

CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR

Men's soccer team narrowly misses Atlantic 10 Tournament



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Senior defender and captain Alex Trujillo scored 11 goals in his collegiate career. He plans to play soccer semi professionally upon graduation.

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With one game remaining in a season of ups and downs, the men's soccer team took it upon themselves to send their three senior leaders off with a win. On a night full of energy and emotion, the Dukes handily defeated St. Bonaventure University 3-1.

The seniors — captain defender Alex Trujillo, midfielder Kevin Foglesong and forward Matthew Groves, were clearly the focal point of the night. Groves, in particular, relished in the spotlight. He scored two goals, a long-range strike to open up the scoring, and a calm, collected finish in the closing minutes to seal the victory.

"We all talked about it. We were going out with a bang. And we talked about their goalie—

he comes off his line a lot. I saw him off his line and I figured, why not go for it," Groves said about the game and his first goal.

For most of the season, goals were hard for Groves to come by. It was only fitting that he end his four years in the red, white and blue Duquesne outfit with a career night.

"Goals haven't come easily this year," Groves said. "We're one of the most unlucky teams in the A-10. We outshoot teams, but can't score — go back and look at the stats. I had a disappointing year, too. But everyone had a feeling tonight that it was our game."

While the Dukes and the Bonnies were even with 17 shots-on-goal each, the Dukes dominated in possession and never looked back once they found the lead.

It took 40 minutes of scoreless soccer to produce Groves' opening goal. Less than two minutes later, sophomore forward Tyler Tompkins mimicked Groves' heroics with another long-range effort, bending his left-footed strike into the goal's upper right-hand corner.

The second half opened with a brief spell of offense for the Bonnies, during which they drew one goal back to make it 2-1. But the Dukes quickly resumed their control of the game. Their seven second-half offsides proved their excitement and determination to finish the season with a win.

"It was good to see the team bounce back [after last weekend's losses] and beat a team like St. Bonaventure," said Foglesong, who recorded his first collegiate assist on Groves' first goal. "I kind of just wanted to go out on a win."

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Pens suffering from goal drought

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It is difficult to complain about a team that opened the season with 12 wins in its first 18 games. For the Pittsburgh Penguins, there is not much to be upset about as they show little to no effect of the "Stanley Cup hangover" many teams display the year after winning hockey's ultimate chalice.

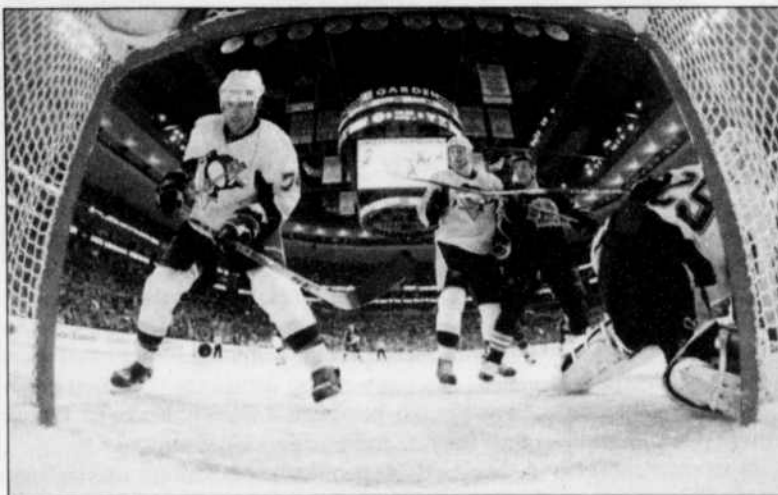
However, it is still easy to find the one glaring weakness of this team. I hate to be "that guy" and point out the negative when there are so many positives, but a weakness is a weakness and needs to be addressed nonetheless.

The team is abysmal on power plays and shows no signs of getting it together, while power play quarterback Sergei Gonchar and defending Art Ross and Conn Smythe award winner Evgeni Malkin are out with injuries. Since losing Malkin to a shoulder injury,

the power play unit is a miserable 0 for 17. When the team lost Gonchar, they were only 15th in the league with a success rate of just over 20 percent.

Having a success rate of 20 percent is usually good, but when you find yourself in the middle of the pack, you need to improve. Fixing the power play sounds like an easy assignment, so let me see if I, a hockey fan with no coaching experience, can make a few suggestions.

The easiest thing to improve is getting more shots on goal. When Sidney Crosby and a healthy Evgeni Malkin and Sergei Gonchar are on the top power play unit, anything less than a 25-percent rate is just unacceptable. Too often, Malkin and Crosby look for the perfect play and continue to pass the puck back and forth while no one goes to the net. Three seasons ago, the Penguins were fifth in the league in power play scoring when they used a special backdoor play: Crosby would pass the puck to a



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Goals have not come easy for the Penguins on the powerplay this year.

breaking Ryan Whitney, who had a wide open net.

Ever since Whitney returned from injury, then was subsequently traded, the Penguins have stopped consistently trying it. In the game against the Tampa Bay Lightning earlier this season they tried it with

Alex Bay Goligoski. But a nice save by Tampa goalie Antero Niitymäki prevented a goal, and they have not tried the play since. Goligoski and, when healthy, Kris Letang, have a tremendous shot, and the

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The choice of who to cheer

For most new college students, many choices arise, including what to pack, how to organize your room and how to pay for school and food. But what about what teams to root for?

I recognize that many Duquesne students, probably the majority, grew up within half an hour of Pittsburgh. But what about those of us who did not? Do we stay true to our hometown teams? Or do we hop on the bandwagon and then take criticism for cheering on the local teams?

The choice might seem simple to the hardcore fans — be real. But not everyone has strong connections to the teams from their hometown. Some college students are just sports fans in general.

Some other students just happen not to live near a major league team. Who do you root for when you live hours away from any team?

There will always be apathetic fans; they are the ones who hardly watch sports and have no spirit for a specific team. But many students go to schools a few hours away from home and have teams that are actually winners.

For example, I am from a small town about an hour outside Philadelphia. My family cheers for the Eagles, Flyers and Phillies and, in all likelihood, they always will.

I never developed a real connection to the Eagles (perhaps because they were not so good when I was younger) or the Flyers. So when I came to Pittsburgh, I had plenty of reasons to become one of the Steelers and Penguins faithful.

It sure does not hurt that during my four years here, the Steelers won a Super Bowl and the Penguins won a Stanley Cup. In fact, the Steelers have a 65 percent winning percentage since I came to Duquesne, and the Penguins have a 58 percent mark, including the playoffs. It's never hard to root for winners.

People might say that reasoning is cheap, lame or pathetic, that I

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Duquesne University has more vaccines than county

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The ACHD has not received enough vaccines to plan an implement a mass clinic, which has been its goal, according to Silvestri.

"A clinic is impossible with the little amount of vaccines that we have," she said.

Hollie Senior, deputy press secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Health, said all of the planning took place based on the projections from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a federal agency.

"To our knowledge, every county or municipal health department in the state has received some vac-

cines," Senior said.

Senior said the state has been struggling with manufacturer delays.

"We realize there are a limited number of vaccines," Senior said. "We are trying to do the best we can."

According to its Web site, the Department of Health targeted the following groups to receive the vaccine as a priority: pregnant women, caregivers of infants, healthcare workers and emergency medical personnel, people between the ages of six months and 24 years, college students and people under 65 with underlying health conditions.

The CDC planned allocation were based on how many people could be treated with specific types of vaccines, which include nasal mist and injection, as well as the amount of doses requested. The state acts as a vendor, ordering for the organizations that request vaccines from the federal government.

"The demand is, at this time, unfortunately higher than the supply," Senior said.

To receive vaccines, hospitals, physicians and schools had to pre-request through the state and then get certified to distribute.

Senior said organizations that registered early were more likely

to receive vaccines. Duquesne University was one of the first to pre-register, according to Barbara Galderise, director of Health Service.

Galderise said she was "very diligent" about ordering the vaccines and monitored the state's Web site constantly.

"I think we were lucky to get it," Galderise said. "[College students] are a targeted priority."

Other local schools have also received vaccines. The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University received approximately the same number as Duquesne.

According to Senior, the state was aware that once schools were

back in session, "the disease was likely to spread like wildfire." The state still is attempting to order as many vaccines as can be allocated, she added.

"We realize [organizations] may not have received what they requested, or even come close to what they requested," she said.

Duquesne has given out more than half of its doses since receiving them a month ago. As of Wednesday evening, the University had administered approximately 1150 vaccines.

The final Health Service clinic will be from 3 - 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, in the Towers Multipurpose Room.

Falling short

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We wanted to get everyone on the same page, and it wasn't difficult to do that."

Throughout the season, however, it seemed that the Dukes were not always on the same page. Despite their winning record, the Dukes struggled with inconsistency all year, failing to put together more than three consecutive wins.

Going into Halloween weekend with an Atlantic-10 Tournament spot on the line, the Dukes needed only one win to qualify with games away at Massachusetts and Rhode Island. They lost both contests, 1-2 and 0-1, respectively, making Friday's win merely one for consolation. It marked the third year in a row that the team failed to earn a conference tournament birth.

"It's disappointing not making the tournament," head coach Jake Ouimet said. "It's difficult to make that top six."

The top six teams in the 14-team Atlantic 10 Conference make the postseason tournament. The Dukes finished seventh in the regular season.

A 9-7-2 record was an improvement, though. Throughout the previous two years, the Dukes managed to win only nine games combined.

Trujillo has been through thick and thin with the Dukes during his collegiate career, and said he believes this is just the beginning of good things to come.

"I was [Coach Ouimet's] first recruit," Trujillo said. "I think what [he] is bringing in here is good. The program is on the rise."

Ouimet said he is also optimistic about what the future holds.

"We're a young team. We had good leadership with those seniors, but we're a young team. We were pretty much in every game outside of the Maryland one," Ouimet said. "Our goals are to continue improving, and next year, we'll have enough veterans to carry us through the stretch."

In 2010, the Dukes will return with their top two leading scorers, freshman Josh Patterson and Tompkins. Filling the defensive void left by Trujillo and Foglesong will be a bit more of a concern, though the Dukes will have Gavin Stabbe and Jamie Waugh in the back line for their senior years.

For one departing Duke, his soccer career might not yet be over. Trujillo hopes to play semi-professionally after graduating from Duquesne.

"I'm going to use the offseason to stay in shape and look to play in the USL, or something. Maybe I'll get a tryout with the Riverhounds. And after that, I'll maybe get into coaching," said Trujillo.

Ouimet has plenty of faith in his trustworthy four-year player, and most recent captain.

"Alex has been the best leader since I've been [at Duquesne]. He has tremendous skill on the ball — from going from a forward [his first two years at Duquesne] to a defender his last two years. And I think he's the best player in the A-10 in the air."

DU students, faculty serve overseas

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someone. But you had to keep that professional distance and that was tough for some of our soldiers."

Dobish said he remembers handing out a Red Cross message to one of the prisoners. A Red Cross message is a letter for the prisoner from family members who were screened by security. He noticed afterward that the prisoner was looking down and upset. After asking what was wrong, Dobish discovered that the prisoner's mother was dying. The facility arranged a time for the prisoner to talk to his mother on the phone before she died.

"We treat people the way we would want to be treated if the roles were reversed. Our job was to look past judging what they did as right or wrong and do what I would want if I was in the same situation."

"I would want to talk to my mom one last time," Dobish said.

A long way from home

For soldiers, serving overseas meant more than learning a new culture.

In Iraq, the weather was an adjustment for soldiers. And it started as soon as the soldiers arrived.

"As soon as you got off the plane, the heat wave just hit you. The weather average was about 115-125 degrees everyday until around September, then it started to drop," Cardenas said. "Now its about 90-100 degrees during the day and at night around 65-80 degrees. To us, 65 [degrees] is chilly, we are wearing sweatpants and sweatshirts."

"When I first arrived, I was like, 'This isn't too bad, just humid.' But then when I went to Baghdad, I thought, 'Holy crap this is hot.' I had moisture evaporating out of my skin. And when it rained, the rain would evaporate before it hits the ground," Duquesne graduate student Nick Kleck, who served in Iraq in 2008.

But it was more than just being hot. Kleck said that there were the occasional sandstorms called haboobs, where soldiers couldn't see anything.

"The dust was so fine that it would get in everything, my hair, clothing,

everything. And sometimes, it would rain mud," Kleck said.

Besides the weather, the distance from friends and family is often hard for soldiers.

Almost every veteran in the Iraq War missed family and friends that lived in the states. Although they were able to communicate with the click of a mouse, it was often hard to be away from the lives they left behind.

"Life moves on, but you put your life on hold for a year," Kleck said. "I missed the elections, the Super Bowl, even the Stanley Cup."

And for a longtime hockey fan, that wasn't easy.

"Life goes on pause. For everyone else, they've changed and everything looks different. When I return, I start where they left off, whether it's social gatherings, the Pens' losing the Stanley Cup, or just new buildings," Kleck said.

The return

For veterans everywhere, one of the most publicized issues about "the return" is the transition period. In light of last week's events in Fort Hood, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other transition problems continue to be a focal point for returning veterans.

Heiple said, that since war has evolved, Americans have discovered more about themselves and how soldiers are exposed to combat stress. In previous wars, if soldiers couldn't handle stress, they were deemed cowardly, or yellow, or just inferior. But Heiple said that misconception is still around today.

"The Army wants to take care of their soldiers. Soldiers have a lot of confidence knowing that if they are ever injured on the battlefield or if something happens in training, there is a wealth of Army doctors, specialists and people who can help you. Well mental health is one aspect as well, and it's just as important as cardiovascular health and your nutrition and anything else," Heiple said.

Dobish said soldiers feel the pressures of living up to the image of being 'strong' people.

"It's tough for any soldier, but a lot tougher on males. The military is so

caught up on the idea that you can't show any weakness. Now, it's finally coming to light that people have these issues, and they don't go away," Dobish said.

According to Dobish, admitting that you have a problem seems like it might not be a difficult thing to do, but the military wants soldiers to become indestructible, so saying "Hey, I need some help," is not easy.

But this type of thinking may be changing.

"I think what it is, is that the Army leaders are discussing this more. I think the reason it's being brought to light, and now leaders are saying, 'Hey, we have issues here, now we have to sit down and talk about it,'" Dobish said.

Duquesne's outreach

From ROTC to Duquesne's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement, the University has provided a community for veterans as well as aspiring soldiers to earn an education on top of their military experience.

Duquesne organizations have also sent care packages to the task force in Iraq.

"Their cards, notes, letters and supplies did a great deal to boost morale, particularly at our more austere bases, where living conditions were pretty difficult. It meant a great deal to all of us for [Duquesne's] community to reach out like that," said Jen Grzbek Buckner, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

Duquesne's Psychology Clinic has also created a program for returning soldiers.

"Wars aren't over when the war is over. The legacy is carried on over and over again. The return is so much greater than stepping off a plane or a welcome back party," said Jeb Jungwirth, one of the three Ph.D. students involved in the clinic.

The program is free and is designed to provide an atmosphere for more personal relationships, where veterans feel comfortable attending.

"Where some people avoid seeking help, we don't want someone to fall through the cracks and turn away from treatment," Jungwirth said.