



Sydney Morabito has scored 29 goals this season to climb to No. 2 on Holy Cross' career list with 76. BRYAN ANSELM/SPECIAL TO THE COURIER JOURNAL

Sydney Morabito is the second-leading scorer in Holy Cross girls' soccer history with 76 goals. She has 29 this season for a 9-8-1 team, including one in a 3-1 victory over Pleasure Ridge Park in the 21st District final. As a junior in basketball the 5-foot-9 Morabito averaged 10.5 points and 4.2 rebounds for a 26-6 team that won the All "A" Classic Sixth Region Tournament and the 21st District tourney for all schools before losing to Mercy in the regional. Last spring she played on the Louisville Soccer Club's traveling team.

SYDNEY MORABITO UP CLOSE

School: Holy Cross.

Year: Senior.

Sports: Soccer, basketball.

Student-athlete: Sydney has a 3.9 GPA and is in the National Honor Society and the school's Cougar for Christ organization.

Family: Mother Lisa played basketball and Holy Cross. Father Fran, an assistant soccer coach at the school, played baseball and ran track and cross country at Butler. Sister Olivia is a freshman who also plays soccer and basketball.

Coach Edward Pennix: "Sydney is a skilled player who can play all positions. That's why she is easy to coach. She plays forward and mid-fielder most of the time, but if we needed her to play defense she could."

Two-sport senior standout is goal-oriented in both

The Courier-Journal: What sports did you play before you got to Holy Cross?

Morabito: I played volleyball and basketball for St. Paul, but St. Paul was too small to have a soccer team, so I played soccer at Notre Dame.

What's the most goals you've scored in one game?

I scored five against Seneca and five against Southern this year. I didn't score much as a freshman because we only had nine players (two short) sometimes. We got more players out my sophomore year.

What has been your biggest thrill in soccer?

Winning the district this year was big. PRP is our rival. We won the district in my sophomore year, too. We also beat PRP (4-1) in the regular season this year.

What have been your best memories in basketball?

We made it to the state All "A" final my freshman year, but we lost to Newport Central Catholic. And I scored 24 points (her career high) against Atherton my junior year.

What made you decide to major in physical therapy in college, and what schools have contacted you?

We have four athletes in our class at Holy Cross who have torn their ACLs this year, and I like trying to help them by carrying their books or their trays in the cafeteria. The two schools I've heard from are Kentucky Wesleyan and Pikeville.

How do you relax in your leisure time?

I like to watch "Pretty Little Liars" on TV. This summer I went to West Virginia with a friend, and we went whitewater rafting. It was kind of scary. I didn't want to fall off, and I didn't.

— Bob White