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Highly Successful Spring Caps Record Year

Nearly every season, one or two KU teams distinguish themselves from their counterparts. However, this spring every sport turned in a stellar performance.

The Golden Bear **baseball** team advanced to the NCAA Division II World Series for the third time in four years. The **men's tennis** program grabbed its fourth Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) title in five years and reached the NCAA Championships for the third straight year. **Mukundan Nandakumar** also won the PSAC singles and doubles titles.

Softball finished second at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional and **women's tennis** notched a six-match improvement from last year to reach its NCAA Regional. **Justin Collins** of the

men's track & field program earned All-American honors by finishing third in the long jump at the NCAA Championships, and helped the men to a fourth place finish at the PSAC Championships two weeks earlier. The **women's track & field** team notched a third-place finish at the PSAC Championships, sending two athletes to compete at the NCAA Championships. The **women's golf** program continued to make strides, setting a season-average scoring record by 24 strokes.

All of these efforts helped propel the Golden Bears to a second place finish in the Dixon Trophy standings, the best in school history (*see below*).

For a complete recap of the spring sports seasons, see page 2. ❖



Kutztown unveiled its new athletics logo in April. The logo was created by Phoenix Designworks, in conjunction with the University. The logo replaces the previous one, seen at the right of the TimeOut banner, above. Additional versions of the logo can be seen at kubears.com.

KU 2nd in PSAC, 30th in NCAA D-II

Kutztown University finished second in the race for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference's (PSAC) F. Eugene Dixon, Jr. Trophy. KU's second place finish is the best in school history.

The Kutztown University Athletics department placed 30th in the final standings for the NCAA Division II United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup, presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) to the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country.

The **Dixon Trophy** is awarded annually to the PSAC member institution that accumulates the most points based on the results of conference playoffs and/or regular season records. Each institution's finish is calculated by the top six men's and top six women's finishes in 22 conference sports. KU finished second to Shippensburg, which edged Kutztown by a score of 128.5-125.5.

In the **Director's Cup**, Kutztown placed 30th of 282 eligible institutions, with a score of 358.5, the highest among PSAC teams. Grand Valley (Mich.) State won the Cup.

Points are awarded based on team finishes at NCAA championships. ❖

Yeager to Take on New Role at KU

Kutztown University Director of Athletics **Clark Yeager** has been named the school's new assistant to the provost, **Dr. F. Javier Cevallos**, university president, announced.

Yeager, who has served as director of athletics at KU since 1992, will step down as AD on August 1, and will assume his new position on August 21.

Jack Enriken, a member of the department of athletics faculty, will move from his current role as athletic trainer to interim director of athletics. Enriken will also chair the search for Yeager's full-time replacement. A new athletics director is expected to be named by January 1, 2005.

"Clark took our athletics program from one of the lowest in the state, to second in ranking," Cevallos said. "We are delighted that he now will be applying that same imagination and ability to develop successful programs in our academic arena."

Yeager has been the driving force behind many of Kutztown University's athletics team and student-athlete successes, both on the playing venues and in the classrooms.

During his 12 years at KU, the sports teams won a combined 33 division, conference and regional championships. Prior to 1992, the university's teams had won just 10 titles in 100 years

of intercollegiate athletic competition.

Over the same time span, Yeager guided a dramatic improvement in the academic success of Golden Bear student-athletes. From 1992 to 2004, KU student-athletes' combined grade-point average rose from 2.50 to 2.86, and is currently within 0.02 of the overall campus average of 2.88. The number of Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar-Athletes has grown from 15 in 1992-93, to as high as 89 last year. Finally, the six-year graduation rate for student-athletes has risen from 50 percent in 1991-92, to 60 percent last year. The graduation rate for scholarship student-athletes has risen from 33 to 50 percent over the same time span.

"It was an incredible experience working with Vice-President for Student Affairs Dr. Chick Woodard, former President Dr. David McFarland and President Cevallos, as well as other members of the University leadership and community," Yeager said. "They provided me with great support in maintaining a commitment to quality, diversity, academics and athletic success, and doing so the right way."

In his new position at Kutztown, Yeager will assist Dr. Linda Rinker, university provost, in the areas of summer school, transfer students and lifelong learning. ❖

Baseball

Head coach: Chris Blum

2004 Record: 37-16, 15-5 PSAC East, 2nd-PSAC, 1st-North Atlantic Regional t-7th-NCAA Championship

The baseball team reached the championship round of the PSAC tournament before falling to California (PA). The Golden Bears rebounded with their third North Atlantic Regional Tournament title in four seasons, defeating West Virginia State in the championship game behind tournament MVP **Matt Keller**.

KU advanced to the Division II Championship, where Kutztown dropped two games to finish seventh in the nation.

The Golden Bears came within a win of tying the KU single season record of 38 victories. Kutztown balanced a veteran pitching staff with a young lineup that improved with nearly every game.

Staff ace **Matt Haverly's** season was highlighted by a perfect game against East Stroudsburg at the Newport Apprentice Tournament in February. Keller set a KU record with eight saves in 2004.

The awakening of the offense was sparked by catcher **Clay Kuklick**. Kuklick started the season slowly, but came to life upon taking the leadoff spot in the batting order to finish with a .345 batting average, seven home runs and 40 runs scored. Freshman **Ryan Loper** turned in a strong campaign to earn PSAC East Rookie of the Year honors. He hit .317 with seven homers.

Head coach **Chris Blum** was named PSAC East Coach of the Year. Haverly was joined on the All-PSAC East first team by designated hitter **John Yearsley** and outfielder **Paul Koropchak**. Pitchers **Rob McCuen** and Keller earned second team honors. Haverly represented KU on the North Atlantic All-Region first-team.

Women's Golf

Head coach: Robert Fisher

2003-04 Record: 5-6, 6th-PSAC

The women's golf team continued its steady improvement in its fourth year, shattering the season scoring average with a new record of 364.6. That mark surpassed the old record, set just last year, of 388.4. The team was led by the trio of **Jessica May**, **Holly Shubilla** and **Laura Boyko**. May was limited in the spring season to just three tournaments, but shot an 85.0 average to bring her 2003-04 mark to a team best 85.4.

Shubilla, a freshman, averaged 87.8 to finish second on the team. Boyko's 88.6 average was third. The team finished sixth at the PSAC Championships, competing as the only women's team and playing against five men's squads.

Softball

Head coach: Judy Lawes

2004 Record: 31-19, 15-9 PSAC East, 3rd-PSAC, 2nd-Mid-Atlantic Regional

KU softball relied on a deep pitching staff and timely offense to finish third at the PSAC Championships and second at the Mid-Atlantic Regional tournament. The second-place regional showing was the best in school history.

Freshman pitcher **Natalie Buch** led the team with a 1.39 earned run average. Fellow hurler **Stacey Denlinger** led the team with 12 wins, while **Cheryl Griffith** also reached the double-digit plateau in victories.

At the plate, KU finished ninth in the league in batting, but delivered when hits were needed. Centerfielder **Karli Hausman** and second baseman **Adriane Willmer** anchored the top of the order, earning All-PSAC East accolades. Hausman, a member of the second team, led the team with a .327 batting average and tied for the team-lead with two home runs, including a walk-off shot in a PSAC East win over Bloomsburg. Willmer, named to the first team, hit .306 with 25 runs scored. Shortstop **Stacy Bricker** batted .306 with 11 doubles and went on a tear to earn regional all-tournament team honors along with Denlinger and Griffith.

Men's Tennis

Head coach: Suresh Ramamurthi

2003-04 Record: 16-5, 4-1 PSAC, 1st-PSAC, 1st-East Regional, t-9th-NCAA Championship

The Golden Bears won the PSAC Championship for the fourth time in five years this season. Additionally, KU was home to both the conference individual singles and doubles champions. **Mukundan Nandakumar** won the singles crown and teamed with **Alok Bhide** in doubles for the KU sweep. That duo combined for a 17-7 mark in doubles and ranked first and second on the team in singles victories. After winning the PSAC team crown, the Golden Bears won the NCAA East Regional title, advancing to the national championships in Orlando, FL.

KU dropped its first-round match vs. Ferris State to finish tied for ninth in Division II. Bhide was 22-8 in doubles play, giving him 72 career doubles victories, a new Kutztown record. Bhide, **Johannes Wingerter**, and **Velmurugan Annamalai** wrapped up stellar playing careers, combining for 179 career singles wins.

Women's Tennis

Head coach: Suresh Ramamurthi

2003-04 Record: 10-8, 2-2 PSAC East, t-3rd-NCAA Regionals

The KU women notched their first winning season since 1997-98 on their way to earning a berth to the NCAA East Regional, where they were defeated in the first round. Kutztown was aided by newcomers **Kerstin Kloeffler** and **Priya Pachkawde**, who tied senior **Katie Rohrbach** for the team lead with 10 wins. Kloeffler and Pachkawde also greatly improved the doubles play for KU. Kloeffler teamed with **Jharna Nansi** for a 10-3 mark, while the team of Pachkawde and Rohrbach won 11 of their 12 matches.

Men's Track & Field

Head coach: Brian Mondschein

2004 Results: 4th/14-PSAC; t-32nd/61-NCAA

Justin Collins won the PSAC long jump (25-0 3/4; new meet record) and placed third in the nation (24-10) to notch All-America honors in the event. It was the fourth All-America performance of his career. Collins also won the triple jump at the PSAC Championships (48-5 1/4) and finished 14th at nationals (47-11). Joining him at the NCAA Championships was **Steve Winters**, who finished tenth in the decathlon (6,419). At the PSAC Championships, the Golden Bears finished fourth as a team, with **Sean Loomis** joining Collins in the winners' circle after winning the pole vault (14-11) title.

Women's Track & Field

Head coach: Brian Mondschein

2004 Results: PSAC - 3rd/14

Niya Adams won her fourth PSAC Outdoor title (2:12.46) in the 800-meter run and duplicated her 12th place finish from a year ago at the NCAA Championships (2:12.78). **Alison Maurer** also reached the NCAA Championships, placing 11th in the hammer (168-8). She won the PSAC discus title (126-2), but the hammer was not contested at the games. Adams was also a member of the PSAC champion 4x400m relay team (3:55.37), along with **Laura Kline**, **Jaci Pfeiffer** and **Sara Otis**. Earlier in the season, the 4x800m relay of **Madonna Patterson**, **Janelle Kostishion**, **Chelsea Thomas** and Adams set a KU record (9:14.16). ❖

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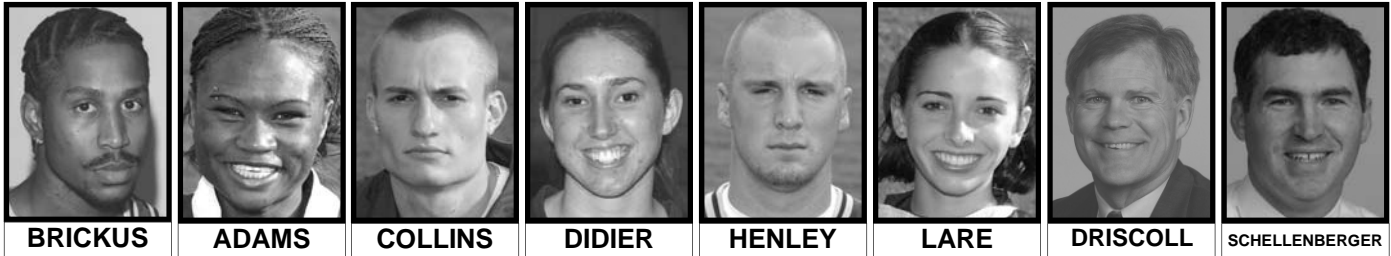
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KU Athletics Names Annual Award Winners



Kutztown announced its annual year-end awards at the All-Sports Banquet in April and at the Hall of Fame and Athletic Awards Banquet in May. The award recipients are listed below:

Male Senior Athlete of the Year

Jeff Brickus helped turn the men's basketball program into a winning team. He led the Golden Bears to the PSAC post-season and 36 wins over the last two seasons. Brickus was selected to the All-PSAC East first team as a junior and senior, leading the Golden Bears in scoring and assists both seasons. He set Kutztown career records for assists (425) and made free throws (317). He ranks fourth all-time in steals with 160 and his 1,218 career points are ninth on the KU career list.

Female Senior Athlete of the Year

Niya Adams won nine PSAC track & field championships, including four 800-meters, three 4x800 relays and two 4x400 relays. She holds five school records (two indoor, three outdoor). Adams was a two-time NCAA qualifier, running the 800m at the 2003 and 2004 NCAA Championships. In cross country, Adams was a top-seven runner all four years, competed on two NCAA qualifying teams and notched a pair of top-20 finishes at the PSAC Championships.

Note: the senior athlete of the year awards are for career achievement.

Male Athlete of the Year

Justin Collins was a two-time All-America performer in the long jump for the track & field team. He placed fifth at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships. His indoor-best performance of 24-7 ¾ set a school record. He was named PSAC Athlete of the Year after winning the long and triple jump titles at the indoor PSAC meet. Outdoors, Collins earned All-America honors with a third-place NCAA finish in the long jump. His PSAC Championship long jump of 25-0 ¾ set a meet record. He also won the triple jump at PSACs.

Female Athlete of the Year

Jessie Didier led the women's volleyball team to a superb season. KU was 21-9 overall, finishing the PSAC East division with a perfect 10-0 mark. Didier was named the PSAC East Athlete of the

Year, while earning first-team All-PSAC East and All-Atlantic Region honors. She led KU with 81 blocks and added 200 kills.

Note: the athlete of the year awards are for 2003-04 accomplishments.

Male Rookie of the Year

Jason Henley was a first-team All-PSAC East selection as a redshirt freshman in football. KU's starting tight end started all 11 games, catching 21 passes for 190 yards. He was a strong presence around the goal line, hauling in six touchdowns. Henley was also named to the d2football.com East Region Freshman team.

Female Rookie of the Year

Molly Lare earned All-PSAC and All-Region honors in cross country, placing sixth at the PSAC Championships and seventh at the NCAA East Regional. She was named PSAC Rookie of the Year. During the indoor track & field season, Lare set a school record by running the 3,000m in 10:20.04. She was named the PSAC Indoor Rookie of the Year after finishing second in the 3,000 and fourth

ship. Outdoors, Lare was third in the 1,500 at the PSAC Championships.

Note: rookie of the year awards are for first-year collegiate varsity athletes.

Dr. Dennis Roth/Nike Men's Athletics Coach of the Year

Bernie Driscoll's 2003-04 men's basketball team continued its storied success of the past two years. The Golden Bears finished the year with an 18-11 overall record and 7-5 in the PSAC East. KU caught fire in the post-season, advancing to the PSAC Championship game for the first time in 15 years.

Dr. Dorothy Moyer/Nike Women's Athletics Coach of the Year

Jeff Schellenberger's women's soccer team had a breakthrough year. His squad finished with a 14-4-3 overall record, including a 9-2-1 mark in the PSAC. Both win totals shattered the previous school records. Schellenberger coached the team to its first PSAC and NCAA Championship tournament appearances in the program's 20-year history. ❖

KU ATHLETIC ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Matt Santos, Director / Call 610-683-4755 for more information

Annual Fund Update

As of June 22, 2004, a total of \$157,687 has been raised for the 2004-05 KU Athletics Annual Campaign. This total has allowed the athletic administration to eclipse its goal of \$150,000 in private gifts for 2003-04. Athletic funds were raised through individual sport gifts (\$45,993), gifts to endowments (\$27,611), corporate partnerships (\$75,132), and the Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble (\$9,250). Funds raised benefit the student-athlete scholarship fund and related expenses. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Golden Bear Athletics in 2004-05. Your support is truly appreciated!

6th Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble a Success

The Sixth Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble was a successful event once again for KU Athletics. The sell-out field of 144 golfers enjoyed a

great day of food, fun, prizes and weather at scenic Willow Hollow Golf Course. The event generated an all-time high of \$9,250 for KU athletics. Congratulations to Drew Lane's team on its overall victory. Next year's tournament will be held on June 3 at Willow Hollow. If you are not on the mailing list to receive registration materials, please contact the athletic advancement office. It is a "can't miss" event!

KU Football Returns to WEEU This Fall

Follow Golden Bear football this fall on Reading's WEEU Radio, 830 AM on your dial. WEEU will carry all 10 of KU's games this fall, beginning with the August 28th tilt with Shippensburg. All games can also be heard world wide on the Internet at kubears.com. Keep an eye on kubears.com this summer for broadcast dates and times. ❖



WEEU's Football Broadcasts Receive Award

On Saturday, May 2, at the annual banquet of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Associated Press, WEEU won second-place among all medium market radio stations in the state for sports play-by-play. The award focused on WEEU's coverage of Kutztown University Golden Bear football last fall, and featured the voices of **Matt Santos, Steve Hahn, Mitch Gerhart, Bob McCool, and Bernie Driscoll**, as well as the halftime features by **Lauri Mondschein and Josh Leiboff**. The contest was open to radio stations throughout the state, excluding Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. ❖

2004 Kutztown University Football Schedule

AUGUST		
SAT 28	at Shippensburg	1:00 PM
SEPTEMBER		
SAT 4	CLARION	1:05 PM
SAT 11	at Lock Haven	4:00 PM
SAT 25	*MANSFIELD (F)	1:05 PM
OCTOBER		
SAT 2	*at West Chester	7:00 PM
SAT 9	*BLOOMSBURG	1:05 PM
SAT 16	*E. STROUDSBURG	1:05 PM
SAT 23	*at Millersville	1:50 PM
SAT 30	EDINBORO (H)	1:05 PM
NOVEMBER		
SAT 6	*at Cheyney	1:00 PM

home games in **BOLD CAPS**
 *PSAC East contest
 (F) Family Day (H) Homecoming

Kutztown held its annual **Hall of Fame induction ceremony** on June 4. The induction class of 2004 included (from left to right): **Keith Newhard** ('59), a football and men's basketball stalwart; **Robin Avery** ('98), a record-setting member of the women's basketball team; **Fran Metz** ('87), one of the first 1,000 point scorers in women's basketball and a standout softball player; **Daphne Hoyt** ('93), of the women's cross country and track & field teams; **H. John Landis** ('67), catcher for the 1966 championship baseball team; and **Ronald Lauchnor** ('63), high-scoring member of men's basketball team.

In accordance with the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act of 1994 (section 360B of Pub. L. 130-382), the Kutztown University Athletic Department has made information concerning its intercollegiate athletics programs available to the public. This information is on file at Rohrbach Library and the athletic department main office. Questions can be directed to the athletics office, (610) 683-4094. Kutztown University is committed to Affirmative Action, equal employment and educational opportunity in compliance with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, the Educational Amendments under Title IX of 1972, Sections 503/504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



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