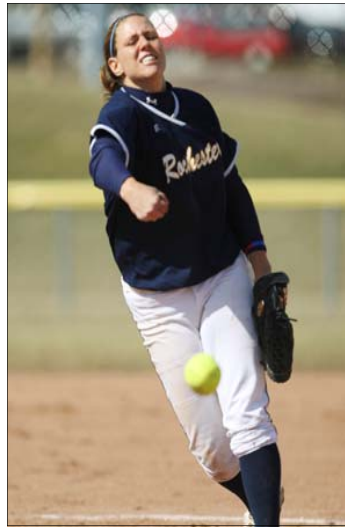


UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SOFTBALL

Ameno Propels 'Jackets to Sweet Sixteen Finish in '08

The University of Rochester Softball Program started the 2008 campaign at the Beach Blast Invitational in Virginia Beach. The 'Jackets returned from the trip only 1-3 after playing two nationally ranked teams. Next the squad traveled to Altamonte Springs, Florida for the annual University Athletic Association (UAA) Conference Tournament. Prior to the conference tournament the 'Jackets picked up two critical wins against TCNJ in Clermont, FL. The Yellowjackets were led by junior hurler Beth Ameno (NFCA All-Region) and senior, Co-Captains, Jessica Sorrentino (NFCA All-American, 3X All-Region) and Alicia Citro (3X NFCA All-Region). In the UAA Tournament after an opening loss to nationally ranked foe Washington University, the squad

bounced back sweeping Emory, Brandeis and Case. The 6-2 finish earned the squad a 2nd place finish in the highly competitive UAA Conference. The competitive schedule early in the season paid off, as the 'Jackets were ranked 14th in the NFCA Division III poll when they returned from Florida. After an impressive sweep of their Liberty League opponents the 'Jackets were crowned League Champions for the second consecutive year. The team also received their second straight bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament. After an opening loss to Bethany, the team battled back in dramatic fashion, beating DeSales with a walk-off homerun by Slupinski with two outs and a full count to keep the team in the tournament. In the Champion-



Senior, All-Region, pitcher, Beth Ameno

ship game the squad fell to host, Ithaca, 7-2. Finishing in the top 16 teams in the country, gave the young UR squad their best finish in program history.

Season Highlights:

- > UAA 2nd Place Finish
- > Liberty League Champions
- > Five Players Named NCAA All-Region
- > Nine Players Named All-Liberty League, Five Players Named All-UAA
- > Sorrentino named All-American
- > NCAA Tournament Bid



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Youth and Experience Will Lead 'Jackets in '09 Campaign

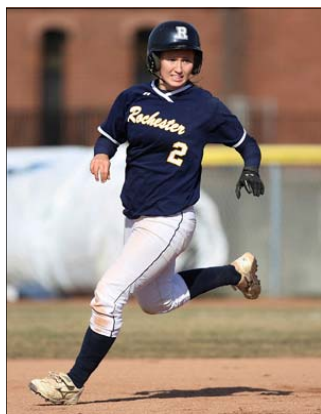


Sophomore, Lindsay Macaluso will anchor the infield at short-stop again this year.

With only three seniors and one junior the team will be looking to the underclassmen to contribute at key positions this year. The returners helped lead the squad to a 32-12 record last year and finished the season ranked 20th in the country. This year the attack will be led by Co-Captain, senior, pitcher Beth Ameno (Buffalo, NY) who finished the season 25-10 last year while

pitching 220.2 innings with 257 strikeouts and a 1.49 ERA. She earned All-UAA, All-Liberty League and All-Region honors. At the NCAA Regional Tournament Ameno pitched a one-hit, shut-out against Defiance fanning 13 batters. Senior, Co-Captain, Brittany Celeste (South Glens Falls, NY) brings experience to the infield where she started every game the past two seasons at first base. With a

Youth and Experience Will Lead 'Jackets in '08 Campaign *(cont. from pg. 1)*



Sophomore, infielder, Erin Clark.

young infield her leadership at first base will be critical to the team's success. Rounding out the senior class is two year outfield starter, Mindy Altemose (Mt. Pocono, PA). Juliana Nicholson (Webster, NY) will likely take over responsibilities behind the plate this year. Her hard work the past two years have made her an exceptional defensive catcher that has the ability to throw runners out. From the sophomore class, Lindsay Macaluso (Amherst, NY) will

anchor the infield again this year at short-stop. Her training in the off-season has improved all aspects of her game. The squad will look to Mac to lead the offensive charge this year. Erin Clark (Sandy Creek, NY) will split time between 2nd base and catcher. The team will expect Clark to continue to contribute offensively as she batted .300 and had 24 RBI's last season. Liz Slupinski (Hamburg, NY) earned a starting spot last season in right field where she will likely

continue to see time. Slupinski's strength and power make her a long ball threat at the plate. Brittany Hysten (Pappillion, NE) will continue to see time on the mound this season and also gives added depth at the corners. Melissa Altemose (Mt. Pocono, PA) came through in clutch situations last year and the team will look for her to do the same again this season. The talented returners will be complimented by a gifted freshmen class that will give the team the depth it has been looking for.

"This group has put in a tremendous amount of work during the off-season to prepare for a very competitive schedule. I am confident in the abilities of our freshmen and look to our returners for leadership on the field to build on our success from last year."

-Head Coach, Michelle Burrell

Yellowjackets Welcome Nine Talented Freshmen

The Yellowjackets will add nine talented freshmen to the roster for the 2008-2009 season. Kim Grimes (Oak Park, IL) brings athleticism and speed to the Yellowjacket outfield and adds offensive firepower. Fellow high school teammate, Sara Hutchinson (Oak Park, IL.) will join the pitching staff and has the ability contribute in the infield and outfield. Sara's experience and

knowledge of the game will be an asset to the pitching staff. Cara Celorio (Scotia, NY) will also contribute on the mound and in the outfield. Katie McLean (Cazenovia, NY) is a talented athlete and will add speed to the outfield and the line-up. Nikki Lee DiSalvio (Beacon, NY) has experience playing a variety of infield positions, but will most likely see time at third or second base.

Sam Melvin (Chesterville, OH) is a versatile player that gives added depth behind the plate and in the infield. MC Wagner (Hamburg, NY) provides depth at first base and in the outfield. Jaclyn Inglis (Shaker Heights, OH) and Michelle Giwerc (Slingerlands, NY) will round out the freshmen class. Jaclyn and Michelle add speed to the roster and much needed depth.

Liberty League Champions



Community: Rochester Softball Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

For the second consecutive year on October 5, 2008 the Rochester Softball team raised over \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. Rochester softball joined thousands of walkers at Frontier Field and together they raised over \$800,000! The team looks forward to participating in the event again next year.



Yellowjackets

Alumni Corner:

> Class of 2008

Jessica Sorrentino

Alicia Citro

Alix Davidson

> Class of 2007

Jena Robertson

Sam Carr

> Class of 2006

Laura Rubinchuk

Jennifer Moshier

> Class of 2005

Bridgett Baran

Community: Adopt-A-Family

"Although my four years at Rochester are complete, I know that being a member of the softball team and the values that my coaches helped instill in me will help me to continue to excel in everything I do."

-Jessica Sorrentino
Class of 2008

This year the Rochester Softball team reached out to the community by adopting a family for the holiday season. The team was connected with the family through Cerebral Palsy Rochester. With so many people struggling this holiday season the team wanted to do their part by helping local families in need.

Meliora Weekend 2009

Save the Date

Saturday, October 10th

Rochester Softball
Alumni Game

10:30am at GLC Field



Sorrentino Selected as an NFCA All-American: 1st in Program History

After a glittering four year career at the University of Rochester Jessica Sorrentino was named an NFCA All-American. Sorrentino is the first Yellowjacket to earn this honor in the history of the program. She helped lead the team to the finals of the NCAA Regionals in her junior and senior seasons. She led the team in homeruns in her junior and senior seasons with 22 total, and also holds the career record. Last season she

led the team's offensive attack, batting .422 with 42 RBI's. During her career she totaled 65 stolen bases, 91 RBI's and a career batting average of .357. She was named All-UAA and All-Liberty League 3X during her career. In addition, she earned NFCA All-Region honors her junior and senior seasons. She was also featured in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces In the Crowd" for breaking an NCAA record, when she scored five

runs against Penn State Behrend in an NCAA Regional Tournament game. Sorrentino also excelled in the classroom majoring in Molecular Genetics she earned Academic All-American honors and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Toxicology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Centerfielder, Jessica Sorrentino, 2008 NFCA All-American.



2009 ROCHESTER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
<i>Fri-Sat 2/27-3/1</i>			
<i>NTC Spring Tournament Games, Clermont, FL</i>			
Fri.	2/27	*vs Capital	3:30pm
Sat.	2/28	*vs Alma	9:30am
Sat.	2/28	*vs Alma	11:30am
Sat.	3/1	*vs Clark Univ.	9:30am
<i>Sat.-Sun. 3/7-3/9</i>			
<i>NTC Spring Tournament Games, Clermont, FL</i>			
Sat.	3/7	*vs Moravian	3:30pm
Sat.	3/7	*vs SUNY Plattsburgh	5:30pm
Sun	3/8	*vs Emerson	9:00am
<i>Tues.-Sat. 3/10-3/14</i>			
<i>UAA Tournament, Altamonte Springs, FL</i>			
Tue.	3/10	*vs Emory	12:30pm
Wed.	3/11	*vs Case	10:00am
Wed.	3/11	*vs Wash U	12:30pm
Thur.	3/12	*vs Brandeis	10:00am
Fri.	3/13	*vs Emory	10:00am
Fri.	3/13	*vs Case	12:30pm
Sat.	3/14	*vs Wash U	10:00am
Sat.	3/14	*vs Brandeis	12:30pm
Thur.	3/26	RIT	3:00pm
Sat.	3/29	@ Ithaca	1:00pm
Thurs.	4/2	@ St. John Fisher	1:00pm
Sat.	4/4	@ SUNY Cortland	2:00pm
Sun.	4/5	@ Pitt-Bradford	1:00pm
Wed.	4/8	@ SUNY Oneonta	3:00pm
Fri.	4/10	SUNY Geneseo	3:00pm
Sat.	4/11	SUNY Brockport	1:00pm
Wed.	4/15	@ SUNY Buffalo State	3:00pm
Sat.	4/18	Skidmore	1:00pm
Sun.	4/19	Union	12:00pm
Wed.	4/22	Utica	3:30pm
Thurs.	4/23	@ Keuka	3:00pm
Sat.	4/25	@ St. Lawrence	1:00pm
Sun.	4/26	@ RPI	1:00pm
Tues.	4/28	@ SUNY Fredonia	3:00pm
Thur.-Sun.	5/7 - 5/10	NCAA Regionals	TBD
Thur.-Sun.	5/14 - 5/17	NCAA Championships	TBD

