

2005-06 Saint Michael's Men's Basketball

Saint Michael's at Vermont

Saturday, November 5, 2005 - 1 p.m.

Patrick Gymnasium - Burlington, Vt.

An Exhibition Contest

Exhibition



| SMC Probable Starters | | 2004-05 Stats | | |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------|--------------------------|--|
| Chris Cayole | Jr. F | 6-7 | 6.9 ppg/3.2 rpg/.818 ft% | |
| Milos Mirkovic | Jr. C | 6-8 | 8.6 ppg/6.6 rpg/.533 fg% | |
| Brian Monahan | So. F | 6-6 | 7.3 ppg/5.4 rpg/1.0 spg | |
| Brendan Mullins | Jr. G | 6-1 | 5.9 ppg/2.0 rpg/2.1 apg | |
| James Sorrentine | So. G | 5-10 | 14.4 ppg/2.4 rpg/97 3's | |

All-time series: Saint Michael's and Vermont have played 135 regular-season contests in their storied rivalry, with the Catamounts holding an 83-52 advantage. The last regular-season game was an 81-56 UVM win on Dec. 22, 2002, and in their last meeting, the Purple Knights dropped a 102-88 decision to the Catamounts in an exhibition contest on Nov. 6, 2004. Saint Michael's last victory versus Vermont was an 85-80 exhibition win on Nov. 11, 2000.

The Purple Knights: Saint Michael's went 1-3 on its four-game Canadian exhibition tour last month. The Purple Knights closed the trip with an 87-80 win versus McGill University in Montreal on Oct. 11. Saint Michael's also dropped a pair of decisions to Laval University of Quebec City, and lost its opener to Bishop's University, 82-70.

The Players: Saint Michael's returns its leading scorer from last season, sophomore **James Sorrentine**. A Northeast-10 Conference All-Rookie Team selection last year, Sorrentine averaged 14.4 points per contest in 2004-05 while hitting a program-record 97 3-pointers, leading all Division II freshmen. Sorrentine also led the squad in assists and minutes played (finishing fourth in the conference in minutes per game), and was a four-time NE-10 Freshman of the Week selection ... Senior co-captain and Burlington native **BJ Robertson** should also give the Purple Knights a lift in his final season (Robertson is expected to miss today's game due to injury). He was third on the team with 11.3 points per contest last year, and needs 186 points to become the 37th player in program history to reach the 1,000-point plateau ... Another Burlington native, junior **Chris Cayole**, is expected to produce for the Purple Knights. He led the squad with 15 blocks last year while averaging 6.9 points per contest ... Sophomore **Brian Monahan** will continue to provide Saint Michael's with solid post play. He led the team with 5.4 rebounds per game as a freshman while chipping in with 7.3 points per game ... Expected to contribute immediately is junior **Milos Mirkovic**, a transfer from the Community College of Rhode Island and Wingate University. Mirkovic averaged 8.6 points and 6.6 rebounds per contest for a strong CCRI team last year ... Junior **Brendan Mullins** is expected to bounce back from a subpar season last year. Despite his struggles, Mullins still led the team with 30 steals while hitting 27 3-pointers ... Junior **Ryan Maloney** should see playing time at the point guard position. As a freshman, Maloney was second on the team with 57 assists ... Senior co-captain **Aaron Spaulding** gives the squad depth at shooting guard and small forward. He missed all of last season with a knee injury ... Four freshmen hope to contribute right away to the Purple Knights' attack. Forward **Mike Iola**, who committed to Saint Michael's just before the start of school in August, gives the Purple Knights depth at either forward position. **Jon Zylstra**, much like Iola, can play three different positions for SMC, and should see regular playing time. Forward **Chris White**, who committed to Saint Michael's last November, and guard Brendan McMaus round out the Purple Knights' dozen.

Saint Michael's General Information

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Location | Colchester, Vt. |
| Founded | 1904 |
| Enrollment | 1,945 (undergraduate) |
| President | Marc A. vanderHeyden |
| Alma Mater | Bishop Hamer '59 |
| Athletic Director | Geri Knortz |
| Alma Mater | SUNY-Cortland '74 |
| Affiliations | NCAA Division II/ECAC |
| Conference | Northeast-10 |
| Nickname | Purple Knights |
| School Colors | Purple and Gold |

Men's Basketball

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Head Coach | Tom O'Shea (Vermont '86) |
| Record at Saint Michael's | 124-106 (.539) |
| Office Phone | 802.654.2675 |
| E-mail Address | toshea@smcvt.edu |
| Assistant Coach | Joe Krupinski (Springfield '97) |
| Office Phone | 802.654.2722 |
| E-mail Address | jkupinski@smcvt.edu |
| 2004-05 Overall Record | 7-20 |
| 2004-05 NE-10 Record/Place | 4-18/13th out of 15 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost | 7/6 |
| Starters Returning/Lost | 2/3 |
| All-time varsity record | 973-892 (.522) |
| Home Court/Capacity | Ross Sports Center/2,500 |

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| Assistant Athletic Trainer | Gayle Gasner |
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2005-06 Purple Knights Roster

| No. | Name | Cl. | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Hometown/High School (Prep School) |
|-----|------------------|-----|------|------|-----|--|
| 12 | Brendan McManus | Fr. | G | 6-2 | 190 | Pearl River, N.Y./Pearl River |
| 14 | Aaron Spaulding | Sr. | G | 6-3 | 185 | Cape Elizabeth, Maine/Cape Elizabeth |
| 15 | Chris Cayole | Jr. | F | 6-7 | 190 | Burlington, Vt./Rice Memorial |
| 20 | Brendan Mullins | Jr. | G | 6-1 | 170 | Downers Grove, Ill./Downers Grove South |
| 24 | BJ Robertson | Sr. | G | 6-3 | 165 | Burlington, Vt./Burlington |
| 33 | Milos Mirkovic | Jr. | C | 6-8 | 240 | Novi Sad, Serbia/St. Andrew's School (CCRI, Wingate) |
| 34 | Ryan Maloney | Jr. | G | 6-2 | 175 | Chicopee, Mass./Chicopee |
| 35 | Mike Iola | Fr. | F | 6-6 | 195 | West Newbury, Mass./Pentucket |
| 40 | Jon Zylstra | Fr. | F | 6-8 | 220 | Uxbridge, Mass./Whitinsville Christian |
| 44 | Chris White | Fr. | F | 6-6 | 215 | Windham, N.H./Salem |
| 51 | James Sorrentine | So. | G | 5-10 | 170 | Pawtucket, R.I./St. Raphael Acad. |
| 54 | Brian Monahan | So. | F | 6-6 | 210 | Kinderhook, N.Y./Christian Brothers Acad. |

Head Coach: Tom O'Shea (Vermont '86) ninth season, 124-106 (.539)

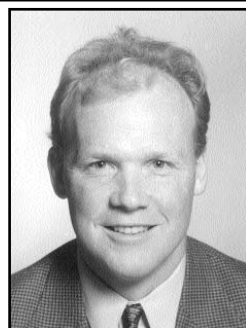
Assistant Coach: Joe Krupinski (Springfield '97), fifth season

Co-Captains: BJ Robertson, Aaron Spaulding

Trainers: Joe Faryniarz, Liz D'Elia, Gayle Gasner

Manager: Craig Carey

Head Coach Tom O'Shea



Entering his ninth year as the head coach of the Purple Knights, Tom O'Shea has established himself as one of the premier coaches in the storied history of Saint Michael's College basketball.

Since taking the reins of the program on March 24, 1997, O'Shea has guided the Purple Knights to a 124-106 record, two NCAA Tournament appearances, an ECAC Championship, two Northeast-10 titles, and the first three-straight 20-win seasons in the history of the program. O'Shea has also coached an NE-10 Player of the Year and All-American (Todd Roberts), an NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year (Brian Miles), and two NE-10 Freshmen of the Year (Jared Chandler and Mike Keating).

Despite missing the postseason each of the last three years, O'Shea led Saint Michael's in undoubtedly one of the best seasons in the program's history in 2000-01. O'Shea guided a heavily talented Purple Knights squad to a school-record 27-4 mark, the Northeast-10 Conference Regular Season and Tournament titles, and the NCAA Division II "Sweet 16" Tournament, where they fell to the only undefeated team in the country, Adelphi University.

In 1999-00, his team posted a 20-9 record and won the ECAC Division II Championship. The Purple Knights finished one game out of first place in the Northeast-10 Conference.

O'Shea guided the Purple Knights to a then-school record 25 wins and an appearance in the NCAA Regional Semifinals in 1998-99. He was named NE-10 Coach of the Year, and the New England Coach of the Year by the New England College Basketball Coaches Association. O'Shea led the Purple Knights to a 16-13 record and an ECAC Tournament appearance in his first season. His two-year record of 41-22 is the best record for any SMC mentor in his first two seasons as men's basketball coach.

O'Shea served as an assistant to Tom Crowley at Saint Michael's for seven seasons before being named to the head coaching position. As an assistant, he was responsible for all aspects of the program, including on-floor coaching, recruiting and scouting opponents.

"I have found Tom O'Shea to be a true educator who brings desirable balance to the program," stated President Marc A. vanderHeyden during the 1997 press conference announcing O'Shea's appointment. "Tom has been responsible for recruiting scholar-athletes for the team already, and clearly his good judgement in these matters is validated by a perfect record of graduation for our men's basketball team."

O'Shea came to Saint Michael's in 1989 after spending one season as an assistant under Bob Tipson at neighboring Champlain College, formerly a junior college national power.

He is a 1986 graduate of the University of Vermont and earned his master's degree in education from his alma mater in 1990. While at Vermont, he played under both Bill Whitmore and current Catamount head coach Tom Brennan. He also spent one season as a graduate assistant under Brennan.

A hard-working guard, he was awarded the Sunderland Award as Vermont's outstanding senior-athlete, and was also honored as the first recipient of the Tom O'Shea Award, which is given annually to a Vermont player who exhibits the strongest commitment and dedication to the Catamount program.

2005-06 Men's Basketball Schedule

(0-0, 0-0 NE-10)

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|---------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Oct. 7 | at Bishop's (ex.) | L, 82-70 |
| Oct. 8 | vs. Laval (ex.) | L, 87-53 |
| Oct. 9 | at Laval (ex.) | L, 88-67 |
| Oct. 11 | at McGill (ex.) | W, 87-80 |
| Nov. 5 | at Vermont (ex.) | Today! |
| Nov. 13 | at Boston College (ex.) | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 18 | at West Chester (Pa.) Tournament | |
| | SMC vs. NJIT | 6 p.m. |
| | West Chester vs. Saint Leo | 8 p.m. |
| Nov. 19 | at West Chester (Pa.) Tournament | |
| | Consolation Game | 2 p.m. |
| | Championship Game | 4 p.m. |
| Nov. 22 | Saint Thomas Aquinas | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 27 | at Stonehill* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 30 | Bentley* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 3 | at Merrimack* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 6 | at Saint Anselm* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 10 | Pace* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 29 | Doubletree Doc Jacobs Classic | |
| | Mercyhurst vs. Post | 5 p.m. |
| | SMC vs. Concordia (N.Y.) | 7 p.m. |
| Dec. 30 | Doubletree Doc Jacobs Classic | |
| | Concordia vs. Mercyhurst | 5 p.m. |
| | SMC vs. Post | 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 2 | Le Moyne* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 5 | UMass Lowell* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | at Franklin Pierce* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 10 | Southern New Hampshire* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | Stonehill* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 16 | at Bentley* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | Merrimack* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | at UMass Lowell* | 4 p.m. |
| Jan. 24 | Franklin Pierce* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 26 | at Southern New Hampshire* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | Saint Anselm* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | at Le Moyne* | 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | at Assumption* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | American International* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | at Bryant* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 18 | Southern Connecticut* | 3:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 21 | at Saint Rose* | 7:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 25 | Northeast-10 First Round | TBA |
| Feb. 27 | Northeast-10 Quarterfinals | TBA |
| Mar. 2 | Northeast-10 Semifinals | TBA |
| Mar. 4 | Northeast-10 Championship | TBA |

* indicates a Northeast-10 Conference game

bold indicates home game at the Ross Sports Center

2004-05 Statistics and Results

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| | Overall | Home | Away | Neutral |
| All Games | 7-20 | 5-8 | 2-11 | 0-1 |
| Conference | 4-18 | 3-8 | 1-10 | 0-0 |
| Non-Conference | 3-2 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 0-1 |

| ## PLAYER | GP-GS | MIN/AVG | ---TOTAL--- | | ---3-PTS--- | | FT-FTA | | PCT | | ---REBOUNDS--- | | PF/FO | A | TO | BLK | STL | PTS/AVG |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------------|---------|
| | | | FG-FGA | PCT | FG-FGA | PCT | FT-FTA | PCT | OFF | DEF | TOT/AVG | | | | | | | |
| 51 James Sorrentine | 27-21 | 953/35.3 | 124-310 | .400 | 97-242 | .401 | 43-64 | .672 | 14 | 52 | 66/2.4 | 66/1 | 97 | 69 | 5 | 23 | 388/14.4 | |
| 33 Mike Keating | 23-22 | 713/31.0 | 121-299 | .405 | 36-110 | .327 | 48-60 | .800 | 22 | 100 | 122/5.3 | 63/2 | 55 | 59 | 14 | 29 | 326/14.2 | |
| 24 BJ Robertson | 26-21 | 708/27.2 | 109-196 | .556 | 6-20 | .300 | 71-82 | .866 | 47 | 50 | 97/3.7 | 66/2 | 56 | 82 | 8 | 16 | 295/11.3 | |
| 35 Eric Swiezynski | 27-27 | 769/28.5 | 117-253 | .462 | 35-89 | .393 | 32-40 | .800 | 37 | 92 | 129/4.8 | 48/0 | 41 | 44 | 6 | 19 | 301/11.1 | |
| 12 Chase Graves | 10-8 | 250/25.0 | 33-68 | .485 | 0-1 | .000 | 20-24 | .833 | 5 | 41 | 46/4.6 | 21/0 | 70 | 33 | 7 | 16 | 86/8.6 | |
| 42 Brian Monahan | 27-6 | 678/25.1 | 77-163 | .472 | 0-1 | .000 | 42-68 | .618 | 55 | 91 | 146/5.4 | 52/1 | 35 | 25 | 4 | 26 | 196/7.3 | |
| 15 Chris Cayole | 27-10 | 410/15.2 | 65-158 | .411 | 19-61 | .311 | 36-44 | .818 | 40 | 46 | 86/3.2 | 41/1 | 16 | 36 | 15 | 11 | 185/6.9 | |
| 20 Brendan Mullins | 23-3 | 511/22.2 | 44-160 | .275 | 27-107 | .252 | 21-31 | .677 | 14 | 32 | 46/2.0 | 42/0 | 48 | 36 | 0 | 30 | 136/5.9 | |
| 54 Kyle Dietrich | 23-17 | 305/13.3 | 37-58 | .638 | 0-0 | .000 | 18-29 | .621 | 29 | 47 | 76/3.3 | 29/0 | 21 | 25 | 2 | 11 | 92/4.0 | |
| 44 Will Rothermel | 13-0 | 73/5.6 | 7-23 | .304 | 3-13 | .231 | 4-4 | 1.000 | 3 | 9 | 12/0.9 | 14/0 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 21/1.6 | |
| 25 Jason Porter | 6-0 | 15/2.5 | 2-5 | .400 | 0-0 | .000 | 3-8 | .375 | 1 | 4 | 5/0.8 | 0/0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7/1.2 | |
| 34 Ryan Maloney | 15-0 | 90/6.0 | 4-16 | .250 | 0-5 | .000 | 6-6 | 1.000 | 2 | 8 | 10/0.7 | 11/0 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 14/0.9 | |
| SMC TOTALS | 27 | 5475 | 740-1709 | .433 | 223-649 | .344 | 344-460 | .748 | 309 | 639 | 948/35.1 | 453/7 | 451 | 432 | 63 | 184 | 2047/75.8 | |
| OPPONENT TOTALS | 27 | 5475 | 838-1730 | .484 | 182-522 | .349 | 404-541 | .747 | 328 | 723 | 1051/38.9 | 455/X | 475 | 386 | 87 | 264 | 2262/83.8 | |

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|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Score By Periods: | 1st | 2nd | OT | OT2 | Total |
| Saint Michael's | 961 | 1055 | 19 | 12 | 2047 |
| Opponents | 1078 | 1153 | 21 | 10 | 2262 |

| Date | Opponent | Result | High Points | High Rebounds | High Assists | Overall, NE-10 |
|-------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 11/15 | at Davis & Elkins | W, 108-87 | Keating (20) | Keating (11) | Graves (12) | 1-0 |
| 11/19 | UMass Boston# | W, 97-92 | Robertson (25) | Swiezynski (11) | Graves (9) | 2-0 |
| 11/20 | NJIT# | W, 82-72 | Keating (26) | Keating (9) | Graves (7) | 3-0 |
| 11/26 | vs. Saint Cloud^ | L, 87-62 | Robertson (13) | Graves, Swiezynski (4) | Graves (12) | 3-1 |
| 11/27 | at Minn.-Duluth^ | L, 81-68 | Keating (25) | Monahan (8) | Graves (7) | 3-2 |
| 12/1 | at Bentley* | L, 95-70 | Robertson (17) | Keating (5) | Graves, Keating, Robertson (2) | 3-3, 0-1 |
| 12/4 | Merrimack* | L, 99-84 | Robertson (21) | Keating, Monahan, Robertson (5) | Swiezynski (4) | 3-4, 0-2 |
| 12/8 | Saint Anselm* | L, 81-68 | Graves (13) | Monahan (8) | Graves (7) | 3-5, 0-3 |
| 12/11 | at Pace* | L, 83-77 | Sorrentine (23) | Monahan (10) | Graves (9) | 3-6, 0-4 |
| 12/19 | Stonehill* | L, 85-81 | Keating (24) | Swiezynski (7) | Sorrentine (5) | 3-7, 0-5 |
| 1/3 | at Le Moyne* | W, 82-69 | Swiezynski (18) | Dietrich (6) | Sorrentine (8) | 4-7, 1-5 |
| 1/6 | at UMass Lowell* | L, 84-61 | Sorrentine (13) | Monahan (7) | Robertson, Sorrentine (4) | 4-8, 1-6 |
| 1/8 | Franklin Pierce* | W, 80-73 | Sorrentine (30) | Cayole (8) | Sorrentine (5) | 5-8, 2-6 |
| 1/11 | at Southern N.H.* | L, 87-78 | Swiezynski (23) | Swiezynski (11) | Sorrentine (7) | 5-9, 2-7 |
| 1/15 | at Stonehill* | L, 83-64 | Cayole (17) | Monahan (7) | Maloney, Robertson, Swiezynski (2) | 5-10, 2-8 |
| 1/17 | Bentley* | L, 84-79 | Monahan (18) | Cayole, Monahan (7) | Mullins, Sorrentine (5) | 5-11, 2-9 |
| 1/20 | at Merrimack* | L, 91-78 | Sorrentine (25) | Cayole, Keating (8) | Keating, Mullins (5) | 5-12, 2-10 |
| 1/22 | UMass Lowell* | L, 84-70 | Swiezynski (21) | Dietrich (6) | Sorrentine, Swiezynski (5) | 5-13, 2-11 |
| 1/25 | at Franklin Pierce* | L, 83-67 | Sorrentine (18) | Monahan (9) | Maloney, Sorrentine (3) | 5-14, 2-12 |
| 1/27 | Southern N.H.* | L, 71-65 | Sorrentine (15) | Swiezynski (8) | Robertson, Swiezynski (4) | 5-15, 2-13 |
| 1/29 | at Saint Anselm* | L, 87-67 | Cayole (19) | Monahan (11) | Robertson (8) | 5-16, 2-14 |
| 2/5 | Le Moyne* | W, 86-84! | Sorrentine (25) | Keating (13) | Robertson (8) | 6-16, 3-14 |
| 2/8 | Assumption* | W, 89-84 | Sorrentine (28) | Keating (9) | Sorrentine (6) | 7-16, 4-14 |
| 2/12 | at American Intl.* | L, 71-69~ | Keating (22) | Swiezynski (6) | Swiezynski (4) | 7-17, 4-15 |
| 2/16 | Bryant* | L, 96-64 | Monahan (17) | Cayole (9) | Maloney, Sorrentine (3) | 7-18, 4-16 |
| 2/19 | at Southern Conn.* | L, 84-74 | Keating (22) | Dietrich (7) | Keating (4) | 7-19, 4-17 |
| 2/22 | Saint Rose* | L, 85-77 | Sorrentine (18) | Swiezynski (6) | Sorrentine (6) | 7-20, 4-18 |

* Northeast-10 Conference contest
Clarion Doc Jacobs Classic (Colchester, Vt.)
^ American Family Insurance Classic (Duluth, Minn.)
~ Overtime
! Double Overtime