



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ICERS HEAD TO ACHA NATIONAL TOURNAMENT AS No. 2 SEED

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The American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) national tournament is set to take place this Thursday through Saturday at Robert Morris College outside of Chicago, and the Penn State Icers are heading in as the No. 2 seed. They will face the fifteenth seed, West Chester, at 2 p.m. EST on Thursday.

Penn State, an independent, finished the season 23-6-3, including 9-1-1 in their last 11 games. West Chester finished 17-15-1, ending the season with a 1-1-1 showing at the ECHA tournament, losing to 8th ranked and National Tournament bound Duquesne by a 6-3 score. PSU and WCU played a home-and-home series in early October, with the Icers winning 7-3 at home and 8-2 on the road. Kevin Jaeger led the way in the series with three goals, while Joe Maglaque and the now-injured Greg Schwind each added two.

Should the Icers win on Thursday, they will face the winner of the No.7 Robert Morris-No.10 Arizona State game on Friday at 8 p.m. EST. All of the Icers' games can be heard on www.fightonstate.com.

This is the first year that the tournament is being held in single elimination, bracket-form, as opposed to round robin. The seedings and 1st round match-ups are as follows:

1-Rhode Island	2-Penn State
16-Buffalo	15-West Chester
8-Duquesne	7-Robert Morris
9-Weber State	10-Arizona State
4-Illinois	3-Ohio
13-Washington & Jefferson	14-Mercyhurst
5-Lindenwood	6-Michigan-Dearborn
12-Kent State	11-Iowa State

For a complete bracket, you can visit the Official 2005 ACHA National Tournament Page at <http://rmchockey.com/nationals/nationalsite/> or you can follow the action at the Icers' home page (www.pennstatehockey.com).

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