Intercollegiate Athletic Season Highlights 1997-1998

BASEBALL
Head Coach: Richard "Moe" Maloney
Team was led by senior captains Steve Dunlea and Sonny Nictakis; junior first baseman Sean McGowan and sophomore pitcher/designated hitter Steve Langone ranked among the nation's leading hitters; sophomore right fielder Mike Quirk was among BIG EAST batting leaders; junior catcher Jeff Waldron ranked among team leaders in hitting and fielding; Langone, junior Paul Bibbo and sophomore Andy Sullivan anchored the pitching staff.

BASKETBALL
Head Coach, Men's: Al Skinner
Head Coach, Women's: Cathy Inglese
Men's: Team finished with a 15-16 mark; seniors Antonio Granger and Duane Woodward earned All-BIG EAST third team honors; Granger led team and ranked sixth in conference with 17.9 ppg average; Woodward ranked fifth in conference with 5.1 assists per game; senior Mickey Curley led team in rebounding; junior Kostas Maglos averaged 13.3 ppg.

Women's: Tied the best start in school history and finished 17-11 overall and 11-7 in the BIG EAST Conference. The Eagles led the nation in three-point field goal percentage and two players earned All-BIG EAST Conference honors. Sophomore guard Cal Bouchard earned BIG EAST Player of the Week honors twice and was named to the All-BIG EAST First-Team. Junior center Whitney Steele earned All-BIG EAST Third-Team honors.

CROSS COUNTRY
Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Randy Thomas
Men's: Won both dual meets and finished third in the New England Championships; freshman Justin Burdon was top performer in three of five meets, including 17th place finishes in both the New England and BIG EAST Championships.

Women's: Ranked nationally throughout the year, topping out at 10th; finished ninth in the NCAA Division I Championships; senior standout Angie Graham earned All-America honors; Graham also captured titles in the New England Championships and the NCAA District I Qualifier.

FENCING
Head Coach, Men's & Women's: Ted Faener
Men's: Team won its fourth straight New England Fencing Championship; sophomore Luke Mountain finished 13th in the sabre at the 1998 NCAA Championships, missing All-America honors by just three touches; foil squad - Mike Pawlik and Rob Cutler - won Vitale Cup as best squad in New England; team was led by captains Hajj Matsukawa and Sean Sinclair.

Women's: Team captured its first New England Fencing Championship; epee squad - Cindy Tahlmore, Julie Chisholm, Joy Chambers and Estelle Chow - won Vitale Cup as best squad in New England; team was led by captains Chisholm and Chambers.

FIELD HOCKEY
Head Coach: Sherren Granese
Finished with a school record 15 wins and earned their second BIG EAST title in four years; reached the NCAA Division I tournament for the second time in school history; lost in first round of the NCAA tournament to eventual champion Princeton; two Eagles earned All-America honors - junior sweeper Joy Ramsbotham captured Second Team honors, and senior forward Andrea Durko earned Third Team accolades; Durko was named MVP of the BIG EAST Tournament; Ramsbotham was named BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year; senior center midfielder Anne Marie Ambros, along with Durko and Ramsbotham, grabbed First Team Northeast Regional All-American honors; senior midfielder Marlon Fitzgerald and freshman goalkeeper Stacy Chichaski were both selected to the Second Team.

FOOTBALL
Head Coach: Tom O'Brien
The team finished with a 4-7 record, including a 3-4 BIG EAST mark; OL Doug Brzezinski, NG Chris Hovan, TE Todd Pollack and LB Erik Storz earned All-Conference first team honors; DB Pedro Cirino and C Damien Woody captured All-Conference second team accolades; Storz finished with 13 sacks, eighth in the nation; RB Mike Cloud had four 100-yard rushing games and finished third in BIG EAST with 88.6 yards per game; QB Matt Hasselbeck enjoyed five 200-yard passing games and ranked second in BIG EAST with 223.9 yards per game.

GOLF
Head Coach, Men's & Women's: Natalie Galligan
Men's: Captained by junior Sean Lim; men's golf team finished in the top ten in five of their six fall tournaments; Eagles' top performance was a fourth-place finish (out of 26 teams) at the Toski Invitational in October; team finished sixth in the Massachusetts Golf Championships on April 16, led by sophomore Patrick Dunn's second-place finish.

Women's: Junior Kate Shields led the team to three top five finishes during the fall; Shields won two tournaments - the Yale Invitational and the Mount Holyoke Invitational -giving her a total of six victories in her collegiate career; through April 19, the women's squad had placed fifth in the Lady Eagle Invitational and third in the University of Hartford Invitational.

ICE HOCKEY
Head Coach, Men's: Jerry York
Head Coach, Women's: Tom O'Malley
Men's: Team finished with a 28-9-5 record, advancing to the NCAA Tournament's championship game; Eagles won the HOCKEY EAST Tournament title; junior center Marty Reasoner was the nation's leading scorer and earned All-America first team honors; sophomore defensemen Mike Mottau led nation's defensemen in scoring, while freshman right wing Brian Gionta led nation's freshmen in scoring; Mottau and Gionta captured All-America second team honors. Three players Reasoner, Mottau and Gionta were All-League selections; four freshmen - goalie Scott Clemmensen, defensemen Bobby Allen and Rob Scuderi and Gionta - were HOCKEY EAST All-Rookie Team choices.

Women's: Finished with a record of 10-22-1; led by tri-captains Genevieve Mississian, Erin Magee and Carroll McCaffrey; freshman Jennifer Buckley led the team with 47 points; Magee, a junior, finished with 38 points and was named ECAC Player of the Week on February 16; freshman Kathleen Savino led the team with 27 assists; sophomore Christy Nentwig saw the majority of time in net, finishing with a .867 save percentage.
INDOOR TRACK

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

Men's: Junior Brian Schaefer finished third in the New England Championship and the IC4As and fourth in the BIG EAST Championships in the 5000 meter run; sophomore George White finished third in the BIG EAST and second in the New England Championships in the long jump. The distance medley relay team placed third in the BIG EAST Championships and second in the New England Championships.

Women's: Senior Angie Graham capped an outstanding career with a spectacular season. She won the mile at the BIG EAST Championships, and the 800 at the New England Championships, and earned All-America honors by finishing second in the mile at the NCAA Championships. The distance medley team finished second at the BIG EAST Championships; senior Anne Baldelli won the mile and the 4x800 relay team came in second in the New England Championships.

LACROSSE

Head Coach, Men’s: Ed Moy
Head Coach, Women’s: MaryAnn Foley

Men’s: Off to a 5-6 record through 11 games; led by senior co-captains Matt McGonagle and Kevin McLane; MCLane leads team with 25 goals, and became the school’s all-time leader in points; junior Pat Mccavanaugh leads the team in assists with 17; sophomore Dan Hayden ranks among team’s scoring leaders; junior Anthony Cirri has started every game in goal.

Women’s: Have compiled a 4-7 record so far this season; led by senior tri-captains Maggie Berkery, Danielle Wood and Alex Doyle; Wood leads the team with 22 goals; Berkery has added 10 goals; freshman Emily Ryan ranks second on the team in goals; sophomore Carrie Everett has notched 17 points on 12 goals and five assists; freshman Melissa Cole has started every game in goal.

OUTDOOR TRACK

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

Men’s: Sophomore Erik DeMarco won the 400 Intermediate Hurdles and the 4x400 relay team won their events in the Snowflake Classic at Tufts University; freshman Justin Burdon won the 1500, sophomore Marshal Armitage won the 5000 and sophomore Derek Holland won the 3000 steeplechase in the meet against Southern Connecticut with Northeastern, Boston University and Brown; Neil Koonz placed first in the javelin throw at the University of Connecticut Spring Classic.

Women’s: Freshman Kristyn O’Brien won the long jump in the Snowflake Classic at Tufts University; senior Amy Lyman placed first in the 800 and 1500, while senior Katie White won the 3000 meter run in the meet against Southern Connecticut, Northeastern, Boston University and Brown.

SAILING

Head Coach: Norm Reid

Fall: Seniors Peter Spaulding and Anne Bohlen earned spots in the singlehanded national competition; Spaulding placed seventh, while Bohlen finished eighth; Spaulding, who captured the New England Sailor of the Year honors, and Mandy Aleardi went to California and won the Goodwill Games against Japan; the offshore team placed second at the MCMillan Cup in Annapolis, the second oldest sailing trophy in the United States; freshman co-ed team won the (New England) Nickerson Trophy in November.

Spring: The Eagles earned an invitation to compete in the Kennedy Cup (big boat) Regatta at the U.S. Naval Academy in April; men’s team captain Joe Aleardi led team to New England title and a berth in the national competition in New Orleans; women’s captain Sarah Skeie hopes to lead her team to the Big Easy as well; both the men’s and women’s teams were ranked as high as third nationally; team is currently just three points out of being national sailing team of the year.

SKIING

Head Coach, Men’s & Women’s: Bill Toof

Men’s: Led by senior John Kim, the team finished in the top three in 11 of their 12 regular-season competitions, and topped the season by placing fifth in the giant slalom and sixth in the slalom at the US Collegiate National Championships; Kim earned All-America honors, as well as Academic All-America honors; freshman Tad Davis and senior Robert Melnick were also named Academic All-Americans.

Women’s: The squad produced seven first-place finishes and a third place overall finish at the US Collegiates (fourth in the giant slalom and second in the slalom); senior Amanda Daffer and sophomore Natasha Zaltzeff earned All-America honors; senior Rebecca Cogswell and sophomore Lucia Fankhanel were named Academic All-Americans.

SOCCER

Head Coach, Men’s: Ed Kelly
Head Coach, Women’s: Alison Foley

Men’s: Team finished with a 5-9-2 mark; freshman forward Kevin Boyd led team in scoring with five goals and one assist; freshman goalkeeper Chris Hamblin earned BIG EAST All-Rookie Team honors, starting 15 matches and finishing with a 1.00 goals against average; senior Asgeir Asgeirsson and junior Keith McDonald captured All-League second team honors.

Women’s: Led by first-year head coach Alison Foley, the Eagles finished with a 9-6-2 record; senior back Alex Chamberlain earned All-Northeast and All-New England second team honors; freshman goalkeeper Courtney Schaeffer captured All-BIG EAST second team honors and league All-Rookie honors; sophomore forward Mary Guarino led team in scoring with seven goals and one assist.

SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Jennifer Finley

The defending BIG EAST champions registered their second consecutive 30-win season and won the North Division regular season title. Three players earned BIG EAST Conference weekly honors. Sophomore pitchers Mary Dietz and Lauren Fischetti each won BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week honors and freshman Jennifer Perrotta was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Week. The Eagles set a BIG EAST regular season record with four home runs in the victory over Rutgers on April 18.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Head Coach, Men’s & Women’s: Tom Groden

Men’s: Team finished with an 8-5 record, including a 2-0 BIG EAST mark; sophomore Steve Yap earned team MVP honors for the second consecutive year; Yap finished career with 79 first-place finishes (41 individual, 38 relay); team captured big win at Providence with Greg Dwyer turning in year’s “Outstanding Performance”; freshman Mike Wilf earned team’s Most Outstanding Performer honor at BIG EAST Championship.
Women's: Team finished with an 11-1-1 mark; sophomore Kendra Johnson earned team MVP honors; team raced to a 167-133 win over Boston University, its third straight win over the Terriers; freshman Shannon Lents earned team's Most Outstanding Performer honor at BIG EAST Championship; junior Sara Guerena raised her number of career first-place finishes to 88 (69 individual, 19 relay).

TENNIS
Men's: Nigel Bentley
Women's: Mark Burns
Men's: Through April 16, the Eagles were led by senior captain John Brennan, along with juniors Chris Amundsen and Dan Swanstrom, in singles wins with eight apiece; sophomore Anand Annigeri (#1) earned seven, and freshman Jason Cowett chipped in with six wins; Annigeri and Brennan teamed as top doubles pair with a 5-6 record; the team won four out of five matches, stretching from October to February.

Women's: Captained by seniors Kara Swanson and Christina Malone; freshmen Cynthia Tow (21) and Kiren Fernando (19), sophomore Mercedes del Valle (19), and Barbara Privrel (15) led team in singles victories through April 18; #1 seed Tow and Fernando led squad with 12 triumphs; Tow reached the Flight A singles finals at the Harvard Invitational and the William & Mary Invitational; Eagles had an overall record of 7-8 as of April 18.

VOLLEYBALL
Head Coach: Nadine Lilavois
Finished the season with a 7-24 record; team was led by co-captains Julia Gallacher and Courtney Grubb; freshman Julia El-Hag led the team with 358 kills; junior Katherine Tortorello led the team with 836 assists; senior Amy Laurence was second on the team with 274 digs; had BIG EAST win over Rutgers.

WATER POLO
Head Coach: G.T. Ladd
The Eagles finished with an 11-13 record, including a 3-1 record against West Coast teams; five players earned AWPCA All-Academic honors; defeated rival Harvard in two of three meetings; team established six single-season records; five players set single-season marks, including two by Mike Pietsch (two-point goals and ejections drawn); seniors Tom Rea (.502 save percentage) and Trever Boehm (seven blocked shots-field) also set single-season records.

WRESTLING
Head Coach: Rod Buttry
Finished with a 3-11 record; led by tri-captains Joe Dwyer, Rashied McCready and Eustace Mita; junior Matt McKinley finished with a 13-13 record, while finishing second in two tournaments. Sophomore Pat Purcell finished with a 13-9 record, while placing in both the Kutztown tournament and the East Stroudsburg tournaments; freshman Mike Mita finished his first year with a 7-13 record despite wrestling in three different weight classes throughout the year; Mita placed second at the Plymouth State Tournament.

Source: Sports Information Office

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