



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ICERS DEFEAT MERCYHURST 6-2 IN ROUND 1 OF NLIT

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The ACHA's No. 2 Penn State Icers defeated No. 16 Mercyhurst 6-2 Friday night in the first round of the annual Nittany Lion Invitational Tournament. Mike Carrano and Brett Wilson scored two goals apiece in the Icers victory to help their record to 16-5-2. Mercyhurst fell to 18-5-0.

No. 19 Towson (17-11-1) defeated Slippery Rock (9-8-0) in the opening game by a score of 5-3. Slippery Rock will face the Mercyhurst Saturday at 5 p.m. in the consolation game, while Penn State will meet Towson at 8 p.m. in hopes of defending the NLIT title.

Penn State and Mercyhurst played a fast-paced first period that saw only one goal and three penalties. The Icers' Sean Kenney put in a slap-shot from the right wing after a face-off to put Penn State up 1-0 at the first intermission.

In the second period, Penn State found some more luck with their shots, scoring three times. Luc Walker netted one at the 8:23 mark, and Carrano followed with his two including a 4-on-4 goal with less than a minute to go. The Icers led 4-0 after two.

Penn State's Wilson scored his two in the third period to give the Icers a total of six. Both of his goals bounced off an unsuspecting Mercyhurst defender before trickling into the net. Mercyhurst's Brent Klimow added two goals for the visitors, but it was too little, too late and the Icers emerged victorious 6-2.

Penn State's Paul Mammola got the win in goal, stopping 27 of 28 shots. Scott Blackman relieved him in the third period, and stopped four of five. Mercyhurst's Brody Micolucci stopped 35 of the 41 shots he faced.

Penn State had 41 shots on goal, while Mercyhurst had 33.

Penn State was one-for-four on the power play and Mercyhurst was one-for-seven

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