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Schwartz Helps Icers Finish Weekend Sweep of Navy

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – Matt Schwartz scored his second hat trick in as many nights, and Tim O'Brien had three assists as No. 2 Penn State defeated the United States Naval Academy 7-3 on Saturday.

The win completed the weekend sweep for the Icers (24-1-4), who have now won 20 of their last 22 games. Their only two losses during that span were in extra time; they have not lost in regulation since Oct. 13.

Schwartz opened the scoring just 44 seconds in, beating Navy goaltender Eric Anderson. Lukas DeLorenzo added another at 3:24, for his 13th goal of the season.

The Icers brought it to 3-0 at 5:48 of the second frame, when Nate Obringer found the top corner. But Jeff Martin brought Navy back within two goals with a power play goal.

Penn State stretched the lead to 5-1 early in the third, with a power play goal from Frank Berry and an even-strength tally from Schwartz. Once again, however, Navy rallied back, as Nolan Anliker scored twice in 3:18 to make it 5-3.

Schwartz's third goal of the game with less than two minutes to play ended the threat. Bryan Sobonya scored moments later to bring the final score to 7-3.

Edward Hume stopped 19 shots for the victory.

The Icers continue their homestand with a rare Wednesday game against No. 18 Washington & Jefferson, at 8:00 p.m. Admission is $7.50 for adults and $5.00 for students with Penn State I.D.

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