



Sewell, NJ - The Rowan University Ice Hockey team has started the 2009 season on a positive note with their second consecutive win, this time defeating league rival The College of New Jersey 8-3 in their official home opener. In addition to their fanatical fans, also in attendance were Glassboro State College hockey alumni, many who came from different parts of the country to watch and participate in Alumni Weekend events.

Before the start of the game, the team participated in the opening ceremony as Rowan University President Dr. Donald Farish took to center ice to drop the inaugural ceremonial puck. Afterwards the team presented Dr. Farish with a jersey and gift as a token of their appreciation.

In the first period Rowan came out pumped and flying, scoring two goals in the first ten minutes. Chris Keyser opened the scoring with some hard work in front of the net, getting a feed from Jason Pelle. Then a few minutes later, while short-handed, Jason Pelle scored with a nice shot just outside the left circle to make it 2-0.

The second period was all Rowan as they extended their lead to 5-0 just six minutes into the period. Colin Davis scored his third of the season just a minute in, while shorthanded, on an assist from freshman defenseman Erich Moen. Captain Fred Brewer got one in close from a feed from Davis and less than two minutes later, while on a power play, Joe DiScala got his first of the season as the pass came from Jonathan Paulo. TCNJ tried to battle back into the game as they scored back-to-back goals while on the power play to cut the deficit to three goals but Rowan kept the pressure up and with a minute left in the period, Fred Brewer scored his second goal of the game to put the Profs up 6-2 after two periods.

Making sure Rowan didn't give any opportunities for TCNJ to get back in the game, the Profs kept their intensity and kept battling as if the game was much closer. Chris Keyser put the Profs up 7-2 eight minutes into the third period as he came around the left circle and put the puck over the goalie's shoulder unassisted. TCNJ managed to add a late goal but Colin Davis finished up the scoring with his second of the game, off a pass from Eric Schenk as regulation was ticking down. Rowan goaltender Brian Pacek played another superb game as he turned out 24 out of 27 shots he faced. Rowan put up a total of 50 shots against TCNJ as they earned two crucial points in the standings.

This weekend, Rowan plays an away game against St. Joseph's University on Sunday afternoon at 5:20 PM at the Skatium Arena in Philadelphia.