



## Dervarics Earns National Honor

Bucknell women's soccer standout Jennifer Dervarics '09 (Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus) added another honor to her still-growing heap when she was named to the NSCAA/adidas All-Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team. Dervarics, who ran away with the Patriot League scoring title this fall and was named the league's offensive player of the year for the second straight season, earned NSCAA all-region honors for the first time.

Dervarics led the Patriot League in both goals (12) and points (30) this season, when she led the Bison to a second-place finish in the regular-season standings. She exactly equaled her scoring output from last season, and her 12 goals and 30 points both rank fifth on Bucknell's all-time single-season charts.

Dervarics logged at least one goal or assist in 11 of the team's 20 games in 2008 and had four game-winning goals. She scored both the tying and go-ahead goal in the second half of Bucknell's big win over Maryland, and in Patriot League play Dervarics logged five-point games against both Holy Cross and Lafayette.

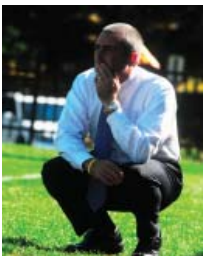


Jen Dervarics '09  
Emmaus, PA  
Forward

"What a tremendous honor to have Jen selected to the NSCAA All-Region 2nd Team. She is among fantastic company and joins classmate Nicole Marotta '09 and four other previous all-region honorees from our program," said Head Coach Ben Landis. "Jen has had a remarkable career and got stronger and stronger against better competition throughout her four years, when everyone who we played against knew who she was, and will graduate in our program's top three in terms of career goals, assists, and points. Only Lisa Gibbons '95, who earned NSCAA All-Region 1st Team honors in 1994, has earned a higher mark from our soccer governing body and I'm so proud of Jen for her selection and honored to have coached her these past four years."

A three-time All-Patriot League selection, Dervarics now ranks No. 3 all-time on Bucknell's career charts for goals (36), assists (19) and points (91). She is one of only seven players in school history to earn all-conference honors three times.

### Coach's Corner



I'd like to congratulate our four student-athletes who were recognized as All-Patriot League performers this past season. All four earned First Team honors, as Bucknell led the league in terms of 1st Team honorees in 2008 and tied a program high as four Bison were honored for the 1st Team in 2007 as well.

Seniors Jen Dervarics and Nicole Marotta each earned all-league honors for the third consecutive year. Dervarics earned 2nd Team honors in 2006 and 1st Team in 2007 & 2008. Marotta earned 1st Team honors in 2006, 2007, & 2008, joining Lisa Gibbons '95 as the only other Bison to have earned 1st Team three times in a career. Dervarics led the Patriot League in goals and points while Marotta ranked third on the Bucknell roster in 2008 with five goals.

Sophomore classmates Christa Matlack and Caitlin Holtz earned all-league honors for the first time in their respective careers. Matlack ranked second in the league for goals and points while Holtz led the league in assists.

As we conclude the 2008 year, from my family and our entire soccer family to you and yours, have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year! I greatly appreciate your support throughout 2008 and we look forward to an even better 2009.

*'Ray Bucknell!*  
- Ben Landis '96

# 2008 Team Awards

The Bucknell Women's Soccer program celebrated its 2008 season, where the Bison went 11-6-3, at its annual team banquet. The Bison posted a 5-2-0 record in Patriot League play and earned the league's #2 seed in the conference Championship. In addition, the Bison also announced its 2008 award recipients at the team banquet.



Jen Dervarics '09  
Emmaus, PA

Senior Jennifer Dervarics (Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus) was named the team's offensive most valuable player after leading the Patriot League in both goals (12) and points (30). Dervarics also earned her third straight All-Patriot League honor, her second straight Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year award and her first NSCAA/adidas All-Mid-Atlantic Team recognition this season. "Jen had another masterful year and has shown consistently that she can finish goal-scoring opportunities, play under immense pressure, and lead all while truly enjoying the game," said Landis. "To earn the league's Offensive Player of the Year two consecutive years is an amazing feat, and she ranks among the very best in the storied history of our program."

Sophomore Amanda Citron (Marshfield, Mass./Marshfield) earned the defensive most valuable player award. Citron anchored a Bucknell defense that broke the program record with eight shutouts this season. In 20 games the team allowed only 24 goals, its second-lowest mark in the last decade. The defense yielded only five goals in seven games against Patriot League opponents. Citron was terrific in Bucknell's scoreless duel with Army in the Patriot League Tournament semifinals and was later named to the All-Tournament Team. She started all 20 games this season and 37 of a possible 40 over the last two years. "We had many major contributors to our defensive success this year, and I believe that Amanda was selected for her consistency, continued development throughout the entire year and poise under pressure," said Landis.



Amanda Citron '11  
Marshfield, MA



Casey Crowley '12  
Hamilton Square, NJ

Freshman Casey Crowley (Hamilton Square, N.J./The Peddie School) was named the team's 2008 Rookie of the Year. Crowley came to Bucknell as a two-time all-state selection at The Peddie School in New Jersey, and she contributed immediately with the Bison both on defense and as a midfielder. Crowley played in 18 games with six appearances as a starter, and she ranked fourth on the team with three assists. The 18 games played were the most among the Bison freshman class. "Casey demonstrated her consistency and competitiveness right from the start of our season through the end and was a dependable on-field personality for us all year, whether in midfield or in the back," said Landis.

Bucknell Professors Peter Brooksbank and George Exner were honored with the Friends of Bucknell Soccer Award. Brooksbank and Exner, both from the department of mathematics, were mainstays on the Bison sideline this season. Brooksbank serves as the team's academic advisor, while Exner served as a Faculty Sideline Coach at numerous games. "Both Pete and George have been tremendous supporters for our student-athletes all year and their work as teachers, advisors and friends to us all means a great deal to us," said Landis. "We feel fortunate to have them and many other great supporters around us on a daily basis throughout our soccer family."



Peter Brooksbank  
Prof. of Mathematics



George Exner  
Prof. of Mathematics



Kelly Boswell '09  
Cherry Hill, NJ

Senior Kelly Boswell (Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill West) earned the Gibbons-Crane Award, which is given to the player who, in the opinion of her teammates and coaches, epitomizes the highest standard of character, commitment, determination, integrity, skill, and work ethic required to be a "complete soccer player." Boswell played in all 20 games this season with four starts, and she was usually the team's first substitution. The electrical engineering major and three-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member was a team captain this season, and she will graduate with eight career points. "This award personifies what it truly means to be the model representative of our program, and nobody did that better the entire year than Kelly," Landis said. "Our team's personality took on her personality, and she is a great student who worked very hard, became the best athlete she could during her senior year, all while having an incredible amount of fun with a boundless amount of spirit. I am so proud of her and the impact she had on this team and program."

Lastly, senior Nicole Marotta (Bridgewater, N.J./Mount St. Mary Academy) captured the Coaches' Award. In 2008 Marotta became only the second Bucknell women's soccer player to earn First Team All-Patriot League honors three times (the other was Hall of Famer Lisa Gibbons). After spending her first three seasons as a force on Bucknell's back line - she was the PL Defensive Player of the Year and a Regional All-American in 2006 - Marotta was moved up to the midfield this season and continued to be a star. A two-year team captain, Marotta recorded a career-high five goals, including two in a home win over Mount St. Mary's, while patrolling the midfield with ease. "It seems strange to say this even though she is one of only two student-athletes in our program's history to earn first team all-league honors three times and will graduate as one of the very best athletes Bucknell University has ever produced, but in many ways, we underestimate the tremendous athlete and person that Nicole represents," said Landis. "Nobody worked harder and developed more with the incredibly deep amount of talent that Nicole had over four years. She got better and better, did everything we ever asked out of her, and yet still has so much room to continue to grow in this game if she chooses to continue to play. Her size, speed, strength and technical and tactical abilities all allow her to be successful at the next level, and it has been an honor to coach her for the past four years."



Nicole Marotta '09  
Bridgewater, NJ

# Trio to Lead Team in 2009



Amanda Citron '11  
Marshfield, MA  
Defender



Molly Linhart '10  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Midfielder



Lauren Stoller '10  
Basking Ridge, NJ  
Defender

Head Coach Ben Landis has announced the trio who will lead the Bison in 2009. Amanda Citron '11 (Marshfield, MA/Marshfield), Molly Linhart '10 (Pittsburgh, PA/Fox Chapel) and Lauren Stoller '10 (Basking Ridge, NJ/Ridge) will take on the captain role next season.

"I am very pleased and extremely proud to announce that for the 2009 year, our team captains leading the way will be Amanda, Molly and Lauren," said Landis. "I believe that these three will be tremendous captains for our team and will lead in their own unique way. I'm counting on them each to highlight their own personal strengths while complementing each other very strongly and always best representing the team as a whole. The dynamic of our captain group will be a positive new experience for us all as they will best represent the new challenges and opportunities related to our team as we collectively move forward to continue to grow, learn, compete and succeed."

## Team Academic Performance Recognized Nationally

For the 13th year in a row, dating back to 1996, the Bucknell women's soccer team has received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award. The honor is presented annually to teams that post a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher the previous academic year. The Bison continue to set the standard for academic achievement in the Patriot League as once again they had the highest GPA of the four Patriot League schools recognized.

With a GPA of 3.47 in 2007-08, the Bison women's soccer squad tied for 27th nationally among all divisions, and was in the top-10 among Division I institutions. "For this team to earn this award and our program to be so honored for the 13th consecutive year is simply amazing and a tribute to the hard work each and every team member puts into their craft on a daily basis," Head Coach Ben Landis said. "To be ranked in the top-10 nationally for our team's GPA, when considering 320 D-I programs, is remarkable, especially when you consider that our roster covers roughly 18 different majors and the incredibly high level of the academics offered at Bucknell University. I continue to be very proud of my team."

Bucknell was one of just 60 schools nationally to have both its men's and women's programs cited and it was the lone Patriot League institution to accomplish that feat.



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