Field Hockey

One of the biggest factors in Babson's success this season is the play of its dominating defense. Allowing just 1.23 goals per game last fall, the backfield features several talented returners, including junior Deb Morris, sophomore Kate Graham, and junior Abby Howe. All three enjoyed excellent seasons a year ago and were counted upon heavily in the upcoming campaign.

Anchoring the defensive unit in 2001 are sophomore goalkeeper Colleen Kelly, who recorded a .933 save percentage in 15 games during her rookie season. She was backed up by junior co-captain Zemira Khan, who sports a 1.01 career GAA after two seasons.

The midfield was anchored by junior co-captain Shannon Hawley, who ranked fourth on the team in scoring with eight total points in 2000 while starting 16 of 19 games. She joined sophomore trio of Erin Lockwood, Kristy Mellinger, and Lauren Glavin, who all saw extensive playing time during their rookie seasons. Lockwood and Mellinger each recorded one goal, while Glavin added one goal and one assist.

Up front, the Beavers are bolstered by the return of juniors Sarah Lange and Cara Campo. One of the team's two co-captains, Lange set a new Babson single-season record last fall when she dished out a team-high 11 assists.

Sophomore Torry Cullen also had an impact on the front line this fall, as could sophomore Allison Armstrong. Cullen recorded two goals for four points in 17 games last season, while Armstrong played well in limited action.

"This team showed a lot of promise last year," third-year head coach Laurie Magoon says. "Hopefully, with hard work and preparation, we will be able to build on that momentum and challenge for the NEWMAC title in 2001."
Scoreboard

Opponent H/A Time/Result
Bridgewater St. AW, 2-1 (2OT, PS)
Salve Regina HW, 3-0
New England College AW, 1-0
Gordon HL, 0-1 (OT)
Wesleyan HW, 2-1 (2OT, PS)
Springfield* AL, 0-2
Salem St. HW, 2-0
M.I.T.* AW, 2-0
Bowdoin AL, 0-3
Smith* HW, 2-1
Wheaton* HW, 2-1
Tufts AL, 0-2
Holyoke* AL, 1-4
Wellesley* AL, 1-3
UMass-Dartmouth HW, 4-0
Simmons AW, 2-0
Clark* HL, 1-4
Western New England AW, 1-0
W.P.I.* HW, 5-1
Wellesley AL, 0-1
U. of Southern Maine AL, 1-2 (2OT, PS)

* indicates NEWMAC contest
Scoreboard

Opponent H/A Time/Result:
Simmons A W, 3-1
Wentworth at Framingham St NW, 3-0
Framingham St. A W, 3-1
Smith *H L, 1-3
W.P.I. A W, 3-0
Mt. Holyoke *H L, 1-3
Suffolk H W, 3-0
Lasell H W, 3-0
Cost Guard* A L, 0-3
Pine Manor H W, 3-1
Emmanuel A L, 1-3
Wellesley *A L, 0-3
Wheaton NW, 3-2
Endicott NW, 3-0
E. Connecticut ST A L, 0-3
Lasell NW, 3-0
M.I.T. N L, 0-3
Clark *H L, 2-3
Eastern Nazarene AW, 3-0
Roger Williams NW, 3-0
U. of Southern Maine NW, 3-1
UMass-Boston NW, 3-0
UMass-Dartmouth A L, 0-3
Springfield *H L, 0-3
Regis H W, 3-0
Endicott A W, 3-0
Colby at Endicott NW, 3-1
Wheaton *A L, 0-3
M.I.T. *H L, 2-3

*indicates NEWMAC contest
Women's Volleyball

Pacing the Beavers in 2001 is senior tri-captain Michelle Malone, a defensive specialist who ranked 11th in the nation last season with 0.83 aces per game. She is joined by fellow tri-captains Stephanie Bogue, who recorded 179 kills and 228 digs as a sophomore last fall, and Rachel Seraphin, who tallied 92 digs in 71 games played during her junior campaign.

Other key performers on the 2001 squad are junior Jill Conrad, who led the team in hitting percentage last year, and sophomore Erica Yuan, who led the Beavers with 371 assists and 307 digs while placing 15th in the country with 0.80 aces per game. Junior Alyson Yablonskie led Babson with 181 kills a year ago, and is again a major contributor in the team's success. Senior Phanney Kim also plays a valuable role this season, as will sophomores Michelle Danis and Stephanie Lifshin.

Babson once again faced a very challenging schedule in 2001. The Beavers played a full schedule in the NEWMAC, which features NCAA Tournament qualifier Wellesley College, as well as regional powers Springfield College and MIT. In addition, the team continues to battle several top teams outside of the conference, and will participated in several top-level tournaments.

"This year's returning players include leaders in assists (371), kills (179 and 181) and service aces (nationally ranked 9th and 11th). The combination of a large returning class along with a talented freshmen class offers us the opportunity to build upon our success from last year. I am confident that we can improve our overall record as well as our conference record and anticipate returning to the Conference Tournament."
After finishing 15th in the nation at last year, our 2001 NCAA Division III Championship Tournament, the Babson College golf 2001-2002 brought success for one of New England’s most prestigious programs.

As a result of their stellar play last year, the Beavers earned their second straight bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament, where they improved to from 22nd in 2000 to 15th overall in 2001.

Now, with three of its top performers lost to graduation, the Babson golf program has looked to a new core of talented linksters as it looks to remain at the top of the New England golf scene. Leading the way in 2001-2002 is returning junior and team captain Steven Eklund, who was named to the All-New England team last season after tying for third at the NEIGA Championships. He is being joined by sophomore Brandon Eldredge, who claimed NEWMAC Rookie of the Year honors last fall, and junior Tom Krimmel, who played a key role in the team’s success after transferring from Northeastern prior to his sophomore year.

Other contributors on this year’s team could include senior Evan Carlson, who enters his second season after joining the squad last fall, and junior Andy Dratch, who has shown tremendous potential in his first two collegiate campaigns. In addition, two-time NEWMAC Coach of the Year Mike Vassalotti will look to a talented group of incoming first-years as he hopes to guide his team back to the NCAA Tournament.

“There’s no question that we’ll miss our three seniors from a year ago,” Vassalotti says. “However, our returning players have gained valuable championship experience over the last couple of seasons, and I’m confident that they can mold this team into yet another NCAA Tournament contender.”

-Courtesy of Athletics Department
Scoreboard

Opponent H/A Time/Result
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Duke Nelson Inv. @ Middlebury A 2nd/21
Worcester St. Invitational A 1st/4
Williams Invitational A 10th/21
ECAC Northern N.E. Qualifier A 1st/13
ECAC Championships A 3rd/17
WNEC Invitational A Tie 4th/14
NEWMAC Championships @ WPI A 1st/4
NEIGA Championships @ Brewster A 22nd/26
NEIGA Championships @ Brewster 7th/9
(Div. III)
District I Shootout @ Williams A 2nd/12
May 13-16 NCAA Championships @ Lincoln, NB A 23rd/23
Scoreboard
Opponent/H/A/Time/Result:
Johnson & Wales H/W, 83-46
Plymouth St. H/W, 82-73
Emerson A/W, 82-70
Mt. Ida A/W, 78-70
Salem St. H/L, 69-70
Tufts H/W, 76-63
Suffolk H/W, 79-65
Flagler A/L, 84-87
Roger Williams A/W, 83-54
Bowdoin H/W, 71-41
M.I.T. A/W, 58-45
Brandeis A/W, 71-48
Coast Guard H/W, 78-42
Clark A/L, 63-75
Eastern Nazarene H/W, 84-36
W.P.I. H/W, 69-41
Springfield H/W, 64-42
Wheaton A/W, 83-70
M.I.T. H/W, 76-51
Coast Guard A/W, 58-44
Clark H/W, 90-79
W.P.I. A/W, 62-31
Springfield A/L, 50-64
Wheaton H/W, 82-63
Salve Regina A/W, 68-66

*indicates NEWMAC contest
The Babson College men's basketball team came back this year with a vengeance. Key to the team's success this winter was the play of its talented and athletic frontcourt. Senior Giles Westie and junior Mark Lussier returned to lead the veteran group after both enjoyed fine seasons a year ago.

Among Babson's highly talented freshmen who will be trying for time this year are forward Jeff Nicholson and guard Phil Riffe. Nicholson is an explosive athlete who earned Boston Globe All-Academic honors last season, while Riffe is an extremely dangerous three-point shooter. Other potential contributors from the incoming class include guard Otwan Lowery and forward Brooks Brown. Rounding out this year's squad are first-years Jamaal Mitchell, Dan Elliman, and Ben Stone.

While the Beavers will have the talent and the experience necessary to once again be one of the top teams in New England, they faced an extremely challenging schedule. In the NEWMAC, Babson was against several top post-season contenders, including Clark, which advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament last year, and regional powers Springfield and Wheaton. In addition, the team battled a host of outstanding non-conference opponents, including Salem State, Tufts, and NAIA Division II standout Flagler.
Leading Babson this winter will be senior forward Meredith Eddy. The team's most pleasant surprise last season, Eddy established herself as one of the premier players in New England by averaging a team-high 15.4 points per game to go along with 6.9 rebounds per contest. An outstanding athlete on both ends of the court, Eddy also paced the Beavers with 42 steals as she earned NEWMAC All-Conference honors for the first time in her career. In addition to Eddy, the team's extraordinary front court will also include junior center Ingrid Miller. A former NEWMAC Rookie of the Year and All-Conference selection, Miller enjoyed another fine season in 2000-2001. Her 12.3 points per contest placed her second on the squad in scoring, while her 7.6 rebounds per outing was tops on the team and eighth in the conference. Miller was also Babson's top shot blocker, recording 46 swats to go along with 33 steals. Providing depth in the paint will be junior Patricia Leahy, who ranked third on the team with 4.8 rebounds per game last winter, and sophomore Rebecca Krawczyk, who averaged a solid 7.2 points and 3.7 boards per contest while hitting 16 of 30 three-point attempts during her rookie season. The Babson backcourt will be led by senior Kerri Lally, who dished out a team-high 50 assists a year ago. Also an excellent defender, Lally pulled down 2.1 rebounds per game while picking up 27 steals during her junior season. She will be joined by junior guard Joanna Maher, who emerged as the team's top perimeter threat last winter. An outstanding shooter, Maher nailed 38 of her 119 attempts from three-point range as she ranked third on the squad with 7.3 points per game. She also played well at the defensive end, recording 33 steals. Other potential contributors this season include junior Patricia Robichaud and sophomores Katie McMackin and Tanya Maskaluk. All three played well in limited action last year, and should see increased playing time this winter. Despite the fact that the Beavers will once again battle one of the toughest schedules in the region, long time head coach Judy Blistrub likes her team's chances during the upcoming season. "We're going to face a number of excellent teams this winter, including several from within our own conference," Blistrub says. "However, I believe that we have both the talent and the experience to compete with any of them. To do that, we'll need to continue to work hard and remain consistent throughout the season." -Courtesy of the Athletics Department