

Intercollegiate Athletic Season Highlights 1996-1997

Baseball - Head Coach Richard "Moe" Maloney

Team was lead by senior co-captains Craig Katz and Kevin Penwell; team finished with a 20-23 record; Sean McGowan started 42 games and finished with a team-high .360 batting average; McGowan also finished with a 2-0 record on the mound; Andrew Sullivan and Steve Langone tied for the team lead with four pitching victories.

Men's Basketball - Head Coach Jim O'Brien

Team finished with a 22-9 mark, including a 12-6 BIG EAST record; team captured a share of the BIG EAST 6 title and won its first-ever BIG EAST Championship Tournament crown; team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament's West Regional in Salt Lake City, Utah, defeating Valparaiso in the first round; senior forward Dayna Abrams earned All-BIG EAST First Team honors; Abrams, junior Duane Woodward, and sophomore Scoonie Penn earned All-BIG EAST Tournament honors.

Women's Basketball - Head Coach Cathy Inglese

The Eagles registered their best record since 1989-90, compiling an 18-10 overall record and finishing third in the BIG EAST Conference with a 13-5 mark; senior Holly Porter was named to the All-BIG EAST First Team and freshman Cal Bouchard was a unanimous selection to the All-BIG EAST Rookie Team; Porter finished her senior season as the school's all-time career leader in rebounding; she also finished her career ranked second in Boston College and BIG EAST career scoring.

Men's Cross Country - Head Coach Randy Thomas

Placed fifth at the New England Championships and seventh at the BIG EAST Championships; sophomore Brian Shafer finished second at the New England Championships.

Women's Cross Country - Head Coach Randy Thomas

Ranked nationally all season, with a high of No. 6 at mid-season; finished second at the Minnesota Invitational, third at the New England Championships, fourth at the BIG EAST Championships, and fifth in the ECAC Championships; posted a 12th-place finish at the NCAA Championships, the highest finish ever by a BC team; freshmen Shannon Smith and Kyla Barbour finished first and third respectively in the trials for the U.S. Junior Cross Country team; they were two of only six runners selected to compete for the United States in Italy.

Men's Fencing - Head Coach Syd Fadner

Finished the regular season with a 9-13 record, including a 7-3 mark in the Northeast Conference; the team won its third straight New England Fencing Championship, behind the fencing of freshman Luke Mountain and junior Haj Matsukata; the duo combined for a 16-2 record at the event and captured the Vitale Cup for best weapon-squad record; Mountain finished fifth in the men's sabre at the NCAA Northeast Regionals and ninth at the 1997 NCAA Championships.

Women's Fencing - Head Coach Syd Fadner

Finished with a 13-9 record and posted its best-ever result at the New England Fencing Championships, finishing second; senior Bridget McCabe and sophomore Leah Larsen took fifth and sixth-place honors, respectively; Larsen placed 21st in the foil at the NCAA Northeast Regionals.

Field Hockey - Head Coach Sherren Granese

Finished with an 11-8 record; earned a share of second place in the BIG EAST; lost to Providence in the semifinals of the BIG EAST Tournament; sophomore Joy Ramsbotham earned All-America second team honors, Regional All-America first team honors and All-BIG EAST second team honors; sophomore Anne Marie Ambros was a Regional All-America first team choice and All-BIG EAST first team selection; junior tri-captain Marion Fitzgerald earned Regional All-America second team accolades and All-BIG EAST first team honors; senior goalie and tri-captain Sarah Egnaczyk and junior Andrea Durko each earned Regional All-America second team honors; Egnaczyk and senior Michelle LaBonge received All-BIG EAST second team recognition and freshman Julianne Marrone earned All-BIG EAST Rookie Team accolades.

Football - Head Coach Dan Henning

The Eagles posted a 5-7 record last fall, with five of those losses coming at the hands of teams that finished in the final Top 25 poll. Junior RB Omari Walker was the leading rusher in the BIG EAST Conference with 1,199 yards - becoming only the 11th back in BC history to eclipse 1,000 yards in a single season. Walker, along with senior teammates Mark Nori (OG), Dan Oriskovich (OT) and Stalin Colinet (DT), were named to the BIG EAST's All-Conference Team at the conclusion of the season. Colinet was also named winner of the George "Bulger" Lowe Award as New England's best defensive player. All 12 of BC's games were aired on network television last fall - eight of them on either CBS, ESPN, or espn2.

Men's Golf - Head Coach Peter Bigham

Had three Top 10 outings and finished 13th out of 19 teams at the ECAC Championship in the fall after earning a berth with a second-place finish in the qualifier; the spring season kicked off with victories against Fairfield and a 10th-place finish at the Yale Invitational; Mike Tegnella led the club with an 81.

Women's Golf - Head Coach Natalie Galligan

Boasted Top 10 finishes in each of their five competitions in the fall; claimed first place at the Mt. Holyoke Invitational on the performances of sophomore Katie Shields (captured first place), freshman Jackie Shea (5th) and senior Gretchen Kattke (6th); a highlight of the spring season was a victory over the Bermuda Amateur Women's Golf Team during their spring trip.

Men's Ice Hockey - Head Coach Jerry York

Finished with a record of 15-19-4; head coach Jerry York captured his 500th career victory as the Eagles won a 6-4 decision at St. Lawrence on November 30; senior goaltender Greg Taylor surpassed Scott Gordon (1982-86, 3,055 saves) to become BC's all-time saves leader in a 5-3 home win over Maine on December 7; Taylor concluded his 130-game career with 3,605 saves; BC advanced to the semifinal round of the HOCKEY EAST Tournament; the Eagles defeated Merrimack, 2-0, in a best-of-three quarterfinal series; sophomore Marty Reasoner (20 goals, 24 assists) led Boston College in scoring and earned first team All-HOCKEY EAST honors; freshman Mike Mottau earned New England Hockey Writers Association Rookie of the Year accolades and HOCKEY EAST All-Rookie honors.

Women's Ice Hockey - Head Coach Tom O'Malley

With freshmen comprising half of the team, the women's ice hockey program finished 8-21-1; sophomore Erin Magee led the

team in points with 32 goals and 23 assists; Magee finished 13th in the ECAC with 21 goals and 15 assists; Laura Traynham, a senior captain, was recognized as the ECAC Player of the Week on January 12; she finished her season with 48 points.

Men's Lacrosse - Head Coach Ed Moy

Captained by seniors Mark Trowbridge and Robb Fipp, the team was led by the scoring of sophomore Pat McCavanagh (20 points), junior Kevin McLane (19 points), and Trowbridge (18 points) through the first eight games.

Women's Lacrosse - Head Coach MaryAnn Foley

The upstart team is looking to another winning season after an 8-7 record last year; junior forward Danielle Wood, who finished second on the team last season in points, leads the team in goals so far this season; junior Maggie Berkery and freshman Carrie Everett are not far behind; senior goalkeeper Megan McElvogue has been ranked nationally in saves and in saves percentage; her highest ranking was second in saves and 13th in saves percentage.

Sailing - Head Coach Norm Reid

During the fall season, junior Anne Bohlen and freshman Mandy McDonnell became the first Boston College women ever to qualify for a national championship regatta in singlehanded competition when they earned their way to the Intercollegiate Yacht Racing Union championships at Stanford in October. Overall, the Eagles finished third in the final fall ICYRU national rankings. During the spring season, the Eagles opened their new sailing facility at the Schrafft's property on the Mystic River in Charlestown. BC finished second in the prestigious Friis Trophy competition at Tufts and earned an invitation to compete in the Kennedy Cup big boat regatta at the U.S. Naval Academy in April. At press time, the women's team was ranked fifth in the nation by ICYRU, while the men's team was 12th. Junior Peter Spaulding, BC's first All-America sailor in nearly 50 years, is seeking to repeat the honor this spring.

Men's Skiing - Head Coach Bill Toof

Led by senior John Kim, the men's ski team finished third or better in six of their regular-season outings and placed seventh in the giant slalom and fourth in slalom at the U.S. Collegiate Ski Championships; Kim was selected as a U.S. Collegiate Ski Association All-American as well as an Academic All-American.

Women's Skiing - Head Coach Bill Toof

The women posted six regular-season first-place finishes and finished second in the slalom and giant slalom at the U.S. Collegiate; freshmen Rebecca Babin and Natasha Zaitzeff, and sophomore Amanda Daffer earned U.S. Collegiate All-America honors, while freshman Rebecca Cogswell and junior Lucia Fankhanel were honored as Academic All-Americans.

Men's Soccer - Head Coach Ed Kelly

Team finished with a 3-10-4 mark, including a 3-4-4 BIG EAST record; junior forward Asgeir Asgeirsson earned All-BIG EAST Second Team honors, while freshman back Paul Cornoni earned All-BIG EAST Rookie Team accolades; senior goalkeeper Chris Bauer recorded three shutouts; Asgeirsson led the team with 14 points (four goals, six assists); team qualified for the BIG EAST Tournament.

Women's Soccer - Head Coach Terez Biancardi

Finished with a 9-8 overall record and registered its fifth consecutive winning season; senior midfielder Jennifer Kelley

earned All-BIG EAST Second Team honors; freshman Kristine Klagges earned All-BIG EAST Rookie Team accolades; Kelley, Kara Nance, and April Parker were selected to play in the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association (NEWISA) Senior All-Star game.

Softball - Head Coach Jennifer Finley

A talented group of newcomers sparked the Eagles to their fourth consecutive 20-win season; three players earned BIG EAST Conference weekly honors -- freshman pitcher Mary Dietz was awarded BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week honors twice, senior second baseman Deb Nasitka earned Player of the Week honors, and freshman center fielder Cristin Brown earned Rookie of the Week honors.

Men's Swimming & Diving - Head Coach Tom Groden

The Eagles registered a 9-7 overall record and a 3-3 BIG EAST mark; freshman Greg Dwyer posted BC's top times in a team-leading four events (800 and 1000 freestyle, 200 and 400 I.M.), while sophomore Mike Walsh recorded the team's top times of the season in three events (100 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 100 butterfly).

Women's Swimming & Diving - Head Coach Tom Groden

The team established a school record for dual meet wins in a season, compiling a 17-2 mark; finished fourth at the New England Championships; sophomore Allyson Horgan set school records in three events (200 butterfly, 200 and 400 I.M.) at the BIG EAST Championships; sophomore Sara Guereña posted the team's top times of the season in three events (500, 1000, and 1650 freestyle).

Men's Tennis - Head Coach Nigel Bentley

Captained by senior Tim Smith; through April 12, freshmen Annand Annigeri (#1) and Nik Smith (#2) led the team in singles wins with 13 and eight, respectively; Annigeri and sophomore Chris Amundsen were the Eagles' top doubles tandem with 13 victories in 1996-97, while the team of Tim Smith and sophomore Dan Swanstrom have compiled a 6-2 record this spring; the team won both meetings with Boston University and won back-to-back road matches against BIG EAST rivals Seton Hall and St. John's.

Women's Tennis - Head Coach Mark Burns

Captained by senior Shannon Byrne; junior Christina Malone (18), freshman Mercedes del Valle (15), senior Carrie Anne Denefrio (14), and Byrne (11) led the team in singles wins through April 6; del Valle captured both the Flight B singles and doubles championships at the Brown Invitational during the fall; Denefrio and Kimberly Arbuckle were BC's top doubles team with a record of 6-4; the Eagles had an overall record of 7-5 through April 6.

Men's Indoor Track - Head Coach Randy Thomas

Seniors Sean and Mark McGehearty went one and two respectively in the 35-lb weight event in the IC4As, the BIG EAST Championships, the New England Championships, and the NCAA meet; Sean established a new collegiate record in the event with a throw of 72' 10"; he also became the second BC track athlete to win an individual event at the NCAAs; Sean earned his third All-America honor and Mark earned his sixth All-America honor; freshman George White, who won the New England long jump championship, moved into second in the BC history books with a jump of 24' 9.25".

Women's Indoor Track - Head Coach Randy Thomas

Finished fourth in the New England Championships, sweeping the one, two, and three spots in the mile; also earned New England titles in the distance medley relay and the 4x800 relay; senior Amy Lyman became the first-ever BC female to win an individual event at the ECAC Championships when she captured the mile in 4:49; junior Angie Graham earned her fourth All-America honor with a fourth-place showing in the NCAA mile; a New England champion in the mile, Graham also set a BC record in the event with a time of 4:37.52; freshman Aisha Bain and sophomore Libby MacDonald moved into the second and third spot respectively on the all-time list in the 20-lb weight throw.

Men's Outdoor Track - Head Coach Randy Thomas

Senior Darren Keenan claimed first place in the 800 meter and 1,500 meter events against UMass-Amherst in the team's season-opening meet; senior Sam Raia captured first in the javelin throw at the Southern Connecticut Invitational.

Women's Outdoor Track - Head Coach Randy Thomas

Junior Angie Graham qualified for the NCAAs in the 3000 with a time of 9:26.65; senior Amy Lyman captured first place in the 800 at the Southern Connecticut Invitational.

Volleyball - Head Coach Nadine Lilavois

Posted a 13-19 record; senior captain Deanna Herman led the team in kills with 420 and an average of 3.9 per game; Herman finished her career with 1,402 kills, the first-ever BC player to record more than 1,000 kills; junior Amy Laurence finished with a 2.7 digs per game average, a career best.

Water Polo - Head Coach G.T. Ladd

The Eagles finished with a record of 9-11 and an EWPA mark of 6-7; the squad was captained by junior goalie Tom Rea and senior Ryan Halsted; sophomore Eric Malzone, a second team EWPA All-North selection, led the team in goals (24), steals (40), impact points (76), and points (33); junior Brian Galdorisi was second in goals (21) and points (23); junior Steve Yap and freshman Nader Massarweh were tied for third with 22 points each; Massarweh led the team in shooting percentage (57) and ranked second in steals (23) and third in impact points (49); freshman Mike Pietsch and junior Ilian Rashtanov each added 21 points.

Wrestling - Head Coach Rod Buttry

Finished with a 5-11-1 record, including a 3-5 mark in the ECWA; sophomore Joe Dwyer posted a 19-9 record while wrestling at both 142 and 150 pounds; senior co-captain Mike Odiotti went 16-6, competing mainly in the 118-pound weight class; junior 134-pounder Rasheed McCreary (11), sophomore 167-pounder Eustace Mita (10), and senior co-captain and heavyweight Pete Foley (nine) were also among the team leaders in wins; Mita led the team in wins-by-fall with three.

Source: Sports Information Office

Varsity Sports Records

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
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Men's Records					
Football	8-3-1	9-3-0	7-4-1	4-8	5-7
Basketball	18-13	23-11	9-19	19-11	22-9
Ice Hockey	9-24-5	15-16-5	11-22-2	16-17-3	15-19-4
Soccer	10-8	12-5-1	7-7-3	11-5-2	3-10-4
Lacrosse	7-8	7-7	5-10	8-8	3-11
Baseball	22-14	14-23-2	21-24	15-27	20-23
Swimming & Diving	5-7	7-4	5-9	2-9	9-7
Tennis	-	11-13	13-11	11-16	5-16
Women's Records					
Basketball	10-17	13-14	6-21	10-17	18-10
Field Hockey	9-10	9-11-1	15-6-2	12-7	11-8
Ice Hockey	*	*	9-16-2	15-10-1	9-20-1
Swimming & Diving	6-7	8-4	9-4-1	11-3	17-2
Tennis	13-7	4-16	15-10	15-12	8-8
Lacrosse	5-9	8-7	5-8	8-7	5-11
Soccer	13-8	12-9	10-8-1	9-7-2	9-8
Softball	11-13	26-21	29-23	28-21	36-13
Volleyball	12-25	9-23	16-16	12-24	13-19

*The 1994-95 season marked the women's ice hockey team's first as a varsity program.

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