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CONGRATULATIONS 2008-09 SAINTS! MEN, WOMEN NOTCH 20+ WIN SEASONS; LOCKE, MISKOVIC GARNER MAJOR POST-SEASON AWARDS

Ask a follower of NCAA Division I hockey for the measure of a fine season; chances are, he or she will reply “Winning 20 games.” For the third time in the past four seasons, both Saints ice teams have met that gold standard, with the men playing 21-12-5 and the women gaining the 24-win mark against 11 losses and three ties.

The campaigns just completed give men’s head coach **Joe Marsh** 436 wins in his storied St. Lawrence career, and mark a highly successful head coaching debut for women’s mentor **Chris Wells**, who took the reins from **Paul Flanagan** in 2008, as well as the ninth consecutive 20-plus-win season for the women’s program.

For the men, junior **Mike McKenzie** headed the scoring with 34 points, followed by seniors **Brock McBride** and **Kevin DeVergilio** with 32. Junior goalie **Alex Petizian** played in a majority of the team’s games, amassing a 17-10-5 mark with a 2.24 goals-against average and a .925 save percentage. On the women’s side, seniors **Alison Domenico** and **Carson Duggan** led the scoring parade with 37 points, followed by junior **Tara Akstull** with 32. Junior **Britony Chartier’s** won-lost-tied mark coincided with the team’s as she appeared in every game; her goals-against average was 2.04 and save percentage .925.

For more detailed statistical reports on the teams, visit the university website at www.stlawu.edu and click on “Athletics,” which provides a menu that includes both men’s and women’s hockey.

The Saints did well in post-season honors as well, with two senior players gaining national and regional recognition with prestigious awards. **Marianna Locke** was named winner of the 2009 Sarah Devens Award, presented annually to a player from ECAC Hockey or Hockey East who “demonstrates leadership and commitment both on and off the ice.” Accompanying the award is a \$10,000 post-graduate scholarship. **Marianna** is the third St. Lawrence student-athlete to win the award. The daughter of Cathy and Mickey Locke, the Brasher Falls, NY native served as captain of the 2008-09 Saints women.

Receiving national recognition for his performance in the season just completed was **Zach Miskovic**, who was named to a defense slot on the 2009 AHCA/RBK All-America First Team. **Zach**, who scored a team-high 17 goals along with nine assists this season, joins a pantheon of Saint rearguard honorees that includes **Chuck Lundberg, Pat Presley, Arlie Parker, Hank Lammens, Brian McColgan, Mike Hurlbut, Daniel Laperriere, Justin Harney, Matt Desrosiers, and Drew Bagnall**. Hailing from River Forest, IL, he is the son of Jim and Darlene Miskovic.

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At the Men’s team banquet awards were presented by Head Coach **Joe Marsh**, Associate Head Coach **Bob Prier**, and Assistant Coach **Mike Hurlbut**. The awards, and recipients, are:

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At the Women's team banquet awards were presented by Head Coach **Chris Wells**, Associate Head Coach **Ted Wisner**, and Assistant Coach **Mare MacDougall**. The awards, and recipients, are:

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD: **Brittany Chartier**

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD: **Alley Bero**

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD: **Jordan Pyers**

BERNIE McKINNON MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD: **Brittany Chartier** and **Carson Duggan**

MARTHA MIDDENDORF SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: **Marianna Locke**

FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY 7TH PLAYER AWARD: **Lisa Batchelor**

"FRIENDS" OF THE YEAR: Chris and Dick Pike

Graduating seniors **Lisa Batchelor**, **Alison Domenico**, **Carson Duggan**, **Marianna Locke**, and **Jordan Pyers** were presented with the traditional St. Lawrence chairs.

Congratulations to all the award winners, to the seniors on their contributions to the programs during their St. Lawrence careers, and to all who helped to make the banquets successful and memorable!

SAINTS TEAMS NAME 2009-10 CAPTAINS

Captains and assistant captains for 2009-10 have been chosen. Senior Tara Akstull will wear the "C" for the women, with Senior Brittany Chartier, Junior Courtney Sawchuk, and Senior Britni Smith serving as assistant captains. Wearing the "C" for the men will be Seniors Derek Keller and Travis Vermeulen. Serving as assistant captains will be Junior Aaron Bogosian, and Seniors Alex Curran and Mike McKenzie.

FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15!

It's coming at you quickly, so please, circle the date on your calendars. Right now! Chaired by Don Clark and Bob Freego this year, the annual Golf Tourney will again be held at the St. Lawrence Golf and Country Club. This all-important FRIENDS fundraiser/get-acquainted needs everyone's support, whether as hole sponsor, participant, prize donor, helper, or all of the above. Entry and sponsor applications will be included in the summer *Center Ice*.

FRIENDS' WEBSITE ENHANCED

Check out our website: www.friendsofsaintlawrencehockey.com which has recently undergone some format changes and will be adding new features in the future. Thanks to Penny Pitts for acting as liaison between the board and our webmaster, Bob LaRue.

ARE YOU STILL A FRIEND?

All memberships in FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY are expiring as we speak! We cannot afford to be without you; please renew your membership promptly using the enclosed renewal form. If you don't you will absolutely be missed! Please do it now.

SAINTS HOCKEY ALUMNI DOINGS

Jacques Martin '75 and **Ray Shero '84** are serving as General Managers of the Florida Panthers and Pittsburgh Penguins (NHL), respectively, while **Mike Keenan '74** is Head Coach of the Calgary Flames (NHL).

John Zeiler, Rich Peverley '04, and **Mike McKenna '05** have most recently played with the Los Angeles Kings, Atlanta Thrashers, and Tampa Bay Lightning (NHL), respectively. Soon after joining the Lightning in February, **Mike** recorded a shutout against the NY Islanders. In a pair of January games "**Pevs**" had an OT goal and 5 assists against his former team, the Nashville Predators, and was named 2d star in one of the contests. In a February game he had two goals against the Carolina Hurricanes; at last report he had scored 35 points in 39 games.

In the AHL, former Saints who played there this season include **TJ Trevelyan '06** (Iowa Chops), **Max Taylor '07** (Toronto Marlies), **Drew Bagnall '07** (Manchester Monarchs), and **Kyle Rank '07** and **Matt Macdonald '05** (Portland Pirates). **TJ** had two goals and was named 1st star in a January game with the Rockford Ice Hogs. **Kyle** assisted on the winning goal for Portland over Springfield in an April game. "**Bags**" earned a 3d star for Manchester in a 3-0 win over Springfield Falcons in April. Following the college season, **Brock McBride '09** and **Matt Generous '09** joined the Hartford Wolf Pack and Portland Pirates, respectively, with **Matt** gaining a 2d star in a 5-3 loss to Hartford.

In the ECHL are **Mike Madill '06** (Las Vegas Wranglers), **Chase Trull** (Phoenix Roadrunners), **Kevin DeVergilio '09**, who joined the Wranglers at the close of the college season, and **Jared Ross '09**, who joined the Elmira Jackals at that time as well. "**Devo**" earned a 2d star with two goals in an April win over Stockton,

In the CHL, **Simon Watson '05** was with the Rocky Mountain Rage, **Adam Hogg '06** the Colorado Eagles, **Mike Zbriger '06** and **Jordan Hack '08** the Wichita Thunder, and **Jeremy Symington '01** the Odessa Jackalopes.

Overseas, **Dale Clarke '01** spent the past season with the Finnish Elite League's Espoo Blues, **Ray DiLauro '02** in Austria with Eis Hockey Club Linz, and **Brandon Dietrich** in Germany with EHC Munich.

Meghan Maguire '02 reports that since graduation, "I have coached at Colgate University, played for Montreal in the NWHL (now the CWHL, I believe) and have now returned to my high school alma mater, Kimball Union Academy, as the head coach of the women's hockey team and the assistant dean of students."

Updates on alums and other "hockey folks" are always welcome. Contact Bob Graham with your news at (315)384-3193/her3bay@twcny.rr.com Thanks to RB Lawrence, Colleen Coakley, and the Watertown Daily Times for these updates.

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