



# PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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## Icers try to tame Tigers of Towson, hope to improve upon current 13-game winning streak

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A hectic travel weekend awaits the No. 4 Penn State Nittany Lion Icers (19-4-2) and the Towson University Tigers (9-17-1), as these next couple of games feature a "home-and-home" series. Penn State will hop a bus on Friday to take the arduous 165-mile trek to Baltimore, Md., where the puck is set to drop at 8:30 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena. Once the score is settled in Towson, both hockey clubs will travel to Happy Valley where the match-up will conclude with a special starting time of 7:30 p.m. at the Greenberg Ice Pavilion as part of the Ice Rink's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Both games can be heard on 970am WBLF and on the internet at [www.FightOnState.com](http://www.FightOnState.com).

Since returning from the between semesters break with a 6-3 win over Scranton, the Tigers have dropped four games including back to back setbacks from No. 10 Arizona State. Towson is led in scoring by forward Troy Mansilla with 44 points by racking up 21 goals and 23 assists. Its leading goal scorer is forward Chad Sillery with 25 goals; he also added 14 assists for a season-total 39 points. Goalie Jeff Mekelburg leads the team with five wins this year and carries a .879 save percentage to go along with one shutout. The Tigers carry a record of 4-4 on Fridays and a sub-par (5-6) mark at Mt. Pleasant. Saturday games are not much better, as they are only 2-10 and have an away record of 3-9-1.

The Nittany Lions on the other hand, have not marked up its losing column in over two months (its last loss came on Nov. 11 against No. 2 Ohio University, 1-0). The Icers recently knocked off the ACHA's top-ranked - and reigning champ - Illinois in last weekend's two-game sweep. The Icers have outscored its opposition by 69-33, averaging 5.31 goals per game to its opponents 2.54 scores per game. The Icers are also 7-0 in the Pavilion and 6-0 on the road during the streak. Penn State's top scorer is forward Mike McMullen, who has tallied 23 goals and leads the team in assists (28) and points (51). Freshman scoring sensation Luke DeLorenzo is currently tops on the squad with 25 goals, and is second on the team in assists (23) and points (48). Forward Frank Berry is third on the roster in goals (16) and has also contributed with 17 assists for a total of 33 points. Penn State's goal-tending duo of Chris Matteo and Paul Mammola continues to play solid. Matteo is 10-2 during this campaign with a .912 save percentage, while his counterpart Mammola is 8-2-2 with a .908 save percentage. Both goalies have two shutouts each.

Ice chips... Saturday night's game has a special starting time because the rink is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In addition to the commemoration, the Icers are giving posters away and providing the opportunity for one luck fan to win a PSU Hockey Street Sign autographed by the team.

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