



Sewell, NJ - The Rowan University Ice Hockey team opened its regular season conference schedule this past weekend by trouncing Kutztown University 14-1 on Friday night, and beating defending conference champion Muhlenberg 7-4 on Saturday.

Rowan came out flying against Kutztown, scoring their first goal within 90 seconds and scoring 7 goals in the first period. Rowan scored goals in every situation: while on the power-play, while at even strength and while shorthanded. Leading the way for Rowan was the freshman line of Cameron Rowan (2 goals, 2 assists), Christian Biscardi (3 goals), and Colin Davis (1 goal, 2 assists). Also producing for Rowan was Fred Brewer (2 goals, 1 assist), Mike Keating (1 goal, 2 assists), and Joe DiScala (1 goal, 1 assist). Rowan goaltender Nick DiPaolo stopped 15 of 16 shots for the win.

Last season, Rowan lost the Great Northeast Collegiate Hockey Conference Championship game to Muhlenberg, in a heartbreaker, by a score of 7-6. Rowan has been waiting anxiously to meet Muhlenberg this season.

Playing in front of its fanatical, screaming fans, Rowan and Muhlenberg entertained the crowd with back-and-forth, see-saw battle royale. Rowan opened the scoring, with Colin Davis going end-to-end and scoring an unassisted goal. Muhlenberg came right back and scored within the next minute on a nice Brian Veltkamp shot. The first period ended with the score tied at one.

Three minute into the second period Anthony Ciccotelli scored for Rowan, with an assist from Rowan. But Muhlenberg came right back within 20 seconds, with Jarrett Haring scoring on a nice tick-tack-toe play. Then, in the next minute, Mike Sullivan quieted the Rowan home crowd by scoring on a nice feed from Jarrett Haring. Showing its heart and metal, Rowan came right back and took over the game by scoring the next three goals. Joe Abate tied the game at three by going end-to-end and knocking in a rebound of his own shot. Cameron Rowan scored on a pretty deflection from Anthony Ciccotelli shot from the point. And Davis again skated end-to-end, scoring a nice backhand tuck shot through the five hole.

In the final period, Rowan's defense tightened the noose. Rowan scored twice, on a nice backhand shot by Christian Biscardi and on a Joe DiScala

rebound of a Fred Brewer shot. Rowan had 37 shots on goal compared with 19 by Muhlenberg. Rowan's Steve Hinkle stood tall between the pipes.

This weekend, Rowan faces Franklin & Marshall on Saturday night at 8:15 pm at Hollydell Ice Arena in Sewell, New Jersey.