Women’s Lax picks up first PL win

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Victory over Bucknell Bison puts HC at .500

The Women’s Lacrosse team took home their first Patriot League win against the Bucknell Bison this past Saturday afternoon. The Crusaders, now 1-1 in the league, hit the scoreboard first when they picked up two early goals from sophomore Erin Rowse followed by freshman Katie Britt.

The Bison finally answered when senior captain Ashley Evans cut the lead to 2-1 after tallying one of her game-high four goals with 18:29 still to play. Briti increased the Lady ’Saders lead when she scored just three minutes later.

The Bison refused to allow a deferential of more than a goal as they picked up another goal from sophomore Suzanne Raffaele. With just over ten minutes left in the first half, the Crusaders scored their third goal of the half when they picked up two early goals from sophomore Erin Rowse when senior co-captain Jen Amendola made several point blank saves against Bucknell.

Two Holy Cross players were recognized in their effort to help the team earn their first league win of the season. Sophomore Erin Rowse was named the Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending April 1st, while goalie Erin Hartigan was recognized as the Defensive Player of the Week for the second time this season.

Leigh defeated Holy Cross, 20-6, in Patriot League Men’s Lacrosse action at the Hart Center last Saturday. Junior Gabe Osorio tallied five goals and added three assists to lead the Mountain Hawks to their second win of the season. The loss drops Holy Cross to 1-7, 0-3 in conference action.

Leigh jumped out to a 3-0 lead with 7:11 left in the first quarter as Osorio scored the first and third goals of the game. The Crusaders cut the deficit to 3-2 on goals from junior Matt Elliott (Fayetteville, NY) and freshman Tim Walsh (Springfield, MA), his first collegiate goal.

The Crusaders next challenge comes when hosting the 9th-ranked Yale Bulldogs on Wednesday afternoon in a non-league contest.

Willard and Sankes nominated for prestigious award

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The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Chip Hilton Sports announced that Holy Cross Men’s Basketball Head Coach, Rich Willard was a finalist for the prestigious Clair Bee Award.

The organization also announced that senior center Josh Sankes (Buffalo, NY) was a finalist for the Chip Hilton Award. The three-time All-Patriot League and three-time All-New England, Sankes was a donnor in Holy Cross’ 14-1 record last season, which earned the Crusaders the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship.

The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Chip Hilton Sports will announce the winner of the Clair Bee Award at a special dinner on August 1.

The Chip Hilton Award is given to a player who is a finalist for the award. The winner of the Chip Hilton Award will be announced at the annual Chip Hilton Awards Dinner at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

The Clippers finished the year with a record of 22-8, capturing both the Patriot League Regular Season and Tournament Championships. The Clippers lost to ninth-seeded Kentucky in a hard fought 72-68 decision.

Michael Montano of the baseball team tossed a complete game in a 4-3 victory against Army over the weekend. The junior starting pitcher gave up only four hits in the outing, and this marks the third year in a row that Montano has defeated the Army baseball team.