



Soccer sets sights on NCAA postseason return

SOCCER—After advancing to the NCAA Semifinals last season, the William Smith College soccer team is hoping for an encore performance this fall. Led by Head Coach **ALICEANN WILBER**, the Herons will start a rebuilding process after a group of six seniors, including five starters, led the team to a 17-4-3 record.

The Herons (3-2-1) began their season on a sour note, dropping a 3-0 decision to Geneseo, but bounced back with victories over Oswego State and NYU in the Heron Cup. After a week off, William Smith upped its win streak to three with a 1-0 win over 20th-ranked Denison University. The scoring difficulties continued in the Herons' next two games as the Herons tied the 24th-ranked University of Rochester, 0-0 and lost to Ithaca College 1-0.

Sporting a completely new look up top after the graduation of **ALYSON STACHURA** and **MARIA PAOFF**, Wilber is still trying to find the right combination. Senior **KRISTIN PERRIGO** (Liverpool, N.Y.) heads up the attack with a team-leading three goals after missing last season due to an injury. Fellow classmate **DANIELLE CORNETT** (Potsdam, N.Y.) and sophomore **DANYA MICHAELS** (Cape Elizabeth, Maine) are also seeing quality minutes at the striker position and will be looked upon to provide scoring as the season progresses.

Sophomores **STEPH GRIDLEY** (Auburn, N.Y.) and **LAURA DESOBRY** (Bethesda, Md.) are splitting their time between forward and the outside midfield. Both are talented with the ball at their feet, making the William Smith attack dangerous from up top or the flanks.

In the midfield sophomore **JAMIE JANOWICH** (Sykesville, Md.) replaces All-American **KRISTIN FALZARANO** on the outside, while junior **CAROLINE WENZEL** (Geneva, N.Y.) is making the transition from striker to the midfield.

Holding down the center of the field are senior **STEPHANIE LEVEILLE** (Ossining, N.Y.) and junior **DEBBIE MINARICK** (Wayne, N.J.). Strong in the air, Leveille provides a scoring threat in the box, while Minarick has the potential to knock one home from the outside.

The backline has a familiar look with sophomores **SERAPHINE HAMILTON** (Trenton, N.J.) and **PRIA YOUNG** (Richboro, Pa.), and junior **JENN TIBBENS** (Sherburne, N.Y.) returning from a defense that allowed just 16 goals. Sophomore **KATIE MURLEY** (Auburn, N.Y.) rounds out the starting four, filling the spot left by **AMY PENDERGAST**.

The biggest shoes to fill will be in goal. **LEAH CORNWELL** completed an outstanding career with a 61-15-5 record as a four-year starter. She boasted a sterling 0.53 goals against average, and an .849 save percentage. To top it all off, Cornwell became the first Heron to be named the NSCAA Division III Player of the Year.

The new face in goal is first-year **NIKKI DUDLEY** (Conastota, N.Y.). Posting three shutouts and a stingy 0.78 goals against average the rookie has been a strong presence in the net for the Herons, earning a UCAA Defender of the Week award and two UCAA Rookie of the Week awards already this season.

William Smith begins its UCAA slate on Sept. 26 at Rensselaer.



Defender Jenn Tibbens '05 battles for possession with an Oswego player.

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William Smith to host ITA Northeast Championships

TENNIS—For the sixth consecutive year William Smith College will host the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northeast Championships. More than 70 student-athletes from 19 colleges and universities across the region will compete in the three-day event, beginning at 9 a.m. on Sept. 26.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to bring the best players from the Northeast region to our campus and make the most of our terrific facilities," Head Coach **CHIP FISHBACK** said.

Junior **MOLLY PATTERSON** (Mountain Lakes, N.J.) will be the highest seed for the Herons in the tournament as one of the top 12 players in the draw. She is undefeated in her first two singles matches of the year, having toppled foes from Cortland and Brockport.

The Herons (1-1) also will send junior **LAURA MAIER** (Reading, Pa.) and sophomore **KAREN NEWBURY** (Johnson City, N.Y.) into the singles draw. Like Patterson, Maier is unbeaten in singles play this season, having slugged out a pair of straight sets victories.

Newbury and Patterson will team up in the doubles competition, while Maier will play with first-year **MEGHAN KELLEY** (Norwell, Mass.).

In addition to hosting the ITA Northeast Championships, the Herons also will host the UCAA Championship, Oct. 11-12.

Hall of Honor Class of 2003



The Heron Hall of Honor Class of 2003—The Hall of Honor welcomed its fifth class of inductees on Sept. 20. The six Heron legends raised the Hall's distinguished roll to 35.

Seated (l-r): Kathleen Bloom '87, Director of William Smith Athletics Susan Bassett, Melissa Crowley Price '91, Hobart and William Smith Colleges President Mark Gearan. Standing: Vida Donohue Shaver '91, Joan Grupp Smith '88, Ady Symonds '96, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees Maureen Collins Zupan '72, and Jennifer Goodell Cooper '97.

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JARED RODRIGUEZ '06



Molly Patterson '05 looks to serve up some victories for the Herons this season.

Youth movement has Herons excited about the future

CROSS COUNTRY—Now in his ninth season as head coach of the William Smith Cross Country team, **JACK WARNER** brimmed with pride when asked about the Class of 2007.

"I think this is the best recruiting class I've had here," Warner said.

The harriers welcomed eight new faces to campus, as well as senior **RACHAEL KAPLAN**, who is running cross country for the first time.



Kaplan '04

A nine-to-one ratio of rookies to experienced seniors, generally means the team will have a bright outlook in a year or two, but these Herons aren't planning on waiting that long.

In the first two weeks of the season, William Smith placed eighth and ninth in the Buffalo State and Oswego invitionals, respectively. Both finishes were improvements over the team's 2002 showings.



Thorp '07

Week three returned the Herons to Geneva for the annual Hobart Invitational. Prior to that race, William Smith had never won an invitational other than its own Heron Invitational at the Seneca Lake State Park.

Enter the Class of 2007.

Kaplan led the team across the line, covering the 6-kilometer, campus

transversing course in 23:32.55, to finish third overall. Right on her heels, finishing fourth, was first-year **KAREN THORP** (Yarmouth, Maine).

Helping drive the Herons' team score even lower, junior **MOLLY RIDER**, last year's top runner, placed fifth, less than 10 seconds behind Kaplan.

First-years **JEN STRONG** (Honeoye, N.Y.) and **LEANNE RONCOLATO** (Meadville, Pa.) rounded out the scoring for William Smith, taking 17th and 18th in the 56-runner field. The Herons' team score of 47 gave them the invitational title, 12 points better than second place Buffalo State and 20 better than Houghton College, a team William Smith had never beaten.

For their efforts, Kaplan and Thorp were named the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association Performer and Rookie of the Week, respectively.

The early results bode well for the Herons, who will enter the UCAA Championship Meet, as the only team to have run the championship course. The Colleges will host the title chase on Oct. 4. The women's race is scheduled for noon with the men to follow at 1 p.m.

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FIELD HOCKEY—The William Smith field hockey team has reached the postseason in each of Head Coach **SALLY SCATTON's** 15 seasons, including three NCAA Championships. If the Herons are going to earn No. 16, they'll have to deal with one very big number.

74 percent.

Is that

Scatton's winning percentage with the Herons? No. Her percentage is higher (78.3).

Is that two-time All-UCAA goalie **JESSICA KULESA's** career save percentage? No. Her percentage is higher (83.4).

Why is 74 percent such a big number in the Herons immediate future? That's how much of last season's scoring graduated.

William Smith

bid adieu to UCAA Player of the Year **SHEILA MCKEVITT** (14 gls, 6 asst, 34 pts) and All-UCAA first-teamers **BRIGID LYNCH** (4-1-9), **NEELY WAKEMAN** (11-10-32), and **ERIN WEIR** (1-13-15).

A daunting task for some, but as the old cliché goes, "The Herons don't rebuild, they simply reload."

An exceptionally young squad—Kulesa is the only senior—William Smith is off to a solid start, boasting a 3-2 record. In the Herons' three victories, the team is outscoring the opposition 11-0, including a 3-0 whitewashing of 20th-ranked Susquehanna in the finale of the annual William Smith Invitational.

The two losses also have been shutouts: a 3-0 decision to No. 4 Messiah, and a 1-0 overtime heartbreaker to Houghton.

The mass graduation of scoring may prove to be a blessing. Last season, the Herons had nine different players record points. Already this year, William Smith has 10 different scorers.

First-year **SOPHIE DENNIS** (Port Byron, N.Y.) leads the attack with six points, followed by sophomore **TARA BAKER** (Lee Center, N.Y.) and sophomore **MAGGIE DOLAN** (Towson, Md.) with five points each.

Defensively, Kulesa has a smothering back line in front of her in juniors **JANIE O'DONNELL** (Bryn Mawr, Pa.) and **LEA DESFORGES** (Stockbridge, Vt.), sophomore **LAUREN FULLER** (Loudonville, N.Y.) and first-year **ELIZABETH SAUCIER** (Old Town, Maine).

The team begins its quest for a sixth UCAA Championship when league play opens up on Sept. 26. The Herons will travel to St. Lawrence for a 4 p.m., start.



Maggie Dolan '06 outraces a Susquehanna player during the 2003 William Smith Invitational. Dolan scored the game-winner against the Crusaders.

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