



# **PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY**

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#2 ICERS STOP #4 OU'S HOME UNBEATEN STREAK,  
WIN 2-1 SATURDAY TO SPLIT WEEKEND SERIES**

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The ACHA's #2 ranked Penn State Icers (14-4-2) took the regular season series 3 games to 1 from arch rival and defending National Champion Ohio University (13-5-5), with a weekend split at Bird Arena in Athens, Ohio before two capacity crowds. Icers Goalie Chris Matteo made 29 saves and helped PSU earn a hard fought 2-1 win on Saturday snapping the Bobcats 28 game home unbeaten streak. It was the just the 4th victory for PSU in Bird Arena since 1999. The Icers and Bobcats were short 3 of their top players respectively, as they were away competing for Team USA in the World University games in Innsbruck, Austria. This gives the second ranked Icers momentum heading into this weekends much anticipated rematch with #1 ranked Rhode Island who handed the Icers their first loss of the season (4-2) and a 0-0 tie at URI in November.

The Bobcats came out flying Friday before a standing room only crowd after they watched the 2004 ACHA National Champions hoist their Championship banner prior to the start of the game. OU benefited from a career night by forward Brendan Steffick, who scored all 3 goals Friday night against Icer goalie Paul Mammola (27 saves on 30 shots), and a stellar goaltending performance by OU goalie Ryan Baksh (27 saves on 28 shots) who made several phenomenal saves to hold the Icers to just one goal. OU was 0 for 8 on the Power play while the Icers were 0 for 6. Luke Walker scored the lone Icer goal.

On Saturday the Bobcats got on the board just 3 minutes into the game as Steffick notched his 4th goal of the weekend. Junior Forward Brett Wilson answered just 2 minutes later on a deflection of a Cole Burnham shot from the point to not it at 1 goal each after one period. The Icers Mike McMullen scored a power play goal early in the second period (his 2nd game winning goal of the season vs. Ohio) and Matteo and the Icers defense sealed the win with a stellar effort. Matteo made the "Save of the season" with 7 minutes remaining when OU's Rico Day had an apparent open net back door goal only to be denied as Matteo extended his glove to stun the Ohio faithful with an acrobatic game saving stop.

ICER NOTES: Icer senior defenseman Joe Maglaque was named as one of the Captains for Team USA for the World University games. Senior forward Kevin Jaeger and Senior defenseman Eric Harbaugh are also in Innsbruck, Austria representing Team USA January 9-22. Icer Defenseman Chris Rome left Friday's game after a being kneed by an OU player and missed Saturday's game as well. He is probable for this Weekend's games with top ranked URI. URI elected not to send any players to the World University Games and will be at full strength when they visit the Icers this weekend.

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<b>ACHA National Champions</b>	<b>1984, 1990, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003</b>
<b>National Runner-Up</b>	<b>1983, 1985, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2004</b>

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