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Quick Facts

School:	Villanova University
Location:	Villanova, PA. 19085
Founded:	1842
Enrollment:	6,295
President:	Rev. Edmund J. Dobbins OSA
Athletics Director:	Vince Nicastro
Nickname:	Wildcats
Colors:	Blue & White
Conference:	Big East
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I
Head Coach:	Ann Clifton (East Stroudsburg '86)
Year/ Record at VU:	seventh/ 69-42-9
Assistant Coaches:	Jim McGirr
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Surface/ Capacity:	Villanova Soccer Stadium
Soccer Office Phone:	Grass/ 1,000
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2002 Overall Record:	ann.clifton@villanova.edu
2002 Big East Record:	14-3-4
2002 Big East Finish:	2nd Place - Big East Mid-Atlantic Division
Postseason Finish:	2nd Consecutive NCAA Tourn. Appearance
Soccer All-Time Record:	204-150-33 (1983-present)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:	17/5
Starters Returning/Lost:	9/2
Newcomers:	8
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On the Cover:

Clockwise from the top left - Chrissy Dolan, Elizabeth Dauble, Janessa Jeltema, Candice MacDonald, Michelle Biehl.



Head Coach Ann Clifton



The 2003 season will be the seventh for Ann Clifton as head coach of the Villanova University women's soccer program. In her first six seasons on the Main Line, Clifton has helped the Wildcat women's soccer program reach success in the conference as well as the national scene. Her career record at Villanova currently stands at 69-42-9.

Last season, Clifton and the Wildcats continued their path to national prominence. Villanova tied the school record for victories in a season with 14. The 'Cats finished the season with a 14-3-4 record and made their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Villanova was also given the honor as one of the host seeds for the NCAA Tournament first and second rounds. In addition, the Wildcats were ranked 14th in

National Top 25 Rankings at one point during the season, the program's highest ever ranking.

The 2001 season was a milestone campaign for both Clifton and the Villanova program. She guided the Wildcats to a 13-6-3 record and the program's first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament. Villanova defeated the University of Pennsylvania, 2-0, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, before falling to No. 7 Penn State, 3-0.

Two seasons ago in 2000, Clifton's Wildcats finished the season with an 11-8 record. It was the second consecutive season that Villanova reached double figures in victories.

In 1999, Clifton guided Villanova to one of its finest seasons in school history. The Wildcats won a school record 14 games, finishing the season with a 14-8-0 overall record. Ending the regular season with a 4-2-0 mark in the Big East, Villanova earned the right to host its first-ever home Big East Tournament contest. The conference tournament appearance was the 'Cats' third in Clifton's three seasons at Villanova University. Following the Big East Tournament, the Wildcats received a bid to the ECAC Tournament held at Yale University. With shutout victories over Cornell and St. John's, Villanova won the ECAC Championship title for the second time in Wildcat women's soccer history.

One season earlier, Clifton led the Wildcats to their fifth Big East Tournament appearance in six seasons with a 9-9-2 overall record and a 4-6-1 fourth place mark in conference play.

During her first year at Villanova in 1998, she led the Wildcats to an 8-8-2 overall record. A third place 6-4-1 finish in the Big East during the 1998 season earned the 'Cats their third consecutive conference tournament berth.



Head Coach Ann Clifton has led the Villanova women's soccer program to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Clifton Notes

- Has guided the Villanova program to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.
- Helped lead her 2002 Wildcats to a school record tying 14 victories.
- Clifton's 2002 Wildcats were ranked 14th in National Top 25 Rankings at one point during the season, the program's highest ever ranking.
- Led the Villanova women's soccer program to its first-ever NCAA Tournament in 2001, where the Wildcats won their first NCAA Tournament game in school history, 2-0, over the University of Pennsylvania.
- Guided Villanova to its second-ever ECAC Championship title in 1999.
- Helped the Wildcats reach a school record 14 victories in 1999 (14-8-0).
- Has led Villanova to Big East Tournament appearances in five out of her first six seasons on the Main Line.
- Clifton's Wildcats won the NSCAA Team Academic Award in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.
- Clifton at Randolph H.S. (N.J.) - Head girl's soccer coach:
 - Five State Championships.
 - 32 All-State Players.
 - 10 Regional All-Americans.
 - 3 NSCAA All-Americans.
- NSCAA Coach of the Year - 1994.
- NJGSA Coach of the Year - 1992 and 1993.

In addition to Villanova women's soccer excellence on the field, Clifton has also steered the Wildcats to greatness off the field. In the classroom, women's soccer student-athletes have earned Big East Academic All-Star status during Clifton's tenure. For the past five seasons, the Villanova women's soccer team won the NSCAA Team Academic Award.

Clifton came to Villanova from Randolph High School in Randolph, N.J., where she was the head girl's soccer coach from 1989-96. During her tenure at Randolph, she compiled an impressive 146-8-6 record, leading her team to five state championships in eight seasons. In addition to Randolph's team accomplishments, Clifton also guided 32 players to NJGSA All-State honors, 10 players to NSCAA Regional All-America distinction, and three players to NSCAA All-America accolades.

During the fall of 1995, Clifton coached Randolph to the No. 1 ranking for secondary school teams in the United States. She has also garnered numerous individual honors, including being named the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Coach-of-the-Year in 1994, New Jersey Girl's Soccer Coaches Association Large School and State Coach of the Year in 1993 and New Jersey Girl's Soccer Coaches Association North II Coach of the Year in 1992.

Clifton is involved with numerous soccer organizations, including the New Jersey Olympic Development State Soccer Teams. She was the head coach of the under-19 state team in 1992 and headed up the under-16 squad from 1993-94. Clifton served as the Director of Coaching for the New Jersey Olympic Development Program in 1998. Recently, she serves as a member of the women's committee of the National Soccer Coaches of America. In addition, Clifton was recently named to the NCAA Women's Soccer Committee and is currently also a NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional committee member.

With the Philadelphia Charge calling Villanova Stadium home beginning in 2001, Clifton added to her extensive soccer resumé. She is a member of the Philadelphia Charge Advisory Board, and also did the color announcing at the WUSA Philadelphia Charge Soccer games for Comcast.

Hailing from Randolph, N.J., Clifton received her bachelor's of science degree in health and physical education from East Stroudsburg University in 1986 and went on to receive her Master of Education with concentration in sports management from East Stroudsburg in 1988. Clifton was also honored by her alma mater as the East Stroudsburg Young Alumni Achievement Award recipient for the year 2000. On September 28, 2002, she was inducted into the East Stroudsburg Athletics Hall of Fame. She currently resides in Royersford, Pa.



Assistant Coaches/Support Staff



Jim McGirr

Assistant Coach First Season

Jim McGirr begins his first season as an assistant coach for the Wildcat women's soccer program in 2003.

McGirr arrives at Villanova from Loyola College in Maryland with an extensive soccer background. He was an assistant coach at Loyola in 2002, helping lead the school to the 2002 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament Championship and a berth in the 2002 NCAA Tournament. At Loyola, McGirr was responsible for recruiting players from a number of regions, in addition to organizing in-season and off-season training, and developing opponent scouting reports.

Prior to coaching at Loyola, McGirr was a volunteer assistant coach for the Rutgers University women's soccer program from 2001-02, and assistant coach for the Lafayette College men's soccer team from 2000-01.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, McGirr also has a number of years at the club ranks. From 1997-2002, he was the head coach and trainer for the New Jersey Olympic Development Program. In addition, he was a coach and trainer for the Wyckoff Torpedoes Club Team (U-19 Girls Team) from 1998-2001, head coach and Trainer at the Player Development Academy (U-17 Boys Team) from 2000-2002 and technical director for the Baltimore Bay Soccer Club from 2000-present.

McGirr began his coaching career at the high school level as a head varsity soccer coach. McGirr served as head coach at Bergen Catholic High School from 1995-99, where he helped lead the team to a state championship. At Bergen Catholic, McGirr coached Alecko Eskandarian who went on to the University of Virginia where he won the 2002 Herman Award. Eskandarian also went on to be the No. 1 pick in the MLS Draft by DC United and make the U.S. Men's National Team.

A 1992 graduate of Rider with a bachelor's degree in Psychology, McGirr was a three-year member of the Rider men's soccer team. He is currently working on his master's degree in special education from New Jersey City University.

McGirr currently resides in Wayne, Pa.



Brian Herr

Assistant Coach First Season

Brian Herr enters his first season as an assistant coach for the women's soccer program in 2003. He will work with the Wildcat goalkeepers at Villanova University.

In addition to coaching at Villanova, Herr is also a math teacher at West Chester Henderson High School.

Herr graduated from Drexel University in 1998 with a bachelor's of science degree in math education. While at Drexel, he was a four-year starter at goalkeeper for the Dragon men's soccer team. Herr earned All-League honors twice during his Drexel career and also left as the Dragon's all-time save leader.

Following his playing days at Drexel, Herr was an men's soccer assistant coach at Conestoga High School. In 2001, he left for Radnor High School where he served as assistant women's soccer coach for two seasons.

Herr's coaching resume also includes four years as a coach for the well-known FC Delco Soccer Club team. In addition, he worked for five summers with Gordan Banks - the goalkeeper for England's World Cup winning team in 1966.

Herr currently resides in West Chester, Pa.

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Wildcat players celebrate after scoring the game's goal in a 1-0 Big East Quarterfinal victory over Boston College last season.



2003 Villanova Rosters

2003 Villanova Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Yr	Pos	Hometown / High School
00	Sara Stern	Jr	GK	Los Altos, Calif./ St. Francis
0	Chrissy Dolan	Sr	GK	New Hope, Pa./ Pennsbury
1	Jillian Loyden	Fr	GK	Vineland, N.J./ Vineland
2	Laura Johnson	Jr	F	Charlotte, N.C./ Providence Senior
3	Megan Farmer	Fr	F	Middle Island, N.Y./ Longwood
4	Erica Stewart	Jr	M	Cranford, N.J./ Cranford
5	Candice MacDonald	Sr	M	Pleasanton, Calif./ Amador Valley
6	Kristin Anderson	So	M	Odenton, Md./ St. Mary's
7	Kelly Breslin	So	M/D	Medford, N.J./ Shawnee
8	Jamie Weist	Fr	M	Mt. Laurel, N.J./ Lenape
9	Athena Yiantsos	Fr	F	Voorhees, N.J./ Eastern Regional
10	Regina Villari	Jr	F	Woodbury Heights, N.J./ Gateway Regional
11	Lindsey Finnegan	So	F/M	Blackwood, N.J./ Gloucester Catholic
12	Erika Battle	Fr	D	Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J./ Northern Highlands
13	Michelle Biehl	Jr	D	Southampton, Pa./ Archbishop Wood
14	Valerie Grow	Fr	M	Cumberland, R.I./ Cumberland
16	Jennifer Crawford	So	M	Pottstown, Pa./ Owen J. Roberts
17	Patricia Misciagna	Jr	D/M	Red Bank, N.J./ Red Bank Catholic
18	Janessa Jeltema	Sr	M/F	North Haledon, N.J./ Eastern Christian
21	Elizabeth Dauble	Sr	M/D	Dumont, N.J./ Immaculate Heart Academy
22	Laura Koch	So	D/M	Blackwood, N.J./ Gloucester Catholic
24	Susan Williams	Fr	M	Westfield, N.J./ Westfield
19	Christine Rivera	Fr	M	Lawrenceville, N.J./ Lawrence

2003 Villanova Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Yr	Pos	Hometown / High School
6	Kristin Anderson	So	M	Odenton, Md./ St. Mary's
12	Erika Battle	Fr	D	Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J./ Northern Highlands
13	Michelle Biehl	Jr	D	Southampton, Pa./ Archbishop Wood
7	Kelly Breslin	So	M/D	Medford, N.J./ Shawnee
16	Jennifer Crawford	So	M	Pottstown, Pa./ Owen J. Roberts
21	Elizabeth Dauble	Sr	M/D	Dumont, N.J./ Immaculate Heart Academy
0	Chrissy Dolan	Sr	GK	New Hope, Pa./ Pennsbury
3	Megan Farmer	Fr	F	Middle Island, N.Y./ Longwood
11	Lindsey Finnegan	So	F/M	Blackwood, N.J./ Gloucester Catholic
14	Valerie Grow	Fr	M	Cumberland, R.I./ Cumberland
18	Janessa Jeltema	Sr	M/F	North Haledon, N.J./ Eastern Christian
2	Laura Johnson	Jr	F	Charlotte, N.C./ Providence Senior
22	Laura Koch	So	D/M	Blackwood, N.J./ Gloucester Catholic
1	Jillian Loyden	Fr	GK	Vineland, N.J./ Vineland
5	Candice MacDonald	Sr	M	Pleasanton, Calif./ Amador Valley
17	Patricia Misciagna	Jr	D/M	Red Bank, N.J./ Red Bank Catholic
19	Christine Rivera	Fr	M	Lawrenceville, N.J./ Lawrence
00	Sara Stern	Jr	GK	Los Altos, Calif./ St. Francis
4	Erica Stewart	Jr	M	Cranford, N.J./ Cranford
10	Regina Villari	Jr	F	Woodbury Heights, N.J./ Gateway Regional
8	Jamie Weist	Fr	M	Mt. Laurel, N.J./ Lenape
24	Susan Williams	Fr	M	Westfield, N.J./ Westfield
9	Athena Yiantsos	Fr	F	Voorhees, N.J./ Eastern Regional

Head Coach: Ann Clifton
Assistant Coach: Jim McGirr, Brian Herr
Captains: Candice MacDonald, Chrissy Dolan, Michelle Biehl
Assistant Captains: Laura Johnson

Wildcats By Class

Seniors - 4 (Elizabeth Dauble, Chrissy Dolan, Janessa Jeltema, Candice MacDonald).

Juniors - 6 (Michelle Biehl, Laura Johnson, Patricia Misciagna, Sara Stern, Erica Stewart, Regina Villari).

Sophomores - 5 (Kristin Anderson, Kelly Breslin, Jenny Crawford, Lindsey Finnegan, Laura Koch).

Freshman - 8 (Erika Battle, Megan Farmer, Valerie Grow, Jillian Loyden, Chistine Rivera, Jamie Weist, Susan Williams, Athena Yiantsos).

Wildcats By State

California - 2 (Candice MacDonald, Sara Stern).

Pennsylvania - 3 (Michelle Biehl, Jennifer Crawford, Chrissy Dolan).

New Jersey - 14 (Erika Battle, Kelly Breslin, Elizabeth Dauble, Lindsey Finnegan, Janessa Jeltema, Laura Koch, Jillian Loyden, Patricia Misciagna, Christine Rivera, Erica Stewart, Regina Villari, Jamie Weist, Susan Williams, Athena Yiantsos).

New York - 1 (Megan Farmer).

North Carolina - 1 (Laura Johnson).

Maryland - 1 (Kristin Anderson).

Rhode Island - 1 (Valerie Grow).

Wildcat Women's Soccer Pronunciation Guide

Michelle Biehl	BEAL
Kelly Breslin	BREZ-lin
Janessa Jeltema	JELT-em-a
Laura Koch	COKE
Patricia Misciagna	mish-ON-ya
Regina Villari	vill-ARE-ee
Athena Yiantsos	YAN-Tose

