



## 2003 Season Preview

The 2002 season was another positive step in the progression of the Villanova women's soccer program, as head coach Ann Clifton's Wildcats put their claw mark all over the national scene. The 'Cats tied the Villanova school record for wins in a season with 14, made their second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament and were ranked as high as No. 14 in the nation at one point during the 2002 season.

With very few losses from last season's roster, a stellar recruiting class in the fold and another year of experience under its belt, the Villanova women's soccer team appears primed for another run at the top of the charts in '03.

### **Forward:**

Last season's Wildcat squad showed marked offensive improvement and that is likely to continue as Villanova returns 73 percent of its goal scoring from 2002. Leading the way in 2003 will be junior Laura Johnson, who is coming off a 27-point (nine goals, nine assists) campaign. Johnson was named to the All-Big East first team in 2002, in addition to receiving All-Mid Atlantic Region second team honors from both the NSCAA and Soccer Buzz.

"Laura is a very intelligent forward who knows the ropes now," said head coach Ann Clifton. "She had a tremendous season last year getting named to the All-Big East first team, and looks to put up even better numbers this season."

Rounding out the starting forward line will be senior Janessa Jeltema and sophomore Lindsey Finnegan. Jeltema scored a career-high five goals in 2002, finishing the season with five goals and one assist for 11 points. Finnegan made quite an impact during her rookie campaign one year ago, scoring three goals and dishing out three assists for nine points.

"Janessa is a dangerous threat whose athleticism allows her to get on the attack," said Clifton. "Janessa is also a great one versus one artist. Lindsey really committed herself during the off-season to developing her ability to take on players one on one. She has the ability to really stretch defenses."

A force off the bench for the 'Cats at forward is speedy junior Regina Villari. Villari finished tied for second on the team in both points (13) and goals



*Senior co-captain Candice MacDonald scored two goals and dished out two assists for the Wildcats last season.*

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"Regina has the speed and athleticism to come in and really change the game for us offensively," said Clifton. "Very few teams have a player of her caliber on the bench to come in and give the team a lift."

Other players looking to contribute offensively at the forward position are sophomore Jennifer Crawford and freshmen Athena Yiantsos and Megan Farmer.

"Jennifer plays the possession very well in the attack," said Clifton. "We also have two freshmen who will look to make an immediate impact at forward. Athena was a member of the Greek National Team and her international experience should really benefit her. She is a powerful runner who is very dangerous with the ball at her feet. Megan's best quality is her speed which allows her to just fly up and down the field."

### **Midfield:**

The Villanova team is built around its midfield where seniors Elizabeth Dauble and Candice MacDonald anchor a strong group. The duo of Dauble and MacDonald combined for four goals and three assists last season.

Junior Erica Stewart and sophomore Kelly Breslin will battle for the final starting spot in the midfield. Stewart saw time in 20 games last season for the 'Cats and was a key player off the bench. Breslin contributed immediately as a freshman last season, scoring three goals and posting one assist on the year.

"Erica and Kelly are amazing players with a flair for the game, but they also play very steady and consistent," said Clifton.

The Villanova midfield will have a number of young players making an impact off the bench, including freshmen Jamie Weist, Valerie Grow and Susan Williams. Weist, a local product from Mt. Laurel, N.J., was named the Philadelphia Inquirer Player of the Year as a senior. Grow, a native of Cumberland, R.I., was a two-time first team All-State performer. Williams will be the third Villanova soccer player in her family, as her brothers Brian and Jon each played for the Wildcat men's squad.



*Junior forward Laura Johnson was a first team All-Big East selection one season ago.*



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*Senior goalkeeper Chrissy Dolan was named the 2003 Big East Conference Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year.*

### **Defense:**

Villanova possessed one of the stingiest defenses in the country last season and returns nearly the entire unit from a 2002 defense which allowed only 0.53 goals per game.

Anchoring the defense is junior captain Michelle Biehl who earned extensive honors in 2002 including NSCAA third team All-America accolades.

"Having Michelle is like having a coach on the field," said Clifton. "She is a physical presence but also a finesse player. Michelle is the leader that makes the team go. She commands the defense."

Junior Patricia Misciagna appears ready for a big breakout season in 2003. A two-year starter for the 'Cats, she is one of the conference's most underrated defenders.

"Patricia is one of the steadiest players a team can have," said Clifton. "She is a two-year starter with a dangerous left foot. This is going to be a big breakout season for her."

Winding down the starting defensive unit for the Wildcats will be sophomores Laura Koch and Kristin Anderson. Both made significant strides during their rookie campaigns one year ago.

"Laura's athleticism is second to none," said Clifton. "She has size, presence, speed and now has a year of experience. Kristin has the ability to play the long ball and is very accurate with her services."

Grow and fellow freshman Erika Battle will add depth to the Villanova defense.

"Erika is a very good athlete," said Clifton. "She gets better and better every day."

### **Goalkeeper**

When talking about the goalkeeper position, the Wildcats are undoubtedly second to none in the Big East Conference entering the 2003 season. Returning to the net is senior captain Chrissy Dolan, who put together a memorable season in 2002 – her first year as the team's starting goalkeeper.

Dolan, the 2003 Big East Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year, had a record-setting 2002 season. She set a new school record for best goals against average in a season (0.55) and tied the record for most shutouts in a season with nine. In addition, Dolan saved 142 shots and tallied a .922 save percentage. She earned Soccer Buzz All-Mid Atlantic second team accolades for her efforts.

"Chrissy has a presence on and off the field," said Clifton. "She knows what it takes to get to the next level. Chrissy is a fiery player who has athleticism, great hands, and tremendous footwork. She is deceptively quick and powerful."

Junior Sara Stern gives Clifton's Wildcats a proven backup in net. In limited action one year ago, Stern did not allow a goal and saved two shots in nearly 40 minutes of work.

"Sara is the glue to this team," said Clifton. "She is a proven backup and important piece of the puzzle."

A freshman who will battle for time in 2003 is Vineland, N.J. native Jillian Loyden. She received All-State honors in each of her final two seasons at Vineland High School.

"Jillian is a very talented goalkeeper who brings us national team experience," said Clifton.

### **Clifton on the 2003 'Cats:**

"Our 2003 schedule is one of the most ambitious schedules that this program has had in some time. We are prepared for this challenge. As a team, you have to be able to get up for the North Carolina's and North Carolina State's of the world. Adding those games to a tough conference slate - the Big East is one of the countries top conferences - Villanova will have a very formidable schedule this season.

In the past, our program has always gotten to one milestone and thought of what the next one would be. We are going to stop worrying about milestones now. Villanova is going to just go out and look to do one thing - play. One of our strengths has always been going out and performing every day no matter what the competition. This season the Wildcats will look to make each moment better than the last."



*One of the Big East's top defenders, Michelle Biehl helped the Wildcats hold opposing offenses to just 0.53 goals per game in 2002.*



## Player Profiles



### Elizabeth Dauble

#21

Senior • Midfield/Defense  
Dumont, N.J.  
Immaculate Heart Academy

**VILLANOVA:** Ability to provide a great rhythm for team possession and a physical presence in the midfield...Tremendous touch with the ball...Ability to break down defenders with her technical skill...

Strong playmaking abilities from central midfield position...Played for the New Jersey Stallions and Kasbek Tambi during the summer of 2002. **2002:** Started in all 21 games for the Wildcats...Scored two goals and added three assists for seven points...Had one assist in Big East Conference games...Tallied the game-winning goal versus George Mason...Registered an assist against Saint Joseph's...Assisted on the game-winning goal versus Seton Hall...Recorded one assist against Howard...Scored one goal in a win over Mt. St. Mary's. **2001:** Played in all 22 games on the year, starting in seven contests...Provided a defensive spark off the bench.**2000:** Started in six of the 19 games in which she played...Scored one goal and added one assist for three points...Scored her first career goal against Manhattan...Had one goal and one assist versus the Jaspers.

**IMMACULATE HEART ACADEMY:** Received first team All-State honors by the *Newark Star Ledger* and the New Jersey Girls Soccer Coaches Association in 1999...Led her Immaculate Heart team to a number one ranking in New Jersey and a number three ranking in the United States in both 1998 and 1999...A two-time first team All-League Performer.

**PERSONAL:** Civil Engineering major...Daughter of Steven and Sue Dauble...Born 2/6/82.

### Dauble's Career Statistics

Year	GP/ GS	Shots	Goals	Assists	Points
2000	19/6	15	1	1	3
2001	22/7	17	0	0	0
2002	21/21	32	2	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>62/34</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>



Elizabeth Dauble



### Chrissy Dolan

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Senior • Goalkeeper  
New Hope, Pa.  
Pennsbury H.S.

**VILLANOVA:** 2003 Big East Preseason Goalkeeper of the Year...Returning keeper with tremendous experience that will anchor the Wildcats' disciplined defense...Very gifted athlete that rose to the challenge

of taking over the goalkeeping tasks last season...Continued Villanova's tradition of great goalkeepers...Team player that uses her leadership to help guide the team.

**2002:** Named to the Soccer Buzz All-Mid Atlantic Region second team...A four-time Big East Conference Goalkeeper of the Week in 2002...Soccer America/Soccer Buzz National Goalkeeper of the Week on October 3rd...Set a new Villanova record for best goals against average in a season at 0.53...Tied the school record for most shutouts in a season with nine...Started all 21 games in net for Villanova...Saved 142 shots and allowed only 12 goals for a .922 save percentage...Surrendered just 12 goals in 1,960 minutes for a 0.53 goals against average...Recorded nine shutouts on the season...Had a 0.79 goals against average, a save percentage of .906, and one shutout in Big East Conference games...Tallied her first shutout of the season against Lehigh...Saved seven shots in a 1-0 double overtime shutout versus La Salle...Registered nine saves in a 1-1 tie at UConn...Tallied three saves in a 1-0 shutout of Towson...Recorded 12 saves in a 0-0 tie against Navy...Stopped nine shots in a 2-1 win at Pittsburgh...Made six saves in a 0-0 tie versus Rutgers...Saved a season-high 16 shots in a 2-1 shutout win over nationally ranked Notre Dame...Shutout Mt. St. Mary's 6-0...Made five saves in a 2-0 shutout victory against Florida International...Posted an 11-save performance in a 3-0 shutout victory at Miami...Stopped nine shots in a 1-1 tie against St. John's...Saved six shots in helping the Cats shutout Boston College, 1-0, in the Big East Championship Quarterfinals...Saved nine shots in a 1-0 NCAA Tournament first round loss to Yale. **2001:** Saw action in six games, starting five contests in net for the Wildcats... Recorded a 3-0-1 mark on the year, including three shutouts...Saved 12 shots and allowed only three goals in 458 minutes...Recorded a .800 save percentage and a 0.47 goals against average...Shutout St. Bonaventure in the season-opener, saving three shots...Saved two shots in a 1-1 tie at Manhattan...Made two saves in a shutout win versus Marist...Posted two saves in a win over UMBC...Amassed one save in a shutout victory against Robert Morris...Combined with Janel Schillig to shutout Navy. **2000:** Played in eight games in net, starting in two contests...Posted a 2-0-0 record, and had 2.5 shutouts...In 301 minutes in goal, she saved 21 shots (.955 save %) and allowed only one goal (0.30 goals against avg.)...Combined with starter Janel Schillig to shutout Manhattan...Saved four shots versus Pepperdine...Made her first career start versus Mt. St. Mary's, combining for a 2-0 shutout...Stopped two shots as she combined to blank Rutgers 4-0...Made three saves in a 3-0 combined shutout of Georgetown...Saved a career-high nine shots in win over Bucknell.

**PENNSBURY HIGH SCHOOL:** An All-State soccer team member from 1998-2000...Scored 1,000 points as a member of the girl's basketball team...Named to the 1999 All-State Volleyball Team...Garnered 12 varsity letters...Led the Falcons to the State soccer title in 1999...An All-District, All-Area and All-League player in soccer, volleyball and basketball.

**PERSONAL:** Commerce & Finance major...Daughter of Thomas and Marie Dolan...Born 9/5/81.

### Dolan's Career Statistics

Year	GP/GS	Min	SV	GA	SV%	GAA	ShO	W-L-T
2000	8/2	301	21	1	.955	0.30	2.5	2-0-0
2001	6/5	458	12	3	.800	0.59	3	3-0-1
2002	21/21	1960	142	12	.922	0.53	9	14-3-4
<b>Total</b>	<b>35/28</b>	<b>2719</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>.916</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>19-3-5</b>



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### Janessa Jeltema #18

**Senior • Midfield/Forward**  
North Haledon, N.J.  
Eastern Christian

**VILLANOVA:** Great cutback move that can fool any defender...Will cause defenses havoc with her tremendous speed...Appears primed for a breakout season...Played in the U23 national championships during summer of 2002. **2002:** Named Big East Offensive Player of the Week on October 28...Played in all 21 games on the season, starting in 20 contests...Finished tied for second on the team in goals with five...Added one assist to finish the season with 11 points...Had one goal and one assist for three points in Big East Conference games...Assisted on the game-winning goal in overtime in a 2-1 win at Pittsburgh...Scored the game-winning goal at Miami...Tallied the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win at Seton Hall...Posted a "hat trick" versus Howard - her first career three-goal performance. **2001:** Made 17 starts in 22 games played...Scored five goals and added five assists for 13 points on the year...Dished out three assists in Big East play...Scored her first goal of the season against Marist...Posted one goal versus UMBC...Tallied two assists in a win over Seton Hall...Had one assist versus Pittsburgh...Recorded one goal and added one assist against Navy...Scored the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win at Syracuse, also adding one assist. **2000:** Started in 12 of the 19 games in which she played...Scored one goal and added four assists for six points...Fourth on the team in assists...Had one assist in Big East play...Scored her first career goal versus Manhattan, finishing the contest with one goal and a game-high two assists...Assisted on the game-winning goal at Pittsburgh...Dished out one assist in a 2-1 victory against Bucknell. **EASTERN CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL:** Named to the 1999 High School All-America Team...Regional All-American in 1998-99...Selected to the All-State Team three times...Set a school and county record for goals (129) and assists (57) during her career...Led her club team, the Wychoff Torpedos, to the U.S. Youth Soccer Region I Championships in Rhode Island. **PERSONAL:** Human Services major...Daughter of Allan and Kathy Jeltema... Born 11/29/81.



### Candice MacDonald #5

**Senior • Midfield**  
Pleasanton, Calif.  
Amador Valley H.S.

**VILLANOVA:** Tremendous leader by example... Possesses a deep pride in her fitness level...Mentally tough...Lethal with her precision passing into the attacking third...Fierce competitor...Three-year starter as a central midfielder. **2002:** Played in all 21 games, starting in 16...Scored two goals and dished out two assists for six points...Had one assist in Big East play...Assisted on the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win over nationally ranked Notre Dame...Scored her first goal of the season at Miami...Posted one goal versus Howard...Had the assist on the game-winning goal in a 1-0 win over Boston College in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championships. **2001:** Played in all 22 games, starting in 17 contests...Scored three goals and dished out seven assists for 13 points on the year...Second on the Wildcat team with seven assists...Had one assist in Big East play...Posted one goal versus St. Bonaventure in the season-opener...Tallied one assist against Marist...Registered one assist against UMBC...Had er first career two goal game versus Boston College...Assisted on the game-winning goal at Syracuse...Amassed two assists in a 2-1 win at George Mason...Posted one assist in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against Penn. **2000:** Played in all 19 games, starting in 17 contests...Posted one goal and six assists for eight points...Tied for first on the team in assists and fifth in points...Had two assists in Big East play...Scored her first career goal against Fairfield...Assisted on the game-winning goal at St. John's...Tallied one assist versus Rutgers...Recorded one assist against Georgetown...Registered a career-high two assists against St. Francis. **AMADOR VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL:** Played for one of the top club team's in the country, the San Ramon Crunch...Led the Crunch to a spot as a National Championship Finalist in 1999...Named to the Northern California Olympic Development Team that competed in the Olympic Development National Tournament...Received Northern California All-State Team status as a senior. **PERSONAL:** Political Science major...Daughter of Cliff and Cindy MacDonald...Born 7/4/82.

#### Jeltema's Career Statistics

Year	GP/ GS	Shots	Goals	Assists	Points
2000	19/12	27	1	4	6
2001	22/17	31	4	5	13
2002	21/20	26	5	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>62/49</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>

#### MacDonald's Career Statistics

Year	GP/ GS	Shots	Goals	Assists	Points
2000	19/17	20	1	6	8
2001	22/17	31	3	7	13
2002	21/16	25	2	2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>62/50</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>27</b>



Janessa Jeltema



Candice MacDonald