

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

2002-2003

BASEBALL

Head Coach: Pete Hughes

Record: 33-21 (13-11 BIG EAST)

Recap: After a slow start, the Eagles rebounded to win 18 of their last 28 games. Included in that were seven- and five-game win streaks. At various points of the year, Boston College received votes in the *Sports Weekly/ESPN Top 25*, *Baseball America* and *NCBWA* polls. The Eagles were led by a pair of aces: reigning BIG EAST Pitcher of the Year Chris Lambert, who, as of April 23, led the conference strikeouts (61) and Kevin Shepard, who sported the league's second-lowest ERA (2.18). Drew Locke starred at the plate as he led the team in batting average (.349), runs batted in (24) and runs scored (25). Ryan Morgan excelled both as a hitter and the team's closer, posting the team's second-highest average (.306) as well as ranking in a tie for second place in the BIG EAST in saves (eight).

BASKETBALL

Men's Head Coach: Al Skinner

Men's Record: 19-12 overall (10-6 BIG EAST East) **Postseason:** National Invitation Tournament

Men's Recap: The team finished with a 19-12 mark, including a 10-6 record in BIG EAST contests. BC shared the BIG EAST East Division regular-season title with Connecticut. The Eagles earned a berth in the National Invitation Tournament, their third consecutive season in post-season action. Troy Bell captured BIG EAST Player of the Year honors as well as several All-America accolades. Craig Smith gained BIG EAST second team honors and All-Rookie Team honors. Smith set a BC record for freshman scoring with 617 points.

Women's Head Coach: Cathy Inglese

Women's Record: 22-9 overall (12-4 BIG EAST)

Postseason: NCAA Tournament

Women's Recap: The team advanced to the school's first-ever women's basketball Sweet Sixteen with tournament wins over Old Dominion and No. 16 Vanderbilt. As a No. 5 seed in the East Region, the team's season came to an end at the hands of top-ranked Connecticut. Two Eagles -- Brianna Stepherson and Amber Jacobs -- joined the 1,000-point club while Stepherson finished her career in the top 10 of several BC categories, including points (10th with 1,115), steals (fifth with 171), and assists (second with 534). Becky Gottstein finished her career as the fifth-leading scorer (1,490) and second-leading rebounder (884) at Boston College.

CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: Randy Thomas

Men's Conference Finish: Fifth

Men's Recap: Led by senior captain Shawn Wallace, the team had its most impressive season since the 1999 campaign, earning a fifth-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships. Wallace earned All-BIG EAST accolades after his 12th-place finish at the conference championships with a time of 24:12. He also had two first-place finishes at the CCSU Invitational and the UNH tri-meet. Wallace was pushed by several underclassmen, including sophomore Drew Bouchard who had a 25th-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships with a time of 25:03.

Women's Conference Finish: Fifth

Women's Recap: The team had a successful campaign, led by strong individual performances from Maria Cicero and Julie Spolidoro. Cicero qualified for the NCAA Championships with a second-place finish at the NCAA Northeast Regionals. She was an All-BIG EAST honoree with a seventh-place finish at the conference championships, crossing the line in 20:42. Julie Spolidoro also capped an impressive college career, earning

her first All-BIG EAST selection by finishing 10th at the conference championships. She also finished 10th at the NCAA Regionals, while registering a time of 17:11 at the New England Championships, good for second place.

FENCING

Head Coach: Syd Fadner

Men's Record: 15-7 overall (7-2 ECAC)

Men's Recap: The team finished the season very strong. The New England Championship featured the men's foil squad winning the Vitalli Cup, an award for the best individual squad overall record. The men's epee squad finished first and the sabre unit finished third in the NE Championships. The men's team finished ninth in the IFA Championships.

Women's Record: 18-7 overall (9-2 ECAC)

Women's Recap: The team competed consistently well all season. Their third-place regular-season finish in conference was on par with their third-place finish in the New England Championships. The women's epee squad led the Eagles all season with a team best 19-6 record, and a third-place finish in the New England Championships. The team placed eighth in the IFA Championships to finish off the season.

FIELD HOCKEY

Head Coach: Sherren Granese

Record: 15-6 overall (3-2 BIG EAST)

Postseason: BIG EAST Tournament

Recap: The Eagles collected the most wins since 1998, including two wins over ranked foes. They finished the season at 15-6 overall and 3-2 in the conference. BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year Kim French led the team in scoring with 12 goals and two assists for 26 points. Four other Eagles finished with double-digit points (Christy Zider, Lauren Schultz, Virginia Drozd, Bronwen Kelly).

FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Tom O'Brien

Record: 9-4 overall (3-4 BIG EAST)

Postseason: Motor City Bowl

Recap: The Eagles finished with a 9-4 record and appeared in a bowl game for an unprecedented fourth consecutive season, topping off one of the most successful four-year periods in Eagle football history. The 51-25 win over Toledo in the Motor City Bowl sent the 2002 senior class out with 32 victories in four years (32-17) tied with the 1981-84 group for the most wins in a four-year period in 60 years of Boston College football. The Eagles won eight or more games for the third time in four years; before 1999, the Eagles had won eight or more games only twice in the previous 12 seasons. One of the top highlights of the season occurred on November 2, when the Eagles marched into Notre Dame Stadium and defeated the previously undefeated, fourth-ranked and green-clad Fighting Irish, 14-7, to end ND's dreams of a national championship. Brian St. Pierre finished his career in third place on the all-time BC passing list. Junior Derrick Knight rushed for 1,432 yards to become the fourth BC tailback in a row to top the 1,000-yard mark.

GOLF

Men's Head Coach: Trevor Drum

Men's Recap: The team had an impressive fall season, highlighted by a third-place finish at the U.S. Military Invitational. The Eagles were led by sophomore Tim Connors in the fall season. Connors was BC's top performer in the last three events of the fall. In the spring season, junior

tri-captain Sean McReynolds led the Eagles in three of their four tournaments.

Women's Head Coach: Frank Kolarik

Women's Recap: The team opened the spring season with the goal of qualifying for the inaugural BIG EAST Championship. Led by sophomore Kori Goulet, the Eagles were one of four teams selected for the event, held at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course. There, BC finished third, eight strokes ahead of fourth-place finisher Georgetown. Other highlights of the season included a second-place finish at the Brown Invitational. In the fall, BC had three second-place finishes; at the Rutgers Invitational, the ECAC Championship and the Dartmouth Invitational.

ICE HOCKEY

Men's Head Coach: Jerry York

Men's Record: 24-11-4 (16-6-2 Hockey East)

Postseason: NCAA Tournament

Men's Recap: Boston College earned a share of the Hockey East regular-season crown, marking the school's eighth title – a league-high – in 19 seasons. Ben Eaves earned All-America first team honors, while J.D. Forrest earned All-America second team accolades. The regular season also saw Eaves earn Hockey East Co-Player of the Year honors and the 2002-03 scoring title. In addition, sophomore goaltender Matti Kaltiainen was named the HOCKEY EAST Goaltender of the Year with a league-low 2.20 goals-against average. The Eagles received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and were the second seed in the East Regional, held in Providence, R.I. BC's NCAA Tournament appearance was its 23rd all-time, and fifth in the past six seasons.

Women's Head Coach: Tom Babson

Women's Record: 12-17-1 (2-10-3 Hockey East)

Women's Recap: Boston College had a record-setting year, posting the most Division I wins in program history, and earning its best record since the 1994-95 campaign. The Eagles defeated Northeastern in the first round of the Beanpot, to earn BC's first-ever win over the Huskies and its first Hockey East victory. A talented tandem of young goaltenders, Lisa Davis and Alison Quandt, led the Eagles to success, while making their own marks in the BC record books.

INDOOR TRACK

Head Coach: Randy Thomas

Men's Recap: The Eagles competed hard during the indoor season, coming up with several excellent performances at a number of meets. The team finished in a tie for second at the Terrier Cup, and placed runner-up at a tri-meet against BU and Providence as well as one versus New Hampshire and Vermont. The 4x800-meter relay team -- consisting of Vernon Mickle, Dan MacIsaac, Anthony Calabro and Brenton Wheatley -- grabbed a point at the BIG EAST Championships courtesy of its eighth-place finish. Mickle followed that up with a runner-up finish in the 800 at the New England Championships, at which Boston College came in 10th out of 31 teams.

Women's Recap: The Eagles capped a season filled with record-setting individual performances with a 10th-place finish at the BIG EAST Championships. Julie Spolidoro was crowned BIG EAST champion in the 5,000. At the New England Championships, the team placed eighth, with Christina Regan and Melissa Sherman winning the pentathlon and 500, respectively. Maggie Guiney, Jennifer Donovan and the distance medley relay all scored points for the Eagles as they finished 19th at ECACs the following week. Spolidoro went on to become an All-American after taking 10th in the 3,000 at nationals.

LACROSSE

Head Coach: Shari Krasnoo

Record: 9-6 overall (2-4 BIG EAST)

Recap: The women's lacrosse team finished with a record of 9-6. Two of the team's losses this season come by just one goal, each occurring early in the season. Jacklyn Yovankin was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week and selected to the *womenslacrosse.com* Player of the Week honor roll for the week ending April 7. Courtney Legath, who currently leads the team with 42 points, has 18 goals and a team-high 24 assists. She was named BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending March 5.

OUTDOOR TRACK

Head Coach: Randy Thomas

Men's Recap: The men's track and field team has competed at five meets this spring: Raleigh Relays, Husky Spring Open, Southern Connecticut State University Invitational, UNH Invitational and Solomon Husky Invitational. In the two meets that had team scoring, Boston College came in fourth out of eight teams at the SCSU Invitational and fifth out of eight at the UNH Invitational. Among the team's top performers are Byron Gartrell, who won the 1,500 at the SCSU Invitational and the 5,000 at the UNH Invitational; Brian Mahoney, who took first in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at both the SCSU and UNH invitationals; Geoff Atkins, who took home the top prize in the 400 at the UNH Invitational; and Vernon Mickle, who came in first in the 800 at UNH. Mahoney's time at UNH is the sixth fastest this season in the BIG EAST.

Women's Recap: The women's track and field team has had a very successful spring campaign, coming in second out of eight teams at the SCSU Invitational and finishing first out of seven teams at the UNH Invitational. A couple members of the team have written their names in the school record book. Saki Sugano tied the BC pole vault mark of 11-6¼ at Raleigh. Jessica Fazekas twice broke the school shot put record. The second time she did it with a mark of 45-10¾, which not only broke the old standard by more than 2½ feet but also automatically qualified her for the NCAA Regional Championships. Other women who have had solid seasons are middle distance runner Jennifer Vendetti, distance runners Maggie Guiney and Jennifer Kramer, hurdlers Liz Hassan and Jackie Tanzella, steeplechaser Jennifer Donovan, horizontal jumper Anne Walsh, multi-eventer Christina Regan, pole vaulter Megan Mara and thrower Megan Kearney.

ROWING

Head Coach: Steve Fiske

Recap: The rowing team is making tremendous strides in only its third year as a varsity sport. The fall season saw the team race in four head races, including victories over conference opponents Georgetown, Rutgers and Miami. The spring season began strongly with convincing victories in three of four races at the Jesuit Invitational. In a disappointing loss for the varsity eight the following week to local rival Northeastern, the varsity four finished atop the competition. A subsequent race against the national powerhouse Northeastern proved the Eagles a contender with the varsity eight finishing just 1.6 seconds behind.

SAILING

Head Coach: Greg Wilkinson

Recap: The sailing team is about to finish yet another successful year. The Eagles came into the spring season with high hopes after dominating the Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta, finishing first in the "unofficial championship" of the fall season. In the spring, the Eagles placed fourth at the Spring Intersectional, third at the Boston Dingy, second at the

Eckherd Intersectional and sixth at the women's New England Championships. The Eagles were led by seniors Henrik Wennerstrom and Carrie Howe as well as sophomore Jen Doyle. Howe and Doyle have both been named to the All-New England sailing team. If all goes well, both the No. 12 women's and the ninth-ranked coed teams could be headed to Gross Pointe, Michigan, for the national championship in June.

SKIING

Head Coach: Brad Vermeulen

Men's Recap: The men capped off their impressive season with a second-place finish at the USCSA National Championships. They also took home first in the giant slalom and second in the slalom at the ECSC Regional Championships. Individually, Barry Connolly, David Giulietti, Andy Wallman, Michael Duran and Seth Therrien garnered All-Conference and All-American accolades. Adam Wexler also achieved All-Conference status. Senior Barry Connolly led the Eagles with team-high finishes in the slalom and giant slalom at the USCSA National Championships. Michael Duran, who was named MVP of the men's squad, capped off his senior season in impressive fashion with strong finishes at the ECSC Regionals and USCSA Nationals.

Women's Recap: The women enjoyed a second-place overall performance at the USCSA Nationals and a fourth-place finish at the ECSC Regionals. They set an USCSA record for 22 consecutive berths at Nationals, breaking the BC men's and women's mark of 21 straight trips. Lori Williams led the Eagles with team-high finishes at both events and completed her senior season with a total of five first-place races earning her All-American and All-Conference accolades. Junior Erica Pylman and junior Jennifer Runco also achieved All-America and All-Conference status, finishing tops in individual regular-season standings grabbing sixth and ninth place, respectively.

SOCCER

Men's Head Coach: Ed Kelly

Men's Record: 18-5 overall (8-2 BIG EAST)

Postseason: NCAA Tournament

Men's Recap: The Eagles completed their most successful season in program history, winning their second BIG EAST regular-season title and third conference tournament championship, reaching the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament for the first time and setting program records for wins (18) and longest winning streak (nine games). The team placed six players on the All-BIG EAST squad and took home BIG EAST Coaching Staff and Goalkeeper of the Year honors. Casey Schmidt finished his brilliant career with 82 points, including a school-record 35 goals.

Women's Head Coach: Alison Foley

Women's Record: 11-8-1 (4-2 BIG EAST)

Postseason: BIG EAST Tournament

Women's Recap: The women's soccer team tackled its most difficult schedule in program history, finishing with an 11-8-1 record. The team, led by a core group of four seniors, had a considerable amount of youth on the roster, including 12 freshman and two sophomore newcomers. Sarah Rahko was an All-BIG EAST first team selection, while Katie McGregor was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie team.

SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Jen Finley

Record: 35-22 overall (14-5 BIG EAST)

Recap: As of April 25, five players were hitting above .300 with outfielder Erin Mackey leading the pack at .333. Junior outfielder Jacqui Goodchild (.319) and senior first baseman Lisa Fischer (.317) were close behind. Senior shortstop Cara Blumfield (.317) rounded out the top hitters. Blumfield was a two-time BIG EAST Player of the Week while Mackey earned the honor once. In the pitching circle, the Eagles were led by Tekae

Malandris (8-6) and Kim Ryan (11-3). Malandris was leading the staff in ERA with a 1.85 mark. She collected 127 strikeouts. Ryan, a three-time BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week selection, pitched six shutouts, including her first career perfect game.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Head Coach: Tom Groden

Men's Record: 8-7

Men's Recap: The Eagles finished the 2002-03 season with an 8-7 dual meet record and took 11th and 12th at the BIG EAST and ECAC Championship meets. Individually, Tim Tully set BC records in the 200-yard backstroke at the ECAC Championships and in the 400-yard individual medley at the Princeton Invitational. Andy Naumann set Boston College's all-time dual meet records in the 200-yard individual medley and the 50-yard backstroke.

Women's Record: 12-3

Women's Recap: Boston College had a successful season, posting a 12-3 dual meet record, finishing 10th at the BIG EAST Championship, and second at the ECAC Championship. Several Eagles shattered existing BC records, posting impressive new times, including Katie McCann, who earned the prestigious title of Swimmer of the Meet at the ECAC competition.

TENNIS

Men's Head Coach: Rob Miller

Men's Record: 10-8 (5-1 BIG EAST)

Men's Recap: The Eagles started slowly this spring, winning just two of their first nine matches, but bounced back, going 8-1 in their last nine. They also won five of their six BIG EAST matches, losing only to Rutgers by a slim 4-3 margin, to claim the No. 5 seed in the conference championships. The team has been led all year by Justin Slattery and Brad Anderson, who have split time at No. 1 and 2 singles. Both have 10+ singles wins this spring and are 6-0 in conference play. As the Eagles' No. 1 doubles team, Slattery and Anderson are 13-2 overall and sport a flawless 5-0 BIG EAST mark. In the fall, the duo reached the semifinals of the Eastern Regional Championships.

Women's Head Coach: Nigel Bentley

Women's Record: 12-7 (6-2 BIG EAST)

Women's Recap: The women's tennis team started the year strongly, winning its first four matches. It then hit a rough stretch, going just 1-5 in its next six, but then played at a high level, finishing the regular season by winning seven of its last nine matches. The Eagles played an incredibly difficult schedule, with all seven of their losses coming against teams ranked in the top 75. BC's 6-2 conference mark earned it the No. 3 seed in the BIG EAST Championships. Szilvia Szegedi, the team's No. 1 singles player, led a quartet of Eagles with double-digit win totals. The No. 1 doubles team of Nida Waseem and Emily Hellberg went 10-6 on the year, including a 7-1 record in conference matches.

VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Jackie Hadel

Record: 14-18 overall (3-10 BIG EAST)

Recap: The Eagles finished a rollercoaster of a season with a 14-18 record. BC opened the season strongly, taking the title at the College of Charleston Tournament. Senior Rachel Bach, who led the team in kills, recorded the 1,000th kill of her career. BC had a mid-season four-game win streak, with consecutive victories over West Virginia, Quinnipiac, Providence and Sacred Heart. The Eagles finished the BIG EAST schedule with a 3-10 conference record, but topped UConn in an emotional match on senior night.