Softball Records First Solo No-hitter

The Yellowjackets’ spring seasons get under way.

Brittany Grage ’15 threw the first solo no-hitter in Yellowjacket softball history as she and her teammates defeated RIT 8-0 in the Liberty League season opener in April. The sophomore from Pittsford, N.Y., also drove in seven runs in the doubleheader sweep of the Tigers.

The quick start to the Liberty League schedule helped put Rochester one game up on Union and RPI by the middle of April. Also leading the Yellowjackets was Nina Korn ’14, whose batting average rose above .300, and whose 15 RBIs were second only to Grage (22) (both have four home runs). Tayler Favel ’14 was hitting .291 with Meg Hennessy ’14 at .275.

Softball was part of a full slate of sports getting under way this spring:

Baseball: Rochester won three of four from Skidmore College, two on shutouts, to improve to 6–8 in the Liberty League, 10–14 overall. Josh Ludwig ’15, Jake Meyerson ’16, and Sam Slutsky ’15 were leading the offense with Ludwig hitting .341, Meyerson .333, and Slutsky .326. Rochester had 44 stolen bases in 24 games. Ludwig led with 13, Ethan Sander ’15 had 10, and Slutsky had nine. On the mound, Jon Menke was 2–2, Corey King 3–3. Adam Sullivan pitched six innings of a shutout over Skidmore to get his second win of the year. The first came against Emory.

Golf: Nick Palladino ’14 won the UAA individual title for the third straight year and Rochester claimed the team championship. Dominic Schumacher ’16 was the UAA Rookie of the Year. He tied Palladino for medalist honors with Palladino winning a playoff for the individual award.

Lacrosse: Rochester was 2–9 by mid-April, 1–4 in the Liberty League. The Yellowjackets defeated Elmira, 10-7, and Bard, 15-7, in a Liberty League game. Lauren Basil ’15, Cassie Mahar ’16, and Elisabeth Watson ’16 led the team in scoring (17 points for Basil and Mahar, 16 for Watson).

Men’s tennis: Rochester was 13–7 and ranked No. 17 regionally. The best individual singles record belonged to Matthew Levine ’16 (21–6) with Ian Baranowski ’16 at 14–5. The doubles teams of Boris Borovcanin ’14 and Julian Danko ’15 (18–5), Baranowski and Joel Allen ’13 (16–3), and Levine and Ben Shapiro ’16 (15–7) were off to standout seasons as well.

Women’s tennis: Led by Frances Tseng ’13, who was ranked 20th in Division III, the women’s tennis team was ranked 12th regionally in mid-spring. Tseng and Cara Genbauge ’15 were ranked 11th as a doubles pairing. Tseng was 15–4 in singles play. Janice Zhao ’13 was 14–6.

Men’s track & field: Adam Pacheck ’14
was invited to compete at the Penn Relays in late April in the 10,000-meter run. He is one of a bevy of qualifiers for the ECAC championships, including both the 4-by-100-meter relay (Gene O’Hanlon ’14, Anthony Paschke ’14, Max Sims ’15, and Jeff Hrebenach ’16) and the 4-by-800-meter relay (Yuji Wakiyama ’14, Ethan Pachuck ’15, Minetsinot Kassu ’16, and Jeremy Hassett ’16).

Women’s track & field: The 4-by-400-meter relay (Becky Galasso ’14, Brittany Porter ’15, Cameron Edwards ’16, and Claire Crowther ’13) was ranked 10th in Division III after finishing second at the UR Alumni Invitational. The women produced eight ECAC qualifying performances. Besides the relay, the qualifiers were Victoria Stepanova ’15 and Jennifer Klemenz ’15 in the 10,000, Meg Ogle ’13 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Galasso in the 400, and Edwards and Crowther in the 400 hurdles.

Women’s rowing: With only one senior, the young team was ranked 18th heading into the spring season. In their first race, the Yellowjackets finished behind No. 9 St. Lawrence and Division II’s seventh-ranked Mercyhurst, but ahead of RIT. The Novice 4s defeated Ithaca in week two, and in mid-April, Rochester defeated No. 15 Hamilton in the First Varsity Eight race.

In highlights from the winter seasons:

Squash: The Yellowjackets finished fifth in the nation and produced four All-Americans, the most ever in a single season—Andres Duany ’13 and Faraz Khan ’16 on the first team, Neil Cordell ’16 and Adam Perkiomaki ’13 on the second team.

Swimming & diving: The women finished fifth at UAAs and the men finished sixth. Divers Sara Spielman ’13 and Elliott Lasher ’13 competed at the NCAA regional championships at Ithaca.

Indoor track & field: Claire Crowther ’13 won the ECAC 500-meter run and broke a school record in the process. Rochester finished 13th out of 50 schools. For the men, Adam Pacheck ’14 had the highest individual finish. He was third in the 5,000. The Yellowjackets finished 10th.

Women’s basketball: Reaching the second round of the NCAA playoffs, the team finished 20–7 overall, second in the UAA (11–3). Ally Zywicki ’15 was named an All-American by the WBCA.

Men’s basketball: The team shared the UAA title (10–4) and reached the second round of the NCAAs before finishing at 22–5. John DiBartolomeo ’13 was a consensus first team All-American, as chosen by four organizations.