

SAA **Sports** LETTER

Hobart wins West, makes 1st NCAA Tournament appearance

Lavelle named All-America

ICE HOCKEY—Hobart junior goaltender **ADAM LAVELLE** was named to the JOFA/ACHA College Division All-American second-team, capping off a record-breaking season for both him and the Statesmen. Lavelle is Hobart's first hockey All-American in the program's 26-year history.

Lavelle had another outstanding season, leading the Statesmen to their first ECAC West title and first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. In just three seasons between
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Hill sets up lacrosse win over Bucknell, 13-9

GENEVA (April 3)—The Hobart lacrosse team scored an important Patriot League victory on soggy McCooey Field with a 13-9 decision over visiting Bucknell University. Junior attackman **NATE HILL** led the charge with two goals and five assists, matching his career-highs in both assists and points.

A nail-biter in the first half, Hobart (4-4, 4-1 PL) scored the game's opening goal when sophomore attackman **MIKE CONKLIN** fired home a feed from Hill. It was the first of three Hill-to-Conklin tallies on the night.

From the opening score until the horn signaled the end of the first half, the teams traded goals, heading into the break tied 4-4.

The Bison (4-5, 2-2) took their first lead of the contest 49 seconds into the third frame on junior attackman Chris Cara's goal. Statesmen first-year midfielder **CHRIS DAVID** tied the game at 5-all with the first of his three goals on the night, all in the third quarter.

Bucknell grabbed its final lead of the game with 7:16 remaining in the third on a man-up goal by first-year midfielder Kirk Klett. Just over a minute later, David forged the sixth and final tie.

Shortly thereafter, things began to slip away from the Bison. Bucknell was nearly perfect in the opening 30 minutes (12-13 clears, 7-10 faceoffs, 1 penalty for 30 seconds), but Hobart rode the Bison on 7-of-15 clear attempts in the second half, won 9-of-15 faceoffs, and converted all of its three man-up opportunities.

The first extra-man score, by Conklin, gave the Statesmen an 8-6 lead. It was the first time either team had led by more than a single goal in the team's annual meeting since the fourth quarter of the 2002 showdown, a game Hobart won 12-11 on McCooey Field.

Back-to-back even strength goals, followed by consecutive extra-man goals, ballooned the Statesmen's lead to 11-6 with 10:03 remaining.

The Bison managed back-to-back goals of their own near the eight-minute mark, but Hill fed Conklin on two straight tallies 46 seconds apart to seal the victory.

Junior attackman Patrick Christensen led Bucknell with five goals and an assist.

Hobart junior defenseman **GREG MCCARTHY** did an excellent job of limiting Cara's effectiveness. The Bison player entered the game averaging a Division I-high 5.5 points per game, but was held to a goal and three assists, with only two of those points coming at even strength.

In goal, Hobart junior **DAN VALENTE** made 15 saves for the win while gathering a game-high nine ground balls, including several interceptions that prevented in-close scoring chances. Sophomore Matt Baran turned away 16 shots for the Bison.

The win over Bucknell means Hobart can clinch a spot in the Patriot League Tournament with a win over Colgate, when the Raiders visit McCooey Field on April 7.

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Senior captain Carl Michaelson, former coach Charlie Boswell '50, senior captain R.C. Schmidt, junior captain Craig Levey, and President Mark Gearan pose with the ECAC West Championship trophy, the first in Statesmen history.

Historic Hockey Season (from p. 1)

the pipes, he has taken over the records book, owning the career records for saves (2,011), wins (35), and goals against average (3.65), as well as the single-season marks for saves (795) and wins (14).

An All-ECAC West first-team honoree, Lavelle led the Statesmen on a record seven-game win streak, including a pair of victories over conference rival RIT, to secure the ECAC West regular season and tournament titles. During that stretch, he averaged 29 saves per game and posted a 2.14 goals against average and a .930 save percentage.

In the conference championship game, Lavelle turned away nearly ever RIT shot, making 35 stops, including 19 in the second period, to earn the tournament's Most Outstanding Player award. He finished the season with 619 saves (25.8/g), a 3.64 goals against average and an .884 save percentage.

Hobart closed out the year with a 9-5 loss to defending national champion Norwich University in the NCAA Quarterfinals. Finishing the season with a 15-8-5 overall record, the Statesmen matched the 1978-79 team's mark for wins in a season and broke the record for winning percentage.

Lavelle was in good company in the postseason awards department. Head Coach **MARK TAYLOR** was named ECAC West Coach of the Year for the second straight season, while junior forward **CRAIG LEVEY** and first-year forward **JONATHAN SWIFT** were named ECAC West Co-Player of the Year and Co-Rookie of the Year, respectively.

In just his fourth season at the helm, Taylor has led the Statesmen (15-8-5, 7-2-1 ECAC West) to new heights, posting consecutive winning seasons for the first time in the program's history as well as winning its first-regular season and postseason championships.

A 2003 ECAC West first-team selection, Levey sparked the Hobart offense all season. Leading the team with 17 goals and 17 assists for 34 points, he tallied a season-high four points on a hat trick and an assist in Hobart's win at Elmira.

A power winger for the Statesmen, Swift caught fire at the end of the regular season, scoring four goals, including two game-winners, and notching two assists in the final three contests. He tallied the game-tying and game-winning goals in Hobart's 5-4 regular season victory over RIT.

Sophomore forward **WILL BRAME** and junior defenseman **GREG GALLAGHER** captured All-ECAC West second-team accolades, while Swift and first-year defenseman **MIKE POLSONETTI** were named to the All-Rookie Team.

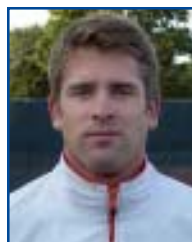
Tennis team on record-setting pace; Could match wins mark before UCAAs

TENNIS—The Statesmen tennis squad has found great success on the courts in the early weeks of the spring season. Hobart is sporting an 11-2 overall record. With five regular season matches remaining plus three UCAA Tournament matches, the Statesmen are within striking distance of the school record for wins in a season, 16 (1994-95 and 2001-02).



Peter Piné

Ranked 15th in the Northeast Region rankings, the Statesmen got things rolling during their spring break trip to Hilton Head, S.C. Playing five matches in six days, Hobart returned to Geneva with a 4-1 mark.



Trevor McAndrew

A week later, Hobart opened its home schedule with nationally ranked Rochester. The Statesmen got singles wins from junior **PETER PINÉ**, sophomore **ADAM RAFFA**, and first-year **MATT SILVER**, but were unable to earn the decisive point as the 23rd-ranked Yellowjackets captured the match 4-3.

Bouncing back with wins over Clarkson and St. Lawrence, the team earned its biggest win of the season four days later against

UCAA rival Skidmore. The eighth-ranked team in the Northeast region, the Thoroughbreds captured two of the three doubles matches, but the Statesmen cruised through singles play to earn the 6-1 victory over the defending UCAA champions.

Ranked 23rd among all players in the Northeast, Piné sports a 10-3 record at first singles this season, and a 3-1 mark against UCAA opponents. In the No. 3 position, Raffa has put together a five-game win streak and 12-1 overall in dual matches, while Silver is unbeaten in his last six and sports an 11-2 record.

The No. 1 doubles pair of **TREVOR McANDREW** and Piné is ranked ninth in the Northeast and is 8-4 on the season, while Raffa and Silver have combined for a 4-1 record in the second spot.

39th Annual Block H Awards

The Statesmen Athletic Association of Hobart College invites you to a tribute to the 2003-04 Hobart athletic teams.

6 p.m. • Monday, May 3, 2004
Robert A. Bristol Gymnasium
Tickets \$30.00

A reception for the Class of 2004, parents, staff, and SAA members will follow in the Gilman Room.

To make your reservations, please call Karen Cosentino at (315) 781-3075 by Monday, April 26, 2004.

If you are unable to attend but would like to help the SAA with this dinner, it has become a popular practice for Statesmen members to be Block H Dinner Patrons. Members can earmark their donation for a particular sport or even a particular student-athlete. Please call Karen Cosentino at (315) 781-3075.

Weymuller, Rathore headline All-UCAA team

GENEVA, N.Y.—Hobart Squash Head Coach **CAROL WEYMULLER** and junior **TEJVIR RATHORE** were named the 2004 Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year and Player of the Year, respectively. The Statesmen dominated the awards, placing four players on the first-team, while five others received honorable mention accolades.



Carol Weymuller

Joining Rathore on the first-team were junior **HENRY CLUTSAM**, sophomore **GAVIN JOHNSTONE-BUTCHER**, and first-year **PRATEEK PATNI**.

Senior **RICHARD REUTTER**, juniors **FREDDY COOK** and **ANDREW SCOTT**, and first-years **ANDY CONRAD** and **TUCKER CROCKETT** each earned honorable mention.

In her ninth season at the helm, Weymuller led the Hobart squash team to new heights during the 2003-04 season. She guided the Statesmen to the inaugural UCAA Championship and helped them to a 15-9 overall record, the highest wins total in the program's history. Under her tutelage, Hobart finished second in the Hoehn Trophy and 10th overall at the team championships, the squad's best finish.

A three-time UCAA Performer of the Week, Rathore finished the season with an 18-9 record, including a perfect 6-0 against UCAA opponents. Playing all season at No. 1, he received the third seed in the Malloy Cup of the College Squash Association Individual Championships and advanced to the semifinal round. He boasts a 48-26 career record.

Playing in the top half of the lineup all season, Clutsam racked up a team-high 19 wins, with an overall record of 19-9. He represented the Statesmen at the CSA Individual Championships, advancing to the semifinal round of the consolation draw before losing to sixth-seeded Ben Schippers of Bates.

Johnstone-Butcher filled the No. 2 and No. 3 slots throughout the season, compiling a 17-10 record. A two-sport athlete (crew), he has amassed a 28-16 record in two seasons on the squash court.

Playing in the second spot, Patni finished his rookie season with a 9-13 overall record and a 5-1 mark against conference foes. He was named UCAA Rookie of the Week after going 3-0 to help the Statesmen capture the first UCAA Championship.



Junior Tejvir Rathore, Hobart's No. 1, was named the inaugural UCAA Performer of the Year.

Statesmen eights stun 13th-ranked Michigan

ITHACA, N.Y.—The Hobart crew produced a stunning upset of the University of Michigan on March 27. The Statesmen varsity eight defeated the Wolverines, who were ranked 13th in the country in the latest US Rowing Association poll, by 7.6 seconds and topped the host Ithaca Bombers by 11.2 seconds.

Hobart's freshmen eight also defeated Michigan's first freshmen eight by 7.9 seconds and Ithaca by 26.4 seconds.

"Our outstanding performance this early in the season is an important first step in attaining our goal of top finishes at this year's New York State and ECAC post-season championships," Head Coach **MIKE GUERRIERI** said.

Hobart's freshman four also was victorious by 14 seconds over Michigan's entry.

Hobart's varsity eight was led by senior stroke **HAVILLAND CAMPBELL**, junior **MICHAEL HOEPP**, first-years **SEP LEVATICH** and **MICHAEL GRENIER**, and sophomores **DAN GILBERT**, **GARDNER LORING**, **JM CHADONIC**, **TIMOTHY FAXON**, and **GAVIN JOHNSTONE-BUTCHER**.

One week later, Hobart's varsity eight and freshmen eight again defeated Ithaca's best offerings. The varsity eight finished nine seconds ahead of the Bombers, winning the Statesmen Duel Race Trophy.

HWS third at MAISA North Spring No. 1

THROGS NECK, N.Y. (April 3-4)—A few days after moving up five spots to No. 3 in the national rankings, the Hobart and William Smith sailing team captured third place out of 18 teams with 35 points at the MAISA North Spring No. 1 Regatta at New York Maritime. Queen's grabbed top honors, while Columbia picked up the runner-up spot.

Racing in the A division for HWS were senior **MORA O'MALLEY** and first-year **LAUREN ANDERSON**. The duo finished among the top-10 boats in each of the four races, including a victory in the third and a runner-up finish in the opening race, compiling 19 points for third place.

In the B division, junior **EMILY BARKOW** and first-year **NATE OWEN** turned in three top-three performances, including a victory in the second race, finishing the weekend with 16 points for third place as well.

PATRIOT LEAGUE MEN'S LACROSSE STANDINGS

As of April 3, 2004

STANDINGS	CONFERENCE				OVERALL				
	W- L- T	Pct	GF	GA	W- L- T	Pct	GF	GA	
y-Navy	5- 0- 0	1.000	77	30	7- 1- 0	.875	102	55	
HOBART	4- 1- 0	.800	64	39	4- 4- 0	.500	87	71	
Army	2- 1- 0	.667	39	30	6- 2- 0	.750	100	82	
Colgate	1- 1- 0	.500	17	23	5- 4- 0	.556	69	71	
Bucknell	2- 2- 0	.500	47	35	4- 5- 0	.444	97	84	
Lehigh	1- 2- 0	.333	23	34	2- 7- 0	.222	58	77	
Holy Cross	0- 4- 0	.000	26	61	2- 5- 0	.286	60	90	
Lafayette	0- 4- 0	.000	15	56	1- 9- 0	.100	44	112	
y-clinched playoff berth									



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2004 Spring Sports Schedules

TENNIS (II-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mar 14	*vs. Georgetown	W, 6-1
15	*vs. Luther	W, 4-3
16	*vs. Wooster	W, 5-2
18	*vs. Wheaton (Mass.)	L, 2-5
19	*vs. Denison	W, 4-3
26	ROCHESTER	L, 3-4
27	at Clarkson	W, 7-0
28	at St. Lawrence	W, 4-3
31	NAZARETH	W, 7-0
Apr 3	SKIDMORE	W, 6-1
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
Apr 7	Hamilton Invitational	11 a.m.
18-19	Palamountain Invitational Saratoga Springs	11 a.m./9 a.m.
25	Nazareth Invitational	1:30 p.m.
30	Elmira Invitational	10 a.m.

LACROSSE (4-4, 4-1 PL)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb 28	vs. Butler	L, 6-7
Mar 6	*at Holy Cross	W, 14-6
13	*at Lehigh	W, 11-4
16	at Navy	L, 8-13
20	at Georgetown	L, 7-9
27	*LAFAYETTE	W, 18-7
30	at Syracuse	L, 10-16
Apr 3	*BUCKNELL	W, 13-9
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**

*Patriot League game

CREW

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Mar 28	Michigan and Ithaca	1st of 3
Apr 3	Ithaca	1st of 2
	vs. Pacific Lutheran	1st of 2
10	RIT	Geneva
18	COLGATE	Geneva
24	UCAA Championship	Saratoga
May 1-2	N.Y.S. Championships	Whitney Pt.
8-9	ECAC Championships	Worcester, MA

SAILING

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Mar 6-7	John Jackson Memorial	7th of 9
13-14	St. Mary's Team Race Inv.	4th of 10
	Admiral Moore	2nd of 18
20-21	Truxton Umsted	3rd of 20
27-28	Aaron Szambecki	1st of 8
	Team Race Challenge	3rd of 9
	Owen Trophy	11th of 16
Apr 3-4	Boston Dinghy Cup	Harvard
	North Spring #1	3rd of 18
10-11	Captain Prosser Trophy	St. Mary's
	Ted Ferrarone Team Race	Yale
17-18	Admiral's Cup	Kings Point
	North Spring #2	Cornell
24-25	MAISA Open	Navy
	Thompson Trophy	Coast Guard
May 1-2	AMERICA TROPHY	HWS
30-31	*ICSA Team Race Championship	
Jun 1	*ICSA Team Race Championship	
Jun 2-4	*ICSA Dinghy Championship	

* ICSA Championships at PCYRA