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SPRING SEMESTER IN REVIEW

Courtesy of Angie Courtemanche

The Icers started the 2006 spring semester with wins over Arizona State, Arizona and Iowa State at the Arizona Desert Classic in Tempe. The win over ASU gave JoeBa his 500th career win. All three games were won by a goal.

A rematch of last year's national championship game took place at home when Illinois paid a visit to Greenberg Pavilion. The Icers completed a sweep of the Illini, winning 5-4 Friday and 6-3 Saturday.

Towson proved to be no match for the Icers, as they trampled the Tigers 11-2 and 10-2 in Maryland.

Michigan Dearborn came to town at the end of January to recoup a loss earlier in the fall semester, but their efforts were fruitless as the Icers steam rolled the Wolves 10-5 and 5-3.

URI ended PSU's 17-game winning streak as a controversial goal with two seconds left in the final period of the game sent the Rams home victorious on Friday. Another win by a goal on Saturday completed the Rams' sweep of the Icers.

Another tough weekend followed, as PSU traveled to Athens to face long-time rival Ohio University.

The team went home with two losses to the Bobcats, 2-3 Friday and 1-3 Saturday.

Suddenly, the Icers went from a winning streak to a losing one.

The Icers hosted their annual Nittany Lion Invitational Tournament as their final games of the regular season. They rebounded to their winning ways, sending Washington and Jefferson to the consolation game with an 8-3 victory. St. Clair killed the Icers' spirit as they won the NLIT 8-3. It was the first time since 1999 Penn State did not win the tournament.

The ACHA National tournament began with the Icers ranked third. Penn State came out flying, handing Delaware a shutout and posting eight goals. The road became a bit more difficult as Duquesne fought hard and kept scoring to a minimum, but the Icers prevailed with a 2-1 win.

Chris Matteo extended his shutout performances the following day when the Icers sent defending National Champion Illinois home with a 0-1 loss.

A difficult task became even more difficult as Penn State faced the University of Rhode Island for the championship. The Rams proved to be a road block for the Icers all year as the best score versus Rhode Island was a tie. The Icers enemies were the posts and cross

bars as shots clanged off them all day, and only one puck found the back of the net. URI scored their final goal with under two minutes left of the game.

The Rams won their first ACHA championship title with a score of 3-1, sending the Icers home in second place for the third year in a row.

Junior Chris Matteo and senior Matt Wallace were added as honorable mentions to the All-Tournament Team.

The year ended with the annual Awards Banquet. Freshmen Luke DeLorenzo and Frank Berry were awarded MVPs. DeLorenzo also won the Leading Scorer award, entering the record books in fourth place for goals in a single season. Junior Mike McMullen received Offensive Player of the Year, while senior Brendan Martin was named Defensive Player of the Year. Nate Obringer, a sophomore transfer, won Rookie of the Year. Nominees for ACHA All Americans are Frank Berry, Luke DeLorenzo, Keith Jordan, Brendan Martin, Mike McMullen and Nate Obringer. Paul Mammola is in the running for Academic All American.

2006 AWARDS BANQUET

The 30th Annual Awards Banquet was held on April 1st at the Penn Stater. Honored were 8 members of the senior class who have completed their eligibility - Captain Brett Wilson, Assistant Captains, Brendan Martin, Lucas Walker and Teague Willits-Kelley, and Seniors Justin DePretis, Paul Mammola, Marc Switaj, and Matt Wallace.



Seniors at Icers Banquet
(Photo courtesy of Will Rusk)

Head Coach Joe Battista completed his 19th and final season behind the bench, as he will be assuming the position of Executive Director of Nittany Lion Club effective April 10th. He was recognized for achieving his 500th victory (during the 2005-2006 season) and for serving Penn State Hockey as a player and coach for the past 25 years.

All the awards presented at the banquet are as follows:

Icers Booster Club Service Award - Carolyn Muse

Icersboosterclub.org 7th Man Award - Claire Smith

Section E Fan Favorite Award - Luke DeLorenzo

The Greg Whipple Community Service Award - Teague Willits-Kelley

Most Valuable Player – Luke DeLorenzo, Frank Berry

Leading Scorer Award – Luke DeLorenzo

Offensive Player of the Year – Mike McMullen
Defensive Player of the Year – Brendan Martin
Rookie of the Year – Nate Obringer
Unsung Hero – Luc Walker/Paul Zodtner
Flannel Shirt – Teague Willits-Kelley
Players' Player – Marc Switaj
I.C.E. Award (Intense, Consistent, Effort) – Frank Berry, Teague Willits-Kelley, Jaime Zimmer
Best Academic Performance – Matt Wallace
Most Improved Academic Performance – Chris Matteo
Best Academic Performance by a New Player – Frank Berry, Brandon Rubeo
Jerry Fry Service Award – Cory Drangel (Technical Support Intern), Will Gigante (Asst. Coach), Meg Handley (Team Sports Coordinator)
Hockey Management Association Outstanding Service Award: Liz McMahon (HMA Director of Advertising)
Hockey Award of Excellence – Dustin Allgeier (Team Manager from 2002-2006), Norm Brown (20 year sponsor of the Icers), Brad Pantall (Strength Training Coach)

In addition to the team awards, Coach Joe Battista also announced the team's nominees for ACHA awards:

All-America – Frank Berry, Luke DeLorenzo, Keith Jordan, Brendan Martin, Mike McMullen, Nate Obringer
Academic All-America – Paul Mammola

Chris Matteo and Matt Wallace garnered honorable mentions at the ACHA national tournament last month, where the Icers fell to Rhode Island in the championship game.

UPCOMING ITEMS AND EVENTS

Yes it is now the “break” between hockey seasons but there are some upcoming items starting this summer.

Icer Open: The 2006 Icer Open will be held on August 20, 2006. Additional information will be posted on the booster club web site when it becomes available. Icer Open committee meetings will start in May. If you can be a volunteer at the Open, please contact booster club vice-president Vaughn Zimmerman at 814-272-6428 or vishnu888@aol.com. The Event Chair this year is Scott Balboni.

Silent Auction: The Silent Auction will be held November 4, 2006 at the Ramada Inn on South Atherton Street. Items for the auctions are now being accepted and can be sent to booster club president Maxine Schollenberger at 644 Blue Spring Lane, PO Box 367, Boalsburg PA 16827 (phone 814-466-7501).

Summer Camp Merchandise Sales: The Icers Booster Club will be selling merchandise at summer hockey camps. Volunteers will be needed for Sunday and Fridays during

camps. The dates are:

July 2006 – 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, and 30th

August 2006 – 4th, 6th, and 11th

Sunday dates are usually midday to early afternoon, and Friday sales are usually around business hours. A request for volunteers will be done before the camps.

Alumni Weekend: The 2007 Alumni Weekend will be January 26-27, 2007. The Alumni Banquet will be on January 27th with the venue to be announced at a future meeting.

Meetings: The Icers Booster Club has meetings during the off season as well. Check out the booster club site for the next meeting. Any booster club member can attend one of these meetings.

Committees: Some committees are active during the off season as well including the Fundraising and Icer Open committees. Meetings will be announced at a later date.

World University Games: The World University Games will be coming up again during the 2006-2007 season. Additional information is not yet available at press time.

ICERS MERCHANDISE

Icers merchandise is still available thru mail order, and will also be sold at summer hockey camps (see previous page). Check out the merchandise web page at <http://www.icersboosterclub.org/merchandise.htm> for the most recent information including how to order information, order forms, and availability of items.

Emails regarding merchandise can be emailed to merchandise@icersboosterclub.org.

2006-2007 ICERS SCHEDULE

(Tentative Schedule)

Oct.	7	Sat.	A	TBA	Washington & Jefferson
	8	Sun.	A	TBA	Robert Morris University (PA) (NCAA Div. 1)
	13	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.	SCRANTON
	15	Sun.	H	12:00 p.m.	NAVY
	20	Fri.	A	TBA	ACHA Showcase
	21	Sat.	A	TBA	Youngstown, OH
	22	Sun.	A	TBA	
	27	Fri.	H	7:30 p.m.	OHIO UNIVERSITY
	28	Sat.	H	7:30 p.m.	OHIO UNIVERSITY
Nov.	3	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.	WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
	4	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.	DREXEL
	10	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.	WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

	11	Sat.	A	9:15 p.m. Duquense (Island Sports Complex)
	12	Sun.	A	4:00 p.m. West Virginia University
	17	Fri.	A	7:30 p.m.RHODE ISLAND
	18	Sat.	A	7:30 p.m.RHODE ISLAND
Dec.	1	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.DELAWARE
	2	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.DELAWARE
	8	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.ST. CLAIR COLLEGE
	9	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.ST. CLAIR COLLEGE
	15	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.NIAGARA UNIVERSITY
Jan.	10	Wed.	A	7:45 p.m. West Chester University
	12	Fri.	A	4:30 p.m. Scranton
	13	Sat.	A	5:00 p.m.Delaware
	19	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.PITT
	20	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.PITT
	26	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.DUQUESNE
	27	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.DUQUESNE
Feb.	2	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.RHODE ISLAND
	3	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.RHODE ISLAND
	9	Fri.	A	7:30 p.m. Ohio
	10	Sat.	A	7:30 p.m. Ohio
	16	Fri.	A	TBA St. Clair Tournament
	17	Sat.	A	TBA St. Clair College in
	18	Sun.	A	TBA Windsor, ONTARIO
	23	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.MARYLAND
March	1-4	TH-SU	A	TBA ACHA Nationals @ The Ice Zone Youngstown, OH

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