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Top-ranked Icers blow past Towson Tigers 10-2, win 15th straight

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The ACHA's No. 1 ranked Penn State Icers (21-4-2) skated to a dominating 10-2 victory over the Towson Tigers (9-18-2) in front of a packed Greenburg Ice Pavilion Saturday to sweep their "home-home" series. University President Graham Spanier dropped a ceremonial puck to commemorate the 25th Aniniversary of the Ice Pavilion. He was joined by Athletic Director Tim Curley and Associate AD Herb Schmidt as well as representatives from all the Ice Rink User groups.

Penn State senior forward Justin DePretis (8) started off the scoring at the 12:49 mark with assists to Nate Obringer and Scott Dakan. Towson tied up the game with 1:35 of play left in the first period. Junior forward James Marino scored unassisted on the power play.

The Icers had a quick start to the second period when senior forward Luke Walker (6) scored at the 1:51 mark. He was assisted by DePretis. The scoring continued for Penn State as senior defenseman Brendan Martin (2) sent the puck past Towson goalie R.J. Turnbull. Just eight seconds later, at the 3:46 mark, DePretis scored his second goal of the game and brought Icer fans to their feet. He was assisted, once again, by Obringer—bringing the score to 4-1. The Icers did not let up, and their fourth goal of the period was scored by freshman forward Frank Berry (18) on the power play. He was assisted by DePretis. The Tigers finally answered at the 13:20 mark when junior defenseman Rick Jondo put the puck past freshman Nick Signet, making the score 5-2—still an Icers' game.

The third period started out much like the second, with Penn State scoring just 1:54 into the period. The goal was scored by senior forward Brett Wilson (4). Wilson was assisted by freshman Steve Peck. The Icers extended their lead to 7-2 on a goal by sophomore defenseman Keith Jordan (3). Penn State's leading scorer, freshman forward Lukas DeLorenzo followed with a goal, assisted by Jordan, bringing the Icers to a dominating 8-2 lead. Obringer made it 9-2 with the 4th goal of the period, assisted by Walker and DePretis. Less than one minute later, junior forward Mike McMullen (25) ended the scoring with help from DeLorenzo, closing the game 10-2.

Freshman Nick Signet had a successful night in goal, saving 23 of 25 shots he faced. The Tigers' goalie Turnbull saved 33 of the 41 shots he faced. Jeff Mekelburg played for 10 minutes and 37 seconds at the end of the third period saving 6 of the 8 shots he faced. Penn State spent 20 minutes in the penalty box from 10 penalties, while Towson spent 31 minutes in the box from 10 penalties.

The top ranked Icers are back at Greenburg Ice Pavilion Friday, January 27th at 9 p.m. against long time nemesis, No. 8 Michigan-Dearborn.