The Crusader men’s basketball team defeated Bucknell for their second consecutive win on Wednesday, Jan. 30 in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The Crusaders overcame the Bison 73-65.

In the close battle during the first half, with each team taking the lead several times. Junior forward Tim Szatko added a solid 12 points to the score in the first half. Taking a 7-2 run, Holy Cross cut a four-point deficit with 2:45 remaining. Despite the Bison’s 54.2 shooting percentage, the Cross held Bucknell to 34-33 at the close of the first half.

With 5:43 in the second half gone, the Crusaders led Bucknell 42-39 and took full control of the game with a 9-0 run. Senior Captain Ryan Serravalle nailed five of the nine points catapulting the team’s lead to 51-39 with 10:35 ticking away. The Bison responded, but with 4:19 remaining in the game, freshman center Sean Doherty said, “It was a close battle during the first half, but we were able to pull away in the second half.”

Senior captain Ryan Serravalle recorded his 1,000th point. The win brought Holy Cross men’s basketball to a 9-4 run. Senior point guard Ryan Serravalle nailed five of the nine points just missing the 1,000-point mark but were overidden by junior guard Brian Wies with four foul shots in the game.

Holy Cross senior Ryan Serravalle (5) celebrates after scoring his 1,000th career point. (Photo by Martha Wallace)

Commenting on his accomplishment, Serravalle said, “It’s a great honor and I’m glad I have the opportunity to play and to show that I can do it.”

The win brought Holy Cross men’s basketball to a 9-4 run with a Patriot League record of 4-3. After defeating the Bison, HC traveled to annapolis, Maryland to a four point lead. This season Meade has a personal-best 53 steals.

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