Minn. – Austin Bruins/NAHL)** took both the Rod French Most Outstanding Forward Award and Charlie Turner Leading Scorer Award for the second straight season after leading Iowa State in scoring for the second consecutive campaign. Over the course of 2016-17, Uglem tallied 12 goals and 22 assists in 33 games played, missing four games due to injury prior to playing for Team USA at the 2017 Winter World University Games in Almaty, Kazakhstan. With Team USA, Uglem scored two goals in three exhibition games and then put up two goals and two assists in six games at actual Winter World University Games Tournament. After returning from Kazakhstan, Uglem put up 14 points (4-10-14) in 10 games, which led the Cyclones in scoring from the first game of the Utah series February 11 until the Cyclones’ loss to Central Oklahoma in the quarterfinals of the ACHA Men’s Division 1 National Tournament. Uglem’s performance over the course of the season earned him CSCHL All-First Team honors for the second straight season and he is, thus, undoubtedly in contention for All-ACHA honors later this spring.

To Fairman, Uglem's performance for Iowa State in February proved vital in the Cyclones taking the team's first CSCHL regular season title since 2001-02 and the team's first CSCHL Tournament championship since 2007.

"Tony was a little banged up for a portion of the season, so his offensive numbers weren't as high as last season, but I think he really hit his stride after he came back from the World University Games," said Fairman. "It was critical that Tony was able to contribute to the level he did from that point on, because that was a crucial part of the season for us."

Indeed, Iowa State had to sweep Ohio in Athens February 18 and 19 to take the CSCHL regular season title and, thanks in part to Uglem's strong two-way play that weekend, the Cyclones swept the Bobcats on the road for the first time in team history. Similarly, Uglem picked up three assists at the CSCHL Tournament to help Iowa State take the William W. Easton Cup.

Although Uglem stood out for his number of assists at the CSCHL Tournament and he did not lead Iowa State in goals scored for the season during 2016-17, he's still considered the team's most dangerous shooter.

"You can feel it on the bench any time Tony gets the puck over the blue line and he's lining up to take a shot, there's a good chance the puck's going to go into the net," said Fairman. "We all feel that when we're on the bench, that he can score from anyone on the ice inside the blue line."

The only player to approach Uglem in scoring during the team's final ten games of the season was freshman **A.J. Gullickson (Verona, Wisc. – Alexandria Blizzard/NA3HL)**, who scored 7 goals and 5 assists in 9 games, having been kept out the line-up March 5 against Midland due to a minor injury. Gullickson's strong second half of the season, on top of a fantastic stretch drive, gave him 25 points (14-11-25) in 30 games played, vaulted him to fourth in team scoring for 2016-17, and also earned him Cyclone Hockey's Glenn Detulleo Rookie of the Year Award.

The team award comes as little surprise after Gullickson was the lone Cyclone named to the CSCHL All-Rookie Team, but his team and league recognition were far from certain during the first couple months of the season, when he was a semi-regular scratch for Iowa State. However, Gullickson jump-started his season with two goals and two assists during the Alabama series in early December and he was a scratch only three times thereafter, all due to injury.

Before Gullickson's emergence, the Cyclones were struggling to find the chemistry to field two legitimate, reliable scoring lines; but, the second half of the season, Iowa State was able to field a roster of four forward lines with strong chemistry and effectiveness, with the line of Uglem, Gullickson, and **Trevor Sabo (Skokie, Ill. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** being, arguably, the team's top line.

Fairman, in retrospect, is pleased that Gullickson made a steady progression during his freshman campaign and was able to showcase his offensive talents.

“A.J. showed the ability to find time and space for his shot and I think as the season went along he started to understand our systems better and was playing more of an overall game,” said Fairman. “The offensive element of his game that he was able to bring, particularly the second half of the season, was a great benefit to the team.”

Although he put up a good numbers of points over the course of the season, Gullickson picked up only 12 penalty minutes, but that was 10 more penalty minutes than senior forward **Drew Carlson (Livonia, Mich. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** was assessed in 39 games played. Carlson picked up his lone penalty of 2016-17 against Midland on March 5 in the last game of the regular season and, fittingly, was bestowed Cyclone Hockey’s Ed Moore Sportsmanship Award.

No other Cyclone skater had fewer penalty minutes than Carlson and every other Iowa State skater that had two penalty minutes played in less than half the number of games Carlson did. In the National Hockey League, the sportsmanship award is named the Lady Byng Trophy and it typically goes to a player who not only exhibits great sportsmanship, but also plays the game at a high level. Carlson did that for the Cyclones in 2016-17, finishing seventh in team scoring with 19 points (4-15-19) and fifth in assists with fifteen.

Carlson’s low number of penalty minutes came in a season in which he saw more ice time than he had in any previous season for Iowa State and a campaign in which he played with more physicality in battles along the boards and in open ice. For Fairman, Carlson’s 2016-17 campaign serves as a role model to other Cyclones.

“Drew’s always been known as a playmaker and likes to go about his business,” said Fairman. “Only getting one penalty, which was in the last game of the season—I don’t even know if it was really a penalty—shows you can play at a high level and play within the rules of the game.”

A teammate of Carlson’s who played with exceptional energy each game he appeared in was junior (in hockey eligibility) **Clayton Janecke (Scales Mound, Ill. – Wisconsin Whalers/NA3HL)**, who was assessed only three minor penalties in 22 games played while arguably being the Cyclones’ most spirited forechecker. In recognition of his energy level and work ethic on the ice, and even his willingness to help in any way possible when he was out of the line-up, Janecke was bestowed the Raymond Vaillant Spirit Award.

Janecke was a standout defenseman for Cyclone Hockey’s ACHA Division 3 team in 2014-15, his rookie season, and split 2015-16 between the Division 1 and

Division 3 teams (voluntarily moving to the Division 3 team second semester to help his old teammates make a late-season push), but he transitioned to play primarily forward with the Division 1 team in 2016-17.

Fairman was very impressed that Janecke was able to successfully transition to forward, still serve as a utility player, and maintain such a positive attitude even when he wasn't in the line-up.

"Clayton did a great job transitioning from defenseman to forward and learning the different positions," said Fairman. "We used him sometimes at defense, but most of the time at forward, and sometimes that was on the wing and others it was at center.

"When he wasn't in the line-up, he was always positive and always helping out and I think his teammates recognized what a positive influence he was in the locker room and on the ice."

Janecke will leave Cyclone Hockey after only three seasons, as he will graduate this spring after accelerating his studies and will begin dental school this fall. As one of the Cyclones' youngest players—he decided to forego two years of junior hockey eligibility and go to Iowa State—Janecke has actually proven to be one of the organization's most mature players.

"Clayton is a great individual," said Fairman. "He works hard off the ice, clearly, and is finishing his degree in three years and will be going to dental school next year—graduating in four years can take some effort, but Clayton is doing it in three.

"He also was a hard worker on the ice. He was always positive and an energy guy that was physical and brought a lot of energy when we needed it in the line-up."

Another player who made the move from the Division 3 team to Division 1 in 2016-17 was defenseman **Brit Brothen (Andover, Minn. – La Crosse Freeze/NA3HL)**. Brothen was a healthy scratch 14 of Iowa State's first 17 games, but once he got a real chance to play against Alabama in early December, the sophomore blueliner never looked back and actually established himself as one of the Cyclones' most steady performers. In 25 games played, Brothen tallied 4 points (1-3-4), which are typical for a defensive defenseman, but his +11 rating was fourth on the team despite not dressing for 16 games.

Going from a depth defenseman to an undisputed top-six defenseman, Brothen earned the Transamerica Most Improved Player Award and Fairman had nothing but praise for Iowa State's number 39.

"Brit had a strong season his first year with Division 3 and he made the team Division 1 this year and he had to bide his time until he got his shot in the line-up

and once he did, he took advantage of that and played steady for us on defense,” said Fairman. “He became very reliable for us on the back end.”

Fairman also looked at Brothen and Janecke’s success as an important indicator for the health of Cyclone Hockey as an organization.

“It’s important that we have two strong programs and that there’s a strong connection between the programs, and that’s why we have D3 guys practicing with the D1 team on a weekly basis and I think that pays off,” said Fairman. “It gives guys the opportunity each and every year to earn a promotion to the Division 1 team and Brit and Clayton are examples of guys who continued to work hard, competed, and earned their opportunities on Division 1 and performed well.”

Like Brothen, junior goaltender **Derek Moser (Tomah, Wisc. – Rochester Ice Hawks/MnJHL)** also had a very strong season on the ice, earning CSCHL All-First Team honors and finishing 2016-17 with a 2.43 goals-against average and .915 save percentage in 1777:41 played over 30 games, all of which were starts. Moser also ended the campaign with a 20-9-1-0 record and five shutouts. However, Moser had even more success in the classroom with a 4.00 grade point average fall semester, raising his cumulative GPA to 3.80, and, thus, earned the James J. Russo Academic Achievement Award.

Fairman finds Moser’s academic success is readily found in the netminder’s on-ice success.

“Derek’s a hard worker on the ice, he’s a hard worker off the ice with his preparation, and he’s an equally hard worker with his studies, obviously,” said Fairman.

At Iowa State, on-ice success and academic success go hand-in-hand.

“Our team GPA is a 3.31 now and I think that’s important,” said Fairman. “After all, that’s why the players are here, to get an education and to prepare themselves for the next chapters of their lives.

“We find that, most often, the better students are a better fit for our program from a coachability standpoint and from a work ethic standpoint. The three pillars of our program are good hockey players, good citizens, and good students. Derek embodies all three of those and while the James Russo Award is for academic achievement, the award almost invariably means the recipient possesses all three pillars.”

Moser rounded at Iowa State’s player awards, but those weren’t the entirety of the team’s honors for the Division 1 team. Each season, Cyclone Hockey bestows the Rolayne DeStephen Special Recognition Award to a staff member or volunteer not only for contributions that season, but typically for contributions

made over many years. For 2016-17, Public Address Announcer Chris Osher was named the recipient of the Special Recognition Award after having served in the position since 1994.

To Fairman, Osher's receipt of the award was an overdue recognition of a term of service that spans a duration longer than nearly every current Cyclone Hockey player has been alive.

"For nearly 25 years, Chris Osher has been the voice of Cyclone Hockey," said Fairman. "It crosses generations.

"People who came to a game over 20 years ago or played 20 years ago hear the same voice at our home games. Chris has been one of the many dedicated people in Cyclone Hockey that makes it the special organization that it is. I can't imagine where Cyclone Hockey would be without all the dedicated people, like Chris, that commit so much time to Cyclone Hockey and all the wonderful things they do for our program. I don't even like to let the thought of not having them enter into my mind."

Below is a listing of the team awards for the 2016-17 season for Cyclone Hockey's ACHA Men's Division 1 team:

ALEXANDER MURDOCH MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD Kody Reuter

ROD FRENCH MOST OUTSTANDING FORWARD AWARD Tony Uglem

LARRY SAAL MOST OUTSTANDING DEFENSEMAN AWARD Kody Reuter

GLENN DETULLIO ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD A.J. Gullickson

ED MOORE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD Drew Carlson

RAYMOND VAILLANT SPIRIT AWARD Clayton Janecke

TRANSAMERICA MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD Brit Brothen

JAMES J. RUSSO ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Derek Moser

ROLAYNE DESTEPHEN SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD Chris Osher

The organization also thanks all of its fans around the world for a great 2016-17 season and their tremendous support from the Cyclones' exhibition games against the Huntsville Havoc in September to start the season through the 2017 ACHA Men's Division 1 National Tournament. Fans, family, and friends can continue to follow Cyclone Hockey during the "off season" at

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