North Country faring well in new league

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In the 2003-04 season, the new North Country College Women's Hockey Team hopes to achieve a competitive level of play in their first year of existence.

Jeanne Bourgeois, the North Country College women's hockey head coach, looks forward to working with her new team. "I have the talent this year to give us a strong overall team," said Bourgeois.

The Saints, who played in the newly formed American Collegiate Women's Hockey Association (ACHA), are currently 6-0 this season. "I'm very pleased with the way our team has played," Bourgeois said. "Our players have gelled very well this year, and we've been able to practice before the season started." The Saints have scored 27 goals and allowed 14 goals this season. "Our team is very competitive, and we have a good chance of winning the title," Bourgeois said.

The Saints have four returning players from last season, but Bourgeois is counting on the freshmen to step up in order to make the team a stronger contender.

Bourgeois said, "More than half of our roster is a freshman, and they are all very competitive. It will be difficult to stop our freshmen this season." The Saints have scored 27 goals and allowed 14 goals this season.

The league also has many schools in the United States and Canada. "The ACHA is better organized and the competition is high," Bourgeois said. "Our team will have to work hard to achieve our goals." The Saints' competitive level will improve with time, as they gain experience and develop as a team.

The Saints' first two games are against the Spoon River College and the Kishwaukee College. "These schools are strong competitors, and we will have to work very hard to beat them," Bourgeois said. "But our team is very competitive, and we have a good chance of winning the title." The Saints have scored 27 goals and allowed 14 goals this season.

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