



West Chester University Men's Hockey
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Rams End Semester on High Note

The West Chester University Men's Hockey team hasn't had too much to celebrate during the first semester of the season. However, the Golden Rams ended the 2010 calendar year on a high note, winning two of their last three games.

The weekend after Thanksgiving, the Rams traveled to Wheeling, WV to take part in the Wheeling Mountaineer Invitational, hosted by West Virginia University, which happens to be head coach Shawn Dorsey's alma mater. "I loved my time at WVU. The school and the hockey program there hold a special place in my heart, but when I'm behind the bench, they're just another opponent to me," Coach Dorsey said. He also added, "its always special for me to get to go back to West Virginia, though." The Golden Rams opened up the tournament with #5 ranked Ohio University. The Bobcats completely overwhelmed an injury depleted WCU squad by a score of 8-1. **Joe Mango (Boothwyn, PA/Philadelphia Jr. Flyers)** scored the lone goal for WCU, while **Will Parra (Yorktown, NY/Brewster Bulldogs)** and **Matt Murnane (Smithtown, NY/Valley Forge Minutemen)** combined for the loss in net. In the consolation game of the tournament, the Rams took on #25 ranked Indiana University of PA. Despite being undermanned, the Rams defeated IUP in an up and down battle by a score of 6-4. WCU was led by junior **Tom Scocozza (Kunkletown, PA/Jersey Hitmen)**, who had a hat trick, and Will Parra, who got the win in goal. Coach Dorsey had this to say about the tournament: "It was a mixed bag for us this weekend and it really is a mirror image of our performance thus far showing inconsistency. We can play with the big boys if we show up to play, but that doesn't happen everyday."

The West Chester University Men's Hockey program would like to extend its gratitude to the WVU program on a successfully run tournament. Coach Dorsey said, "of all of the tournaments in the ACHA that I have been involved with as a player or a coach, this is the best run tournament that I've seen. It's first class, all of the people involved are extremely nice and helpful, and it was a great experience for this kids to get to play quality games in a pro arena."

This past weekend, WCU closed out the semester with a home-and-home series with Stony Brook University. On Saturday, despite a strong performance by Will Parra in goal, Stony Brook walked out of West Chester with a 4-0 victory. "I thought we played a pretty good game overall, but we could not capitalize on our opportunities," Coach Dorsey said. "Parra played one of his better games since he's been here, but he didn't get any help in the scoring department." Stony Brook added two late goals as West Chester was trying desperately to get

on the board, which led to the score not telling the true story of the game, which was a very close match up. On Sunday, Parra got the start in goal again as WCU traveled to Long Island, NY. After an offensive explosion in the first period, the score was tied at three a piece heading into the second period. WCU got goals from captain **Steve Jones (Denville, NJ/Jersey Wildcats)**, **Brain Ruskowski (Medford, NJ/Team Comcast)**, and **Tim Margadonna (Seagirt, NJ/Jersey Hitmen)** in the first period. The Rams would add two more in the second period on goals by Tom Scocozza and **Tim Higgins (Avon, NJ/Junior Titans)**, and Scocozza would add his second of the game on a shorthanded goal in the third period. Stony Brook, who had five powerplay opportunities, to none for West Chester, in third period, would add two powerplay goals in third, but WCU would hang on for a 6-5 victory. Coach Dorsey had this to say after the game: "I thought that the officiating was a little one sided in the third period. Stony Brook is a chippy, gritty team, which we knew going in, but the officiating was very one sided late in the game, and it showed. But we fought through the adversity, Parra played excellent, and got a well deserved win."

The Golden Rams are off for the rest of the calendar year, and return to action January 7th and 8th, 2011, when they travel to the University of Rhode Island.

Alumni Update

Jim Gehring '09 has signed with the Broome County Barons of the newly formed Federal Hockey League. Gehring, who is WCU's all-time leading scorer, has been named the Barons first ever team captain, and is currently leading the team in scoring, averaging better than a point per game.

For more information about the 2010-11 West Chester University Men's Hockey Team, please visit www.wcu hockey.com or contact a member of the team's staff.

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