Women’s Tennis falls short in close battles with UVM

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As its spring season comes to a close, the Holy Cross Women’s Tennis Team deserves to be proud of its recent accomplishments. A final spring record of 3-3 is very respectable, considering the tough competition the team faced on a weekly basis.

Last Saturday, the Crusaders lost a close battle to the Catamounts from University of Vermont. HC was familiar with the UVM team, as they had played them in the New England Championships last fall and recalled the Catamounts’ first place finish in that tournament. However, the team ended up short with a final score of 5-2, a score which did not accurately reflect the close battles that took place out on the courts.

According to new NCAA rules, the doubles matches count as one point collectively. This means that to win a point, a team must secure two doubles wins. The Crusaders took a 5-2 lead into halftime. Sophomores Heather Bryce and Erin Rowse got the Crusaders on the scoreboard in the first half with their teams’ only goals of the day. The Catamounts scored in the second half, but the Crusaders were victorious with a final score of 5-2.

The Crusaders were able to bounce back from their loss this past Tuesday with a 16-10 victory over the Great Danes of Albany. Freshman Katie Britt was the high scorer of the day with five goals. Britt’s three consecutive goals gave the Crusaders a 5-2 lead early in the first half. The Crusaders then went on a 7-3 run to in- cidentally take a 16-5 lead into halftime. The Crusaders scored the first three goals of the second half to give them a 15-7 lead with 16:19 to play. Albany answered with a goal, but it was not enough as the Crusaders captured the victory during their last home game of the season.

With this win, HC sets a new record for wins in a season with 12. Goalie Erin Hartigan has also set a school record for records in a season with her 11th victory in net. The Crusaders will travel to Easton, PA on Friday night for the Patriot League banquet and awards ceremony, and the semi-finals will kick off on Saturday. The Crusaders face Villanova at home, while the Colgate/Lafayette game time is set at 2:00. Winners square off in Sunday’s finals at noon.

Women’s Lacrosse looks to attack the Leopards

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Now that the Women’s Lacrosse regular season has come to a close, the team is geared up to take one last stab at the league title when they travel to Lafayette this weekend for the first ever Patriot League Championships. The Crusaders enter the tournament as the third seed behind Lafayette and second seed Villanova, with the Red Raiders of Colgate rounding out the final seed. Holy Cross will face the Villanova Wildcats in Saturday’s semi-finals at noon, and if all fares well, challenge the winner of the Lafayette/Colgate game in a one match final on Sunday afternoon.

The Crusaders secured a spot in the league playoffs over Easter weekend when they defeated the Lehigh Mountain Hawks. The game was tight in the first half, with the Montana Hawks taking the lead on the scoreboard. Holy Cross answered with two goals of their own, but Lehigh evened the score at 2 with another goal. The Wildcats went on to score two more goals to take a 4-2 lead but the Mountain Hawks stole the lead when they went on a three goal run of their own. With just under four minutes left in the half, sophomore Heather Bryce, the leading scorer of the day, tied the game 5-5. The Crusaders went on a six goal run with a score of 1-0 to take a 12-8 lead into halftime.

According to new NCAA rules, the doubles matches count as one point collectively. This means that to win a point, a team must secure two doubles wins. The Crusaders, who at this point were second place in the league, were just one game away from first place. The team kept them from this title was the Lafayette Leopards, with a flawless record of 3-0. The two teams faced off this past weekend in Easton, PA to battle for first place, as well as the rights to host the tournament. However, the eight-time league champs handed the Crusaders a stunning 12-2 loss.

The Crusaders are a young team, a pre-season honorable mention All-America. Heather McLelland, tallied all five of her team’s goals in the first half, as the Leopards took a 5-2 lead into halftime. Sophomores Heather Bryce and Erin Rowse got the Crusaders on the scoreboard in the first half with their teams’ only goals of the day. The Catamounts were outscored in the second half, 7-0, and handled a 12-2 loss.

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