

RAMPAGE



RAMS ON A ROLL

Despite First Loss of the Season, Ice Hockey Team on a Hot Streak

Team has a 14 -1 record

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As with a pitcher throwing a no-hitter, many believe that talking about a dominant performance can “jinx it,” and somehow end that run. While usually a decent rule to live by in our superstitious world, it’s a rule that will have to be broken to talk about the incredible season that the PR hockey team has put together.

PR has started the season 14-0-1, with only five games remaining before playoffs start. While winning 14 straight games is an astounding number on its own, it doesn’t fully show just how absolutely dominant PR has been during this special season.

PR, naturally, sits at the top of the PIHL’s (Pittsburgh Interscholastic Hockey League) class AA, the second highest classification. The team has a solid 4 point lead over the next highest teams in the league, with PR sporting 28 points with Mars and

Greater Latrobe trailing behind with 24 points, as well as one more game played than PR. It is impossible to say what PR does best as a team. They lead the league in most goals scored, with 92 goals, 5 higher than the next highest team. But they also lead the league in least goals allowed, with 19 goals scored against them all season, 11 lower than the next lowest team. They have scored an average 6.57 goals a game, and have allowed an average of 1.36 goals a game, for a margin of victory of 5.21 goals. To put that number in perspective, only one other team in the league has scored more goals a game than PR’s margin of victory. They haven’t had a game where they’ve scored less than 3 goals, nor a game in which they let up more than 3. This team isn’t just good either; they are historically good. Over the past three seasons, no team has scored a

higher goals per game average, or allowed a lower goals against per game average.

A big reason for PR’s success has been the amount of depth they have, combined with their top end talent. The team’s captain, senior Will Studt, is 10th in the league in points with 28, and 5th in goals with 17. Fellow senior Jared Eggert is 12th league wide in points with 27, and 3rd in assists with 20. While these 2 are big contributors on offense, it isn’t just them carrying the teams offensive load. PR has 9 players with at least 10 points, with 8 of them averaging more than a point per game. Team depth becomes important later in the season, when injuries become more prevalent, and this team has no lack of depth.

While offense is a big part of PR’s game, there is no team finer defensively than PR. Hopefully goalie, junior Danny Stauffer, brings

something to read during the games, because he only sees a shot on average every 3 minutes, and 238 shots on the season due to the defensive cores fantastic work. But whenever he has seen action, he’s been unbeatable, leading the league in wins, coming in 2nd in save percentage and 2nd in goals against average, among goalies with 300 or more minutes played.

The team hopes to continue their torrid pace in their next game against Shaler on Monday February 4th at 9PM at the Bariel ice complex, at the same time and place. If PR continues to play at this high of a level, they will be lifting a trophy by seasons end. And if you haven’t checked out a PR hockey game yet, you’re missing out on an exceptional team that puts on a show every time they step on to the ice.

Quote of the Week

“Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead.” - Nora Ephron

The meaning of the quote is that your education prepares you for your life. In terms of theater, a dress rehearsal is the final practice before the big show. In this case, the “big show” is your life outside of school, and you are to “lead” in that show, meaning you are the star. You are the main person in the life that is yours to lead. All of your education (dress rehearsal) can only help prepare you for the rest of your life (the big show.) Whatever you make with the time at your dress rehearsals can only help your life in the future.

- BRANDON PIERCE STAFF REPORTER

OPINION

Spice Up Your Snacking: Why Not Try Takis?

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Throughout Pittsburgh you can find zesty snacks at any gas station, convenience store, or grocery store. Flamin Hot Cheetos and buffalo flavored chips are popular for anyone who can handle the heat. Although not the healthiest, spicy foods are sure to bring a delicious and distinct taste. Just a few months ago, my friends and I discovered Takis, and I am here today to acknowledge the greatness of this crunchy treat.

At this point, you may be asking “What are Takis?” Takis are essentially tortilla chips rolled up and covered in red, spicy dust. Takis are ingenious as the rolled up tortilla gives consumers layers of flavor and an unforgettable crunch. Takis have 4 unique flavors: Fuego, Salsa Brava, Takis Nitro, and Crunchy Fajita. The Fuego flavor is hot chilli pepper and lemon, Salsa Brava is hot sauce flavored, Takis Nitro is habanero and lime, and lastly, Crunchy Fajita is taco flavored. There are also special edition flavors, and recently Takis has released “Zombie Takis” which are habanero and cucumber flavored. Each flavor brings a different taste that is sure to delight, but it is no secret that the Fuego

flavor is the most well-known, and in my opinion, the best kind.

Nineteen ninety nine was a monumental year for Takis. This was the year the infamous Mexican snack company began their legacy. The original bag and packaging of Takis is the same that it was 20 years ago. Because Takis were originally only manufactured in Mexico, the snack struggled to make an impact in America and today is only widely known in southern states such as Texas, or New Mexico.

“When I lived in Texas, Takis were like a ‘thing’ and everyone knew about them. No one has really heard of them or knows about Takis here, but I still like them,” said junior Alexa Dezelan.

Shortly after discovering a love for this unique chip, my friends and I attempted to find Takis at many different locations in and around Pittsburgh. Throughout our search for Takis, we have only found them at Walmart, Walgreens, and Costco. Other popular snack locations such as Sheetz or 7-11 have disappointed us and don’t have this item in stock. Yet nearly every store has Flamin Hot Cheetos, a twist on the original, cheese-flavored Cheetos. To



me, Flamin Hot Cheetos are an off brand version of Takis not nearly as satisfying.

Now I wish that I could tell you that Takis are officially 1000 times better than hot Cheetos, but when it comes to food everyone has a different taste. You may love a food that everyone hates or you may hate a food that everyone loves, but either way there is no way true way to prove one food better than another. I have no way of proving to you that Takis are superior to hot cheetos other than to ask you to try for yourself. Determine what you prefer and along the way I am sure you will discover the glory in Takis.

SPORTS PHYSICAL: Anyone participating in a Spring Sport with the PR Middle School or PR High School must have a completed physical packet turned in to the High School Athletic Office by February 25, 2019. Packets and details can be located on the PR Website under Athletics and Forms.

MINI-THON: Join us at the UPMC Lemieux Center for ice-skating from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on February 9th. Remind them that you are there to support Mini-THON, and they will donate proceeds to us!

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