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Fall 2002 Semester Review

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The Icers continued to defend the Murdoch cup in the fall semester with a perfect 16-0 record and raised their winning streak to 23. This was the first perfect semester since the fall of 1992.

The Icers also captured the number one ranking wire-to-wire for the semester. All 24 pre-season votes went to Penn State and, although they lost as many as four votes throughout the season, the team ended the semester with all but one first-place vote. Penn State hasn't surrendered the number one ranking since the 2001 ACHA Tournament.

The team graduated Geoff Beauparlant, Scott Curry, Kyle Jordan, and Sean Waters in the spring while Bobby Pate was not cleared to play for medical reasons and Joe McArdle decided to forgo his last year of eligibility. Senior Dave Tunon returned to the lineup, while freshmen Brendan Martin, Marc Switaj, Luc Walker, Matt Wallace, Matt Weber, and Brett Wilson joined the team. Completing the recruiting, Junior Brendan Roache transferred from Hamline University (in Minnesota) and Goalie Scott Blackman transferred from SUNY Geneseo (NY).

The season began with 15th ranked Rhode Island in the Ocean State on October 12. Saturday's win was a convincing one of 9-3. Penn State looked shaky Sunday, but managed a 7-3 win.

Winless 12th ranked Kent State started the Icer season at home, October 18, and then traveled to the Golden Flashes the next day. A repeat of the previous weekend occurred. The Icers defeated KSU 9-1. The next day, Icers ran into a great goaltending performance when the Flashes lost by just one point. The 3-2 win was the smallest margin of victory for the Icers.

Third-ranked Ohio came to town October 25 for the banner-raising ceremony. A pair of wins gave Coach Battista his 400th win on Saturday. The Icers also handed defeats to Towson, Arizona, Drexel, and Michigan-Dearborn. Michigan-Dearborn was the only team the Icers shut out with three goals on their side.

Eastern Michigan closed out the Penn State season when they traveled to Happy Valley. They took home a lump of coal for Christmas when the Icers defeated the Eagles 7-3 Friday and 11-3 Saturday.

The injury and illness bug rarely stuck this season, but injuries found Josh Mandel, Curtiss Patrick, Greg Windsor. Bill Downey suffered a viral infection for a brief time in the preseason. Lines weren't shifted much this year due to injury.

The award bug, however, was alive and well. The ACHA began awarding three stars of the week. Senior alternate Neal Price received first star October 27 and senior captain Josh Mandel received third star December 8. Glenn Zuck shined as first star October 13 and was another nominee November 10. Kevin Jaeger took second star on October 20 and November 24.

Three of the league's top four scorers are Icers: Senior Neal Price (13 G, 25 A, 38 PTS), Junior Glenn Zuck (19 G, 30 A, 49 PTS), and Sophomore Kevin Jaeger (22 G, 15 A, 37 PTS).

College Hockey Showcase

Commentary and Photos by William "Will" Rusk

On January 3rd, the Penn State Icers faced Washington and Jefferson (both ACHA teams) for a college hockey showcase at Pittsburgh's Mellon Arena. Ohio State beat Princeton 4-1 in the first game of the night. Despite the snow that day, there were 5500 people in attendance when the Icers and W&J played the second game.

By the end of the first period, the Icers were ahead with a commanding 3-0 lead with the Icers having 17 shots on goal vs. W&J's 8 shots. Each team had a goal during the second period, with the Icers getting 13 more shots on goal compared to W&J's 6 shots. The Icers then blasted in 3 more goals during the third period and had 20 additional shots on goal, while W&J only had 3 more shots on goal. Icers goalie Scott Graham stopped 16 of the only 17 shots on goal, while W&J goalie Bill Cuppett made 43 of 50 saves. Kevin Jaeger, Neil Price, and Paul Crooker scored two goals and one assist each. Jack Weber scored a goal as well for the Icers, and Sean Keller scored W&J's only goal.

After this game, the Icers were 17-0 and W&J was 16-3. W&J's Head Coach Dave Hornack is a former Penn Stater himself - he played for Penn State from 1980-83, was captain of the 1982 and 1983 teams, and was a former teammate of current Icers Head Coach Joe Battista for one season.



Game Start @ Mellon Arena



Period 2 Action



Graham protecting goal (Period 3)

World University Games

Coach Battista and some Icers players will be part of the 2003 United States University Select Team at the World University Games. The games are being held from January 15-25 in Taraviso Italy. Coach Battista is the head coach for the team and Icers players taking part are Neal Price, Bill Downey, Curtiss Patrick, and Josh Mandel. The Icers Booster Club supported the trip thru the proceeds from the 50-50 raffle and a special T-shirt that was sold.

Michigan Road Trip

The Icers Booster Club is doing another bus trip to the away games January 31st (at Dearborn) and February 1st (against EMU). We are also planning on a stop at the Hockeytown Cafe. If you are interested, please contact Pete Bittner (238-6030) or the Booster Club! There is also a sign-up sheet at the home Icers games! Deadline for reservations and payment will be January 21st.

Merchandise Items

There are new Icers Merchandise items available thru the Icers Booster Club. New items include Shot glasses, Mugs, Beanie Type Nittany Lion, Ties, Pins, and Stadium Blankets. There are also new clothing designs. **We are also taking orders this month for jackets.** For more information, stop by the merchandise table (home games) or go to www.icersboosterclub.org.

RAFFLE!

The Icers Booster Club is having a raffle. Tickets are \$1 for 1, \$5 for 6, and \$10 for 15. First prize is an autographed print of Mario Lemieux's return to the Penguins; second prize is an autographed Icers Jersey; and third prize is an autographed Icers hockey stick. Tickets are available at the booster table at home games or thru the Hockey Office.

Other 2003 Dates

In addition to the other items, note the following dates for your 2003 calendar: February 8th: Alumni Banquet (11:30am at The Atherton), April 5th: Awards Banquet (11:30am at Days Inn State College), and August 17th: ICER OPEN 2003 (Blue Course @ Penn State).

Additional Donation Possible thru The Invigorating Hour

Angie Courtemanche is a booster club member and proud Icers supporter for seven years. She is a massage therapist dedicated to helping the hockey team in various ways through her business, The Invigorating Hour, and personally. The following information regards a donation to the Icers and Dance Marathon 2003 by The Invigorating Hour.

Ten percent of all services, packages, and add-ons, from now through Sunday of THON will be donated to THON. Another 10 percent will be donated to the Icers IF the Icers are mentioned when scheduling the appointment. Student organizations are able to receive the first ten percent if they mention their organization.

The following special can be purchased now until Sunday of THON. Fifteen percent will go to THON and 15 percent to the Icers. Details listed above apply. Half-hour massage, Footbath, Paraffin dip and salt glow for feet. Price is \$50.

Everything purchased as gifts will be honored through 8/30/03.

The top three student organizations through The Invigorating Hour's tallies will receive a free 15-minute massage for everyone in your organization. A member list must be submitted by February 1 to be eligible for the prize. Email, mail, fax or dropped off at Angie's office are suitable submissions. Please call 880-0499 or Email guru98@myabmp.com if you have questions.

Spring Semester Schedule

W 1/8 7:30pm HOME GAME vs. West Chester
F 1/10 7:30pm AWAY GAME @ Ohio University
S 1/11 7:30pm AWAY GAME @ Ohio University
F 1/17 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Illinois
S 1/18 3:30pm HOME GAME vs. Illinois
F 1/24 & S 1/25 5&8pm Nittany Lion Invitational Tournament (Indiana, West Virginia, Washington & Jefferson)

F 1/31 7:30pm AWAY GAME @ Michigan-Dearborn
S 2/1 3:30pm AWAY GAME @ Eastern Michigan
F 2/7 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. Delaware
S 2/8 3:30pm HOME GAME vs. Delaware
F 2/14 9:00pm HOME GAME vs. St. Clair College
S 2/15 3:30pm HOME GAME vs. St. Clair College
2/26 - 3/2 ACHA National Tournament @ Ohio University