



Sports LETTER

Lacrosse team primed for another exciting season

The Hobart lacrosse team will begin its 106th varsity season with an experienced and deep attack, an equally talented and deep midfield, and a bevy of talented goalies. The key to the Statesmen's success will rest with the close defense.

The difference between a great season and a disappointing one in Division I lacrosse is razor thin. For the Statesmen in 2007, that margin was just six goals.

A half dozen tallies were all that stood between Hobart and a 9-5 record, instead of 5-9. The Statesmen were on the wrong end of overtime decisions to Bucknell (11-10) and Rutgers (12-11) and two-goal setbacks to Syracuse (13-11) and Georgetown (15-13). Hobart also suffered a bit of bad luck in the loss to the Hoyas. The contest was originally scheduled to be played in Geneva, but a late-season snow storm forced a move to the nation's capital. Could the friendly crowd of a home game have swung the fickle pendulum of momentum in the Statesmen's favor? No one will ever know.

This year's team isn't worried about the past, choosing to focus their attention squarely on 2008. With 15 lettermen, including eight starters, returning, the coaching staff is excited about the goal scoring potential this team possesses.

With five of the top six scorers and 10 of the top 12 returning, one thing is certain, Hobart will continue to stay true to the origins of the game that earned the slogan, "The fastest game on two feet." While other programs scheme to find ways to keep scores low and choke the excitement out of the game, the Statesmen will continue to run and shoot in the grandest tradition of the game.

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

ATTACK

While the Canadian Connection of seniors Jamie Kirk (Orangeville, Ontario) and Daryl Veltman (Coquitlam, B.C.) became the focus and frustration of defensive coordinators everywhere, Jeff Colburn quietly



Attackman Jamie Kirk led the nation in assists in 2007. Only one active player in Division I has more career assists than Kirk's 79 (Vermont & Hobart combined).

piled up comparable numbers.

Kirk led the team in the most unassuming way, registering 50 points on 12 goals and 38 assists. His 2.71 assists per game led the nation, while his 3.57 points per game ranked 12th. Kirk is the first Statesman to lead the nation in goals, assists or points since Hobart moved to Division I in 1995.

Unbelievably, despite recording more points than any player in the ECAC and more points than 12 of the 23 USILA All-American attackmen, he didn't receive accolades from either group, although he clearly merited it.

Kirk's incredible vision benefited linemates Veltman and Colburn, who both recorded career-highs in goals

scored. Veltman, who led the team in points in the two season's prior to Kirk's arrival, logged 33 goals and 11 assists in 2007, while Colburn produced 21 goals and 12 assists.

The Statesmen also boast a deep reserve that will test the coaching staff's creativity as they work to find ways to get everyone on the field. Sophomores Kevin Curtin (7gm 2g 1a) and Daniel Keegan (10gm 1g 0a) were solid reserves a year ago. They have made great strides during the offseason and are ready for more responsibility.

Junior transfer Tyler Hill (Onondaga Community College) and first-years Ryan Liebel and Mike White have all shown great promise in preseason workouts and could see significant playing time. Liebel has enough offensive talent that the coaches may move him from attack to midfield just to get him on the field.

MIDFIELD

Senior captains Nick Currie and Sean Murphy return as the core of Hobart's top midfield line. Currie is the top returning midfielder after recording 17 goals and five assists. He's also a threat on the extra-man, ranking third on the team a year ago with four man-up goals.

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Youth will serve for Statesmen tennis

After posting a respectable 2-2 mark in the fall, the Hobart tennis team looks to pick up where it left off. Charlie Davis '08 (pictured) leads the team at No. 1 singles, and boasts the most career wins on the team with 37. Bringing experience and leadership into the top six, along with Davis, is Adam Cohn '09 at No. 2. The rest of the lineup is peppered with younger Statesmen. Jamie Flanigan '10, Parker Pedersen '10, Matt Chin '11, Harry King '11, and Will Tucker '11 are expected to battle for the starting nod in the third through sixth singles spots.

In doubles action, look for Davis and King to team up at No. 1, Flanigan and Chin to play No. 2, and some combination of Tucker, Cohn, Will Faurot '10 and Zach Schulz '09 in the third spot.

The Statesmen will kick off the 2008 season in Hilton Head, S.C., over spring break. Hobart's first home match is scheduled for March 25 at 4 p.m. vs. Rochester.

Statesmen to tee up spring Season in Arizona

The golf team played a successful fall season, highlighted by Jeff Mayo's '11 victory at the Muhlenberg Fall Invitational. The win helped the Statesmen place fourth out of 15 teams, one of its best finishes of the year. Mayo ranked second on the team in scoring average with 79.1 over 11 rounds, and recorded a team-best three



top-10 finishes.

Dan Miller '10 (pictured) led the Statesmen with a team-low 78.9 scoring average over 10 rounds played. Miller notched five top-20 finishes, and looks to increase that number this spring.

Max Nugent '11 is another young Statesmen standout. He ranked third on the team in scoring average (79.8) over 11 rounds in the fall, and placed in the top-10 twice.

Hobart will begin 2008 play in Phoenix, Ariz., when it travels for a spring break training trip beginning March 14.

Crew looks to carry fall Momentum into spring

Currently in its 25th anniversary year, the Hobart crew team begins the spring season after nabbing five-straight Liberty League Boat of the Week awards in the fall. The Statesmen varsity eight finished third in the prestigious Head of the Charles,



and the team took home five medals at the Head of the Fish Regatta.

Hobart also won four of five events at its own HWS Challenge on the Canal. The Statesmen will be back on the water in March, when they travel to Oak Ridge, Tenn., for a spring break training trip.

HWS Sailors hoping title run Begins on home waters

A handful of upperclassmen return to anchor the Statesmen on the water in 2008. Rob Crane '09, Austin Kana '09, James Landi '08, and Jay Mills '08 highlight the group. In the fall, Mills advanced to the MAISA Men's Singlehanded Championships after placing second in the Navy Laser Open. He went on to qualify for the ICSCA Singlehanded National Championship after another second-place finish in the Carl Van Duyn Regatta.

Landi led HWS to victory with a
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LACROSSE OUTLOOK (from p 1)

There's no shortage of players capable of rounding out the top line. Sophomores Mike Suits (5g 2a) and Mike Lazore (6g 0a) could be ready for the limelight of a starting role. Suits was Hobart's most consistent midfielder throughout the preseason and will see time at both ends of the field, while Lazore is an accurate shooter with the range to score from the outside.



Senior midfielder Sean Murphy will serve as one of four team captains this season.

Sophomores Doug Shiver (2g 0a) and Tyler Cassell (0g 1a) will also compete for time on one of the Statesmen's top lines, as will first-year Nick Blumer.

Junior d-middie Matt Smalley led the team (77) and was eighth in the nation (5.5/g) in ground balls last season. He's a one-man clearing machine, and may see time on the offensive end of the field thanks to the progress of sophomore Lex Kridler. The Ohioan will be Hobart's No. 2 option on faceoffs and be a top option at d-middie.

The success at the X will rest largely on the capable shoulders of senior Dan Spinella. After finishing fourth in the nation in faceoff winning percentage as a sophomore with a Hobart DI season record .618 success rate, he slipped to .517 last season. Spinella enters his final season focused on reclaiming his sophomore success.

First-year Nunzio Doldo could also see some time at the X to give opponents a change of pace.

The long-stick midfielder duties will be shared by junior Chris Hurley and first-year Alex Caton. Hurley is a good one-on-one

defender, while Caton excels on the wing for faceoffs and brings an offensive element that will catch more than one opponent unprepared. Sophomore defenseman Garrett O'Neill could also see some wing time on faceoffs.

DEFENSE

Hobart will go only so far as its defense can take it. The Statesmen have no concerns about scoring goals, but shutting down the opposition has been a focus in the preseason.

The strength of the close defense rests on the broad shoulders of senior Rafe Mattingly. The best one-on-one defender on the team will also need to be the team's best leader.

Juniors Ricky Evans and Justin Hager, sophomore Neal Brown, and O'Neill will battle for the right to join Mattingly in the starting lineup. Evans (23 gms) is the most experienced, but was slowed by injuries last season. Hager stepped up his game this year following a monster season on the gridiron that saw him record a conference-best 114 tackles for Hobart. Likewise,

Brown and O'Neill have made great strides in the past year.

First-year Mike O'Brien could trump any of the four. He's a very physical player, who boasts an imposing presence near the crease.

GOALIE

The coaching staff will have a decision to make when it comes to starting goalie. Hobart's preseason roster features four talented backstops, any one of whom is capable of earning the starting nod.

Sophomore Max Silberlicht played in nine games last season, starting five. His numbers (.496 SV%, 13.27 GAA, 1-3 W-L) are more indicative of his trial by fire experience than his talent level. Silberlicht's finest performance came in a one-goal win over Fairfield when he produced a season-high 17 saves, including a potential game-tying shot as the final horn sounded. He was one of

only three collegians invited to the tryout for Team USA's U-19 team.

Junior Brad Hester played in five games in '07, starting one. He had a team-low 10.21 GAA and a 1-1 record. A solid tactician with a surgeon's skill, Hester has played well in the preseason and is the counterbalance to Silberlicht's imposing presence and risk-taking flair in the clearing game.

First-year Evan Kirk, younger brother of Jamie, transferred to Hobart after a semester at Adrian (Mich.) College. A product of Salisbury School, he was named to the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior A All-Star game last summer and earned the Kitchener-Waterloo Braves Best Defensive Player award.

First-year Zach Zayac rounds out the quartet. The native of nearby Cortland is a technically proficient keeper with a great mind for the game.

SCHEDULE

Hobart's schedule features a daunting run through the ECAC gauntlet: Georgetown, Rutgers, Fairfield, Penn State, Massachusetts, St. John's, and Loyola. The Statesmen will also have showdowns with traditional rivals Bucknell (Feb. 24) and Syracuse (March 25). Hobart will face off with Saint Joseph's and Presbyterian for the first time, as well as relative newcomers Canisius and Hartford. The Statesmen will wrap up the regular season with the 128th meeting against the Cornell Big Red.



Senior defenseman Rafe Mattingly is Hobart's top one-on-one defender.

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Keith Longo, All-American

Junior goalie Keith Longo (right) was named to the 2008 AHCA Division III Men's Hockey East All-American first team, becoming the first Statesman in the program's history to earn first-team honors. Longo led Hobart to an 18-8-2 overall record and an NCAA Quarterfinal appearance this winter.

One of the top goaltenders in the nation, Longo ranked among the Division III statistical leaders all season. He finished the year fourth in the country in save percentage (.931) and sported a 2.42 GAA. With 14 wins to his name, Longo tied Hobart's record for wins in a season, while his GAA is second only to his own 2005-06 mark of 2.19.

The All-ECAC West first team selection collected 771 saves this winter, including a season-high 48 at Manhattanville, ranking him third on the Statesmen's single season list.

Longo is Hobart's third All-American since 2004. Adam Lavelle '05 and Greg Gallagher '06 received second-team accolades in 2004 and 2006, respectively.



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first-place finish in the A Division of the NY Maritime Fall Open. The team also recorded two wins at Cornell, the first in the Big Red's Fall Open, and the second in the Fall North No. 2 Regatta. Statesman Ned Turney '10 led the way in both, sailing to a top-place finish first in the B Division, then the A Division, respectively.

The Colleges will host one of two ICSA National Semifinal Regattas, April 26-27. The inaugural event adds another round to the coed dinghy national championship.

Keeping Up With The Statesmen

In today's fast-paced world it can be tough to find the time to seek out information on your favorite Hobart teams. The Athletic Communications Office wants to make it easy for you to follow the Statesmen with these free services:

E-mail service

For the past five years, hundreds of Hobart alumni, parents, and fans have received press releases on their favorite teams right to their e-mail inbox. Sign up for only the teams you want. Click on E-MAIL UPDATES on the main athletics Web site.

eScores

Receive a text message straight to your cell phone or e-mail inbox with the final score of the game. Click on the eScores logo on your favorite team's Web page to subscribe. There is no subscription fee, but standard text messaging rates apply (check with your service provider).

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 2008 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 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 FOOTBALL / LACROSSE "GAME DAY" BENEFITS

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	\$15 adult \$10 children *
Purple \$100		2	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	2	\$15 adult \$10 children
Silver \$250		3	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	3	\$15 adult \$10 children
Gold \$500		4	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	4	\$15 adult \$10 children
Platinum \$1,000	Orange Pass	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$15 adult \$10 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)	Orange Pass	<i>Per Request</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Per Request</i>	<i>N/A</i>
President (\$5,000 – 9,999)	Orange Pass	8	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	8	\$15 adult \$10 children
Director (\$2,500 – 4,999)	Orange Pass	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$15 adult \$10 children
Officer (\$1,000 – 2,499)	Orange Pass	6	\$3 / \$5 adult \$1 children *	6	\$15 adult \$10 children

* Children's prices apply to those under 12 years of age.

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