Football Posts Record Start

Yellowjacket fall sports teams look to the postseason.

By Dennis O’Donnell

The Yellowjackets staged two dramatic rallies in consecutive home games in October, and the football team improved its record to 5–2 with two games left in November.

Rochester defeated the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 24–17, during Meliora Weekend.

Two weeks later, the Yellowjackets produced three touchdowns in the last 7:37 for a 33–30 victory over Union College.

In just his third career start, quarterback Justin Redfern ’16 completed 21 of 35 passes for 384 yards and four touchdowns against Union. He was not sacked and did not throw an interception. Farid Adenuga ’16 caught three TD passes and Kyle Allegrini ’18 had the game winner—a 50-yard catch-and-run with 2:05 remaining.

Redfern stepped into the starter’s role when Dan Bronson ’18 suffered a hand injury against St. Lawrence on October 3.

Redfern’s yardage total was the second highest in school history, behind Jeff Wittig ’86, who threw for 398 yards against Denison in 1984. Redfern and Bronson both put their names into the Rochester record book this year with four TD passes in a game. Bronson did it against Alfred State on November 19—with all four TD passes coming in the first quarter of a 61–0 victory.

The record was set in 1967 by Bob Young ’69 against RPI. It was equaled by five other players before Bronson and Redfern did it this year: Greg Conrad ’72 vs. Washington in 1971, Dave Boyce ’89 vs. Denison in 1988, Kapps Killingstad ’10 vs. Gettysburg in 2006, Patrick Keegan ’11 vs. St. Lawrence in 2008, and Braezen Subick ’12 vs. Union in 2011.

Some trickery helped the win over Merchant Marine. Placekicker Andrew Haber ’16 threw a TD pass to tight end Daniel DiLoreto ’19 on a fake field goal attempt during a 24–17 homecoming victory against Merchant Marine on Meliora Weekend.
HONORS

Introducing the Garnish Award Winners

A total of 10 student-athletes have been selected to receive Garnish Scholar Awards, the highest honor presented by the Department of Athletics and Recreation to recognize the academic achievements and athletic skills of students.

An alumni committee organized by the Friends of Rochester Athletics reviews nominations of students from varsity teams and selects a handful each year as Garnish Scholars.

The 2015-16 academic year’s honorees are:

**Neil Cordell ’16**, a double-major in economics and political science from York, England; squash.

**Boubacar Diallo ’16**, a mechanical engineering major from Bignona, Senegal; outdoor track and field.

**Jennifer Ford ’16**, a chemical engineering major from Webster, New York; volleyball.

**Megan Fujiyoshi ’16**, a double-major in brain and cognitive sciences and psychology from Hopkinton, Massachusetts; lacrosse.

**Evan Janifer ’16**, a financial economics major from Montclair, New Jersey; baseball.

**Catherine Knox ’16**, a mechanical engineering major from Worcester, Massachusetts; cross country and track and field.

**Tara Lamberti ’16**, a psychology major from Penfield, New York; field hockey.

**Victoria Luan ’16**, a chemistry major from South Surrey, Canada; swimming.

**Matthew Mender ’16**, a biomedical engineering major from Glens Falls, New York; football.

**Benjamin Shapiro ’16**, an English major from Scarsdale, New York; tennis.

The Garnish program was created in honor of Lysle (Spike) Garnish, coach and mentor to Rochester student-athletes from 1930 to 1948. He became a trainer and assistant basketball coach in 1931. He was named an assistant baseball coach in 1932, and was an assistant football coach from 1945 to 1948.

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As November approached, the fall teams were having successful seasons:

**Cross Country**: The men and women were headed for Waltham, Massachusetts, for the UAA championships on Halloween and the NCAA Atlantic Regional championships in Mount Morris, New York, in mid-November. Dan Nolte was 20th of 231 individuals at the Rowan (University) Border Battle. The women’s team placed three runners in the top-10 finishers in the same race: Anne Peterson ’17, Catherine Knox ’16, and graduate student Victoria Stepanova. They helped Rochester to a third-place finish out of 24 teams.

**Field Hockey**: Rochester was preparing to host a semifinal game in the Liberty League championships after fashioning a 4–2 league record. The Yellowjackets were 13–4 overall with two games left in October. Goaltender Tara Lamberti ’16 had the third-best save percentage in Division III, while Michelle Relin ’16 was one of the top scorers.

**Rowing**: The Yellowjackets had the highest finish among Division III schools in the four-plus coxswain and eight-plus-coxswain at the Head of the Schuykill Regatta in Philadelphia in late October. A Halloween date in the Head of the Fish Regatta in Saratoga, New York, awaited to conclude the fall portion of the schedule.

**Soccer**: Jeff Greblick ’16 scored two historically important goals on October 24 as Rochester defeated Moravian College, 3–0. It was the team’s 600th all-time victory. Rochester is just the eighth Division III school to reach the 600-win level among men’s programs. The women, who have been ranked in the regional top 10 for much of the season, had a three-game road winning streak heading into three UAA games—two of them at home. The men were 5–3–5 (0–1–3 UAA) and the women were 8–5–1 (2–2–0 UAA).

**Volleyball**: Rochester stood at 13–13 overall and secured the No. 6 seed for the UAA championships in the first week of November at Rochester. The Yellowjackets were 7–0 on their home court through late October.

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