



PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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Icers to host premier ACHA showdown against Lindenwood

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The No. 4 Penn State Icers (7-4-2) will meet the No. 7 Lindenwood University Lions (7-5-0) for the first time ever at center ice this weekend. The puck is set to drop Friday night (Nov. 18) at 9 p.m. and Saturday (Nov. 19) at 3:30 p.m. at the Penn State Ice Pavilion. Each game can be heard on 970am WBLF and on the internet at www.FightOnState.com.

Following a 1-3 start to the season the Lindenwood Lions have won six out of its last eight, but are craving redemption after being swept at home over the weekend by No. 8 Michigan-Dearborn. The Lions are led in scoring by sophomore Larry Kopecky with 14 points (six goals, eight assists) and juniors Dave Easterbrook, seven goals and two assists, and Dan McNabb, six goals and two assists. The three have counted for 19 of the teams' 36 goals, providing nearly 53 percent of Lindenwood's offense. In his third season as head coach, Derek Schaub has amassed an overall record of 55-18-1 since establishing the program in 2003. Schaub coached his team to a fifth-place finish in last year's ACHA national tournament.

Penn State eluded a three game losing streak after beating No. 2 Ohio University in a goal-for-goal battle on Saturday, 5-4, splitting the weekend series. The Icers' loss on Friday night to OU, 1-0, ended its 63-game streak without losing back to back games, and was the first time Penn State was shutout at home since losing to Niagra College of Welland, Ont., 3-0, in 1991. The Icers look to build on its previous win with its goalkeeping-duo, Chris Matteo and Paul Mammola. These two juniors have combined for 351-387 (.907) saves, a mere 2.75 average goals against per game and only 36 goals allowed. Offensively the Icers are led by freshman Luke DeLorenzo with 15 goals and 15 assists and junior Mike McMullen (11 goals, 14 assists). In his 19th year as Icers' head coach, Joe Battista is 8 wins shy of 500 for his career.

Ice chips ... Friday night's game is featuring 70s Night: A JoeBa look-alike contest (winner is determined during the first intermission). Saturday afternoon's game is Dairy Queen ice cream giveaway for the first 500 fans in attendance.

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National Runner-Up 1983, 1985, 1993, 1995, 1999, 2004, 2005
