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Sports LETTER

Defense to take center stage for 2005 Hobart lacrosse team

H EAD COACH **MATT KERWICK '90** is hoping the old adage, "Defense wins championships," holds true in 2005. The Statesmen return eight starters from last season's NCAA Tournament team, including the entire defense intact.

Hobart finished the 2004 season with a 9-7 record, the most victories for the program since moving to Division I in 1995. The Statesmen defense was a crucial factor in that success, holding opponents to less than nine goals per game. Only four teams reached double digits against Hobart's D.

The Statesmen racked up seven of their nine wins at the expense of Patriot League foes (only conference champion and national runner-up Navy escaped Hobart unscathed) as they played their swan song season in the conference. In the Patriot loop, the Statesmen came closest to upending the second-ranked Midshipmen, yielding a heartbreaking 9-8 decision in the conference title game.

To top the Statesmen in 2004, it took the nation's best—six of the seven losses were to teams ranked in the top-10. After a slow start to the season, Hobart won six of its final eight regular season games, including a 12-10 win over ninth-ranked Cornell to end the regular season and merit the Statesmen's 25th NCAA Tournament invitation, the program's fourth since 1998.

While Kerwick expects the defensive excellence to continue in 2005, one trend he would like to see reversed is Hobart's recent pattern of making the NCAA bracket in even numbered years. With no automatic bid for the ECAC Lacrosse League, the Statesmen's new home, every game will play a vital role in reaching that goal.

Here's how Hobart figures to shape up, position-by-position:

GOALTENDERS

During the 2004 season, **DAN VALENTE** emerged as a force in the cage. In his first season as a starter, he posted the lowest goals against average (8.84) and won the most games (9) of Hobart's Division I backstops. A black belt in Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu, Valente possesses lightning fast reflexes, exceptional instincts, and impressive mobility. Fourth on the team in ground balls last season, he helped the attack (kick-starting clears and even earning an assist on the



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Dan Valente was among the nation's best goalies last season, logging the lowest goals against average by a Hobart backstop since 1992.

game-winning goal against Penn State in overtime) as much as he anchored the defense (.583 SV%). A leader both on and off the field, he will serve as a team captain this season.

Junior **MIKE DeSANTIS** is expected to hold down the top backup role. He was solid in 75 minutes of relief work last year (8.80 GAA, .577 SV%).

DEFENSEMEN

Led by senior captain **GREG MCCARTHY**, this is a talented and deep group that punishes opposing attackmen with an average frame of 6-foot-3, 209 pounds.

An honorable mention USILA All-American in 2004, McCarthy is on everyone's radar this season. A Face-Off Yearbook preseason All-American and a preseason All-ECAC Lacrosse League pick, he is the first Statesman to earn a spot on the Tewaaraton Award watch list. The 6-foot-4, 220-pounder is an intelligent player, who brings a bruising style to the Statesmen.

Junior **MATT MURPHY** (6-foot-4, 215) will also be a fixture in the Hobart lineup. The two-year starter has a nose for ground balls—picking up 52 last season, (See LACROSSE PREVIEW, p. 2)

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2005 Hobart Lacrosse Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Feb 26	¹ vs. Butler	1 p.m.
Mar 5	BINGHAMTON	1 p.m.
12	at Ohio State	Noon
15	at Robert Morris	3 p.m.
19	*GEORGETOWN	1 p.m.
26	*RUTGERS	Noon
29	SYRACUSE	7 p.m.
Apr 2	FAIRFIELD	1 p.m.
9	*at Penn State	1 p.m.
16	*MASSACHUSETTS	1 p.m.
23	*at St. John's	1 p.m.
26	CANISIUS	4 p.m.
30	*at Loyola	1 p.m.
May 6	at Cornell	7 p.m.

¹at St. Paul's School, Brooklandville, Md. *ECAC Lacrosse League game

Lacrosse Preview (from p. 1)

second among Statesmen long-sticks—and loves to move forward with the attack whenever possible.

A testament to Hobart's depth at close defense, the third starting spot will be highly sought after. Senior **CHET BRAUN** (6-foot-0, 185), senior **JOHN TAMMARO** (6-foot-2, 215), and sophomore **MATTHEW RANAGHAN** (6-foot-4, 200) will compete for that final spot with the other two seeing significant playing time to spell the starters. Braun enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2004, developing into a consistent shut-down defender. Tammaro returned to the lineup after a season off, and showed no signs of rust. An unflappable presence, he stood up to repeated attacks as teams worked to avoid McCarthy and Murphy. Ranaghan made steady progress as a first-year, seeing time in eight contests, but made meteoric strides during the offseason as he frequented the RFK Varsity Strength Training Center.

MIDFIELDERS

While **BRIAN JOY's** blistering shot will be missed, the Statesmen will be blessed with talent and depth in the midfield. A first-team All-Patriot League selection, Joy produced career-highs for goals, assists, points, and ground balls during his final season for the Purple and Orange, and Kerwick is looking forward to a similar spike from senior **CHRIS SCANLON** and red-shirt junior **NATE MOLINARI**.

The team captains enjoyed very similar seasons in 2004. Scanlon (16-4-20) is more of a pure scorer, while Molinari (12-7-19) kept defenders guessing with his balanced scoring. Both players scored two game-winning goals, while Molinari picked up three more ground balls (22-19). Joining this tandem on the top midfield line will be junior **PATRICK MEADE**. A gifted two-way player, he scored 17 points (15-2) on the offensive end, was tough to beat on the defensive end, and was pure speed in between.

Junior **MARK CONKLIN** and sophomore **CHRIS DAVID** will anchor the second midfield line. A steady contributor in his first two seasons (19 gms, 5 pts), the coaching staff is looking for Conklin to have a breakthrough season. Mr. Third Quarter, David scored his first seven goals (out of 12) in the third frame, including back-to-back tallies at sixth-ranked Georgetown. First-year **SEAN MURPHY** (Bishop Timon-St. Jude/Buffalo, N.Y.) is penciled in to join these two veterans. The high school All-American led the Tigers to a 15-4 record as a senior and scored a career-

high 66 goals as a junior.

The third line will feature a trio of untested players: sophomores **JAMES DUSSICH** and **JUSTIN PORTER** and first-year **NICK CURRIE** (Corning East/Corning, N.Y.). Dussich saw time in two games in 2004 and has continued to develop his skills in the offseason, while Porter, a native Genevan, made similar progress and is poised to put his skills on display in front of his hometown fans. Currie is a multitasking athlete, who led the Trojans to the Class B State Championship game in both football and lacrosse during his senior year.

Junior transfer **NICK WILBER** and sophomores **JARRETT MOFFITT** and **JAMIE MacDONALD** will add depth to the midfield.

At the faceoff X, **JOHN SODEN** enjoyed a brilliant first-year, taking the lion's share of Hobart's restarts and ranking 15th in the nation in winning percentage (.552). He also led the Statesmen in ground balls with 73. Soden was at his best when Hobart went to OT, winning 13-of-17 against Penn State and 21-of-28 against Ohio State.

A first-year out of New Hartford (N.Y.) High School, **DAN SPINELLA** is expected to serve as Soden's top backup. He helped the Spartans to a 14-5 record last season and earned All-Central New York honors. A tireless worker, junior **OTTO FOERSTER** also will figure into the mix at the X.

Junior **ANDREW NAROG** and sophomore **CHRIS KEOUGH** are expected to be central figures in Hobart's defensive success as long-stick midfielders. Narog is a steadfast defender with a keen sense of awareness. Keough was one of the team's top rookies last season, displaying equal part doggedness and speed, but he's been slowed by off-season knee surgery and may not appear in the lineup until midseason.

Junior **ALEX JESSUP** emerged as a tenacious d-middie last season. Jessup is expected to step up into the No. 1 role with junior **MICHAEL SOLOMON** getting quality supporting minutes. First-year **JIM FARMER** (Hand/Madison, Conn.) is one of the best athletes on the team and also will see quality time at d-middie.

ATTACK

On attack is where the Statesmen will feel the greatest sting from graduation. **MARK WILLIAMSON** scored 56 points (35-21) as a senior, the most by a Hobart player

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A 2004 second-team All-Patriot League selection, senior captain Chris Scanlon scored a career-high three goals against Ohio State.

since **CABELL MADDUX '94** scored 71 in 1993.

Softening that blow is the return of senior **NATE HILL**. Equal parts playmaker and goal scorer, he was named a preseason All-ECAC Lacrosse League selection on the strength of his 22 goals and 26 assists. One of only five Statesmen to score 100 career points (46-60-106) at the Division I level, Hill is just 32 points behind **JAMIE BRESLIN '01** (92-46-138), the top scoring DI Statesman.

Junior **MIKE CONKLIN** has firmly established his goal-scoring prowess. Over the past two seasons, no current Statesman has more goals (42). He will be called on to help fill the void left by Williamson's departure. In 2004, Conklin developed a knack for scoring against Hobart's toughest opponents, scoring 11 of his 24 goals against top-10 teams.

The final starting spot on attack will be filled by either senior **SEAN REED** or first-year **DARYL VELTMAN** (Salisbury School/Georgetown, Ontario). Reed has seen limited action through his first three seasons, but he redoubled his training regimen and has enjoyed a strong preseason, while Veltman, who helped the Canadian U-19 team to a second place finish at the 2003 World Championships with 12 points in six games, comes to campus after a postgraduate year at the Salisbury School.

Junior **HUNTER CAMPBELL** and sophomores **RORY MELVIN** and **MIKE STEELE** add to the depth on attack.

SCHEDULE

Coach Kerwick's troops will tangle with a veritable who's who of college lacrosse. The Statesmen will face off with eight teams ranked in the preseason top-25, including No. 2 Syracuse (March 29), No. 6 Georgetown (March 19), No. 9 Cornell (May 6), and No. 14 Ohio State (March 12).

The power-packed ECAC Lacrosse League, arguably the toughest conference in lacrosse, will afford Hobart little chance for rest. In addition to the Hoyas, the Statesmen will have conference battles against 12th-ranked Rutgers (March 26), 15th-ranked Massachusetts, 17th-ranked Loyola, and No. 21 Penn State.

A trip to Baltimore and a non-conference skirmish with Butler will kick off the season on Feb. 26. The Statesmen will meet the Bulldogs at St. Paul's School at 1 p.m.

While many of Hobart's traditional rivals remain on the schedule, the Statesmen also will welcome four new foes to the slate: Binghamton (March 5), Robert Morris (March 15), Fairfield (April 2), and St. John's (April 23). Following a five-year hiatus, the Statesmen and Canisius Golden Griffins will renew their I-90 rivalry.

Hobart closes out its 103rd varsity season at Cornell. The oldest rivalry in collegiate lacrosse, the Statesmen and Big Red will tussle for the 125th time.

"You ask any Division I coach right now, and they'll tell you it's not easy to win right now in Division I lacrosse," Kerwick says. "There are so many good teams. We're going to have to stay focused and poised and play at a very high level for all 14 games to improve on last season's success.

"I'm very confident that this team has that potential."



Senior attackman Nate Hill handed out 26 assists last season, the most by a Hobart player since 1994. He is just 32 points shy of becoming the top scoring DI Statesman.

THE STATESMEN TENT

Fans everywhere love tailgate parties and the Statesmen Tent is among the best. We offer the following reminders about the Tent:

- Members and guests must have their hand stamped at the Statesmen or Will Call gates
- Lunch is available starting one hour prior to game time
- The Tent is not opened during the game
- Food and beverages cannot be taken out of the Tent area

The Tent is for the enjoyment of our members. While guests are welcome, guest prices have been set to encourage visitors to join the SAA and support Hobart athletics. In fairness to all, we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

SAA LACROSSE "GAME DAY" BENEFITS

SAA Membership Level	Parking	Comp Game Tickets	Guest Game Tickets	Comp Tent Tickets	Guest Tent Tickets
Orange \$50		1	\$5 adult \$1 children	1	\$10 adult \$5 children
Purple \$100		2	\$5 adult \$1 children	2	\$10 adult \$5 children
Silver \$250		2	\$5 adult \$1 children	2	\$10 adult \$5 children
Gold \$500		4	\$5 adult \$1 children	4	\$10 adult \$5 children
Platinum \$1,000	Reserved	6	\$5 adult \$1 children	6	\$10 adult \$5 children

STATESMEN SOCIETY LACROSSE "GAME DAY" BENEFITS

Statesmen Society Level	Parking	Comp Game Tickets	Guest Game Tickets	Comp Tent Tickets	Guest Tent Tickets
Chairman (\$10,000 & above)	Preferred	Per Request	N/A	Per Request	N/A
President (\$5,000-\$9,999)	Preferred	8	\$5 adult \$1 children	8	\$10 adult \$5 children
Director (\$2,500 & \$4,999)	Reserved	6	\$5 adult \$1 children	6	\$10 adult \$5 children
Officer (\$1,000 & \$2,499)	Reserved	6	\$5 adult \$1 children	6	\$10 adult \$5 children

Hobart College Department of Athletics Boswell Parking Permit Application

Enclosed is my check payable to Hobart College for:

_____ \$25 for the lacrosse season,

I understand the permit entitles me to parking at Boswell Field for the regular season home games for lacrosse.

Please send my parking permit to:

Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Mail check and this form to: **Bristol Gym — Parking
Hobart College
Geneva, NY 14456**

Keeping up with the Statesmen

Get free e-mail alerts on the Statesmen. Just visit: www.hws.edu/athletics/emailsignup.asp. Type your e-mail address into the space provided, check off the sports you want to follow, and click the request updates button. Don't wait to read about it in the newspaper, get all of the news from Hobart Athletics as it happens!



Dear SAA Member—

Well, here we go again – another exciting season of college lacrosse is underway, and our Event Management Staff is putting the final touches on plans for our six home games for the 2005 Hobart lacrosse season.

PARKING (please display your SAA parking pass)

◆ McCooley Field games—The Barn Parking Lot and the St. Clair Street Lot (opposite Odell's Village) are reserved for SAA members. Event management staff will direct members to the appropriate lot. Preferred Parking and handicapped parking will be available adjacent to the field.

◆ Boswell Field games—The Boswell Field Lot will be reserved for SAA members as usual.

TICKETS

◆ McCooley Field games—SAA members will enter at the spectator entrance at the southeast corner of the field. Please check in at the SAA ticket table and have your membership card or Statesmen Society membership tag ready.

◆ Boswell Field games—As usual the SAA Gate will be located in the lobby of the Field House.

STATESMEN TENT

Pregame luncheons will be available up until game time and will start one (1) hour prior to faceoff on the following dates.

◆ Saturday, March 19 vs. Georgetown. Faceoff at 1 p.m., at McCooley Field. Statesmen pregame luncheon will be in Winn-Seeley Gymnasium.

◆ Saturday, March 26 vs. Rutgers. Faceoff at Noon, at McCooley Field. Statesmen pregame luncheon will be in Winn-Seeley Gymnasium.

◆ Saturday, April 2 vs. Fairfield. Faceoff at 1 p.m., at Boswell Field. Statesmen Tent at Boswell.

◆ Saturday, April 16 vs. Massachusetts. Faceoff at 1 p.m., at Boswell Field. Prior to the start of this game the Hobart Athletics Department will honor the lacrosse team's Class of 2005. Statesmen Tent at Boswell.

***NOTE:** Fans are reminded to visit the Hobart Lacrosse Web site regularly for updates on game field and faceoff times and for details on the Statesmen Tent. Home games will be played on either McCooley or Boswell, and, given weather conditions, decisions on game sites could be made as late as the day prior to the game. Please pay special attention to the Rutgers and Fairfield games—if those sites are changed it is likely the faceoff times will change as well.*

www.hws.edu/statesmen/lacrosse

Enjoy the season and please give the Athletic Department a call at (315) 781-3077 if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike Hanna '68

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Tennis team ready to build on 2003-04 success

GENEVA—One year removed from one of its best seasons ever, the Hobart tennis team enters the 2005 campaign with high expectations and a confidence that this season can be even better. Under the guidance of Head Coach **CAROL WEYMULLER**, the Statesmen reached new heights in 2004, capturing the Liberty League tennis title for the first time in eight years, recording a program-best 17 wins, and finishing the season ranked 16th in the Northeast Region.

Returning four of its top six players from its championship season, including the 2004 Liberty League Co-Player of the Year in **PETER PINÉ**, Hobart has all of the necessary tools to win their second straight league title and finish among the top teams in the region.

Hobart's top player for the past four seasons, Piné will be the Statesmen's leader at the No. 1 position. Posting a 20-6 record last year, including a nine-match win streak to close out the season, the senior captain will start the 2005 campaign ranked 17th in the Northeast Region. For his career, Piné sports an impressive 60-18 record.

Junior **ADAM RAFFA** will move up a spot

to No. 2 after compiling a 15-1 record in the third position last season to earn a place on the All-Liberty League Singles team. Rounding out the top half of the singles lineup will be sophomore **MATT SILVER**. Silver had a strong rookie campaign last year with a 17-5 overall record and 13-2 at No. 3 and joined Piné and Raffa on the All-League Singles team.

The remaining three spots are less certain for Weymuller. First-years **CHARLIE DAVIS** and **NICK RAHO**, and sophomore **MATT JACOBUS** will battle for the four through six slots. Sophomore **MIKE KLEIN** and junior **DERRICK MOORE** also have the potential to step up into the starting lineup.

Although Hobart is not returning any of its doubles teams from last season, the Statesmen have a solid corps of players who will join forces and continue the squad's success.

Piné and Raffa will team up at No. 1, while Silver and Raho look to be the best combination for the second position. Although they haven't played many matches together, Piné and Raffa will start the year ranked 13th in the region and one of the top pairs in the Liberty League.

The third and final doubles spot has a few potential winning combinations for the Statesmen. Davis and Jacobus could join forces after both had strong outings in the fall, while Moore and Klein also will be in the mix to earn match experience.

Hobart closed the fall season with a 3-2 record in dual matches and will open its championship season on March 13, against Dickinson at 6 p.m., in Hilton Head, S.C.



Senior Peter Piné

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2005 Hobart Spring Schedules

CREW

Mar 26	vs. UMass, George Washington	Ithaca, N.Y.
Apr 2	ITHACA, MARIST	
16	Seneca Cup	Hamilton, N.Y.
23	Liberty League Championships	Canton, N.Y.
30	New York State Championships	
May 1	ECAC Championships	Whitney Point, N.Y.
7-8	ECAC Championships	Worcester, Mass.
Jun 3-4	IRA Regatta	Camden, N.J.

GOLF

Apr 2-3	McDaniel Invitational	Noon
	The Links at Gettysburg	
6	Hamilton Invitational	11 a.m.
	The Skenandoa Club	
17-18	Palamountain Invitational	
	Saratoga Spa State Park	10:30 a.m.
	McGregor Links CC	8:30 a.m.
29	Elmira Invitational	10 a.m.
	Elmira CC	

SAILING

Mar 5-6	John Jackson Memorial	Team Race	at Georgetown
12-13	St. Mary's Team Race Invitational		
19-20	Truxton Umsted		at Navy
26-27	Aaron Szambecki Team Race		at Old Dominion
26-27	Owen Trophy		at Kings Point
Apr 2-3	NORTH SPRING #1		
9-10	CAPT. PROSSER TROPHY		
9-10	Ted Ferrarone Team Race		at Yale
16-17	Admiral's Cup		at Kings Point
16-17	Moody Trophy		at Rhode Island
16-17	North Spring #2		at N.Y. Maritime
23-24	MAISA Open		at Cornell
23-24	Thompson Trophy		at Connecticut College
30-	America Trophy		at Navy
May 1	ICSA Team Race Championships		at Texas
Jun 5-7	ICSA Team Race Championships		at Texas
8-10	ICSA Dinghy Championships		at Texas

TENNIS

Mar 13	#vs. Dickinson	6 p.m.
14	#vs. TBA	TBA
15	#vs. Denison	Noon
17	#vs. Wheaton (Mass.)	Noon
18	#vs. Wooster	Noon
22	at Rochester	5 p.m.
25	ST. LAWRENCE	4 p.m.
30	at Nazareth	4 p.m.
Apr 5	ST. JOHN FISHER	4 p.m.
7	at Ithaca	4 p.m.
9	at Trinity (Conn.)	2:30 p.m.
10	at Skidmore	11 a.m.
13	HAMILTON	4 p.m.
16	at College of New Jersey	11 a.m.
19	RIT	4 p.m.
April 23-24, Liberty League Championship, at St. Lawrence		

#at Hilton Head, S.C.