The Holy Cross club hockey team ended the season on a high note, stringing together three wins to finish 10-6. In the wins over Bates, Babson and southern Connecticut, the Crusaders outscored their opponents six to two, four to one and five to two, respectively.

The Crusaders made the long haul to Bates with a depleted squad due to injuries and illness. With only nine skaters and two goalies, the team came out in a defensive mode and was able to stifle any Bates offense. O’Keefe scored the opening goal of the period and senior John Davis tallied a goal for Bates. The Crusaders outscored the Bobcats 5-1 in the first period.

In the second period, Bates scored four goals. However, Crusaders goalkeeper Dan Flandreau was up to the task and made 21 saves, including a shut-out of the Bobcats. The Crusaders outscored the Bobcats 3-2 in the second period.

In the third period, the Crusaders were able to hold the Bobcats scoreless, while scoring three goals on their own. The Crusaders outscored Bates 3-1 in the final period. The Crusaders went on to win 5-5-1, tying the record for most goals scored in a single season by the Crusaders.

The Crusaders scored 156 goals this season, the most since the 2008-09 season. The team finished with a 19-6-1 record, the best in the Northeast-10 Conference.

The Crusaders were led by sophomore forward Riley Hoagland, who scored 13 goals and added 16 assists for 29 points. Senior forward Jordan Reynolds also had a strong season, scoring 11 goals and adding 13 assists for 24 points. Senior goaltender Dan Flandreau also had a strong season, posting a 1.84 goals against average and a .929 save percentage.

The Crusaders will now turn their attention to the Patriot League season, where they hope to continue their success. The team is currently ranked third in the conference and is looking to make a run in the playoffs.

The Crusaders will play their first Patriot League game of the season on Wednesday, Feb. 19, against the Army Black Knights. The game will be held at the Hart Center in Worcester, Massachusetts.