

Saint Mary's Men's Basketball Season Tips Off Friday

By Michael Sakoda



Front row from left: Paul McCoy, Beau Levesque, Dane Pineau, Brad Waldow, Matt Hodgson, Garrett Jackson, Treaven Duffy; back row from left: Kerry Carter, Jordan Giusti, James Walker III, Eividas Petrulis, Calvin Hermanson, Stephen Holt, Joe Coleman, Emmett Naar
Photo Tod Fierner

Despite a great end to the last season, the Saint Mary's men's basketball team is in for a tough season this year. The Gaels open their 2013-2014 campaign on Friday, Nov. 8 at home against Louisiana Tech.

Last year, the team finished with a 28-7 record (16-1 at home, 14-2 in WCC), the sixth straight year the Gaels have won 25 or more games. SMC also earned its third NCAA Tournament bid in the last four years, where they defeated Middle Tennessee State 67-54 as part of the First Four, before falling 54-52 to No. 6 Memphis in the second round.

"We've had a nice run of teams, of guys and good leaders ... but there's no way to top that team in terms of how much they achieved with what they had," said head coach Randy Bennett. "Everyone talks about (Dellavedova), but there was a whole group of them that did it and they all were important."

Matthew Dellavedova, now a reserve with the Cleveland Cavaliers, was one of four seniors lost to graduation along with center Kyle Rowley and forwards Tim Williams and Mitchell Young, but they have a new group of leaders ready to step up.

"Holt will fill Dellavedova's position in terms of running the point," said Bennett. "Matt Hodgson will play more...(Brad) Waldow will play more, and Garrett Jackson and Beau (Levesque) will play the four."

Both Holt (11.6 ppg, 5.4 reb, 1.2 stl, All-WCC Honorable Mention) and Waldow (10.2 ppg, 6.0 reb, 61.8 field goal percentage) were named to the Pre-Season All-WCC Team.

"Holt's basically been an All-Conference guy the last two years ... for whatever reason, they only put one guy from our team on (the All-

WCC Team) last season," said Bennett. "But I expect (them) to get better. Delly got better every year, so did Mickey and Omar. I think they will too."

In addition to the standouts, the Gaels add depth in forwards Dane Pineau, Jackson, Calvin Hermanson and in guard Kerry Carter.

"The way (the new guys) push everyone to get better is amazing," said redshirt sophomore Jordan Giusti. "Their attitudes are great...all just really excited to be here."

The WCC hasn't gotten any easier. Pre-season polls have the Gaels third in the conference behind BYU and Gonzaga.

The Gaels are facing more than just adversity on the court as they continue to deal with the fallout from the NCAA sanctions imposed last season.

Bennett is suspended for the first five WCC games of the season and has been prohibited from off-campus recruiting for a 1-year period. The school's scholarships have been reduced (from 13 to 11) for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons.

While Bennett is away, the Gaels face Gonzaga on the road and host league rivals San Francisco and Santa Clara.

"I have to sit out the first five conference games, and that will be a tricky one," said Bennett. "We'll (also) have to be more efficient with our scholarships ... we can do it with 11, but it will be harder."

At the end of the day, though, Bennett has faith in his team.

"I like our team, but to do what the other teams have done, we have to do things about perfect," he said. "Every team has its own story ... every team is different ... this team has

the pieces, whether we can get them to fit right, and fast enough, remains to be seen."

Saint Mary's Sports Round-Up

After getting swept in straight sets to No. 9 San Diego at home, the Gaels **volleyball** team (13-7, 9-3 in WCC) defeated No. 19 BYU in a come-from-behind thriller. Dropping the first two games, the Gaels won the next three to upset the Cougars on Oct. 26. In third place in the WCC, SMC traveled to Stockton and beat Pacific on Halloween. They face Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount next week, before returning home on Nov. 14 to take on Santa Clara.

With three top-20 teams in the WCC, the **women's soccer** team (6-12, 2-5 in WCC) has faced some tough competition. The Gaels dropped two games against their Northwest rivals, No. 11 Portland and Gonzaga this past weekend. SMC closes out its season on the road. The Gaels travel to take on USD (3-4 in WCC) on Thursday, before heading to Utah to face No. 20 BYU on Nov. 9.

After a tough season, the **men's soccer** team (3-3-2 in WCC) celebrated Senior Day in dramatic fashion, winning in overtime 2-1 against USD on Nov. 3. Junior Michael Semenza scored in the 98th minute off an assist from senior Justin Howard. The Gaels have another home game against USF today, Nov. 6 before they close out their season on the road against Santa Clara and their Northwest rivals.

Lamorinda Soccer Club Boo Fest Results

Submitted by Corinna Sassano



U10 Navy Boys

Photos provided

Lamorinda Soccer Club participated in the Impact Boo Fest Soccer Tournament in Brentwood on Oct. 26-27. Several of the teams finished with top honors.

The Lamorinda United U10 Navy boys' team was the runner-up.

The Lamorinda U10 White boys' team, nicknamed Team Zombies, beat opponents, 5-3 and 6-2. They only dropped one game, 0-2.

The Lamorinda U10 Navy girls' team, nicknamed the Cal Super Heroes, finished in second place. They won four games in a row.

The Lamorinda United U11 White boys' team, nicknamed the Killer Bees, was the runner-up.

The Lamorinda U11 Navy girls' team placed second.

The Lamorinda U12 Navy boys' team took first place, beating the Mustangs 2-1 in the finals.



Team Zombies



Cal Super Heroes



The Killer Bees



The U11 girls' navy team



The U12 boys' navy team

Lafayette Reservoir Run Results

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 21st annual Lafayette Reservoir Run on Oct. 27. Here are the top Lamorinda finishers:

- 5k:**
- Female 2-7 years old:**
2 Stella Hatch Lafayette
3 Emily Jones Lafayette
- Female 8-10 years old:**
2 Megan Go Lafayette
3 Lyla Cox Lafayette
- Female 11-13 years old:**
2 Isabella Chao Lafayette
- Female 14-18 years old:**
1 Hannah Ruane Moraga
3 Lindsay Wilson Lafayette
- Female 19-24 years old:**
1 Alessandra Pichelli Orinda
2 Wendy Berner Lafayette
- Female 40-49 years old:**
1 Diane Batchelor Lafayette
3 Amy Starr Lafayette
- Female 50-59 years old:**
2 Arona Ragins Orinda
- Female 60-69 years old:**
1 Betsy Barsamian-Teman Orinda
2 Linda Herkenhoff Orinda
- Female 70-79 years old:**
2 Audrey Richardson Lafayette
3 Rosemary Bredahl Lafayette
- Female 80 and over:**
1 Dee Farkas Lafayette
2 Joan Bruzzone Lafayette
- Male 2-7 years old:**
1 Jake Boselli Lafayette

- 2 Tiago Jordan Orinda
3 Tomas Jorcino Lafayette
- Male 8-10 years old:**
2 Gabriel Lund Lafayette
3 Marco Chao Lafayette
- Male 11-13 years old:**
1 Cayden Hein Moraga
3 Brandon Hein Moraga
- Male 14-18 years old:**
1 Pete Bull Lafayette
2 Nikolaus Moore Lafayette
3 Jack Mader Orinda
- Male 19-29 years old:**
2 Ryan Troxel Lafayette
3 Achim Christner Orinda
- Male 40-49 years old:**
1 Chris Dodge Lafayette
- Male 50-59 years old:**
1 Keith Duncan Orinda
- Male 60-69 years old:**
1 Martin Brook Lafayette
- Male 70-79 years old:**
1 Robert Gormley Moraga
- Male 80 and over:**
1 Joe Azalde Lafayette
- 10k:**
- Female 2-7 years old:**
1 Esther Dean Lafayette
- Female 11-13 years old:**
1 Carly Harris Orinda
2 Sarah Burnick Orinda
3 Emersyn White Lafayette

- Female 14-18 years old:**
1 Katie Coates Moraga
2 Georgia Roden Orinda
3 Samantha Martin Lafayette
- Female 19-24 years old:**
1 Rachel Carpenter Lafayette
- Female 30-39 years old:**
1 Maia Siu Lafayette
2 Monica Phillips Lafayette
- Female 40-49 years old:**
1 Tasha McNamara Lafayette
2 Paige Dunn Moraga
- Female 60-69 years old:**
2 Connie Chiba Moraga
3 Joan White Orinda
- Male 8-10 years old:**
1 Taj Donthineni Moraga
- Male 11-13 years old:**
1 James Bull Lafayette
3 Bradley Sides Lafayette
- Male 14-18 years old:**
2 Vinny Gladden Lafayette
3 Will Coates Moraga
- Male 19-29 years old:**
2 Michael Kent Lafayette
- Male 30-39 years old:**
3 Fontel Flowers Lafayette
- Male 40-49 years old:**
1 Darren Baker Lafayette
3 Chris Maxwell Lafayette
- Male 50-59 years old:**
2 David Trahan Orinda
3 Tony Montano Moraga