



The Official Newsletter of Bucknell University Women's Soccer –January 2012

Bison Honored

With the culmination of the 2011 competitive season, we are proud to recognize the achievements of several of the Bison women. Tara Cort, was named to the All-Patriot League First Team while Sandita McDermott was named to the All-Patriot League Second Team.

Cort, a Senior from Wellesley Mass., was a co-captain and stand out center midfielder who started all 36 games since transferring from Clemson two years ago. In addition to her First Team honors, Tara was also named to the All-Patriot League Academic Team and the Capital One Academic All-District Second Team. Off the field, Cort earned stellar 3.97 grade-point averages at both Bucknell and Clemson, where she has majored in economics and financial management, respectively.

McDermott, a Junior from Rhinebeck, NY enjoyed her best season to date in 2011, posting an .835 save percentage and a 1.14 goals-against average. She ranked third in the Patriot League in save percentage and second in saves per game (5.4).

Joining Cort on the Patriot League All-Academic Team and the Capital One Academic District Second Team was Senior Megan DeGennaro (Westlake Village, CA). Megan was a two-year starter and four-year contributor for the Bison, playing forward and outside midfield. She was the team's leading scorer in 2011 with six points and has been equally impressive away from soccer. A double major in economics and international relations, with a minor in Spanish, DeGennaro has compiled a 3.73 cumulative grade-point average.

Junior Meghan Fitzpatrick (Verona, N.J./Verona) was the third and final Bison to be named to the Capital One Academic All-District Second Team. This fall she started eight games on defense before being sidelined by injury. While on the field she was a key contributor on a team that allowed only 19 goals this season, the second-fewest in program history. Fitzpatrick is a management major with a near-perfect 3.98 GPA, the highest on the team. She has made the Dean's List every semester so far, and she was selected for the prestigious Institute for Leadership in Technology and Management (ILTM) program, through which she participated in management consulting projects for General Electric, The Hershey Company and Ollie's Bargain Outlet.

The Bucknell women's soccer program has now had at least one Academic All-District honoree in each of the last seven years. Bucknell has had 121 all-time national Academic All-Americans, the fifth-highest total among all Division I institutions.

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Tara Cort '12



Sandita McDermott '13



Megan DeGennaro '12



Meghan Fitzpatrick '13



Megan DeGennaro '12 battles Penn State player at home

Compliance Corner

Compliance Booster Q & A- Prospective Student-Athlete

Q: Who is a prospective student athlete?

A: A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade. (Exception: In Men's Basketball a prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the seventh grade.) A student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides the individual any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

Q: When is a prospective student athlete no longer a prospective student athlete?

A: An individual remains a prospective student athlete until one of the following occurs:

The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year.

-The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

-The individual officially registers and enrolls and attends classes during the summer prior to initial enrollment.

If you have any questions about this column, please contact the compliance office at 570-577-3070 or talk with your head coach.

Helping Out at the Lewisburg Food Bank



(Left to Right) Michaela Berman '15, Dana Calderone '15, Cassie Denger '15, Sadie Canter '12, Chelsey Garkowski '14

It's that time of year again where the Bison take advantage of being out of season and come together to give back to the community. One of our favorite activities is helping carry groceries for the Lewisburg Food Bank.

When the team comes back together after the winter break, they will offer up their assistance to help other causes like our adopt-a-street program, youth soccer clinics, and reading to area youth.



Jenna Tryon '13 and Alex Degarmo '14

2011 TEAM AWARDS

NSCAA Team Academic Award

- ◆ 16th Consecutive Award for Bucknell. Team GPA 3.54

NSCAA Women's University Scholar All-East Second Team

- ◆ Tara Cort '12

All-Patriot League First Team

- ◆ Tara Cort '12

All-Patriot League Second Team

- ◆ Sandita McDermott '13

Academic All-Patriot League

- ◆ Tara Cort '12 and Megan DeGennaro '12

Capital One Academic All-District Second Team

- ◆ Tara Cort '12, Megan DeGennaro '12 and Meghan Fitzpatrick '13

Bucknell Offensive MVP

- ◆ Megan DeGennaro '12

Bucknell Defensive MVP

- ◆ Sandita McDermott '13

Bucknell Rookie Of The Year

- ◆ Courtney Nelson '15

Bucknell Coaches Award

- ◆ Tara Cort '12 and Casey Crowley '12

Bucknell Gibbons-Crane Award

- ◆ Sadie Canter '12

Coach's Corner

Happy New Year Bison Supporters!

Throughout our staff, team, and program, we have been anticipating the start of a new calendar year for 2012 is sure to bring many exciting opportunities for the Bucknell Women's Soccer program. Whatever the reasons: unpredictable weather, a challenging road schedule, or simply the transition from a very savvy and experienced team to a very talented and youthful team in the past year, we had a very up and down 2011. It was an unprecedented year for us as we missed the Patriot League Tournament for the first time in my tenure as head coach and I vow to make it the last time it ever happens again. The fact that the top seed this past fall had four league wins and our Bison team finished fifth with three wins is irrelevant as the goals are always the same: qualify for the league tournament, advance to the championship match, and lift the trophy on Championship Sunday. We failed to reach goal number one and so now, as we close the book on 2011, we eagerly begin 2012.

We cannot overlook the work that is needed to get done, on and off the field, for this coming year to be hugely successful. Our players will be pushed to their potential in training, conditioning, and in their play as we aspire to be on top of the standings and regional rankings again. We also are looking for our alumni, parents, fans, and supporters to do your part as we are always challenged to do more with less. We thank you for all of your support to date and please know that you will be asked for even more this year for we cannot achieve what we are capable of without you. I thank you in advance and look forward to presenting the 2012 team to you very soon. **GO BISON!**

-Ben Landis '96

20 Team Members to be Named to Patriot League Academic Honor Roll

The Bison women's soccer team is proud to announce that in coming weeks for the second year in a row 20 of its members will be named to the Patriot League Academic Honor roll. Coach Landis' squad compiled an impressive team grade-point average of 3.42 during the 2011 fall semester. The 20 student-athletes from Bucknell mark the most from any of the eight Patriot League soccer programs this past fall. Each of Bucknell's four seniors made the list: **Tara Cort**, **Casey Crowley**, **Sadie Canter**, and **Megan DeGennaro**. Additionally, senior **Cort** and juniors **Meghan Fitzpatrick** and **Emily Trosch** all produced perfect 4.0 GPAs for the fall semester.

To be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, student-athletes must have achieved a 3.2 grade-point average in the fall semester while earning a varsity letter. The following is a list of Bucknell women's soccer student-athletes who were named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll with each honoree listed in alphabetical order followed by their class year, major, hometown, and high school:

Hannah Bonotto, Fr., Civil Engineering, Carmichael, CA/St. Francis
Taryn Boucher, Jr., Biology, Cutchogue, NY/Mattituck
Dana Calderone, Fr., Undeclared, West Islip, NY/
Sadie Canter, Sr., Biology, Dresden, OH/Tri-Valley
Corinne Collins, Jr., Psychology, Orinca, CA/Miramonte
Tara Cort, Sr., Economics, Wellesley, MA/Wellesley
Casey Crowley, Sr., Chemical Engineering, Hamilton Square, NJ/Peddie School
Alex Degarmo, So., Accounting, Laguna Beach, CA/Laguna Beach
Megan DeGennaro, Sr., Economics & Intl. Relations, Westlake Village, CA/La Reina
Cassie Denger, Fr., Undeclared, Nazareth, PA/Nazareth
Liz Dwornik, So., Computer Science, Binghamton, NY/Union Endicott
Brigit Falcón, Fr., Undeclared, Fairport, NY/Fairport
Meghan Fitzpatrick, Jr., Management, Verona, NJ/Verona
Bridget Gilmartin, So., Undeclared, Branchburg, NJ/Mount St. Mary Academy
Sandita McDermott, Jr., International Relations, Rhinebeck, NY/Red Hook
Courtney Nelson, Fr., Undeclared, Phoenix, AZ/Horizon Community Learning Center
Evelyn Nicinski, Fr., Undeclared, New City, NY/Clarkstown North
Emily Trosch, Jr., Psychology, Reisterstown, MD/McDonogh
Jenna Tryon, Jr., Biology, Fairfax Station, VA/South County
Kayla Yee, Jr., Civil and Environmental Engineering, Centennial, CO/Heritage



Courtney Nelson '15 takes on a Penn State player Sept. 20, 2011

Fundraising Help Needed for 2012

With lofty goals at the Division I level comes a need of support from all of us. As alumni, parents, fans, and supporters we are all a part of the success we expect to achieve and we ask you to each to give back to the program and do so consistently. Please follow my lead and make a gift today to the Bison Club and designate that gift for the "Bucknell Women's Soccer Program".

This coming September, our team is taking a trip to California to play two competitive matches at the St. Mary's Tournament in Moraga, CA. Such a trip is awesome for our alumni in that area, our current team, and future players for the recruiting connections made and exposure of the Bucknell brand is critical in today's world. Your direct assistance with this important adventure is needed and appreciated.

You may make a gift by calling or e-mailing me at 570-577-1772 / Ben.Landis@bucknell.edu or you may contact Todd Newcomb '88, Director of the Bison Club, at 570-577-1771 / TNewcomb@bucknell.edu or you may go directly to www.bucknellbison.com and make a gift on-line. Thank you for your help and *GO BISON!*

- Ben Landis '96

Captains Named for 2012

It is with excitement that we announce our three captains for this year; seniors **Meghan Fitzpatrick**, **Sandita McDermott**, and **Kayla Yee**.

They will be aided by a tremendously strong **Class of 2013** which represents a classy group of people, with diverse thinking and experiences, who are each supportive for our entire team to be extremely cohesive.

I strongly believe in this rising senior class and the tremendous captains who will lead us in 2012 to return to high levels of success.

-Coach Landis



Meghan Fitzpatrick
'13



Sandita McDermott
'13



Kayla Yee '13

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