



LEADER OF THE PACK: A national qualifier in 2017, Rachel Bargabos '19 will help lead the women's cross country team this fall.

SCOUTING REPORT

Setting Sights on Successful Seasons

Yellowjacket teams gear up for the 2018-19 year.

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Rochester teams and individuals are building on last year's success as they gear up for the 2018-19 year. Last year, three teams reached the national quarterfinals—the Elite 8—of the NCAA playoffs: field hockey, men's soccer, and women's basketball. Squash finished sixth nationally. Women's track and field had an individual national champion. There is a lot to look forward to in the coming year.

Fall

Men's Cross Country: Six veterans will be on the circuit for the Yellowjackets in 2018. Seniors Hunter Phinney and Andrew

Faulstich ran consistently last year, along with Dan Allara '21. Their top times came at the NCAA Atlantic regional in November. Ivan Frantz '20 was 34th of 209 at the UR Invitational. He ran second to Phinney.

Women's Cross Country: Rachel Bargabos '19 will lead the Rochester pack after earning all-UAA and all-Region honors last season. At the NCAA championships, she finished 81st in a field of 279 runners. Classmate Samantha Tetef '19 finished 22nd or better in three races with more than 100 runners. Danielle Bartolotta '21 and Eileen Bequette '21 had strong seasons as first-year students.

Field Hockey: The Yellowjackets were 18-4 overall in 2017, a perfect 7-0 in the

Liberty League. They won the league post-season tournament and earned a bye in the first round of the NCAA playoffs. Rochester defeated Husson College of Maine, 2-1, in round two before losing to eventual national champion Middlebury in the Elite 8. Defender Courtney Dunham '19 was an All-American last year and Liberty League Defensive Player of the Year. She and Colleen Maillie '20 were first team all-Region honorees. Maya Haigis '20 was named to the second team.

Football: Coach Chad Martinovich debuts at Rochester after achieving success at MIT in the last nine years. He guided the Engineers into the second round of the NCAA playoffs during his time in

Cambridge. The Rochester roster includes 47 letter winners and 16 players returning with starting experience. Ricky Simcic '19 and Matt Capovani '19 are returning all-Liberty League players.

Men's Soccer: Defense has been the hallmark of the program over the years. Last season, that defense, coupled with clutch scoring, carried the Yellowjackets to the Elite 8 round of the NAAs. That matched the highest finish in program history. Eight starters return, sparked by Bryce Ikeda '19 and Lucas Loecher '19. Both earned all-Region honors as well as all-UAA honors. Rochester held 17 of 21 opponents to a goal or less and posted nine shutouts.

Women's Soccer: Six starters—three of whom earned all-UAA honors in 2018—are back, along with two experienced goalies. Jorie Freitag '20 earned UAA plaudits at forward while Liz Mastoloni '20 worked on defense and Margaret Lee '19 operated in midfield. In goal, Emma Campbell '21 had 49 saves and two shutouts in 10 games. Samantha Hlavac had 13 saves in three matches. The Rochester women traditionally play one of the nation's toughest schedules and 2018 will be no different.

Women's Volleyball: A 19-13 overall record last season included a sixth-place finish in the UAA championships. Rochester will host the UAA tournament this season from November 2 to 3. The Yellowjackets will build on last year's late-season finish (winning 7 of the last 10). The list of returnees includes Clara Martinez '19 (all-UAA honors for two straight years), Alara Kocak '19 (all-UAA in 2017), and Beth Ghyzel '20 (5th in the UAA in aces and 12th in assists).

Winter and Spring

Men's basketball has all five starters back from a team that finished 16-9 last year and 24-5 two years ago. . . . **Women's basketball** has three straight NCAA playoff appearances (24-5 last year) but has to replace four starters. . . . Both **swimming and diving** teams finished seventh at UAAs last year; 6-5 overall. The women broke three school records. For the men, Stephen Savchik '20 was eighth on the one-meter board at the NCAA zone diving championships. . . . **Squash** was sixth nationally in 2018. All-American Ashley Davies '21 will lead Rochester into a home schedule filled with powerhouses. . . . In **track and field**, the men finished fifth at the Liberty League indoor and outdoor championships, while the women sent people to the indoor and outdoor NCAA championships (Kylee Bartlett '19 earned two All-America



OUTSTANDING IN THE FIELD: All-UAA midfielder Bryce Ikeda '19 will help anchor men's soccer.



DEFT DEFENSE: Defender Courtney Dunham '19 was an All-American in field hockey last season.

honors and won the heptathlon championship). Rochester was second in the Liberty League championships in both seasons. . . . **Baseball** will build on its success after earning the top seed in the Liberty playoffs last year. . . . **Softball** played 11 of its first 12 against Top 25 teams last year. Eight starters are back. . . . **Lacrosse** earned its 200th all-time victory last year. . . . **Golf**

shoots for another Liberty League title after winning in 2017 and finishing third in 2018. . . . **Rowing** won the New York State championship in the Varsity 4s. . . . **Men's tennis** defeated New York University to finish seventh at the UAA championships. . . . **Women's tennis** wants to build on a post-Florida run last spring when Rochester won six of eight matches. **R**