PENN STATE ICE HOCKEY

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Icers to Host Long Time Rival Delaware this Weekend

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The No. 4 Penn State Icers (12-4-2) will meet the No. 13 University of Delaware Blue Hens (10-7-0) this weekend. The Icers met the Blue Hens four times last season, skating away with wins at all four games. The puck is set to drop Friday night (Dec. 2) at 9 p.m. and Saturday (Dec. 3) 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.

The Blue Hens have won five out of their last eight games, and will be well-rested when they meet the Icers this weekend. It will be two weeks since their last action. The Blue Hens are led on Defense by a pair of freshman defensemen 6'4 210 lb. John LeFrance and 6'0 200lb. Joe Baumgartner and in goal by sophomore Jim Depfer. Their leading scorers are Peter Gross and Matt Geraci. Assistant Coach John O'Connor is an Icer Alum who played on the 1990 National Championship team.

Penn State is on a six-game winning streak, winning their last three games on the road over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in the East-West Showcase. The Icers played No.17 Eastern Michigan, No. 7 Michigan-Dearborn and Western Michigan. Also playing in the East-West Showcase was No. 8 Lindenwood and No. 14 West Chester. The Icers are led in scoring by sophomore Mike McMullen (16 goals, 19 assists), freshman Luke DeLorenzo with 17 goals and 17 assists, and freshman Frank Berry (12 goals and 12 assists). Between the three, they account for more than half the team's goals for the season- 45 of the Icers' 77. In his 19th year as the Icers' head coach, Joe Battista is 3 wins shy of 500 for his career. The Chris Matteo and Paul Mammola goal-keeping duo are still a threat to any opponent the Icers meet. Combined, the two have 487 saves and a .923 save percentage.

Ice chips … Friday nights game is a Winter Wonderland, featuring contests, prizes and more. Saturday afternoon's game features the SBS Holiday ornament giveaway.