Rounding Up a Busy Spring

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A BUSY SPRING FOR THE UNIVERSITY’S ATHLETIC teams included several highlights. Softball has returned to a position of prominence by attaining a regional ranking. The men’s and women’s tennis teams have worked their way through a schedule pockmarked with some of the strongest teams in the nation. And golf is competing for a potential NCAA bid.

As April came to a close, here’s a rundown of some of the spring’s highlights:

Baseball: The Yellowjackets went into the last two weekends of the regular season trying to battle their way into a Liberty League playoff spot. In late April, Rochester beat 18th-ranked Ithaca on the road, then earned two victories over Vassar in the final at-bat. Jon Menke ’13 threw a three-hit shutout over Clarkson to reap three individual awards. Adam Sullivan ’13 was the team’s closer with three saves and just one earned run allowed in 11 innings of work. Ethan Sander ’14 was the top hitter, averaging .333. Nick Carlson ’14 led the team in home runs (3) and RBIs (16).

Golf: Nick Palladino ’14 won the UAA individual championship with an association record low score of 137 for 36 holes. He is the first man to win back-to-back UAA golf titles in the 25-year history of the UAA. Rochester was third at the NYU/Manhattanville Invitational and third at the McDaniel Spring Invitational. The Yellowjackets faced RPI in the first round of the