Yellowjackets Look to National Tourneys

Women’s basketball, swimming, and squash eye NCAA and national bids.

Winning 11 of 12 games down the stretch, the Yellowjacket women’s basketball team went into the final game of the regular season tied for the UAA title at 11-2. The 11 wins tied the school record for UAA victories and set up a season-ending winner-take-all game for the UAA championship and automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Including a first-ever sweep of Washington University, by mid-February Rochester was ranked No. 2 in the East Region.

With one game left, Aly Zywicky ’15 topped the team in scoring (11.1 points per game), assists (90), and steals (34). In one six-day stretch, she matched her career high in assists (10) and points (24). Breanna Madrazo ’15 was second in scoring (8.4 ppg). Jackie Walker ’13 and Amy Woods ’13 provided an inside presence (Walker: 8.0 ppg and 5.3 rebounds per game; Woods: 7.7 ppg; 6.6 rpg) along with Loren Wagner ’14 (7.3 ppg; 8.0 rpg) and Danielle McNabb ’14 (6.8 ppg; 6.3 rpg).

Swimming and diving: At the UAA championships, Rochester broke 10 school records and produced 12 NCAA provisional qualifying times.

For the men, Adam Bossert ’13 qualified in the 100 breaststroke, the 200-medley relay, and the 400-medley relay. He also broke the school record in the 200 breaststroke. James Frauen ’15 broke the school mark in the 200 backstroke and provisionally qualified for nationals. Frauen and Bossert were joined by Brian Wong ’15 and Chris Doser ’15 in the 400-medley relay, breaking a Rochester record and qualifying under the NCAA’s “B” standard.

For the women, Vicky Luan ’16 was part of three record-breaking efforts, one of them twice. She finished third in the 50 freestyle, breaking her own school record time (23.84) and provisionally qualified for NCAAs. With Farrell Cooke ’15, Meg Waring ’15, and Lauren Bailey ’15, Luan broke the school record in the 400-medley relay, which also met the NCAA “B” cut.

The 200-medley relay team of Karen Meess ’14, Waring, Bailey, and Luan broke their own school record with a 1:47.75 time.

After the meet, the four swam a time trial, breaking the record again (1:46.39), qualifying provisionally for NCAAs.

Diver Elliott Lasher ’13 finished eighth on both the one- and three-meter boards—scoring more than 400 points on each—while Sara Spielman ’13 finished fourth on the three-meter board and fifth on one-meter.

Squash: Rochester was ranked sixth in the mid-February rankings by the College Squash Association, going into the team championships at Yale University. That ranking would set up a match between the Yellowjackets and third-ranked Harvard University in the first round.

With a 9–5 dual match record, the team repeated as Liberty League champions. Andres Duany ’13 was 9–5 at the No. 1 position in dual matches, 10–6 overall. Ten of his matches came against nationally ranked opponents. Neil Cordell ’16 was 10–4 at No. 2 with Adam Perkiomaki ’13 at 11–5.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Team Spirit

Final Four: This spring marks the 10th anniversary of the first trip to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament by the Yellowjacket women’s basketball team, and in recognition of the milestone, coach Jim Scheible invited members of the 2002-03 and 2003-04 teams to be honored during a game this winter. Recognized were (back row, left to right) Megan Damcott ’05, Sarah Sullivan Dubowsky ’03, Kelly Wescott ’05, Ashley Latimer Joseph ’05, Danielle Muller ’07, Jessie Graham Swain ’06, Megan Fish Galloway ’05, Megan Krellsbeek ’07, and Bobbi Stewart Snowden ’06; (front row) Shannon Higgins Borchardt ’04, Jenna Filia ’06, Tara Carrozza ’05, Emily Bango ’07, and Emily Lyons ’07.

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