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Three Women's Sports Highlight Fall Season

Three women's sports at Kutztown highlighted a strong start to the 2004-05 athletic year with standout fall seasons.

The **women's cross country** team advanced to the NCAA Championships for the third time in school history, the **field hockey** team returned to the post-season for the first time since 1998, and the **women's soccer** team advanced to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championship game.

Women's cross country's NCAA Championship appearance capped a strong season for head coach **Ray Hoffman's** harriers. The squad won two regular-season meets, finishing first at its own Maroon & Gold Invitational, and taking the Salisbury University Tidewater Classic. KU hosted the PSAC Championships on its new North Campus Course in October, placing third of 14 teams. At the NCAA Regionals at IUP, KU moved up to second place to earn the trip to the NCAA Championships. There, KU bettered its previous two showings at nationals with an 18th place finish. KU was 19th in 2000 and 2001.

Individually, sophomore **Molly Lare** had a strong year. She earned All-PSAC (14th) and All-Region (11th) honors, and paced KU at nationals with a 51st place finish. **Chelsea Thomas** just missed out on All-Region honors, placing 16th.

The Golden Bear field hockey team



Erin Livingston, field hockey, earned All-PSAC and All-America honors in 2004.

produced a remarkable turnaround in 2004 under head coach **Betty Wesner**. After finishing 7-12 each of the past two seasons, Kutztown was 14-6 this fall, including a 9-5 mark in the PSAC. It was the third-highest overall win total in school history, while the nine conference victories are the most ever. The Golden Bears qualified for the PSAC playoffs,

falling to eventual PSAC and NCAA champion Bloomsburg, in the semifinals.

Individually, KU was led by first-team All-PSAC and All-America defender **Erin Livingston**. **Lauren Blain** and **Laura Kline** earned second-team All-PSAC honors, while **Colleen Healey** was tabbed as a second-team All-American. **Wesner**, who recorded her 250th career win on October 14 against Shippensburg, was named PSAC Coach of the Year.

The women's soccer team continued to stake its claim as one of the up-and-coming programs in the region in 2004. Head coach **Jeff Schellenberger's** squad finished the year 14-5-2 overall and 8-3-1 in the PSAC East. The Golden Bears won the inaugural PSAC East regular-season title and advanced to their first PSAC title game before falling to IUP. The season included a school-record eight game winning streak.

Individually, KU placed seven players on the All-PSAC teams. **Kim Kelty** was named the PSAC East Rookie of the Year and was joined on the first team by **Kelly Murdock**, **Nicki Mitchell**, **Julie Folsom**, **Jeannine Bria**, **Lauren Tatro** and **Nikki Marczak** were second-team picks. **Schellenberger** was also named PSAC East Coach of the Year. **Murdock** went on to earn second-team All-Region honors. ❖

WANT TO HELP KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY STUDENT-ATHLETES?

The Kutztown University athletic department is in the midst of its annual drive to increase funds for student-athlete scholarships and operating expenses.

The fund drive started with the athletic phonathon in October. KU coaches and students spent eight nights on the phones with Golden Bear alumni and parents, and received over \$30,000 in pledges for the various sports funds. The athletic department would like to extend a special "thanks" to everyone who made a commitment to a KU sports program through a phonathon pledge.

The combined support of athletic

donors continues to be crucial in helping the KU administration offer top-notch, broad-based men's and women's programs. Private support has also allowed Golden Bear coaches and student-athletes to remain competitive in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and beyond.

The direct impact of recent support has been evident. In 2004, Kutztown placed a best-ever second in the race for the Dixon Trophy, presented to the PSAC school with the best cumulative athletic performance.

Anyone who was not reached during

the phonathon in the fall can still help! Just fill out and return a KU athletics pledge form, making sure to indicate the sport fund that the gift is intended for. All athletic donors receive special benefits, including all four editions of this newsletter.

Pledge information has been provided with this mailing of *TimeOut*. It can also be obtained by contacting the KU Athletic Advancement office by phone at (610) 683-4755 or by e-mail santos@kutztown.edu.

Thank you for your support and have a happy holiday! ❖

2004 Fall Sports Review: **Men's Cross Country, Football, Women's Golf, Men's Soccer, Men's & Women's Tennis, Women's Volleyball**

Women's cross country, field hockey and women's soccer were not the only teams to turn in strong seasons on the Kutztown campus. KU was third in the PSAC's Dixon Trophy standings. The award is given to the conference's member institution whose athletic program earns the best overall finish in the PSAC Championships and/or regular season.

Men's Cross Country **Young Golden Bears improve**

Head Coach: Ray Hoffman
2004 Results: 6th/14 PSAC; 9th/26 NCAA East Region

The Golden Bear men's cross country team continued to improve in 2004, despite an active roster made up entirely of freshmen and sophomores. Sophomore **Keith Gruchacz** led the Golden Bears to a sixth-place finish at the PSAC Championship, placing 27th overall. The Golden Bears placed ninth of 26 teams at the NCAA East Regional championship, despite **Gruchacz** bowing out of the race due to illness. **Gerard Ganey** was the top KU finisher, placing 35th. **Patrick Coyne** (40th) and **Daniel Wilde** (44th) also placed in the top 50.

Football

Tough schedule gets best of KU

Head Coach: Dave Keeny
2004 Results: 4-6, 2-4 PSAC East

A grueling schedule and a plethora of injuries got the better of the 2004 Golden Bear football squad. KU faced five of the top seven teams in East Region this season, coming up short against each of them. A total of 11 players projected to start in the preseason, or who opened the year in the starting lineup, missed games due to injuries. Those players missed a combined 43 games.

Bright spots for KU included first-team All-PSAC East defensive back **Michael Baldwin** and tight end **Jason Henley**. Wideout **James Brooks**, running back **Maurice Adams** and linebacker **Greg Mitchell** were selected to the second team. Senior **Trevor Smith** finished

his career second all-time at KU in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns. **Adams** set a single-game record with 259 rushing yards vs. Cheyney, eclipsing Phil Anthony's 1968 record of 247 yards.



Sarah Brandon, volleyball, was named PSAC East Player of the Year in 2004.

Women's Golf

Several records set during promising fall season

Head Coach: Robert Fisher
2004 Fall Results: 6th/6 PSAC

The 2004-05 women's golf team finished the fall season rated as the number nine team in the East Region by Golf-Stat. The rating is the highest ever for the Golden Bears. Four team and six individual scoring records fell in the fall, including a best-ever two-round score of 674 at the PSAC Championships. Newcomer **Andrea Ely** is ranked #20 in the region at the end of the fall. The Golden Bears resume their season in the spring.

Men's Soccer

Benson earns All-PSAC honors

Head Coach: Otto Ormosi
2004 Results: 9-9-2, 3-5-0 PSAC

KU's men's soccer team notched its third-straight .500 or better season in 2004. The Golden Bears started the season strong, holding a 7-3-2 record through 12 games, including PSAC victories over Bloomsburg and eventual league champion Lock Haven. However, KU fell on hard times, dropping six-straight games before ending the year with a pair of wins. Junior back **Marc Benson** represented the Bears on the All-

PSAC team, earning first-team honors. **Benson** was the team's leading scorer, with six goals and five assists for 17 points. **Brian Walter** dished out eight assists and had four goals. Goalkeeper **Jason Sherman** set a career record, finishing his junior year with 10 shutouts.

Men's Tennis

Limited fall schedule for netters

Head Coach: Suresh Ramamurthi
2004 Record: 2-0, 1-0 PSAC

Kutztown's men's tennis team played a limited fall schedule, with just three events completed. KU won both of its dual meets, defeating PSAC foe Slippery Rock and Franklin Pierce. At the ITA Regional tournament, newcomer **Harsh Sharma** advanced to the finals of the A Singles bracket before falling. The Golden Bears resume their season in the spring, and will be in search of their fifth PSAC title in six years and a fourth-consecutive regional title.

Women's Tennis

Golden Bears Improving

Head Coach: Suresh Ramamurthi
2004 Record: 1-1, 0-0 PSAC East

Kutztown's women's tennis team finished the fall season with a dual-match record of 1-1. The Golden Bears defeated Franklin Pierce, but fell to PSAC West foe Indiana (PA). KU also competed at the ITA regional tournament. In the spring, Kutztown will resume its season in hopes of qualifying for the PSAC championship and earning a second-straight bid to the NCAA East Regional.

Women's Volleyball

Golden Bears Improving

Head Coach: John Gump
2004 Record: 19-12, 5-5 PSAC East

Kutztown started the season strong, but struggled down the stretch. KU won its first nine matches, and was 14-1 after 15 matches. However, a five-match losing streak stopped the Bears' momentum. After winning its first three PSAC East matches, KU finished 2-5 and missed the conference playoffs, despite having a chance to qualify in its final regular-season match. Outside hitter **Sarah Brandon** and setter **Katie Herman** led the Golden Bears. **Brandon** was named PSAC East Player of the Year, and to first-team All-PSAC East honors after setting a school single-season record with 477 kills. **Herman** also set a single-season mark with 1,312 assists. She was named to second-team All-PSAC East honors. **Brandon** earned regional kudos, with a spot on the AVCA All-Atlantic Region first team. ❖

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KU ATHLETIC ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

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Seventh Annual Golf Scramble Set for June 3

The seventh Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble returns on Friday, June 3 at Willow Hollow Golf Course in nearby Leesport. Shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m.

The scramble, a sell out each of the past six years, is tentatively \$380 per foursome, and \$210 per twosome, and is limited to the first 36 foursomes. The entry fee includes the following for each foursome: a tee prize; a pre-scramble lunch at Willow Hollow pavilion; driving range opportunities at Sittler Golf; a post-scramble barbeque and awards ceremony; the Golden Avalanche Brewing Company & on-course beverage stop; golf cart and greens fees; a chance to win a new car or golf vacation in the Kutztown Buick-Pontiac-Cadillac Hole-in-One contest; special contests (included with entry fee): long drive, closest to the pin, putting competition; and prizes for placewinners—open and co-ed; and a chance to win great prizes by participating in the Pot-of-Gold contest and raffle.

Player registration and sponsorship forms will be available in January and can be obtained by contacting the KU athletic advancement office.

The scramble benefits Kutztown University student-athlete scholarships.

Corporate Partners Help Fund New Arena Scoreboard

Keystone Arena received new state-of-the-art Daktronics scoreboards this year. The scoreboards feature functions for basketball, volleyball, and wrestling, and a message center on the south side that can promote the Golden Bears around the clock.

The scoreboards were partially funded by the KU Athletics Corporate Partnership Campaign. Special thanks to Hess Express, Camillo's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, Hometown Utilicom, and the KU Student Bookstore/KU Student Services Inc. for signing on as initial scoreboard package sponsors.

The annual corporate partnership campaign, conducted during the summer, generated an all-time high of \$76,969 for athletics for the 2004-05 academic year. The total includes a combination of cash and trade from over 55 local, regional and national businesses.

For information on becoming a corporate partner of KU athletics for 2005-06, contact the KU athletic advancement office this spring. All corporate partner proceeds benefit KU athletics.



Follow KU on the Golden Bear Network

The Golden Bear Network will provide live audio coverage of four KU men's and women's basketball PSAC road games this season. The GBN will also carry a total of seven KU baseball and softball games in April. The Golden Bear Network can be heard live or on-demand on the Internet via Windows Media. For more information, visit kubears.com and click on The Golden Bear Network icon. Fans can also go back and hear nine of the 10 KU football games that were carried on WEEU radio during the 2004 season. Just click on the WEEU link in the left column at kubears.com.

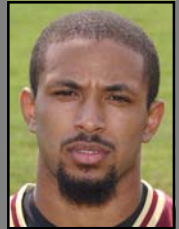
Baldwin, Mitchell Earn Academic Honors

Michael Baldwin and Greg Mitchell of the Kutztown University football team were selected to the 2004 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District II Football Team.

Baldwin was selected to the first team, while Mitchell was recognized on the second team.

Baldwin, a safety, is a criminal justice major with a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.76. He started all 10 games in 2004, and finished fourth on the team with 59 tackles. He blocked two punts, broke up five passes, forced a pair of fumbles, and recovered another. He returned his only interception of the season 65 yards for a touchdown in a win over Clarion. He was named to the 2003 Academic All-District II Second Team and was selected to the 2004 All-PSAC East first team.

Mitchell is a secondary education-mathematics major with a 3.67 GPA. A linebacker, he started all 10 games and finished second on the team with 80 tackles. He had five tackles for losses of 12 yards, including two sacks, two pass break ups, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles. He was selected to the 2004 All-PSAC East second team.



BALDWIN



MITCHELL

Home Athletic Events this Winter

JANUARY

WED 5	W Basketball – ALVERNIA	7:00 PM
SAT 8	M & W Swimming – MANSFIELD/EDINBORO	1:00 PM
TUE 11	Wrestling – ALBRIGHT	7:00 PM
FRI 14	Indoor Track & Field – KU INDOOR INVITATIONAL	5:00 PM
	M & W Swimming – ALBRIGHT	6:00 PM
WED 19	W Basketball – BLOOMSBURG	6:00 PM
	M Basketball – BLOOMSBURG	8:00 PM
SAT 22	M & W Swimming – ROWAN	1:00 PM
SAT 29	W Basketball – MANSFIELD	1:00 PM
	M Basketball – MANSFIELD	3:00 PM

FEBRUARY

WED 2	W Basketball – MILLERSVILLE	6:00 PM
	M Basketball – MILLERSVILLE	8:00 PM
MON 7	W Basketball – CHEYNEY	6:00 PM
	M Basketball – CHEYNEY	8:00 PM
SAT 12	Indoor Track & Field – PSAC EAST CHALLENGE	12:30 PM
WED 16	W Basketball – WEST CHESTER	6:00 PM
	M Basketball – WEST CHESTER	8:00 PM
THU 17	Wrestling – SHIPPENSBURG	7:30 PM
SAT 26	W Basketball – EAST STROUDSBURG	1:00 PM
	M Basketball – EAST STROUDSBURG	3:00 PM



KU's 2003-04 PSAC Scholar-Athletes



Many of Kutztown's 87 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Scholar-Athletes were on hand as the school honored their academic achievements at a banquet this fall. On hand to help recognize the scholar-athletes were KU president **Dr. Javier Cevallos** (2nd row, far right) and faculty athletic representative **Dr. Robert Ziegenfus** (2nd row, far left). For a complete listing of KU's 2003-04 PSAC Scholar-Athletes, please refer to the Fall 2004 edition of *TimeOut*.

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