

# D'Alvise leads Clarkson in Season-Opening Win

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*Chris D'Alvise recorded his first career hat trick in 6-4 win over RIT*

Senior center **Chris D'Alvise** (Mississauga, ONT) recorded his first career hat trick to power the **Clarkson University Hockey** team to a **6-4 victory** over Rochester Institute of Technology Friday night before an overflowing crowd of 2,100 at Frank Ritter Arena in the **Golden Knights** opening game of the 2008-09 campaign. "I was very pleased with our effort tonight in a pretty tough

building to play in," stated head coach **George Roll**. "Chris D'Alvise's line (**Brandon DeFazio, Matt Beca**) was good all night. All three guys had an exceptional game. They were our best line tonight, and I am sure that will be the case in a lot of games this season."

RIT (1-2) took a 2-0 first-period lead, but the Knights came out strong in the second, outscoring the Tigers 4-1 in the middle frame to hold a 4-3 advantage through 40 minutes.

D'Alvise, Clarkson's third-leading scorer last season, started the Knights' comeback early in the second. After taking a pass along the left boards from sophomore **Brandon DeFazio** (Oakville, ONT). D'Alvise made a strong move in front and lifted in the Green and Gold's first goal of the season at 4:42. Senior defenseman **Phil Paquet** (Quebec City, QUE) also assisted.

D'Alvise connected again at 9:37 when he intercepted the puck in the neutral zone, used an RIT defenseman as a screen and snapped in a quick wrist shot to tie the score 2-2. Just 29 seconds later, the Tigers answered back to regain the advantage at 3-2.

Less than a minute later, the Knights evened the score once again as junior **Matt Beca** (Mississauga, ONT) connected off assists from DeFazio and D'Alvise for a power-play marker. Sophomore **Lauri Tuohimaa** (Helinski, Finland) gave Clarkson its first lead of the game, finishing off assists from DeFazio and sophomore **Scott Freeman** (Whitby, ONT) at 16:07 for a 4-3 Clarkson advantage.

Junior **Tim Marks** (Brownville, NY) gave the Knights a two-goal margin midway through the third with a highlight-reel tally. Skating a man-down for the third time of the game, Clarkson put pressure on the Tigers in their own end and caused a turnover when Freeman picked up a loose puck along the left boards and sent a pass to Marks in front. Marks put several moves on the RIT goaltender and then slipped a shot in behind at 10:57 for his first career shorthanded goal.

The Tigers increased their pressure and made it a one-goal game at 13:17 on Jesse Newman's second goal of the game.

D'Alvise, however, ended any thoughts of a comeback by the home team with an empty-net goal in the final 17 seconds to clinch Clarkson's sixth straight win over RIT.

Freshman **Paul Karpowich** (Thunder Bay, ONT) picked up his first collegiate win in the Knights' goal with a 35-save effort, including 16 in the third period.

RIT out shot the Knights 39-25. Clarkson was 1-of-1 on the power play and killed off all three Tigers man-advantage opportunities.

Clarkson plays at Niagara on Saturday night.