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Newsletter of Friends of St. Lawrence Hockey - October 2007  
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## IT'S HOCKEY TIME IN CANTON! A NEW SEASON IS HERE.

Time was that North Country hockey fans reckoned mid-November as the start of the college hockey season. But today's longer schedules mean that the pucks are dropping in early October, and this year the Saint Women played an exhibition in late September! In any case, here we go! And GO SAINTS!

## A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY would like to extend a hearty welcome to all involved with Saints Hockey. Along with everyone else we are busy preparing our events and marking our calendars in anticipation of another exciting year.

**FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY** Board meetings are held in Appleton Arena's upstairs meeting room at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of every month from September to June. All members and non-members are welcome. Please come and share your ideas and concerns regarding activities the FRIENDS sponsor! We always need help with the activities we are planning. If you can assist, and would like to aid us in making our year a success in supporting both men's and women's hockey at SLU, please contact any board member or e-mail [hbhip@slic.com](mailto:hbhip@slic.com). GO SAINTS!



## A GREAT FRIEND: RUTH HALEY

One of Saints Hockey's greatest boosters, Ruth Haley, is pictured here. An SLU alumna, career educator, and Honorary-lifetime member of FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY, Ruth has had to cut back on her busy schedule that included attending Saints games and fan activities, but loves to visit with people and to hear from Saint fans. She's currently "holding court" in Room 312 at the United Helpers Nursing Home in Canton. Drop Ruth a friendly line at 40 W. Main Street (c/o United Helpers) Canton, NY 13617-1249. Thanks to Glen and Doni Peters for the photo.

## **SEASON'S OUTLOOK: MEN OUT TO DEFEND LEAGUE CROWN**

Comments from Director of Athletic Media Relations Director Wally Johnson

"St. Lawrence University's men's hockey team will be out to defend its 2006-07 ECAC Hockey regular season championship when it embarks on its 2007-08 season with a non-league game against arch-rival Clarkson Sunday, October 7.

"The Saints return seven of their top ten scorers from last season, all four goaltenders and five of six defensive regulars and have some promising newcomers who will push for immediate playing time.

"While graduation cost the Saints two of the league's top players a number of young players gained significant experience and should continue to improve.

"Junior Kevin DeVirgilio is the leading returning scorer after a nine-goal, 23-assist sophomore season and sophomore Mike McKenzie showed outstanding scoring ability in his rookie season. Junior Brock McBride and senior Charlie Giffin, who missed 14 games with injury, will also be key offensive components. Junior Casey Parenteau and sophomores Sean Flanagan, Jeremiah Cunningham, Travis Vermeulen and Alex Curran will also look to build on solid initial collegiate seasons while Jordan Hack had a solid junior season after a slow start due to injury and graduate student Pat Muir returns for his final season of eligibility. Newcomers Nick Pitsikouis, Aaron Bogosian and Jared Keller will also be out to make an immediate impact upon the Saints offensively as well as sophomore Drew Weaver.

"Defensively, junior captains Shawn Fensel and Jared Ross will anchor a unit which includes juniors Zack Miskovic and Matt Generous, sophomore Derek Keller and junior Dan Coughlin as experienced returnees. Fensel is coming off an outstanding sophomore season in which he had three goals and seven assists in addition to turning in consistently solid defensive performances and Ross had five goals and five assists and played in all but one game. Miskovic has not missed a game in two seasons and Generous is also outstanding in the defensive end and will help on special teams. Keller came on strong as a rookie and played in 33 of 39 games while Coughlin battled a shoulder injury, but could be a key contender for the sixth spot. Other candidates include junior Chris Smith, rookies Matt Raley, Bobby Torney and sophomore Pat Kelliher.

"Goaltending should again be a Saint strong suit with Alex Petizian joining senior captain Justin Pesony, sophomore Kain Tisi and graduate student John Hallas. Petizian grabbed the starting job for the Saints at mid-year and had one of the best rookie seasons in Saint hockey history. Tisi made six starts for the Saints, while Pesony was 2-2-1 in five starts and has played in 50 career games with a 3.01 goals against average."

(Thanks to AMR Director Johnson for this report.)

## **SEASON'S OUTLOOK: WOMEN PREPARE FOR '07-'08 DEBUT**

Comments from Head Coach Paul Flanagan:

"The Saints women's hockey program is currently preparing for its eleventh season of Division I competition. September 22nd is our official practice start date. The team will almost immediately be tested the following Wednesday (Sept. 26) with an exhibition game versus McGill at 7 pm.

"Our program returns a strong nucleus of key position players. Seniors Meghan Guckian, Annie Guay, Kerrie Wallace, Sabrina Harbec, Sarah Callan, and graduate student Chelsea Grills will lead a veteran class of underclassmen along with five newcomers to the program: freshmen Michelle Zimmerman (Castle Rock, CO), Kirsten Roach (Ajax, ON), Karell Emard (Richelieu, QC), Kyrsten Vanasse (North Bay, ON), and Megan Gallagher (Lake Bluff, IL) will vie for playing time with this experienced group of skaters.

"Juniors Marianna Locke, Lisa Batchelor, Alison Domenico, Jordan Pyers, Carson Duggan, and sophomores Brittaney Maschmeyer, Britni Smith, Courtney Sawchuk, Tara Akstull, Becky Street, Maxie Weisz, and soph transfer Karlee Shields round out the Saint roster for the 2007-2008 season. The team will hopefully challenge once again for ECAC and NCAA championships. We look forward to another exciting season of SAINT LAWRENCE WOMEN'S HOCKEY." (Thanks to Coach Flanagan for the report – Ed.)

## **NEW WOMENS' ASSISTANT COACH NAMED**

FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extends its warmest welcome to Mare MacDougall, recently named as an Assistant Coach of the women's team, replacing Jodi McKenna, who has accepted the head coaching position at Wesleyan University. A native of Lumsden, Saskatchewan, Mare played at Mercyhurst had been on the Wayne State staff since the 2003-04 season, in charge of the defensive players as well as travel-planning. We wish Mare every success in her new position; additionally, we extend sincere thanks to Jodi for her work at St. Lawrence, wishing her the best in her new role!

## **2007-08 FRIENDS OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS**

At the September meeting of the FRIENDS Board, the following officers were elected for 2007-08: Chair: Harold Phippen, Vice-Chair: Jim Michaelson, Secretary: Darlene Leonard, Treasurer: Tari Briggs. Elected to the Board were Scott Chisholm, Colleen Coakley, and Mick Harrington. Adam Kyamatara joins Cameron Burns as our SLU Student Representatives. Continuing on the Board are Don Clark, Bob Graham, and R.B. Lawrence.

## **POST-GAME GET-TOGETHERS**

Get-togethers will be held at the VFW Hall on Gouverneur Street as follows:

For Men's games: October 20, November 3 & 17, January 26, February 9, March 1.

For Women's games: October 5, November 9, December 7 & 14, January 11 & 18, February 15 & 22. Sites for get-togethers following the men's games on October 13 and December 1 will be announced when arrangements are completed. Look for further word on [www.friendsofstlawrencehockey.com](http://www.friendsofstlawrencehockey.com), and announcements at home games.

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS**

Tourney Chair Don Clark reports that, despite damp and chilly conditions, the annual FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY Golf Tournament, held at the St. Lawrence Golf and Country Club on Saturday, September 15, was a great success, generating revenues for our organization while bringing coaches, players, parents, and fans together for a fun afternoon and evening. According to Don, "Twenty-one teams competed and despite the weather a great time was had by everyone. Wayne Mousaw's team won first place in the Captain and Crew Scramble format. Wayne played hockey for St. Lawrence in the late '50s-early '60s and is a Canton native. Placing second was a team from Tupper Lake headed by that super Saint fan Pat Bentley. Crow Smith, a well-known businessman now residing in Ogdensburg, was the leader of the third-place team. Special thank-yous go to the hole sponsors, the prize donors, and to all who worked so hard to put this on. Meeting the returning players and all the new players from both the men's and women's teams was a wonderful experience, and helps us to understand our loyalty to SAINTS HOCKEY!" (And thanks to Don for organizing this fine event –Ed.)

## **HOCKEY ALUMNI WEEKEND SET FOR NOVEMBER 2-3**

Glen and Doni Peters announce that the hockey alumni weekend will be Nov. 2&3, with the Harvard-Dartmouth set at Appleton. The FRIENDS will cover alumni tickets for the Saturday game, and of course there will be a party on Saturday afternoon. Tom and Sue Trevelyan (12 Breakwater Court, Gravenhurst, ON P1P 0A2) are in charge of notifying alumni; their e-mail is [tatrev@sympatico.ca](mailto:tatrev@sympatico.ca)

## **A SPECIAL NOTE TO PLAYERS' PARENTS**

Please contact Janet Stitt [(315)344-6696/[janstitt@twcny.rr.com](mailto:janstitt@twcny.rr.com)] if you have any questions about accommodations in the Canton area.

## **FRIENDS' SALES BOOTH**

Sales Booth Chair Glen Peters has been hard at work upgrading the FRIENDS' Sales Booth, which will be even more of a "must-stop" during Saint home games, offering a fine selection of Saint-logo apparel and souvenirs at its familiar spot on the mezzanine level of Appleton. Proceeds from retail sales go directly to support the Saints men's and women's teams. Glen would also like to hear from any persons willing to help operate this important FRIENDS component; contact him at (315)379-9289.

## **FRIENDS' RENEWALS: HAVE YOU RE-UPPED YET?**

Just a friendly reminder that FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY membership renewals are now due. Please use the enclosed application form. If you are not renewing, this issue of Center Ice will be the last one mailed to you. FRIENDS' memberships begin in September and expire in June. Thanks to everyone for your continued support. Don't forget that your dues dollars go directly to benefit our teams; this is the best way to express your loyalty to Saints Hockey in tangible terms. We want and need everyone back; while you're at it, why not see if you can get some of YOUR friends to become FRIENDS?

## **FRIENDS' WEBSITE UPDATED**

The FRIENDS website, [www.friendsofstlawrencehockey.com](http://www.friendsofstlawrencehockey.com) has been updated for the upcoming season and will receive further regular updates, including photos from recent men's and women's games, as the season progresses. Visit regularly to check these out, to read up on Saint hockey history, and to use the links to get the latest scores and stats from the official St. Lawrence University web pages.

## **FSLH DATABASE**

Our Secretary, Darlene Leonard, maintains a database of FRIENDS' members. If your address label on this issue is incorrect, or if you need to update your address/telephone/e-mail info in any way, please contact Darlene at (315)229-5956 or [dleonard@stlawu.edu](mailto:dleonard@stlawu.edu)