

SCOUTING REPORT

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What's the outlook for the Yellowjackets this year? Here's a quick rundown—by season—of what to expect from Rochester's sports teams.

Fall

Football The Yellowjackets are poised for a big year with 18 returning starters. **Brendan Pidgeon '13** and **Kobie Hamm '13** are both preseason All-Americans. The team plays its first home game on September 24 against Union. Catch the action a week earlier when the Yellowjackets take on St. John Fisher College in the Courage Bowl at Sahlen Stadium in downtown Rochester.

Field hockey A multi-faceted attack is led by **Allison Beardsley '12** and **Anna Dobrzynski '12**, who combined for 25 goals last year.

Men's soccer and women's soccer

Both teams are regulars in the NCAA Division III national championships. Rochester's women will be led by senior striker **Ellen Coleman '12** who has been an All-American for two straight seasons. Plenty of players will create offense for the men's team, including **Jake Cargill '12** and **Max Eberhardt '12**.

Men's and women's cross country

Watch for All-American **James Vavra '12** and **Hillary Snyder '12** at the head of the respective packs.

Volleyball The team has seven home dates, including the UAA Round Robin on October 15 and 16. **Casey Larsen '12** was among the UAA leaders in kills and service aces in 2010.

TEAMWORK: Preseason All-American Kobie Hamm '13 (above) and returning UAA Player of the Year John DiBartolomeo (top right) will help lead the Yellowjackets this year.

Winter

Men's and women's basketball The men reached the NCAA Division III Sweet 16 a year ago and return three starters, including All-American (and UAA Player of the Year) **John DiBartolomeo '13** while the women are seeking their seventh straight NCAA bid driven by an experienced senior class: **Jodie Luther '12**, **Maddie Korber '12**, **Michelle Ketcham '12**, and **Kate Agan '12**.

Men's and women's swimming and diving The women have won two straight Liberty League titles and the men have taken two of the last four.

Squash With two All-Americans returning to the lineup in **Ben Fischer '13** and **Andres Duany '13**, look for squash to retain its top 10 ranking.



Spring

Men's and women's track and field

Rochester will host the New York State Collegiate Track Conference outdoor championships on May 4 and 5. The men will be led by school record-holder and graduate student **Francisco Ramirez**. The women have several defending state champions, including **Claire Crowther '13**.

Men's and women's tennis The women were ranked as high as No. 20 last year, and **Danielle Shreck '12** and **Frances Tseng '13** will lead the way this year. The men have seven veterans returning, including seniors **Brian Rice '12** and **Matt Volkov '12**.

Softball **Maddie Skellie '13** was the Liberty League Pitcher of the Year in 2010 while **Nina Korn '14** was the Rookie of the Year. Both will lead softball this year.

Baseball The team has to replace four starters in 2012. **Alex Caghan '12** was named to the *Jewish Sports Review* All-America Team in 2010 and 2011.

Golf In 2011, **Nicholas Palladino '14** won the Phil Mickelson Award as the Division III Freshman of the Year.

Lacrosse With five March home games, the Yellowjackets are looking for a strong start to the season.

Rowing Fueled by a bronze medal at the Dad Vail Championships in 2011, the team will continue to build. —Dennis O'Donnell

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