



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ICERS DEFEAT TOWSON 5-4 TO CAPTURE NLIT TITLE

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The ACHA's No. 2 Penn State Icers (17-5-2) defeated Towson Saturday night by a score of 5-4 to capture the championship trophy of the 24th annual Nittany Lion Invitational Tournament. Brett Wilson scored two goals for the second straight night, including the game-winner, and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Mercyhurst defeated Slippery Rock 9-6 to take third place honors.

Towson (17-12-1) kicked things off with a goal roughly five minutes into the game by P.J. Aquiar. The Tigers then fought off a five-on-three Icers power play late in the period, but Wilson scored soon after Penn State became full strength to tie it at one. Penn State's Mike Carrano put another goal in with just 11 seconds remaining in the period to give the Icers the momentum and the 2-1 lead.

Towson took the momentum right back to begin the second period behind goals from Chad Sillery and Miroslav Pezda to make 3-2. The Icers then pulled goaltender Chris Matteo for Paul Mammola, who had earned the win on Friday night. The change seemed to help, as Penn State got goals from Luc Walker and Dave Arcobello, and they took a 4-3 lead into the intermission.

The third period was scoreless until the 16:27 mark, when Towson's Erik Dixon tied the game at four. The game looked to be headed for overtime, but Wilson put in his fourth goal of the tournament with 16 seconds left in the game and two seconds left on the power play to make it 5-4 in favor of the Icers.

Penn State's Chris Matteo and Paul Mammola combined for the win in net, with Matteo stopping seven of 10 shots, and Mammola stopping seven of eight. Raymond Turnbull stopped 39 of 44 for Towson. Penn State had 44 shots on goal and were one-for-eight on the power play, while Towson had 18 shots and went zero-for-one.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

D	Towson	Fredrik Bergsten
D	Penn State	Keith Jordan
F	Towson	Miroslav Pezda
F	Penn State	Mike Carrano
F	Penn State	Luc Walker
G	Penn State	Paul Mammola
MVP	Penn State	Brett Wilson

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