

## **Coach Schafer's Notes for October 16, 2018**

CORNELL 6, Laurentian (exhibition)

Well, we certainly had plenty of special teams play in the exhibition opener last Saturday night. We scored five power-play goals (5x11) and killed off all six penalties assessed to our team.

I thought the start of the game went well even though we allowed a goal just 2:51 into the evening. It certainly was a fast-paced contest. We also got a good look at our freshmen and they did well. Because of injuries, we played without last-year regular forwards, junior Jeff Malott and sophomores, Brenden Locke and Cam Donaldson.

Traditionally, I only like one freshman per line, but with the three upperclassmen out of the lineup, we went with multiple freshmen on lines. They were all over the place, but certainly won't represent what we'll have down the road.

After going down 1-0 early, we got it together and really weren't tested. Sophomore Morgan Barron got the first goal on a wraparound to knot the score at 1-1, 6:07 into the first period. Six different players scored goals with Barron and sophomore defenseman Alex Green going 1-1. The first 20 minutes ended with a one-all tie though we outshot them, 21-4.

The final 40 minutes gave us nine power plays and five goals. Senior center Beau Starrett made it 3-1 on a two-man advantage and then sophomore forward Tristan Mullin made it 4-1 to close out the second-period scoring.

Freshman forwards Zach Bramwell and Chase Brakel were third-period scorers, with assists from classmates Michael Regush and Liam Motley, respectively. Sophomore goaltender Matthew Galajda even got in on the points list with an assist on Barron's second-period goal.

We held a 54-16 advantage in shots on goal. Each of our three goaltenders played a period with sophomore Austin McGrath in the nets for the first period and earning the win. He had three saves, Galajda tallied five and freshman Nate McDonald stopped seven.

The goaltenders weren't tested often and we'll go back to practice and see how they perform during the week. They did a good job in the net on Saturday.

The Red-White Game at 7 PM on Saturday night includes both men's and women's teams. We play another exhibition vs. Guelph at 4 PM on Sunday. Michigan State opens the regular-season with a pair of games at Lynah Rink on Oct. 26-27.