Lady 'Saders heartbroken in OT, iced in ECAC Final

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The 2001-2002 hockey season for Holy Cross women's hockey officially ended on Sunday, February 24, as the Crusaders succumbed to the Redmen in the ECAC East Open Championship on Sacred Heart. It was a heart breaking finish for a season that had been so promising in the early part of the season. The Crusaders went 7-2-1 in their seven of their last ten games to go 12-12-3 overall. One must not read this and believe that the Crusaders are not a serious contender for the 2002-2003 season. The Crusaders have a tough way to go before they can say that they have made it to the top in the ECAC East. The way the Crusaders played against Sacred Heart was a statement on how the team is going to be in the ECAC East next season.

The game started off well for the Crusaders as they took the lead early on. Junior goalie Rachelle Beaudoin made a great save on a breakaway from the Redmen in the first minute of the game. The Redmen were not about to be denied as they tied the game on an unassisted goal from Mattie Chmura shortly after. The Crusaders had to weather a six-minute penalty to open the game, but they were successful in killing all six penalties. If you question this state- ment, just look no further than their 1-0 loss to Syracuse in the opening game of the season. The mayor of Washington D.C. must be crazy to let you on television. The Patwiot League Tournament is nothing. I am so ruthless. I will eat the Patwiot League Tournament, and I will see my version of "Mike Tyson's Chat 51." If you're still reading this poor piece of writing, you're probably wondering how this chatroom invitation applies to the lady 'Saders.