

Clarkson Defeats St. Lawrence

The Clarkson College Golden Knights closed out the regular season with a 7-3 win over traditional rival St. Lawrence University to clinch fifth place in the ECAC Division I standings.

The Golden Knights, 13-9 in the ECAC and 19-11 overall, will travel to Dartmouth College for the ECAC quarter-final game Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Dartmouth is the fourth place team in the Division.

Clarkson got seven goals from seven skaters — veterans Kevin Zappia, Bryan Cleaver, Craig Laughlin, Derek Emboldy and John Dziedzic, and rookies Mike Prestidge and Steve Cruickshank.

Forward Tom Touzel had a hand in each St. Lawrence goal, setting up the first by Mike Lockwood and scoring two power play tallies. The skating Saints finished 15th in the 16-team division with a 5-18-1 mark.

St. Lawrence veteran Rick Wilson was pounded in the net as he came up with 48 saves — 19 in the first period, 16 in the second and 13 in the third. Clarkson rookie Rick Mills was called upon to make 23 saves — six in the first period, ten in the second and seven in the third.

Kevin Zappia gave the Knights a 1-0 lead with his 106th career tally. Zappia's shot from the side of the net bounced off Wilson's pads and the Knights were on the scoreboard. Mike Prestidge and Dan Makuch assisted on the goal that came at 3:31 of the first stanza.

In swimming competition, the Section 10 Swimming and Diving Championships became the center ring for a Franklin County slugfest on Saturday with the Malone Huskies outpointing Salmon River.

The Huskies won a stirring battle by a 334½-313½ margin to claim their third straight Section 10 title.



GOING HIGH — Going way up high for two points is Potsdam's Ellen Hansen, who is being challenged by OFA's Anne Lynch. Looking on are, from left, Lori Lalone, 15, and Carrie Demers, 30. (Nancy Hutchinson photo).

Potsdam Wins Regional Basketball Crown

Potsdam State gained a sweet revenge on rival St. Lawrence University Saturday night as the Bears walked away with a 70-61 victory and the NCAA Eastern Regional basketball crown.

The win moves them into the NCAA quarter finals this weekend, with Potsdam scheduled to host New England regional champs Clark University Saturday, (March 10) at 7:30 p.m. If the Bears can prevail in that contest, they will advance to the final four in Augustana, Illinois for the Division III national finals.

SLU Appoints Coach To Replace Stratford

CANTON — St. Lawrence University has announced the appointment of Andrew J. Talley of Lincoln, R.I., as head football coach and assistant professor of physical education.

Talley began his new duties March 1. The new St. Lawrence football coach

has spent the past six years as offensive football coordinator at Brown University. Prior to joining the Brown staff, he was the backfield coach and head track coach at Middlebury College. In both previous positions, Talley was top assistant to head coach John

Rowland and all-tourney selection Ed Jachim leading the way, the Bears stunned host Stony Brook 70-65 Friday night to advance to the finals. Trailing 36-31 at the half, Potsdam came back to defeat the heavily favored and second-ranked nationally Stony Brook with Rowland (18) Jack Bissetta (16), Jachim (12) and John Snyder (10) all hitting double figures.

In the opening game St. Lawrence dumped Manhattanville 64-59 to set up the all-north showdown, with the championship meeting being the third

confrontation between the Bears and Saints. Just 11 days earlier St. Lawrence had handed Potsdam its only home loss of the season, 66-61 in a very emotion-filled affair.

This time out it was a rugged Potsdam man-to-man defense that made the difference. St. Lawrence jumped to a quick 8-2 lead before the Bear defense went to work, putting Potsdam out in front with a 33-28 halftime lead.

In the second stanza the Bears established a ten-point lead that St. Lawrence cut to three. But, with five minutes to play, Coach Jerry Welsh employed Potsdam's four-corner offense and a one-three-one defense to preserve the victory.

Ed Jachim was high scorer for Potsdam with 21 points, while all-tourney selection George Hughes topped everyone, scoring 22 for the Saints.

Derrick Rowland and Jack Bissetta contributed 18 and 10 points respectively, for the winners, who received an outstanding defensive performance from forward Fran Demyan who held St. Lawrence star Drew Skonberg to nine points.

In winning the tourney, Potsdam State, now 22-6 for the season also avenged a first round loss to Stony Brook in last year's playoffs. The Bears will be hoping for a local crowd response similar to that shown in their SUNYAC championship victory over Plattsburgh when they hit the court for Saturday night's important confrontation.

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Figure Skating News

The Figure Skating Club's last hour of skating will be open skating on March 17th from 7 to 8 p.m.

Badge Testing will take place on Wed., March 7 and Friday, March 9 at your regular skating time.

The USFSA testing will be at St. Lawrence on March 24. Anyone interested in making posters at a "poster making bee" this summer can contact Jean Kilroy 265-2925.

Have a good summer and we'll see you at the arena this fall.

This Week In The NAC...

Defense Key For Canton Squad

Defense was the key Friday at Potsdam State's Maxey Hall when Canton ousted the OFA Blue Devils 57-53.

The Canton win sent a joyous band of Golden Bears into Tuesday night's Class A championship game against Gouverneur which reached the finals with an 81-54 victory over Malone in the nightcap of Friday's action.

In the Canton-OFA basketball game, a towering 34-point, 12-rebound performance by center Tim Stone and a tight zone defense spelled victory for the Golden Bears.

The Devils were forced to sustain their offense with outside shooting and, except for a brief flurry in the third quarter, Coach Bill Merna's squad trailed throughout the evening.

The Bears' rebounding front of Stone and the vonSchiller brothers, Mike and Eric, did not yield an offensive rebound in the first quarter and limited the Devils to only four on the night.

With no second shots at their disposal and no consistent accuracy from the outside, the Devils were able to score only 20 points in the first half.

Stone, who scored 13 in the first half,

erupted for 21 in the second after Jim Rogers hit four straight field goals to catapult the Devils into a four-point margin early in the third quarter.

Stone then became the central figure in the game, going one-on-one against any Devil who confronted him and netting a series of fade-away and spinning jump shots.

In other action, defense again did the trick when Morrystown clipped Knox Memorial 48-44 in the Class D semi-finals of the Section 10 playoffs Saturday at Potsdam State's Maxey Hall.

After trailing for three and one half

quarters, Morrystown held the Eagles scoreless for almost five minutes while mounting a 14-4 scoring advantage in the final stanza.

Herb Lake culminated the stand with a steal and layup which gave the Rockets their first lead of the game with 3:15 remaining.

He then padded the margin to six points with four foul shots which rounded out a 12-point night for the energetic point guard, who directs the winning offense with his expert passing and ball-handling.

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