Iowa State fans pack airport headed south for Cheez-It Bowl

Fans of the Iowa State Cyclones football team packed the Des Moines International Airport Monday, flying south to attend Wednesday's Cheez-It Bowl in Orlando.

The Cyclones will take on Clemson that afternoon.

KCCI caught up with a number of fans decked in Cyclone gear boarding a direct flight from Des Moines to Orlando. There was a definite sense of camaraderie among the passengers.

"It's a great feeling to see everybody flying down knowing you're all in the same plane heading to the same spot," Adam Obrecht, of Urbandale, said.

"We love it," Jamie Mirano, of Ankeny, said. "We travel a lot for Cyclone events and the more Cyclones you see the better."

Mirano was among the fans who aren't only happy to see their team play, but happy to escape the lowa cold for the Florida sun.

"We're ready," she said. "We've got our shorts. No coats. No coats with us."

As for how the game will go, Cyclone fan Jeff Carter, of Des Moines, summed up the general opinion among those gathered at the airport.

"It's gonna be close," Carter said.

Kevin Masemann, of Ames, agreed.

"It could go either way," he said. "We just can't make turnovers."

"I'm gonna go 24-17 Cyclones," Mike Campbell, of Ames, said.

A spokesperson for Iowa State athletics guessed that around 8,000 to 10,000 Cyclones fans could pack Camping World Stadium for Wednesday's game.