

Sewell, NJ - The Rowan University Ice Hockey team opened its season by trouncing Kutztown University 12-2 on Saturday night in a non-league match-up.

Playing in front of its fanatical fans, Rowan came out flying against Kutztown by dominating most of the play. Rowan struck first five minutes in with freshman Jonathon Paulo (1 goal, 2 assists) getting his first followed shortly by senior captain Fred Brewer's first of two goals. Rowan finished the period with two additional markers from veterans Rob Bascow and Colin Davis (2 goals, 1 assist), both while playing short-handed.

The second period began with Kutztown cutting into Rowan's lead as they pulled within 4-1; however Rowan answered with six unanswered goals to finish the period. Billy Choy (1 goal, 1 assist) snuck one in eight minutes into the period with Colin Davis adding his second of the game thirty seconds later. Jason Pelle (1 goal, 1 assist) scored a power play goal with an assist from goalie Brien Bennett. That was followed by Brewer's second goal. Freshman Eric Schenk (1 goal, 1 assist) put a nice backhander into top shelf less than a minute later for his first goal and defenseman Nigel Shockley (1 goal, 1 assist) added his first goal in six years to add to his collection.

In the final period, Rowan switched to a more defense oriented system as they tried to maintain discipline. Sophomore Ryan Massari (1 goal, 1 assist) followed his own rebound to put one past the goalie and veteran senior Chris Keyser finished off the scoring with an unassisted goal. All together the Profs had three players with a three point night and eight with a two point night including Joe DiScala (3 assists), Peter Basile (2 assists), and Alex Zackowski (2 assists). In goal the Rowan goalies only faced 20 shots overall as all three goalies played a period each while Rowan's offense managed to put up 48 shots.

This weekend, Rowan faces The College of New Jersey in a Home Opener on Friday night at 9:00 PM at Hollydell Ice Arena in Sewell, New Jersey. The game will also feature the Opening Ceremony with Rowan University President Dr. Donald Farish dropping the ceremonial puck.