

Intercollegiate Athletic Season Highlights 1998-1999

BASEBALL

Head Coach: Peter Hughes

The team showed marked improvement under first-year head coach Peter Hughes. Senior captains Jeff Waldron and Sonny Nictakis led the way; senior Sean McGowan ranked among the nation's leaders in home runs and RBIs; junior Stephen Langone was the Eagles' designated hitter and top pitcher; senior Paul Bibbo and junior David Conley anchored the pitching staff.

BASKETBALL

Head Coach, Men's: Al Skinner

Head Coach, Women's: Cathy Inglese

Men's: Team finished with a 6-21 record; sophomore guard Kenny Harley led the team in scoring, averaging 11.2 points per game; freshman swingman Kenny Walls (10.5 ppg) and junior forward Michael Cotton (10.0 ppg) also averaged double figures; junior guard Dwayne Pina was the lone player to play in and start all 27 games; Pina ranked among BIG EAST leaders in assists (4.3 per game) and steals (1.8 per game); freshman forward Brian Ross led the team in rebounding (4.9 per game).

Women's: Team registered the first 20-win season ever and finished 22-8 overall and 12-6 in the BIG EAST Conference. The Eagles received the first national ranking, earned the first NCAA Tournament berth, and defeated two teams ranked in the Top 10, for the first time in school history. Three players earned All-BIG EAST honors and Cathy Inglese was voted BIG EAST Coach of the Year. Junior guard Alissa Murphy was named BIG EAST Most Improved Player and was voted to the All-BIG EAST Second-Team. Freshman Becky Gottstein earned BIG EAST Rookie of the Week honors six times and was named to the All-Rookie team with Brianne Stepherson.

CROSS COUNTRY

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

Men's: The team won the tri-meet with the University of New Hampshire and the University of Connecticut and finished sixth at the New England Championships. Senior Brian Shafer earned ALL-BIG EAST honors with his 15th-place performance at the league championship race.

Women's: Won the dual meet with New Hampshire and placed second at the Murray Keating Invitational. The team finished third at the NCAA District 1 Qualifier, sending senior Angie Graham and freshman Katie Ryan onto the NCAA Championships. Graham capped her legendary career by finishing within the top six in each of her four races. The freshmen class placed runners in the top five in six races.

FENCING

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

Men's: Team placed second in New England Fencing Championships; led by captains Luke Mountain and Sean Sinclair; Mountain finished 10th in sabre competition at the 1999 NCAA Championships; sabre squad— Mountain, Brian Johnson, and Sean Sinclair — won Vitale Cup as best New England squad.

Women's: Team placed third in New England Fencing Championships; led by captains Joy Chambers and Leah Larsen; Estelle Chow, Regina Lennox, and Chambers finished second, third and 10th in the foil at the New England Invitational.

FIELD HOCKEY

Head Coach: Sherren Granese

Finished with a school record 16 wins and won their first ever BIG EAST regular-season title; reached the NCAA Division I tournament for the third time in school history. Senior Anne Marie Ambros was named BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year, senior Joy Ramsbotham won BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year, junior Jill Dedman received BIG EAST Goalkeeper of the Year and Sherren Granese received BIG EAST Coach of the Year.

FOOTBALL

Head Coach: Tom O'Brien

The team finished with a 4-7 record, including a 3-4 BIG EAST mark; running back Mike Cloud became BC's all-time leading rusher with 3,597 yards; Cloud also set a BIG EAST and BC single-season rushing record with 1,726 yards; Cloud was a consensus (Associated Press, Burger King Coaches', Football News, Football Writers) first-team All-America selection; three Eagles were selected in the NFL Draft (Damien Woody, first round, New England Patriots; Cloud, second round, Kansas City Chiefs, and Doug Brzezinski, third round, Philadelphia Eagles); senior quarterback Scott Mutryn finished the year with 2,218 passing yards and 12 touchdowns. The yardage total was second in the BIG EAST in 1998; Doug Brzezinski, Mike Cloud, Chris Hovan and Jason Malecki were named to the All-BIG EAST First Team, while Damien Woody was named to the Second Team.

GOLF

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Natalie Galligan

Men's: Team finished in the top 10 five times in seven fall events and won the ECAC Northern New England Qualifiers; Patrick Dunn was the team's top performer in five of the seven events, including a first place finish at the ECAC New England Qualifier; Sean Lim recorded two top 10 finishes in the fall, and led the team to a seventh place finish at the URI Newport Invitational in the spring.

Women's: Team placed among the top 10 in three of the five events in the fall; and placed fifth at the Dartmouth Invitational. Freshman Suzanne Carrazza posted the team's best score in three of the five competitions with a team-high 87.7 stroke average. Team placed third in two events in the spring; Jackie Shea finished third at the Lady Eagle Invitational.

ICE HOCKEY

Head Coach, Men's: Jerry York

Head Coach, Women's: Tom O'Malley

Men's: Team finished with a 27-11-4 record, advancing to its second consecutive NCAA "Frozen Four;" Eagles won their second consecutive HOCKEY EAST Tournament title; Mike Mottau and Brian Gionta earned All-America First Team Honors; Mottau and Gionta also earned All-HOCKEY EAST honors; Gionta was one of 10 finalists for the prestigious Hobey Baker

Award; Mottau was the co-recipient of the Walter Brown Award — given to the best American-born player in New England; junior Jeff Farkas ranked among the nation's leaders in goals (32).

Women's: Finished with a record of 8-22-2; led by senior tri-captains Genevieve Missirlian, Erin Magee and Carroll McCaffrey. Magee led the team in scoring for the third time in her career with 24 goals and 17 assists. Sophomore Jen Buckley led the Eagles with 21 assists, and finished second on the team in scoring with 37 points. Junior Christy Nentwig saw a majority of time in the net, finishing with a save percentage of .877.

INDOOR TRACK

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

Men's: The team qualified for the New England Challenge Cup Finals. Junior Ruben Marin won the BIG EAST high jump crown with a career best jump of 6'11". Brian Shafer won three consecutive races in successive weeks, including the mile at the New England Challenge Cup. Marshal Armitage and Justin Burdon also scored at the BIG EAST meet. The 4x400 relay team ran to the second best time in school history at the IC4A Championships.

Women's: Junior Shannon Smith captured the New England title in the 3000M. Sophomore Lisa McIsaac finished second at the New England Championships in the 1000M and fourth at the BIG EAST Championships in the mile. Senior Christine Wojie placed second in the 500M at the New England Championships. Freshman Zoey O'Sullivan placed sixth at the New England Championships in both the 55M and the 200M.

LACROSSE

Head Coach, Men's: Ed Moy

Head Coach, Women's: MaryAnn Foley

Men's: The team was led by its senior tri-captains, Matt Casamassima, Rob McMullen and Mark Whipple. The captains combined spirited play on the field with strong leadership characteristics to aid 13-year head coach Ed Moy. Seniors Tyler Jewell and Pat McCavanaugh added scoring punch while classmate Anthony Cirri stood tall in goal.

Women's: Have compiled a 3-8 record through 11 games; led by sophomore Emily Ryan and junior Susan Pitt. Ryan leads the team with 39 points on 36 goals and three assists. Sophomore Melissa Cole has started every game in goal making 115 saves.

OUTDOOR TRACK

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

Men's: The outdoor season has been highlighted by the emergence of junior Ruben Marin in the high jump. Marin has won both meets he has competed in this season, taking top honors at the University of Connecticut Spring Invitationals on April 3 and 10. He now sits at fifth place on the BC Top Five Performances List. Juniors Shawn McGinn and Neil Koenig have also developed into strong performers, setting new personal records in the hammer and javelin. Senior Chris Fonss continued his success from the indoor season in the 100M and 200M.

Women's: Shannon Smith, Sharon VanTuyl, Lisa McIsaac, and Meghan Cunniff have all won events on the track this season, leading a young team. Smith won the 1500M at the Tufts Invitational and placed fifth in the 5000M at the prestigious Raleigh Relays. VanTuyl placed third in the 1500M in Raleigh and McIsaac won the 3000M at the UConn Spring Invitational.

Cunniff won the 800M at the UConn meet and placed second later in the day in the 1500M.

SAILING

Head Coach: Norm Reid

The sailing team's season was highlighted with a win by the offshore team. That team won the McMillian Trophy in the fall. In a close race with the Naval Academy, the Eagles were victorious and brought home the oldest sailing trophy in the country. Freshman Tyler Pruitt won the Priddy Trophy, awarded to the most outstanding freshman sailor in New England. The team has also received an invitation to compete in the Kennedy Cup Regatta held at the U.S. Naval Academy.

SKIING

Head Coach, Men's and Women's: Bill Toof

Men's: Led by seniors Peder Gustafson and Ben Johnson and sophomore Tad Davis, the men's ski team capped off the season with a fourth-place finish in the Eastern Regionals and a 10th-place finish in the U.S. Collegiate National Championships. The men's team finished in the top three in slalom races throughout the season.

Women's: Finishing first in the Eastern Regionals and third in the Nationals, the women's ski team placed in the nation's top 10 for the 20th consecutive year. The Eagles were led by senior captain Amanda Daffer who finished third in the alpine combined and slalom events and sixth in the giant slalom. Daffer as well as juniors Rebecca Cogswell and Rebecca Babin and freshman Christina Gush all earned All-American honors by finishing in the top 15.

SOCCER

Head Coach, Men's: Ed Kelly

Head Coach, Women's: Alison Foley

Men's: Team finished with a 5-10-2 record; led by co-captains senior Keith McDonald and junior Paul Cornoni; sophomore Kevin Boyd and senior Danny Horan led the team in scoring with eight points (three goals, two assists); sophomore goalkeeper Chris Hamblin started all 17 games and recorded 5.5 shutouts.

Women's: Team advanced to the semifinals of the BIG EAST Tournament, finishing with a 12-6-3 record; led by co-captains Leigh Cofran and Kiera McKeon, sophomore Sarah Powell and freshman Morgan Page earned All-BIG EAST Second Team honors; Page also earned All-BIG EAST Rookie Team honors; she led the team with 16 goals and 35 points; Powell earned All-Northeast Region Second Team honors.

SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Jennifer Finley

The two-time defending BIG EAST Champions have been led by junior Mary Dietz on the mound. Dietz set a BIG EAST and school record when she recorded 17 strikeouts versus Seton Hall. Dietz has won BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week honors twice and combined for a perfect game with freshman Brooke Shull against Providence. At the plate, sophomore Summer Jarratt and junior Chris Vicari have led the Eagles.

SWIMMING & DIVING

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

Men's: Team finished with a 7-6 record including a 1-2 BIG EAST mark; led by senior captains Steve Szejner and Mike Walsh, the Eagles finished 13th in the BIG EAST Tournament; sophomore Greg Dwyer earned the MVP award and received Outstanding Performer recognition six times during the season.

Women's: Team finished 12-3 with a 1-2 BIG EAST mark; as 1998 Can-Am Challenge champions, the Eagles named freshman Alexis Kostopoulos as Outstanding Performer and Junior Kara Glynn as Outstanding Performance in the 800 meter freestyle; senior Rachel Enos, and freshmen Kostopoulos and Lauren Schwartz received MVP awards.

TENNIS

Men's: Nigel Bentley

Women's: Mark Burns

Men's: Team was led by senior captain Chris Amundsen and junior assistant captain Anand Annigeri; Annigeri led team in singles victories playing in the No. 1 position; Annigeri teamed with sophomore Jason Cowett to play in the top doubles position; freshman Marc Lucero had the best singles record of the Eagles.

Women's: Team was led by junior captain Kim Arbuckle; Christina Malone '98 spent first season as assistant coach; sophomore Cynthia Tow earned a national ranking; Tow and doubles partner Barbara Privrel were ranked among the best in the East; sophomore Kiren Fernando and junior Mercedes del Valle were a strong doubles tandem in the spring; freshman Ruta Veitas and sophomore Angela Niznik also made significant contributions.

VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach: Jackie Hadel

First-year head coach, Jackie Hadel, led the Eagles to a 12-19 record; five wins better than a year ago. The team was led by sophomores Julia El-Hag and Kyleen Charlton. El-Hag led the Eagles with 3.47 digs per game while Charlton, as one of the premier setters in the conference, averaged 9.89 assists per game.

WATER POLO

Head Coach: Chris Ford

Finished with an 11-14 team record and placed eighth in the Northern Division of the Eastern Water Polo Association. The team was led on defense by Eric Malzone and offensively by Will Estes and Mike Pietsch.

WRESTLING

Head Coach: Rod Buttry

Finished with a 5-14 team record; led by junior captain Pat Purcell who finished with a 20-14 record; freshman Antonio Garay finished with a 20-2 record; Garay was the East Coast Wrestling Association heavyweight champion and went 1-2 in the NCAA Championships; sophomore Dan Degan finished with a record of 24-14; senior Bill Fennell finished 8-5; Degan and Fennell won titles at the Coast Guard Invitational.

Source: Sports Information Office

Varsity Sports Records

	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
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Men's Records					
Football	4-8	5-7	N.A.	4-7	8-3
Basketball	19-11	22-9	N.A.	6-21	11-19
Ice Hockey	16-17-3	15-19-4	N.A.	27-11-4	29-12-1
Soccer	11-5-2	3-10-4	N.A.	5-10-2	6-9-2
Lacrosse	8-8	3-11	N.A.	5-9	2-9
Baseball	15-27	20-23	N.A.	26-22-1	in progress
Swimming & Diving	2-9	9-7	N.A.	7-6	6-3
Tennis	11-16	5-16	N.A.	15-14	12-12
Women's Records					
Basketball	10-17	18-10	N.A.	22-8	26-9
Field Hockey	12-7	11-8	N.A.	9-11	9-11
Ice Hockey	15-10-1	9-20-1	N.A.	8-22-2	6-22-2
Swimming & Diving	11-3	17-2	N.A.	12-3	7-3
Tennis	15-12	8-8	N.A.	17-11	9-12
Lacrosse	8-7	5-11	N.A.	4-11	6-10
Soccer	9-7-2	9-8	N.A.	12-6-3	16-7-1
Softball	28-21	36-13	N.A.	27-20	20-25
Volleyball	12-24	13-19	N.A.	12-19	13-19

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