SPORTS

Class of 2002 bids farewell to Fitton Field

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The Class of 2002 will bring some sadness behind the starting re-This Saturday when they take on the Colgate Raiders at noon. Thus far, the Crusaders have compiled a 16-25 record in their four years on the Crusader football team. However, as they have seen more playing time over the last four seasons, the team has seen significant improvement. After starting their careers by going 5-17 during their first two years with Coach Jenkins, the seniors have enjoyed more success recently going 11-7 in the past two seasons. Colgate University is an Eastern League team who narrowly fell to Holy Cross in 1998 as a freshman. Dan Thompson is a solid backup who is part of the potent receiving core who boasts numbers early in his career. Nick Jenkins is one of HC's biggets presence this season. Thompson has seen significant action since transferring from junior-college, but he has been a big reason for the Crusader defense. Cornerback Vernell Shaw and safety Michael Blake have been a big part of the offense's success. Ross Sullivan experienced a knee injury early in the season and was lost for the season.

The senior standouts on offense are found on the wide receiving core. Steve Green has constantly flown throughout the course of his career and enters Saturday's game with 118 career receptions and ten touchdowns. Green is second on the team this season with seven TDs and third in receptions with 25. Classmate Kendy Hall also has had a standout career at Holy Cross with 92 receptions for 1647 yards. The senior athletes who have worked so hard in the last four years:

Mike Blake, Dan Clark, Mike Coleman, James Conrow, Jefferson Exil, Arthur Grutt, Nick Gugiewich, Kendy Hall, James Jenkins, Clayton Lemmer, Joel Lenzini, Mike McIlaney, Mike Miller, Ted Reardon, Vernell Shaw, Sammy Siaki, Bill Silvio, Josh Sleeper, Nicholas Soiviien, Colign Souder, Liam Staunton, Ross Sullivan, Dave Thompson, Travis Thompson, Joe Viano, Steve Green, Marybeth Clark, Kelly Holmes, Lifon Humphrey, Broton Chan, Matt Harvey, Emily Driscoll, Erin Patterson, Maria Lauring, Laura McSharry, & Kate O'Shaughnessy.

As the fall sports season comes to a close, many members of the Class of 2002 will have played in their last games as a Crusader. Congratulations to all of the senior athletes who have worked so hard in the last four years:

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The Connecticut lead would not last as the Crusaders broke the tie in the third. Junior Matt McGarr's slash on the faceoff win by Senior Mike Cronin would find the near post in the middle of the period to cut the lead to 3-2. Shortly after, Ray Reiner fed JP Lannon who beat the Connecticut defense and snapped a shot into the top corner to tie the game. With a little under a minute left, Ries notched his second of the game, deflecting a Larry Brutti shot past the Connecticut goalie to give the Crusaders the lead. After that it was all up to Senior Dan Bennett, who shut out Connecticut in the third, to give the Crusaders the win.

Club Hockey will take their 2-2 record to the road again this weekend, facing a strong Sacred Heart JV team on Friday afternoon, and travelling to the Dartmouth Jamboree tournament on Saturday for a rematch with UNH in the first of three games.