



## **News Release**

The Evansville IceMen 530 Main Street, Evansville, IN 47708

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## Thrilling Finish Extends Final IceMen Game in Shootout Loss (IceMen goal in final minute forces overtime, as IceMen fall to Allen in a shootout.)

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Scoring	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>Final</u>
Evansville	1	0	1	0	0	2
Allen	2	0	0	0	1	3

Shots	1	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>Total</u>
Evansville	9	5	12	2	0	28
Allen	13	12	9	4	1	39

	<u>PP</u>	Penalties
Evansville	0/6	6 for 12 minutes
Allen	0/4	7 for 14 minutes

**Records:** Evansville: 29-33-7-3; Allen: 41-24-3-4

Goalies: ALN – Hildebrand (W), 5-1-0-0, 26 saves, 2 GA

**EVN** – Bengtsberg (SOL), 11-13-4-2, 36 saves, 2 GA

## **Scoring:**

1st Period: 1. EVN – Wideman 15 (unassisted, 3:24); 2. ALN – Asuchak 4 (Carr, Hanson, 7:54); 3. ALN

– Makowski 17 (Costello, Pierro-Zabotel, 8:58)

2<sup>nd</sup> Period: No Scoring

3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 4. EVN – Fawcett 22 (Rutkowski, Rumble, 19:11)

Overtime: No Scoring

Shootout: EVN – Wideman (save), Fawcett (save), Leonard (save); ALN – Hanson (save), Steffes (goal)



**ALLEN, TX** – The Evansville IceMen were not ready to put an end to an era in 60 minutes Saturday in the team's final game. Trailing 2-1 with under a minute left in the third period, the IceMen scrambled to tie the game to force overtime, ultimately falling 3-2 in a shootout to the Allen Americans at the Allen Event Center.

The IceMen struck first, when **Alex Wideman** circled the Allen net and snuck a wrist shot from the right circle past the left shoulder of Allen goaltender **Jake Hildebrand** 3:24 into the game. The Americans tied the game when **Spencer Asuchak** buried a rebound in front of Evansville goalie **Christoffer Bengtsberg**. Allen took the lead 1:04 later when **David Makowski** blasted a shot from the point through a screen. The Americans led 2-1 after one period.

Allen outshot Evansville 12-5 in the second period, as both teams failed to convert on two second period power plays. Bengtsberg stopped all 12 shots to keep the IceMen within a goal heading into the third.

Evansville desperately tried to keep the season alive a few minutes longer in the third period, and with Bengtsberg pulled for an extra attacker, **Tyson Fawcett** tipped a **Troy Rutkowski** shot past Hildebrand with 48 seconds left to force overtime.

After a scoreless overtime, **Gary Steffes** recorded the only goal in a shootout to pick up the extra point for the Americans. Bengtsberg stopped 36 shots in the overtime loss. Hildebrand made 26 saves in the win.

The IceMen finish the regular season 29-33-7-3 and will sit out the 2016-17 season in preparations for the organization's move to Owensboro, KY in 2017-18.

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## **FINAL JERSEY AUCTION**

The final chance to bid on game-worn player jerseys will be in a live auction **Monday, April 11 at 6pm at Beef O' Brady's in Newburgh**. Following the team's final three games in Allen, Texas on April 6, 8 and 9, all of the Evansville IceMen players will sign their jerseys for the winning bidders.

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