

Intercollegiate Athletic Season Highlights 2001-2002

BASEBALL

Head Coach: Pete Hughes

Record: 30-25 (15-11 BIG EAST)

With a very experienced nucleus of veterans and 16 talented freshmen, head coach Pete Hughes and the Eagles overcame several injuries to remain near the top of the BIG EAST standings the entire season. The Eagles' weekend pitching rotation - Mark Sullivan, Chris Lambert, and Kevin Shepard - combined for a 24 - 9 record. Besides qualifying for the BIG EAST Tournament, two team highlights include the Eagles sweeping then No. 21 Rutgers and defeating NCAA Tournament qualifier Florida International in a single game. Post season honors for the team included Hughes being named BIG EAST Coach of the Year, which was the second time he has earned the honor in four years. Lambert became the first player in BIG EAST history to be named Rookie and Pitcher of the Year in the same year. Jeff Mackor, Neal McCarthy, Lambert, and Brian Durkin were all named first-team ALL-BIG EAST, while Macchi and Locke earned third-team distinctions.

BASKETBALL

Head Coach, Men's: Al Skinner

Head Coach, Women's: Cathy Inglesse

Men's: Record: 20-12 (8-8 BIG EAST)

Boston College finished with a 20-12 record and earned its second consecutive berth in the NCAA Tournament. Coming on the heels of the previous winter's 27th-win campaign, the Eagles posted their first back-to-back 20 win seasons since 1981-82 and 1982-83. The program also registered 47 victories in the last two years, equaling the school's record for victories in a two-season span. Troy Bell gained ALL-BIG EAST first team honors for the second consecutive season, while Ryan Sidney made his mark in the rebounding department. Sidney was the nation's top rebounder among Division I players who stood 6-2 or shorter. The program capitalized on its recent success, making numerous regional and national television appearances, including six on ESPN, four on CBS, one on ABC and one on CNN/SI.

Women's: Record: 23-8 (12-4 BIG EAST)

The Eagles put forth one of the most successful seasons in recent history with their 23-8 overall mark. Compiling the second-highest win total in program history, the Eagles qualified for their third NCAA Tournament in the last four years and were the fifth seed in the Midwest Regional, also tying the program-high for post-season seeding. In BIG EAST action, BC went 12-4 during the regular season and was seeded as the #3 team heading into the conference tournament. The Eagles advanced to the championship game. For a majority of the season, the Eagles were ranked in the Top 25 of both the Associated Press and the USA Today/WBCA/ESPN Coaches polls. During a week span in February, they found themselves ranked 16th, giving them the highest-ever national ranking. At season's end, senior Nicole Conway was named the Aeropostale BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete. Brienne Stepherson was an ALL-BIG EAST second team selection while Clare Droesch was a BIG EAST All-Rookie choice. Conway and Rachel Byars were Verizon Academic All-District selections, while Stepherson was a district Kodak All-American.

CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Randy Thomas

Men's: This year's highlights for the men's cross country team included a third-place finish at the Boston College Invitational, an eighth-place result at the BIG EAST Championship and a 10th-place result at the Iona College Meet of Champions. Senior Colin Wolfe led the Eagles in four of the five meets the squad competed in. Sophomore Byron Gartrell had one of the stronger performances of the season when he placed 45th out of 204 participants at the NCAA Region I Qualifier.

Women's: The women's team finished sixth at NCAAs after a successful season. The squad also placed second at the BIG EAST Championship and first at the NCAA Region I Qualifier to go along with its strong finish

at the nationals. Head coach Randy Thomas was named NCAA Cross Country Coach of the Year by the United States Track and Field Association, and he and assistant coach Kathy Fleming were named Northeast Coaches of the Year. Junior Cate Guiney was acknowledged as the Northeast Runner of the Year. Guiney and freshman Maria Cicero both earned All-America honors following their runs at the NCAAs.

FENCING

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Syd Fadner

Men's: Record: 11-11

The men's squad slated 11 wins and 11 losses. Its season was highlighted by a 4-0 performance over teams from the Northeast Fencing Conference Championship held at the University of New Hampshire. The men's team also claimed third-place honors at the New England Fencing Championships. Following a strong performance at Columbia University, sophomore Paul Taylor was considered for an at-large bid at the NCAA Championships.

Women's: Record: 12-11

The women's squad finished the season with a 12-11 overall record including a 6-0 mark against teams from the Northeast Fencing Conference Championships held at the University of New Hampshire. The team wrapped up their season with a third-place finish at the New England Fencing Championships and freshman Tiffany White earned a spot to compete in the NCAA Championships in late March.

FIELD HOCKEY

Head Coach: Sherren Granese

Record: 11-8 (3-1 BIG EAST)

The Eagles compiled an 11-8 overall record, including a four-game win streak to close out the regular season. In BIG EAST play, the Eagles' 4-1 regular-season mark gave them a second-place finish. They were eliminated from the conference championship in a 3-2 overtime thriller at Villanova. At season's end, Amelie Wulff was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year. She finished her BC career with 26 goals and 11 assists for 63 points. Kim French and Wulff were named to the ALL-BIG EAST first team while Gina Dinan, Kerri Doherty, and Lauren Hill were ALL-BIG EAST second team selections. Wulff (first team) and French (second team) were STX/NFCA regional all-Americans while Dinan, French, Maria LoRusso, Lauren Schultz, and Christy Zider were NFCA Academic All-Americans.

FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Tom O'Brien

Record: 8-4 (4-3 BIG EAST)

The Boston College football team enjoyed another outstanding season with an overall record of 8-4 and ended the campaign with a win over Georgia in the Music City Bowl. The Eagles have played in three-straight bowl games and are one of just eight teams nationally to win bowl games in each of the last two seasons. BC was led by consensus All-American running back William Green, who rushed for 1,559 yards on the year. He was also named the BIG EAST Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Quarterback Brian St. Pierre was a second-team ALL-BIG EAST pick and passed for 25 touchdowns which tied for the second-highest single-season mark in school history. Center Dan Koppen, offensive tackle Marc Colombo, offensive guard Marc Parenteau, defensive linemen Antonio Garay, and Sean Guthrie, linebacker Scott Bradley, and punter Kevin McMyler also all earned second team ALL-BIG EAST honors.

GOLF

Head Coach, Men's: Trevor Drum

Head Coach, Women's: Bruce Chalas

Men's: In four fall matches, the Eagles collected as many top-20 finishes and finished a season-best fifth place at the ECAC Championships. Rich Tilghman and Tim Connors paced the Eagles in all four of those matches with each leading in two. Connors and Tilghman continued their team-leading efforts in the spring. The duo led the Eagles with a spring-best eighth place finish at the Kauai Collegiate Cup in Hawaii. Chris Sanossian, Sean McReynolds, and Brendan Lynch all

also helped the Eagles on the links throughout the year.

Women's: The Eagles finished in the top 10 of all but one match they participated in this year. In the fall, BC earned four finishes of ninth or higher and finished as high as fifth place (Mount Holyoke Invitational). In the spring, they continued their team success with a second place finish at the Lady Eagle Invitational, as well as three other top 15 finishes. Six different golfers led the Eagles at least one time and were paced by sophomore Channing Lovejoy (three times) who had a season-best eighth place at the Hartford Invitational.

ICE HOCKEY

Head Coach, Men's: Jerry York

Head Coach, Women's: Tom Babson

Men's:

Record 18-18-2 (10-13-1 HOCKEY EAST)

The team concluded the season with an 18-18-2 mark after struggling with injuries all season. Senior captains Jeff Giuliano and Ales Dolinar led a team that had 16 freshmen and sophomores compared to just six combined juniors and seniors. During the season, the team had streaky success that included key wins over Boston University, Maine, Northeastern and Wisconsin. BC also won the Silverado Shootout, the holiday tournament in Duluth, Minn., with a pair of 5-1 wins over Miami (Ohio) and host Minnesota-Duluth. Offensively, the Eagles were led by sophomores Tony Voce, who ranked among the nation's leaders in six categories and Ben Eaves, who missed almost a third of the season with a rib injury. Eaves was a second team All-American at season's end. Voce was a first team ALL-HOCKEY EAST selection, while Eaves was a second-team honoree. Freshman Dave Spina was voted to the league's All-Rookie Team.

Women's:

Record 9-19-4 (5-12-3 ECAC East)

The team finished the season with a 9-19-4 record. Its eight wins over Division I opponents were the most in school history. Included in those victories were first-ever NCAA wins over Cornell (14 games) and Providence (16 games). Senior Kelly McManus led the team in scoring with 17 goals and 17 assists for 34 points, earning ECAC Player of the Week honors twice and USCHO National Offensive Player of the Week recognition once. Freshman goaltender Lisa Davis played in 30 of the team's 32 games and set school records for goals against average (2.59), save percentage (.918) and shutouts in a season (four). Davis was named the ECAC Eastern League's Rookie of the Week three times and earned USCHO National Defensive Player of the Week honors for the last week of the regular season.

INDOOR TRACK

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Randy Thomas

Men's: The 2001-2002 indoor season had several team and individual bright spots for the men's track and field season. From a team standpoint, the Eagles placed ninth out of 27 teams at the New England Championship. The Eagles also placed second at the competitive Terrier Classic in January. At the BIG EAST Championships, the distance medley relay team had a strong showing with its eighth-place finish. Mike McKenzie and Vernon Mickle placed first and seventh, respectively, in the 800-meter run at the New England Championship. Byron Gartrell turned in a third-place result in the 3,000-meter run, while Shawn Wallace had a strong showing in the 5,000-meter run with his seventh-place finish at the New England's.

Women's: The women's indoor track and field team had a successful 2001-02 campaign, as several members of the team had strong performances throughout the season. As a team, the squad placed fourth and 11th, respectively, at the New England and BIG EAST Championship. One individual highlight this season was Maria Cicero automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championship in the 5,000-meter run, in which she placed 12th. Cicero, who set the school record in the 5,000 during the season, and Laura Smith placed second and eighth, respectively, in the 3,000-meter run at the BIG EAST Championship. Smith was victorious at the New England Championships in the mile run. Melissa Sherman, Jennifer Donovan, Saki Sugano, and Zoey O'Sullivan all placed at the New England's.

LACROSSE

Head Coach, Men's: David Curnick

Head Coach, Women's: Shari Krasnow

Men's: Record 2-7

In its final season as a varsity sport, the men's lacrosse team posted back-to-back wins to close the season. The Eagles earned a 26-9 victory against Green Mountain College in its last game at Alumni Stadium, then finished the season with an 11-10 road victory over Holy Cross. In the Green Mountain game, Matthew Saffai and Rory Smith each recorded four goals apiece. Overall, the team has been paced offensively by Saffai and Smith. Nine seniors have helped lead the team: Brendan Brady, Theodore Cella, Sean Connelly, James Karambay, James McCeney, Daniel Ripp, Saffai, Smith, and Gary Tripmacher.

Women's: Record 8-9 (1-5 BIG EAST)

The team has experienced an up and down season. While the team put together winning streaks of two and four games, it also endured losing streaks of three and four games this year. The team was guided by a strong mix of youth and experience as the team upset Virginia Tech in sudden-death overtime on the road. Senior co-captain Lauren Miller, the BIG EAST's leading scorer paced the team offensively and was supported by a talented cast of underclassmen (Susie Breaznell, Carley St. Lucia, Courtney Legath, and Meggie O'Neill). Miller finished her career as the school's all-time leader in goals, assists and points.

OUTDOOR TRACK

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Randy Thomas

Men's: Several members of the squad had solid outdoor campaigns. Vernon Mickle and Mike McKenzie were consistent the entire season in the 800-meter run, and both competed in the BIG EAST Outdoor Championships. Tony Beirne was steady this season in all the throwing events and concluded his career with strong performances in the hammer, shot put and discus at the BIG EAST Championships. Drew Bouchard, Byron Gartrell, Brian Mahoney, and Shawn Wallace gave the Eagles a great deal of depth in the distance events, especially in the mile, 1,500- and 5,000-meter races, and all four athletes competed at the BIG EAST Championships. Geoff Atkins has anchored the sprint events, as he earned several first place results this season.

Women's: Some of this season's highlights include freshman Maria Cicero automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the 10,000-meter run following her performance at the Mt. SAC Relays. She also provisionally qualified for NCAA 5,000-meter race. Cicero placed sixth at the ECAC Championships in the 5,000-meter run. Jennifer Kramer and Julie Spolidoro both provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and 5,000-meter races, respectively. Megan Guiney, Megan Kearney, Julie Heyde, Zoey O'Sullivan, and Liz Hassan performed well this season and will look to be big competitors in the postseason meets. Spolidoro had an exceptional BIG EAST Outdoor Championship meet, as she placed second in the 10,000-meter run and sixth in the 5,000-meter run. Jennifer Donovan also had a strong showing, as she placed third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

ROWING

Head Coach: Steve Fiske

The team is enjoying a tremendous season in only its second year as a varsity sport. The fall season saw the team race in six head races, including victories over all but one conference opponents. Other highlights included a best-ever finish in the "Championship 8" events at the Head of the Charles and the Head of the Schuylkill. The spring season began slowly with tough losses to local rivals, but the team rebounded with a terrific showing at the annual Knecht Cup, where the first varsity eight boat took home two victories in two days. The victory propelled the team to wins in four of five races one week later at the Charles River against Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Radcliffe.

SAILING

Head Coach: Tim Herzog

The sailing team has earned victories across the Eastern seaboard this year. The Eagles currently hold the Sloop Shrew trophy, as well as second place in the Emily Wick trophy and third at the Thompson Trophy. The Eagles are led by 2001 College Sailor of the Year and All-American Tyler Pruett and this year's All-New England duo of Sarah Helming and Carrie Howe. The women's tandem of Crysaa Byers and Kate Wisotzkey have also helped propel the women's team. After earning a national ranking as high as six earlier this year, the women's team is currently ranked 15th. The co-ed team is currently ranked 11th nationally and will be looking to qualify for the national championship in Hawaii in two events..

SKIING

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Brad Vermeulen

Men's: The men capped off their season with an eighth-place finish at the USCSA National Championships. They also earned runner-up honors at the Eastern Regional Championships. Individually, the Eagles were led by Seth Therrien who finished fourth in the giant slalom at the USCSA National Championships, earning first team All-America honors. Barry Connolly and David Giullieti also garnered second team All-America honors for the Eagles.

Women's: The women earned a podium finish for their efforts at the USCSA National Championships in which they finished third overall. They also won the Eastern Regional Championships, with Lori Williams finishing first in both the slalom and the giant slalom. Williams also finished third overall at the National Championship to earn first team All-America status. Christina Gush won the Eastern Conference regular-season title collecting the most championship points for top finishes, and Jennifer Runco, and Erica Pylman earned second team All-America honors for the Eagles.

SOCCER

Head Coach, Men's: Ed Kelly

Head Coach, Women's: Alison Foley

Men's: Record 10-8-0 (6-4-0 BIG EAST)

The men's soccer team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in as many seasons behind a balanced offensive attack. The Eagles were one of six league teams to make the NCAA Tournament, in which the team fell in the first round, 1-0, to Fairleigh Dickinson in triple overtime. Five players paced the offensive attack - sophomores Adam Pfeifer, Neil Krause, senior Chris Cleary, and junior Casey Schmidt. At season's end, four players were named to ALL-BIG EAST squads: Paul Chase (second team) and Bill Arnault, Cleary, and Schmidt (third team). Arnault, Cleary, Guy Melamed, and Schmidt were All-New England selections, while both Arnault and Melamed garnered Freshman All-American accolades from various outlets.

Women's: Record 11-10-1 (3-2-1 BIG EAST)

The women's soccer team turned its season around and was selected to play in the NCAA Tournament following a 1-5-1 mark to open the season. Head coach Alison Foley's squad won 10 of its last 14 games to earn an at-large bid to the College Cup. During that streak, the Eagles defeated nationally-ranked Connecticut and Miami and defeated Rutgers, who went on the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament. The Eagles concluded their 2001 campaign by losing to then No. 11-ranked Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb. in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Sophomore Sarah Rahko earned numerous honors this season, including third-team All-America, first-team All-Northeast Region, first team ALL-BIG EAST, and BIG EAST Midfielder of the Year. Danielle Servedio was honored with a place on the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team.

SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Jennifer Finley

Record: 26-26 (11-9 BIG EAST)

After competing against some of the nation's top teams in the first half of the season, the Eagles came on strong to win 20 of 27 games and finish the season with a 26-26 record. Offensively, the team is led by the

powerful sophomore and junior classes headlined by Cara Blumfield. The second team All-American - the school's first - ranked among the national leaders in batting average with her .445 mark and doubles (13) and was a two-time BIG EAST Player of the Week. She paced the Eagles in nearly every offensive category. Blumfield and Jacqui Goodchild also ranked among the offensive leaders in the BIG EAST. In the pitching circle, both Tekae Malandris and Kim Ryan led the Eagles, each collecting over 100 strikeouts and 10 wins apiece. Both were also named BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week once this season. Malandris pitched the school's first no-hitter on April 7 since Ryan tossed one in 2000.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Tom Groden

Men's: Record 8-7

With only two seniors on this year's team, several swimmers excelled from an individual standpoint. Brandon Twitchell capped off an incredible freshman campaign by setting a new Boston College record in the 200-yard breaststroke at the ECAC Championships. He also competed at the BIG EAST Championships. Sophomore Andrew Naumann had an 11th-place finish in the 400-yard IM at ECACs.

Women's: Record: 8-7

The team faced a difficult schedule this season, taking on West coast powers UCLA, San Diego, and Cal-San Diego, along with three schools from the highly competitive Ivy League conference. Several individual swimmers had outstanding seasons. Sophomore Caitlin Healey earned a fourth-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle and a ninth-place result in the 100-yard freestyle at the ECAC Championships. Sophomore diver Katelyn Cox also had a strong showing at ECACs, placing third in the three-meter competition and fourth on the one-meter board.

TENNIS

Head Coach, Men's: Rob Miller

Head Coach, Women's: Nigel Bentley

Men's: Record 13-9 (6-2 BIG EAST)

The Eagles compiled a 13-9 overall record and a 6-2 mark in BIG EAST play. They won nine of their last 11 games of the season, dropping two matches in the BIG EAST Tournament to close out the 2001-02 campaign. In one of the best men's tennis seasons in recent history, BC compiled a perfect 6-0 mark in regular-season conference play. Sophomore Paul Colahan led the team with a 14-7 overall singles mark. Five Eagles collected 11 or more wins in the spring and senior captain Marc Lucero also won the third flight of the Connecticut Invitational in the fall. In doubles, the No. 1 tandem of Justin Slattery and Brad Anderson went 14-6 on the season.

Women's: Record 8-12 (5-1 BIG EAST)

The Eagles compiled an 8-12 overall record and an impressive 5-1 mark in BIG EAST play. With a 1-2 record in the BIG EAST Tournament, the Eagles finished fourth. At the tail end of the season, the young BC squad strung together four wins and came out winners in six of its seven regular-season games in April. The Eagles were led by a pair of freshmen in Amy Molden and Nida Waseem as each collected at least 10 single victories. Molden compiled a team-best 13-9 mark. The doubles duo of sophomores Allison Ashley and Emily Hellberg collected a 10-4 mark in the No. 2 singles slot.

VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Jackie Hadel

Record: 18-11 (5-7 BIG EAST)

The volleyball team finished the season with an 18-11 overall record and a 5-7 mark in BIG EAST, setting school records for both overall and conference wins in a season. Junior Rachel Bach led the team with 309 kills and ranked second with 81 blocks. Freshman setter Jessica Brizzolara quarterbacked the offense, registering 1,006 assists and 10 assist-dig double-doubles. Outside hitter Katie Andersen led the team with nine kill-dig double-doubles.

WATER POLO*Head Coach: Mark Douthat*

The Boston College water polo team posted a seventh-place finish at the College Water Polo Association Northern Championship as it defeated MIT in its final match as a varsity team. BC, led by captains Jay Stevens and Chris Godfrey, also posted wins over Fordham, Connecticut College, and the Navy AC during the season.

WRESTLING*Head Coach: Rod Buttry*

Record: 1-16 (0-6 Colonial Athletic Conference)

After joining the Colonial Athletic Association

Conference at the start of the year, the wrestling team compiled a 0-6 record in the conference and a 1-16 mark overall. The Eagles' win came in a 25-9 victory over Davidson College on January 12. Senior Evan Williams led the team with a 9-7 record on the season (8-6 conference). Junior Brad Shemluck compiled a 6-6 record and came through with three wins and two losses at the CAA Championship Tournament.

Varsity Sports Records

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T
Men's Records					
Football	4-7	4-7	8-4	7-5	8-4
Basketball	15-16	6-21	11-19	27-5	20-12
Ice Hockey	28-9-5	27-11-4	29-12-1	33-8-2	18-18-2
Soccer	5-9-2	5-10-2	6-9-2	12-7-1	10-8-0
Lacrosse	7-9	5-9	2-9	1-10	2-7
Baseball	17-23-1	26-22-1	35-20	29-22	30-25
Swimming & Diving	8-5-0	7-6	6-3	10-5	8-7
Tennis	5-16	15-14	12-12	13-10	13-9
Women's Records					
Basketball	17-11	22-8	26-9	14-15	23-8
Field Hockey	15-7	9-11	9-11	10-8	11-8
Ice Hockey	10-22-1	8-22-2	6-22-2	6-26	9-19-4
Swimming & Diving	11-1-1	12-3	7-3	11-2	8-7
Tennis	7-8	17-11	9-12	11-6	8-12
Lacrosse	5-10	4-11	6-10	6-9	8-9
Soccer	9-6-2	12-6-3	16-7-1	14-7-0	11-10-1
Softball	38-14	27-20	20-25	31-24	26-26-0
Volleyball	7-2-4	12-19	13-19	13-17	18-11

Source: Media Relations Office

**Intramural Sports Participation
2001-2002**

SPORT	Number of	Number of	
	Teams	Men	Women
FALL			
Softball (Men's)	18	251	-
Softball (Coed)	16	136	132
Football	58	678	-
Volleyball	26	158	191
Basketball Tournament (Men's)	48	415	-
Basketball Tournament (Women's)	10	-	105
WINTER			
Intermediate Ice Hockey	18	201	26
Advanced Ice Hockey	11	142	2
Little East Basketball Tournament (Men's)	16	60	-
Little East Basketball Tournament (Women's)	4	-	16
Soccer (Men's)	18	188	-
Soccer (Women's)	16	-	186
Basketball (Men's)	48	438	-
Basketball (Women's)	17	-	209
SPRING			
Tennis Tournament (Men's)	-	32	-
Tennis Tournament (Women's)	-	-	8
Softball Tournament (Men's)	18	223	-
Softball Tournament (Coed)	18	121	127
Golf	-	28	4
Totals	360	3,071	1,006
Total Participants		4,077	

Source: Flynn Recreation Complex

**Intercollegiate Sports Participation
2001-2002**

Sport	Men	Women
Varsity		
Baseball	37	-
Basketball	11	12
Fencing	14	20
Field Hockey	-	21
Football	97	-
Golf	10	9
Ice Hockey	22	22
Lacrosse*	30*	26
Sailing	24	30
Skiing	13	8
Soccer	25	26
Softball	-	16
Swimming/Diving	35	40
Tennis	10	9
Track and Field and Cross Country	61	73
Volleyball	-	12
Water Polo*	14*	-
Wrestling*	14*	-
Totals	417	324
Total Participants	741	

* Club Sports as of 2002-2003.

Source: BCAA Compliance Office