The Babson United Rugby Club, established in 1979, had a membership this year of approximately 50 players. Babson's team plays mainly Division I schools, such as Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University, UMass-Amherst, and the University of Vermont.

Seniors who have been associated with this club include Peter Flanagan, Willie Nelson, Andrew Hathaway, Dan Bommer, Drew Nixon, Bill Shea, Mike McGuire, Dean Whalen, Paul Trevino, Dominic Powell, Jeff Dinsmore, John Wallace, and Tom Carroll.

This club has proved to be a stable one with the large number of players throughout the years and will continue to do so in the future.
Ruggers charge their opponents in a scrum.

Ready for his attackers, Dean Whalen charges down field.
 Walsh and Towers taking a breather

 Walsh, I'm behind you!

 Getting set for a line out
John O'Brien gets set to put the ball into the scrum
Ruggers get ready for the kick-off

John Luther taking out an opponent
Dan Collins takes off with the ball
FIELD HOCKEY

The Field Hockey team continued to improve making themselves a strong contender in Division III finishing up with a 6-8-2 record for the 1987-1988 season. With the incoming freshmen and very talented veterans, the women’s field hockey team defeated many fierce competitors. Highlights of the season include hosting the pre-season Babson Classic inviting Nichols College, Western New England, and Keene State, defeating Nichols College during our regular season, and being invited to the New 8 tournament. This was the first time in Babson’s history the women’s field hockey team had even been invited to a post season tournament. This particular team coached by Laurie Magoon and assistant Kate Cunningham, characterized it as “one who was hard working, determined and worked well together as a team. It didn’t depend on one or two particular players. This team is one to look out for in the near future.”

Denise Paratore

MVP Donna Stone
Co-captain Gail McDonough getting set to pass.

Laura Pighetti's look of determination.

Taking off with the ball is co-captain Denise Paratore.

Lorna Conneen battles it out with her opponent.
**MVPs Maureen Richard, Sergio Rodriguez**

Kai Saurbier in action.

Paul Ware ended the season with an impressive five win tally.

Determined for another victory.

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**Tennis**

**Women's**

The Women's Tennis team finished strong defeating Wheaton to arrive in the quarterfinals at the first annual New Eight Tournament. The youth of the team enabled them to bounce back from some initial reorganization in the team's structure. Along with adjusting to a new coach, Dan Brennan and his disciplined coaching techniques, injuries kept senior Sue McNulty and sophomore Christine Campanelli out for the season.

Meeting the challenges of number one singles as a sophomore, Maureen Richards kept the other members optimistic and confident. Laura Coussons transferred in from Tulane to dominate the number three spot. Junior Shelley Sim kept pace at number two, leaving her cross-court antics out with Sue. Freshman Anna Newburn and sophomore Lisa Hadzeyriakides rounded out the squad and will both be part of the returning team next year.

Only one senior will leave this year, co-captain Linda Nistico, completing four years with the team. The 1988 squad will return older, more experienced and with a greater tolerance for Coach Brennan's driving of the van. Challenging matches to be faced are with Wellesley, MIT and Brandeis.

Linda Nistico
Mens’

The Mens’ Tennis team ended their regular season with an 8-5 record. Senior Sergio Rodriguez was the top singles player for Babson with a 10-2 record. Close behind was sophomore Jordan Klingberg with a 9-4 record. Due to their outstanding regular season play, Sergio and Jordan were seated 4th and 7th, respectively, at the New England Championships. Klingberg with freshman Mark Cordes teamed up this season for doubles play and ended the season with a 10-3 record which allowed them to be placed 5th in the New Englands.

With the support of the new coach, Joe O’Brien, and the return of key players, the ’89 season for the Mens’ Tennis team should prove to be quite successful.
CROSS COUNTRY

The Babson Cross Country team had one of their most exciting seasons of their entire career. The five women achieved a final record of 14 wins and 10 losses, while the eleven men had 8 wins and 21 losses; no small feat considering the competition we faced! Yet despite the number of wins and losses, the most important aspect of the team results was the tremendous effort put in by all the members. A few runners like Frank, Tony, John, Jim and Suzanne, were fairly new to the sport of racing and applied themselves, physically and mentally, to become quite talented by the season’s end. Those who were more experienced like Scott, Tom, Shaun, Brenda and Tracy witnessed much improving their race times.

The new coach, Lee Gustafson, was a major inspiration for the team. He led each practice with such vigor and enthusiasm that it carried over to the sometimes “frustrated” runners. A few of the speed workouts definitely tested one’s mental ability to confront pain.

Our efforts paid off — the 1987 season will long be remembered!

Rebecca Kotch

1987 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

MVPs Rebecca Kotch
Bruce Walsh

Seniors Tracy and Rebecca giving it their all.

A Cross Country teammate giving it his all.

And they’re off!
1987 was another exciting year for the Women's Volleyball team! Next year we will be state champs! Thanks to Steve Stirling and the Men's Soccer team for all their support. The friendships made it all worthwhile and next year's team has nothing but promise. Good luck to all the returning players, Erika, Susan, Carolyn, Tonja, Jo, and Tisha (and the new coach!) Also thanks to the departing seniors Lynne Riordan and Karen McEwen.

1987 Volleyball Team in action.

Seniors McEwen and Riordan get ready for their opponents.

Team members rally to score another point for BABO.