

HIGHLIGHTS

Spring Seasons Start Strong

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A TOTAL OF 10 YELLOWJACKETS WERE named to All-America teams as the sports world moved from indoor to outdoor seasons early this spring.

Squash players Neil Cordell '16, Mario Yanez Tapia '17, and Ryosei Kobayashi '17 were named first team All-Americans by the College Squash Association. The association selects 10 athletes for its first team honors. Last year, Cordell was named second team All-American.

In the pool, diver Danielle Neu '17 earned honorable mention All-America accolades. Swimmers who also earned the honor were Lauren Bailey '16 (four events), Vicky Luan '16 (two events), Khamai Simpson '17 (one event), Emily Simon '17 (one event), Karen Meess '14 (one event), and Alex Veech '17 (one event). Rochester finished in 20th place at the NCAA Division III national championships with 31 points.

Here's a rundown of the spring teams heading into late April:

Baseball: The Yellowjackets stood at 15-12 overall, 10-6 in the Liberty League. Seven pitchers combined on a four-hitter as Rochester blanked 25th-ranked Ithaca College. Dan Warren '16 was 3-0 as a starter and Evan Janifer '16 was 2-0 with five saves in relief. Warren was named to the UAA all-tournament team.

Golf: The Yellowjackets were second at the UAA championships. In late April, Rochester was set to cohost the 2014 Oak Hill Intercollegiate with the University of Notre Dame (featuring seven Division I teams and Rochester). The Yellowjackets were also set to host the Liberty League match play championships in nearby Mendon with the winner earning an automatic bid to the NCAA championships.

Lacrosse: Rochester opened the season with five wins in the first seven matches. The Yellowjackets were 5-5 by mid-April. Freshmen were key contributors. Jamie Wallisch '17 was the leading scorer, followed closely by Lauren Basil '15, and Mara Karpp '17.

Softball: The Yellowjackets ran off eight straight wins after returning from Florida to stand at 13-7 overall, 6-0 in the Liberty League. Tayler Fravel '14 was hitting .515 with Nina Korn '14 at .362 (19 runs scored, 16 RBIs). The RBI leader was Brittany



SPRING SEASON: Julian Danko '15 (above) led the Yellowjackets with singles victories while Emily VanDenburgh '16 was ranked seventh nationally in the long jump late in the spring.



Dad Vail championship in early May in Philadelphia.

Tennis: The men's team rolled to seven straight wins and stood at 13-4 with the UAA championships looming in Florida in late April. The individual leaders in singles wins were Julian Danko '16 (with 17) and Boris Borovcanin '14 (with 15). As a doubles pairing, they won 8 of 10 matches. Rochester's women were 4-4 against regional foes (5-8 overall). Molly Goodman '16 (12) and Christine Ho '16 (11) combined for 23 singles victories.

Grage '15 with 20. Fravel was named to the UAA all-tournament team. Clarkson added softball this year, so the Liberty League playoff champion will earn an automatic bid to the NCAAs.

Rowing: In early season polls, Rochester hovered between No. 11 and No. 12 in the Division III rankings. The Yellowjackets won their opening race against St. Lawrence and RIT, then finished second to Ithaca a week later.

Later in the month, they raced against four of the top eight teams in the poll at WPI. The Yellowjackets will defend their

Track and field: Picking up where they left off last season, the Yellowjackets were regularly placing women's and men's competitors into the ECAC championships and among the Division III performance leaders. On the women's team, Emily VanDenburgh '16 was ranked seventh in the long jump and Lindsay Carbone '16 broke the outdoor pole vault record after breaking it indoors. For the men, Adam Pachek '14 was ranked 10th nationally in the 10,000-meter run by mid-April, and Jeremy Hasset '16 was ranked 16th in the 800-meter run after the UR Alumni Invitational. **R**