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Things turned around for Hilbert after the 2-6 start. They went on a 9-2 tear averaging almost 82 points per game during that run. Some of the high-lights were when the Hawks scored a season high of 111 points over Mount Aloysius (1/14/12); an 87-78 overtime win against Pitt-Greensburg; a commanding 97-72 rematch victory over La Roche (1/21/12) and a two-point big-time rally victory over D’Youville College (86-84, on 1/11/12). The lone losses were the first game back after the Christmas holiday (Medaille) and the second one-possession overtime defeat to Behrend (69-66 on 1/25/12). During the final month of the long season, the Hawks survived as they split the final games six games (3-3) with wins over Franciscan, Pitt-Bradford and Penn State Altoona.

With an 11-7 league record, the Hawks earned the fourth seed and the right to host a first round play-off game. Hilbert took total command of the February 21 game against D’Youville as they built an 11-point lead with just over nine minutes to go in the first half. D’Youville cut that lead to nine points on the next possession, yet Hilbert extended the double-digit lead en route to their 92-72 win, propelling them to their fourth semi-final game since the 2005 play-offs.

Facing Medaille College for the third time, the Hawks felt they had the Mavericks’ number. The Hawks rallied to a 31-27 half time deficit and knotted the game at with ten minutes left but by the final horn, Medaille’s depth and winners-mentality elevated them to a 63-52 victory. Hilbert finished the game with six more steals and four fewer turnovers than Medaille. The Mavericks held an eleven board advantage in rebounds (34-23) and a slight shooting advantage, but Hilbert’s 5 of 13 free throw shooting was no match for Medaille’s 8 of 10.

Statistically this year, the Hawks padded their points per game by four ticks, up from 72.7 ppg to 76.7 ppg this year. They held their opponents to just one point less per game, 73.9 ppg (2010-11) to 72.2 ppg (2011-12). Hilbert’s field goal percentage improved to 44.3% from 42.7% a year ago. But an impressive stat which contributed to the team’s success was the decrease in turnovers from 489 (2011) to 356 (2012). The Hawks finished +4.11 in turnover margin and an assist to turnover 1.2 ratio.

Senior leadership was vital to this year’s success. Guards Mike Maritato and Cody Troutman shared starting responsibilities during the season while Chris Hoak was a not-so-secret shooting weapon off the bench. All three bought into the role they played on the team and did their best when their number was called. Each averaged over ten minutes on the court with Hoak leading the trio in scoring (7.4 ppg) and shooting percentage (39.1%) while Troutman dished for 39 assists.

### The Men’s basketball season review

The success of the last year’s Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference semi-final contenders carried into the 2011-12 men’s basketball season. Returning were two players recognized by the AMCC for their contributions in 2010-11, as well as other experienced players who gained valuable minutes and experience one year earlier. Coach deGrandpre and his staff were able to weave the first year players into the program which propelled the Hawks to an 11-7 league record. Following the season-ending semi-final loss in the AMCC play-offs, Hilbert (15-12, 11-7) set several records since the Hawks joined the AMCC league in 2004. Along the way, Hilbert improved statistically in several categories which helped deGrandpre set Hilbert records for AMCC wins (11) and a new overall win record (15) reflective of his coaching staff’s dedication and the hard work and year-round commitment displayed by the Hawks.

In the early portion of the season, wins were hard to come by for the Hilbert. Their season opened with a road loss in a game that they dominated play. A last-second desperation shot by Nazareth College stole the win from Hilbert. The Hawks rebounded and captured their first win over Keuka College in round-one of the Hilbert College Tip-Off Tournament, but Utica College claimed the championship trophy with a victory over Hilbert. The Hawks ended November with losses to Oberlin and Alfred before they claimed their second win against Cazenovia on the 30th. AMCC league play opened with an expected road loss to La Roche College, the AMCC pre-season favorite. But, four nights later, the Hawks dropped their second heart breaker of the season, this time in overtime to Penn State Behrend (71-69).
The junior class had a solid season with Dan McFarland and Chris Parrott pushing their career totals towards and over 1,000 points this season. McFarland surpassed the milestone against Penn State Behrend and finished the season with 1,168 (7th in career standings) while Parrott sits at 986 points. McFarland repeated as an All-Conference selection, jumping to the First Team up from Second Team one season ago as a sophomore. Parrott slotted a spot on the Third Team All-Conference.

Two junior college transfers gave the Hawks additional collegiate experience while improving their depth off the bench. Isaac Bushey stepped up often and hit the much-needed big three point shot and Anthony Hodge's calm and cool guard play surprised opponents when he stopped and popped the long ball or drove quickly to the rim for two.

Last year's Rookie of the Year, CJ Hodge, directed the Hawks' offense and led the team to a number two finish in the league with only 229 turnovers (12.7 turnovers per game), just three more than the league leader. Hodge averaged 31 minutes a game and dished a team high 107 assists. Jordan VanDunk came back from a season-ending injury a year ago and showed signs of greatness as the season came to an end averaging 13 points per game during the final month of the season. Another post player with signs of promise was Barry Mason. His 55.8 field goal percentage led the Hawks and he finished fourth in blocks after averaging almost twelve minutes per game. His ability to get to the rim for two.

With the expected return of several seasoned players, coach Peterson and his staff anticipate the 2012 incoming team. With sixteen games remaining on their schedule, coach Peterson prepared his Hawks for the intense portion of the season's schedule. As games are played on Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons, the Hawks were always on the run. They opened in January against Medaille before they captured their first AMCC win in four years with a 67-34 road victory at Franciscan. Just two games later, the confidence after their first win carried them into a 68-59 triumph at D'Youville College. Hilbert took three straight losses (two at home, one on the road) before they hosted the College of New Rochelle in a rematch from last year's first meeting. The Hawks repeated the previous year's results taking a 59-48 win on January 22. Hilbert played through the remainder of the AMCC schedule dropping three road games and four home contests.

The Hawks improved statistically as the year progressed. During the fall semester portion of their schedule, against predominantly non-conference opponents, Hilbert averaged 40 points per game. After the two week Christmas holiday break, the Hawks returned to action and improved their offensive output by almost six points per game the rest of the season. Comparatively, Hilbert raised their scoring average by five points per game and held opponents to two fewer points per game than one season ago.

Three players started all 25 games for Hilbert over the course of the season. Senior Julie Bossard averaged 6.1 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per contest as she pushed her career totals to 734 points, 685 rebounds and 173 blocked shots. Freshman Sarah Lorusso stepped into a starting role and averaged almost 3 assists in her 29 games played, the sophomore averaged 11.5 points and team leading 8.3 rebounds per game. The team's leading scorer was Natalie Whitman who transferred to the Hamburg campus at the semester break. In her 16 games played, the sophomore averaged 11.5 points and team leading 8.3 rebounds per contest. Tiana Cheasman averaged 30 minutes per game, led the Hawks with 39 steals and averaged 6.5 ppg and 4.3 rpg during her first year of collegiate play.

Three players earned double-doubles this season with Cheasman credited midway through the season against Mount Aloysius with 15 points/13 rebounds. Labuski produced her first of three against Cazenovia (17 points/11 rebounds) and hit D’Youville up both games this year after scoring 20 and 11 points combined with 12 and 10 rebounds. Whitman accomplished the feat three times as well after she settled into the Hawk's style of play. She netted 17 points and garnered 14 rebounds against D’Youville before she grabbed 18 rebounds and scored 12 points against Bradford and scored 19 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in the teams final game of the season against Altoona. Five different players shared high-scoring honors during the year. Bossard and Whitman each led six times, while Labuski (five), Cheasman (four) and Lorusso (three) stepped in when needed to carry the team.

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Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Winter 2011-12 Honorees

First Team All-Conference:
Dan McFarland (Lancaster, NY/St. Mary’s) junior, basketball

Third Team All-Conference:
Chris Parrott (Warsaw, NY/Warsaw) senior, basketball

All-Conference Sportsmanship Team:
Cody Troutman (South Dayton, NY/Pine Valley) senior, basketball
Julie Bossard (Arkport, NY/Canisteo-Greenwood) senior, basketball

AMCC Player of the Week
Dan McFarland, basketball, Jan. 17, 2012
Adam Weaver, volleyball, Feb. 27, 2012

Hilbert College Student-Athletes of the Month
December:
Dan McFarland, basketball

January:
Dan McFarland, basketball

February:
Adam Weaver, volleyball
Jordan VanDunk, Basketball

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Noteworthy News:

2010 Women’s Soccer Named to the 2011 NSCAA Team Academic Award Winners

Kansas City, KS – The Hilbert College’s women’s soccer team has earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Women’s Team Academic Award for achieving the team cumulative GPA of 3.0 of higher during the 2010-11 academic year, making this the third year in a row and sixth overall that the team has received this distinction.

For the first time in since Hilbert College joined the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference, all 19 of the women’s soccer players were named to the AMCC Academic All-Conference team for earning a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or higher.

The 2010 Hilbert women’s soccer team earned a 3.57 cumulative GPA. Of the other women’s team honored by the NSCAA, only 16 institutions earned a higher GPA than the Hawks in 2010-11. A total of 789 teams (571 women and 218 men) nationwide were recognized for this honor.

The 2010 team members were: Amber Bailey, Robbi Bailey, Nicole Blair, Julie Bossard, Maria DelMoncao, Rebecca Elensky, Nicole Estep, Amber Gросch, Alyssa Hulbert, Elizabeth James, Chelsey Jones, Samantha Lawrence, Jessica Morey, Katie Newton, Kayla Norman, Jessie Roland, Emily Schilling, Sarah Schmidt and Mary Zinni.

The Hilbert College baseball team host- ed two baseball clinics during the year. Their first date on December 18 was so popular that Coach Pernick and the boys hosted a second clinic February 11. All money raised was applied towards the team’s spring trip to Florida.

Late in the season, the men’s and women’s basketball games were streamed LIVE for Hawk families and opposing team’s fans who did not travel to Hamburg. The on-line view- ing was so popular, the Sports Information Office continued streaming during the men’s volleyball season. Several athletic events are stored on-line and can STILL be watched. Go to: www.ustreamtv.com and search for “HilbertHawks” in the sports section.

The Digital Media and Communications majors also broadcasted games live on Hawk Radio, the new on-line college radio station.

The varsity team locker room space in the Hafner Recreation Center became a real challenge for the athletics department with the addition of the 2011 men’s and 2013 women’s lacrosse teams. The physical plant, administration and the athletics department showed great team work with the January 2012 completion of two new team locker rooms in the basement of Trinity Hall, the three-story dorm situated near the varsity competition field at the back of campus. The soccer and lacrosse teams will use the locker rooms during their seasons.
HILBERT COLLEGE ATHLETICS
HALL OF FAME GUIDELINES

PURPOSE

To recognize athletes, coaches and/or administrators who have made outstanding contributions to the intercollegiate athletics program at Hilbert College.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A. Athletes
   • It is suggested that the athlete graduated 5 or more years ago from the college;
   • Attended Hilbert and participated in athletics for at least 2 years
   • Demonstrated superior athletic performance and contributed to the success of the athletics program while at the college;
   • Are of worthy citizenship and a positive role model.
B. Coaches
   • Demonstrated superior competence and professionalism while at the college;
   • Are of worthy citizenship and a positive role model.
C. Administrators
   • Demonstrated superior competence and professionalism while at the college;
   • Are of worthy citizenship and a positive role model.
D. Honorary
   • Do not fit in the above categories but have made a significant contribution to Hilbert College Athletics and/or a significant impact in regional, state, national, professional, or international levels of athletics
   • May include counselors, Faculty Athletics Reps, etc.
   • Are of worthy citizenship and a positive role model

NOMINATIONS

Written nominations will be accepted by Alumni Office at Hilbert College and those nominations will be shared with the hall of fame committee at Hilbert College on an on-going basis. Nominations must be on file before the initial selection committee meeting to be considered for induction in the fall of that year. Completed nominations should include a current resume of the nominee's achievements in athletics, the profession, and civic activities. Candidates nominated for induction remain eligible for five years. Candidates must be present in order to be inducted into the Hilbert College Athletics Hall of Fame. (If deceased, a member of the family must be in attendance at the induction ceremonies)

PROCESS

Hilbert College nomination form must be completed and submitted to the Alumni Office. Person making the nomination must visit the College's website to access the nomination form, complete and return the form by August 31 each year. http://www.hilbert.edu/alumni/alumni-awards.