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Dervarics Named Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year

Second Player in School History to Earn the Honor

Bucknell junior Jennifer Dervarics (Emmaus, P.A.) was named the Patriot League Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year at the league championship banquet. Dervarics joins Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame member Lisa Gibbons '95 as the only two individuals in the history of the program to earn the honor as Gibbons earned the award in 1993.



Jennifer Dervarics '09 accepts her 2007 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year award.

Dervarics finished the season with career-highs in every offensive category, leading the Orange and Blue with 12 goals and six assists for 30 points, while ranking second in the Patriot League in goals, points, points per game, third in goals per game, assists and fourth in assists per game.

In league contests, Dervarics recorded 12 points on five goals and two assists, which included a seven-point performance at Holy Cross where she netted her first career hat trick and dished an assist, to post the third-highest single game points total in program history. To help Bucknell to its first-ever road victory over Colgate on Oct. 20, Dervarics recorded two goals, including the game-winner. Then, in the final game of the regular season at American, Dervarics assisted on the lone tally for the Orange and Blue in the 1-1 draw that secured the team's second consecutive regular season title.

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Coach's Corner



The season has now come to a close and whenever you are in the middle of any season, it is amazing how fast it truly goes by. Usually, that is a good sign and that can be true this year as I'm so proud of my team for overcoming so many obstacles and challenges. At the end of the year, we found ourselves at the top of the league standings as Regular Season Champions and host for the Patriot League Tournament, both for the second consecutive year. Then, unlike a year ago, we overcame adversity in the Patriot League semi-final match to win a thrilling overtime game and with it, the right to play for the tournament trophy in the championship match. There, we met Navy, our closest and most respected adversary over the past three years, who was looking to repeat as tournament champions. We gave them everything we had that day; out-shooting them (14-6), earning more corners (7-4), and controlling much of the play throughout the entire game, but what we had on the day was not our best and we fell to Navy 1-0 in the final. As I said to the team that day, there is nothing to be ashamed of, we did give everything we had and Navy was more efficient on the day and deserved to be victors. It was hugely disappointing though, especially for our seniors, but I'm proud of

what they and each member gave to this team. For as challenging it may have been, we have learned more about each other and have grown more than any other Bucknell team I've had the privilege to coach and that often can mean as much, if not more, than championships.

I personally want to congratulate and recognize the Class of 2008: Lindsey Appenzoller, Gretchen Auer, Kimberly Cannon, Krista Lee Gentile, and Leslie Schulze. Krista Lee Gentile was named to the All-Patriot League team all four years; only the second Bison to earn such distinction. As a class, they will all graduate this May, won more games (41) than any other four-year class in program's history, competed in three consecutive Patriot League Tournaments, and helped raise the 2005 Patriot League Tournament Trophy.

As we turn the page for 2008, we have much to be excited about for next year as we'll return 21 letter-winners, 10 starters from that Navy match, and an insatiable hunger to climb one step higher to our ultimate pinnacle of being the 2008 Patriot League Tournament Champions. Thank you to all who have supported us and we look forward to a great 2008. *'Ray Bucknell!*

Player of the Year (cont.):

Dervarics saw time in net this season as well, as she was called into duty as the emergency goalkeeper for the Bison after sophomore Kathryn Sutton (Coatesville, PA), the squad's usual netminder, was issued a red card in the match against Lehigh. Dervarics played the remaining 22:35 of that contest, letting up only an own goal, and started the following game against Lafayette. Versus the Leopards, Dervarics made four saves and picked up the shutout victory that clinched a postseason berth for the Orange and Blue.

During non-conference play, Dervarics posted the second-highest single-game assist total in program history with three in a 5-2 win over Saint Francis, Pa., on Sept. 12. The only other Bison to ever notch three or more assists in a match was Gibbons as she totaled three against Scranton in 1994 and set the Bucknell record in the same season with four against Lycoming.

Currently with 59 career points, Dervarics ranks sixth in the Bucknell record book in that category and is seventh in career goals and career assists, with 23 and 13, respectively.

Academic Performance Nationally Recognized Team and Individuals Honored

For the 12th consecutive year, the women's soccer team was honored with the National Soccer Coaches of America Team Academic Award. The honor is presented annually to squads that post a team grade-point average of 3.0 or higher the previous academic year. With a GPA of 3.48 in 2006-07, the Bison women's squad tied for 23rd nationally, and tied for 11th among Division I institutions. Bucknell has now stood among the top-25 teams in the rankings each of the last two years and has been the top performer in the Patriot League as well.

Individually, Bucknell sophomores Chelsea Brinkman (Clearwater, F.L.) and Lauren Stoller (Basking Ridge, N.J.) were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District II University Division Women's Soccer Second Team, as it was announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The accolades raise the count to nine academic all-district selections all-time for the Bison women's soccer program, including 2007 graduate Shannon Curd, who earned Academic All-America recognition as a senior in 2006. Brinkman and Stoller are just the second and third members of the Orange and Blue to receive the award as sophomores. Kerry Fitzpatrick '06 was the only prior second-year player to earn a spot on the all-district squad, doing so in 2003.

Brinkman appeared in 17 of Bucknell's 20 games this season, starting 10, and earned two points on two assists that came against UMBC and Robert Morris. As a freshman in 2006, she saw action in 16 games and totaled six points on one goal and four assists, three of which came on game-winning tallies. That season, she set up both goals in an upset win over then No. 14 Navy, which gave team a share of 2006 Patriot League regular season title. Following that performance, she was honored as the Patriot League Rookie of the Week while also being named to the *Soccer America* Team of the Week and the *SoccerBuzz*



Chelsea Brinkman '10
Clearwater, FL
Biology Major
Midfielder



Lauren Stoller '10
Basking Ridge, N.J.
Psychology Major
Defender

Elite Team of the Week. Away from the field, Brinkman, who holds a 3.83 grade-point average as a biology major with a minor in Spanish, volunteers at the First Presbyterian Church as a high school youth group leader and at the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen. The 2006 Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member also serves as a freshman hall resident assistant, is involved in DiscipleMakers Christian Fellowship, InterVarsity and has taken part in Relay for Life.

Stoller, a fixture on Bucknell's back line, has played all but 35 possible minutes over her two seasons with the Orange and Blue for a total of 38 career starts. She has helped the Bison match the program single season record for shutouts in both 2006 and 2007, taking part in five as a freshman and five as a sophomore. In her two years as a Bison she has been named to the All-Patriot League second team twice and to the *SoccerBuzz* All-Mid-Atlantic All-Freshman team after the squad set a school record for team goals-against average (0.99) in 2006. In the classroom, Stoller carries a 3.71 GPA as a psychology major. A member of the 2006 Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, she spent time volunteering at Sunflower Day Care Center, at a soup kitchen and at a local farm. This past summer, Stoller interned at the non-profit organization, the Christopher Reeve Foundation.

Six Bison Players Earn All-League Recognition



Jennifer Dervarics '09
Emmaus, PA
First-Team
Forward



Kelliann Doherty '11
Voorhees, N.J.
First-Team
Midfielder



Nicole Marotta '09
Bridgewater, N.J.
First-Team
Defender



Kathryn Sutton '10
Coatesville, PA
First-Team
Goalkeeper



Krista Lee Gentile '08
North Haledon, N.J.
Second-Team
Forward



Lauren Stoller '10
Basking Ridge, N.J.
Second-Team
Defender

Four members of the Bucknell women's soccer team were honored with All-Patriot League first-team honors and two members were voted as second-team selections, the Patriot League announced. The accolades, which came at the conclusion of the 2007 regular season, were voted on by the Patriot League head women's soccer coaches.

First team selection Jennifer Dervarics '09 picked up her second all-league award after being named to the second team as a sophomore in 2006. She finished the regular season with a team-leading 12 goals and six assists for 30 points, which all rank among the top ten single-season point totals in program history.

With her accolade, Kelliann Doherty '11 became the first Bison freshman to be named to the All-Patriot League first team since Kristie Simon in 2000. Doherty, who started all 20 games of her career, had six goals and three assists to her credit for 15 points. Doherty also contributed the game-winning goals against Cornell and Army during the regular season.

Nicole Marotta '09 earned her second first-team selection of her career after being recognized as an all-league first-team honoree and the Patriot League Co-Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore in 2006. On the season, Marotta appeared and started in 16 games, helping the Bison defense match a school record with five shutouts. She had one point on the season, dishing an assist in Bucknell's 6-0 victory against Lafayette.

Kathryn Sutton '10, the first goalkeeper in program history to earn a first-team all-league nod, collected her first all-league award of her career. She played in and started 18 games in net this season. Sutton, who was named Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Week four times in 2007, held a 1.38 goals against average and a .773 save percentage with 85 saves and four shutouts on the year.

Krista Lee Gentile '08, just the second member of the Orange and Blue all-time to earn a spot on the all-league squad in each of her four seasons, garnered three second-team accolades after being named to the first team as a junior in 2006. As a senior this fall, Gentile started all 20 matches, totaling 16 points on six goals and four assists. In 28 career regular season games against league opponents, she finished with 17 goals and eight assists for 42 points.

Lauren Stoller '10 was a second-team all-league recipient for a second straight year as the sophomore has been a key member of Bucknell's defensive unit, starting all 20 games this season and all 38 thus far in her career with the Orange and Blue. At American on Nov. 3, Stoller logged her first career point, recording an assist on the lone tally for the Bison, which helped the squad clinch

Three Named to Patriot League All-Tournament Team



Jennifer Dervarics '09, Molly Linhart '10 and Chelsea McGorry '10 were all named to the 2007 Patriot League All-Tournament Team.

Three Bison were named to the Patriot League All-Tournament Team as junior Jennifer Dervarics (Emmaus, PA), sophomore Molly Linhart (Pittsburgh, PA) and sophomore Chelsea McGorry (Charlton, MA) represented Bucknell on the squad.

Dervarics and Linhart both tallied goals in the team's 2-1 semifinal overtime victory over Army while Linhart recorded an assist against the Black Knights, as well. It was McGorry's tremendous impact on both sides of the ball, in both the semi-final and championship match, which earned her a spot on the all-tournament team.



Happy Holidays!

Alumni Match this Spring: Sat. April 26, 2008

Patriot League Regular Season Champions: 1995 * 2006 * 2007

Patriot League Tournament Champions: 2001 * 2005

NCAA Tournament: 2001 * 2005

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