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At their last home game of the season, the Holy Cross men's baseball team was set for a dramatic win over Bucknell, 7-5 when Bucknell scored the winning run in the ninth inning on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the Hart Center. The Cross' disappointing defeat leaves them tied for second place in the Patriot League along with Lafayette, Bucknell. Contributing a team-high 20 points, Holy Cross junior forward Tim Szatko made a history by becoming the third player to score 1,000 career points.

During the opening half the Crusaders could not manage to take the lead. The Bison led by as much as 11 points with 12:30 gone in the first half. At halftime, the home team, HC, trailed by just one point with a help of 16-18. The 'Saders' and Bucknell's shooting percentage were neck-and-neck at 46.2 and 47.8, respectively. The Cross fought back at the start of the second half with a 5-0 run. Within two minutes, however, Bucknell battled their way to a 38-38. The Crusaders retaliated and increased their lead to 55-49 at the 9:40 mark. With 5:14 ticking down, the Bucknell Bison held a three-point lead over HC thanks to a 13-4 run. Sinking two foul shots at the end of the game, they outscored the visiting team 29-16 and shot 48 percent from the floor. American finished with 28.6 shooting percentage. Szatko scored an impressive 13 points in the opening half for the Crusaders.

The American Eagles commanded the beginning of the last half with an 18-7 run and put only two points between themselves and Holy Cross at the 13:01 mark. The 'Saders kicked it into gear with a 10-0 run eliminating the Eagles for good. With 7:35 remaining in the game American's lead stood at more than five points on HC's tight defense. The Cross finished the final half up with a 62.5 shooting percentage while the Eagles ended in 52.6 percent.

Leading scorer of the game in double figures, Szatko scored a career and game high 28 points along with clearing five rebounds. Serravalle contributed 16 points and sophomore Jave Meade hit 10 points and four assists. With victory in D.C., the Crusaders finish the regular season at 15-4 and 9-5 in the Patriot League. Holy Cross men's basketball will be opposite Navy in the first round of the Patriot League Championship. The final match will be held at the Horse Show Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD next weekend.

Men's hockey captures silver, redemption 998

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The men's hockey team was going to win the Colgate Classic in the coldest place on the planet, the Horse Show Arena.

The crushing victory would get Holy Cross men's hockey into the NCAA tournament. The Crusaders needed to lose only once in the剩余比赛中 to have a chance to win the Colgate Classic. They went 3-1 in the tournament, losing to Union College in the first round and winning the final game against Colgate 5-1.

But the team needed more than just a victory to make it to the NCAA tournament. The Crusaders needed to win the Colgate Classic and have their opponents lose their remaining games to claim the NCAA bid. Holy Cross beat Union College in their only remaining game, 5-4, on February 17, the last day of the season.

The win put the Crusaders in the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

“Holy Cross is going to the NCAA tournament,” coach Brian Boyer said after the win. “This is a real accomplishment.”

The team's performance in the tournament was impressive. They won their first two games, 5-4 and 3-1, and lost their only loss of the season, 3-0, to Union College.

The win over Union College was a huge boost for the team's confidence. The Crusaders had been playing well all season, but they needed to win the Colgate Classic to have a chance at the NCAA tournament.

“We had a great season, and we're all excited to be going to the NCAA tournament,” senior forward Pat McDonald said. “We've been working hard all year, and we're ready to take on the best teams in the country.”

The Crusaders will face off against top-ranked Union College in the first round of the tournament. They will have their work cut out for them, but with the win over Union College, they have reason to believe they can compete with the best.

“This team is ready for the challenge,” Boyer said. “We have a lot of talent and a lot of experience. We're excited to see what we can do in the tournament.”

The team will have to win their first two games of the tournament to have a chance at the championship. But with the win over Union College, they have reason to believe they can do it.

“We're going to have to play our best game of the season,” McDonald said. “We're going to have to play with urgency and intensity. But if we do that, we can win.”

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