Women's Lacrosse Takes the South by Storm

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The Women's Lacrosse team came home from their spring break in Bermuda with their heads held high after an impressive first week of the season, setting a strong start in school history. They tied for first in the round-robin tournament, the Crusaders (4-0), Duquesne, and St. Bonaventure, but fell to Monmouth by just one goal.

On a hot, sunny day in Bermuda, the women took a 4-2 lead into halftime against Duquesne in their first game. The Crusaders were able to widen the gap to 11-5 before the Duke's went on a three goal run to narrow the lead to a final score of 11-8. Senior Jen Amendola led the team with five goals, while sophomore midfielder Katie Britt chipped in two goals and two assists. Assistant coach Erin Harrigan received the victory.

The Crusaders played again that afternoon against Siena, when they landed an easy victory. The Halftime report told Bill Gibbons and his squad that Florida was a great perimeter shooting team. They played like a team that had something to prove, and despite suffering a four point loss to Kentucky(72-68), they got their point across. They proved that despite the critics who ruled them out, and that they didn't have a chance, they proved that they could play with the best. Holy Cross made everyone in purple proud. Whether it was Josh Sankes pulling down boards, Juan Pegues swatting a shot, Curry draining a three, Jave Meade breaking the press, Ryn Serravalle running the point, Tim Zeakalo nailing a foul jumper, or B. Willson creating some shots, this team does it all and they played great against Tuck.

III. On to Gainesville: Then it was all over for Bill Gibbons and the Lady 'Saders. It wasn't because they didn't play well. It wasn't because they didn't work hard enough in preparation for the game. It wasn't because they didn't hustle. The Crusaders just had too many things working against them. First of all they were the underdog in the contest as they were seeded 15 in the east region, and were set to square off on Thursday against the Wildcats of Kentucky in their first round game.

Then there was Uniondale: On Tuesday the Men's Basketball team traveled to Uniondale, New York. They were met by a plethora of press and hype. Surprisingly, on Thursday during warm-ups and pre-game the Crusaders looked very loose and comfortable. This is credit to great coaching by Ralph Williard. The 'Saders played the Wildcats tight, every time the Wildcats got a lead, HC battled back..instrumental in the Crusader effort was senior Jared Curry, who for the second straight year came up big on all ends of the floor. Curry paced Holy Cross with 16 points, but it was more his heart that kept the Crusaders in the game. They played like a team that had something to prove, and despite suffering a four point loss to Kentucky(72-68), they got their point across. They proved that despite the critics who ruled them out, and that they didn't have a chance, they proved that they could play with the best. Holy Cross made everyone in purple proud. Whether it was Josh Sankes pulling down boards, Juan Pegues swatting a shot, Curry draining a three, Jave Meade breaking the press, Ryn Serravalle running the point, Tim Zeakalo nailing a foul jumper, or B. Willson creating some shots, this team does it all and they played great against Tuck.

IV. Wrap-up: At the post game press conferences after the games in the NCAA tournament the moderator kept referring to the players as "student-athletes." This is something that is often forgotten. The people on the Men's and Women's Basketball teams are exactly that, STUDENT-ATHLETES. They play not for money or for a future in basketball, but rather for the school community. That's what makes this sport so special for these teams. That is why they play not for money or for a future in basketball, but rather for the school community. That's what makes this sport so special for these teams. That is why they play not for money or for a future in basketball, but rather for the school community.