

## Tommies Outlook 2009-10

After a disappointing 2008-09 the Tommies are looking to improve in all areas of their game. Winning teams are built from the crease out, and so STU has recruited former Moncton Wildcat and Quebec Rempart, Charles Lavigne. Charles brings a solid foundation for the Tommies to improve on their game defensively. With team rookie of the year BenMacFarlane and Guillaume Miszczak, the team top Academic and Fitness Award winner returning, the Tommies believe they now have the goaltending combination needed to cut at least 50 goals from the 147 they allowed last season.

On defence the Tommies are returning all of their players from last season. Andrew Andricopoulos arrives for his first full season after joining the team in December. Bryan Main who was the team top defenseman last year is back for his second year, while Keith Wynn, Erick Tremblay, Ryan Lehr, David Crossman all return for their third season along with Scott Judson who plays both forward and defence. This group of defencemen are looking to improve significantly so the Tommies can get back in the play-off mix. They trained hard all summer and are working hard in training camp to improve their defensive play. With more strength on the puck up front and stronger goaltending the Tommies believe this group of defence can get the job done.

Up front the Tommies have added five new forwards to the mix. Former Moncton Wildcat, **Matt Eagles** headlines a strong recruiting year for the Tommies. Matt had a strong career with the Wildcats, leading the team in scoring the last two years and is seventh in team all-time scoring. **Alex Labonte** joins the Tommies after having his second twenty plus goal campaign in the QMJHL. Alex brings good skill, speed, grittiness and the ability to kill penalties as the Tommies look to improve on the PK. Another newcomer who will be relied upon heavily this year is former WHL super pest, **Mike Reich**. Mike has a tremendous work ethic and should be a great addition to our penalty kill unit. As Mike develops his game in the AUS you will see him chip in offensively as he has a good skill level, speed and hockey sense. **Tyler Dietrich** joins the Tommies, coming over from UNB where he last played in 07-08. Tyler brings a good skill level and a solid work ethic. Tyler will also be relied upon to kill penalties this season. **Jordan Scott** rounds out the newcomers up front. After winning the scoring race and league MVP for the Yarmouth Mariners last season, the Tommies are really looking forward to his continued development as he is determined to prove he can contribute in the AUS.

Returning up front are the 08-09 top scoring line of Corey Banfield, Maxim Chamberland and Devan Praught. Second year player and top recruit Wes Welcher, who was sidelined for the whole first half last year, is looking to play a full season and help lead the team back into the post season. Mitch Price, Brad Gallant and Andrew Estey return for their second season while last season fourth leading scorer Jason Cassidy is back for his third season. This season, the Tommies forwards are crucial to the team improvement

defensively as they need to be much stronger on the puck and spend more time in the offensive zone.

With the new and returning group of forwards, solid goaltending and defence the Tommies look to regain that post season position they did not achieve last year.