

Knights Stop SLU Again

Second year head coach Cap Raeder received just what he was looking for on Saturday night as the Clarkson University hockey team broke out of its mid-winter doldrums with a 4-1 victory over arch-rival St. Lawrence University at Walker Arena.

The young Golden Knight squad, which has struggled in the early part of 1987, moved back to the .500 level with the inspired win over its North Country neighbor.

With the ECAC schedule now just beyond the midway point, Clarkson has climbed back into the middle of the 12-team pack, improving its record to 6-6 in the league and 9-9 overall.

"This starts the second half of the season off the right way," said the coach. "We had that spark tonight, it was a great team effort from the goal on out. John Fletcher made some big saves, the defense

did a good job clearing the puck, and the forwards made the hits and completed their checks. This victory puts us right back in the thick of things and hopefully we can take it the rest of the way," Raeder added.

The Knights, who lead the series with SLU 77-35-6, have not lost to their rivals in Potsdam for 15 years (since Dec. 8, 1971), stringing together 18 wins and one tie during that period.

Clarkson started its attack right from the opening face-off, jumping out to a 3-0 first period lead. At 7:18, with the Knights on a four-on-three advantage, junior Luciano Borsato knocked in his own rebound past SLU goalie Scott Yearwood to ignite the sellout Walker Arena crowd.

One minute and 25 seconds later, freshman Mark Tretowicz stuffed in a rebound off Pierre Morin's shot

from the point for the eventual game-winner. With less than two minutes to go, at 18:48, sophomore Matt LaLonde, from Potsdam, gave Clarkson a 3-0 lead as he scored during a scramble in front.

Fletcher, who recorded 31 saves in the game, kept the Saints off the scoreboard in the first period with eight stops, including a beautiful diving block on a two-on-one SLU breakout just before the buzzer.

The Saints finally found their way past Fletcher in the second stanza when Gary Robertson scored an unassisted goal at 3:46. That was all the Canton-based Saints could muster against Fletcher.

Sophomore Shawn LaVoy, a converted defenseman, capped off the scoring at 7:03 with the Knights' third powerplay goal of the game, on a slapshot from the point with Mills and Borsato assisting. Borsato now has 99 career points.

After a short break from ECAC action next week, with a non-league game against Concordia at 2 p.m. on "Super Bowl Sunday," Clarkson returns to the playoff race with a weekend series at home against Vermont and RPI Jan. 30-31.

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Tyler Enjoyed Ambassador Duty

BY DAN WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

Katie Tyler, well known around these parts as a top-notch cross country and track athlete, recently returned from her first experience as an international competitor and student ambassador for the United States.

The Potsdam High School junior was part of a large contingent of American high school cross country runners who were invited to participate in an International Sports Exchange program in China.

Tyler returned to the States Jan. 3 and brought back with her many memories and memorabilia.

"We stayed in the best hotels and ate in the finest restaurants. In Hong Kong, we stayed at the New World Hotel and in Canton, we stayed at the White Swan, which is one of the best hotels in the world. This hotel was fantastic. We were treated really well," said Tyler.

She was invited, along with Canton High's Justin Casserly, to accompany a group of high school student-athletes from New York State and Ohio. The Americans competed with the Chinese in a cross country race Jan. 1.

Tyler was surprised to find out that the Chinese were actually better runners than she was. She said she was a really long cross country race and that took us by surprise. They could have had it any length they wanted and it was going to be less than that. But they changed their minds."

Another surprise to Tyler was the number of competitors and the lack of organization involved in the race. "There were about 8,000 people in the race. It wasn't just athletes, anyone from the com-

munity of Canton could run. I really don't know how where I finished because they didn't release any times or place-winners. I think I was 11th among the American women, which I think is pretty good," said Tyler.

Tyler said she really didn't know how to pace herself in a race that long. "I probably could have gone faster but since I've never run that far before, I was real cautious. I was just jogging, but I picked up the pace as the race went along," said Tyler.

Although competing internationally was a treat for Tyler, the Stoner track ace enjoyed visiting and staying in a country totally foreign to her. She said, "We got used to being stared at. They weren't hostile, just curious. They were friendly to us. The language barrier was never really a problem because we were with other Americans. Also, in Hong Kong, most of the people are used to seeing Americans and many know how to speak a little English."

Another skill Tyler developed while over in China was the mastering of the chopsticks. She said the Americans had to learn how to use them so they could eat.

The massive student demonstration against the American athletes, but Tyler said, the American and Chinese coaches and directors of the program were cautious.

"I found out when I got back (to USA) that they wanted us out of the race area because they were afraid there might be demonstrations. After the race we were trading pens and buttons and shirts with the Chinese and we didn't want to leave, but they kept trying to get us

out of there. Nothing happened, they were just afraid something would happen," said Tyler.

While Tyler was handing out pens and buttons, a large crowd of excited and interested Chinese gathered around her. "I was handing out pens and the crowd wanted everything I had. I started to get nervous so I just threw the bag of stuff on the ground. They ripped it to shreds, I'm not kidding. By the time the bag hit the ground, everything was gone," said Tyler.

Tyler was impressed with the Chinese cities, although they were a bit too crowded. She said, "In the cities, there doesn't appear to be any crime. We felt safe walking the streets. And there's no graffiti anywhere. There are also a lot of parks and trees in the cities and everybody exercises in the parks. The streets were very crowded like a mob scene."

Tyler is grateful for the opportunity to travel across the world and compete in an international event and is thankful for the support of the Potsdam community for providing her this chance of a lifetime.

"The people in our community are super. I can't thank them enough for all their help. I really enjoyed my trip and I'm glad I got to go."

Record-Setting Night For Potsdam Track Teams

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School records fell like dominoes Friday night for the Potsdam High School indoor track team at the second meet of the 1987 indoor season at St. Lawrence University.

The boys' team set a new school record in the 1000-yard race, which they won in 3:18.2. Tyler also placed second in the 1500 and anchored the second place 3200 relay team.

Senior Joanne Egan re-broke her own school record in the racewalk which she set last week. Egan placed third in a time of 8:21.9. Sophomores Kim Sheehan and Robin Wolpin placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

Hania Dubinsky, a senior, took second place in the long jump with a record-setting leap of 15-25 feet. Her sister, Ewa Dubinsky, was sixth with a distance of 14-6.25 feet. Hania was third in the 600 and Ewa placed fourth in the 300 sprint.

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Sophomore Andrea Loconti ran to a fourth place finish in the 3000, Sue Curry was sixth in the 300, Shawna Herrick third in the shot put, and Geri Snell sixth in the 1500. Potsdam's mile relay quartet of Egan, Hania Dubinsky, Ewa Dubinsky, and Lunt placed second in 4:33.2.

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Pelkey was pleased with everybody's performances. He said, "In addition to the three new school records, we had 20 personal best performances and 12 high quality first-time efforts. I was pleasantly surprised by Chris Reichhart's toss in the shot put, Geri Snell's 1500 time and Mary Lunt's first attempt at the triple jump."

The Potsdam boys didn't finish as high as the girls squad, but several athletes turned in record-setting efforts to lead the Stoners to a sixth place finish with 53 points, only 16 behind second place Malone. South Jefferson won with 106 points.

Senior Andy Thacher was a part of three school records. He broke the school mark in the 600 (a time of 1:33.9, fourth place), and the triple jump (41-7, second place). Plus, he anchored the winning mile relay team which broke the school record by three seconds (3:48.7). Chris Pinover, Tim Green, and Tyler O'Brien contributed to the relay win.

O'Brien set a new school record in the 55 hurdles by placing second with a time of 8.2.

In other performances, Rob Earle was fifth in the 55 dash and fourth in the long jump, Tim Greene was sixth in the 55 dash, Scott Sochia placed fifth in the high jump, Doug Whiteford finished third in the shot put, the two mile relay team was third and the sprint relay foursome was sixth.

Pelkey was not disappointed with his boys team's place. "There are not many coaches that are pleased about a sixth place overall team finish, but I am more than satisfied for several reasons. Sprint ace John Herrick, Section 10's top sprinter and long jump competitor, sat this meet out with a sore hamstring. He alone could have given us enough points to take second. Also, Scott Loudenback and Diego Martinez are not 100 percent yet because of minor injuries," said Pelkey.

He continued, "The boys have a definite shot at winning the Section 10 Championship for small schools. We had 18 personal best performances."

Norwood-Norfolk's boys team placed fifth because of first place efforts of Sean Sullivan in the long jump and Greg Hill in the 3200.

Pee Wees Win

Even with the advantage of home ice, the Canton Pee Wees could not deny the streaking Norfolk Flyers.

The Flyers, who were led by winger James MacFarlane, led all scorers with two goals and two assists respectively as Norfolk captured a 6-4 win in the Canton Pavilion.

Other scorers for Norfolk were Matt Berger (1-0), Josh Raymond (1-0), Brian Gushlaw (1-0), Pete Darabon (1-0), and Gabe Hinkley (0-1).

The goaltending was handled by Jon Cota who registered 15 saves.

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2 Mile Relay — Malone 8:52.8, 55H — Kurley (53) 8.2, LJ — SULLIVAN (N.N.) 20', 1600 — Hurtzau (Mal) 4:31.7, 55 — Jankner (TI) 4.4, 600 — Elmer (53) 1:27.6, HJ — Richard (2823) 41, 500 — Tomaszak (53) 37.4 (This section is a list of names and times for various events.)

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