

YELLOWJACKET SPORTS

Sensational Seasons

All-American athletes and quarterfinal finishes mark strong 2017-18 campaigns for the Yellowjackets.

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Powered by the success of three teams that reached the NCAA quarterfinals and the All-American performance of track-and-field athletes, the Yellowjackets finished among the top 25 percent in a national measure of athletic competitiveness.

Rochester was 67th in the Learfield Director's Cup Standings for the 2017-18 season. That's down slightly from last year, but marks the third year in a row that the Yellowjackets have been in the top 25 percent.

Developed jointly by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and *USA Today*, the Learfield Director's Cup competition awards points based on each institution's NCAA finishes in up to 18 sports—nine women's and nine men's.

Rochester finished 67th of 329 teams in the Division III standings, accumulating 292.5 points. A total of five Yellowjacket teams participated in NCAA team postseason competition.

Field hockey, men's soccer, and women's basketball all reached the national quarterfinals (Elite 8), scoring the most points for Rochester. The other two key teams scoring points were women's indoor track and field and women's outdoor track and field. In addition, Rochester sent an individual participant to the women's cross country nationals and the Yellowjacket squash team qualified for the top division at the College Squash Association championships.

As of early June, Rochester had a total of seven All-Americans for the 2017-18 year.

They are Courtney Dunham '19 in field hockey; Geoffrey Rouin '18 in men's soccer; Alexandra Leslie '18 in women's basketball; Tomotaka Endo '18 and Ashley Davies '21 in squash; Kylee Bartlett '19 in track and field; and Jason Paek '18 in golf.

In another season highlight, men's soccer defender Nik Angyal '19 was named an Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Overall, the Yellowjackets have finished in the top 75 of the Director's Cup standings for three straight seasons and six of the last nine years. 📍

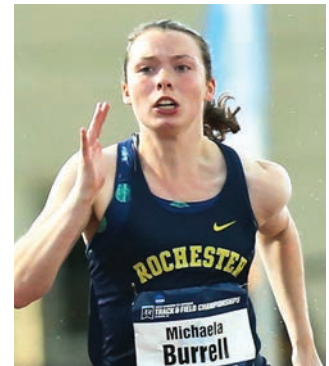
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MILESTONE MOMENTS: Claire Dickerson '18 (right), Maya Haigis '20, and the field hockey team marked milestones: the program's first Liberty League title and third straight NCAA appearance.



QUARTERFINALS: Men's soccer defender Zach Lawlor '20 (left) and women's basketball point guard Brynn Lauer '18 (T5) (right) helped lead their teams to the Elite 8 round of the NCAA tournaments.



STRONG FINISHES: Multi-event athlete Eileen Bequette '21 (left) and Michaela Burrell '20 (right) joined All-American Kylee Bartlett '19 for a strong showing at the NCAA national meet this spring.