The Men’s Soccer season ends to Lafayette in PL Tournament

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The Men’s Soccer team traveled to Easton, PA last weekend to compete in the Patriot League tournament. Their first and only game was played against the number-four seeded Lafayette Leopards.

Holy Cross entered the tournament as the number-four seeded team. The Crusaders experienced a disappointing loss in this first-round action when the squad was shutout by the Leopards, 3-0.

Scoring was opened up by Lafayette junior Mike Saioni in the 30th minute of play. He scored a header off a serve from teammate Keith Evans. Less than two minutes later, the Leopards scored again with a goal from Adam Decker to give the team a 2-0 lead over the Crusaders.

The final goal of the game was scored in the second half during the 48th minute of play when the Leopards put the ball back in the back of the net for the third time. This goal was scored by Mike Milberger off a pass from Decker to secure Lafayette’s win.

Lafayette goalie Drew Stotler earned his fourth shutout of the season with three saves. Lafayette managed to stop three scoring attempts as the Crusaders, 3-0.

Even though the Crusaders didn’t make it far in the Patriot League Tournament, they had a fairly good season overall, with Junior Matt Harvey in action. He stated, “I was excited, but when he found out that he would be receiving this honor, he stated, “I was excited, but felt a bit empty inside because I felt more needed to be accomplished this season.”

The final player that was given First-Team Honors was sophomore Patrick Montgomery. This was his first time receiving this award due to his consistency in the midfield position.

This season, he recorded two goals and four assists, giving him eight points. He was ranked fourth on the team and also assisted the game-winning goal against Army, which gave the squad their chance to play in the Patriot League Tournament.

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