PACE UNIVERSITY FALL ATHLETICS UPDATE

WOMEN'S SOCCER
2001 RECAP

n only his fourth season as head coach of the Pace University women's soccer team, Mike Winn led the Setters to an appearance in the ECAC Championship game and their best overall record to date. The Setters finished with a 12-11 overall record and 5-9 mark in the competitive Northeast-10 Conference.

Pace battled down to the last week of the NE-10 regular season, but just missed out on a playoff spot. However, it was the ECAC Championships where the Setters shined.

Pace defeated C.W. Post in the first round, 3-1, behind goals by Pam Swenson (W. Islip, NY), Kristen Papp (N. Salem, NY) and Daniele LaSalle (Brick, NJ). Papp's goal proved to be the game-winner while goal-

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SOFTBALL

Date Day Opponent Site Time
Mar. 9-16 Sat-Sat. @ Spring Trip Florida TBA
Mar. 20 Wed. S. Tho. Aquinas HOME 3 p.m.
Mar. 23 Sat. @ Assumption Worcester, MA TBA
Mar. 24 Sun. St. Michael's* HOME 12 p.m.
Mar. 26 Tue. New Haven HOME 3 p.m.
Mar. 28 Thu. @ Adelphi Garden City, NY 12 p.m.
Mar. 30 Sat. Bentley HOME 12 p.m.
Apr. 2 Tue. @ Molloy Rockville Ctr., NY 3 p.m.
Apr. 4 Thu. @ Dowling Oakdale, NY 3 p.m.
Apr. 6 Sat. So. New Hampsh Out of Town 3 p.m.
Apr. 7 Sun. UMass-Lowell* HOME 12 p.m.
Apr. 10 Wed. @ American Int'l Springfield, MA 3 p.m.
Apr. 11 Thu. Dominican HOME 3 p.m.
Apr. 13 Sat. St. Anselm* HOME 12 p.m.
Apr. 14 Sun. Franklin Pierce* HOME 12 p.m.
Apr. 18 Thu. @ So. Conn. St. New Haven, CT 3 p.m.
Apr. 20 Sat. @ LeMoyne Syracuse, NY TBA
Apr. 21 Sun. Merrimack* HOME 12 p.m.
Apr. 24 Wed. St. Rose* HOME 3 p.m.
Apr. 27 Sat. @ Stonehill Easton, MA 12 p.m.
Apr. 28 Sun. @ Bryant Smithfield, RI 3 p.m.
Apr. 30 Tue. Mercy HOME 3:30 p.m.
May 3-5 Fri.-Sun. NE-10 Tournament TBA TBA
* - Northeast-10 Conference games
All dates are doubleheaders
Home games played at Briarcliff Field in Briarcliff, NY

VOLLEYBALL 2001 RECAP

Head Coach Dinu Dan had a small squad and only two returnees on the team in 2001. The Northeast-10 Conference, which featured many improved opponents, was even tougher in the fall.

The Setters suffered through their first season without either a Northeast-10 Conference regular season or playoff title. It was also the first season since 1996 that the Pace name was not seen in the NCAA Tournament.

But there were many bright spots, including the play of sophomore All-American Dixie Papp of Cotonan (Romania) and senior Lavinia Macovschi (Romania). The Setters witnessed the emergence of potential future All-Conference player K.C. Nell (Scottsdale, AZ). The Setters finished with a 13-23 overall mark and 9-5 NE-10 record. The Setters' competition included Division I opponents Temple and Princeton, Atlantic Region squads Juniata, Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg, and Elite Eight qualifier Mercy.

A ndrea Cotronan earned a laundry list of awards once again. Among them were Daktronics Third Team All-American, Northeast-10 Player of the Year, NE-10 Player of the Year, AVCAC All-District, Verizon Academic All-District, Juniata All-Tournament Team, and Lock Haven All-Tournament Team.

Cotonan amassed a school-record 816 kills to become only the fourth player in NCAA Div. II history to surpass 800 kills in one season. She also broke the pace record with 44 kills and 78 attempts in a four-game match.

Lavinia Macovschi finished with 1,138 assists and earned NE-10 All-Conference honors as well as Verizon Academic All-District. K.C. Nell led the Setters with 1.95 digs per game and was second on the team with 2.43 kills per game.

Freshman Kim Sheehan (Redding, CT) had a good first season, despite a leg injury late in the year. Sheehan tied the pace record with 12 service aces in a three-game match and finished the season with a team-high 71.

FOOTBALL 2001 RECAP

Head Coach Greg Lussard's football team endured some highs and lows during the 2001 season, as the Setters finished with a 4-5 record.

The Setters played an eight-game schedule due to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and were not able to make up the game against Bryant College. However, Pace fans had many individual and team achievements to be proud of during the season. The Setters began the season with a 4-2 record, but dropped the last three games to tough opponents AIC (17-7), Merrimack (33-13) and C.W. Post (42-3).

The Setters played one of the most exciting and memorable homecoming games in school history, when they defeated Bentley, 38-37 in overtime. The winning play occurred when John McFadden blocked an extra point attempt that would have tied the game.

The Setters pulled off their first victory of the year over UMass-Lowell (42-27), in which Robert Nugeon scored a Pace-record five rushing touchdowns. With a dramatic come-from-behind 16-10 victory at Stonehill, Pace started the season 2-0 for only the second time in the last 17 years. Larry Piediscalzo caught a TD pass from Jamie Reel in the final seconds to give Pace the victory.

After losses to Southern Connecticut (53-21) and St. Anselm (43-20), the Setters got back on track with consecutive wins over Bentley and Assumption (21-17). In the loss to Assumption, Brian Holshock established a new school mark with a 100-yard interception return for a TD.

Larry Piediscalzo earned Hansan Gazette All-American honors at both Running Back and Special Teams and was named the Northeast Special Teams Player of the Year. The senior also earned a spot on the NE-10 All-Conference team at both positions and was named an ECAC All-Star on Special Teams. A knee injury against AIC stopped Piediscalzo from becoming the school's all-time leading rusher, and he finished third with 1,599 yards. His per carry average of 7.7 yards set a new Pace single season record. He returned two kickoffs for TDs of 97 and 96 yards with the former also being a school record. Piediscalzo would have ranked as the...