

SAA Sports LETTER

STATESMEN END 12-YEAR DROUGHT—

Swift's late tallies lead Hobart to 5-4 upset of RIT

GENEVA, N.Y.—Hobart first-year **JONATHAN SWIFT** scored two goals in the final five minutes to lead the Statesmen hockey team to a 5-4 upset victory over 10th-ranked RIT in front of an electric crowd at the Geneva Recreation Complex on Feb. 25. Playing in their final regular season home game, seniors **TREVOR GOWAN, CARL MICHAELSON,** and **R.C. SCHMIDT** earned their first career victory over the Tigers and Hobart's first since 1992.

"It's unbelievable," Michaelson said. "From where we started four years ago, when Coach [Mark] Taylor came in, he turned it all around. Year after year we've been building up to this. It's a great feeling."

RIT (12-6-5, 6-2-2 ECAC West) wasted little time getting on the board as sophomore Darren Doherty converted on a Brad Harris pass just 57 seconds into the game to give the Tigers the 1-0 lead.

After weathering some heavy pressure from the Tigers in the ensuing minutes, Hobart junior **CRAIG LEVEY** found sophomore **COLBY McVEY** with a perfect centering pass to tie the game at one at the 13:03 mark. Just over three minutes later, sophomore **EDWARD POIRIER** gave Hobart (13-7-5, 7-2-1 ECAC West) a 2-1 advantage with a perfect shot over the shoulder of RIT goaltender George Eliopoulos.

After a scoreless second period, sophomore **LEE CARRIER** made it a two-goal game with a short-handed goal just two minutes into the final period.

Down 3-1, the Tigers turned up their play and tied

the game with a pair of goals by Harris and senior Matt Moore within 22 seconds of each other. Seven minutes later, junior forward Brian Payant put the Tigers ahead again with a shot over the shoulder of junior goaltender **ADAM LAVELLE**.

Needing the win to stay in the hunt for the regular season crown and top seed in the ECAC West tourney, Hobart continued to pressure the RIT defense. Swift tied the game at four with five minutes left to play, putting back a rebound. Two minutes later, the rookie winger gave the Statesmen the victory with a power-play score on a pass from Poirier.

"I was following up the play and I think the two defensemen kind of forgot about me," Swift said. "Eddie made a nice pass to me and I was able to lift it into the upper left corner."

The Statesmen penalty kill was spectacular, holding RIT scoreless on five power-play chances. The Tigers held a 40-32 advantage on shots for the game.

Lavelle was outstanding in goal for Hobart, making 36 saves, including 14 in the first period, while Eliopoulos had 27 stops.

Later that evening, the Statesmen learned unranked Elmira had stunned Manhattanville 7-2 to give Hobart its first ECAC West regular season championship (see standings below).

The victory vaulted the Statesmen into the national rankings for the first time in the program's history. Hobart debuted at No. 14 in the US College Hockey Online (www.uscho.com) poll.

The Statesmen will host the ECAC West Tournament March 5-6, at the Geneva Recreation Complex. No. 2 RIT will face off against third-seeded Manhattanville in the first semifinal at 3 p.m., on March 5. Hobart will take on No. 4 Utica in the second game of the day at 7:30 p.m. The winners of those contests will advance to the championship game at 7:30 p.m., on March 6.

Ticket prices for each game are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students with proper ID.

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—Carl Michaelson '04, on beating RIT

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2003-04 ECAC WEST FINAL REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

	--- CONFERENCE ONLY ---					--- OVERALL ---			
	PTS	GP	RECORD	PCT	GF-GA	GP	RECORD	PCT	GF-GA
1 HOBART	15	10	7-2-1	.750	38-31	25	13-7-5	.620	97-87
2 Manhattanville	14	10	6-2-2	.700	42-25	21	15-4-2	.762	96-48
RIT	14	10	6-2-2	.700	57-31	23	12-6-5	.630	113-72
4 Utica	9	10	4-5-1	.450	37-35	25	15-9-1	.620	118-81
5 Elmira	8	10	4-6-0	.400	45-42	25	11-12-2	.480	117-98
6 Neumann	0	10	0-10-0	.000	24-79	25	3-21-1	.140	74-143

Squash earns top-10 billing with strong showing in CSA Team Championships

GENEVA, N.Y.—The Hobart squash team capped a record-setting season with a top-10 ranking and two more UCAA weekly awards heading into the CSA Individual Championships March 5-7, at St. Lawrence. The Statesmen cracked the top-10 for the first time, crashing the elite party usually reserved for Ivies and six-time defending national champion Trinity.

Junior **HENRY CLUTSAM** and first-year **TUCKER CROCKETT** were named the UCAA Co-Performer and Co-Rookie of the Week, respectively. This is Crockett's fourth Rookie of the Week award from the UCAA, while Clutsam is receiving his first Performer of the Week honor.

Statesmen break win record, Upset Brown 5-4

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (Feb. 27)—The Hobart squash team pulled off an upset in the first round of the Hoehn Trophy. The 15th-ranked Statesmen knocked off No. 10 Brown, 5-4.

The win raises Hobart's record to 14-8 overall, the highest win total in the program's 38 varsity seasons. It also marks the first time this season that the Statesmen have triumphed over a higher ranked team. Hobart was 0-8 this year against higher ranked teams.

Hobart won just two of the top five matches—sophomore **GAVIN JOHNSTONE-BUTCHER** prevailed at No. 3 and Clutsam won at No. 4—but the bottom of the lineup came through with three 3-1 victories to propel the Statesmen into the semifinals.

Junior **FREDDY COOK**, first-year **ANDY CONRAD**, and senior **RICHARD REUTTER**



KEVIN COLTON/SPORTSPICS.NET

Juniors Henry Clutsam (pictured) and Freddy Cook and first-year Tucker Crockett lead Hobart with identical 17-7 records through the CSA Team Championships.

produced the crucial victories at Nos. 7-9. Both Cook and Reutter dropped their first set before rallying to take the next three.

The Hoehn Trophy is the second division, teams nine through 16, of the College Squash Association National Championships. Thirty-eight collegiate squash teams competed in five divisions.

No. 11 Amherst falls to Hobart 5-4

WALLINGFORD, Conn. (Feb. 28)—Hobart assured the program's highest finish in the CSA Championships with a 5-4 victory over No. 11 Amherst in the semifinals. The Statesmen advanced to tangle with ninth-

ranked Williams for the Hoehn Trophy.

Hobart could finish no worse than 10th in the final CSA standings, besting the program's previous high-water mark by one spot. The victory improved Hobart's record to 15-8, and marked the second time in as many matches the Statesmen had bumped off a higher seed.

Hobart falls short in Hoehn finale

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (Feb. 29)—Ninth-ranked Williams lived up to its ranking defeating Hobart 7-2. **TEJVIR RATHORE** and Crockett posted the wins for Hobart.

Cagers end season at 9-16, 4-10 in UCAA

BASKETBALL—It was a tough run through the UCAA for the Statesmen this season. Hobart managed just four wins in league play, and only seven victories total after the New Year's holiday.

The team's roster featured just a single senior, **BRAD STRAIT** (12.0 ppg, 44 3FGM), so the positives the Statesmen saw down the stretch are reason to look forward to next season.

Hobart defeated UCAA Tournament team St. Lawrence in Bristol Gym 88-80 in a fantastic offensive display that saw the Statesmen shoot 71 percent from the floor in the second half.

Hobart also put on a clinic in its final appearance in Bristol Gym. The Statesmen dismantled Hartwick, 96-45. Five players reached double digits in scoring, led by first-year guard **MIKE MANNING's** 21-point effort. A native of Mastic, N.Y., Manning averaged 9.6 ppg and recorded a team-high 30 steals this season.

Unlike last season, when Hobart graduated more than half its starting lineup, as well as more than half of its scoring and rebounding, the Statesmen will welcome back eight players with experience in the starting lineup, including their leading scorer, junior forward **JOE FLACKE** (12.2 ppg, 7.0 rpg).

Official Web site gets new look

WWW.HWS.EDU/STATESMEN—The online home of the Hobart Statesmen debuted a new look in mid-November, the third such redesign under fifth-year Director of Athletic Communications **KEN DeBOLT**.

"Like our student-athletes, we in athletic communications strive to keep the Statesmen at the forefront in the media and online," DeBolt said. "The diligent work of Webmaster **STAN SKRABUT** and the creativity of Graphic Designer **JODY BENEDICT** have produced a first-class Web site."

New features include random photo selections and important headlines on the front page. Each team's photo gallery is now database driven, making updates and maintenance much simpler than in the past.

Check it out today!

www.hws.edu/statesmen

Butler holds off Hobart charge, 7-6

BROOKLANDVILLE, Md.—The Hobart lacrosse team took a 3-1 lead early in its season opener with Butler on Feb. 28, but the Bulldogs made the Statesmen wait more than 38 minutes for their next goal in a 7-6 Butler win at St. Paul's School. Attackman **MARK WILLIAMSON** led all scorers with three goals.

The Bulldogs opened the scoring midway through the first quarter, but Hobart responded less than a minute later when midfielder **CHRIS SCANLON** fired home an unassisted score. Midfielder **JOHN SODEN** won the ensuing faceoff and, 22 seconds later, attackman **NATE HILL** set up Williamson's first score.

Soden was outstanding in his Hobart debut, winning 12-of-16 faceoffs and collecting five ground balls.

The Statesmen got off to a fast start in the second quarter, waiting just 44 seconds for Williamson's second score, but then Hobart's scoring dried up, although not for a lack of opportunities. The Statesmen outshot Butler 22-9 in the first half, but the Bulldogs keeper was up to the task, posting seven first half stops.

Butler scored just 11 seconds before the half to trim Hobart's lead to just a single goal, 3-2. The Bulldog offense came to life in the third quarter, outshooting the Statesmen 12-10 while netting four unanswered goals to take a 6-3 lead into the final frame.

Butler completed a 6-0 run midway through the fourth quarter, but the 7-3 deficit awoke the sleeping Hobart attack.

Hill kick-started the ill-fated comeback with his first goal of the campaign at the 5:53 mark. Two minutes later, midfielder **NATE MOLINARI** fed Williamson, who completed his hat trick and pulled Hobart within two, 7-5.

Near the three-minute mark, Williamson put another in the Butler net and appeared to get Hobart into a one-goal game, but the score was waved off for a crease violation.

At the 2:02 mark, Hobart did make it a one-goal game, this time on attackman **MIKE CONKLIN's** goal. Looking to force overtime, the Statesmen took three shots down the stretch: the first sailed wide, the second was stopped by a spectacular diving save and the third hit the post.

DAN VALENTE made 10 saves in his first collegiate start. Hill and defenseman **GREG MCCARTHY** collected a game-high six ground balls apiece, helping Hobart to a 48-30 advantage.

Hobart opens its final Patriot League loop when it returns to action at 1 p.m., on March 6, at Holy Cross.

Butler University (I-0) vs. Hobart College (0-1)

Date: Feb 28, 2004 Location: Brooklandville, Md. Stadium: St. Paul's School

Score by period	1	2	3	4	Tot
Butler University	1	4	1	-	7
Hobart College	2	1	0	3	6

Butler SCORING: GOALS: Pat Hurto 2; Kyle Tietjen 2; Jason Soporito 1; Colin Joyce 1; Doug Mathias 1. **ASSISTS:** Lawrence O'Toole 2; Colin Joyce 1; Chris McKay 1; Jason Soporito 1.

Hobart SCORING: GOALS: Mark Williamson 3; Nate Hill 1; Chris Scanlon 1; Mike Conklin 1. **ASSISTS:** Nate Hill 2; Nate Molinari 1.

Butler GROUND BALLS: 30 (Dan McDonnell 6).

Hobart GROUND BALLS: 48 (Nate Hill 6; Greg McCarthy 6).

SHOTS - Butler 25; Hobart 46.

SHOTS ON GOAL - Butler 17; Hobart 24.

PENALTIES - Butler 2/1:30; Hobart 3/2:30.

MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES - Butler 0-3; Hobart 0-2.

FACEOFFS - Butler 4-16; Hobart 12-16.

CLEARs - Butler 24-36; Hobart 18-22.

GOALIES - Butler: Sam Ashley 1-0 (60:00 minutes, 24 shots-18 saves, 6 GA); Hobart: Dan Valente 0-1 (60:00, 17-10, 7).

Officials: Mike Ventura; Keith Runk; Gerry Jackson.

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Smith named U.S. Junior National Team assistant coach

GENEVA, N.Y.—The U.S. Squash Racquets Association recently named Hobart graduate **CHRIS SMITH '97** as the assistant coach of the U.S. Junior Men's National Team. Smith will be coaching the top players in the country for the next two years in various local, national, and international competitions.



Chris Smith '97

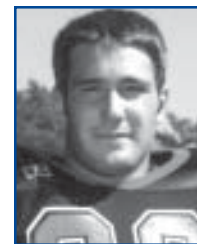
A four-year letterwinner for the Statesmen, the native of Newport, R.I., compiled a 47-26 record during his four seasons, captaining the team his senior year. Smith holds a Level 2 Coaching Certification and is ranked 264th in the world, 13th in the United States, in the Professional Squash Association rankings.

An active member in the Geneva community while at the Colleges, currently he's the director of middle school squash at SquashBusters in Boston, Mass. The job combines his interest in squash and commitment to community service; SquashBusters provides academic tutoring, mentoring, and squash instruction and competition to urban youth. The ultimate mission of the program is to teach the children the value of hard work, integrity, and respect on the squash court and in the classroom.

Smith will take the squad to the Scottish and British opens in January and the U.S. National Championships on March 17-21. Those tournaments all lead up to the 13th Annual World Junior Men's Team and Individual Championships, to be held Aug. 17-22, in Pakistan.

Barlette signs with Albany Conquest

ALBANY, N.Y.—The Albany Conquest of the arenafootball2 league recently announced that former Hobart football standout **RICH BARLETTE '01** has been assigned to the team by the af2 office. A defensive tackle for the Statesmen from 1997 through 2000, he will play offensive and defensive line for the Conquest.



Rich Barlette '01

"Rich is a true asset to our team on and off the field, and I'm pleased he will return in 2004," Conquest Head Coach Steve Matthews said.

In 2002, Barlette, a 6-foot-4, 260-pound, four-time Built Ford Tough Player-of-the-Game selection blocked two kicks. He missed much of last season with a foot injury, but played in five games.

A three-year starter for the Statesmen, Barlette was named an honorable mention All-American by USAFootball.com following his senior season. He also garnered first-team accolades from the ECAC and the UCAA that season, after helping Hobart reach the NCAA Playoffs for the first time in the program's history. A native of Latham, N.Y., he twice earned the Tryon Football Award, presented to Hobart's outstanding lineman, while finishing his career with 201 tackles, 10 sacks, 17 passes defended, four blocked kicks, four fumbles forced, and four fumbles recovered.

In the Statesmen's 2000 postseason run, Barlette recorded 20 tackles and 1.5 sacks. He holds the Hobart postseason records for solo tackles in a game (7), solo tackles in a postseason (12 in two games), and total tackles in a postseason (20).



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2004 Spring Sports Schedules

TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mar 14	*vs. Georgetown	11 a.m.
15	*vs. Luther	4 p.m.
16	*vs. Wooster	Noon
18	*vs. Wheaton (Mass.)	Noon
19	*vs. Denison	Noon
21	TRINITY	10 a.m.
26	ROCHESTER	4 p.m.
27	at Clarkson	1 p.m.
28	at St. Lawrence	11 a.m.
31	NAZARETH	4 p.m.
Apr 3	SKIDMORE	1 p.m.
6	at St. John Fisher	4 p.m.
8	ITHACA	4 p.m.
14	at Hamilton	4 p.m.
18	COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	10 a.m.
20	at RIT	4 p.m.

April 24-25, UCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

* at Hilton Head, S.C.

GOLF

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Apr18-19	Palamountain Invitational Saratoga Springs	11 a.m./9 a.m.
25	Nazareth Invitational	1:30 p.m.
30	Elmira Invitational	10 a.m.

LACROSSE (0-I, 0-0 PL)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb 28	vs. Butler	L, 6-7
Mar 6	*at Holy Cross	1 p.m.
13	*at Lehigh	1 p.m.
16	at Navy	Noon
20	at Georgetown	2 p.m.
27	*LAFAYETTE	1 p.m.
30	at Syracuse	7 p.m.
Apr 3	*BUCKNELL	1 p.m.
7	*COLGATE	7 p.m.
10	PENN STATE	1 p.m.
17	OHIO STATE	1 p.m.
24	*at Army	1 p.m.

April 30, May 2, Patriot League Tournament

May 7 **CORNELL** 7 p.m.

*Patriot League game

CREW

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Mar 28	Michigan and Marist	Ithaca
Apr 3	Ithaca	Ithaca
10	RIT	Geneva
18	COLGATE	Geneva
24	UCAA Championship	Saratoga
May1-2	N.Y.S. Championships	Whitney Pt.
8-9	ECAC Championships	Worcester, MA
Jun 4-5	IRA Championships	Camden, NJ

SAILING

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Mar6-7	John Jackson Memorial	Georgetown
13-14	St. Mary's Team Race Invitational	
	Navy Women's Intersectional	
20-21	Truxton Umsted	Navy
	St. Mary's Women's Intersectional	
27-28	Aaron Szambecki	Old Dominion
	Team Race Challenge	Navy
	Owen Trophy	Brown
	Princeton Women's Spring Open	
Apr3-4	Boston Dinghy Cup	Harvard
	North Spring #1	NY Maritime
10-11	Captain Prosser Trophy	St. Mary's
	Ted Ferrarone Team Race	Yale
	Washington College Women's Regatta	
17-18	Admiral's Cup	Kings Point
	North Spring #2	Cornell
24-25	MAISA Women's Dinghy Championship	Old Dominion

MAISA Open Navy

Thompson Trophy Coast Guard

May1-2 **AMERICA TROPHY** HWS

26-28 *ICSA Women's Championship

30-31 *ICSA Team Race Championship

Jun 1 *ICSA Team Race Championship

Jun 2-4 *ICSA Dinghy Championship

* ICSA Championships at PCYRA