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March Madness. The most exciting, most anticipated, and certainly the most profitable time of the year for the college sports world. And it all begins with tournament Selection Sunday, followed by the assembly of the tournament brackets on ESPN. And then it's on to the most exciting time of the year, the NCAA Tournament. In the unknown, unsearchable world of college athletics, the March Madness is the only time the season can truly be said to reach its pinnacle. In the past, the Crusader men’s basketball team has been a participant in the NCAA Tournament, including most recently in 2001. Although the team did not win a game, they provided a glimpse of what can happen when a team is able to make the NCAA Tournament.

The Crusader baseball squad will take the field in 2002 under new head coach Matt Buerker. He replaces the very successful Mike Maloney, who left the program to take a similar position at the University of Connecticut. The Crusaders are looking forward to another successful season under the leadership of Buerker, who is known for his winning ways. He has a strong track record of success at other college programs, including the University of Connecticut and St. Francis College. Buerker is expected to bring his team to the next level and make them a perennial contender in the Patriot League.

The Crusader women’s basketball team is also looking forward to a successful season. The team has a new head coach, Mike Maloney, who replaces the very successful John Monforte. The team is expected to be a strong contender in the Patriot League, and possibly even in the NCAA Tournament. The team has a strong core of returning players, including seniors who have been integral to the team’s success in the past. The team is expected to be led by senior guard Ryan Serravalle, who is one of the most exciting players in the Patriot League.

The men’s and women’s soccer teams are also looking forward to a successful season. The men’s team has a new head coach, Mike Maloney, who replaces the very successful John Monforte. The team is expected to be a strong contender in the Patriot League, and possibly even in the NCAA Tournament. The team has a strong core of returning players, including seniors who have been integral to the team’s success in the past. The team is expected to be led by senior defender Chris Ryan, who is one of the most exciting players in the Patriot League.

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