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*St. Lawrence hockey continues to be a cradle of National Hockey League coaches and executives. Here a group of Saints men from the 1982-85 era poses with Pittsburgh Penguins Executive VP & GM **Ray Shero** '84 -- and the hefty hardware won by his Penguins last spring! From left to right are former Saint men's coach **Mike McShane**, **Steve Rich** '84, **Steve Tuite** '85, **Randy Sexton** '82, **Jeff Robinson** '82, **Steve Rhodes** '84, **Gray Weicker** '83, and **Ray**. Thanks to **Jeff** for the photo.*

IT'S HERE! THE 2009-10 CAMPAIGN DAWNS

As this issue of *Center Ice* lands in your hands, the annual FRIENDS Golf Tournament has once again brought Saints players, coaches and other team personnel together with fans, and, of course, raised funds to support the programs. If the tourney does not exactly represent the start of the season, it definitely lifts the curtain on another year of SLU hockey enthusiasm. Thanks to Co-Chairs Don Clark and Bob Freego, and to all who helped bring this year's highly successful event into being.

And the new season is here, with the openers on Oct. 3 and 4, as Head Coach **Chris Wells** and

the women's team head for Montreal and the now-traditional lid-lifter against McGill, and Head Coach **Joe Marsh's** men host University of Toronto's Varsity Blues on those dates, respectively. What better words come to our lips than **GO SAINTS!?**

A WORD FROM THE CHAIR:

Welcome. We hope you have all had a very restful and enjoyable summer. For the players, we realize that you still had to work very hard to stay in shape.

To the upperclass men and women: it's great to see your smiling faces again. To the freshman class, we are glad that you chose St. Lawrence University to further your education. It is a great university and we are sure that the opportunity to fulfill your educational goals will be provided. We are also quite sure that hockey may have had something to do with your decision to enter SLU. In that vein, we feel that St. Lawrence and its hockey programs are among the best in the nation. We are sure you will work hard to help continue that tradition.

To parents: welcome. How time flies! It will be nice to see you all again and to get to know the parents of the new players.

Coaches, players, parents, and fans, we are looking forward to a great year. Good luck.

Sincerely, Harold

SAINTS '09-10 RECRUITING CLASSES ANNOUNCED

The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extend warmest welcomes and best wishes to this year's new players and their parents. *Please note the following lists were still tentative at press time and do not constitute portions of final team rosters.*

For the men's program, we welcome

- 1 **Mac Stratford**, a 5-11, 183-pound first-year defenseman from Bloomingdale, NY, who played for Northwood Prep last year. **Mac** is the son of Sue and Greg Stratford.
- 2 **George Hughes**, a 6-1, 178-pound first-year defenseman from Westwood, MA, who played for the Waterloo Blackhawks. **George** is the son of Allison and George Hughes.
- 3 **Kyle Flanagan**, a 5-9, 170-pound first-year forward from Canton, NY, who played for Cedar Rapids. **Kyle** is the son of Kathy and Jack Flanagan.
- 4 **David Grilk**, a 6-5, 215-pound first-year goaltender from Lynnfield, MA, who played for The Holderness School. **David** is the son of Nancy Frederick and Tom Grilk.
- 5 **Matt Dyer**, a 6-2, 201-pound first-year defenseman from Suffern, NY, who played for the South Shore Kings. **Matt** is the son of Erika and David Dyer.
- 6 **Jordan Dewey**, a 5-11, 195-pound first-year defenseman from Chateaugay, QC, who played for the Georgetown Raiders. **Jordan** is the son of Colleen and Earl Dewey.
- 7 **Sean Coffey**, a 6-3, 195-pound first-year defenseman from Needham, MA, who played for the Wichita Falls Wildcats. **Sean** is the son of Ann and Jack Coffey.

For the women's program, we welcome

- 1 **Brooke Fernandez**, a first-year defenseman from Bloomfield, CT, who played for Loomis Chaffee and the Connecticut Polar Bears last year. **Brooke** is the daughter of Cathie and David Fernandez.
- 2 **Jamie Goldsmith**, a first-year forward from Media, PA, who played for the National Sports Academy. **Jamie** is the daughter of Leslie and Tony Goldsmith.

- 3 **Michelle Ng**, a first-year forward from Milton, MA, who played for Assabet Valley. **Michelle** is the daughter of Maryellen Fitzgerald and Richard Ng.
- 4 **Kelly Sabatine**, a first-year forward from Hamilton, ON, who played for the Stony Creek Jr. Sabres. **Kelly** is the daughter of Karen and Mick Sabatine.
- 5 **Ashley Scott**, a first-year forward from Ithaca, NY, who played for the Syracuse Stars. **Ashley** is the daughter of Carol and Jeff Scott.
- 6 **Kayla Sullivan**, a first-year forward from Caledonia, ON, who played for the Stony Creek Jr. Sabres. **Kayla** is the daughter of Wendy and Ken Sullivan.
- 7 **Lauren Brozowski**, a junior defenseman from Concord, MA, a transfer student from the University of Connecticut. **Lauren** is the daughter of John and Sarah Brozowski.

Fans will be looking forward to meeting you during the coming season. Again, welcome all!

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY HELD SEPTEMBER 19

Early reports indicate that the tourney was an outstanding success. This from co-chair Don Clark:

“The day was very nice and the golfing was excellent. On Sept 10 I was in disbelief: we had only 13 teams and 36 hole sponsors, well below our record of 21 teams and 62 hole sponsors in 2008. Well! At tee-off time we had 24 teams and more total hole sponsorship than ever before. Co-chair Bob Freego did a great job and will be in charge next year and I will do the sponsorship part. The winning team was part of the Tupper Lake Crew captained by Allen Cote; for prizes they received St. Lawrence hockey jerseys donated by the coaches, with second-place prizes (micro-fleeces donated by Crow Smith) going to the Child family and third-place prize (golf clubs donated by Justin and Jake Harney) going to the Swamp entry from Akwesasne. **Bob Dupree** and **Nick Pitsikoulis** tied for the Putting Contest with Nick graciously conceding the championship and golf bag (donated by Pepsi-Cola of Ogdensburg) to Bob, since no hockey player is eligible to receive gifts. One of the Closest to the Pin Contests was actually chipped in by recruit **Matt Dyer**, so next-closest Bob Morgan received the prize, a Hartford Wolfpack Ryan Glenn jersey donated by Bob Freego, which was actually donated back to the FRIENDS as a possible fund-raiser. Other winners Don Leonard and **Shawn Fensel** ‘09 received Remington art prints donated by **Wes Stitt**.”

Sincere thanks to Don and Bob for their stellar work on this year’s tournament!

AVAILABLE NOW: SAINTS HOCKEY HISTORY AT BREWER BOOKSTORE

Go Saints! The Saga of St. Lawrence University Hockey, 1912-2001 is off the printing press and available at Brewer Bookstore. The oversize, deluxe-format book is profusely illustrated with photos of past players, coaches and teams, many in color, and traces the history of men’s and women’s hockey at St. Lawrence from the time that the first rink was created on campus in the early 20th century. It features a foreword by **Brian McFarlane** ’55. Many favorable comments have already been received from hockey alumni and others who have seen the book. Cover price is \$39.95. To order, or for further information, contact Brewer Bookstore at (315)229-5460.

FRIENDS’ 2009-10 OFFICERS, BOARD ELECTED

At the FSLH annual meeting the following officers were elected: Chair, Harold Phippen; Vice Chair: Mick Harrington; Secretary: Darlene Leonard; Treasurer: Tari Briggs. Other board

members are Scott Chisholm, Colleen Coakley, Eric Foote, Kendall Lawrence and Penny Pitts. Committee chairs will be appointed at the October meeting and announced in the next *Center Ice*.

FSLH WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING!

Don't forget to visit the FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY website, www.friendsofstlawrencehockey.com, which is updated regularly and features game photos and breaking news. While you're at it, add it to your "Favorites" list. Our thanks to Webmaster Bob LaRue, Assistant Eric Foote, and our board liaison Penny Pitts for designing and maintaining this website in a manner that serves our members' needs.

50-50 RAFFLES, FRIENDS' APPLETON SALES BOOTH: HELP WANTED!

Anyone who can spare time during home games to help with 50-50 raffle ticket sales is asked to contact Harold Phippen at (315)328-4545, e-mail at hbhip@slic.com Also, Board Member Penny Pitts has again generously agreed to administer the FSLH sales booth at Appleton, but needs volunteers to help her maintain the operation at home games. If you are willing to assist Penny, and/or maybe sub for her at games she cannot attend, please contact her by phone at (315)379-0977 or e-mail at ppitts1@twcny.rr.com

TIME TO RE-JOIN!

The new FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY year begins this month, so all memberships are up for renewal. We can't afford to lose even one member, so if you haven't "re-upped" yet, please do so today. This issue contains a form that lists the membership levels and the "perks" that accompany each level. Oh, and if you've already resolved to renew, why not consider upgrading your membership? The dues proceeds all go toward supporting our teams!



REMEMBERING RUTH HALEY, A GREAT "FRIEND" OF SAINTS HOCKEY

Ruth Haley, devoted fan of both St. Lawrence and Clarkson hockey, passed away on August 17,

2009. It is interesting to note that she was born in 1912, the very year on which the first ice rink was constructed on the St. Lawrence campus. Close friends Glen and Doni Peters contributed this fond reminiscence:

“A lot of us will remember Ruth and her fur coat. She would wear it to all the games, but would never take it off, no matter how warm she got, even at the after-game get-togethers. She had a great fondness for all the players and coaches; in fact she would often think of plays that the team should do (stating that in her next life she would be a hockey coach), then present it to the coach and call all the players and advise them about her ideas, and tell them to keep shooting the puck, even the goalie. (Of course he said, ‘Ruth, I am the *goalie!*’)

“In memory of Ruth a fund has been set up for a memorial bench to be placed in front of Appleton Arena. If anyone would like to donate to her memorial, you can send a check to Brenda O’Brien at Appleton Arena, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617. Please write ‘Ruth Haley Memorial’ on your check and include your e-mail address if you have one so Brenda can notify you that she received your check.”

Thanks to Seymour Funeral Home of Potsdam for the photo of Ruth.

GET-WELL WISHES

The FRIENDS OF ST. LAWRENCE HOCKEY extend best wishes to former Board Member Janet Stitt for a speedy recovery from recent surgery. Janet is the wife of **Wes Stitt** ’57; both Janet and **Wes** give generously of their time and resources in support of Saints hockey.

SAINTS HOCKEY ALUM NEWS

Congratulations to **Jacques Martin** ’75, newly appointed coach of the Montreal Canadiens. Jacques comes to the Habs from previous NHL positions with the Florida Panthers and Ottawa Senators.

From **Kristin Bonnie** ’99: “I received my Ph.D. in Psychology from Emory University in 2007, and I’m currently an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Beloit College, Beloit, WI. I haven’t played hockey since leaving SLU, but have gotten back into running – two half-marathons so far, and a marathon on tap this fall.”

From **Emily Stein** ’01: “I’m a clinical specialist/intake coordinator at McMaster Children’s Hospital (Hamilton, ON). Hockey-wise, I’m entering my fifth season as an assistant coach with the York University women’s hockey team (Toronto, ON).”

From **Kyla McKee Solomon** ’97: “After graduating from SLU I went to Clarkson to receive my MBA. I work for IBM in the corporate tax department specializing in state and local tax. I married my SLU boyfriend, Mark Solomon, in May 2005, and we had a son, Grant, in April 2007. We live in Mt. Kisco, NY (Westchester County). We try to get to the men’s game at Yale every year where we enjoy catching up with alumni and coaches. We still follow the women’s team and have truly enjoyed seeing all the success the team has had in recent years. Keep it going Saints!”



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