

The Official Newsletter of the Icers Booster Club
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Welcome Back!

Ready for another season of Icers hockey? At this point, we'd like to welcome all of Icers Booster Club members back for another great season of Icers hockey.

2001-2002 Season - Three in a row

For ACHA Division I, there has been one important item consistent the last three seasons – the Penn State Icers have been the ACHA Division I Championship winner. The Icers have brought home the Murdoch Cup from the 2000, 2001, and 2002 championships.



Penn State Icers
2002 ACHA Division I Champions

In addition to a winning championship season, there were a number of other accomplishments from the 2001-2002 season including:

- ACHA Coach of the Year: Joe Battista
- ACHA Player of the Year and National Tournament MVP: Neal Price
- Season Record 28-4-1
- ACHA #1 Ranking Entire Season
- Nittany Lion Invitational Winner
- Tournament Fewest goals against in one season (20 games or more): 60 Goals Against in 2001-2002; 33 games
- Lowest goals against per game average: 1.80
- Goals Against Average in 2001-2002; 33 games
- Best Penalty Kill Percentage One Season: 187 Attempts and 168 Kills for 89.94%

There were six graduating seniors on the 2001-2002 team:

- Geoff Beuparlant (Nutrition Science)
- Scott Curry (Advertising)
- Scott Fyffe (Marketing)
- Kyle Jordan (Economics)
- Joe McArdle (Computer Engineering)
- Sean Waters (Landscape Contracting)

The overall senior record was 108-19-7 with three ACHA Championship wins and one 2nd place ACHA finish.

A 2001-2002 season recap is online at <http://icersboosterclub.org/20012002.htm> and more information is at <http://pennstatehockey.com>.

Icer Open 2002

The 13th annual Icer Open was held at the Penn State Blue Course on August 24th. Despite an early storm, pleasant weather prevailed. There were a number fund raising activities on the course and a “kickers raffle” back at the main tent.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the volunteers, participants, and club members who made this year's tournament a success.

Fall Semester Schedule

Sat 10/12 7:30pm AWAY GAME @ Rhode Island
Sun 10/13 2:00pm AWAY GAME @ Rhode Island
Fri 10/18 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Kent
Sat 10/19 7:30pm AWAY GAME @ Kent
Fri 10/25 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Ohio
Sat 10/26 3:30pm HOME GAME vs. Ohio
Fri 11/1 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Towson
Sat 11/2 5:30pm AWAY GAME @ Towson
Thu 11/7 7:30pm HOME GAME vs. Arizona
Fri 11/8 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Drexel
Fri 11/15 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Michigan-Dearborn
Sat 11/16 3:30pm HOME GAME vs. Michigan-Dearborn
Fri 11/22 7:00pm AWAY GAME @ Delaware
Sat 11/23 5:00pm AWAY GAME @ Delaware
Fri 12/6 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Eastern Michigan
Sat 12/7 3:30pm HOME GAME vs. Eastern Michigan
Fri 12/3 5:00pm AWAY GAME @ Washington & Jefferson (At Mellon Arena)

A complete schedule is on <http://pennstatehockey.com>. Note there is no Blue-White Game this year.

Season Roster is Online

The new 2002-2003 season roster is online at <http://pennstatehockey.com>. Just select the “Team” link on the site.

Banner Ceremony

A quick note that the 2002 Championship Banner Ceremony will be held on October 25th, during the home game with Ohio.

2003 Winter World University Games

Icers Coach Joe Battista will be the head coach for the 2003 United States University Select Team. The team will compete at the Winter World University Games to be held Jan. 16-26, 2003 in Tarvisio, Italy. The U.S. University Select Team is comprised of players from collegiate club ice hockey teams affiliated with the ACHA (American Collegiate Hockey Association).

The Icers are sending four players to the games – forwards Neal Price and Bill Downey along with defensemen Curtiss Patrick and Josh Mandel. This will be Mandel's second trip to these games.

Coach Battista was named head coach for the United States, and will be assisted by Josh Brandwene (Delaware) and Chad Cassel (Illinois). Dr. Alan Murdoch (Iowa State) will serve as general manager and Ashley Bevan (Colorado Springs, Colo.) will be the team leader.

Blue-White Illustrated Coach of the Year

If you happened to miss it, Icers Coach Joe Battista was named Coach of the Year in the "Year in Review" Issue of Blue-White Illustrated.

Penguins' College Showcase

On January 3rd the Icers will take part in the Penguins' College Showcase at Mellon Arena (in Pittsburgh). They will take on the Washington & Jefferson ACHA team that day at 5pm, and there is a following game with NCAA Division 1 schools Ohio State and Princeton at 8pm. This is a one-day college hockey showcase designed to expose fans in Western PA to various levels of college hockey.

Faces in the Crowd

Icer player Josh Mandel was one of the people featured in the "Faces in the Crowd" section of the April 29th *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

Radio Broadcasts

Can't make it to the game? Catch it on the radio instead! There will be a number of games on Lion Radio WKPS 90.7 FM, WRSC, and WBLF throughout the season.

Rink Renovations

Have you been back to the Ice Pavilion yet? One thing that you are going to note is the renovations to the ice rink, particularly the addition of netting above the glass.

Icers Merchandise

Once again this year, there's a variety of Icers Merchandise available. There is a return of favorite items, but there are also new items like banners and new shirt designs. Items can be purchased from the booster club table at home games, but you can also order by mail. An updated list of items and an order form can be seen at <http://icersboosterclub.org/merchandise.htm>. Questions about merchandise can be emailed to merchandise@icersboosterclub.org. There were also some successful merchandise sales during the hockey camps this summer.

50-50 Drawings

You can take part again in the 50-50 drawings this season. Tickets will be available for \$1 each or an arm's length for \$5. Winners are announced during the 2nd period intermissions, and winning numbers are posted at the booster club table.

Meetings

Booster Club members are welcome to attend our meetings, which are held usually once a month. All meeting dates and times are posted on the web site, and most meetings are in the lounge of the East Area Lockers Building. This is the building to your left when walking into the Ice Pavilion entrance.