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Although his teams will compete against a host of outstanding opponents this season, Coach Echlov believes that the Beavers have what it takes to rise to the top of the New England swimming and diving scene. “Our program has a history of attracting hard-working, highly motivated men and women, and the last three or four years have been no different,” Echlov says. “We currently have some of the most talented and dedicated student-athletes this program has ever seen. With continued practice and a little luck, I am confident that we have the components necessary to be one of the top teams in New England.”

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Salve Regina H W, 6-1
Bridgewater St. H W, 7-0
Trinity # N L, 0-7
Shepard # N L, 3-6
Carleton # N L, 3-6
Hamilton # N W, 5-2
Principia # N W, 4-3
Wisconsin-Whitewater # N W, 4-3
Bridgewater St. H W, 7-0
Bowdoin A L, 0-7
Salem St. A W, 7-0
Coast Guard* A L, 3-4
Wheaton* H W, 4-3
Wesleyan H L, 2-5
Clark* H W, 7-0
Tufts H L, 1-6
M.I.T.* A L, 0-7
W.P.I.* H W, 6-1
Springfield* A W, 5-2
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Clark (NEWMAC Quarterfinals @ MIT) A W, 4-0
After a spectacular 2001 season that saw his team advance all the way to the finals of the NEWMAC Tournament, head coach Jim Berrigan built upon their prior success in 2002. Despite the loss of Jason Smith '01, the team's top player in both singles and doubles last spring, Babson had eight of its nine letter winners this spring. That certainly provides the Beavers with the necessary talent and experience to once again challenge for the conference championship.

Anchoring the team this spring is a deep core of veterans, including seniors Sebastian Weigert, Prajny Jhaveri, and Chris Zobler, as well as junior Sandeep Madhavan. Last season, those four players combined for 36 wins in singles play and 27 victories in doubles competition, and as a result were all named to the NEWMAC All-Conference team.

Zobler and Jhaveri should bolster the middle of the lineup after both enjoyed breakout seasons a year ago. Zobler combined to go 12-9 between the third, fourth, and fifth spots, including an impressive 5-1 mark in NEWMAC play. Jhaveri was close behind, going 10-10 in the fourth, fifth, and sixth slots, including a 4-1 record against conference competition.

Also adding depth to this year's team is senior Elliot Brook and sophomores Justin Man, Scott MacDonald, and Burke Malek. Man and MacDonald each won five matches in their rookie seasons, with Man earning NEWMAC All-Conference honors for his doubles play with Jhaveri. Brook and Malek both played well when called upon, and should play major roles on this year's squad.

"Last year was a tremendous success for this program," Berrigan says. "Hopefully, with most of the team coming back, we can use last season's momentum to win the conference championship and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament."

-Courtesy of Athletics Department
Despite having no juniors or seniors last fall, the women’s tennis team posted the second-best record in the 22-year history of the program a year ago. Now, with all of its members returning, the squad expects to be even better in 2002.

Leading the Beavers’ charge this season will be the talented duo of first-year Samantha Wong and junior co-captain Shannon McCarthy. The two teamed up to win the first doubles flight at the NEWMAC Championship Tournament last fall, helping them earn All-Conference honors at that position. Both were outstanding at singles play, as well, as Wong went 10-2 at number one and McCarthy added a 12-5 mark while playing most of her matches at number two.

As a result of her fine season, Wong became the first player in Babson tennis history to be named NEWMAC Rookie of the Year.

Other key members of this year’s team will be sophomore Daniella Hofer, junior Andrea Fang, and junior co-captain Cassie Kao. In her first collegiate season, Hofer went an incredible 18-0 in dual match play, including a perfect 8-0 mark against conference opponents, to earn NEWMAC All-Conference honors at fourth singles. Fang went 13-4 while playing mostly at number three, and Kao added a combined 22 wins in singles and doubles during her sophomore season.

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Men’s Lacrosse

The Babson College men’s lacrosse team enjoyed one of its finest seasons ever in 2002. Pilgrim League Co-Coach of the Year Jim Castrataro guided his as well as a trip to the league championship game.

For the third consecutive year, seniors Mike Welch and Chris Darmon, Welch helped the team place very well. Other key contributors on the offensive end were junior Darryl Hasen who finished third on the team with 28 goals and 35 total points, junior Devin Collins who tallied 17 goals and 24 total points, and sophomore Todd MacDowell who placed fifth with 17 goals and 21 total points despite missing six games with an injury.

While the offense was certainly potent, it was Babson’s stellar defense that helped the team soar to the next level in 2002. Anchoring the squad’s stingy defensive unit were senior Matt Whittier, Matt’s younger brother Keith Whittier, and junior Matt Siciliano. The trio started all 18 games together, helping the Beavers post the second lowest goals-against-average in the nation (5.20) during regular season play. For his efforts, Siciliano was named to the Pilgrim League All-Star team and the All-New England team, while Keith Whittier earned NEWMAC All-Conference honors in just his first collegiate season. Babson’s other significant contributors were sophomore goalkeeper and former NEWMAC and Pilgrim League Rookie of the Year Paul DeFina and Nic Sabella.

“I was very pleased with our results this season,” Castrataro said. “Our guys played hard at both ends of the field, and our goaltending was tremendous. Hopefully, we can carry the momentum from this year into the next season.”

-Courtesy of Athletics Department
With the loss of two of the finest players in program history to graduation, the Babson women’s lacrosse team faced a difficult challenge in 2002. However, armed with a new head coach and an outstanding core of talented young athletes, the Beavers were preparing for a breakout season this past spring.

Having lost Laura Hayes, Katie Marshall who tied for fourth on last year’s team with 11 goals and two assists for 13 points will help fill that void. She will be joined up front by sophomore Eleni Comuntzis, Babson’s top rookie from a year ago. Both Marshall and Comuntzis will be counted upon for even more offensive production this season.

Other potential contributors on offense this season include juniors Ashley Andre and Deb Morris. Sophomore twin sisters Kinsley and Erica Burrill should also see increased playing time, as both performed well in their rookie seasons.

Defensively, Babson will be hurt by the loss of last year’s team leader, Maria McDonough. However, the Beavers have several talented defenders returning, including junior Stephanie Bogue, junior Alyson Yablonskie, sophomore Courtney Julian, and sophomore Erin Hurley. All four started consistently throughout last season, and will provide some much-needed experience and leadership on the defensive end.

For the third consecutive season, junior Abby Howe will handle the goalkeeping duties. An extremely intelligent player with tremendous instincts, Howe performed well throughout the season.

Despite her team’s relative youth combined with a very imposing schedule, first-year coach Killy Hagerman is confident that Babson will be in contention for a post-season bid come May. “We certainly have the talent and the desire to compete with any team in New England,” Hagerman says. “The key to our success is going to be consistency. If we can work hard and maintain our focus throughout the season, we’ll be a tough team to beat.”

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Smith* A W, 21-10
Wheaton* A L, 9-10
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Plymouth St. H L, 8-12
Salve Regina H W, 16-5
Wellesley* A W, 15-13
Gordon H W, 14-13
Mt. Holyoke* H W, 16-6
Connecticut College A L, 10-14
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Wheaton (NEWMAC) A L, 7-18
Bridgewater St. (ECAC) A L, 11-12