



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ICERS HOST NITTANY LION INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND

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The ACHA's No. 2 Penn State Icers will welcome three teams to town this Friday and Saturday for the annual Nittany Lion Invitational Tournament. No. 19 Towson will play Slippery Rock at 5 p.m. Friday, while Penn State vs. No. 16 Mercyhurst will follow at 8 p.m. The consolation and championship games will take place on Saturday, also at 5 and 8 p.m.

Penn State (15-5-2), still without Kevin Jaeger, Joe Maglaque and Eric Harbaugh due to their participation in the World University Games in Innsbruck, Austria, is coming off a weekend split with No. 1 Rhode Island in which they lost 7-1 and won 4-3. Penn State and Mercyhurst met once last season, with the Icers emerging victorious. Penn State also defeated Towson three times last year, including one victory in the first round of the ACHA National Tournament.

Last weekend.....

Mercyhurst (18-4-0) defeated Syracuse twice by scores of 10-2 and 11-2.
Towson (16-11-1) split a series with No. 20 Delaware, winning 3-1 and losing 5-3.
Slippery Rock (9-7-0) defeated No. 17 Buffalo 4-2, and lost to No. 14 Washington & Jefferson 11-0.

Other notes.....

Slippery Rock and Mercyhurst have met once this season, with Mercyhurst winning 6-2.
Penn State won last year's NLIT with wins over Western Michigan and Washington & Jefferson.

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