

# Roller hockey takes cut in FAC funding

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Truman roller hockey players will have to open their wallets if they want to keep lighting the red lamp.

Head coach Joe Nedelec said the team received significantly less money from the Funds Allotment Council than it has in past years, which will cause the players to have to pay more than \$300 per person to cover the team's league fees, as opposed to \$100 they usually pay.

The team received \$1,000 from the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee's spring 2008 slate, which had \$12,161 to spread among applicants. Nedelec said the team applied for \$5,000, which it would use to pay for league fees and travel.

Because there is no rink in Kirksville, the 'Dogs drive to Matteson Square Garden Tri-Plex in St. Peters, Mo., to play their home games. Nedelec said the trips get pricey — something that could have been alleviated with more funding.

"This isn't going to be a surprise to

anybody, but it's going to be expensive to buy gas and drive the six hours," Nedelec said. "So it's a costly endeavor, but the boys are dedicated and willing to accept the cost for their love of the game."

Nedelec said before the Bulldogs' first games that if the team didn't receive any funding from FAC, it would be almost impossible to have a season.

Junior goalie John Pecher said the \$1,000 helps and that the team is looking at potential fund raisers to make up the rest of the money it will need to continue playing.

"We'll do whatever it takes to come up with the extra money," Pecher said.

Pecher said he thought the drop in funding from previous years might have something to do with the fact that the team missed an important FAC meeting.

"I think we wound up missing one of the meetings, and we didn't apply for it until it was almost too late," Pecher said.

FAC Regulations Chairman Joe Goedde said there are more organizations vying for funds this year, and no

team received more than \$1,135, according to the ICA slate.

"The funding has become way more competitive in recent years than it has in the past," Goedde said.

Nedelec said he wondered if the team was given less because he attended the meeting without a member of the team in the room.

"I saw my role as faculty adviser as an aspect of that, and it turns out from my interpretation of what kind of questions I got from the FAC panel that that is actually a bad thing — that the students themselves ... should be controlling all this sort of stuff," Nedelec said.

Goedde said a student's presence at the hearing would only have had bearing on whether the team received funding at all or not, and if the team did receive funding, it wouldn't have bearing on how much it got.

He said more funding has been available in the past because not as many organizations on the FAC slate had applied for funding. Now that funds have become more competitive, Goedde said FAC is trying to obtain more money from Student Senate to distribute to organizations.

## MONEY MATTERS

The roller hockey team received its lowest amount of funding from the Funds Allotment Council since 2003. The players now will have to pay more than \$300 each to keep the team alive, up from the \$100 the players have had to pay in the past. The team also has plans to fundraise to make some money.

**Fall 2003** — received \$3,600  
**Spring 2004** — received \$1,400  
**Fall 2004** — received \$2,000  
**Spring 2005** — received \$3,000  
**Fall 2005** — received \$2,500  
**Spring 2006** — received \$2,500  
**Fall 2006** — received \$5,000  
**Spring 2007** — not listed  
**Fall 2007** — not listed  
**Spring 2008** — received \$1,000.

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"We're trying to get more funding to us, especially since recent articles have shown that Student Senate just has a massive reserve fund from operational budgets that they haven't used in the past," Goedde said.

Nedelec said his players are taking the cut in stride, and the team still is playing well.

"The A Team played, I think, the best

game that I've seen them play against WashU on Sunday," Nedelec said.

Pecher said the team knows what it needs to do to win, and the fund raising task ahead of the Bulldogs doesn't affect their thoughts while playing.

"When we're on the floor, we're there to play hockey," he said. "We've got to clear our minds from those issues."

# Offense sparks roller hockey's unbeaten streak

Vandas' 12 goals help team claim three consecutive victories

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The goalies in the Great Plains Roller Hockey League need to watch out: Drew Vandas got a new stick.

Armed with his new piece of equipment, the junior forward spurred the Truman Roller Hockey Club A Team to a 3-0 record at their recent slate of games Nov. 18 to 19 by filling the back of the net 12 times.

"The superstitious side of me says it's because Drew got a new stick," head coach Joe Nedelec said. "He was really snake bitten for a while and I told him, 'You got to get a new stick.' Even in practice he wasn't shooting quite right. As a player, I know sometimes it's just a psychological

thing — you get that different piece of lumber in your hands, and it's enough to get you shooting the puck better."

Vandas said his back-to-back-to-back four-goal games had more to do with getting comfortable on the playing surface at the Matteson Square Garden Tri-Plex. Still, he said the new tool did make a difference.

"It did help because my shot was pretty bad with the other stick," Vandas said.

With Vandas providing the offense, the Bulldogs improved to 5-0-1 on the season. Nedelec said the most impressive game was the squad's 4-0 victory against Washington University-St. Louis.

"The boys played probably the best game I've ever seen them play," Nedelec said. "Fundamentally, in terms of the break out, and the power play and the penalty kill, ... it was phenomenal. As a fan of hock-

ey, it was just fun to watch."

In the opening game of the weekend, the Bulldogs took on Western Illinois University. For the third time already in the

young season, the mercy rule came into play with the Bulldogs' winning via a 10-0 shutout.

Game two saw the offense coming alive again. The team was able to knock off Southern Illinois University-Carbondale 8-1.

In all, the team found the back of the net 22 times in the three games.

This season, the Bulldogs have scored 48 goals in six games. Vandas said there is just one team he thinks might be capable of stopping the high-powered offense.

"I think in the Great Plains Division, Missouri State is the only team that can really give us good competition," Vandas said.

The offense was not the only reason for the team's 3-0 weekend and undefeated start. Junior goaltender John Pecher and the Bulldogs' defenders have allowed only seven pucks to enter the net.

"We are not giving any chances in our zone, which is key," Nedelec said.

Junior defenseman Jim Dougherty said the biggest factor

in the defense's success is the familiarity among the crew. With freshman Nick Blechle as the only new blood on this year's defense, the unit is very

familiar with each other.

"Most of us have played together for so long — it's our third year together and we only have one new defenseman," Dougherty said. "I think that makes a big difference."

This season, Pecher is second in the league in goals against average with a mark of 1.17. Nedelec said that while the defense is fulfilling its job of limiting the other team's offense, Pecher is doing his part when called upon.

"Pecher made some outstanding saves when he had to," Nedelec said.

With the 'Dogs 5-0-1, they now have sole possession of the top spot in the Great Plains division — a spot they will have for a while.

Thanks to the winter holidays, the Bulldogs will not take to the rink again until 2008. Their next weekend of games will be Jan. 19 to 20.

Nedelec said the layoff is coming at a bad time because

his team is playing at such a high level. He said all the time away from game action could lead to a slow start once the team resumes playing.

"I'd be surprised if we came back that first weekend and saw sort of thing in the first set of games," Nedelec said. "But I'm sure we will get it back."

The biggest obstacle the team will have to overcome will be getting out of hockey shape during the layoff. The team has been practicing to get in game shape, and with the break, Nedelec said some of the guys won't be quite as fit come January.

"Any human at all who doesn't gain weight over the break is not doing something right," Nedelec said. "I'm not going to be surprised if some of the guys come back and are not in as well of shape as they are right now. That first week back we will skate quite a bit, and I'll probably get a lot of griping. But that's the plan."

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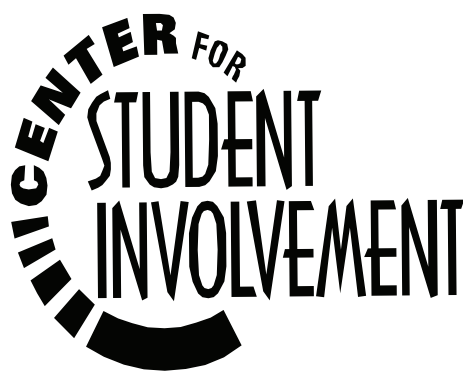
Joe Nedelec  
Head Coach

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