Field Hockey struggles against Brown

**BY DARA ELY**

Holy Cross Field Hockey had a break this week, playing just one game against a formidable Brown University team in Providence on Oct. 17. Despite a hard fought game, the Crusaders lost the match 3-0. Offensively, Holy Cross took 16 shots, while Brown took 17.

The Crusaders held the advantage on penalty corners, 11-4 but they were unable to convert any of these opportunities into goals.

This week’s loss was a rare one for the strong Holy Cross team who continues to post an impressive 10-4 record.

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**The 10th Inning**

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Steve Green, Dave Thompson, Michael Coleman, Kendy Hall

These four outstanding seniors currently make up one of the most prolific passing attacks in NCAA I-AA football. Thompson has been a consistent receiving threat from the corner stone for the Holy Cross offense this year. Over the past two weeks Brian Hall has played fantastic as he has thrown for 10 touchdowns, ran for one, and has completed 45 of 58 passes.

For the year, Hall amassed 574 passing yards. For the season Hall has been the recipient of much (well-deserved) praise. But, as I’m sure Brian himself would tell you, part of his success must be credited to HC’s outstanding senior receiving core. So with everything said, here are your Holy Cross receivers:

**Steve Green:**

Earlier this season, Steve entered into an illustrious club in HC football history; the 100-career reception club. Currently Green stands in a tie for sixth position on the all-time Holy Cross career reception list. In addition to this he stands alone in ninth position on the career receiving yards list. This year Steve is a second on the team in touchdowns as he has tallied six scores. He has caught 20 passes for 285 yards, for an average of 14.2 yards per catch. Steve is the most explosive receiver on the team. When the ball is thrown in his direction other teams quiver because they know that it is big play time.

**David Thompson:**

Thompson has blown up over the last two games for six touchdown catches. These back-to-back efforts made Thompson the first wide receiver in ‘Sader history to score three or more touchdowns in consecutive games. On the year, Thompson has tallied 8 touchdown catches which has tied him for the sixth highest single season total in school history. But there’s more... Thompson currently ranks 25th in the nation in scoring, as he has accounted for 50 points. In addition, he has amassed 77 career receptions at Holy Cross (Did I mention that he is a transfer student and has only played here for two years?). This year, Dave leads the team in receptions with 27 snaps for 367 yards. That’s an average of 13.6 yards per catch, and 61.2 yards per game. These numbers are mind boggling. Bottom line, for the past two weeks he has been Hall’s go-to guy when the Saders are in the red zone, and other teams can only hope that Hall doesn’t throw in his direction. If he does Thompson is going to bring it in for six.

**Michael Coleman:**

With four games left in a purple jersey, Coleman has amassed 98 career receptions and is knocking on the door of the 100 catch club. In addition to this, Michael caught his first career touchdown against Dartmouth two weeks ago. He has been one of the most reliable receivers on the squad this year. Though Coleman is not noted for making big touchdown receptions, he is recognized by many, as the receiver on the team who makes the most difficult snags. Against Dartmouth, Coleman made an over-the-shoulder catch on the sideline that got him leveled, but his concentration and determination allowed him to come down with the ball. In games this year, Dave leads the team in receptions with 27 snaps for 367 yards. That’s an average of 13.6 yards per catch, and 61.2 yards per game. These numbers are mind boggling. Bottom line, for the past two weeks he has been Hall’s go-to guy when the Saders are in the red zone, and other teams can only hope that Hall doesn’t throw in his direction. If he does Thompson is going to bring it in for six.

**Kendy Hall:**

If Hall can reel in ten catches in his remaining four games on the ’Sader schedule, he too will be a member of the 100-career reception club. To complement to the number of catches that Hall has to his credit, he has also 1141 yards receiving to his name. The knock on Hall is often that he is too short to be a standout receiver at this level. Every time Kendy steps foot on to the field he proves these critics wrong. He is extremely quick and he plays with an incredible amount of determination. This year Kendy has amassed eight catches for 87 yards, and average of 10.9 yards per catch. In addition to his receiving duties, Kendy plays on special teams in the punt and kickoff coverage units. He is invaluable there, as it seems as though he is in every tackle that the special teams core makes.

Individually these guys are all great players, but together, as a unit, these four seniors have become an unstoppable combination. Before every game the opposing coaches talk to the media, and they are always asked the keys to the game. Almost always these coaches say that HC has an outstanding receiving core, and that it is going to be a difficult task for their secondary to stop the HC wideout. Though there are younger guys that also contribute to the reception department, it is these guys who are the foundation. These are the guys that Brian Hall knows that he can throw to at any point in the game and they will come down with it. These are the money-makers on the team, and if HC is going to snap Lehigh’s 22 game home winning streak this weekend these are going to be the guys who lead their team.