



## AWARDS

## Racing to the Finish for Late-Spring Sports

By Dennis O'Donnell

Postseason accolades and accomplishments were plentiful for Rochester's spring sports teams. Three sports were represented in NCAA championship competition: softball and men's and women's outdoor track and field. The baseball team competed in the Liberty League playoffs.

Four baseball players earned all-region honors from both the American Baseball Coaches Association and D3baseball.com. One softball player earned all-region honors from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Four men and four women were named to the all-region teams by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

**Baseball:** Catcher Nolan Schultz '16, infielder Steve Eychner '16, pitchers John Ghyzel '18 and Evan Janifer '16 each earned all-region honors. Schultz and Eychner were

named first team all-region by D3baseball.com. Ghyzel was named to the third team. For the ABCA/Rawlings all-region team, Schultz and Eychner were named to the first team, Ghyzel to the second, and Janifer to the third. Schultz hit .386 with 16 extra-base hits and 26 RBIs.

Eychner hit .418 with 16 extra-base hits and 25 RBIs. Ghyzel was 7-1 with four complete games and an ERA of 2.97. Janifer, who started and relieved, was 4-5 overall with a 1.84 ERA and two saves.

The Yellowjackets finished 22-19, 15-9 in the Liberty League.

**Softball:** Shortstop Kayla Kibling '16 earned first team all-region honors from the NFCA after hitting .426 in 36 games. She scored a team-high 28 runs and was tied for fourth in RBIs with 17. Rochester won the Liberty League postseason tournament (Kibling was the MVP). Eleni Wechsler '17 was 14-16 overall with a 2.28 ERA. She threw two no-hitters, one against RIT in the Liberty League playoffs and one against Penn State-Behrend in the NCAA playoffs at St. John Fisher. Rochester finished 27-23 overall (10-2 in the Liberty League).

**Women's outdoor track and field:** Yvette Igbokwe '15, '16 (T5) and Cameron Edwards '16 earned all-region honors from the USTFCCA in two events. Emily VanDenbergh '16 and Kylee Bartlett '19 were honored for one event. Igbokwe was honored in the 100 meters (she was third at the ECAC championships) and the 200 meters (she won the New



**SPRING ATHLETES:** Yvette Igbokwe '15, '16 (T5) (top) earned all-region honors in track and field, as did catcher Nolan Schultz '16 (left), for baseball.

York state championship). She ran at the NCAA championships in the 100 and finished 16th. Edwards was honored in both the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles. She won the state crown in the 400 hurdles and competed at NCAAs for the fourth consecutive season (finishing 14th). VanDenbergh was honored in the triple jump. Later in the spring, she broke the school record in the long jump. Bartlett, who was an all-region honoree in the pentathlon indoors finished third at ECACs in the heptathlon to pick up the all-region honor. Rochester's third NCAA competitor was Katie Knox '16 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. She broke the existing Rochester record twice during the spring. She was 16th at the NCAA meet.

**Men's outdoor track and field:** Patrick Rice '16, Boubacar Diallo '16, Jeff Hrebenach '16, and Jon Kuberka '16 all picked up all-region honors from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Rice completed at the NCAA championships in the decathlon and finished ninth overall. He won the New York state championship in the decathlon. Diallo earned his recognition in the triple jump, the second time this year he accomplished the feat (he was honored indoors in early spring). Hrebenach, who owns four school records (100, 200, 4-by-100-meter outdoors; 4-by-200-meter indoors), was honored for his performance in the state's 200-meter race when he set a Rochester record. Kuberka scored in three events (long jump, triple jump, and high jump) at the New York state meet. His long jump of just under 23 feet earned the all-region citation. 📍



**AT BAT:** Kayla Kibling '16 received all-region honors in softball. She was named MVP in postseason play.



#### ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

### Going the Distance

Middle-distance track events are the forte of Jeremy Hassett '16. In June, capping his undergraduate track experience, he was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American men's cross country and track and field team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Hassett is Rochester's 96th Academic All-American, and the 16th men's cross-country and track and field Yellowjacket to earn the recognition.

#### FALL SPORTS

### Fall Schedules Bring Challenges

Rochester's seven traditional fall sports teams—men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball—will face some of their most challenging schedules when the new athletic season begins.

The season launches September 1, when Ithaca field hockey plays at Rochester. Men's and women's soccer host the annual Flower City Soccer Tournaments that weekend, too.

The field hockey team will face three nationally ranked opponents and one just outside the top 20 through mid-October.

Men's and women's soccer will face many teams—five for the men and seven for the women—who made the NCAA playoffs last year.

Football begins its season, featuring four home games, with a September 10 opener against Catholic. Rochester cross country has its annual UR Invitational on September 17. And women's volleyball gets under way on September 2 against Cortland, kicking off a season filled with nationally ranked opponents, including Emory, Washington, and Chicago. 📍

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