



Notes from the Sidelines

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Vagenas, Seeley, Sanca lead River Hawk Fall 07 season awardees



Three River Hawks epitomize the importance of balance in academics and athletics as they maintain quality performance both inside the classroom and the playing field.



Field Hockey Captain Jayne Vagenas, teammate Missy Seeley, and Men's Cross Country's Ruben Sanca were named All Americans and NE-10 All-Academic First Teams.

Vagenas, who was also named NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year, capped her career with a third straight All Academic First Team while Seeley, a junior midfielder, made the All Academic First Team for the second straight year.

Both Vagenas and Seeley also both made it to the All-Conference First Team and guided their team to the NE-10 regular season and tournament titles and to the NCAA National Championship game.

Sanca, meanwhile, earned his second straight NE-10 All Academic First Team and third straight All NE Region honors after a third-place finish in the NCAA Regional and second place finish in

the NE-10 Championship. Michelle Harrington and Jaci Moulton of Field Hockey were also named All Americans. Other NE-10 All Academic First Team awardees are volleyball's Kristina Martell, men's soccer Ryan Richards, women's soccer's Katelyn Campopiano and Celia Merullo, men's cross country's Joey DeWitt, and women's cross country's Amanda Sousa and Sarah Brassard.

Important Dates, Spring '08	
Start of classes	Jan. 28
Last day to add courses without permission number	Feb. 1
Last day to add a course with a permission number, and drop a course without a	Feb. 8
President's Day (University Closed)	Feb. 18
Spring Break	Mar. 14-23
Patriot's Day (University Closed)	Apr. 21
University Day (No Classes)	Apr. 25
Spring Exams	May 16-22
University Commencement	May 31

Academic Success Rate reflects well on athletics

The second year of Division II Academic Success Rate calculation shows that student-athletes in fact graduate at a much higher rate than the federal methodology reveals.

The Division II ASR, developed two years ago at the request of presidents who thought the federal rate was flawed, is on average about 14 percentage points higher than the federal rate. The overall averages for the entering class of 2000 are 69 percent for the ASR and 55 percent for the federal rate.

By gender, the ASR shows male student-athletes graduating at a 62 percent rate as opposed to 48 percent per the federal methodology. For women, the percentages are 79 percent ASR and 64 percent federal rate.

The ASR is similar to the Division I Graduation Success Rate that takes transfer students into account but goes one step further by including all nonscholarship student-athletes who were recruited by Division II institutions to com-

pete in athletics. The result is that the ASR captures more than twice the enrolled student-athletes as the federal rate, largely because of about 16,000 non-scholarship athletes being included in the NCAA calculation.

The ASR cohort includes more than twice as many student-athletes as the federal cohort. This is one of the major reasons that we believe that the ASR is a more accurate rate than the federal rate, said Division II Presidents Council Chair Charles Ambrose, president at Pfeiffer University. Even after removing all student-athletes who left eligible, the cohort is still two-thirds larger than the total federal cohort.

Participation in the Division II ASR is an obligation of membership, though a penalty structure created for noncompliance will not be activated until 2011 so that schools have plenty of advance notice. That structure requires institutions failing to provide ASR data to forfeit Division II enhancement funds the next

You should know...

Tom Glavine, who just recently became the 23rd 300-game career winner in the Major League, could have played ice hockey and baseball for UMass Lowell (then University of Lowell), had the Atlanta Braves not offered him an \$80,000-contract for being selected in the 2nd round (47th overall) in the 1984 MLB Draft. The future Hall-of-Famer lefty, who was honored with the John Carlton Award in 1984 for being the top scholar-athlete (with a 3.9 GPA and excellent goal-making) in Massachusetts, was also selected by the LA Kings in the 4th round of 1984 NHL Entry Draft.

year. Further, schools that do not submit data during any two years of a five-year period will have to forgo funds for three consecutive years.

—News adapted from The NCAA News, November 7, 2007



Have iPod and like podcast? Like reading blogs? Check the Double-A Zone (www.doubleazone.com), a website that has a blog that features NCAA issues and all things about student athletes, and a podcast that features NCAA President Myles Brand every Monday.

Here are other sites for the jocks!

www.ncaa.org

www.ncaasports.com

www.campuschamps.com

Know the rules...

NCAA Policies on Weekly Time Limits and Day off

17.1.6.1 Daily and Weekly Hour Limitations—Playing Season. A student-athlete's participation in countable athletically related activities shall be limited to a maximum of four hours per day and 20 hours per week.

17.1.6.1.1 Golf Practice—Round Exception. A practice of golf may exceed the four-hours per day limitation, but the weekly limit of 20 hours shall remain in effect. A practice round played on the day before the start of an intercollegiate golf tournament at the tournament site shall count as three hours, regardless of the actual duration of the round.

17.1.6.2 Weekly Hour Limitations—Outside of Playing Season.

Outside of the playing season during the academic year, only a student-athlete's participation in weight-training, conditioning, individual skill instruction and, in football, review of game shall be permitted. A student-athlete's participation in such activities shall be limited to a maximum of eight hours per week, of which not more than two hours per week may be spent on individual skill workouts set forth in Bylaw 17.1.5.2.1 and, in football, review of game film. A student-athlete may not participate in any countable athletically related activities outside the playing season during any institutional vacation period.

17.1.6.4 Required Day Off—Playing Season. During the playing season, all countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited during one calendar day per week, except during participation in one conference and postseason championship and any postseason certified bowl games or National Invitation Tournaments, and during participation in the NCAA championships.

17.1.6.5 Required Days Off—Outside the Playing Season. Outside the playing season, during the academic year, all countable athletically related activities shall be prohibited during two calendar days per week.

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Wanna go to Philadelphia and Orlando for free? How about representing the UML student athletes?



The search is on for one male and one female River Hawks who will represent UML in the NCAA Leadership Conference. The Northeast Region Conference will be held at Philadelphia on Feb. 15-17, and the National Conference at Orlando on May 25-29. For more details, contact Joan Lehoullier.

Complete List of River Hawk Fall 07 Awardees

All Americans

Field Hockey (FH)— Jayne Vagenas, Missy Seeley, Jaci Moulton, Michelle Harrington; Men's Cross Country (MCC)— Ruben Sanca

NCAA All Tournament Team

FH— Vagenas, Liz Day, Harrington

All NE-10 Conference

FH— Moulton, Offensive Player of the Year; Vagenas, Defensive Player of the Year; Katie Enaire, Freshman of the Year

First Team

FH— Moulton, Seeley, Vagenas; Men's Soccer (MSO)— Edens Chery, Matt Dubois; Women's Soccer (WSO)— Katelyn Campopiano; MCC— Joey DeWitt, Steve DeWitt, Sanca; Women's Cross Country (WCC)— Lyra Clark, Christina Dalomba

Second Team

MSO— Rudy Kocandrl, Ryan Richards; FH— Enaire, Harrington; Volleyball (VO)— Jillian Hadder; MCC— Mark Gracia; WCC— Amanda Sousa, Sarah Bonomo

Third Team

MSO— Joey Esteves; VO— Elsa LeGrand; WSO— Tanekar Alexander, Jamie Gillis, Jenna Tulley; MCC— Matias Carrasco, Jason DeDonato, Jack Kilcommons, Tim Guerin; WCC— Elizabeth Carr

NE-10 All Academic Team

First Team

VO— Kristina Martell; FH— Vagenas, Seeley; MSO— Richards; WSO— Campopiano, Celia Merullo; MCC— Sanca, J. DeWitt; WCC— Sousa, Sarah Brassard

Second Team

FH— Molly Clay; WSO— Gillis; MCC— DeDonato

Third Team

VO— Nicole Rondeau; WSO— Kelly Soper

COSIDA Academic All District Team (soccer only)

First Team— Richards; Second Team— Merullo; Third Team— Campopiano, Kocandrl

All New England Team (MSO only)

First Team— Matias Pietropinto
Second Team— Dubois, Chery

Blue Fan Group Games

***Basketball (W & M)**

Wednesday, Nov. 28
5:30/7:30... vs Stonehill

Thursday, Dec. 6
5:30/7:30...vs So. CT

Saturday, Jan. 26
2:00/4:00...vs Bryant

Saturday, Feb. 9
2:00/4:00...vs LeMoyne

Tuesday, Feb. 26
5:30/7:30...St. Rose

***All Ice Hockey Home Games are BFG Games**

Hlebichuk, Priestly, Gardner named NE-10's best

Coaches Shannon Hlebichuk of Field Hockey, Ted Priestly of Men's Soccer and Gary Gardner of Men's Cross Country Coach each earned NE-10 Coach of the Year honor.

The award was first for Priestly, who shared the award with Franklin Pierce coach Marco Koolman. Men's Soccer Team finished the regular season second with 10-2-1 clip in the NE-10 and a NCAA Sweet 16 berth.

Hlebichuk, on the other hand, was named NE-10 Coach of the Year for five straight years. She was also chosen as the National Field Hockey Coaches Association North Region Coach of the Year for the third time.

Gardner, meanwhile, earned another hardware to his list of coach of the year honors in his fifth season at UML. He led this year the cross country team to the conference title (shared with Stonehill College), and a first-place finish among the NE-10 teams in the NCAA Championships.

Field Hockey captured first River Hawks Life Skills Challenge

Field Hockey won the inaugural River Hawk Life Skills Challenge, which is designed to increase student-athlete participation in the fundamental mission of NCAA CHAMPS/ Life Skills program.

The Lady Hawks accumulated 1435 points, while Ice Hockey finished second with 1035, and Women's Basketball third with 875.

The purpose of the River Hawks Life Skills Challenge is to provide a total development program that emphasizes academic, athletic, personal development, career development, and community service support and activities.

The Challenge involves a standardized point system that rewards each of the 12 River Hawk teams for participation and achievement in the following areas: academic and athletic achievement, community service, team enhancement, SAAC communication, Blue Fan Group support, and above and beyond.