



Glassboro, NJ - In a game already being called a classic, Rowan University, skating in the sunset background of the Navesink River, played a great and physical game against their MACHA rivals, UMBC. The first ever ACHA collegiate game held outdoors and the fourth collegiate outdoor game in history ended in a tie of 4-4. The hope is to make the outdoor game a tradition in the untraditional New Jersey locale.

Outdoor games are commonly played in New England states or Michigan, Wisconsin, etc... - but in New Jersey? On Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, that is exactly what occurred in crisp mid-20°F temperatures under the setting sun. Played in front of 100 plus fans, the New Jersey Pond Hockey Classic began a tradition.



UMBC senior Alex Post opened the scoring for the Retrievers just four minutes into the game when he took the puck and beat goaltender Dan Kelchner. The lead did not last too long, as less than two minutes later the Profs showed some outstanding play down low, resulting in an unassisted goal by freshman Jonathan Paulo. One minute later, Prof fans had more to cheer about as sophomore Joe Belger gave the Profs their first lead of the game. UMBC tied it up before the period was over, however, to go into the club house all tied up at 2.

The sun had set by the start of the second period, which had plenty of back and forth play as both teams settled down. UMBC went up 3-2 halfway into the period as they took advantage on the power play. That is all that was generated, as Rowan started to play a very physical game.

In the third period, with UMBC clinging to a 3-2 lead, Alex Post scored his third goal of the game to give the Retrievers a two goal lead with sixteen minutes left in the game. Not to be outdone, the Profs never gave up and kept playing a solid game, attacking the net at every opportunity they got. With eight minutes left, Belger and junior Colin Davis took to the offense as they set up freshman Dominic D'Anna for a nice goal to bring the team to within one. With time running down, D'Anna once again put the puck behind senior goaltender PJ Carmack to tie it at 4-4 with less than four minutes remaining in regulation. In the five minute overtime, both teams had their chances to come out with the victory but both goalies came up with great saves. In the end the teams skated to a 4-4 tie and put on a show worthy of being called a classic.



Rowan put up a total of 28 shots on Carmack and went 0-for-4 on the power play. Jonathan Paulo finished the night with a goal, and Dominic D'Anna ended the night with

two goals and one assist, while fellow linemates Colin Davis and Joe Belger notched two assists and a goal and an assist, respectively. Sophomore goaltender Dan Kelchner made 35 saves. UMBC, who was missing only one player finished the night with 1-for-4 on the power play. Alex Post had three goals and an assist while teammate John Fetcher had a goal and an assist.



After a slower start to the first half of the season, the Profs have come out swinging, beating ranked Rider and Monmouth and now tying #3 UMBC. The Profs, ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the Southeast, are now 4-1-1 in their last 6 games. They next play on Friday, January 15, in the Stephen Russell Memorial Tournament, hosted by NC State University in Raleigh, NC.