

## **ICER UPDATE WINTER 2007 (January 2007)**

### **ALUMNI WEEKEND 2007**

The 2007 Icers Alumni weekend will be held January 26th and 27th, 2007. This year's reception and luncheon will be at the Penn Stater Conference Center on Saturday, January 27th beginning at 11:30 a.m., and will include the Icers Hall of Fame Induction. The Icers game against Duquense will begin at 3:30 p.m. with the annual alumni game immediately following.

The fee for the luncheon is \$20.00 per adult and \$12.00 per child age 12-17. Lunches are free for children under 12. Payment MUST accompany the reservation. On the weekend of the luncheon, luncheon reservations will cost \$21.00 per person. Children's lunches will be \$12.00 per child over 12 at all times.

The cost for participating in the alumni game is \$35.00. The fee is waived if you already paid your 2006/2007 membership dues or if you return a Booster Club Membership form and fee with your reservation. We hope that you will join the Booster Club and help support Penn State Hockey. To obtain game tickets in advance please call the Ice Hockey Office at (814) 863-2037. Tickets can only be purchased by credit card. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Please identify yourself as an Ice Hockey Alumni when calling to reserve tickets.

Please complete the Alumni Luncheon order form (copy available on the web site) and return no later than January 13th. If you have any questions, please call the hockey office or e-mail Alumni Weekend Coordinator Cheryl George at [cqm2@psu.edu](mailto:cqm2@psu.edu).

### **ICERS JOINING THE ESCHL**

If you have not heard about this yet - The Icers will no longer be an independent team (in ACHA Men's Division I) starting next season. The Icers will be one of six founding teams in the Eastern States Collegiate Hockey League (ESCHL) starting in 2007-2008.

The other teams are University of Delaware [Newark, DE], Drexel University [Philadelphia, PA], United States Naval Academy [Annapolis, MD], University of Rhode Island [Kingston, RI], and University of Scranton [Scranton, PA].

Next season each ESCHL team will play 20 league games with 2 home and 2 away contests against each team. The inaugural ESCHL Playoffs will be held on February 15-16, 2008, and will be hosted by the United States Naval Academy. In the tournament 4 teams will qualify for the playoffs, with #1 vs. #4, and #2 vs. #3 on Friday; Saturday will see the Consolation Final followed by the first-ever ESCHL Playoff Championship Game.

### **WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES**

The Winter World University Games ("WUGs") will be held January 17th to 27th in Torino, Italy. The games will be held at the Tazzoli Rink and the Torre Pellice. The WUGs, also known as the Universiade, are held every two years under the auspices of FISU, the International University Sports Federation ([www.fisu.net](http://www.fisu.net)).

The US University Select hockey team (Team USA) features 22 players that were selected after an USA Hockey identification camp held in August, which featured non-varsity players from the three men's divisions (333 teams total) in the ACHA.

Keith Jordan, Frank Berry, and Lukas DeLorenzo from the Icers are on the team. Forwards Mike McMullen and Nate Obringer are alternates. Other ACHA Men's Division I teams that have players on the team are Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan-Dearborn, and Ohio University. The team's coach is Chad Cassel from University of Illinois. Assistant coaches are Joe Augustine from Rhode Island and David Debol from Michigan-Dearborn.

The WUGs features 1500 players from the 17-28 year range in 11 sports and 72 metal events. It is the second largest sporting event in the world. The last US team had a 3-3-0 record in 2003, and the US returned to the games in 2001.

For more information on these games, their official web site in English is at <http://www.universiadetorino2007.org/ENG/home.aspx>.

## **SILENT AUCTION 2006**

The second annual Silent Auction was held November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Toftrees Resort and Conference Center.

A number of different items were auctioned off including game tickets, gift certificates, Penn State sports items, autographed memorabilia, Icers hockey items, and former Icers minor league hockey jerseys.

The auction was very successful. A final net amount was not available as of press time.

## **MEETING NOTICES**

The next booster club meeting is January 17th @ 6:30 pm and will be held at the lounge in the East Area Locker Rooms Building (EALR). There will be a Fundraising Committee meeting at the same location a half hour before the booster club meeting (i.e. 6pm). The EALR is the building next to the rink.

Pay attention to the booster club web site ([www.icersboosterclub.org](http://www.icersboosterclub.org)) for any future meetings. All booster club members are welcome to attend the booster club meetings.

## **FALL 2006 REVIEW**

As of press time, the Icers are ranked #2 in ACHA Men's Division I with an overall record of 18-3-0 and a 17-1-0 in the ACHA.

They started back in early October with new coach Scott Balboni and featured a team with two returning seniors (Forward Mike McMullen and Goaltender Chris Matteo). After getting the #2 ranking on October 6th, the team split their opening weekend with a 4-3 win at Washington and Jefferson and a 0-6 loss at NCAA Division I Robert Morris University. At The home opener the following Friday the Icers defeated the Scranton Ice Royals with a 4-2 win. Scranton got the early lead but the Icers eventually tied with goals from Steve Thurston, then Assistant Captain Mike McMullen and Paul Zodtner put in the additional two goals. Two days later the Icers won again at home by defeating Navy 6-3. The Icers had a three goal lead, then had three additional goals after Navy player Patrick Sullivan did a hat trick. During the following week the World University Games roster was released (including three Icers) and the Icers dropped to third on the second ranking. That weekend the Icers were in the ACHA Showcase. Following a 3-5 loss to Oklahoma, the Icers came back strong with a 7-0 win against Minot State then a 5-1 win against Weber State. The Icers returned for home games against long time rival Ohio University and won both games. The first game was 1-0 win with the only goal of the game at 12:36 into the period by Forward Michael McMullen (Forwards Lukas DeLorenzo and Steve Peck

assisted the goal). The next day the Icers won 3-1, after coming back from a 1-1 with two more goals in the third period.

Starting in November the Icers had only two losses and seven wins (7-1 ACHA) and held #3 in the third ranking. Section E favorite West Virginia University rolled into town on the 3rd and the Icers iced them 6-0. The Icers first goal was near the end of the first period. Despite numerous penalties in the second period, the Icers put in four goals. The sixth and final goal was near the end of the third period, and the shots on goal for the game were 57-8. The winning streak continued with an 11-0 win at home against Drexel. Eight different players scored during these two games, outshooting the two opponents 106-27, and also featured first Icers goals for Dave Herel and sophomore Mark Orlando. The following weekend feature one home game and two away games and the Icers won all three. Despite being behind 1-0 in the first period of the first game, the Icers put in six unanswered goals to get a 6-1 win against Drexel at home. The next day the Icers won on the road in Pittsburgh against Duquesne by getting ahead with the last two goals in the third period and winning 4-2. They then closed out the weekend by getting two third period goals to get a 2-0 win over West Virginia on the road. The Icers dropped to #4 on the fourth ranking. A rematch between Rhode Island and the Icers happened the next weekend. Rhode Island had won the 2006 Championship game against the Icers earlier in the year, but the Rams came away with two losses on this weekend. The first game was an Icers 5-2 win, with Rhode Island only getting a single goal in the first and third periods. Defenseman Chris Lepore netted his first Icer goal in this away game and the Icers won the next game 4-3.

The Icers started the month of December by moving up to #3 on fifth ranking and having five games at home. The first weekend featured the Icers again the University of Delaware Blue Hens. The Blue Hens had a 1-1 tie going into the third period but the Icers put in two more goals to win the game 3-1. The next day the Icers won again with a commanding 10-3 win which featured six consecutive Icers goals and Nate Obringer's second hat trick of the season. The following weekend turned out to a split set of games against the St. Clair College Saints (in Ontario Hockey Association's AAA Hockey League). Despite outshooting the Saints, the Icers lost the first game 4-0. The next day the Icers denied the Saints and won the game 5-3 after taking the lead in the second period. The last Icers lost was back on October 20th. The following Friday the Icers moved back to #2 in the sixth ranking then won their home game against Niagra 3-2 when Andrew Magulick scored on the go ahead goal from a Paul Zodtner assist.

The Icers return with three away games the second weekend of January then two home games the following weekend against Pitt.

## SPRING 2007 SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

(A - Away Game, H - Home Game)

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
	* 17-27 World University Games in Torino Italy *				
	19	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.	PITT
	20	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.	PITT
	26	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.	DUQUESNE (Alumni Weekend)
	* 27 Alumni Luncheon 11:30 a.m. @ Penn Stater *				
	27	Sat.	H	3:30 p.m.	DUQUESNE (Alumni Weekend)
	* 27 Alumni Game follows the 3:30 Icers game *				
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	7:30 p.m.	St. Clair College
	17	Sat.	A	7:30 p.m.	St. Clair College
	23	Fri.	H	9:00 p.m.	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
March	1-4	TH-SUA		TBA	ACHA Nationals @ The Ice Zone in Youngstown, OH
April	* 14 Awards Banquet at Ramada State College *				

## ICERS MERCHANDISE

Icers merchandise can be purchased at home games or thru mail order. More information can be found on the web site at <http://www.icersboosterclub.org/merchandise.htm>. The web page is updated frequently and includes links for getting an order form and catalog to print out.

Volunteers are also needed for working the merchandise table at home games. Interested volunteers can sign up at the merchandise table or contact booster club vice-president Carolyn Muse (cbm107@psu.edu).

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The Icer Update is the official newsletter of the Icers Booster Club, and it published at least three times a year. Any questions about the newsletter can be directed to William "Will" Rusk, the booster club Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. The booster club web site is at <http://www.icersboosterclub.org>. The Penn State Icers web site is at <http://www.pennstatehockey.com/>.

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