Baseball

The 1986 season was a season of highs and lows for the Babson baseball team. After a disappointing 1985 season during which the team won only 4 games, the team was out to show that they were an improved team.

Returning to the team as tri-captains were seniors Tim Keane and Brock Romano along with junior Mike Dayton. Joining the large contingent of sophomores and juniors were a fine group of freshmen and sophomore transfer Chris Squire.

The season began on a high note as Babson defeated a tough Bowdoin squad. The team rebounded from a 7-1 defeat to come away with a 10-8 victory, and a positive outlook for the season.

The Beavers didn’t pick up their second and third wins until games five and six against MIT and Husson College respectively. Captains Keane and Dayton combined to push the team to victory over MIT. Keane picked up the win on the mound while Dayton pounded out 3 hits including a 2 run homerun. Against Husson, Dayton again propelled the team to victory by blasting a solo homerun in the bottom of the 9th to make a winner of pitcher Chris Squire.

Good playing by the team was often followed up by games in which Babson’s opponents took advantage of Babson’s mistakes. These mistakes played a major role in losses to Salve Regina, Clark, and Framingham State. Babson suffered only sound defeats to WPI, Suffolk, Tufts, and Brandeis.

The highlights of the season included wins over Coast Guard, SMU, and tournament bound Brandeis. Mike Dayton once again led the team in most hitting categories including a .383 batting average. Bob Gorton was right behind him with a .343 average. George Ryan pitched in with a .302 average. The loss of Brock Romano with a third of the season to go hurt as he was hitting .371.

Chris Squire led the pitchers with a record of 5 wins and only 1 loss. Senior Tim Keane led the staff with a 4.05 ERA.

Bill Peck
1. Dennis Fritchman warms up with catcher George Ryan and Chris Fraga at the plate.
2. Eyes on the pitch, Bob Gorton's ready to hit.
3. Infielders Paul Ostberg and Jim Agebodt are always ready to come up with a big defensive play.
4. Senior Tri-Captain Brock Romano leads the team to a victory in Daytona, Florida.
5. Out at first as Mike Dayton stretches for the throw.
1. Scott Stone takes a lead off first base.
2. Coach Stockbridge directs John Hanewich as he rounds third.
3. Winding up, Senior Tri-Captain Tim Keane looks determined to strike out the batter.
4. Paul Philbin is on his way to scoring a run for the Beavers.
5. Mark Gagne gets a clutch base hit.
6. 1985-86 Baseball Team
7. "C'mon Ump!" Jim Azebedos is not happy with the umpire's call.
1. During Homecoming, Tri-captain Steve Pennucci showed no mercy against the Alumni Team.
2. No chance to score against this defense of Vern Nixon, goalie Bill Maranz, and Keith Melanson.
3. Freshmen Paul Tenhorpe and Rob Gwynn had a lot to contribute to the team.
4. John Guinee rushes in to help a teammate.
5. Scooping the ball is Michael Allario, in a game down in Tampa, Florida.
6. A player rests before getting into the game.
7. Ready for play to begin is freshmen Sam Blatchford.

Lacrosse

Young would be a fitting word to describe the 1986 Men's Varsity Lacrosse Team. Led by Tri-captains Keith Melanson, Steve Pennucci, and Michael Sherman, the lacrosse team hovered around the .500 mark all season.

Babson plays some of the strongest teams in Division III, including Bowdoin, Colby, and Amherst, as well as Bates. They also went against some weaker teams, such as Bentley, and Assumption.

Only one senior will leave this year's team, Captain Keith Melanson, so 1987's squad will remain pretty much the same. This is encouraging for this year's team because they know that next year they will be a year older and have a year's worth of playing together under their belts. In the future, Babson will be a top contender in Division III and hopefully will achieve a renowned name in the game of lacrosse once again.

Michael Sherman
1. 1985-86 Men's Lacrosse Team
2. Senior Tri-captain Keith Melanson outruns his opponent to the ball.
3. With equipment in hand, Bill Kallenburg looks eager to get the game started.
4. Members of the Lacrosse Team watch anxiously from the sidelines.
5. Two-on-one as Tri-captain Mike Sherman assists his teammate against an alumni player.
6. Keith Melanson looks to pass to an open man.
8. Sam Blatchford stands firm against an opponent.
RUGBY

The Babson United Rugby Club had a very successful 1985-86 season. High points of the season include first time victories over Harvard University & Boston University, traditional New England Rugby powerhouses.

Babson kicked off its spring '86 season with a big win over Brandeis, but disappointment would soon follow, as the team was plagued with injuries to starters Dave Cederlund, Andy Papadimitriou, Steve Drew & Jim Kenefick early in the season. Despite these setbacks, the BURC managed to win over 50% of its games with wins over URI, WPI, Babson alumni, and place at its Fourth Annual Miller Invitational Tournament.

The inexperienced, but hard-hitting “Killer B’s” played well during the two seasons finishing 7-9. This should be valuable experience for the start of next season since many B players will be in contention for A spots.

Even if the BURC had lost all its games, many friendships were made and the team's unity was enhanced throughout the season. Best wishes to seniors Dave Cederlund, Steve Drew, Jeff Ackley, Scott Husselbee, Andy Papadimitriou, Gregg Murphy and Jim Kenefick. Thanks for all your team spirit and devotion to the fraternity of rugby.

The BURC would like to express its deep appreciation to Professor John “Duke” McKenzie, Steve “Willie” Wilhelm and Chris Troyanos.

Biff Bocaroba
1. The game against Harvard in which the Beavers were victorious started with this kick-off by Jeff Ackley.
2. Alex Burns throws the ball out from a maul against URI.
3. 1985-86 United Rugby Club
4. Getting ready to pass is senior Michael Angelakis.
5. A line out in a game against BU.
6. This shot was taken right after the Beavers played a tough game in the Harvard Tourney.
7. There's fire in their eyes as Babson goes head-to-head with Harvard.
Soccer

Inauspicious is the best way to describe the start. At 2-1-3, the Beavers had yet begun to play. Homecoming provided a 2-0 whitewashing of Bates. Division 2 school Bentley provided tough opposition but fell to Babson 2-1. A tough 1-1 tie at Wesleyan was followed by a 3-1 win over the Coast Guard, ranked number three.

With All-American Mark Sullivan controlling the tempo of the games and All-New England midfielders Dan Caldicott and Alex von Cramm cleaning up, the Beavers were rolling. After 11 matches, we stood 5-2-4 and out of the New England rankings. A 2-1 win at Bowdoin was the prelude to one of the most fantastic weeks in Babson soccer history.

Williams, winners of eight straight, was beaten 1-0. Brandeis, number one in the country, fell to the Babson tradition, 2-1. Not as talented and not unstoppable, Brandeis had also succumbed to the tradition.

The regular season ended 10-3-4 which was more than anyone asked for... except the Babson team.

The NCAA selection committee seeded Babson second behind again number one Brandeis. Our first round opponent was Clark. For a few fateful seconds, we forgot fundamental soccer. The result was a 2-0 loss and the end of the season.

There was no better feeling than knowing the player next to you would do anything for you and you for him. That is the brotherhood that is Babson soccer.

Bob Muscaro
1. 1986-87 Men's Soccer Team.
2. Gina Distefano races to the ball.
3. Alex von Cramm kicks the ball away from the Babson net.
4. Dan Caldicott and Neal Solomon get aggressive.
5. Coach Peter Ginnegar played a key role in Babson's successful season.
6. Members of the soccer team wear the Babson name proudly.
7. A jubilant Dan Egan gets psyched after another Babson victory.
1. Freshman Neal Solomon races around a Brandeis player to the ball.
2. Determined to get to the ball is Gino Distefano.
3. Determined Dan Egan tries to get the ball past this aggressive rival.
4. Shouting from the net, Bob Muscaro encourages the team.
5. Just one of many saves by goalie Bob Muscaro.
6. Senior Gerald Filippone played aggressively throughout the year.
7. Outrunning two New Hampshire College teammates, Peter Cosco heads for the net.
WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Babson Women's Soccer Team began its season slowly with a 1-6 record, but were able to turn their record around. Victories over Swarthmore and BU were insured by the offensive drive of our forward line. Julie Doscher was always able to capitalize and strong offensive performances were turned in by Gloria Gutierrez, Stephanie Costello, Gayle Ingalls, and co-captain Denise Cohen.

The highlight of the season was the win over Stonehill, 1-0. Excellent defensive work was provided by Julie Doyle, Jill Van Heutin, Julie Zbyk, Lisa Fragola, and co-captain Patricia Browne. Kim Struzenski was credited with a shut-out. Both Kim and Ann Bishop shared netminding duties this season.

The midfield line was lead by Jen Gottberg. Other strong halves included Claudine Coppotelli, Robin Campbell, and Delade Hayes. Our reserves Candy Burns, Kris Boosahdah, and Kathy Wallace adapted well and were ready for any situation.

The team is looking forward to next season to improve their record. With many new recruits, including another goalkeeper, this should be a definite possibility.

Patricia Browne
1. Robin Campbell gets physical against her opponent.
2. Unchallenged for the ball is Gail Ingalls.
3. From the sidelines Lisa Fragola, Kathy Wallace, Julie Doyle, and Gloria Gutierrez cheer on their teammates.
4. Jen Gottberg out races an opponent to the ball.
5. Fancy footwork demonstrated by freshmen Stephanie Costello.
1. Dan Jelneik shoots one past the goalie for the Beavers.
2. Making the save is Dan Bouchard.
3. Facing off against a Colby player is Peter Epperson.
4. Joe Puskarich waits for a teammate to pass the puck.
5. Looking for the opportunity to score is Todd Kinsman.
HOCKEY

Keeping within the realms of tradition, Babson started out slowly, losing games they simply should have won. Inconsistency plagued the Beavers. Individual pride, dignity, and dedication finally came together to form a strong "team" bond. Lead by captain Steve Villa, Babson won more than ten straight games in just three weeks. The team found themselves in third place and ready for the playoffs.

Game one was against the UConn, a team that had beaten Babson twice in the regular season. A 4-2 victory sent the Beavers into quarter finals. A double-over-time bout with Merrimack proved to be one of the season's most exciting games and Babson walked away with a 4-3 victory. Luck ran out in Maine when Bowdoin defeated Babson 6-4.

The efforts of three seniors, Steve Villa, Steve Thomas, and Jim Gavin, will be missed next year. Special recognition goes to Tom Sasso who received The Hobey Baker Award for outstanding Division II player and was elected to the All-American team.

We thank our dedicated fans who stuck with us through thick and thin.

Joe Puskarich
1. Ron Beran anxiously awaits the drop of the puck.
2. Senior Captain Steve Villa and Chuck Brooks congratulate each other after a Babson goal.
3. 1985-86 Hockey Team.
4. Bob DiSandro goes unchallenged for the puck.
5. Joe Flaherty against the boards as he beats out an opponent.
6. Handling the puck is Chuck Brooks.
7. Sophomore Tom Sasso was the winner of this year's Hobey Baker Award.
MEN'S BASKETBALL

This year's men's basketball team surpassed pre-season expectations and became a force to be reckoned with in New England. The Beavers posted a 10 game winning streak at home and an 11-1 streak through December and January.

The Beavers made it to the tournament and travelled north to face the Huskies of Southern Maine University. Fine efforts were turned in by Pete Boretti, who led the Beavers with 22 points and 9 rebounds. The backcourt produced a balanced attack, with Dave Kirsch's 10 points and 5 assists and Brian Hartford's 8 points and 4 assists. However, the Beavers could not overcome the uncanny shooting of the Huskies. The final score ended 79-57 as Babson fouled in vain to get possession of the ball. All players should be commended for their effort and success.

The Beavers will be graduating three players. Brent Patton-Roark and guards, Dave Kirsch and Brian Hartford, will be leaving. Throughout the season, they produced the leadership and backbone of the team. They will be surely missed next year.
1. Senior Co-Captain David Kirsch brings the ball up court.
2. 1985-86 Men's Basketball Team.
3. Looking for an open man is Peter Boretti.
4. Senior Co-Captain Brian Hartford drives the lane in a game against Framingham State.
5. Jump ball as Mike Crosby goes against a Tufts player.
1. Taking the ball up court is Dana Cervone.
2. Senior Mary Kelley and Gloria Gutierrez line up to practice layups.
3. 1985-86 Women's Basketball Team.
4. Laurie Hanik shoots from the line.
5. Senior Sue O'Donnell led the team in scoring and rebounds.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Women's Basketball team had an up-and-down season this year. For the second year in a row, the team won the Babson Invitational Tournament by playing two outstanding games against Suffolk and Plymouth State. During the second half of the season, the team would play great one game and fall apart the next. The biggest asset was the tenacious defense. The team put it all together at the end of the season to beat Mt. Holyoke, Brandeis, and Curry.

The team entered the new tournament seeded third and beat Brandeis in the quarterfinals, 76-56. The team played Wellesley in the finals but were defeated 55-51, despite having outplayed them.

The MAIAW seeded the Babson women fourth and they met Wellesley for the third time determined to beat them. The team defeated Wellesley by 14 points with Sue O'Donnell playing her best game ever — 27 points and 15 rebounds. In the finals the team molded together with four people in double figures to become the 1985-86 MAIAW State Champions by beating Framingham by eight points.

The four seniors will be hard to replace but with the remaining players, they will have a strong team coming back.
FIELD HOCKEY

The Women's Field Hockey Team closed its third varsity season against Anna Maria College at home. Coming out on the short end of a 1-0 score was disappointing considering the tough game Babson played. Playing much better than Babson's 4-8-1 record might suggest, the team effectively put intense pressure on Anna Maria throughout the second half.

The team rebounded from a disappointing 1-7-1 start this year. Captain Dana Cervone's was very effective at midfield where she directed offensive and defensive lines while playing an excellent transition. Midfield Lisa Hallinan also controlled much of the play throughout the season. Top scorer Denise Paratore led the fast breaks for the team, which accounted for many of their points. Center back Gail McDonough played very well this year and will return next year along with Denise.

We look forward to next year as the team will lose only two players to graduation, Dana Cervone and Lori Stanford. With a few new players, and less injuries, this team will be one to watch out for!
4. No getting by this Defense!
5. Next year the team will be without the fine efforts of Jennifer Atlas.
3. Senior Laurie Stanford shows how to be aggressive on the field.
4. Trying to set up for a goal are Denise Pastore and Kim Carvell.
5. Dana Cervone sets up to pass while backed up by Gail McDonough.
3. John runs past Horn Library at the Babson Invitational.
2. Senior Captain Alicia Perez at the head of the field.
3. 1985-86 Cross Country Team.
4. Priscilla Burke won the team's MVP award.
5. Keith Patrquin sets the pace at the Babson Invitational.
CROSS COUNTRY

This season was an excellent effort by the Babson women and highlighted their first season as a varsity team. This year has been a rebuilding year for the cross country team.

The team's first race was against Connecticut College. The men's five mile course and the women's 3.1 mile course proved to be one of the most difficult courses in New England. The Babson men took fifth place out of seven competing teams. Fine performances were made by Priscilla Burke, Alicia Perez and Paula Stento.

Due to the constant downpour at the famous Babson Invitational, the men found it difficult to make up lost ground and received sixth place. The women's race was disappointing because only one team could field a complete team.

The last meet of the season had the women beating Mass Maritime and coming very close to beating Clark University. The team will lose graduating seniors Alicia Perez and Paula Stento. Although some members ran personal bests during the race, Coast Guard Academy ran away from the six team field. The men's team will be losing Paul Cunningham, Keith Patriquin and Scott Timmons.
SWIMMING

Women's

The 1985-86 athletic season saw the emergence of the first Babson Women's Varsity Swim Team. With the enthusiasm of Coach Rick Echlou and junior co-captains Jennifer Thomann and Sarah Hilton, women on the Babson campus were encouraged to join. This year, the team consisted of eight members including four freshmen, three juniors, and one senior. All worked very hard at maintaining a fun and productive season. At the New England Championships, at which every woman on the team swam, Babson finished a very respectable 19th place in Division III. We thank Babson for all the support they have given us and this new team and we look forward to new members making next year even more exciting.

Men's

Under the leadership of Coach Rick Echlou and co-captains Steve Jackson and Doug Tablason, the Men's Varsity Swim Team swam to a Division III record of 6-3. The men showed great strength throughout the season and had a fine finish at the New England Championships placing 8th in Division III and 16th in Divisions I, II, and III combined. The men look forward to new recruits joining the team next season.

Jennifer Thomann
1. 1985-86 Men's Swim Team.
2. Approaching the finish is Bill Sullivan.
3. 1985-86 Women's Swim Team.
4. This year's women's varsity swim team was a first for Babson.
5. Anne Tilley prepares herself for the start of the race.
7. "On your marks..."
1. Aggressive play was generated from senior Wendy Evans.
2. Anticipating a pass is Jen Asiief.
3. Jen Asiief shows why she was given the MVP award.
4. 1985-86 Women’s Lacrosse Team.
5. Captain Sue Flanagan watches while Margaret Willis catches a pass.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The Women's Lacrosse Team completed their first varsity season with a record of 4-3. It was a learning experience for both newcomers and the more seasoned players.

The season opened with a discouraging loss to Tufts University, 7-3. Junior captain Susan Flanagan and sophomore Katie Thibodeau both scored once and the third goal was a technical error. On Parent's Weekend, Babson hosted Colby-Sawyer for their home opener. After five minutes of the game, Colby-Sawyer was ahead 3-0 but Babson quickly recovered and won 13-6. Babson then went on to defeat Mount Holyoke, 12-9.

The next two games were disappointing with the lax team being defeated by top ranked Wheaton College and by Bates College. This was followed by a win over Pine Manor College despite position changes due to injuries. The last game of the season was against Fairfield University. The Women's Lax Team went out in style as they soundly defeated Fairfield University, 15-5.

We can look forward to an even more exciting season next year.
TENNIS

MEN'S

1986 proved to be another successful year for the Men's Varsity Tennis Team. The team improved on the previous season, compiling an 8-3 record. Captain Johann Saurbier had his third straight strong season at first singles. The team counted on the strength on returning juniors Dan Brennan, Mike Burke, and Mark Oppenheim; as well as sophomore Dave Sache.

The season ended on a good note. In the New Englands, Mike made it to the finals at four singles and Dan and Johann won the tournament at "A" doubles. The team finished sixth out of thirty teams. With no graduating seniors and freshmen Matt Guelsertan, Paul Ware, Kai Saurbier, and Greg Nelson returning, 1987 should prove to be an even better year for Coach Serge DeBari's tennis team.

Mark Oppenheim
Johann Saurbier

WOMEN'S

The Women's Tennis Team has to play many tough matches this year because they moved up a division. Much of the success of this year's Women's Varsity Tennis Team was attributed to the determination and consistent play of the players. The team ended the season with a record of 10-4. The team plays together in an otherwise individual sport. When they are playing on their own court, they give each other encouragement through their desire to win.

Big wins include Bryant, Wheaton, and three shutouts against Regis, Salem State, and Pine Manor as well. Unfortunately, their five game winning streak was stopped by Smith.

The team will miss its graduating co-captains Sharlene Sones and Sue O'Donnell. The Babson Women's Tennis Team will continue to make its mark on collegiate courts next year.
SKIING

The Babson Ski team tradition continued in 1986 as both the Men and Women varsity teams were successful in the Thomson Division. Hard work was the critical ingredient as both teams weathered injuries and bad luck to strong finishes: fourth for the men, and third for the women. The men’s team qualified for the Eastern Collegiate Ski Championships, continuing a seven year history of accomplishments by finishing 12th in New England. Individually, Babson was led by captains Jeff Shay, Gary Mountford, and Carole Reyell. These three skiers earned All-East honors and are joined by Jacob Stolt-Nielson. All varsity captains return for 1987 and when combined with returning skiers should produce a high level of achievement next winter.

Coach David Ellis
SAILING

That's right! Babson College has revived its Sailing Team through the hard work of its members. The team is again actively competing in the New England Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association which boasts some of the top teams in the country. Behind captains Jeff Shay, Sean Curran, and Thom Fitch, Babson showed that they are a viable contender. The fall saw the team win one regatta and finishing in the top five in six other regattas to earn a birth in the New England Championships held in the spring. Other participants included Sailing Club president Jim Lambercy, Tracy Okanura, Kevin Burchill, Gayle McDonough, John Carbon, and Michelle Pellitteri. Continued interest has warranted a coach for next year's fall season.

Jeff Shay
SQUASH

After a disappointing 1985 season, the squash team rebounded in 1986 to post a top 20 national ranking. The team was headed by captain Karim Anis and sophomore Dave Sachs. Strong performances were also displayed by freshmen Ted Loughead and Alex Quentin, and junior Johann Saurbier. The team counted on the contribution of seniors Roger Edgar, Herman Paraison, Matt Haynes, and Greg Faulkner. The enthusiastic play of freshmen Bernardo Perez was appreciated by Coach Pierre McGuire. After a successful regular season, six players competed in the nationals in Philadelphia. Strong all-around play earned Babson a spot as one of the top 20 teams in the country.

Mark Oppenheim
Johann Saurbier
1. Peggy Hall concentrates on her serve.
2. 1985-86 Volleyball Team.
3. Junior Maria Catalano jumps for the ball.

Volleyball

The 1985 season was a time of rebuilding for the women's varsity volleyball team. Three of the starting six players had graduated and only a total of six players were returning. Coach Donna Caruso did some heavy recruiting and raised the team membership up to twelve.

The season started off slowly, Babson showing its lack of experience, with the team losing its first three matches. But as court confidence grew so did the team's ability. The rest of the season was played pretty evenly. Babson played in many tournaments. Their best showing was placing 2nd in the S.M.U. Tournament. The team ended the season with a 12-14 record, looking forward to a strong 1986 season.

Peggy Hall
Outstanding Athletes

Each year Babson holds a banquet to honor senior athletes, team captains, and most valuable players. On May 3, 1986, many coaches and administrators spoke proudly of our Babson athletes. Each senior was presented with a large color photograph of him/herself in action, while others were awarded plaques and trophies as recognition of their fine efforts.