

Bison Touchline

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Leading By Example



Meet the 2007 captains of the Bucknell women's soccer team: Krista Lee Gentile '08 (North Haledon, N.J.) and Nicole Marotta '09 (Bridgewater, N.J.). "I'm really pleased and excited about the team's selection of our 2007 captains in Krista and Nicole," said Bucknell head coach Ben Landis. "Individually, these two are tremendous players and leaders through their own actions, their consistent high level of play in training and matches, as well as

their lifestyles off the field as students and members of our community. I have the utmost respect for both and look forward to having them serve as outstanding leaders and captains next year."

Already tremendous leaders on the field, both Krista and Nicole have been working to overcome individual challenges they have faced since being named as captains at the team's award banquet. Nicole, the lone captain on campus this spring, says that her biggest challenge has been to develop her own style of leadership but says that the "team's chemistry has been great so far this winter and spring." Also, "there has been great positive energy during lifts and practice and off the field, the team has become a lot closer and more unified." The biggest challenge for Krista, who is currently studying abroad in Rome, has just been being away from the team. (Please see CAPTAINS, continued on page 4).

Coach's Corner



As we are now in the middle of spring, with training and competitions continuing on with returning upperclassmen, it clearly signifies a time of transition. Just a few short months removed from an exciting fall season, we are a different team and have more changes to endure in the coming months. We miss our five juniors who are studying abroad in Europe right now where they are enjoying a wonderful and unique experience. We are excited to welcome our next freshmen class though they will not join us until preseason begins in mid-August. And we are preparing to say good-bye to our senior class who collectively and individually have made such an impact on the campus, our program, and each of us within the team.

I personally want to congratulate the Class of 2007 on what they have accomplished on and

off the field. On the field, no other graduating four-year class has had a better winning percentage or set more team records than the teams that this class has been a part of for the past four years. Tied with the Class of 1998 (37-32-4 overall record), the Class of 2007 (37-28-6 overall record) equaled a program best with 37 wins and also have a Patriot League regular season and tournament championship to their credit. Off the field, the seniors' success in the classroom, in their research, and contributions to the university both now and in the future as alumni, will be the measuring stick for all classes that will follow them.

Congratulations to the Class of 2007: Lauren Bayne, Shannon Curd, Katie Dry, Marney Egan, Caitlyn Kuntz, Jenn Margolis, and Jenn Mrozek. Best wishes to you all and thank you for all of your past and future contributions to the program.

Tradition of Academic Success Continues for Bison

Following a successful 2006 season on the field, the Bison Women's Soccer team was also recognized for their continued success in the classroom, not only by the Patriot League, but also by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). This year's team features majors in 16 different disciplines with 24 of the 26 student-athletes earning a grade-point average of a 3.0 or better in the Fall Semester of 2006.

The Bison earned the Women's Team Academic Award as presented annually by the NSCAA to teams from Division I, Division II and Division III programs who have maintained a team grade-point average of 3.0 or higher in the previous academic year. The women's soccer program posted a 3.50 team grade-point average tying them for 19th overall among all three divisions and sixth amongst Division I programs. The team moved up 23 spots from 2005-06 when the Orange and Blue were ranked 42nd in the overall ranking.

In addition, for the third consecutive year, the Bison women's soccer team lead the Patriot League with 20 student-athletes being named to the league's Academic Honor Roll. To be eligible, the student-athlete must earn a 3.20 grade-point average in the fall semester and be awarded a varsity letter. Army followed in a distant second with 15 student-athletes while Lehigh and Lafayette were right behind them with 14 and 13 student-athletes respectively being named to the Patriot League Honor Roll.

On a personal level, Shannon Curd '07 (Westtown, N.Y. / Minisink Valley) was named the 2006 Patriot League Women's Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Curd becomes the third Bison player in program history (Christine Baselga '90, Joanne Crane '94) to be honored as the league's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. It also marks the 104th time a Bucknell student-athlete has walked away with this recognition. Curd has been a Dean's List member every semester since enrolling at Bucknell, is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, and also serves as a tutor at local middle and elementary schools.

"I continue to be impressed with the outstanding achievements our student-athletes make in the classroom which complement their on-field successes as well," says Bison head coach Ben Landis. "When you consider that our players are excelling in Division I athletics in addition to being the best in their very demanding academic fields, it is truly quite an accomplishment that those associated with our entire program can be proud of and it is an area where we expect to continue to be leaders."

Patriot League Academic Honor Roll Recipients

Name	Year	Major	GPA	Hometown	High School
Lindsey Appenzoller	Jr.	Physics	3.90	West Orange, NJ	West Orange
Gretchen Auer	Jr.	Education	3.48	Poolesville, MD	Poolesville
Lauren Bayne	Sr.	Cell Biology / Biochemistry	4.00	New Paltz, NY	New Paltz Central
Renee Bernardo	So.	Elementary Education	3.66	Old Tappan, NJ	Northern Valley Regional
Kelly Boswell	So.	Electrical Engineering	3.29	Cherry Hill, NJ	Cherry Hill West
Chelsea Brinkman	Fr.	Undeclared	3.66	Clearwater, FL	Palm Harbor University HS
Kimberly Cannon	Jr.	Political Science	3.33	Matawan, NJ	Old Bridge
Shannon Curd	Sr.	Education / Psychology	4.00	Westtown, NY	Minisink Valley
Katie Dry	Sr.	Biology	3.33	Rochester, NY	Our Lady of Mercy
Marney Egan	Sr.	English	3.33	Gibsonia, PA	Shady Side Academy
Leah Grimm	So.	Management	3.24	Chagrin Falls, OH	Chagrin Falls
Caitlyn Kuntz	Sr.	Economics / Spanish	3.50	Chatham, NJ	Chatham
Erin Lavery	Fr.	Undeclared	3.83	Huntington, WV	Huntington
Molly Linhart	Fr.	Management	3.66	Pittsburgh, PA	Fox Chapel Area
Jennifer Margolis	Sr.	Education / Psychology	3.49	Englishtown, NJ	Manalapan
Jennifer Mrozek	Sr.	Biology	3.75	Pittsburgh, PA	Thomas Jefferson
Leslie Schulze	Jr.	Political Science	3.91	Brookeville, MD	Sherwood
Sarah Seltzer	Fr.	Undeclared	3.22	Dallas, TX	Ursuline Academy of Dallas
Alex Sher	So.	Undeclared	3.58	Owings Mills, MD	McDonogh School
Lauren Stoller	Fr.	Undeclared	3.58	Basking Ridge, NJ	Ridge

The Stampede Continues

Herd Welcomes Class of 2011

The Bucknell women's soccer program is excited to welcome the class of 2011, comprised of eight student-athletes, for the 2007 season. Five states are represented among the group as three players hail from Pennsylvania, two from New Jersey with one player each from California, Connecticut and Massachusetts. "With my second full recruiting class, I am thrilled to welcome such a strong group of athletes, leaders, and scholars who I think will be able to contribute to our team's success immediately and throughout their four-year careers," head coach Ben Landis says. "These players fill needs we have in every field position and will allow us to display talent, depth, and competition at every position in the fall. Individually and collectively, we're adding a terrific group of people who each have impressive resumes and we've known since their official visits that they will fit into the program extremely well."

We look forward to welcoming this class into the Bison family as we feel that they will have significant impacts on the program both on and off the field. Here is a little sample of what this class has to offer the Bucknell community:

Amanda Citron, a back who comes to Bucknell from Marshfield, MA, cites her father as being the most influential person in her life. She says, "he has taught me some of the most important values that I hold closely- i.e. hard work, honesty, integrity, and humility, but most importantly he exhibits these qualities in the choices he makes everyday. He has shown me that these values within my character are more important than any other accomplishments I may achieve."

Kelliann Doherty is a forward/midfielder from Voorhees, NJ, where she was a four-time all-state, three-time All-Group IV, and four-time all conference player for Eastern Regional High School and was also a member of Group IV state championships squads in 2005 and 2006. The two-year captain earned NSCAA High School All-Region honors, was named the Courier Post Player of the Year and the Philadelphia Inquirer Player of the Year, while also being selected to the Newark Star Ledger First Team All-State squad.

Julianne Harris travels to Lewisburg from Glenshaw, PA, where she played as a midfielder and back at Shaler Area High School. Her reason for choosing Bucknell: "On my visit, I had a lot of fun from our big shopping trip to Wal-Mart to getting ice cream at the famous shop (*The Freez*) to just hanging out with the girls. ... I also thought that the post-game tailgate was so neat when all the parents and friends come and the parents bring lots of food! I am excited to be a part of all of these experiences!"

Caitlin Holtz, a back from Freehold, NJ, played at the Peddie School for four years, was a member of the New Jersey ODP Team for five seasons, while playing club soccer with the Hibernian Breeze. Holtz served as team captain for Peddie School and was recognized as Newark Star Ledger First Team All-Prep, Trentonian First Team All-Prep, first team all-area and as well as a Trenton Times Mercer "33" member.

Kelsey Johnson a back from Monroe, CT, demonstrated her dancing abilities while on her official visit to campus this past fall. "The funniest part of my visit was when my host, Chelsea McGorry '10, along with some other girls from the team, told me that we were going to be attending a hip hop dance class that afternoon. Even though it was a lot of fun, we probably weren't the most talented in the class... but, we were excited to show off our new dance moves to everyone that night!"

Christa Matlack, a forward out of South Williamsport, PA, led her high school squad to a 2006 PIAA State AA title and a 26-0-1. After scoring 58 goals during her senior season, bringing her career total to 176, Christa ranks second in the Pennsylvania High School record books for career goals scored. As a senior she earned both High School All-Region and Scholar All-America honors from the NSCAA, while also picking up her second all-state selection and her third first team all-conference selection.

Brooke Stokes joins the Bison from Gladwyne, PA, where she played high school soccer for The Shipley School and is a club member of the FC Delco Fury. A four-year varsity starter at The Shipley School, Stokes served as team captain and earned an All-Southeastern Pennsylvania honors her senior season. She was named to the first-team all-league three times and All-Main Line Area four times, while helping her squad to league championships as a sophomore and as a senior, with a finalist finish her junior year. (Please see BISON CLASS of 2011, continued on page 4).

Captains (cont. from page 1):

“Being abroad has opened my eyes to how much I miss the team and how much I enjoy playing with them,” she says. Krista has stayed in touch with the team through emails and instant message conversations which have allowed her to “check in on the girls and see what they’ve been up to” as well as allowing the team to follow Krista through her online blog. Also, though the classes of ’09 and ’10 have remained in Lewisburg, Krista has been able to meet up with many of her ’08 teammates while they have also been studying in Europe.

While the 2007 season is still months away, each are looking forward to preseason for different reasons. Krista says “As ironic as it sounds, I am really excited for preseason. I missed the 2006 preseason (with an injury) and it was really difficult to sit it out.” Nicole is excited for preseason because while it’s a great time to prepare both physically and mentally for the season ahead, she’s “looking forward to seeing the new dynamics of the 2007 fall team and to be playing with a team that cares for one another, yet has such a competitive and passionate spirit for the game. Also, for a chance to win another Patriot League championship!” In Coach Landis’ eyes, he expects that both Krista and Nicole will lead the team well and says, “Together, I think they represent the very best of our team’s dynamics and will work well together in leading our team through a challenging schedule and quest to return to the Patriot League Championship.”

Bison Class of 2011 (cont. from page 3):

Also, as a member of the FC Delco Fury, Stokes won the Eastern Pennsylvania State Cup title in 2006 and was a semifinalist at the Regional Tournament.

Rosemary Walker, a midfielder/back, travels across country from Oakland, CA, to join the Orange and Blue. What impressed Rosie the most about Bucknell during her visit was that everyone just seemed so happy and friendly. She shares that while she was on her recruiting trip she was walking around the campus just one last time while her host was in class. She says that she “sneezed right as these older kind of intimidating guys walked by me. I was kinda embarrassed and expected them to ignore me but instead all three of them said ‘bless you!’ I thought that this was so friendly and so great.”

Coach Landis says, “while we continue to draw talented student-athletes from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, I’m also pleased that we’re attracting the best from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and California. These eight players’ competitive experiences have prepared them well to make tremendous impacts on our team. This class, in combination with the completion of our amazing soccer stadium, highlights our excitement about the 2007 season to compete for the Patriot League Tournament Championship and a return to the NCAA Tournament.” Welcome to the Bison family!



Pictured are five members of the Intramural Basketball Championship Team.

Relay for Life

On any given Sunday afternoon you will find members of the Bison soccer team scattered all over campus; some are in the library, a few may be in dining halls, and others are doing laundry or hanging out with friends. But in late March put aside normal Sunday activities, and instead, you'll find the team walking in the American Cancer Society's second annual 'Relay for Life' carrying a signed soccer ball. The relay's mission is to "celebrate survivorship and raise money to help the American Cancer Society in its mission to save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer and empower individuals to fight back."

In this year's candy themed 'Relay for Life,' the soccer team fittingly chose to be the Sour Patch Kids. Captained and organized by Leah Grimm '09 (Chagrin Falls, OH), the team decorated their table, made t-shirts, dressed Chelsea Brinkman '10 (Clearwater, FL) in an outfit made out of newspaper (one of the various competitions throughout the day), and cheered on Erin Lavery '10 (Huntington, WV) as she danced in the hip-hop dance team show. In addition to all these activities, the team had at least one member, often two or three, walking throughout the full 12 hours of the relay. As a team, the Sour Patch Kids raised nearly \$1,400 for the cause.



Captain Nicole Marotta '09 and Chelsea Brinkman '10 pose for the camera after competing in the newspaper costume contest.

Approximately 400 students on 34 teams participated in the event raising a total of \$72,000 by the start of the relay, which easily surpasses last year's total of \$52,000. In addition to money raised by the students, the American Cancer Society also raised money throughout the course of the relay through the sale of Luminaria bags. Each bag purchased was decorated and dedicated to either a cancer victim or a cancer survivor and was illuminated with a glow stick. A ceremony honored these individuals as the lights of the fieldhouse were turned off, and the entire track was illuminated by the glow sticks. It was truly a moving experience for all in attendance.

"For the second year in a row, the team has participated in one of the greatest school events this year" says Grimm. "One of the special aspects of Relay for Life is that each team who participates sponsors a survivor who is present at the event. The gift to our survivor was a game ball, signed by the team, in honor of her successful battle against cancer. I could not be more pleased with the effort of everyone involved, and I hope that this is a tradition that Bucknell Soccer will continue to be involved with in the future!"

Congratulations go to Jennifer Dervarics '09 (Emmaus, PA) and Lauren Stoller '10 (Basking Ridge, NJ) for leading the team in donations received to date and to all the girls for their commitment and enthusiasm to help and serve the community around them. Thanks again to Leah for all her hard work and dedication to organize the team's participation in this event.



Members of the team stop walking to take a picture during the second annual 'Relay for Life' fundraiser. At center is the soccer ball signed by the entire team which was presented to the team's survivor at the conclusion of the event.

NCAA Rules To Know...

NCAA Recruiting

This page is addressed to all family, friends, and alumni of Bucknell Women's Soccer and Bucknell Athletics in general. The NCAA has strict rules that we, as coaches, must adhere to in the recruiting process. What you will find below are the do's and don'ts under the NCAA Guidelines. We are obligated to print this material at least once per year.

What is a "Representative of Athletics Interests"?

Most likely, if you're reading this, it's you! You are a "Representative of Athletics Interests" and will always retain the identity if you:

- are or ever have been a member of the Bison Club
- are or ever have been an employee of Bucknell
- have ever purchased season tickets for any of Bucknell's athletics programs
- are the spouse of a Bucknell Athletics Department employee
- have ever made a donation to the Bucknell athletics program (either time, services or financial)
- have ever helped to arrange or have provided summer employment for enrolled student-athletes or for prospects who have signed an offer of admission to Bucknell
- have ever assisted in providing any benefit to enrolled student-athletes or their families
- have ever been involved in any way with the Bucknell athletics program that would trigger inclusion as a "representative of athletes interest."

Are there activities that a Representative of Athletics Interests cannot do?

Yes. Representatives may not contact recruits for the purpose of "selling" Bucknell or encouraging them to attend Bucknell for athletic purposes. A representative may not place calls to any prospects (recruits) for recruiting purposes; nor, may representatives make a telephone call to any of the prospect's relatives or legal guardians. In addition, representatives may not have written correspondence with a prospect or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians; a representative may not contact a prospect's coach, principle or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect; a representative may not visit a prospect's educational institution to pick up film/ videotape or transcripts pertaining to the evaluation of the prospect's academic eligibility or athletic ability; and, a representative is prohibited from making in person, on or off campus recruiting contacts.

What is a "prospect"?

The NCAA defines a "prospect" as a prospective student-athlete who has started classes in the ninth grade. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution provides such an individual (or the individual's relatives or friends) any financial assistance or other benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students generally.

What is "recruiting"?

Recruiting is any solicitation of a prospect or a prospect's relatives or legal guardians by an institution staff member for the purpose of securing the prospect's enrollment and ultimate participation in the institution's intercollegiate athletics program. Solicitations can be phone calls written correspondence home visits, official visits on campus, evaluations or off campus contacts.

What can you do to help in recruiting?

As a family member, friend or alumnus, if you come across a talented individual with significant interest in the Bucknell Women's Soccer Program, please forward her name, address and phone number to Coach Landis and his staff. Should a prospect or family member contact you regarding an individual's interests or ability, please direct them to contact us immediately.

Employment of Student-Athletes

1. Prior to the commencement of employment, the student-athlete and employer must sign a written statement to be kept on file in the athletics department, with specifies the following:

- the student-athlete's compensation may not include any remuneration for value or utility that the student-athlete may have for the employer because of the publicity, reputation, fame or personal following that he or she has obtained because of athletics ability
- the student-athlete is to be compensated only for work actually performed
- the student-athlete is to be compensated at a rate commensurate with the going rate in that locality for similar services.

2. It is not permissible for a student-athlete to receive compensation related to his or her speaking/lecturing at an institutional athletics booster club function.

3. An institution or its representative shall not provide a prospect free transportation to and from a summer job unless it is the employer's established policy to transport all employees to and from the job site.

2007 Spring Game Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time / Results
Saturday, March 24	vs. Lehigh	Williamsport, PA	L 0-1
Saturday, April 14	7 v. 7 Tournament	Lock Haven, PA	CHAMPIONS!
	vs. Penn State - Altoona		W 7-0
	vs. Bloomsburg		W 3-0
	vs. Univ. of Pittsburgh @ Johnstown		W 4-0
	Quarterfinals vs. Lock Haven Alumni		W 5-1
	Semi-Finals vs. Millersville		W 7-0
	Final vs. Lafayette		W 3-1
Sunday, April 22	Toyota College Classic	Lancaster, PA	
	vs. Princeton		L 0-2
	vs. St. Peter's		W 2-0
Saturday, April 28	vs. Messiah College	Grantham, PA	W 5-2

Bison Club Calendar of Events

Spring Athletics Receptions

Date	Time	Area	Location
*Tuesday, May 8	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Philadelphia / New Jersey	Yardley Inn, Yardley, PA
*Thursday, May 10	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Pittsburgh	Duquesne Club, Pittsburgh, PA
*Tuesday, May 15	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Baltimore	Corks Restaurant, Baltimore, MD
Wednesday, May 16	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Washington D.C.	Whitlow's on Wilson Bar & Grill, Arlington, VA
Tuesday, May 22	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Central New Jersey	Bahrs Landing, Sandy Hook, NJ
Wednesday, May 23	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	New York City	Tupelo Bar & Grille, New York, NY

*Coach Landis will be in attendance

Closing the Gap

Fundraising Update from Coach Landis

I feel fortunate to be able to speak from the perspective as an alumnus and as a program leader. As a member of the Class of 1996, I have felt since graduation, that it is a responsibility which I take seriously, to consistently give back to the areas that most influenced me during my years as an undergraduate. I have done so with sincerity and as much generosity as each chapter of my life can allow and most importantly, I have done so proudly. As the Head Women's Soccer Coach, I see first-hand how influential every single donation can positively impact our program. These impacts range from enhancing team travel allowing our student-athletes to compete at the highest level and helping to fund the benefits portion of our assistant coach's compensation so that we can put together the strongest staff possible. We utilize every donation to enhance the opportunities that our student-athletes have worked so hard to achieve during the competitive fall season and the spring season, to strive to reach to our potential in recruiting as we draw interest from across the nation and now internationally, and to look and act proudly while representing Bucknell University.

I hope you are as proud of our team's accomplishments over these past two years as I am, first winning the 2005 Patriot League Tournament Championship and then the 2006 Regular Season Championship. The contributions from our alumni, parents, friends, and supporters have been instrumental to these teams' successes. Our preparation to claim the 2007 Tournament Championship began the day after falling short of that goal this past November. We have the staff, returning players, and incoming players who are dedicated to achieving that singular goal and to make you proud. I hope that you might also consider teaming with us by making an annual pledge or gift to the Bison Club designated to Women's Soccer to help my campaign to have 100% giving participation from our former women's soccer players. This type of financial support, at any level, will have a significant impact in all areas of our soccer program and provides the foundation for our current student-athletes to achieve their goals while wearing the Orange and Blue. Thank you and **GO BISON!**

2007 Fall Game Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, August 21	@ Bloomsburg (scrimmage)	TBD
Saturday, August 25	TOWSON (scrimmage)	TBD
Friday, August 31	Sacred Heart %	5:00 PM
Sunday, September 2	Yale %	2:30 PM
Wednesday, September 5	@ Rutgers	7:00 PM
Sunday, September 9	UMBC	2:00 PM
Wednesday, September 12	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	7:00 PM
Saturday, September 15	@ Robert Morris	11:00 AM
Wednesday, September 19	PENN STATE	7:00 PM
Sunday, September 23	CORNELL	3:00 PM
Friday, September 28	MARIST	7:00 PM
Sunday, September 30	@Loyola	1:00 PM
Friday, October 5	NAVY	7:00 PM
Friday, October 12	@ Holy Cross	4:00 PM
Sunday, October 14	@ Army	1:00 PM
Saturday, October 20	@ Colgate	7:00 PM
Friday, October 26	LEHIGH	7:00 PM
Sunday, October 28	LAFAYETTE	1:00 PM
Wednesday, October 31	PRINCETON	7:00 PM
Saturday, November 3	@ American	12:00 PM
Friday, November 9	Patriot League Tournament - Semis	TBD
Sunday, November 11	Patriot League Tournament - Final	TBD

HOME GAMES in Caps and played on the Varsity Soccer Field on campus in Lewisburg, PA
 % = at Yale Tournament in New Haven, CT ALL Game Times listed are local times.

Patriot League Matches are in bold

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