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Sports LETTER

Statesmen laxers gearing up for challenging 2006 slate

CONSISTENCY

That is the hallmark of Head Coach **MATT KERWICK's** preseason regimen. The 2006 Hobart lacrosse team will be in peak physical form from Bucknell to Cornell and, if all goes according to plan, beyond.

As soon as the final horn sounded on the 2005 season, Kerwick and his staff turned their attention to improving the team's 7-7 record. To that end, each Statesman was asked to take a hard look in the mirror and determine if he had done everything to make himself the best athlete and best student he could be. All 24 returning players redoubled their efforts to improve their conditioning to avoid the short lapses in effort that proved costly last season.

Two of the team's five goals for this season are to be in top condition on Feb. 25, the start of Hobart's 104th lacrosse season, and to have a 3.0 team grade point average for the semester. Both goals speak to consistency.

In 2005, the Statesmen put a scare into No. 5 Georgetown, No. 8 Syracuse, and No. 10 Massachusetts. Hobart lost to all three, but by a combined total of just five goals. A narrow margin like that can often be attributed to something as seemingly inconsequential as a single ground ball. Kerwick has stressed the importance of playing a 60-minute game to reverse those 11-9, 13-12, and 14-12 losses.

The graduation of the Class of 2005 claimed six starters, including Hobart's first two-time All-American at the Division I level, defenseman **GREG MCCARTHY '05**; a two-year starter in goal, **DAN VALENTE '05**; and one of the top playmakers in school history, attackman **NATE HILL '05**.

The team welcomes back three of its top four scorers from a year ago, including 2005 ECAC Lacrosse League Rookie of the Year and 2006 Inside Lacrosse Preseason All-American **DARYL VELTMAN**. The Statesmen also have all-star players in All-ECAC second-team midfielder **CHRIS DAVID**, and preseason All-American faceoff specialist **JOHN SODEN**.

Here's a position-by-position look at Hobart:

2006 LACROSSE SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb 25	#vs Bucknell	2 p.m.
Mar 4	\$vs Ohio State	2 p.m.
11	HARTFORD	1 p.m.
14	at Binghamton	4 p.m.
18	*at Georgetown	1 p.m.
25	*at Rutgers	1 p.m.
28	at Syracuse	7 p.m.
Apr 1	*at Fairfield	2 p.m.
8	* PENN STATE	1 p.m.
15	*at Massachusetts	1 p.m.
18	at Canisius	7 p.m.
22	* ST. JOHN'S	1 p.m.
29	* LOYOLA	1 p.m.
May 5	CORNELL	7 p.m.

= at Haverford (Pa.) School; \$ = at Hersheypark (Pa.) Stadium;
*ECAC Lacrosse League game

ATTACKMEN

Gone are Hill's 143 career points, but the Statesmen feature a quartet of players who will keep the high speed offense moving.

The first first-year to lead Hobart in scoring since 1971, Veltman is one of the best shooters in recent Hobart history and has continued to develop his skills beyond his prodigious rookie campaign. Senior captain **MIKE CONKLIN** is the model of consistency.

Seemingly flying under opponents' radar, he enters his senior year 19th among active Division I players in career

scoring (63-11-74). Their running mate will be a rotation, at least to start, of first-years **JEFF RYAN** and **JEFF COLBURN**. Both are already very good players and expected to get much better.

Juniors **JUSTIN PORTER** and **JAMIE MacDONALD** also could figure into the mix, while first-years **JARED FRANKLIN** and **SAM ORR** will provide depth.

MIDFIELDERS

The coaching staff will need to find replacements for starters **CHRIS SCANLON '05** and **NATE MOLINARI '05**, who combined for 27 goals, 22 assists, and 91 ground balls. That said, the coaches couldn't be more excited about the depth and talent the 2006 Statesmen will feature in the midfield.

Seniors **PATRICK MEADE** and **MARK CONKLIN**, and junior **CHRIS DAVID** will form the top line, if only because of their veteran status on the roster. Sophomores **NICK CURRIE**, **SEAN MURPHY**, and **DAVID O'QUINN** are a potent trio pushing to supplant Meade-Conklin-David as Hobart's top option.

Meade, a team captain, is a strong defender, a speedster in transition, and has a blistering shot on the offensive end; Conklin is a steady, possession midfielder; and David is the line's top offensive option, finishing third on the team with 26 points in 2005.

Murphy was one of just two first-years to play in every game last season, recording seven goals and an assist, while Currie made steady progress, increasing (LACROSSE OUTLOOK, p. 3)

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Sailors preparing for national championship defense

SAILING—The Hobart and William Smith sailing team begins the 2006 spring season as the defending champions in the ICSA North American Team Race and ICSA North American Coed Dinghy regattas, but because of the depth and talent in the Middle Atlantic region, HWS isn't monopolizing the preseason favorite buzz.

The team returns five of the seven sailors that captured the program's first two national championships in Austin, Texas. Skipper **JOHN STORCK '05** was a key component of both championship efforts, while skipper **LEE SACKETT '05** guided one of the Colleges three boats in the team race regatta.

Seniors **ZACK GOLDMAN, MOLLY LAWSON,** and **AUGUSTA NADLER** and juniors **AMANDA MARKEE** and **TREVOR MOORE** return to lead HWS in its title defense efforts. Markee, Moore, and Nadler all earned All-American honors last season.

Skippers junior **BRIAN CLANCY** and sophomore **JAY MILLS** will compete in the team racing events and will battle for spot in the dinghy races. Both student-athletes were in the hunt for the final roster spot at last season's ICSA Championships.

The team will be bolstered by the strong performances of first-years **SARAH BORUP, MORGAN COMMETTE, AUSTIN KANA,** and **JOHN SAMPSON** who won the MAISA Freshmen Championship and finished second in the Freshmen ACCs in the fall.

The Colleges begin the spring season ranked 12th in the ICSA coed poll.



Deep roster has crew eyeing medals

CREW—First-year Head Coach **MIKE ALTON** inherited a Hobart crew team that is the deepest in the program's nine varsity seasons. With the return of 14 upperclassmen and a strong sophomore class, the Statesmen will showcase their depth by featuring two varsity eights and two novice eights.

Prior to his arrival in Geneva, Alton served as the men's and women's head coach at Vassar for five seasons. The Brewer women finished two of his final three seasons ranked in the College Rowing Association Division III top-10, climbing as high as No. 7 in 2003.

"I'm looking forward to working closely with the guys this spring on achieving the highest standards of performance on the water that Hobart is known for," Alton said. "We're looking to have our boats in the finals of the ECAC Championships and challenging for a medal."

Seniors **DANIEL GILBERT, JOHN-MICHAEL CHADONIC,** and **GARDNER LORING,** along with juniors **MICHAEL GRENIER, JOE JAMESON,** and **ROB REINHEINER** powered the Statesmen to a bronze medal in the varsity eight at last season's New York State Championships. The following week, Hobart's varsity eight just barely missed qualifying for the grand final at the ECAC Championships by four tenths of a second.

Looking to break into Hobart's top eight will be senior **TIMOTHY FAXON,** juniors **NATE KRESS, ALEXANDER CARUTHERS, SEP LEVATICH, PAUL WASMUND** and sophomores **RICHARD KLEIN, ANDREW MEUNIER,** and **ALEXANDER TYE.**

The varsity four, consisting of Caruthers, Kress, Faxon, and Wasmund, outraced 10 other crews to take home a silver medal in last year's state championships, crossing the finishing line in 7:12.3.

The return of eight sophomores will add depth. The novice eight qualified for the ECAC Championships after securing a bronze medal at the state championships.

Under the guidance of novice coach **MICHAEL HOEPP '05,** Hobart's incoming class, which is comprised of 18 student-athletes, outraced 20 other novice eights to earn a fourth place finish at the Head of the Fish in the fall.

Using its non-traditional fall season as a springboard into the spring, Hobart medaled in three out of the four races at the annual Head of the Fish regatta. The Statesmen varsity eights and the open pair earned gold, while the second varsity eights received silver.

Hobart hits the water on March 25, when the Statesmen host Rochester and Rensselaer at the Hellstrom Boathouse.

Youth, veteran mix:

Recipe for tennis success

Led by Head Coach **CAROL WEYMULLER,** the Hobart tennis program features an experienced squad—returning four of its top six singles players—poised to improve on last season's 10-10 record. With a veteran squad and a wealth of talented first-years, Hobart is determined to reclaim the Liberty League title.

A solid all-court player, first-year **JAMES MICHERONI** will step into the No. 1 singles position vacated by **PETER PINÉ '05.**

Micheroni uses explosive ground strokes to neutralize his opposition. The Massachusetts Division I state champion completed his high school career as the 19th-ranked USTA New England 19-year-old.

A creative shot-maker, junior **MATT SILVER** will return to his No. 2 singles post this season. In 2004-05, he registered a 12-8 record, including a 7-5 mark at No. 2. An intelligent player, Silver utilizes a variety of shots to keep his opponent off-balance.

Sophomore **CHARLIE DAVIS** and senior **ADAM RAFFA** will compete for the No. 3 and No. 4 positions. Davis will utilize his devastating ground strokes to build upon last season's 7-5 mark at No. 3, while Raffa will use his athleticism to showcase his lethal forehand. Although bitten by the injury bug the past few seasons, Raffa is determined to regain his 2003-04 All-Liberty League form.

With a variety of shots in his repertoire, senior **MATT JACOBUS** is expected to compete out of the No. 5 position. A two-sport athlete, Jacobus is also a member of the squash team.

The remaining spot in Hobart's starting six is less certain. The strong service games of junior **RONNY KOENIG,** and sophomore **NICK RAHO** have narrowed the field to a two-way race.

Senior **JED STUART,** junior **MIKE KLEIN,** and first-years **BRANDON GILLESPIE,** and **TOMMY HUNTER** are waiting in the wings for their opportunity to challenge for a place in the starting six.

Although the Statesmen do not return any of their doubles combinations, Hobart will feature Micheroni and Raffa at No. 1, while the complimentary games of Davis and Koenig are expected to fill the second position. The combination of Jacobus and Raho at No. 3 should net results.

Hobart will face a tough schedule that features three squads in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northeast region top 15. The Statesmen will tangle with No. 7 Rochester, No. 10 Wheaton (Mass.), and No. 14 Skidmore.

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his minutes as the year went on. O'Quinn sat out last season due to injury, but the coaching staff expects him to surprise opponents with his athleticism.

Senior **NICK WILBUR**, junior **JAMES DUSSICH**, and sophomore **JIMMY FARMER** have the talent to form a third line or force the coaches to find a spot for them on one of the top two lines. Wilbur, in his second season since transferring from Butler, has grown into the Hobart system and is ready for an expanded role; Dussich too has made steady progress and is poised for a breakthrough season; and Farmer played d-middie last season, but has shown a greater inclination on the offensive end of the field.

First-years **BRANDON BUCHMAYR**, **MATT SMALLEY**, and **RK GALEY** are the top midfield prospects in the Class of 2009. Buchmayr is an incomparable talent who will contribute right away; Smalley will see time on the wing during faceoffs; and GaleY is a faceoff specialist with the offensive and defensive skills to be more than a FOGO.

On faceoffs, Hobart will sport one of the top one-two punches in the nation in junior **JOHN SODEN** and sophomore **DAN SPINELLA**. Soden finished the 2005 season ranked eighth in the nation in winning percentage (.605) as the Statesmen's undisputed No. 1. Over the summer, Spinella was named the faceoff man on the Vail Shootout All-Tournament team and has battled Soden to a draw throughout the preseason. The two are expected to split time at the X in 2006.

Defensive midfielders were a weak spot for the Statesmen last season. Senior **ALEX JESSUP**, whose effectiveness was limited by injury in 2005, is back in top form. He'll be joined by classmate **MICHAEL SOLOMON** with support coming from first-years **JAMIE SPRAGUE** and **MARCUS CRAIGWELL**.

Senior **ANDREW NAROG**, one of the best ground balls guys on the team (130 career GBs), returns as the team's top long stick midfielder. The team captain is a great leader on and off the field. First-years **RICKY EVANS**, a fierce competitor, and **FREDDY LEIGHTON-ARMAH**, a natural athlete, will offer depth at long stick middie and on close defense.

DEFENSEMEN

McCarthy, the first Statesman named to the Tewaaron Award preseason watch list, and **JOHN TAMMARO '05** leave two starting spots on close defense open, but the coaching staff is excited about the talent ready to fill-in.

Senior **MATT MURPHY** returns for his fourth season as a starter. A team captain, he has a nose for ground balls that will earn him time on the wing during faceoffs and loves to move forward in transition as evidenced by his four career assists. He will be joined by the three-man rotation of juniors **CHRIS KEOUGH** and **MATTHEW RANAGHAN** and sophomore **RAFE MATTINGLY**.

Finally 100 percent after a knee injury slowed him for much of '05, Keough will move from long stick midfielder to close defense this season. He has been the team's most consistent performer in preseason practice and is poised for a breakout year.

Ranaghan earned two starts a year ago and played in all 14 games. He grew into his responsibilities in 2005 and is ready to put together a complete season.

One-on-one, Mattingly is Hobart's top shutdown defenseman. He is the complete package of tenacity, speed, strength, and intelligence.

Junior **WESLEY McDONALD**, who spent the fall semester studying in Ireland, is also right there talent-wise and will play quality minutes.

GOALIES

Valente was a solid performer in goal, finishing sixth in career saves (392). He was a vocal leader and is the first Division I Statesman to produce a career goals against average of less than 10 (9.51).

Senior **MIKE DeSANTIS** is the heir apparent. He has played in only 209 minutes over the past three seasons, but that's 208 more than anyone else on the roster. DeSantis is a talented stopper with a flair for making accurate, quick-strike outlet passes, a perfect fit for Hobart's up-tempo, high-caliber offense.

Junior **BRANDON BAER** and first-year **BRAD HESTER** will provide DeSantis with competition. The coaching staff isn't afraid to use anyone of the three, leaving the Statesmen with excellent depth in the cage.

SCHEDULE

Hobart will square off with nine teams ranked in the Inside Lacrosse preseason coaches poll, including top 10 squads No. 5 Syracuse, No. 6 Georgetown, No. 8 Cornell, and No. 9 UMass. The Statesmen kick things off on Feb. 25 in Haverford, Pa., when they renew their series with former Patriot League rival Bucknell. Another neutral site contest, this one at Hersheypark Stadium, against No. 21 Ohio State follows seven days later.

Hobart plays its lone home game in March on the 11th against Hartford when the Hawks visit Geneva for the first time. A five-game road trip is next, featuring match ups with the Hoyas and Orange.

The Statesmen will get a brief reprieve from the road on April 8, when Penn State comes to Boswell Field followed by trips to UMass and Canisius.

Hobart will close out the season with three straight home games. St. John's will make its first trip to the legendary "Boz" on April 22. A week later, the Loyola Greyhounds will visit Geneva for the first time since 2003.

The Statesmen close out the regular season under the lights of McCooney Field against Cornell in the oldest rivalry in college lacrosse. The teams will tangle for the 126th time.

Get scores straight to your cell phone

GENEVA, N.Y.—Hobart and William Smith Colleges have teamed up with Stretch Internet to deliver alumni, alumnae, family, and fans lacrosse scores straight to their cell phones. Stretch Internet's eScores will allow the Athletic Communications staff to send out a text message to fans with the score of Hobart and William Smith lacrosse games as soon as the final horn sounds.

The service is free to all subscribers. (Fans should check with their cellular service provider as to the cost of receiving text messages.)

To sign up, visit the Hobart lacrosse links page (www.hws.edu/statesmen/links.asp), and click on the eScores logo, or go directly to the eScores sign up page (<http://escores.stretchinternet.com/login.php?sch=hws>).

The service will be expanded to include other team sports in the upcoming fall and winter seasons.

eScores was brought to the Colleges' by WEOS-FM Station Manager **MIKE BLACK**. The campus' radio station also plans to utilize eScores to update listeners on broadcast schedule changes.

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2006 Hobart Spring Schedules

HOBART CREW

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mar 25	ROCHESTER & RENNELAER	TBA
Apr 1	at Ithaca with Marist	TBA
15	COLGATE & RIT (<i>Seneca Cup</i>)	TBA
29	Liberty League Championships	TBA
	<i>at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.</i>	
May 6-7	NYS Championships	TBA
	<i>at Whitney Point, N.Y.</i>	
13-14	ECAC Championships	TBA
	<i>at Worcester, Mass.</i>	
Jun 1-3	IRA Championships	TBA
	<i>at Camden, N.J.</i>	

HOBART GOLF

DATE	EVENT
Mar 10-15	Spring trip, Orlando, Fla.
Apr 6	Susquehanna Invitational at Edgewood-In-The-Pines
9-10	Mid-Atlantic Invitational at Hershey Golf Club
12	Hamilton Invitational at Skenandoa Country Club
28	Elmira Invitational at Elmira Country Club

HWS SAILING

DATE	EVENT
Mar 4-5	John Jackson Team Race at Georgetown
11-12	St. Mary's Team Race Intersectional
11-12	Admiral Moore Trophy at NYM
18-19	Truxton Umstead Regatta at Navy
25-26	Aaron Szambecki Team Race at ODU
Apr 1-2	North Spring at KP
8-9	MAISA Team Race Championship Prosser Trophy at Navy
8-9	Ferrarone Team Race at Yale
15-16	Admiral Cup at KP
15-16	Moody Trophy at URI
22-23	Thompson Trophy at USCGA
29-30	MAISA Dinghy Championship America Trophy at ODU
May 28-30	ICSA Team Race Championship at College of Charleston
May 31-June 2	ICSA Dinghy Championship at College of Charleston

HOBART TENNIS

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mar 12	vs Nebraska Wesleyan	1 p.m.
13	vs Southwestern	Noon
14	vs Wheaton (Mass.)	Noon
16	vs Colby-Sawyer	Noon
17	vs Wooster	Noon
21	ROCHESTER	4 p.m.
26	COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY	10 a.m.
29	NAZARETH	4 p.m.
Apr 1	at St. Lawrence	1 p.m.
6	ITHACA	4 p.m.
8	SKIDMORE	1 p.m.
12	at Hamilton	4 p.m.
18	at RIT	4 p.m.
19	at St. John Fisher	4 p.m.
	<i>April 22-23, Liberty League Tournament hosted by Vassar</i>	

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The Statesmen Athletic Association presents...

Game Day at The Boz!!

THE STATESMEN TENT

Fans everywhere love tailgate parties and the Statesmen Tent is among the best. As we kick off the 2006 spring season, we offer the following reminders about the Tent:

- Members & guests must have their hand stamped at the Statesmen or Will Call gates
- Lunch is available starting 1 hour prior to game time
- The Tent is not open 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.

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SAA Membership Level	Parking	Comp Game Tickets	Guest Game Tickets	Comp Tent Tickets	Guest Tent Tickets
Orange \$50		1	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	1	\$10 adult \$5 children *
Purple \$100		2	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	2	\$10 adult \$5 children
Silver \$250		3	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	3	\$10 adult \$5 children
Gold \$500		4	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	4	\$10 adult \$5 children
Platinum \$1,000	Reserved	6	\$3 / \$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	<i>Per Request</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Per Request</i>	<i>N/A</i>
President (\$5,000 – 9,999)	Preferred	8	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	8	\$10 adult \$5 children
Director (\$2,500 – 4,999)	Reserved	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$10 adult \$5 children
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* Children's prices apply to those under 12 years of age.

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\$500	Select one package: <input type="checkbox"/> Micro fiber golf shirt with embroidered Hobart logo and tan embroidered Hobart ball cap or <input type="checkbox"/> embroidered orange long sleeve pullover wind shirt and tan embroidered Hobart ball cap
\$250	Cotton blend micro fiber golf shirt with embroidered Hobart logo (Ladies color: coral, men's color: white) \$35
\$100	100% Cotton tan embroidered ball cap
\$50	Statesmen lapel pin

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