Six Yellowjackets Receive All-America Honors

Six Rochester athletes earned All-America honors this spring, in basketball, squash, and the heptathlon.

Alexandra Leslie ’18 was named a first team All-American by D3hoops.com and a third team All-American by DIII News. Since the end of last season, Leslie has received eight postseason honors, including three All-America teams, two All-Region teams, and one All-League team. She was also named Player of the Year at both league and regional levels.

For the second straight year, and only the third time in the 58-year history of the squash program, Rochester had four All-Americans, as named by the College Squash Association. Ryosei Kobayashi ’17 and Mario Yanez Tapia ’17 were first team All-Americans, and Neil Cordell ’16 and Tomotaka Endo ’18 were second team.

The awards capped off the most successful season in Rochester squash history, as the Yellowjackets earned a 12–4 record and reached the national championship match for the first time, falling in a 5–4 match to host Yale.

Pat Rice ’16 produced outstanding finishes in his last two events in the NCAA Division III heptathlon and garnered All-America honors. He finished fourth overall with 4,931 points at the New York state championships this winter. That was just shy of his Rochester record in the competition (4,980 points).

—Dennis O’Donnell
HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Sports Roundup

By Dennis O’Donnell

Rochester’s rowers won the coveted Kerr Cup in Philadelphia and followed that with a victory by the first varsity 8-shell team in the Liberty League championships.

At the 50th edition of the Kerr Cup, the first and second varsity women’s teams prevailed in the finals over Franklin and Marshall, Bryn Mawr, and Mary Washington.

At the Liberty League championships, Rochester was seeded third and edged leader William Smith with a sprint over the last 250 meters to win by less than a second.

Here’s a look at how the other teams were faring as April came to a close:

**Baseball:** Rochester was a game out of first place at 10–6 in the Liberty League. Evan Janifer ’16 had a 4–2 record and a 1.16 ERA. John Ghyzel ’18 was 5–0 with a 1.90 ERA.

**Golf:** The Yellowjackets finished second at the Liberty League spring championships. Four golfers will earn Scholar All-America honors from the Golf Coaches Association of America this year.

**Lacrosse:** Three goals in the first three minutes lifted Rochester to a 14–4 victory over Bard College for the first Liberty League win of the season and fourth overall. Jamie Wallisch ’17 and Madeline Levy each had 31 goals with the season winding down.

**Softball:** Rochester was tied for first in the Liberty League (with RPI) at 8–2. Elizabeth Bourne ’19 spun a two-hit shutout over regionally ranked Cortland in late April. At the UAA tournament, Eleni Wechsler ’17 had a win and a save as Rochester topped second-ranked Washington twice.

**Men’s tennis:** Rochester reeled off a six-match winning streak, four of those wins with 9–0 scores, heading into the UAA championships. Ben Shapiro ’16 was the overall leader in singles victories (15). Aaron Mevorach ’18 was second (14).

**Women’s tennis:** The Yellowjackets posted victories over William Smith, Ithaca, Nazareth, and RIT. Alex Wolkoff ’18 had 11 singles wins and Lauren Zickar ’17 had 10. The doubles team of Camila Garcia ’19 and Christine Ho ’16 was 16–10.

**Men’s track and field:** The team met eight ECAC qualifying standards at the Bucknell Invitational against competition from all three NCAA divisions.

**Women’s track and field:** The Yellowjackets broke three school records at the Bucknell Invitational: the 3,000-meter steeplechase, the 5,000-meter run (which dated to 1989), and the 4-by-100-meter relay.

HONORS & AWARDS

Soccer Star Recognized

ACCOLADE: Maura McGinnity ’87, ’96S (MBA) (right) was recognized last fall with a Garnish Citation Award, presented by George VanderZwaag, executive director of athletics and recreation. A member of the 1986 national championship women’s soccer team, McGinnity is the development director of interdisciplinary biosciences at Stanford University. Named for a former coach, the late Lysle (Spike) Garnish, the award recognizes support of the intercollegiate athletics program.