**Lady ‘Saders make it two-in-a-row against Bucknell**

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At Christl Arena in West Point, New York, Holy Cross women's bas-
ketball team scored a 78-61 win over Army (8-10) 68-67 on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Losing their second straight Patriot League away game, HC returned home with an impressive record of 12-6 and 3-2 in the conference. With 12:04 gone in the first half, the game was tied 14-14. The Crusaders broke the tie scoring five consecutive points including a behind the arc shot from junior guard Liz O'Connor. But with just five minutes to go, the Black Knights cut the scoring at thelock the score at 19-19. In the wake of Army's Katie MacFar-
lane scoring 15 points, the ‘Saders trailed the Knights at the end of the half 29-26. A r m c m a n S a m m i c c a d d s the lead 43-32 six minutes into the second half. With sheer determina-
tion and with just two points between themselves and HC with just 1:36 remaining left, Vigorously playing against their challengers as one of their rivals, the Crusaders were just one point shy of tying the game with just one second remaining. Making no progress, the game ended 60-58.

Commenting on the defeat, Coach Bill Gibbons said, "It was a disap-
pointing loss that we learned a valu-
able lesson from, and we have to con-
tinue to match the intensity and play great defense against every league team. One saving grace is that it is not the end of the season. Our three major goals are still attainable: a 20 win season, winning the regular season Patriot League title, and the Patriot League tournament title. It's not time to push the panic button, but we have to play better than we did at Army." Leading scorer and junior center Katie O'Keefe collected 19 points for the Cross. Starting freshman guard Maggie Fontana brought in 15 points, while fellow guard Sammi C.OutputStream 105x556 to 279x792

The first half proved to be intense with six lead changes 12 min-
utes into the game. The Crusaders forcefully finished the half taking a 27 lead behind the help of a 22-10 run. The Cross r e l a t i o n f o l l o w e d by the Eagles, who scored 15 points in the second half. Two minutes remaining in the game, the lead was still 15 points, but the Crusaders were not against the cross. Overall, Holy Cross snagged more rebounds than their challengers, 52-41, and took full advantage of, scoring 30 points from their turnovers.

In addition, three other ‘Saders contributed double figures. Senior guard Kristin Popovics grace-
fully sank three behind the arc. With seven baskets in the first half: she came away from the game with 10 points altogether. Freshman center Lisa An-
drostad supplied 10 points and grabbed six rebounds for the team. Starting freshman guard Maggie Fontana hit the jackpot with seven points, seven rebounds, and seven assists.

Returning to the road on Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Lady ‘Saders were ungra-
cious hosts as they dealt Bucknell a 76-55 defeat. Holy Cross was paced by the freshman Fontana who turned in her fourth double-double of the season. To compliment her first five first half points, Fontana finished the evening with 23 total points and 10 boards to lead all scorers. Eliza Za-

**Destiny.** (Noun) 1: Something to which a person or thing is destined: FORTUNE. 2: A preordained course of events often held to be an irresistible power or agency. See a wholeHoly Cross in last year’s New England Patriots lost 111 games and finished dead last in the AFC East. This year’s squad lost five games and finished tops in their division and second in their conference. Yet before the Pats even kicked off for the first time in preseason this year, they probably would have to deal with the Patriots' 30-26 victory over the New England Patriots last year one of their own, when quarterback coach Dick Reeb died suddenly. If you didn’t be-
lieve in angels before this NFL season, the Pats make a pretty good case for ‘em. It was a blessing in disguise.

For the rest of the season, the Brady was 8-1, the only defeat being a 24-17 loss to the Miami Dolphins on Jan. 17. A very large Stephon Marbury was a third-string nobody, to a Pro-Bowl quarterback in one season. Never once did Drew utter a bad word. The ever-loyal mentor watched his protégé grow and learn, and carry the Pats to the AFC East title and a number two seed in the playoffs, just as he would have seen Brady grow in practices had he been with the team.

But like I said, I’m sure Dick was along for the ride.

There was the David Patten fumble - which turned out not to be a fumble after all because his foot was touching the ball while his head was out of bounds - that turned out to be a deciding factor in the Pats win over Buffalo late in the season. Then, somehow, the Patriots pulled off an upset over the Raiders in the final regular season game to ensure a bye and a home playoff game for Brady and the Pats. So Oakland comes to Foxb-
rour, favorites even in four inches of snow, and we see nothing short of a miracle. Down three late in the game, Brady is hit and the ball pops out, but the ref ruled it an incomplete pass, thanks to some obscure rule which will surely be revised for next sea-
son. This sets up Adam Vinatieri for the ugliest 46-yard field goal I’ve ever seen, to send the game to OT. Believe it or not, New England wins the coin toss and sets up Vinatieri once again for the game winner. Oakland goes back home and we move on for the AFC Championship. New England goes into the game 9.5 point underdogs. Dick must’ve taken the Pats.

During the next two games, an OT win over San Diego and a big win over the Colts, Tom Brady emerged as one of the league’s bright stories. In only his second season, Brady would have seen Brady grow in practices had he been with the team. After the first two games of the season, everyone had counted the Pats out. They were 0-2, after losing to the Bengals and Jets, and had lost their franchise player early in the sea-
don’t think too much of the Patriots’ 57th straight home win against a Patriot League team.

Senior guard Amanda Abraham cat-
apulted the team to a 78-61 win over the Eagles with her game high 14 points. With these 14 points under her belt, Abraham became the 18th player in Holy Cross history to break 1,000 career points.

Reflecting on this extraordinary achievement Abraham responded, "It was a really great game to get it in, especially since it was at home. We had a nice crowd and it was a good win for us. Coming to Holy Cross I never expected to score 1,000 points. The team has come together and pulled me through this. I have great teammates who made it easy for me with good assists and passes. I didn't score it on my own."