

## Intercollegiate Athletic Season Highlights 2003-2004

### BASEBALL

*Head Coach: Pete Hughes*

**Record:** 32-27 (15-9 BIG EAST)

**Recap:** Pete Hughes led the Boston College baseball team to the Big East Tournament Championship round and a winning record for the sixth consecutive season. Jason Delaney was selected to the 2004 All-Big East first team and earned ABCA All-Northeast Region first-team honors as well. The outfielder led the Eagles with a .368 batting average, nine home runs, 50 RBI and a .574 slugging percentage. Junior Dave Preziosi hit .386 and contributed seven multi-hit games. He also made four appearances on the mound for the Eagles. Chris Lambert, in his 15 starts, went 6-4, struck out 107 batters, and had a 3.02 ERA. He was a first-round selection in the Major League Baseball draft. The Eagles finished the season 32-27 and 15-9 in Big East play. During the season they put together an impressive seven-game winning streak and made a run in the Big East Tournament before losing to Notre Dame.

### BASKETBALL

*Men's Head Coach: Al Skinner*

**Men's Record:** 24-10 overall (10-6 BIG EAST East)

**Postseason:** NCAA Tournament

**Men's Recap:** The team finished with a 24-10 mark, including a 10-6 record in Big East contests. They were led by All-Big East First Team selection Craig Smith, who averaged 16.9 ppg and 8.3 rpg. Jared Dudley emerged as the team's standout freshman and was a unanimous selection to the All-Big East Rookie Team. The Eagles finished tied for fifth at the end of the regular season. They advanced to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament, following a thrilling victory over Syracuse in the quarterfinals. For the third time in four years, the Eagles were selected for the NCAA Tournament. They defeated Utah in the first round before falling to eventual national runner-up Georgia Tech in the second round.

*Women's Head Coach: Cathy Inglese*

**Women's Record:** 27-7 overall (11-5 BIG EAST)

**Postseason:** NCAA Tournament

**Women's Recap:** The women's basketball team had one of its most successful seasons in BC history. In March, the Eagles knocked off Connecticut en route to their first ever Big East Championship. As 2004 conference champions, the team advanced to its second consecutive NCAA Sweet 16 with opening round wins over Eastern Michigan and No. 21 Ohio State before suffering a loss to eventual Final Four participant Minnesota. Amber Jacobs finished her career in the top 10 of several BC categories, including points scored (fourth) and assists (fifth).

### CROSS COUNTRY

*Head Coach: Randy Thomas*

**Men's Conference Finish:** Sixth

**Men's Recap:** Randy Thomas' men's squad had a successful season finishing third in two events - the Boston College Select Meet and the New England Championships. The Eagles finished in the upper half of Big East Championships, with junior Drew Bouchard notching the best individual time. In the District 1 qualifier, BC took ninth place.

**Women's Conference Finish:** Fifth

**Women's Recap:** The women's cross country team boasted another successful season, with Jennifer Kramer and Jennifer Donovan both earning all-conference honors. Kramer also qualified for the NCAA Championships, where she placed 34th overall and earned All-America status as one of the top-30 American finishers, marking the sixth straight year in which the women's squad has boasted at least one All-American.

### FENCING

*Head Coach: Syd Fadner*

**Men's Recap:** The men's fencing team had a successful season not only in athletic competition but academically as well. Senior captain Paul Taylor received numerous academic awards including a Rhodes scholarship. The Eagles performed well in many contests during the season. In the final match of the regular season, BC had a perfect day, notching victories against BU, Dartmouth, UNH and Massachusetts. In the team competition at the New England Championships, BC finished second. Corban Rhodes (epee) took fifth place, while Pat Curly (epee) and Kevin Dziubek (foil) both finished second amongst individuals not in the team competition.

**Women's Recap:** A strong freshmen class joined the returning fencers for the 2003-04 campaign. In February, the BC women's fencing team capped its season off with a fourth place finish at the New England Championships. Earlier that month the Eagles shutout the competition in their final regular season tournament by beating BU, Wellesley, Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. The season kicked off with a strong showing at the New England Fall Invitational. Three sophomores gave the Eagles strong performances. Ali DiQuollo took third and Stephanie Mariconda sixth in sabre, and Clara Yum placed fifth in epee.

### FIELD HOCKEY

*Head Coach: Sherren Granese*

**Record:** 15-7 overall (4-1 BIG EAST)

**Postseason:** NCAA Tournament

**Recap:** The women's field hockey team tied a program best for most wins in a single season (15) en route to BC's first Big East field hockey championship since 1997. The Eagles finished with a 15-7 overall mark (4-1 Big East) and qualified for the NCAA Tournament. Big East Defensive Player of the Year Kristen Madden was one of six regional All-Americans.

### FOOTBALL

*Head Coach: Tom O'Brien*

**Record:** 8-5 overall (3-4 BIG EAST)

**Postseason:** Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl

**Recap:** Head Coach Tom O'Brien's 2003 football squad won its 40th game in five seasons, tying an all-time school record. The highlight of the season was a 27-25 win over Notre Dame in Alumni Stadium, the Eagles third consecutive victory over the Irish. On New Year's Eve, the Eagles appeared in a school-record fifth consecutive bowl game at the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl. Their 35-21 victory over Colorado State made the Eagles the first team in BC football history to win seven or more games for five consecutive seasons and the only team in college football to have won a bowl game the past four years. Senior running back Derrick Knight became BC's all-time rushing leader, finishing his career with 3,725 yards.

### 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 ECAC Championship. The Eagles also took sixth place at the historic Bethpage course in the McLaughlin Cup. Eric Recher and Jim Roney were BC's top performers in the fall season. In the spring, BC performed well in all seven events, highlighted by a strong second-place finish at the Yale University Invitational. In the Big East

Championship, BC finished in fourth place. Recher was BC's top performer, shooting a 223 for sixth overall.

*Women's Head Coach: Frank Kolarik*

**Women's Recap:** The team had a successful fall season. The Eagles kicked off the year with a second-place finish in the Dartmouth College Invitational. The best performance of the fall came at the Rutgers Invitational where the Eagles placed first behind Alison Walshe, who posted the top individual score. In the spring, the Eagles also took home one first-place finish when they won the Hartford Invitational. Alison Walshe was also the top individual in this event. In the Big East Championship, the Eagles finished third.

### **ICE HOCKEY**

*Men's Head Coach: Jerry York*

**Men's Record:** 29-9-4 (16-2-2 Hockey East)

**Postseason:** NCAA Tournament

**Men's Recap:** After winning three regular-season tournaments, including the Beanpot, the men's ice hockey team wrapped up with a 29-9-4 mark and took home the Hockey East regular-season title. BC made its fifth Frozen Four appearance in the last seven years, defeating Niagara and Michigan before falling to Maine in the semifinals. Junior Ryan Shannon and senior Tony Voce shared the conference scoring title and each earned All-Hockey East first-team honors. Voce and Andrew Alberts each earned All-America first-team accolades while Shannon and Patrick Eaves garnered second-team recognition.

*Women's Head Coach: Tom Mutch*

**Women's Record:** 6-22-3 (1-18-1 Hockey East)

**Women's Recap:** Boston College earned six victories on the season including one over Hockey East opponent Maine. Junior Kerri Sanders led the team in goals with nine. Sarah Courtney led the team with 16 points. In net, Lisa Davis made her way to second on the all-time save list through three seasons.

### **INDOOR TRACK**

*Head Coach: Randy Thomas*

**Men's Recap:** Trevor Rozier-Byrd led the Eagles' track and field team with a number of sensational performances. He finished first in the 1000-meter at both the BU Invitational and the UNH Invitational. The Eagles finished second overall at the UNH Invitational, where first places points were also won by Ashley Jefferson for the long jump and Shawn Wallace for the 1500-meter. At BU, the Eagles finished third overall. The distance medley relay gave a strong performance at the Northeastern Invitational and won the event. The squad, comprised of seniors Anthony Calabro and Wallace, along with freshmen Chris Caulfield and Stephen Walsh placed seventh at the Big East Indoor Championships.

**Women's Recap:** The Eagles capped a season filled with outstanding individual performances with a second-place finish at the New England Championships. At the Northeastern Invitational the Eagles finished fifth. Kasey Hill came in fifth in the 55-meter hurdles, good enough for the second-best time in BC history. The distance medley team gave BC their only first-place finish. The Eagles won 10 of 18 events at the UNH Invitational and dominated the middle distance events, but only took home second place. At the Big East Championships, the Eagles finished 11th.

### **LACROSSE**

*Head Coach: Shari Krasnoo*

**Record:** 6-11 overall (0-6 Big East)

**Recap:** The women's lacrosse team finished 7-6 (0-6 Big East). The Eagles got off to a great start winning their first four games, but in the final 13 contests, BC could only win two. Midfielder Carly St. Lucia was named to the All-Big East first team. Susie Breznell received second-team honors. The two tied for the team lead with 38 points each. Breznell scored the game-winning goal in five of the six victories. Jackie Yovankin played well on defense and was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week during the season.

### **OUTDOOR TRACK**

*Head Coach: Randy Thomas*

**Men's Recap:** The men's track and field team competed well in the spring season. Highlights included a third-place finish at the Southern Connecticut Invitational where Drew Bouchard took home first in the 3000-meter steeplechase. At the Wildcat Invitational, Keith Normant earned three top-five finishes. The Eagles finished 12th at the Big East Championships and ninth at the New England Championships.

**Women's Recap:** The women's outdoor track team had a successful spring season capped off by a first-place finish at the Southern Connecticut Invitational. The Eagles placed first at the New England Championships. At the Mt. SAC Relays, Jennifer Kramer won the 5000-meter and set a new school record. Senior Jennifer Donovan led the Eagles at the Big East Championships where she captured first-place in the 3000-meter steeplechase to pace the women's track and field team to an 11th-place finish. Donovan and Kramer both qualified for the NCAA Championships.

### **ROWING**

*Head Coach: Steve Fiske*

**Recap:** The rowing team is making tremendous strides in only its fourth year as a varsity sport. In the first event of the year, the Head of Connecticut, the Eagles won two of their four events. At the famous Head of the Charles, the Championship Eight finished 24th out of 40. The Youth Four came in an impressive sixth out of 33. BC also had solid finishes at the Eastern Spirits where it finished 14th and the Big East Rowing Challenge, finishing 6th. The team's most successful outing was at the Jesuit Invitational. In five events, the Eagles notched four first-place finishes.

### **SAILING**

*Head Coach: Greg Wilkinson*

**Recap:** The Eagles earned their high ranking in large part due to a pair of strong showings in November events. On November 15, BC competed in the weather-shortened Atlantic Coast Dinghy Championships and finished sixth in the field. The Eagles won the Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta at the Chicago Yacht Club, leading the three-day event wire-to-wire.

**SKIING***Head Coach: Kristian Knights*

**Men's Recap:** The Eagles had an impressive season on the slopes, earning second place finishes in five events including the ECSC Eastern Regionals at the end of the season. Earlier in the year, they took home second place at the UMass-Amherst Carnival and the Plymouth State College Carnival as well as the Boston College Carnival and Colby Sawyer Carnival. At the USCSA Nationals, BC finished 11th. Freshman Greg Avallon and senior Dave Giulietti finished in the top 15 at the event to lead the Eagles. Avallon and Giulietti received national recognition when they were named to the All-America Men's Giant Slalom Second Team.

**Women's Recap:** Freshman Kara Hoisington and senior Erica Pylman paced the women's ski team to a first place finish in the giant slalom competition at the Colby Sawyer Winter Carnival. Pylman, freshman Courtney Cullane, and senior Jennifer Runco placed third, fourth, and sixth, respectively, to lead BC to another first place finish in the slalom competition at the St. Anselm's College Carnival. The season was capped off by a runner-up finish at the USCSA Nationals. Hoisington and Pylman's top-20 finishes helped the Eagles earn second place.

**SOCCER***Men's Head Coach: Ed Kelly***Men's Record:** 6-7-4 overall (3-5-2 Big East)

**Men's Recap:** The soccer team got off to a slow start, but showed progress in the middle of the season. The Eagles played well defensively, never allowing more than two goals in a game, but could never get the offensive production they needed. Neil Krause led the team in goals (8) and points (16). Jamen Amato and Jarryd Goldberg both had five points on the season. In net Mike Cardenas played well, boasting seven shutouts in fifteen games. He allowed only 13 goals and made 75 saves.

*Women's Head Coach: Alison Foley***Women's Record:** 15-3-3 (3-2-1 Big East)**Postseason:** NCAA Tournament

**Women's Recap:** The women's soccer team climbed as high as 13th in the national rankings, concluding its season with a 15-3-3 overall mark and league count of 3-2-1. BC defeated third-ranked Notre Dame to earn an appearance in the Big East championship game. Head Coach Alison Foley earned Northeast Region Coach of the Year honors, and senior Sarah Rahko was an All-Big East first-team honoree for the third straight season. Sophomore Kate Taylor, the Big East Goalkeeper of the Year, joined Rahko as an All-American. The Eagles earned the right to host opening round action in the NCAA Tournament, where they fell to Central Connecticut State in the first round.

**SOFTBALL***Head Coach: Jen Finley***Record:** 33-25 overall (11-9 Big East)

**Recap:** The Eagles had a successful season and advanced to the Big East Championship before bowing out to Villanova in the semifinals. Pitchers Tekae Malandris and Britney Thompson earned All-Big East third-team honors. Malandris had 11 wins and a 1.53 ERA. Thompson led the team in wins with 13. Colleen Reiche and Ashley Obrest were the Eagles' best hitters. Obrest hit .297 with 22 RBIs. BC had a very successful mid-season trip to Charleston, South Carolina where it won four of five games. The Eagles got off to a slow start in conference play but won their final five games heading into the Big East Tournament to finish 11-9 in conference play.

**SWIMMING & DIVING***Head Coach: Tom Groden***Men's Record:** 9-3

**Men's Recap:** Tim Tully was the team's outstanding swimmer. During the season, he set BC records in the 200 butterfly and 400 individual medley. Also setting an Eagle record was the 400 freestyle relay team. Andrew Faughnan, Andy Naumann, David Herman, and Matthew Northrup were members of that record-setting team. At the Big East Championships, the men's team placed 10th. Tim Tully tied his school-record finish in the 200 butterfly. At the ECAC Championships, the Eagles finished seventh, their highest finish ever.

**Women's Record:** 10-2-1

**Women's Recap:** Torey Thelin was this season's MVP on the women's team. She set school records in two events, the 50 butterfly and the 100 butterfly. Freshman Carolyn Bowman set a new fastest time in the 100 breaststroke. Thelin and Bowman were joined by Caitlin Healy and Juliet Paradine to set a new Eagle record in the 400 medley relay. At the Big East Championships, BC finished ninth. Bowman finished 10th in the 200 yard breaststroke for the Eagles' best individual finish. BC finished first of 29 teams in the ECAC Championships. Three Eagles won their individual events, including Bowman, freshman Kim Garcia and Thelin.

**TENNIS***Men's Head Coach: Scott Wilkins***Men's Record:** 10-14 overall (3-2 Big East)

**Men's Recap:** The Eagles started slowly this spring, but bounced back with a win out west against Cal-Riverside. In conference play the Eagles finished above .500, defeating Connecticut, Villanova and Georgetown. Justin Slattery stood out as BC's best singles player. He won his final eight singles matches of the regular season. At the Big East Championships, Slattery and partner Ross Pytko stood out in the doubles matches and the team took home fifth place.

*Women's Head Coach: Nigel Bentley***Women's Record:** 14-6 overall (2-2 Big East)

**Women's Recap:** The women's tennis team probably wished they never had to leave Chestnut Hill as it finished the season a perfect 8-0 at home. The highlight of the home season was a win over No. 22 Harvard. In Big East play the Eagles finished 2-2, notching wins over Syracuse and Connecticut. At the Big East Championships, BC finished third and Szilvia Szegedi Earned Big East All-Tournament Team accolades. The Eagles also finished third in the ITA regional rankings.

**VOLLEYBALL***Head Coach: Andrea Leonard***Record:** 17-12 overall (3-9 Big East)

**Recap:** The volleyball team completed an overall successful season despite its youth. The team consisted of seven freshmen and only four returning players. The Eagles started off strong, winning seven of their first nine matches including three each at the Western New York Tournament and Holy Cross Crusader Classic. In Big East play, BC posted wins over Virginia Tech, Providence and Syracuse to finish ninth. Freshman Alison Shepp made the greatest impact in her rookie year. She finished the season second on the team in kills and blocks. Allison Anderson had a team-high 348 kills. Defensively, Katie Anderson led the team in digs and Morgan Woodcock led the team in blocks.

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