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Women's Sports Are Stellar in the Fall for KU

A trio of Kutztown University women's sports teams brought excitement to the start of the 2006-07 athletic year this fall. **Women's Cross Country** won the East Regional, **women's volleyball** won its second consecutive Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Eastern Division title and advanced to the NCAA playoffs for the first time in school history and **women's soccer** made another post-season run.

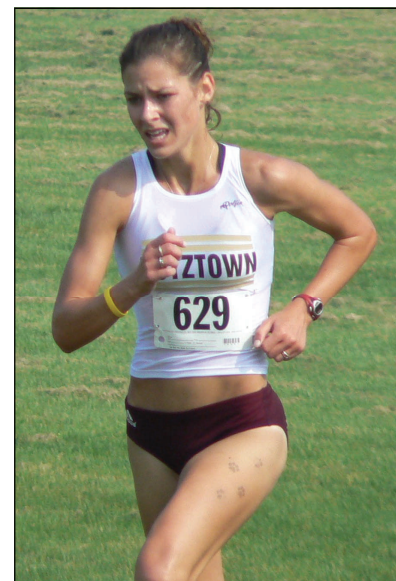
PSAC and East Region Coach of Year **Ray Hoffman's women's cross country** team placed second at the PSAC Championships and won its first-ever East Regional title. The team advanced to the NCAA Championship for the second consecutive season and placed 14th, its best-ever finish. During the season, the team was ranked as high as 11th nationally, the highest ranking to date in school history. The team was led by senior **Desiree Bower**, junior **Stephanie Williams** and sophomore **Joanna Horstmann**. The trio of runners earned All-Conference and All-Region honors. Senior **Chelsea Thomas** earned All-Conference honors, while freshman **Maureen Watson** earned All-Region honors.

Kutztown's **women's volleyball** team finished 24-8 on the season, 9-1 in the PSAC East and claimed their fourth overall and second consecutive PSAC East

crown. KU reached the semifinals in the conference playoffs, as well as the NCAA semifinals for the first time in school history. In addition to being named PSAC East Coach of the Year, **John Gump**, in his 18th season coaching, 10th at Kutztown, earned overall coaching victory 400 and his 200th at KU. The Golden Bears were led by right side hitter **Sarah Brandon**, who finished her career as the all-time leader in kills with 1,840. **Brandon** was named PSAC Athlete of the Year for the third consecutive year, first team All-PSAC, earned a pair of All-Region and All-America honors, as well as All-Academic honors. **Dani Witherite** finished her career as the all-time leader in both digs (1,479) and service aces (151). **Witherite** and teammates **Erin Waters**, **Nicole Biuso** and **Austin Kinney** were named to the All-PSAC second team.

The **women's soccer** team finished second in the PSAC East standings with a record of 10-8-3 overall and 7-3-2 in the PSAC East. KU defeated Shippensburg, 1-0, in the PSAC quarterfinals to advance to the semifinals for the third consecutive season where they lost to eventual champion West Chester. Junior **Kim Kelty** was named to the PSAC East first-team for the third time along with being named to the all-region team for the second straight year. Also joining Kelty on the

PSAC East first team was **Shelby Varone**, while the sophomore duo of **Alex Butler** and **Cheyenne Brunner** were selected to the PSAC East second team. ❖



Stephanie Williams was an All-PSAC and All-Region performer, leading KU women's cross country to its best season ever. (photo by KU sports information)

GOLDEN BEAR ATHLETICS NEEDS YOU!

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 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. For the first time in school history, Kutztown was the winner of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference's Dixon Trophy for the 2005-06 academic year. The trophy is given on an annual basis to the league's most successful all-around program.

Anyone who was not reached during the phonathon in the fall can still help! Letters will be mail out in early December to all alumni and parents who could not be reached during the phonation. If you are interested in making a gift, please contact the KU Athletic Advancement office by phone at (610) 683-4755 or via email at ogeka@kutztown.edu. All athletic donors receive special benefits. To find out more about making a gift to KU athletics and the benefits, please visit our athletic website at kubears.com.

Thank you for your support and have a happy holiday!

2006 Fall Sports Review: Men's Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Women's Golf, Men's Soccer, Men's & Women's Tennis

The women's cross country, women's soccer and volleyball teams were not the only Kutztown sports in action this fall. Below is how the rest of KU's fall sports teams fared.

Men's Cross Country

Head Coach: Ray Hoffman

2006 Results: 9th/14 PSAC; 11th/26

NCAA East Regional

The men's cross country had five top-10 finishes in 10 meets this season including runner-up finishes in the first two meets. KU finished ninth at the PSAC Championships and 11th at regionals. Junior **Pat Bone** led KU in both races, for the second consecutive year, finishing 25th at PSAC's and 31st at regionals. In addition, he also had the best overall time this season when he ran 26:16 at the Paul Short Open. Senior **Dan Wilde** finished 39th at PSAC's and 37th at regionals.

Field Hockey

Head Coach: Betty Wesner

2006 Results: 10-10, 5-9 PSAC

Led by 27th year head coach, **Betty Wesner**, the women's field hockey team finished the season at .500 with a 10-10 overall record and 5-9 in the PSAC East. The Golden Bears were led by All-PSAC second team and all-region honoree **Kelley Healey** who scored a team high 18 goals along with four assists. Seniors **Laura Belfatti** and **Mandi Turner** scored six and seven goals, respectively. **Belfatti** earned All-PSAC first team and all-region honors. **Courtney Geibel** was named to the all-PSAC second team.



Jason Henley was a first-team All-PSAC East selection and second-team all-region pick for KU football. (photo by Pat Healey)

Football

Head Coach: Raymond Monica

2006 Results: 4-6, 2-4 PSAC East

In the inaugural season of new head coach **Raymond Monica**, the Golden Bears laid the foundation for future success. Armed with a whole new offensive system, KU finished the season ranked third in the PSAC in passing offense. A major factor was the connection of junior QB **Kyle Spotts** and junior wide receiver **Elfren Quiles**. **Spotts** finished the season with the fifth most passing yards in a season (2,155) and fourth on the single-single touchdown list (20) at KU. Twelve of those touchdown passes went to **Quiles**, which set a school record. He also set a school record with a touchdown reception in seven consecutive games. He finished the season with a team leading 54 catches for 816 yards. Defensively, junior **Brian Bingnear** and senior **Mike Grosso** led the way. **Bingnear** recorded 90 tackles, which was second in the PSAC, to go along with four interceptions. **Grosso** had 70 tackles, the most by a lineman since 1990. He also tallied 14 tackles for loss, three sacks, an interception and two fumble recoveries. A total of nine players were named to the All-PSAC East team. **Bingnear**, **Grosso** and tight end **Jason Henley** were named to the first team while **Quiles**, **Maurice Adams**, **Dan Chominski**, **Nick Cresta**, **Brett Harbach** and **Ryan Nye** were selected to the second team.

Henley and **Bingnear** also earned second-team Daktronics All-Region honors.

Women's Golf

Head Coach: Robert Fisher

2006 Results: 7th/8 PSAC

The ladies finished 7th out of eight

teams at the PSAC Championships, which was up one spot from last season. KU competed against five men's teams and two other women's teams. The Golden Bears were led by sophomore **Lauren Foulke**. **Foulke** broke the KU 36-hole record and finished 22nd out of 40 golfers, shooting 78-80-158 in the two-day event. **Holly Shubilla** finished second for KU at 82-87-169 and third was **Angela Petak** with scores of 86-84-170. The ladies finished the fall season with a scoring average of 349.2. Their season will resume in the spring.

Men's Soccer

Head Coach: Otto Ormosi

2006 Results: 2-17-1, 2-13-1 PSAC

This year's squad was filled with youth as the Golden Bears consisted of three seniors, eight juniors and sophomores and eleven freshmen. Even though the youth was evident in the record, two of the freshmen, **Mike Choiniere** and **Jarrett Cutsler** were tied for the team lead in goals with two apiece and assists with one. They were tied for the goal lead with sophomore **Bill Frosoni**. Goalkeeper **Ryan Kratz** recorded two shut-outs to go along with his 116 saves and 2.67 goals-against average.

Men's Tennis

Head Coach: Suresh Ramamurthi

2006 Results: 0-0, 0-0 PSAC East

The men completed a limited fall schedule. They participated in the ITA East Regionals and PSAC Individual Championships. At ITA Regionals, the team of **Santiago Baquerizo** and **Lukas Lubitsch** won the "A" Doubles bracket and went on to the ITA Small College Championships where they finished seventh. **Baquerizo** made it to the singles finals at both the ITA Regionals and PSAC Championships. At PSAC's, **Rubens Vianna** and **Arpit Sharma** advanced to the doubles finals. The Golden Bears resume their season in the spring where they look to repeat as PSAC champions.

Women's Tennis

Head Coach: Suresh Ramamurthi

2006 Results: 0-1, 0-0 PSAC East

In a rebuilding year, the team has been lead by **Priya Pachkawde** who was the lone point getter in a season opening loss to Clarion and she advanced to the quarterfinals at the PSAC Individual Championships. **Pachkawde** and teammates **Katie Miller** and **Sabrina Arnaud** represented KU at the ITA Regionals. The team will look for their first win when the season starts up again in the spring. ❖

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Ninth Annual Golf Scramble Set for June 1, 2007

The 9th Annual Great Golden Bear Golf Scramble returns on Friday, June 1 at Willow Hollow Golf Course in nearby Leesport. Shotgun start is set for 1:30 PM.

The scramble, a sell out each of the past eight years, is tentatively \$400 per foursome, and \$220 per twosome, and is limited to the first 36 foursomes. The entry fee includes the following for each foursome: a tee prize; a pre-scrabble lunch at Willow Hollow pavilion; driving range opportunities at Sittler Golf; a post-scrabble 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 contest (included with entry fee: long drive, closest to the pin, putting competition); prizes for place-winners—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-athletes scholarships.

Hear Kutztown Basketball on the Web

Be sure to visit the Golden Bear Network link at kubears.com for broadcast dates, times, and links for Kutztown University basketball.

The Golden Bear Network is team-

ing with the KU student radio station to bring you live coverage of five double-headers in January, in addition to the early-season basketball broadcasts already available on-demand at kubears.com.

In addition, WEEU 830 AM in Reading, PA, will broadcast two men's games as part of its 2006-2007 college basketball package. The following home games will be broadcast: Wednesday, January 10 vs. West Chester and Wednesday, January 31 vs. East Stroudsburg.

2007 KU Basketball Promotional Schedule:

Sunday, January 14
Take a Kid to the Game Day/JJ Jumper
 (NCAA Mascot)
 KU vs. California (PA)
 (PSAC Doubleheader)
 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM



Wednesday, January 31
Golden Bears Honors Night
 KU vs. East Stroudsburg
 (PSAC Doubleheader)
 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 7
TIAA-CREF Faculty/Staff and Dean's List Night
 KU vs. Mansfield
 (PSAC Doubleheader)
 6:00 PM & 8:00 PM



Saturday, February 17
KUSSI Fan Appreciation Day
 KU vs. Cheyney (PSAC Doubleheader)
 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM

Cressman, Brandon Earn Academic Honors

Two Kutztown University student-athletes, one from the football team and one from the women's volleyball team, have been named to the 2006 ESPN the magazine Academic All-District II team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).



CRESSMAN



BRANDON

Linebacker **Tom Cressman** was named to the college division second team for football, while opposite hitter **Sarah Brandon** was named to the college division second team for volleyball.

Cressman earns his first career Academic All-District honor. The junior tallied 38 tackles, including three for loss and a sack for KU this season. A business administration-accounting major, Cressman has a 3.85 grade-point average. He is a two-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) scholar-athlete and a four-time dean's list honoree.

Brandon receives her second Academic All-District honor, after earning first-team status in 2005. The senior led Kutztown with 463 kills (4.33/game) and a .337 hitting percentage. A psychology major with a minor in criminal justice, Brandon has a 3.69 GPA. She is a three-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete and a four-time dean's list honoree. ❖

Hall of Fame Inducts Six Members

Kutztown University added six new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame at this year's banquet on Friday, Oct. 20. This year's induction class included (pictured, left to right): **John Gabriel '78**, a men's basketball player who went on to become a National Basketball Association (NBA) General Manager; **Lorie (Erie) Schmalzle '98**, an All-America short stop in softball; **Kevin Kelly '99**, a multiple All-America decathlete in men's track & field; **Tom Roth**, son of the late **Dr. Dennis Roth**, a long time administrator and track & field and basketball coach; **Linda Garber**, daughter of the late **Clyde Rothenberger '31**; one of Kutztown's first champions in men's track & field; and **Barb (Bergstresser) Dietrich '86**, a record-setting forward for the field hockey team. ❖



2005-06 PSAC Scholar-Athletes



Many of Kutztown's 95 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Scholar-Athletes were on hand as the school honored their academic achievements at a banquet in the South Dining Hall on November 8. The 95 PSAC Scholar-Athletes are the second-most in school history, behind only the 103 for the 2005-06 school year. On hand to congratulate the scholars were KU President Dr. F. Javier Cevallos (*third row, far right*) and Faculty Athletic Representative Dr. Robert Ziegenfus (*second row, far left*) For a listing of KU's 2005-06 PSAC Scholar-Athletes, please refer to the Fall 2005 edition of *TimeOut*. Please Note: KU women's track & field member **Megan Lacy** was omitted from the list of PSAC Scholar-Athletes that ran in the Fall 2005 edition of *TimeOut*.

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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.