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Bucknell Claims 2007-08 Patriot League Presidents' Cup

The Bison win the title for the 14th time in Patriot League history.

Center Valley, Pa. – Bucknell has been awarded its 14th Patriot League Presidents' Cup, it was announced on Monday by Patriot League Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich. The Bison also claimed their 14th women's title, while Navy earned its first Cup title of any kind by winning on the men's side.

Bucknell earned 120.25 points to take the overall crown, while Navy was in second place for the second year in a row with 108.5 points. Colgate recorded its best finish since the 1999-00 year by placing third with 95 points, while Army was right behind in fourth place with 94 points. Lehigh came in fifth with 79.75 points, followed by American (72.25), Lafayette (69.25) and Holy Cross (60.5) rounding out the standings.

After leading the Presidents' Cup race at the conclusion of the winter season, Bucknell cemented its title with a strong spring campaign. The Bison won Patriot League Championship titles in baseball and rowing in the spring, and finished in the top three in the League in five other spring sports. The Bison led all schools with 49.25 points in the spring season. Bucknell finished the 2007-08 campaign with five Patriot League titles, also winning on the women's side in basketball, indoor track and field and cross country. They won the women's trophy with 62.75 points, while coming in second on the men's side with 57.5 points. Bucknell has won three consecutive and 10 of the last 11 overall Presidents' Cup titles.

Navy led all Patriot League schools with seven League titles in the 2007-08 season. The Mids claimed three of those championships in the spring, winning in golf, men's outdoor track and field and men's tennis. Navy finished as the runner-up in baseball and rowing in the spring season. The Mids also claimed the Patriot League Championship in men's swimming and diving, men's indoor track and field, women's soccer and women's cross country in the 2007-08 season. The five titles on the men's side helped give Navy 61 points in that race, good enough for the first men's trophy in school history. They notched 47.5 points and finished in third place on the women's side.

Colgate matched its best Presidents' Cup finish in school history with help from a spring campaign that included titles in men's and women's lacrosse. The Raiders claimed four titles during the 2007-08 season, as they also won in men's soccer and women's swimming and diving. Colgate came in second place on the women's side for the second year in a row after finishing with 48.5 points, and placed fourth in the men's race with 46.5 points.

Army came in fourth overall after a solid spring where it won the Patriot League Championship in women's tennis and women's outdoor track and field. The Black Knights also finished first in the regular season in baseball, and tied for first in men's lacrosse. Army finished in third place on the men's side with 49.5 points, and fourth in the women's standings with 44.5.

Lehigh claimed its lone 2007-08 Championship during the spring season, with the softball team winning the tournament title after also placing first in the regular season. The Mountain Hawks came in fifth overall with 79.75 points, and also placed fifth in both the men's and women's races.

American used a strong fall season and four Patriot League Championships to finish in sixth place in the overall standings. The Eagles claimed titles in men's cross country, field hockey and volleyball in the fall before winning the men's basketball crown in the winter. American finished with 72.25 points in the overall standings.

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Lafayette's top finishes during the 2007-08 campaign were of the second-place variety in women's indoor track and field, football, field hockey and softball. The Leopards were the runner-up in the field hockey and softball tournaments.

Holy Cross placed first in the regular-season standings in men's soccer, and finished with the most overall Presidents' Cup points in women's basketball by placing second in both the regular season and tournament.

Bucknell and Army are the only two institutions to win the Patriot League Presidents' Cup, with the Bison earning 14 titles and the Black Knights taking home four (1994, 1995, 1997, 2005).

"Today's Scholar-Athletes, Tomorrow's Leaders" – The Patriot League continually demonstrates that student-athletes can excel at both academics and athletics without sacrificing its high standards. The Patriot League's athletic success is achieved while its member institutions remain committed to its founding principle of admitting and graduating student-athletes that are academically representative of their class. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of a well-rounded education.

2007-08 Patriot League Final Presidents' Cup Standings (Through 23 sports)

Overall Standings

Institution, Points

1. Bucknell, 120.25 (23)
2. Navy, 108.5 (19)
3. Colgate, 95 (22)
4. Army, 94 (19)
5. Lehigh, 79.75 (23)
6. American, 72.25 (15)
7. Lafayette, 69.25 (22)
8. Holy Cross, 60.5 (23)

Men's Standings

Institution, Points

1. Navy, 61
2. Bucknell, 57.5
3. Army, 49.5
4. Colgate, 46.5
5. Lehigh, 37
6. Lafayette, 31.5
7. American, 30
8. Holy Cross, 28

Women's Standings

Institution, Points

1. Bucknell, 62.75
2. Colgate, 48.5
3. Navy, 47.5
4. Army, 44.5
5. Lehigh, 42.75
6. American, 42.25
7. Lafayette, 37.75
8. Holy Cross, 32.5

(#) – Number of Patriot League sports (all seasons)