



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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ACHA's Top Two Teams Square Off in Champaign

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – The No. 1 ranked Penn State Icers (4-0-0, 4-0-0 ACHA) face their most difficult test of the young season, a weekend set on the road against No. 2 ranked Illinois.

The ACHA's top two teams play on Friday and Saturday nights at the University of Illinois Ice Arena. Both games get underway at 7:30 p.m.

The Icers are coming off their first road trip of the season, a weekend series in Philadelphia against the Drexel Dragons. Penn State picked up two wins, both by a score of 7-1.

Head coach Scott Balboni was pleased with the effort of his squad.

“We’re happy that the freshmen played well,” said Balboni. “We got a great, solid effort for 60 minutes on Saturday as well, which has been somewhat of a bane for us.”

The Icers now turn their attention to the Fighting Illini.

“[Drexel] was good preparation for our upcoming two weekends [against Illinois and Ohio],” said Balboni. “Illinois is a good team with a big rink and loud fans. It’ll be a real tough test for us.”

Illinois (4-0-0, 2-0-0 ACHA) is coming off a weekend shutout of No. 19 Central Oklahoma, winning 7-0 and 4-0. Led by head coach Chad Cassel, the Illini now look to seize the No. 1 ranking from Penn State with their third consecutive home weekend.

The Icers return home on October 19, for the first of two games with rival Ohio University at the Ice Pavilion.

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1983, 1985, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2006
