Holy Cross women’s lacrosse is off to a good start, going 4-3-1 in the Patriot League. The team, which lost last spring with a 13-7 record, 3-2 in the Patriot League, setting a new school record with 13 victories. They are led by senior tri-captains Taylor Connolly, Susan McWilliams, and Beth Pugliao. On the field the Lady ‘Saders will look to junior attacker Erin Rowe and sophomore midfielder Katie Brit, last year’s leading scorer’s with 35 goals and 24 assists, and 35 goals and 10 assists, respectively, to lead the team. Junior attacker Heather Breyer finished with 17 goals and 13 assists last season and will also play an integral role in the defense. Junior Kellaigh Malangone will assume full responsibility in goal for the Crusaders. The team spent their Spring Break at the Orlando Sports Complex in Florida where they split their record with a win over Sacred Heart and a loss to Davidson. The team bounced back from a loss to Sacred Heart and a loss to Davidson. The team bounced back from a loss to Sacred Heart and a loss to Davidson. The team bounced back from a loss to Sacred Heart and a loss to Davidson.

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