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The Beavers return 17 letterwinners from last year's squad, including an entire defense that recorded seven shutouts a year ago. In the midfield, this year's team featured several versatile athletes that have a major impact at both ends of the field. This group includes junior Mark Abraham, who scored three goals and added two assists last season, and sophomore Joe Piai, who finished third on the squad with seven goals and seven helpers for 21 points last fall. Other key members of the midfield are junior Matt Kersker, junior Michael Krisko, and junior Peter DiDomizio. All three enjoyed tremendous campaigns in 2000, and make Babson's midfield one of the deepest. Leading the Beavers' dangerous core of strikers is junior Jonah Frisch. The team's second-leading scorer last year, Frisch earned NEWMAC All-Conference and NSCAA All-New England honors after finishing second on the team with eight goals and six assists for 22 points.

After just two seasons, Frisch ranks 16th on the school's all-time scoring list with 46 career points. Joining Frisch up front are sophomores Patrick Spicer, Nick Riccio, and Dario Cornelio. All three showed flashes of brilliance last season, and are counted upon to provide increased scoring production this fall.

With two consecutive regular season titles under its belt, head coach Jon Anderson believes that his squad can challenge for the NEWMAC title and an NCAA Tournament berth. "We've shown steady improvement over each of the last three seasons, and I'm hoping that trend will continue in 2001," Anderson says. "However, if we are to challenge for the NEWMAC championship again, we'll need to work hard all year long to improve our skills and become a better overall team. If we do that, I'm confident that we'll have the talent and ability to compete with anybody."
Scoreboard

Opponent H/A Time/Result
Roger Williams H W, 5-2
Rivier H W, 4-0
Brandeis H W, 5-0
Bowdoin A L, 1-3
Gordon H W, 4-0
Bridgewater St. A W, 1-0
Amherst A L, 1-3
Clark* H L, 0-1
W.P.I. * A W, 2-1
Salve Regina H W, 8-1
Keene St. A L, 1-2
Wheaton* A L, 1-2
Williams H L, 1-5
Coast Guard* H W, 4-1
M.I.T. * H W, 4-1
Springfield* A L, 1-3
Lasell H W, 4-1
Colby-Sawyer H W, 4-1
MIT (NEWMAC Quarterfinals) H L, 2-5
UMass Dartmouth (ECAC Quarterfinals)
A W, 1-0
Westfield St. (ECAC Semifinals) A T, 1-1 (L, 2-4 PK)* indicates NEWMAC contest
Scoreboard

Opponent H/A Time/Result
Brandeis H/W, 2-1
Anna Maria A/W, 3-2
Tafts H/W, 4-1
Bridgewater St. A/W, 3-1
Salem St. A/W, 1-0 (OT)
UMass-Dartmouth H/W, 4-0
Springfield* H/L, 2-3
M.I.T.* H/L, 1-3
Bowdoin A/L, 0-4
Smith* A/W, 1-0
Wheaton* A/L, 0-3
Salve Regina H/W, 3-0
Mt. Holyoke* H/W, 3-0
Wellesley* H/W, 3-2 (OT)
Coast Guard* A/W, 3-2
Clark* A/W, 3-2 (OT)
W.P.I.* A/L, 0-1 (OT)
Wellesley (NEWMAC Quarterfinals) H/T, 1-1
E. Conn. St. (ECAC Quarterfinals) A/W, 2-1 (OT)
Wellesley (ECAC Semifinals) H/T, 0-0
*indicates NEWMAC contest
Women's Soccer

A rash of injuries last year resulted in a limited bench, a number of different starting lineups, and several position changes. However, that fact could not stop the Beavers' favor this past fall, as the team features an extremely deep and experienced group of returning players.

Leading the way the season was senior tri-captains Kate Ryan, Meghan Norton, and Amber Benoit. A two-time captain, Ryan battled through a grueling leg injury in 2000 to play during this year. The talented midfielder finished third on the team with three goals and one assist for seven points. Norton and Benoit each played every game for the Beavers, combining for five assists. Both played a vital roll in the team’s success this season.

Also this season is the dangerous duo of seniors Karyn Gronke and Tara Haverty. Other key contributors on this year's team are junior Charlene Caputo, and sophomores Katrina Majut and Laura Davis. All three enjoyed solid seasons last fall, and improved in 2001.

"We battled through a lot of diversity last season, but I believe it made our team that much stronger," Blietzath says. "We have a lot of talent and experience coming back this fall, and if we can continue to work hard and improve, we will have an excellent shot at winning the conference title and returning to the postseason."
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Despite losing six runners to graduation, the men’s team featured an outstanding group of returning athletes in 2002. Four of the Beavers’ top five runners returned, including junior standout Chris Perry. Senior tri-captains Mike Connelly, Ben Dillon, and Vin Framularo added depth to the Babson line-up, as did junior Matt Rowell and a host of first-year athletes.

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-Courtesy of Babson Athletics
Scoreboard

Opponent H/A Time/Result
St. Michael’s Invitational A 1st/15
UMass-Dartmouth Invitational A 12th/33
Codfish Bowl A 11th/24
USM Invitational A 1st/5
Trinity Invitational A 6th/8
Trinity Invitational A 29th/44
NEWMAC Championships A 6th/4
ECAC Championships A 24th/42
NCAA Championships A 17th/44
Women's X-Country

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With all of their top runners having returned, the Babson women show great improvement this fall. Seniors and two-year co-captains Kim Page and Melissa Nelson once again lead the way for the Beavers, while sophomore Lydia Halloran look to build on a fantastic rookie campaign. Halloran and Page are tw

the team. The women's squad also received contributions from senior Jackie Savage, who did very well in her first collegiate season last fall, as well as a number of incoming first-years.

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St. Michael's Invitational A 5th/17
UMass-Dartmouth Invitational A 14th/38
Codfish Bowl A 18th/25
USM Invitational A 3rd/5
Trinity Invitational A 6th/9
Open N.E. Championships A 35th/41
NEWMAC Championships A 9th/10
ECAC Championships A 23rd/45
NCAA Championships A 25th/50