

Strong senior class to lead Lady Panthers

by PATRICK J. NAGY
Reporter

There's not one area the Sweet Home girls lacrosse team is strong in, there are many. Lady Panthers coach Katie Tutak has senior leadership at every position, which as a new coach has made her life a lot easier.

"As a group, the senior class is very strong and mature," said Tutak, a former player at Sweet Home ('00) and Marist College ('04) who was coaching a high school team in Norwalk, Conn. prior to her return to Sweet Home.

Starting seniors include goalie Danielle Holloway, who Tutak said is very aggressive around the net and has amazing reaction time, defenders Brianne Galli, Sara Heron and Jessica Louttit, attack wingers Brooke Nieman and Marisa Kelly and homes, Caitlin Colkitt and Ashley Brant. Holloway (Division II first team), Colkitt (second team), and Louttit (honorable mention) are returning all-stars.

Kelly, Louttit, Nieman are three of the team's four captains. Senior Kati Baird, coming off a stress fracture, is the fourth captain. Baird earned division honorable mention last year.



Caitlin Colkitt (3) is one of many seniors on Sweet Home's girls lacrosse team. Colkitt should also be one of Sweet Home's top scorers. Also pictured is Laura Nerber (22).

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Other starters include junior Katie Mazuchowski at defense, center Laura Nerber and sophomore home Rochelle Ricchiazzi. Junior defender Chrissy Strom has also seen playing time.

Sweet Home is 1-1 although its 10-9 double overtime loss on April 2 to Grand Island is under review because of an illegal goal. The Lady Panthers defeated Lake Shore, 9-7, last Wednesday. Sweet Home trailed 4-2 at halftime of each game.

Ricchiazzi scored three times, including the game-tying goal, to send the Grand Island contest into overtime. Colkitt added three goals. Nerber (two goals, two assists) and Nieman (goal) also contributed. Lauren Korniczky, Brant, and Louttit each had an assist.

Holloway made 13 saves. "She played so well. Had she not played well, the game would not have gone into overtime," said Tutak.

Against Lake Shore, Tutak credits Ricchiazzi's faceoff work for helping Sweet Home turn the game in their favor. She also scored twice and assisted on another goal in the game.

Colkitt also stepped up, scoring the game-tying and go-ahead goals. Colkitt finished with three

goals on the day.

Nerber scored twice and Brant and Kelly each had single tallies with Kelly's sealing the win. Mazuchowski had two assists, led the team in ground balls and did a great job finding open players in the midfield, Tutak said. Louttit added an assist.

Holloway only made seven saves but two of them happened in the last couple minutes as the Lady Panthers held on to an 8-7 lead. Holloway's second big save led to Kelly's goal with three minutes remaining. The team's defensive players, especially Heron and Galli, also played well, Tutak said.

Sweet Home 2007 Schedule

4-16 at Hamburg.....	4:30 p.m.
4-20 at Niagara-Wheatfield..	4:30 p.m.
4-23 W.S. East.....	5 p.m.
4-25 at W.S. West.....	4:30 p.m.
4-30 at Lake Shore (JT Waugh Elementary).....	4:30 p.m.
5-2 Hamburg.....	4:30 p.m.
5-3 at North.....	4:30 p.m.
5-4 Iroquois.....	4:30 p.m.
5-7 Niagara-Wheatfield	4:30 p.m.
5-9 at W.S. East.....	4:30 p.m.
5-11 W.S. West.....	5 p.m.
5-14 at Grand Island ...	4:30 p.m.

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Rebuilding year for Williamville North girls lacrosse

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Last year, Williamville North was in the hunt for a Section VI Class A title. This season is a different story.

North, 10-6 last year, lost three-quarters of its starters to graduation, and has yet to have set starters at several positions.

"One of our goals is to get them to a point where they're playing as a team because there are so many new girls," said Lady Spartans coach Erin Minnuto.

Minnuto reloads with returning tri-captains, seniors Hillary Jacobson and Leeane Pinski, and junior Kelsey Mulvihill.

Jacobson, a returning Division I honorable mention, led North in

scoring as a junior. She will play at first home on offense, meaning she is the closest offensive player to the net. It's her third year on varsity.

"She sets up a lot of the plays and will run the offense at her end of the field," said Minnuto.

Only Jacobson and Mulvihill, who can play at attack or midfield, has scored in the team's two games, losses to Orchard Park, 14-5, and East Aurora, 14-4. Jacobson has six goals; Mulvihill has three.

Pinski and senior Karrie Gurbacski will anchor the North defense. Sophomore Suzie Jacobs returns and will play at defensive wing.

Other set starters are junior Nicole Lewis and sophomore Caitlin Butler, the JV's leading scorer last year, in the midfield.

North returns to action at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 16 when they host Lockport.

Williamville North 2007 Schedule

4-16 Lockport.....	4:30 p.m.
4-18 Lancaster.....	4:45 p.m.

4-20 at Clarence.....	4:45 p.m.
4-23 East Aurora.....	4:30 p.m.
4-25 at North Tonawanda	4:45 p.m.
4-27 at Orchard Park..	4:45 p.m.
4-28 at Niagara-Wheatfield	10 a.m.
4-30 Frontier.....	4:45 p.m.
5-2 at Lockport.....	5 p.m.
5-3 Sweet Home	4:30 p.m.
5-4 at Lancaster.....	4:45 p.m.
5-7 Clarence	4:45 p.m.
5-11 North Tonawanda	4:30 p.m.
5-12 South.....	11 a.m.
5-15 at East	4:30 p.m.

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Former Shark player returns to coach alma mater

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If there's one person who knows about Sacred Heart girls lacrosse, it's Emily Canty.

Canty was one of several girls who lobbied for girls lacrosse at Sacred Heart when she was a student. By the time the school got a varsity team in 2004, she was a senior but was still able to leave her mark, earning team MVP honors at third home. Since she graduated, she's been able to watch the team's progress through her younger sister, Margaret, who played with Emily when she was a freshman but is unable to play her senior year because of an injury. In fact, Emily is coaching her younger sister, Mary, one of seven freshmen on the team.

Coach Canty has yet to name starters but has picked captains.

They are attack wingers, senior Jennifer Harb and junior Monique Mattes and senior goalie Anna Monaghan.

Coach Canty said Harb and Mattes have played for Sacred Heart the past two years and are fast. Mattes helps younger and inexperienced players with proper technique, Canty added. Monaghan, a first-year goalie, is fearless in the net.

The rest of the team is comprised of senior defenders Rebecca Vu and Courtney Wopperer, juniors Sam Arena (defense), Elizabeth Briody (center), Elizabeth Pusateri (offense), and Natalie Wasilewski (offense), sophomores Talya Calabro (home), Alex Femia (defense wing), Susan O'Rourke (defense) and freshmen Jennifer Cannon (goalie), Mary Canty (center), Emma Frieh (attack wing), Emily Gillig (defense), Emily Kraft (of-

fense), Kelsey McArthur (defense), and Chelsea Nowak (home on attack).

Arena, Briody, Calabro, O'Rourke, Pusateri, Vu, Wopperer and Wasilewski are returning players.

Coach Canty thinks it's the strongest lacrosse team that has come through Sacred Heart.

"We have a lot of younger girls with experience from middle schools combining with a lot of experienced older girls who have played a couple of years," she said.

Coach Canty said team strengths are speed, stick skills and a ton of heart.

"That's the most important," said coach Canty. "When they come to practice they want to play lacrosse and do a good job. They love the sport and are a close knit team."

Sacred Heart 2007 Schedule

4-19 at Buffalo Seminary	4:30 p.m.
4-26 Mt. St. Mary's.....	4:30 p.m.
4-30 Nardin.....	4:30 p.m.
5-3 Buffalo Seminary ..	4:30 p.m.
5-9 at Nardin	4:30 p.m.
5-11 Mt. Mercy	4:30 p.m.
5-17 at Mt. Mercy	4:30 p.m.

(Cazenovia Park)
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Amherst Broncos to hold mini-camp, early registration

The Amherst Pop Warner Broncos Football Organization will be hosting their 2007 registration and mini-camp from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the North Amherst Recreation Center, 4415 Millersport Highway.

Amherst Pop Warner Broncos sponsor cheerleading from ages 5-13, flag football for ages 5-6 and tackle football for ages 7-13.

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