



# PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ICERS AVENGE FRIDAY LOSS WITH 4-3 VICTORY OVER #1 RHODE ISLAND SATURDAY

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The ACHA's No. 2 Penn State Icers knocked off No. 1 Rhode Island 4-3 Saturday at the Penn State Ice Pavilion, handing the Rams just their second loss of the season. In doing so, they avenged Friday night's 7-1 loss, the worst loss the Icers (15-5-2) have suffered since falling to Alabama Huntsville in 1996 by the score of 15-1.

The Rams (25-2-1) started out right where they left off on Friday, jumping out to a 2-0 lead in the first period. The first goal came from John Brennan as the Icers were trying to kill off a delayed penalty in their zone. Jason May added the second before Penn State's Mike McMullen got the Icers on the board to make 2-1 before the first intermission.

Only one goal was scored in a penalty-filled second period, and it came from Penn State's Sean Kenny on the power play to tie the game at two.

There was a buzz in the air as the third period started, and Penn State's Brendan Martin set the crowd off just 13 seconds in with a shot to give the Icers the 3-2 lead. Mike Carrano added what would be the game-winner just a few minutes later, and the Icers would play solid defense, including a crucial power play kill late in the period. Then, with two minutes left, Rhode Island pulled goaltender Anthony Feyock to give them a man advantage. It paid off, with Matt Loftus putting in the Rams' third goal with just 32 seconds remaining, but it would be too little, too late and the Icers held on for the win.

The benches cleared in a near brawl after the horn, but officials and Icer coach Joe Battista were able to separate the players efficiently to put an end to this grueling season series. The Icers will host the Nittany Lion Invitational Tournament next Friday, with Towson playing Slippery Rock at 5 p.m. and Penn State playing Mercyhurst at 8 p.m. The consolation and championship games will take place at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday.

### GAME NOTES

Goaltending PSU – Paul Mammola – 20 saves on 23 shots  
URI – Anthony Feyock – 32 saves on 36 shots

Shots on Goal PSU – 36  
URI – 23

Power Play PSU – 1 for 5  
URI – 0 for 3

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