HIGHLIGHTS

A Season in Review

Yellowjackets earned honors on and off the field this spring.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPRING SPORTS SEASONS:

**Softball:** The Yellowjackets were led by freshman infielder Nina Korn ’14, who took the Liberty League by storm, earning league Rookie of the Year and first-team all-league accolades. Korn also picked up first-team all-UAA honors for Rochester, which went 26–15 overall and 6–2 in the league. Also posting a stellar season was outfielder Katie McLean ’12, who joined Korn on the first-team all–Liberty League and all-UAA rosters. Madeleine Skellie ’13 was Liberty League Pitcher of the Year.

**Baseball:** While Rochester struggled to a 14–20 overall record, several players had standout seasons, led by designated hitter Steve Just ’11, who picked up first-team all-region, second-team all-UAA, and first-team all–Liberty League accolades. Outfielder Alex Caghan ’12 earned third-team all-region honors to go with spots on the all-UAA second team and the all–Liberty League first team.

**Golf:** In addition to filling the stroke seat on Rochester’s first Varsity 8 crew, senior Margaret Zupa ’11 picked up Academic All-District accolades. She led her crew to the bronze medal at the Dad Vail Regatta, where the Freshman 4 placed sixth out of 48 teams.

**Lacrosse:** The Yellowjackets were 2–13 on the field, but few could rival them in the classroom as 10 players garnered Academic All–Liberty League recognition, including Megan Battin ’12, Caressa Chen ’13, Frances Cooley ’13, Kayleigh Hogan ’12, Keegan Kennedy ’12, Liza Maizel ’13, Natalie Mitchell ’13, Morgan Preziosi ’13, Hilary Rosenthal ’12, and Maggie Stevenson ’11.

**Men’s track & field:** It was the year of the steeplechase for Rochester, led by Brian Lang ’11, who repeated as an All-American by placing fourth at the NCAA championships. He was followed by teammate Daniel Lane ’11, who came in 10th in the event at nationals. At the state championship meet, Lang won the steeplechase, while Jason Zayac ’12 was fifth and Justin Roncaioli ’13 finished 10th to lead the Yellowjackets to a third-place finish as a team. Also having a solid season was Francisco Ramirez ’11, who competed at the NCAA championships in the 800 meters.

**Women’s track & field:** Seniors Jacqueline Cinella ’11 and Yaneve Fonge ’11 both earned national Academic All-District honors, and they both qualified for the NCAA championships—Fonge in the hammer throw and Cinella in the 400 intermediate hurdles. Fonge won the hammer at ECACs and states, while Cinella earned the state title in the 400 intermediate hurdles. As a team, the Yellowjackets were second at the state championships.

**Squash:** Rochester placed 11 players on the Liberty League all-academic roster. On the court, Benjamin Fischer ’12 earned first-team All-America honors for the second straight year, and teammates Andres Duany ’13 and Hameed Ahmed ’11 were named to the All-America second team. As a unit, Rochester posted a 12–5 mark and finished the season ranked fourth nationally.

**Men’s tennis:** The Yellowjackets finished eighth as a team at the UAA championships and posted a mark of 11–11 on the season, including an 8–1 win over Hobart on Senior Day.

**Women’s tennis:** No. 1 singles player Lia Weiner ’11 advanced to the round of 16 at the NCAA championships and was named Rochester’s Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In addition, Weiner, Frances Tseng ’13, and Danielle Shreck ’12 picked up second-team all-UAA accolades by leading the Yellowjackets to a fifth-place finish at the association championships.

**STANDOUT SENIORS:** Finishing in the top 16 at NCAAs, Lia Weiner ’11 earned All-America honors in tennis while Francisco Ramirez ’11 topped his season by qualifying for the 800 meters at the national meet.