



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE No. 2 ICERS TO HOST No. 1 RHODE ISLAND FOR TWO GAMES THIS WEEKEND

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The No. 2 Penn State Icers (14-4-2) will play host to the No. 1-ranked team in the ACHA for the second time this season when Rhode Island (24-1-1) comes to the Penn State Ice Pavilion for a 9 p.m. game on Friday and a 3:30 p.m. game on Saturday. The games will be broadcast on the Internet at www.fightonstate.com.

The last time the Icers welcomed the top team in the land – defending national champion Ohio University in October – they knocked them from their perch atop the rankings with two come-from-behind overtime wins. Now the Rams are No. 1, and Penn State hopes to avenge a winless weekend at Rhode Island in November when they themselves were No. 1 and were sent home with a 4-2 loss and 0-0 tie.

The Icers have some momentum heading into this match-up, as they are coming off a road split at Ohio last weekend, including a 2-1 win on Saturday that snapped Ohio's 28 game home unbeaten streak. However, the Icers are still without the services of three of their best players – Eric Harbaugh, Kevin Jaeger and Joe Maglaque – who are representing Team USA in the World University Games from January 9-22 in Innsbruck, Austria.

Rhode Island, however, will arrive at Penn State with a full roster as they elected not to send anyone to the World University Games. They are coming off 10-0 and 12-1 victories over Rutgers last weekend.

World Games update... Team USA lost it's opening game to Host Austria 8-1 before a standing room only partisan crowd. PSU's Joe Maglaque scored the U.S. goal with an assist from PSU's Kevin Jaeger.

ICERS LEADERS

<u>Goals</u>	<u>Assists</u>	<u>Points</u>
Kevin Jaeger - 18	Kevin Jaeger - 22	Kevin Jaeger - 40
Mike Carrano - 13	Joe Maglaque - 18	Joe Maglaque - 27
Joe Maglaque - 9	Keith Jordan - 18	Mike McMullen - 23

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