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## Heron hoops squad looks to rebound in 2003-04

**BASKETBALL**—The William Smith basketball team returns four of five starters and welcomes a talented class of first-years that has given everyone around the Herons a sense of optimism about the 2003-04 season. Under Coach **GLENN BEGLY** (307-88, 16th season), William Smith is looking to rebound from last season's 9-15 record, and a key to that improvement will be, well, rebounding.

The 2002-03 Herons relied heavily on WBCA honorable mention All-American **LAURA HADWIN '03** (19.3 ppg, 8.5 rpg) and were outboarded 906-793.

To that end, Begly welcomed four rookies 5-10 or taller: **ASHLEY RODGER** (5-10), **ANNE HELLEBUSH** (5-11), **SOPHIE DENNIS** (5-11), and **KRYSTN LAKE** (5-11). That quartet, coupled with 5-11 sophomore forwards **TANYA RICHVALSKY** (5.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg) and **MORGAN KASSEL** (4.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg), will make William Smith much tougher inside and translate into more scoring opportunities.

"Tanya and Morgan, who have made solid progress during the off-season, and Ashley, who could be the best Heron rebounder since **JENN GOODELL COOPER '97**, will give us a strong presence in the low post," Begly said.

Rodger and Hellebush, a forward and guard, respectively, won't need any time to get acclimated as they are already well acquainted with each other's style of play, having competed on the same AAU team for the past several years.

An exceptional athlete, Dennis is coming off a record-breaking field hockey season (see p. 2) and will share time in the front court with sophomore soccer star **SERAPHINE HAMILTON** (p. 3). Junior **IVY PARKER**, who rejoins the team after a season off, and sophomore **RACHEL HENDERSON**, who is studying abroad until 2004, will also figure into the rotation.

In the backcourt, the Herons' lone senior, **STEPHANIE LEVEILLE**, will run the point. Fresh off an all-star soccer season, she is in great shape and ready to add to her career assists (2.1 apg) and steals (1.3 spg) averages. First-year **STEPHANIE BISHOP** will spell Leveille. A soccer recruit, Bishop has been a pleasant surprise in the preseason, adapting quickly to the Herons' system.

At the two guard, top returning scorer, sophomore **PRIA YOUNG**, and junior **TARA BRISSON** will split minutes. Young dropped in 10.8 ppg and made 2.0 spg as a rookie, while Brisson led William Smith in assists last season (61) and became a reliable source of points night after night (6.9 ppg).

If William Smith is going to make it back to the postseason, the team will have to navigate a very challenging schedule. In addition to the always tough UCAA circuit, which includes tradition rivals No. 23 St. Lawrence, Union, Hamilton, and RPI, the Herons will have to contend with a brutal non-conference slate that features No. 3 Rochester (Dec. 9), Ithaca (Dec. 6), Cortland (Jan. 20), and Buffalo State (Jan. 13).

"The only way to find out how good you are is to play the best," Begly said.



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Point guard Stephanie Leveille is the Herons lone senior this season and will be called on to provide leadership to an otherwise young squad.

## Kulesa, Silverio headline field hockey postseason award winners

Dennis, Scatton earn top UCAA billing, 7 Herons named to all-conference teams

**FIELD HOCKEY**—Senior goalie **JESSICA KULESA** and junior midfielder **SARAH SILVERIO** were recently named to the NFHCA All-America second-team, highlighting a bountiful awards season for the Heron field hockey team.

William Smith also placed seven players on the All-UCAA teams and took home rookie and coach of the year honors.

Kulesa started every game for the Herons this season, leading the UCAA with a 0.75 goals against average. A first-team All-UCAA selection, she represented William Smith in the NFHCA North-South game on Nov. 22, shutting out the North in 35 minutes of action. A three-year starter, Kulesa posted a record of 40-15, recording 12 shutouts, and boasted a 1.00 goals against average and an .832 save percentage. She ranks third in career wins, fifth in career GAA, and seventh in career saves (273).

Silverio is an outstanding two-way player, capable of shutting down an opponent's scoring chance and creating opportunities at the other end of the field. The first-team All-UCAA selection recorded a goal and an assist this season. A clutch performer, five of Silverio's nine career goals are game-winners.

First-year forward **SOPHIE DENNIS** joined Kulesa and Silverio on the first-team and took home the league's Rookie of the Year Award. William Smith's leading scorer,

she led the conference and broke the William Smith record for a first-year with 17 goals. Dennis also sported three assists for 37 points, second in the conference.

Sophomore forward **MAGGIE DOLAN**, sophomore midfielder **AMY KUZIO**, junior defender **LEA DESFORGES**, and sophomore defender **LAUREN FULLER** received second-team All-UCAA accolades.

Dolan has blossomed in her first season as a starter. Second on the team in scoring, she posted eight goals and seven assists, ranking in the top-10 in the conference in goals (9th), assists (8th), and points (9th).

Kuzio led William Smith and was sixth in the conference with eight assists. A two-year starter, she is an important player in the Herons' transition game and is the stopper on the team's offensive penalty corner unit.

Desforges is arguably the best defender in the UCAA. A two-year starter, she has played in 58 of William Smith's 59 games over the past three seasons. William Smith's stopper back, Desforges led the Herons' defensive unit that held opponents to a league low 0.73 goals per game. She also earned All-UCAA honors in 2001.

A dual threat, Fuller is a tenacious defender and possesses a potent shot. The Herons' primary option on offensive penalty corners, she scored nine goals, placing her second on the team and eighth in the

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Senior Jessica Kulesa (#44) was named a 2003 second-team All-American and represented the Herons in the North-South game.

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## Sailing wraps up another successful fall

The second-ranked Hobart and William Smith sailing team closed out another fall season with a strong showing in the MAISA and Atlantic Coast championships.

Sailing out of the Bozzuto Boathouse for the first time, HWS captured the War Memorial Regatta on Nov. 2, edging the defending champion, St. Mary's, in the final two sets. Senior **ED NORTON** and sophomore **AUGUSTA NADLER** dominated the A division, while seniors **ALEXIS RUBIN** and **JOHN PEARCE** placed second in the B division.

In the MAISA Women's Dinghy Championship on Nov. 8-9, William Smith placed fifth. The Herons were just four points shy of fourth place Georgetown and 13 points behind the winning team from Old Dominion. Seniors **MORA O'MALLEY** and **KATE MAY** and juniors **EMILIE BARKOW** and

**KATE KANA** represented the Herons.

Four Hobart and William Smith sailors teamed up for a third place finish in the Freshman Atlantic Coast Championship, hosted by Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The HWS sailors placed second in the B division and sixth in the A division for an overall team score of 128, 11 behind the winning team from Tufts.

In the A division, **KATE BRUSH** and **BRIAN CLANCY** turned in four top-four finishes. In the B division, **MANDI MARKEE** and **TREVOR MOORE** finished in the top three seven times during the 12-race weekend. The tandem trailed B division winner Yale by just three points.

William Smith finished seventh in the season-ending Atlantic Coast Women's Championship on Nov. 15-16.

## Thorp named to All-UCAA team

**CROSS COUNTRY**—First-year **KAREN THORP** was named to the All-UCAA Cross

Country second-team after taking 11th place at the UCAA Championship meet. The top seven runners across the line earned first-team honors, while the next seven grabbed second-team accolades.

Thorp had a strong rookie season, leading the Herons in six of the eight races in which she participated. She was the UCAA Rookie of the Week after finishing fourth in the Hobart Invitational and earned Performer of the Week honors after a third place performance at the Fredonia Invitational.

The 2003 season saw the Heron harriers win the Hobart Invitational, marking the first time the squad won an invite other than the Heron Invitational.



Karen Thorp

## Soccer captures ECAC NE Championship

As the regular season came to a close, the individual accolades started to come in for the William Smith soccer team. The Herons collected five All-UCAA awards, including the Rookie of the Year in goalkeeper **NIKKI DUDLEY**.

Garnering first-team honors were senior forward **KRISTIN PERRIGO** and sophomore defender **SERAPHINE HAMILTON**, while sophomore midfielder **STEPH GRIDLEY** joined Dudley on the second-team. Hamilton, Gridley earned conference recognition for the first time, while Perrigo was named to the first-team for the second year.

William Smith followed those awards up with a team honor a week later, as the Herons continued their postseason success by grabbing the ECAC Northeast title with a convincing 4-1 win over the University of Rochester in the title tilt.

Dubbed the fourth seed in the fray, the Herons opened with a 3-1 victory over a high-scoring Plattsburgh State team. The Cardinals claimed the early lead, but a perfect one-touch by Gridley off a long ball from **PRIA YOUNG** evened the match.

It was all William Smith after that as Perrigo and senior **STEPHANIE LEVEILLE** made it 3-1 at the break.

The win pushed the Herons into the semifinal round against second seed Geneseo. Looking to avenge a 3-0 loss in the season opener, Leveille knocked home a cross from Young in the 37th minute for

the early lead. Playing stifling defense in the second half, William Smith made that goal stand up, advancing to the championship match against the third seed, the University of Rochester.

The Yellowjackets and Herons meeting during the regular season ended in a scoreless draw. This time around William Smith solved the Rochester defense, scoring four goals, including three in the second half, for the 4-1 win. Perrigo netted what proved to be the game-winner in the 55th minute and provided assists on each of the next two goals to earn the ECAC Most Valuable Player award.

Perrigo led the Heron offense with nine goals on the year—seven of which were game-winners—and three assists. She finished her career ranked third on the assists list (25) and fifth in goals (37) and points (99). Gridley contributed six goals and five assists, while Leveille ended her final season with six scores and an assist.

Hamilton anchored a young William Smith backline this season, helping the Herons post 12 shutouts and a 0.79 goals against average. In goal, Dudley started all 22 games finishing the season with 10 shutouts and an .857 save percentage.

William Smith finished the season 15-5-2 overall, marking the 12th season Head Coach **ALICEANN WILBER** has led the team to at least 15 wins in a season and the fifth time in the past seven years.

## Official Heron web site gets new look

**WWW.HWS.EDU/HERONS**—The online home of the William Smith Herons debut a new look in mid-November, the third such redesign under fifth-year Sports Information Director **KEN DeBOLT**.

“Like our student-athletes, we in sports information strive to keep the Herons at the forefront in the media and online,” DeBolt said. “The diligent work of Webmaster **STAN SKRABUT** and the creativity of Graphic Designer **JODY BENEDICT** have produced a first-class web site.”

New features include random photo selections and important headlines on the front page. Each team's photo gallery is now database driven, making updates and maintenance much simpler than in the past.



## Squash takes 3rd in inaugural UCAA Championship

**CANTON, N.Y.**—Featuring a very young lineup, the William Smith squash team finished third in the four-team field of the inaugural UCAA Championship, Nov 22-23. The host St. Lawrence Saints won the title.

With three first-years and four sophomores in the nine starting positions, the Herons lost their opening match to St. Lawrence, 9-0.

Vassar outlasted William Smith 6-3, but the Herons rebounded in the afternoon with an impressive 9-0 win over Hamilton.

### UCAA Honors

In addition to a conference championship, the UCAA also added weekly honors for squash players this season.

The Herons swept the first naming when **KATIE HENDRICKS** and **SHAILA PANDOLE** were named the Performer and Rookie of the Week, following William Smith's 6-3 season-opening win over Colgate.

Hendricks made her Heron debut in the top position and produced a 9-6, 9-1, 9-4 victory, while Pandole debuted in the No. 2 position and produced a 9-5, 9-0, 9-3 win.

### HOCKEY WRAP UP (from p. 2)

UCAA. A clutch performer, Fuller scored a team-high five game-winning goals, the second highest total in the UCAA.

In her 16th season as the Herons' boss, Coach **SALLY SCATTON** led William Smith to a 14-6 overall record, including a perfect 7-0 mark in the UCAA. She boasts a record of 260-72-3 with the Herons, including three NCAA Division III National Championships. Scatton also garnered the UCAA Coach of the Year award last season.

Ranked 12th in the final coaches poll, the Herons lost a heart-breaking 2-1 double overtime decision to 10th-ranked Skidmore in the UCAA Tournament championship game. While William Smith was left out of the NCAA Tournament field for just the third time since 1987, the Herons earned a spot in the ECAC Mid-Atlantic Tournament, falling in the quarterfinals to Oneonta 1-0 in overtime.

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