

## Intercollegiate Athletic Season Highlights 1999-2000

### BASEBALL

*Head Coach: Pete Hughes*

The team advanced to the BIG EAST Championship tournament for just the second time in school history, and the first time since 1991. Hughes captured BIG EAST Coach of the Year honors after guiding his squad to a school-record 35 wins. Senior pitcher Steve Langone set the pace for the nation's hurlers, leading the NCAA with a 1.54 earned-run average. Langone also performed well at the plate, hitting at a .338 clip with seven home runs. Senior second baseman Mike Gambino paced the Eagle offense with a .366 batting average. As a team, the Eagles swept Villanova on April 1 and 2 to earn their first weekend sweep in the BIG EAST in five years. BC also took a double-header from St. John's for the first time in school history.

### BASKETBALL

*Head Coach, Men's: Al Skinner*

*Head Coach, Women's: Cathy Inglese*

**Men's:** Finished with an 11-19 record; freshman Troy Bell earned BIG EAST Rookie of the Year honors, New England Rookie of the Year honors and Freshman All-America honors; Bell set BC freshman scoring record with 508 points (18.8 ppg) and finished second in the nation in free-throw shooting percentage (.894); senior Michael Cotton averaged 6.3 points per game in 30 games.

**Women's:** Team registered the most victories in school history, finishing 26-9 overall and 12-4 in the BIG EAST Conference. The Eagles advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season. Three players earned All-BIG EAST honors and senior captain Cal Bouchard was the recipient of the BIG EAST Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete award. Bouchard was named to the All-BIG EAST First Team and earned Kodak All-District honors, while Alissa Murphy and Jamie Cournoyer earned All-BIG EAST Third Team honors. Cournoyer was named BIG EAST Most Improved Player. Becky Gottstein was named Tournament MVP as the Eagles won the State Farm Classic. Four of the starters earned BIG EAST Player of the Week honors.

### CROSS COUNTRY

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

**Men's:** The Eagles won their opening meet of the season at the Central Connecticut Invitational, then placed second in two of the next three meets - including the New England Championships. Junior Justin Burdon ran in the top five in three meets, including a third-place finish at the New England Championships.

**Women's:** The team returned to the NCAA Championships after a one-year absence. The team, balanced by strong freshmen and upperclassmen, placed 28th. Senior Shannon Smith won the New England Championships and placed in the top 10 in two other events. Newcomers Cate and Maggie Guiney each won their first collegiate meet and placed in the top 10 in multiple meets.

### FENCING

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

**Men's:** The team tied for first in the New England Collegiate Championships, led by Zakee Howard, Jeff Marston, and Luke Mountain; David Moyston earned a national ranking of 68 in the Junior standings; Howard earned an At Large selection for the NCAA Championships as a result of his 10th place finish in the Regionals.

**Women's:** The team finished third in the New England Collegiate Championships, led by Holly Russell, Michelle Guevara, and Sue Boyle, who placed third, fourth, and fifth, in the foil competition; Guevara earned an At Large selection for the NCAA Championships as a result of her 12th place finish in the Regionals.

### FIELD HOCKEY

*Head Coach: Sherren Granese*

The team finished with a 9-11 record and placed third in the BIG EAST; the Eagles were ranked in the nation's top 20 for a portion of the season; Jill Dedman and Morgan Brady earned Second Team All-BIG EAST honors, while Elizabeth Flood, Kimberly French, and Christy Zider were named to the league's All-Rookie Team; Dedman made a league-high 240 saves while posting four shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.74.

### FOOTBALL

*Head Coach: Tom O'Brien*

The football program engineered the third-best turnaround in Division I-A football during the 1999 season. After going 4-7 the season before, the team finished the 1999 regular season with an 8-3 record and ranked 22nd in the country. The team received an invitation to the Insight.com Bowl, its first bowl appearance since the 1994 season. Chris Hovan received first-team All-America honors from several organizations, while Hovan, Darnell Alford, Cedric Washington, and Pedro Cirino received first-team All-BIG EAST honors. Senior line-backer Frank Chamberlin received the Thomas F. Scanlan Award, the highest honor bestowed on a BC football player.

### GOLF

*Head Coach, Men's: Trevor Drum*

*Head Coach, Women's: Kristin Lindgren*

**Men's:** The team finished among the top 15 teams four times in seven fall events; and tied for fifth place at the ECAC North/Northeast Qualifier. Patrick Dunn was the Eagles top performer in five events, and was one of the individual qualifiers to advance to the ECAC Championship as a result of his 12th place finish at the Northeast Qualifier. The team finished second at the Massachusetts Intercollegiate Championship in the spring, led by Rich Tilghman's third place finish. Mike Rich tied for 12th place at the Yale Invitational to lead the team to a 15th place finish.

**Women's:** The team placed among the top 10 in four of the five events in the fall; and finished third at the Mt. Holyoke Invitational. Katie Shields was the team's top performer in all five events, and finished second at the Mt. Holyoke Invitational. The team placed second at both the Lady Eagle Invitational and the Hartford Invitational in the spring. Shields was the team's top performer in three spring tournaments, and finished tied for third at the Hartford Invitational. Roxanne Somboonsiri tied for 29th with Shields to lead the team to a 12th place finish at the William & Mary Invitational.

### ICE HOCKEY

*Head Coach, Men's: Jerry York*

*Head Coach, Women's: Tom Babson*

**Men's:** Team finished with a 29-12-1 record, advancing to its third straight 'Frozen Four' and its second national championship game in three years; Mike Mottau earned the Hobey Baker Award, given to the best player in college hockey; Brian Gionta and Jeff Farkas were also finalists for the award; all three earned First Team All-America honors; Mottau also won his second straight Walter Brown Award as the best American-born player in New England; he also set a new BC record for career assists with 130; Farkas, Gionta and Blake Bellefeuille all finished the season among BC's top 10 in career scoring.

**Women's:** First-year Coach Tom Babson led BC to a 6-22-2 finish. Led by co-captain Jen Buckley and senior goaltender Christy Nentwig, who ended the season with an .867 save percentage. Buckley was named to the ECAC All-Star Honorable Mention team, leading all Eagle scorers with 14 goals and 10 assists. She is currently third in career points with 108 and the second-leading point-getter in career ECAC action with 69. Heather Lombardo and Kristin Campbell received ECAC All-Academic Team honors.

## INDOOR TRACK

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

**Men's:** Led by the middle and long distance corps, the team placed no lower than fourth in the regular season. Seniors Marshal Armitage and Derek Holland, juniors Dan Fitzgerald, Justin Burdon and Jeff Normant qualified for the IC4A competition, along with senior Ruben Marin in the high jump and junior Jonathan Ordway in the sprints. Burdon ran fifth in the BIG EAST Championships in the mile and then moved to third in the 3000M at the IC4As.

**Women's:** Three athletes qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships in four events, highlighted by Shannon Smith in both the 3000M and 5000M. Smith placed first in five races over the season, including end-of-the-year wins at the New England Championships (mile) and ECACs (3000M). Freshman Nikki Pogue made an immediate impact in the sprints, winning her first five 55M/60M races and earning top honors in six races overall.

## LACROSSE

*Head Coach, Men's: David Curnick*

*Head Coach, Women's: MaryAnn Foley Schiller*

**Men's:** The team was led by its senior captains — defenseman Marc Albano, goalkeeper Tom Gallagher, midfielder Mike Sullivan and attack Jason Wren; first-year head coach Dave Curnick commended the players' work ethic and leadership skills; senior Dan Hayden and junior Andy Koch led the team's offensive attack; Tom Gallagher was the Eagles' top goalkeeper.

**Women's:** The team registered a 6-10 record. Sophomore Lauren Miller finished the season as the nation's leader in assists per game and was tied for sixth in points per game. Miller and junior Emily Ryan were named to the regional All-America second team, while seniors Susan Pitt and Jaime Baldante were named to the ICWLA Division I Academic Squad. The team opened the season with a 19-10 win over Denver and played many top opponents closely.

## OUTDOOR TRACK

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

**Men's:** The team opened the outdoor season with the annual Snowflake Classic. Dan Fitzgerald (800M), Justin Burdon (1500M), Jeff Normant (400M hurdles) and Brad Chun (pole vault) won their respective events. At the Duke Invitational, the distance medley relay team of Marshal Armitage and Pete Vaglio, and juniors Fitzgerald and Burdon earned a fifth-place showing. Colin Wolfe qualified for the IC4A Championships.

**Women's:** Shannon Smith earned All-America honors for her sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in the 3000M with a 9:17.89, after earning an automatic qualifying mark at the Mt. Sac Relays. Her time moved her to second in the 3000M in the school record books. At the Duke Invitational, Smith placed second in the 3000M with a then career-best time. The distance medley team of Katie Ryan, and Rachel D'Amora, Jenifer Vendetti and Cate Guiney placed fourth. Christina Reagan also earned a 10th-place showing in the 400M hurdles. Guiney won the 5000M at the New England Championships, while Vendetti took the top spot in the 400M.

## SAILING

*Head Coach: Joe Aleardi*

The sailing team's season was highlighted by great performances by the coed offshore team. In the fall, they placed second at the McMillian Regatta and qualified for the Sloop Nationals, where they placed sixth. The offshore team placed third at the Kennedy Cup in the spring and qualified for the national championships. The women's team recently placed sixth in a qualifying Regatta. Overall, the women's team placed 12th in the nation, and the coed team placed 14th. The coed team placed in the top 15 for their entire season.

## SKIING

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

**Men's:** The men's squad placed seventh in the field of 17 teams at the regional championships. Led by MVP and All-Conference selection John Valentine, the team placed fourth overall in the Eastern Collegiate Skiing Conference.

**Women's:** The women's team placed first in the Eastern Collegiate Skiing Conference. In tournament play, the team placed first in the U.S. Collegiate Eastern Regionals and third in the U.S. Collegiate Skiing Championships. The team was led by senior All-Americans Becky Babin and Becky Cogswell and by sophomore All-American and MVP Christina Gush. Freshman Ami Sasaki and senior Natasha Zaitzeff were awarded All-Conference honors for their performances.

## SOCCER

*Head Coach, Men's: Ed Kelly*

*Head Coach, Women's: Alison Foley*

**Men's:** Finished with a 6-9-2 record. Earned BIG EAST wins over Villanova and Pittsburgh and had an undefeated non-conference schedule, going 4-0-2. Junior goalkeeper Chris Hamblin recorded 4.5 shutouts, while John O'Halloran registered 0.5 shutouts; freshman forward Casey Schmidt earned BIG EAST All-Rookie Team honors, finishing with a team-high 24 points – 11 goals and two assists.

**Women's:** Team advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament for the first time in the program's history, finishing with a record of 16-7-1. Junior defender Sarah Powell was named Honorable Mention All-America by both *Soccer Buzz* and *College Soccer Online*. She also received regional first team accolades as well as an All-BIG EAST First Team selection. All BIG EAST Second Team recipient, Mary Guarino led the team in scoring with 18 goals and nine assists; Morgan Page - second in team scoring with 13 goals and seven assists - Rachel Parri and goalkeeper Courtney Schaeffer also received regional honors.

## SOFTBALL

*Head Coach: Jennifer Finley*

The team was led by a trio of outstanding freshmen: pitcher Kim Ryan and infielders Jen Asbury and Cara Blumfield. Ryan quickly became one of the top pitchers in the BIG EAST, while Asbury and Blumfield, along with senior Chris Vicari, led the Eagles at the plate. Senior tri-captain Lauren Fischetti also made major contributions both at bat and on the mound. The Eagles will host the BIG EAST Tournament on May 5-7. Ryan was named BIG EAST co-Rookie of the Year and was named to the All-Rookie team. She also joined Vicari on the first team All-BIG EAST, while Fischetti was named to the second team All-BIG EAST.

## SWIMMING & DIVING

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

**Men's:** Team finished with a 6-3 record. Finished second at the Can-Am Challenge and 11th at the ECAC Championships, led by Most Valuable Performers Greg Dwyer and Ken Barton. Those two were recognized for a combined nine times for their dual meet accomplish-

ments. Diver Mike Wilt earned 10 dual meet victories in diving during the season and finished 13th at the conference championships.

**Women's:** Won six straight dual meets to finish 7-3, won the ECAC Championships and was second in the Can-Am Challenge in addition to 8th place in the BIG EAST championships. Led by freshman Nina Suryoutomo, who set school records in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle as well as 100-yard backstroke events. Sophomore Lauren Schwartz placed a team-high fourth in the conference championships' 200 butterfly (2:05.83). Nicole Duffy earned the team's Outstanding Performance award for a 5:06.64 effort in the 500-yard freestyle. Shannon Lents and Kristen Gray finished in the Top-10 in both the one-meter and three-meter diving competition of the NCAA Zone 'A' championships.

## TENNIS

*Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Nigel Bentley*

**Men's:** Senior captain Anand Annigeri led the team in wins, while he paired with junior Jason Cowett to form the team's top doubles tandem. Cowett and junior Marc Lucero also provided strong play in singles, while sophomore Colin Kennedy anchored the doubles side.

**Women's:** Junior Cynthia Tow earned a national ranking of 66th, and won the Brown Invitational, Harvard Invitational and Princeton Invitational. She also reached the finals of the Georgia Invitational and the Cassie Leary Invitational, while compiling a 19-3 open tournament record. Junior Kiren Fernando also compiled an impressive singles record, while teaming with Mercedes del Valle and Tow to form two of the team's top doubles combinations. Captained by senior Kim Arbuckle and del Valle, the team remained competitive while handling a national schedule.

## VOLLEYBALL

*Head Coach: Jackie Hadel*

Concluded the season at 13-19 overall, one more victory than last season, and 3-8 in the BIG EAST conference. The team defeated conference foes Connecticut, Villanova, and Syracuse. Team was led by Julia El-Hag, who averaged 2.56 kills per game and 3.49 digs per game. One of the premier setters in the conference, Kyleen Charlton, amassed 1106 assists, 10.24 per game.

## WATER POLO

*Head Coach: Chris Ford*

Led by first-year head coach Christopher Ford, the team established itself on the local and national levels; senior captains Nader Massarweh and Michael Pietsch provided leadership; Pietsch suffered a season-ending injury in preseason; Massarweh was a strong defensive presence; juniors Will Estes and Simon O'Connell keyed the team's offensive attack.

## WRESTLING

*Head Coach: Rod Buttry*

Finished with a 3-8-1 record; sophomore Antonio Garay became the Eagles' first All-American, finishing fourth at the NCAA Championships; Garay won the East Coast Wrestling Association heavyweight champion for the second consecutive year and completed the season with a 20-2 record; junior Dan Degan compiled a 19-12 record; senior Pat Purcell finished with a 14-9 mark.

Source: Media Relations Office

## Varsity Sports Records

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T	W-L-T
<b>Men's Records</b>					
Football	4-8	5-7	4-7	4-7	8-4
Basketball	19-11	22-9	15-16	6-21	11-19
Ice Hockey	16-17-3	15-19-4	28-9-5	27-11-4	29-12-1
Soccer	11-5-2	3-10-4	5-9-2	5-10-2	6-9-2
Lacrosse	8-8	3-11	7-9	5-9	2-9
Baseball	15-27	20-23	17-23-1	26-22-1	35-20
Swimming & Diving	2-9	9-7	8-5-0	7-6	6-3
Tennis	11-16	5-16	5-16	15-14	12-12
<b>Women's Records</b>					
Basketball	10-17	18-10	17-11	22-8	26-9
Field Hockey	12-7	11-8	15-7	9-11	9-11
Ice Hockey	15-10-1	9-20-1	10-22-1	8-22-2	6-22-2
Swimming & Diving	11-3	17-2	11-1-1	12-3	7-3
Tennis	15-12	8-8	7-8	17-11	9-12
Lacrosse	8-7	5-11	5-10	4-11	6-10
Soccer	9-7-2	9-8	9-6-2	12-6-3	16-7-1
Softball	28-21	36-13	38-14	27-20	20-25
Volleyball	12-24	13-19	7-2-4	12-19	13-19

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