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2007 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTS FOUR NEW MEMBERS



Maasch, Smith, Whitaker

The SUNY New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame grew by four following a ceremony in the College Terrace on October 12th. The class of 2007 featured Gary Maasch, Jasmine Sanchez, Gail Smith, and Tom Whitaker. New members have been inducted every few years with the present number of inductees totaling 63.



Gary Maasch was a two sport athlete who competed on both the men's soccer team and baseball team. He was the recipient of the New Paltz Gold Key Award which recognized athletes who, during their college career, earned eight varsity letters. Maasch

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WOMEN'S TENNIS REPEATS AS SUNYAC CHAMPIONS



Champions

In 2007, the team finished the dual match season with a record of 7-3 and capped their campaign by winning the SUNYAC Championship for the second consecutive year. New Paltz claimed three individual titles and won all three doubles. Junior Dana Lim won the first singles title for the second consecutive year and teamed with senior Eri Yamakawa at first doubles. Lim finished with season with a record of 12-1 at first singles and the duo posted a 9-4 record in doubles. Sophomores Liz Beirne and Lyndsey Lovinger won SUNYAC titles at third and fourth singles, respectively. Beirne posted a 10-2 record at third and Lovinger finished 7-2 at fourth. In doubles, the pair teamed up for an 11-1 record. Lindsay Trifiletti reached the SUNYAC finals at fifth singles and team with Stephanie Schara to win third doubles. Trifiletti went 8-4 at fifth singles and in doubles the duo went 7-2. Sophomore Kerri Serkes advanced to the SUNYAC finals at sixth singles and finished the season with an 8-3 record. For their efforts Lim, Yamakawa, Beirne, Lovinger, Trifiletti, and Schara were named first team All-SUNYAC, while Serkes garnered second team honors.





played soccer for coach Al Miller and was part of the 1965 squad who won both the SUNY Conference title and the NCAA College Division Atlantic Coast Championship. He was a co-captain in 1965, named to the Atlantic Coast All-Tournament team, and earned All-SUNYAC honors. Other accomplishments include playing varsity baseball for four years, three under Miller and his final season under Joe Owens. According to his teammate, Daniel Zipkin, he was one of the most spirited, dedicated and serious members of both teams. He always played hard and fought hard for he fellow teammates. After graduation in 1966, he became a teacher at Bayport High School followed by a career change which led him to become a police officer until he retired in

July of 2004.



Gail Dawson Smith, was a pioneer in sports for women, at a time when women did not have an opportunity to play on intercollegiate teams. Along with her

Arethusa sorority sisters, Smith played a large role in introducing women's athletics at New Paltz. Her assiduous nature and commitment to the notion that women can compete helped pave the way for our future female student-athletes. From 1962-1966 she participated in numerous sports through the Women's Athletic Association. Smith's work on behalf of women has been invaluable to the athletics program at New Paltz and beyond. In 2004, she was recognized for her dedication to women's athletics as a recipient of the Carol Eckman Award. Currently, Smith is the Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator at Middlebury College, where she received the Middlebury College Faculty Feminist of the Year Award for her leadership among women athletes in 2005.



Tom Whitaker, a first baseman and pitcher, was a member of the New Paltz Baseball team from 1972-1976 playing under coach Pete Craemer and George Valacente. In that time the Hawks

compiled a record of 55-46, and Whitaker was a four-time All-SUNYAC selection. In 1975, Whitaker posted New Paltz's

single season record for wins (11), conference wins (9), strikeouts (96), fewest runs allowed (13) and complete games (10). In 1976, after his senior season, Whitaker became the second New Paltz player selected in the major league draft when he was chosen by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Whitaker ranks first on the career chart with 17 wins, second in fewest loses (three), and third with a 1.79 ERA.

Jasmine Sanchez was a member of the New Paltz Women's Basketball team from 1995-1999, playing under coach Tom Costello and coach Rich Thornton. Sanchez was the first 1,000 point scorer in New Paltz Women's Basketball History and finished her career with 1,066 points, which places her second on the all-time list. She holds the New Paltz career record for rebounds with 918 and steals with 304. Sanchez was a four-time All-SUNYAC selection, earning honorable mention in '96, '97, and '98 and first team honors in '99. In 1996 she was selected as the SUNYAC Rookie of the Year. She continued her career after New Paltz by playing for the Dominican Republic National Team.

FALL SPORTS REPORT



Becofsky

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

In 2007, the team posted a 27-12 record, finished 8-2 in the SUNYAC regular season. The Hawks were second in the SUNYAC East division, defeating Geneseo in the first round before falling to Fredonia in the semifinal match. Senior Katie Becofsky was selected to the SUNYAC All-Tournament team for her effort. Becofsky was named the SUNYAC East Player of the Year for the second consecutive season, centered the attack with 1,269 assists and 425 digs. Senior

Kim Braga was selected to the All-SUNYAC East first team as she led New Paltz with 386 kills and 75 blocks. Juniors Nicole Mercadante and Samantha Prudente earned All-SUNYAC East second team honors. Mercadante contributed 481 digs, while Prudente netted 256 kills and 383 digs. Junior Amanda Brown led the team with 53 service aces and sophomore Brittany Coyle had a team high 79 blocks. The team set new records for most kills in a season with 1,882 and most assists with 1,638.





Amendola

WOMEN'S SOCCER:

In 2007, the team finished with a 7-7-6 record. The Hawks posted a record of 5-3-3 in SUNYAC and were defeated in the first round of the playoffs by Plattsburgh. The game officially ended as a 1-1 tie following double-overtime but New Paltz was eventually eliminated on penalty kicks (4-3). Senior defender Kelly Amendola, sophomore defender Jennifer Moretti and junior goalkeeper

Sarah Boccard all made the All-SUNYAC second team. The Hawks were anchored all season long by a strong defense. Boccard recorded eight shutouts on the season and allowed an average of 1.09 goals per game. She recorded 120 saves on the season. Amendola scored two goals while holding down the defensive side of the field. Moretti finished the season with seven goals, two of which were game winners. Junior midfielder Jennifer Anselmi made the All-SUNYAC third team and contributed seven points as well.



Bronstein

MEN'S SOCCER:

The 2007 men's soccer season was a rebuilding one for the Hawks. With new head coach Eric Watson implementing in a new system, and a band of young players, the team spent most of the season building on experience. They finished the season with an overall record of 3-12-2 and a SUNYAC record 3-6-2.

The team had just one senior on their roster, the rest were mostly underclassmen of which seven were freshman. The lone senior Justin Thompson led the team with three goals and three assists on the season. Sophomore defender Anton Shipman and sophomore midfielder Sean Reminick both finished the season with three goals each. The biggest moment of the season by far, was a 2-0 shutout over a talented Brockport team who placed fourth in the SUNYAC standings. The 2-0 victory was the Hawks first win of the season. Junior goalkeeper Mike Judge recorded his first career shutout with seven saves as the Hawks defeated Brockport for the first time since 2001. After beginning the season 0-9, the team finished strong in their final eight games finishing with a 3-3-2 record. Overall the team finished in eighth place in the SUNYAC conference.



Moore

FIELD HOCKEY:

The New Paltz Field Hockey Team ended their season with a 5-13-0 overall record and 3-8-0 SUNYAC record.

The Hawks record put them at fourth in the conference. Freshman Jess Moore and Caitlin Ryder were named to the All-SUNYAC First Team.

Moore finished her season with a team high of seven goals, four assists for 18 points on her way to earning all-region second team

honors. Ryder brought her year to a close with a total of one goal, five assists and 22 shots. Freshman Sarah Schloss was named to the All-SUNYAC Second Team. The forward had four goals, three assists and 30 shots to her name. Freshman Elizabeth Dini led the team in goal with 50 saves in 560 minutes and was 1-4 overall.



Harmon

CROSS COUNTRY:

In 2007, the teams capped off their season at the NCAA Atlantic Regional held in Van Cortland Park in the Bronx.

The women's team posted their best team finish at William Smith in the Cross Country Only Conference (CCOC) meet with a second place finish.

First year Danielle Harmon had an outstanding season as she led the Hawks in each meet. She posted a personal best 24:32.5 in the 6K at the

Geneseo Invite and a 19:41 in the 5K held at William Smith. She earned first team CCOC recognition along with CCOC rookie of the year honors. Sophomore Lisa Cassaro and junior Stephanie Albinski were always close behind Harmon for second and third finishes. Olga Stulov was a consistent number four runner and Joanna Goldfarb could be counted on in the top seven. Albinski, Cassaro and Stulov were each recognized on the CCOC first team.





PERSONAL BEST

The men's season was filled with personal bests. Sophomore Nick Avello was the top finisher for the Hawks throughout the season and posted a personal best 28:15 over the 8K course at the NCAA Regionals. Avello was usually followed by classmate Robert Grazier who posted his personal best 28:32 at William Smith earning second team CCOC honors. Sophomores Alex Colucci and Tim Ivancic made great strides from the 2006 season each improving over three minutes in the first meet of the year and cutting down their time throughout the rest of the season. First years Robert Webster and Dan Caruso broke into the cross country scene and improved each meet finishing the year with their personal record.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE HAWK HALL OF FAME

are being accepted now.

Nominations may be made online at http://athletics.newpaltz.edu/halloffame_form.cfm

MILESTONE !

The 2008-2009 year will mark the 60th anniversary of Men's Basketball and Baseball and the 50th anniversary of Men's Soccer and Cross Country.

We are asking for stories or pictures from former athletes to use in publications to help commemorate the milestone.

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