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Four Spring Sports Win Championships

The 2004-05 school year ended on a very high note, with four Kutztown University sports winning Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and/or NCAA Regional championships.

The **men's tennis** team led the way, winning both the PSAC and NCAA East Regional crowns. The conference title, which was claimed after blanking arch-rival Bloomsburg 5-0 in the title match, was the fifth in six years for **Suresh Ramaurthi's** netters. Junior **Radoslaw Hlubinski** was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The squad went on to win its fourth-straight NCAA East Regional title, advancing to the NCAA Championship round of 16, where KU's season came to a close.

The Bears recorded a school-record 20 wins, with just two losses on the year.

Mukundan Nandakumar was named the PSAC's Athlete of the Year, and was joined on the All-PSAC first team by Hlubinski and **Harsh Sharma**. **Somdeep Appineni** and **Ilja Semjonovs** earned second-team honors. Nandakumar was named the ITA East Region Senior Athlete of the Year, ending his career with a KU record-tying 141 combined wins.

Ramamurthi's other squad, the **women's tennis** team, continued its rise to the top. Just two years after a 4-13 season, Kutztown finished as the PSAC runner up. KU lost to Bloomsburg on tie-breaker criteria after the team's championship match could not be completed due to weather. The squad bounced back to claim its first-ever NCAA East Regional championship. KU advanced to the NCAA Round of 16, finishing tied for ninth in the nation.

The Golden Bears finished the season with a 14-3 mark, one win shy of the school record for wins in a season set in 1996-97.

Kerstin Kloeffler was named the PSAC East Athlete of the Year, and was

joined on the All-PSAC East team by **Jharna Nansi** and the PSAC East Rookie of the Year, **Amy Withers**.

The Golden Bear **baseball** team benefited greatly from the expansion of the PSAC championship tournament from four to six teams. KU entered as the #3 seed from the East and swept through its four games of the tournament to clinch the 2005 PSAC Championship. KU received a complete-game pitching performance from **Matt Keller** in the 10-2 championship win

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Renovations Underway at University Field



Construction began on May 9 to replace the natural grass at University Field with new, state-of-the-art, synthetic athletic turf that will accommodate football and field hockey. In addition, the track surrounding the field will be re-surfaced and lights will be installed. Construction is scheduled to be completed in time for the Golden Bears' 2005 football opener on August 27 vs. Shippensburg. The lights, however, will not be activated until the completion of the new student recreation center, being built near the stadium, in 2006. For updated pictures of the project, visit kubears.com.

KU Finishes 2nd in Dixon Trophy Standings

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 among the 14 schools matches last year's runner-up showing as the best in school history.

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. The trophy has been awarded annually for the past 10 years.

Shippensburg won the title with a record 135.5 points. Kutztown had 125 points, ahead of third place Indiana (PA) at 120.5. Lock Haven (114) and West

Chester (109.5) rounded out the top five.

Kutztown's 125 points, just 1/2 point below last year's school record point total of 125.5, consisted of a league high 69.5 points from the six women's teams and 55.5 from the six men's teams that contributed to the Dixon Trophy standings.

The Golden Bears' 2004-05 season was highlighted by PSAC championships in **women's indoor and outdoor track & field, baseball and men's tennis**. Runner-up performances were turned in by **women's soccer, women's tennis and men's outdoor track & field**. **Women's cross country** was third in the conference, while **men's indoor track & field** placed fourth. **Men's cross country** (5th), **men's basketball** (4th-PSAC East) and **women's softball** (4th-PSAC playoffs) also contributed to KU's total. ❖

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over West Chester. Keller also recorded saves in two previous games. Catcher **Clay Kuklick** was named the MVP, hitting over .500 in the tournament.

KU went on to the NCAA North Atlantic Regional, where the squad finished third with a 1-2 record.

The Golden Bears finished the year with a school-record 39 wins. Third-year head coach **Chris Blum** recorded his 100th win in the PSAC title game. Outfielders **Jeff Craig** and **Ryan Loper**, along with third baseman **Kyle Costello** were named first-team All-PSAC East. OF **Paul Koropchak**, **Kuklick** and **Keller** were named to second team honors.

Keller and Costello went on to earn first-team All-Region honors, while Keller was additionally honored as a third-team All-American by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Capping the championship parade was the **women's outdoor track & field** team. After winning the indoor title in February, head coach **Brian Mondschein's** squad completed its first-ever indoor-outdoor sweep. Kutztown edged Shippensburg by 4.5 team points for the title. **Laura Kline**, **Renee Marchand**, **Janelle Kostishion** and **Sara Otis** combined on the victorious 4x400-meter relay that secured the team title. Marchand also won the heptathlon, while Kline won the 400 hurdles. **Danielle Mousley** was also victorious in the 1500. Other All-PSAC finishes (top 3) went to **Stephanie Williams** in the 10,000, **Molly Lare** in the 3000, Otis in the 400 hurdles, **Desiree Bower** in the steeplechase and **Elizabeth Lord** in the discus. Mondschein was named PSAC Track & Field Coach of the Year.

Alison Maurer went on to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Championship. Maurer competed in the hammer, an event not contested at the PSAC Championship. Her throw of 175-11 was good for seventh place. Lord also competed at nationals, placing ninth in the discus.

In addition to the championships won by several of KU's spring sports, the rest of the Golden Bear teams ended the school year in style as well:

Women's Golf Strong Finish in 2005

Head Coach: Rob Fisher

2004-05 Results: 6th-PSAC Championships

The women's golf team shattered the single season scoring record. After setting a new mark a year ago, KU bested that score by nearly ten strokes with a 354.9 average. The Bears set 11 team or individual records during the season.

The team was paced by sophomore **Holly Shubilla**, whose 86.8 scoring average is the second best season mark in school history. She had six top five finishes in 13 tournaments, including at least a share of first place in each of Kutztown's final two tournaments of the season. At the Mercyhurst Invitational, Shubilla established both KU's 18- and 36-hole records for a par-73 course with scores of 80 and 162. Freshman **Angie Petak** tied for KU's seventh-best season average at 91.7.

Last fall, KU finished sixth at the PSAC Championships, once again competing as the only women's team against five men's squads.

Softball PSAC, Regional Playoffs for KU

Head Coach: Judy Lawes

2005 Record: 27-24 overall, 13-11 PSAC East, 4th-PSAC, tie 5th-NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional

Despite a youthful roster that featured as many as eight freshmen or sophomores in the starting line up, the Golden Bears once again qualified for both the PSAC Championships and NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional.

Kutztown was ninth in the conference in hitting, but used an aggressive ground game, which produced the second most stolen bases in the conference, and timely hitting to compensate. Infielder **Tarin Horonzy** (first team) and center-fielder **Adriane Willmer** (second team)

received All-PSAC honors for KU. Horonzy was also named to the all-region squad. She slugged five of the team's 11 home runs and tied for the team lead with 35 runs batted in. Her .323 batting average ranked third on the squad. Willmer was fourth in the league with 46 runs scored and fifth with 13 steals. She batted .375, second on the team. Second baseman **Jackie Messina** finished third in the PSAC with 47 runs scored and her 17 steals led the league. Senior shortstop **Stacy Bricker** was lost at midseason to injury, but led the team with a .390 batting average and 14 doubles, while driving in 30.

Three different KU pitchers appeared in at least 22 contests. **Cheryl Griffith** led the team with a 2.21 ERA. **Rachel Weidensaul** and **Stacey Denlinger** tied for the team lead with nine wins each, and Denlinger paced the team with 88 strikeouts.

Weidensaul had a team-high 10 complete games.

Men's Track & Field Bears 2nd at PSACs

Head Coach: Brian Mondschein

2005 Results: tie 2nd-PSAC Championships

KU produced three PSAC champions. **Dan Wilson** won the javelin (209-1), **Steve Tyson** claimed the shot put crown (50-11 1/2) and **Mike Provenzano** took first in the pole vault (15-8). All three athletes set stadium records with their finishes. The second place finish at the PSAC Championships was the team's best finish since 2002 and improved upon the Golden Bears' fourth place finish last season. Other All-PSAC finishes (top 3) went to **Jim Dart** (discus), **Justin Reichardt** (decathlon), **Jake Weider** (100), **Dave Bartolomucci** (400), **Tony Hegedus** (400 hurdles), the 4x100 relay team (Bartolomucci, Wieder, **De'Andre Pearson**, **Chris Patterson**) and the 4x400 relay team (Bartolomucci, **Zach Snyder**, **Steve Hixson**, Hegedus)

Wilson qualified for the NCAA Championships, where he finished 11th (193-11).❖



Tarin Horonzy, softball, earned All-Region honors in her first season at KU.

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KU Athletics Announces Annual Award Winners

Male Senior Athlete of the Year



SALAAM

Bilal Salaam, basketball, a four-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East selection, was named the PSAC East Player of the Year in 2005. Salaam set both the KU and PSAC career shot blocking records and finished third all-time in Division II with 408 blocks. He also established a school record for career rebounds with 980 and is sixth all-time with 1,342 points and second with 313 free throws. His 11 blocks in a game are a school record.

Female Senior Athlete of the Year



TATRO

Lauren Tatro, soccer, finished her career as KU's all-time assist leader with 30. The midfielder, who led the team in scoring in each of her first two seasons, scored 60 points, fourth all-time. Tatro tied a school record with three assists against Clarion in 2001. She was a three-time All-PSAC selection and was also named All-Region in 2003.

Male Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year



FULKERSON

Greg Fulkerson, swimming, graduated with a 3.90 grade-point average, majoring in elementary education/social studies. A team captain and four-year letterwinner, he qualified to compete at the PSAC Championships in each of his four seasons. The three-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete, he made the Dean's List in each of his eight semesters. Fulkerson received the 2003-04 KU Coach's Award for his dedication to the swimming program and is a member of Student-Athlete Mentors.

Female Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year



LIVINGSTON

Erin Livingston, field hockey/softball, has a 3.58 GPA in elementary education. She has been selected to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Academic squad, is a PSAC Scholar-Athlete and a member of the Dean's List. Livingston was a three-year field hockey field hockey starter and is KU's career leader in defensive saves with 23. She was a two-time All-PSAC

and All-America selection. In softball, Livingston was a four-year starter, and had 39 career doubles, third-most at KU.

Male Athlete of the Year



KELLER

Matt Keller, baseball, was named third-team All-America by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and was a member of both the ABCA and National College Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-North Atlantic Region first teams. A second-team All-PSAC East pitcher, Keller posted an 11-2 record on the mound for the Golden Bears. He led the team with four saves and set the school career record with 15. He recorded a win and two saves as KU won the PSAC Championship.

Female Athlete of the Year



KLOEFFLER

Kerstin Kloeffler, tennis, was the first KU women's tennis player to be named the PSAC Player of the Year and also earned a spot on the all-conference first team. She compiled an 11-1 record at #1 singles and 15-1 mark at #1 doubles. Kloeffler helped the Golden Bears to their first NCAA Regional title and appearance in the NCAA Round of 16, where the team tied for ninth.

Male Rookie of the Year



TYSON

Steve Tyson, track & field, won the PSAC indoor and outdoor shot put crowns as a freshman. His winning throw at the PSAC Outdoor Championships established a stadium record of 50-11 1/2. He won the shot put at each of his final three outdoor meets. Tyson competed at the Penn Relays, finishing 21st in the 'Eastern' Flight of the shot put. Indoors, he won the shot put at four of his seven meets.

Female Rookie of the Year



KELTY

Kim Kelty, soccer, was tabbed the PSAC East Rookie of the Year and was named to the All-PSAC East first team last fall. She finished third on the team with five goals and five assists. Her 15 points were tied for third on the squad. The midfielder had two assists in KU's PSAC semifinal win over Bloomsburg, and had a goal in the team's 3-2 loss to Indiana (PA) in the conference title game.

Dr. Dennis Roth

Men's Athletics Coach of the Year



RAMAMURTHI

Suresh Ramamurthi, tennis, won a school-record 20 matches en route to titles at the PSAC Championships and the NCAA East Regional. The team then advanced to the NCAA Round of 16, where the Golden Bears tied for ninth. In addition to a 20-2 overall mark, KU finished 5-0 in PSAC play. Ramamurthi coached five All-PSAC performers and the conference Player of the Year, as well as the ITA Senior Athlete of the Year.

Dr. Dorothy Moyer

Women's Athletics Coach of the Year



SHELLENBERGER

Jeff Schellenberger, soccer, was picked as the PSAC East Coach of the Year in 2004. His team finished 14-5-2 overall and 8-3 in the PSAC East to win the division. The team advanced to the conference championship game for the first time in school history. His squad tied the school record for wins, won its second most PSAC contests ever, and tied a season mark with eight shutouts.

The senior academic and athletic awards are based on four-year career achievement. The athlete, rookie and coach of the year awards are based on 2004-05 accomplishments. Nominees are voted upon by the department's coaches and staff. ❖

KU ATHLETIC ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

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

Annual Fund Update

As of June 10, 2005, a total of 171,254 has been raised for the 2004-05 KU Athletics Annual Campaign. The total is derived from funds raised through individual sport gifts (\$47,072), gifts to endowments (\$39,618), corporate partnerships (\$76,569), and the Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble (\$7,995). This year's campaign ends on June 30. Funds raised benefit the student-athlete scholarship fund and related expenses. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to KU Athletics in 2004-05. Your support is truly appreciated! ❖

Tau Kappa/2005 Football Schedule



Tau Kappa 2005

On April 14, Kutztown held its annual Tau Kappa induction ceremony. On hand to welcome the 18 new inductees were several Tau Kappa Alumnae (*pictured above*).

Tau Kappa is an honorary sorority composed of outstanding female athletes at Kutztown. To gain induction, a nominee must accumulate at least 500 points based on individual and team achievement on a weighted scale. Athletes who reach 1,000 points are honored with a Tau Kappa pin. This year's class consisted of 13 new members and five who reached the 1,000 point level after being inducted last year.

The 2005 inductees are:

Volleyball: Sarah Brandon; **Swimming:** Meghan Fenningham, Melissa Porter; **Track & Field/Cross Country:** Amanda Grant, Laura Kline (and field hockey), Kaleena Lockard, Janelle Kostishion, Renee Marchand, Alison Maurer, Danielle Mousley, Sara Otis, Jaci Pfeiffer, Christine Procopio; **Field Hockey:** Colleen Healey; **Soccer:** Kim Kelty, Kelly Murdock, Lauren Tatro; **Softball:** Adriane Willmer.

Alumnae attending were: **Ruth Wiltraut '42, Joy Rolland Wolfe '51, Janet Mertz '50 & '77, Shirley Derr '51, Mary Matthews Hummer '59, Kathy Sheetz '67, Patricia Weaver '67, Joyce McCann Devaney '68, Jill Sobolefski '04, Jamie Young Tome '03, Lindsay Will '05.** ❖

2005 Football Schedule

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| 8/27 | SHIPPENSBURG | 3:05 PM |
| 9/3 | at Clarion | 6:00 PM |
| 9/10 | S. CONNECICUT ST. | 1:05 PM |
| 9/24 | *at Mansfield | 1:00 PM |
| 10/1 | *WEST CHESTER (Family Day) | 1:05 PM |
| 10/8 | *at Bloomsburg | 1:00 PM |
| 10/15 | *at East Stroudsburg | 1:05 PM |
| 10/22 | *MILLERSVILLE (Homecoming) | 1:05 PM |
| 10/29 | at Edinboro | 1:00 PM |
| 11/5 | *CHEYNEY (Fan Appreciation Day) | 1:05 PM |

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*PSAC East contest

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