



Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium

Bucknell’s soccer field at Holmes Stadium was formally rededicated as Emmitt Field, as announced by University president Brian C. Mitchell on October 30th. The state-of-the art, sand-based, Kentucky bluegrass pitch which was originally opened for use in 2005 as Bison Varsity Soccer Field is now named in honor of lead donors Richard ‘67 and Judy Emmitt. The facility also includes an in-ground automatic irrigation system, an underground drainage system, in-ground soccer goals and sports lighting.

A year after the new grass field was dedicated and declared ready for play, construction was completed on the accompanying stadium facility, which was dedicated last month as Holmes Stadium. The stadium includes covered chairback seating for more than 1,000 spectators, indoor viewing suites and press box, locker rooms, and concessions and merchandise shops.

“I am so proud to have our home soccer venue officially and rightfully named Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium and in doing so, paying tribute to the two great families who have demonstrated tremendous leadership in building such a world-class facility,” Coach Landis said. “It is the best soccer facility in our league and truthfully, one of the very best in the entire country.”



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The Bucknell-American women’s soccer game on November 1st brought a close to the fourth season of play on the new field, which has drawn rave reviews from spectators, visiting teams and the Bison coaches and student-athletes. The first game on the newly named Emmitt Field had significant postseason implications – with the 2-1 win over the Eagles, Bucknell clinched its fourth consecutive Patriot League Tournament berth. The facility has already hosted two Patriot League Tournaments on the women’s side, and the Bucknell men’s and women’s teams have a combined 45-14-8 home record on the new surface.

Coach’s Corner



The regular season has now come to a close and it finished with a bang as we defeated American at home on our Senior Day. We finished the regular season 11-6-2 (5-2-0 in league play) and have earned the No. 2 seed in the four team league tournament. We now prepare for the No. 3 seeded Army Black Knights and feel very honored to have reached this stage again while also setting a new mark with our fourth consecutive 11+ win season for the first time in our program’s history.

Senior Day is always a special day, and a day we have traditionally played well on, but for this year, it was particularly memorable as we recognized the most successful four-year senior class in program’s history. Three seniors, all captains, have put their own mark into this team’s identity and I couldn’t be prouder of the job they have done and happier for the success of their senior season thus far. We honored Kelly Boswell, Jen Dervarics, and Nicole Marotta, my first four-year class at Bucknell and a class which has gone 45-28-5 so far with a league record of 20-7-1 in four seasons. No other current senior class in the Patriot League has won more league games. On top of this, they represent the very best of our team in the classroom, in our community, on campus, and certainly within our team. We are not ready to say good bye to this terrific trio and our goal is to send them out as Patriot League Tournament Champions, just like their freshmen year, and return to the NCAA Tournament.

As a team, we are heading to our fourth consecutive Patriot League Tournament and are very proud to represent our athletic department and Bucknell University in doing so with the ultimate goal of winning the tournament championship. At this point, what you have done to get to this moment truly goes out the window, for now we’ll see who is the best team in two games, over a three day span. We are confident, prepared for anything, and have a collective insatiable desire to succeed and will do so together.

As we prepare for the second season and tournament play, I want to thank all of our supporters who have been with us every step of the way and we look forward to making you all proud in hopes of raising the championship cup once again. *Ray Bucknell!*

- Ben Landis '96

Academic Performance Recognized Regionally

Brinkman, Dervarics and Stoller will appear on National Ballot

Three members of Bucknell Women's soccer team earned spots on the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District II Team, which was announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Senior Jennifer Dervarics and juniors Chelsea Brinkman and Lauren Stoller were all named to the first-team and will now appear on the national Academic All-America ballot.

"To have three of our student-athletes, and specifically these three, recognized with such a distinction is such an honor as they represent the best on our team and the University on and off of the field," said Coach Landis. "We continue to lead the way in terms of the scholar-athlete model and succeeding in all venues which our student-athletes hold dearest in their hearts."

Dervarics, the 2008 Patriot League Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, is currently the Patriot League scoring leader with 30 points on 12 goals and six assists, and is also one of the top three career scoring leaders in Bucknell history. She scored the tying and go-ahead goals in 3-2 upset at Maryland on Aug. 29, and she has four game-winning goals in 2008. Dervarics has a point in 11 of 19 games (and 4 of 7 PL games) this season, and she is a two-time Patriot League Offensive Player of the Week.



Jennifer Dervarics '09
Emmaus, PA



Chelsea Brinkman '10
Clearwater, FL

A mathematics major and team co-captain, Dervarics is also the reigning Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year as well as a two-time All-Patriot League selection. She helped lead Bucknell to the league title in 2005 and to regular-season titles in 2006 and 2007. A 2007 Soccer Buzz all-region pick, she has played in every game over four years and started every game since midway through freshman year. Dervarics, who completed an internship with Freeman & Co. Tax Consultants in Exton, Pa., last summer, has been a member of the Dean's List and Patriot League Academic Honor Roll while at Bucknell.

Brinkman earned Academic All-District honors for the second year in a row. She has been playing primarily as a reserve this season, but has still tied her career high with six points (2G, 2A) in 14 games. A member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Brinkman is in second year as a resident assistant and is an active member of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. She volunteers at St. Paul's United

Methodist Church in Lewisburg for Vacation Bible School and other activities, as well as with the Youth Group at First Presbyterian Church. She has organized and participated with a Bucknell Relay for Life team the past two years. A biology major with a 3.83 grade-point average, Brinkman is a Dean's List student and member of Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

Like Brinkman, Stoller also becomes a two-time Academic All-District honoree. One of the Patriot League's top defensive players, Stoller has never missed a start in three seasons (57 straight). She is a two-time Second Team All-Patriot League selection and in 2006 was a Soccer Buzz Freshman All-Region pick. This season, Stoller has been a part of a Bison defense that has broken the school shutouts record with seven.

Off the field, the psychology major with a 3.75 GPA has spent two summers interning with the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, is a member of the Bucknell Fashion Club and has volunteered at Sunflower Day Care Center and the Milton Soup Kitchen. Stoller is also a member of the Bucknell Dean's List and the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.



Lauren Stoller '10
Basking Ridge, NJ

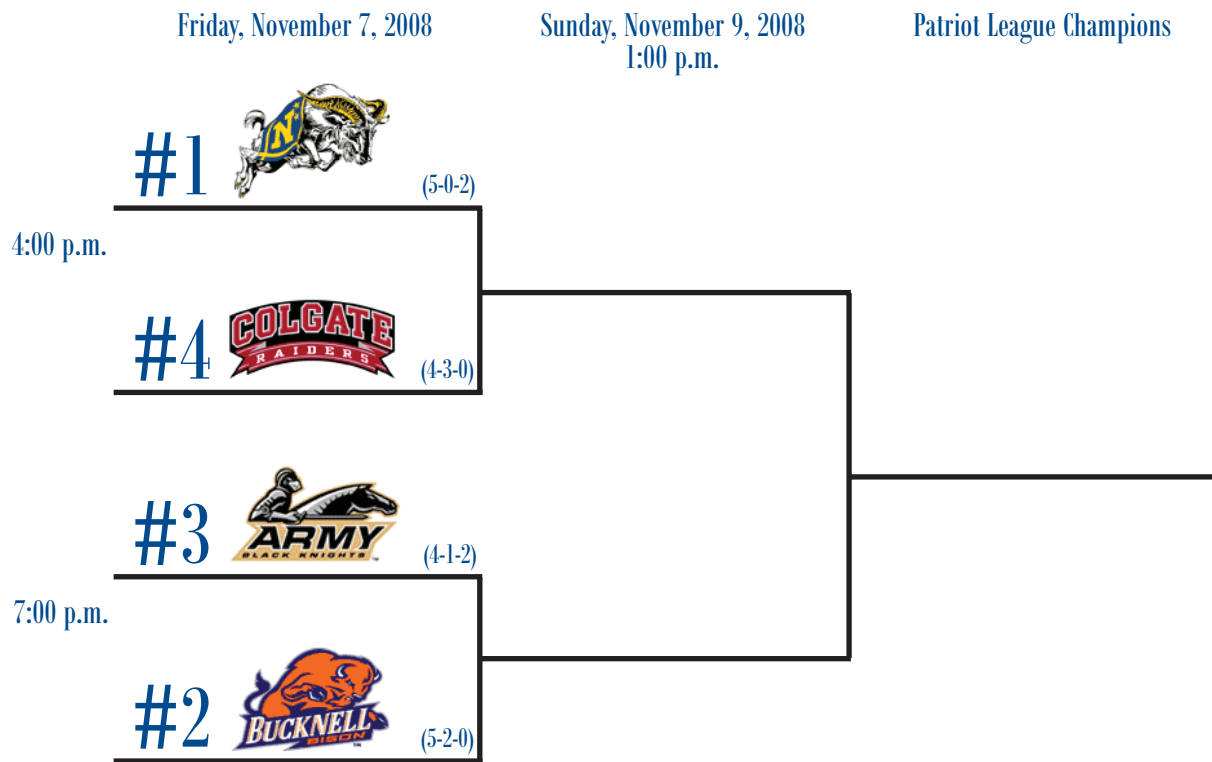
Bucknell ranks fifth among all Division I institutions with 116 national Academic All-Americans. The women's soccer program has now had 12 All-District honorees since 2002.

2008 Patriot League Tournament

The 2008 Patriot League Women's Soccer Championship will be held at Navy's Glenn Warner Soccer Facility as determined by regular-season standings with Navy, Bucknell, Army and Colgate qualifying for the tournament. Two semifinal games will take place on Friday, Nov. 7, with the No. 1 seed Navy facing the No. 4 seed Colgate at 4:00 p.m. and the No. 2 seed Bucknell facing the No. 3 seed Army at 7:00 p.m. The championship game will be played on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1:00 p.m. with the winner earning the Patriot League's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Mids received the No. 1 seed in the field with 17 points, followed by Bucknell as the No. 2 seed with 15 points, Army as the No. 3 with 14 points and Colgate playing as the No. 4 seed in the field with 12 points. Colgate is in the field for the first time since 2006, while the remaining three teams were all there last season. Army makes its second consecutive appearance in the Tournament, while Navy is there for the third straight year and Bucknell is in the Patriot League Women's Soccer Championship for the fourth year in a row.

The No. 1 seed has not won the Championship since Colgate claimed the title in 2004.



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