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#3 Icers skate past Delaware Blue Hens in round one of national tournament

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The No. 3 Penn State Icers (25-9-2) were successful in the first round of ACHA National Tournament play against the No. 14 Delaware Blue Hens (20-14-2) with an 8-0 win. The game was played at 1 p.m. at the Ice Line Arena in West Chester, Pa.

Penn State's Luke Walker scored the first goal of the afternoon from freshman Kyle Mills (13:24). Just over two minutes later, the Icers were back in UD's net again. Scoring this time was Justin Depretis on the power play (11:35). He was assisted by Keith Jordan and Walker. Penn State's Nate Obringer finished the scoring in the first period, making it an Icers' game, 3-0(7:10). Obringer was assisted by Walker and Depretis.

The second period started with Depretis scoring his second goal on the power play (18:56). He was assisted by Jordan and Brendan Martin. Obringer soon came back to the net for his second goal of the game (9:11). He was assisted by Luke DeLorenzo and Craig Brooks. Icers were still in the lead at the end of the second period, 5-0.

Sean Kenney scored a goal from Jordan to start off the third period (18:46). A few minutes later Mike McMullen scored on the Blue Hens, assisted by a shot from Berry (14:32), extending their lead, 7-0. With just 1:20 to go in the game, Berry set the final score, 8-0. He was assisted by McMullen and DeLorenzo.

Chris Matteo added the shut out to his record with Penn State. The Icers outshot UD 36-14. Penn State was 2-for-5 on the power play; UD was 0-for-6.

Penn State's next match-up is in round two Friday against No. 11 Duquesne, who upset No. 6 Weber State, 6-1, this afternoon. PSU and Duquesne tied 3-3 at PSU in October and PSU outlasted the Dukes 7-4 at Duquesne two days later.

In other games…

5 Iowa State beat #12 Oklahoma, 4-3 in overtime

#7 Lindenwood beat #10 Arizona, 3-2 in overtime

#9 Michigan-Dearborn beat #8 Arizona State, 4-3

#4 Illinois beat #13 Robert Morris (IL), 3-0 (ENG)

#2 Ohio squeaked by #15 Mercyhurst 3-2

#1 Rhode Island downed host #16 West Chester, 4-1 (ENG)