Leading the Beavers this winter will be ECAC East All-Star goaltender Greg Berard. Now in his senior season, Berard had a career year in 2000-2001, going 14-8-4 with a 3.01 goals-against-average and a .901 save percentage in 26 games. He was also spectacular in league play, recording eight wins while giving up just 2.95 goals per contest. He will be backed up by junior Ben Johnson and sophomore Jason Hart, who both played well in limited action last year. Anchoring the defense in front of Berard will be junior Pat Dolezal and sophomore Drew Lindows. Dolezal was the team’s top scoring defenseman in 2000-2001, dishing out 10 assists for 10 points. Lindows, who started 22 games for Babson in his rookie season, added seven assists from the blue line. Juniors Kyle Fnetel and Andy Dratch will add depth to the defensive unit, which allowed only 3.10 goals per game last season. Offensively, the Beavers will need to fill the huge void left by Eric Bookbinder and Rob Winslow, who combined for 207 career points before graduating this past spring. However, Babson will have plenty of firepower in their place, as the sensational sophomore trio of Eric Tkacz, Derek Nisula, and Rob Harvey return. Tkacz tied for third on the team in scoring in 2000-2001, tallying nine goals and 15 assists for 24 points. Nisula was closed behind with 10 goals and 12 helpers for 22 points, while Harvey placed sixth with 12 goals and seven assists for 19 points. The trio will be joined up front by senior Corey Zahn, junior John Lobisser, and junior Joe Giantonio. All three made solid offensive contributions last winter, and will counted upon for even more production this season. With national powerhouses like Norwich, Middlebury, and Williams on the schedule, Babson will have plenty of competition this winter. However, 2000-2001 ECAC East Coach of the Year Paul Donato is confident that this team will be right in the thick of things come playoff time. “This team has a wealth of talent, and although we’re pretty young, we also have a great deal of big game experience,” Donato says. “If we can continue to work hard and improve, I believe that we’ll be able to compete with anyone in the country.” -Courtesy of Athletics Department
Leading the men's team this winter will be the talented sophomore tandem of Andrew Waples and Andrew Thorpy. Both showed great promise in their rookie seasons and should be among the team's top performers in 2001-2002. Adding depth to the men's squad will be seniors Rob Strauss and Dave Robbins, who both enjoyed great success last winter and will be counted upon for their leadership and experience.

On the women's side, senior Anna Erickson and sophomore Lina Heje return for what could be a breakout season for the Beavers. Erickson has consistently turned in some of the team's top finishes over the past three years, while Heje had a terrific rookie season a year ago.

"With most of our top skiers returning on both teams, and several strong recruits coming in, we should be in position to break the top five (in the Osborne Division) this year," Castrataro says. "However, in order to do that, we'll need to beat some very talented teams, and that means all of our athletes will need to continue to work hard and improve during the off-season."

Both the men and women compete in the Osborne Division of the United States Collegiate Skiing Association against a mix of Division I, II, and III schools. In addition to team competitions based on the cumulative performances of the individuals, racers can qualify for NCCAA competition through the Middlebury Carnival each February. The program has been in existence for 18 years, producing several All-Americans in that time. The men have advanced to the regionals 10 times with six division titles, made a USCSA National appearance in 1990, and had an NCCAA National qualifier in 1999. The women have qualified for the regionals on 11 occasions with seven division titles and National appearances in 1991, 1996, and 1997.
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Aurora University L, 3-4
Southern Maine L, 3-6
Bentley H W, 7-6
Bridgewater St. A Ppd.
Brandeis H L, 1-5
Suffolk H W, 2-1
Fitchburg St. A L, 9-7
Coast Guard H W, 7-2; W, 7-4
Clark* H W, 10-0
M.C.I.A. H L, 3-6
W.P.I. A W, 7-4
Brandeis A W, 10-2
Framingham State A L, 3-9; W, 3-0
Curry A W, 11-0
M.I.T.* H W, 8-5
Bridgewater St. H W, 6-0; W, 4-0
Clark* A W, 24-6
Wheaton A L, 3-7; L, 3-4
Colby-Sawyer A W, 9-5
Bentley A L, 5-17
W.P.I.* H W, 7-6
M.I.T.* A W, 17-7
UMass-Dartmouth A L, 1-4
Springfield (DH)* H L, 3-7; W, 9-4
Worcester St. A W, 14-4
UMass-Boston H Cancelled
Salve Regina H W, 6-4
MIT (NEWMAC Quarterfinals) H W, 12-4
The Babson College baseball team enjoyed yet another stellar season in 2001, posting a 19-13 record and earning its ninth ECAC Tournament bid in the last 11 years. Now, armed with one of the finest young pitching staffs in New England and a notoriously dangerous offense, first-year head coach Mike Reed believes his team is ready to step up to the next level in 2002.

"There's no question that this team is loaded with talent," Reed says. "However, to be successful, every single athlete must work hard everyday to become a better ball player. Based on what I've seen over the last two years as an assistant here, I'm confident that our guys are willing to do that on a daily basis. If that's the case, then there's no question that we will have the tools necessary to win a conference championship and move on to the NCAA Tournament."

Key contributors are junior Bill Fitzgerald, who earned NEWMAC All-Conference honors after going 5-2 with a 2.97 ERA last spring. He is joined by junior Joe Forte, who has won seven games in his first two collegiate seasons, and by senior Ryan Fergus, who was leading the conference with a 0.95 ERA last year before suffering an injury in early April.

Also having a major impact on this year's staff are sophomores Jason Kosow, Dave Volante, Matt Bigda, Luke Delvecchio, Jim Battista, and Jeff Heighington. All six turned in solid rookie seasons in 2001, and will continue to play vital roles this spring.

Among those vying for time will be sophomore Mike Muccio, who hit three homers and scored 27 runs in 29 games last year, as well as sophomore Keith Vera and junior Matt Nolan. Vera hit .289 with a team-leading seven doubles last spring, while Nolan was the squad's most versatile outfielder, starting at least one game at all three positions.

-Courtesy of Athletics Department
Softball

One of Babson’s biggest success stories in 2001 was that of its outstanding young softball team. After posting an 11-23 mark two years ago, the Beavers faced a difficult challenge this past season, as their roster featured just two players with two or more years of collegiate experience. However, thanks to a brilliant first-year class that was led by NEWMAC Rookie of the Year and All-Conference selection Colleen Kelly, Babson improved its record to 18-17 overall and established itself as one of the top young teams in New England.

Now, with all but one player returning from last year’s team, the Beavers appear to be on the verge of a true breakout season in 2002. Leading the way will be senior captain Michelle Malone, who enjoyed the finest season of her career last spring, and Kelly, who was the team’s top all-around player in 2001. A three-year starter in centerfield, Malone led the team with a .388 batting average.

Joining Malone and Kelly this season will be a host of talented returners. Junior Jessica Barry came roaring back after an early season slump to hit .357 with 41 hits and 14 RBIs a year ago. Sophomore Allison Armstrong also hit well, recording a .330 batting average with two homers and 18 RBIs. Sophomore Dawn Tyrrell finished second on the team with 20 runs driven in, and junior Tanya Mercure was hitting a remarkable .438 through 17 games before suffering a season-ending injury.

Despite Babson’s relative youth and inexperience, head coach Dave Canan believes that his team is on the verge of something special this spring. “Last year’s team was one of the youngest that I’ve ever seen at this level.”

-Courtesy of Athletics Department
Scoreboard

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Cazenovia N W, 8-0 1:00 0-0
Framingham St. N W, 11-3 2:00 0-0
Aurora N W, 8-2 3:00 0-0
Amherst N W, 2-1 (8) 4-0 0-0
UMass-Dartmouth N W, 7-0 5-0 0-0
Mount Holyoke N W, 8-3 6-0 0-0
St. Lawrence N L, 3-9 6-1 0-0
Dordt N L, 0-5 6-2 0-0
North Central N L, 0-2 6-3 0-0
Wesleyan N W, 3-2 7-3 0-0
UMass-Boston H W, 8-0 (5) 8-3 0-0
Suffolk A W, 8-1 9-3 0-0
Mt. Holyoke (DH) H W, 6-5; W, 2-1 (9) 11-3
2-0 Rhode Island College H L, 0-2 11-4 2-0
Anna Maria A Postponed 11-4 2-0
W.P.I. (DH)* A W, 14-0; W, 10-1 13-4 4-0
Clark (DH) H L, 1-8; W, 2-0 14-5 5-1
Brandeis A W, 7-3 15-5 5-1
M.I.T. (DH) H W, 5-3; W, 12-4 17-5 7-1
Regis H W, 20-0 18-5 7-1
Smith (DH) A W, 2-1 (8); L, 7-10 19-6 8-2
Bates (DH) A L, 2-3; W, 5-4 20-7 8-2
Coast Guard (DH) A L, 1-5; W, 6-3 21-8 9-3
Brandeis A W, 12-6 22-8 9-3
Springfield (DH) A W, 5-4; L, 1-5 23-9 10-4
Wheaton (DH) H L, 0-4; L, 0-3 23-11 10-6
Springfield (NEWMAC Quarterfinals) H L, 0-3 23-12 10-6 25; Tufts A L, 0-8 23-13 10-6
30 Lasell (DH) H W, 3-0; W, 9-3 25-13 10-6
May 8 Endicott (ECAC Quarterfinals) A L, 0-4 25-14 10-6 H W, 6-5; W, 2-1 (9) 11-3 2-0