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Jenny Scavone Named NFCA First Team All-American

First-year softball player Jenny Scavone had an outstanding rookie season and became the first Clark softball player to be named to the NFCA All-America First Team. In addition, she was selected to the regional All-America and All-New



Jenny Scavone '05

England First Teams. The NEWMAC Rookie of the Year also earned all-conference honors. She led the Cougars with a .424 batting average, 37 runs scored, 15 doubles and eight triples. Scavone, who finished fourth among NEWMAC players in batting average, tied Clark's season record for doubles and set a new record for triples. She was second in the conference in doubles and triples and was among the league leaders in runs and RBIs. ★

Clark Reaches Elite Eight For Second Consecutive Year

Men's basketball players started the season with the word "believe" on their practice shirts. The Cougars finished the 2001-02 season 23-6 and made believers out of the entire country, advancing to the Elite Eight for the second consecutive year. Sixth-year head coach Paul Phillips has established Clark once again as one of the top programs in the country. The Cougars have advanced to the NCAA Tournament three times in the last four years.

Junior captain Sean Fleming and sophomores Dave McNamara and Trevor Walker led the potent offense. Fleming, the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Player of the Year, led the team with 16.1 points and added 3.1 assists per game. He shot an impressive 52.6 percent from the floor and connected on 41 of 89 three-pointers (46.1 percent). Fleming became the 20th Clark player to surpass the 1,000-point plateau and now has 1,115 points. Three-point sharp shooters McNamara and Walker averaged 15.1 and 15.0 points per game respectively. McNamara made 70 of 190 three-pointers (36.8 percent) while Walker led the team with 94 treys.

Senior captain Amos Anderson and junior Rob Skowyra provided emotional sparks throughout the season.

Anderson averaged 10.1 points per game and a team-high 4.8 rebounds, while Skowyra, the general of the offense, averaged 4.7 points per game, a team-high 4.8 rebounds per game and 3.2 assists per game. Junior center Chris Bagdis contributed an average 9.6 points per game and 4.0 rebounds per game while shooting a team-high 61.5 percent from the floor.

Clark completed the NEWMAC regular season with an 11-1 record and won the NEWMAC Championship for the second year in a row. Losing only to Babson on the road, the Cougars earned the top seed in the conference tournament. Despite the home-court advantage and a 10-game home winning streak, the Cougars were upset in the semifinals by Wheaton College 100-92.

Clark received an at-large bid and hosted Suffolk University in the NCAA Tournament first round. Trailing at the half by three points, the Cougars used a 27-11 run to start the second half and took an 11-point lead with 10 minutes to go. McNamara scored 19 points including five three-pointers to lead Clark to an 84-77 win.

Clark traveled to the College of Staten Island for the second round and started the game with an 11-0 run. The Cougars shot 53.8 percent from the floor in the second half and cruised by

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Clark Announces Athletic Department Award Winners

The annual Athletic Awards Program celebrated the year's accomplishments, recognized senior athletes and four-year participants, and honored department award winners. A reception prior to the awards program lauded 76 scholar-athletes who earned a 3.5 grade-point average cumulatively and/or for the 2001 spring and/or fall semester.



Brock Tibert '03 and Athletic Director Linda Moulton

The Russ Granger Award for academic excellence and athletic achievement by a male athlete was awarded to Brock Tibert '03, a three-year starter on the baseball team. The economics major has maintained a 3.48 grade-point average.

Field hockey/softball player Julie Mazeika '03 received the Alice Higgins Award for academic excellence and athletic achievement. A three-year starter on both teams, Mazeika was named to the field hockey Regional All-America First Team and all-conference team this year. The biology major has achieved a 3.3 grade-point average.

Jamie Salo '02 was awarded the Fred Hebert Trophy for his significant contribution to the intercollegiate athletic program. Salo, a four-year member of the cross country team, served on the Athletic Board and Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Also a member of Gryphon & Pleiades and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies, he majored in environmental science and policy and achieved a 3.7 grade-point average.

Lynne Casey '02 and Aimee Lee '02 were awarded the M. Hazel Hughes Trophy, which honors the outstanding senior female athlete whose dedication and performance have enriched the tradition of Clark Athletics.

Casey, a four-year starter on both the field hockey and softball teams, fin-

ished her career as Clark's second-leading field hockey scorer with 42 goals and 120 points. She was equally outstanding in softball with a career .402 batting average and 208 hits, second all-time. In 2001 she was recognized as a first-team National All-American in field hockey.

Throughout her career Casey received regional All-America honors and all-conference honors multiple times in both sports.

Lee ended her career as the softball team's all-time hit leader with 229. Her .437 career batting average has set a standard in Clark's softball history. On the mound she compiled a 61-27 record, posted a 1.27 ERA and had 447 strikeouts. Lee was named to four regional All-America and three All-New England Teams. In addition, she was named NEWMAC Player of the Year in 2001, and 1999 Rookie of the Year, and earned all-conference honors four times.

Merit Awards were presented to Katie Brothers '02 (soccer), Jeff Cohen '02 (lacrosse), John Galvin '02 (baseball), and Holly Scavone '02 (softball).

Brothers was selected to the regional All-America Team, All-New England Team, and all-conference team all four years. She finished her career as Clark's all-time leading scorer with 105 points, including 33 goals.

Cohen finished his career with 58 goals, 57 assists and 115 points. He received all-conference and Pilgrim League All-Conference honors twice.

A three-time NEWMAC all-conference selection, Galvin set career records in stolen bases (80), triples (10), homeruns (12) and hits (144). He was an ECAC New England All-Star Honorable Mention in 2001.

Four-Year Participation Awards

Thirty-two seniors received Clark watches in recognition of their four years of varsity athletic participation in the same sport.

- Roey Ahram...men's swimming
- Amos Anderson...men's basketball
- Brooke Barbera...women's tennis
- Matt Bemis...lacrosse
- Katie Brothers...women's soccer
- Loren Bush...men's tennis
- Katie Calabrese...women's swimming
- Gina Cardillo...women's tennis
- Lynne Casey...field hockey/softball
- Brie Cersosimo...women's soccer
- Dave Cilley...baseball
- Jeff Cohen...lacrosse
- Erin Dineen...volleyball
- Mary-Michal Erwin-Loschke...volleyball
- Brynn Feyre...women's soccer
- Tracy Fuller...women's basketball
- John Galvin...baseball
- Sarah Haigh...volleyball
- David Kelly...baseball
- Elissa Larrivee...women's basketball
- Kevin Lawler...men's swimming
- Mark Lawler...men's swimming
- Aimee Lee...softball
- Mati Luik...men's tennis
- Bernadette MacDonald...field hockey
- Andrew Patterson...men's swimming
- Jamie Salo...men's cross country
- Holly Scavone...softball
- Katie Sibley...women's tennis
- Josh Silverman...lacrosse
- Lisa Solomon...women's swimming
- Trevor Thompson...men's swimming

Scavone compiled a 44-16 overall pitching record with a 1.68 ERA, and 313 strikeouts. She posted a .382 batting average and collected 134 hits in three seasons. A two-time Regional All-America Second Team pick, Scavone earned All-New England Second Team honors in 2000 and all-conference selection three times.

The Senior Class Award was presented to Katie Calabrese '02 (swimming) and

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Clark Softball Earns Top Seed in ECAC Tournament

An experienced trio of seniors led the Clark softball team to a 24-12 overall record and a second-place finish in the NEWMAC with a 12-4 mark. Among the Cougars' season highlights were an 8-1 run on their preseason trip to Florida, a 7-4 win over nationally ranked Wartburg College, doubleheader sweep against nationally ranked Coast Guard Academy, and a number two seed in the NEWMAC Tournament.

After defeating Mount Holyoke College and Coast Guard in the conference tournament, the Cougars fell to Springfield College (3-0) and eventual tournament champion Wheaton College (3-1). As the top seed in the ECAC Tournament, Clark defeated the University of Southern Maine (1-0) in the first round when senior Aimee Lee's double drove in classmate Holly Scavone in the bottom of the seventh inning. In its third consecutive appearance, Clark was eliminated after losses to Fitchburg State College (7-3) and Endicott College (6-2).

Much of the Cougars' success was attributed to Lee, Scavone, and senior



Aimee Lee '02

Lynne Casey as well as first-year sensation Jenny Scavone. These four players helped the squad finish first in the NEWMAC in batting average (.344) and third in scoring (5.42).

Lee established herself as one of the best softball players in Clark history. She is the all-time leading hitter with 229, and she earned a .437 career batting average. On the mound, Lee

compiled a 61-27 career record and a 1.27 earned run average while striking out 447 batters. This year Lee ranked second on the team in batting with a .423 average and led the squad with 32 RBIs. In 24 pitching appearances, she recorded a 14-7 overall record that included 20 complete games, five shutouts, a no-hitter, a 1.15 ERA and 121 strikeouts. Casey surpassed the 200-hit mark this year and is second in career hits with 208. In 151 games, she earned a .402 career batting average. This season, Casey had a .370 batting average including 51 hits, nine doubles, two triples and two home runs.

Holly Scavone returned to the mound from an ACL injury suffered last year and compiled a 12-5 overall record with a 1.99 ERA. She pitched 14 of 19 complete games, including two shutouts and two no-hitters, and struck out 81 batters in 105.1 innings pitched. A solid hitter, Scavone hit .367 with 14 RBIs. Along with Lee and Casey, Scavone has helped lead Clark to four post-season appearances including an appearance in the 1999 NCAA New England Regional Tournament and the 2000 ECAC Tournament Finals.

Jenny Scavone had an outstanding rookie season and was the first Clark softball player to earn NFCA All-America First Team honors (see page

one story). She led the team with a .424 batting average and added 15 doubles and eight triples.

Juniors Laura Gagnon and Julie Mazeika added to the success with solid seasons. Gagnon batted .375 with 31 RBIs, 13 doubles, two triples and a home run. Mazeika started all 38 games at right field and added 32 hits and 19 RBIs.★

CLARK Cougar Notes

- The athletic department has recreated its athletic logo (above), which was designed by volleyball player Erin Dineen '02.



- Fifteen athletes participated in a playground cleanup, April 22. The playground is located on Clark's campus at the corner of Florence and Downing streets. In addition to painting the equipment, the volunteers raked, swept and planted flowers. Clark's Gryphon & Pleiades honor society donated new swings.
- On May 18, the athletic department held a reception to recognize Joan '60 and Tom '62 Dolan in the Kneller Athletic Center. Alumni and the Clark community honored the Dolans for their tireless efforts on behalf of the University. Several of Tom's classmates were on hand to see renderings of the facility project, including a model of the Dolan Field House.
- The Friends of Clark Athletics sponsored a reception for the senior athletes and their families following commencement. ★

Award Winners

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Brie Cersosimo '02 (soccer), both four-year players and team captains who exemplified class, spirit and integrity in their athletic endeavors.

The Theodore Nicol Sportsmanship Award, which is awarded to the member of the tennis team who best exemplifies the highest traits of sportsmanship, integrity and camaraderie, was presented to seniors Loren Bush and Gina Cardillo. ★

WINTER SEASON WRAP-UP

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

The men's swimming and diving team finished the season with a 7-3 overall record and placed fifth at the NEWMAC Championships. Freshman Jeffrey Rivkin, who won the 1-meter diving event and finished third in the 3-meter at the championships, was named NEWMAC Diver of the Year. Sophomore L. Parker Barnum qualified for the NCAA Championships for the second year. He



Jeffrey Rivkin '05

placed 14th in the 100 breaststroke with a 58.35 time and earned All-America Honorable Mention. Parker swam personal-bests of 21.10 in the 50 freestyle trials and 57.50 in the 100 breaststroke trials. He tied for 27th in the 200 breaststroke and was 46th in the freestyle. Freshman Ben Thein was impressive at the NEWMAC Championships with third-place finishes in the 500 freestyle, 400 individual medley, and in the 1650 freestyle. Sophomore Roy Barnum placed in the top 10 in the 50 and 100 freestyle events and the 100 breaststroke.

The women's swimming team finished with a 7-4 overall record and posted a sixth-place finish at the NEWMAC Championships. Junior Jaime Armstrong was first in the 100 butterfly at the NEWMAC Championships with her best



Jaime Armstrong '03

time of the year, 1:00.35, and was named to the all-conference team. She also placed sixth in the 100 breaststroke and third in the 100 freestyle.

This past season a number of school records were broken at the Cardinal Classic. Parker Barnum set records in the 200 breaststroke (2:08.83) and 200 individual medley (1:59.84), while Thein broke the school mark in the 400 individual medley (4:09.93), and senior Katie Calabrese broke 20-year records in the 100 breaststroke (1:10.04) and 200 breaststroke (2:31.32). Armstrong set marks in the 100 butterfly (59.77) and 100 backstroke (1:02.23), and the women's 400 medley relay team broke a 21-year record with a 4:17.92 time.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team finished the season 13-13 overall and 3-6 in the NEWMAC. Clark started the season winning the Worcester City Tip-off Tournament for the fifth consecutive season. Junior Rachael Turkington led the Cougars' charge until suffering a season-ending knee injury in the 15th game of the season. Named to the Verizon Academic All-America District I Second Team and the NEWMAC Winter All-Academic Team, Turkington averaged 16.3 points and 3.3 assists per game. She pulled down an average 3.5



Rachael Turkington '03

rebounds and connected on 44 three-pointers. Turkington's honors during the year included Worcester City Tournament MVP, Williams

All-Tournament Team, NEWMAC Player of the Week and WABCA Player of the Week. Senior captain Tracy Fuller, a four-year starter, averaged 5.9 points and 2.5 assists per game, and senior Elissa Larrivee added 6.5 points and 5.0 rebounds per contest.

First-year twins Briana and Echo Freeman had solid rookie seasons in the frontcourt. Briana was second on the team in scoring with 10.9 points and 5.2 rebounds per outing, while shooting 44.7 percent from the floor. Echo averaged 7.6 points and 5.0 rebounds while shooting 46.0 percent from the floor. She was named to the Worcester City All-Tournament Team. ★

Fairbanks Retires after 43 Years

Richie Fairbanks officially retired from Clark University on June 2 after 43 years of service. A permanent fixture at Clark since June 2, 1959, Fairbanks was originally hired to work in the grounds department. In 1963, he took over as custodian of Alumni Gym, and from 1974-1979, he served as supervisor of housekeeping. In 1979, he was named supervisor of the Student Athletics Center, later renamed the Kneller Athletic Center. For the past 23 years, Fairbanks served the athletic department in various capacities, many of which extended well beyond the boundaries of his title as building supervisor/equipment manager.



The athletes presented Fairbanks with a framed poster of team photos and farewell messages at the annual awards program. In recognition of his outstanding 23 years of service to athletics, the department's annual Service Award was renamed the "Richard Fairbanks Service Award" and was presented to him. On May 3, the athletic department, the Clark community, and Fairbanks's family honored him at a retirement party where he was presented with several gifts including a framed jersey (see picture) bearing his name and the number 43 for his years at Clark. ★

SPRING SEASON WRAP-UP

Baseball

- Overall Record: 9-22-1, 3-9 NEWMAC (sixth)
- Set a season record with 58 doubles.
- John Galvin '02 finished his career rewriting the record books with season records for



John Galvin '02

triples (6), home-runs (6), runs scored (42), walks (28) and stolen bases (32), and career records for hits (159), triples (14), homeruns (14), total bases (254), RBIs (92), runs (135), at bats (463), walks (66) and stolen bases (80).

- "Despite the difficult season, Galvin and Brock Tibert '03 had significant accomplishments. An inexperienced group of players gained valuable experience as many of them were every day players," said coach Jason Falcon.

Men's Tennis

- Overall Record: 4-10, 1-5 NEWMAC (fifth)
- Oliver Hartman '05 was named NEWMAC Player of the Week (4/11/02). He went undefeated in four matches the week of April 4 and helped the Cougars to a 2-0 start. Against Bridgewater State, Hartman recorded a 6-3, 6-0 win at second singles and an 8-2 victory at second doubles. He then tallied a 6-1, 6-1 win at number two singles and another 8-2 victory at number two doubles against Rhode Island College.
- Hartman, Dmitry Meyerson '03 and Bruce Nash '03 had winning singles records and Hartman/Nash had a winning doubles record.
- "This team practiced harder and prepared better than last season and improved from 1-10 to 4-10," said coach David Zeutas-Broer.

Men's Lacrosse

- Overall Record: 0-11, 0-4 NEWMAC (fifth), 0-7 Pilgrim (fifth in east division)
- Captain Jeff Cohen '02 led the Cougars with 11 goals, seven assists, and 18 points.



Jeff Cohen '02 (left)

- "Despite a small squad and a disappointing and frustrating season, the team played hard every game," said Coach David Ashworth. "They overcame adversity to play tough against strong teams."

Elite Eight

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Staten Island, 101-72. Walker led four players in double figures with 28 points, including seven three-pointers.

The Cougars' Sweet 16 rematch with defending national champion and host Catholic University was described as a heavyweight fight. "We couldn't have asked for a better script," said Phillips. Clark led by three as both teams headed for the locker room at halftime. With 1:27 left and the score 72-72, a foul shot by Bagdis gave the Cougars a one point advantage. Then a steal and two made foul shots by Walker provided part of the knock-out punch. Skowyra blocked a Cardinal three-point attempt to preserve the upset and avenge last year's four-point loss. McNamara led four players in double-figures with 18 points, including five three-pointers, while Bagdis controlled the glass with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Men's and Women's Crew

- The women's novice four finished second in its heat at the New England



Fours Championship at Lowell. The Cougars placed fourth of six boats in the finals. The men's novice four also finished second in its heat and posted a fifth-place finish in the finals.

- The men's novice eight posted the fastest time (6:53.22) in the recent history of Clark's novice program at the New England Championships in May.
- During the spring, the women's novice four defeated Mass Maritime in a dual race and finished second in an event that included, Amherst, Assumption and Mass Maritime. ★

In the sectional finals, the Cougars trailed Elizabethtown by 19 points early in the game but answered with a 35-14 run over the final nine minutes of the first half to cut the lead to eight entering the second stanza. "This team never quits," commented Phillips. "The comeback against Elizabethtown sums up this year's never-give-up attitude." Elizabethtown maintained its control and led by as many as seven with five-and-a-half minutes to play. Clark used a 13-7 run to pull within one with 1:05 to go. The Blue Jays used stifling defense and a clutch lay-up in the last minute to preserve the 94-90 win and a ticket to the final four. Fleming, who was selected to the sectional all-tournament team, led the Cougars with a game-high 29 points, while Walker added 25 points. Elizabethtown fell to Otterbein 102-86 in the national championship finals.

"What we accomplished is truly special and puts us in a very distinct group," explained Phillips. "There was only one other team in the tournament to make the Elite Eight two years in a row." ★

HONORS

Winter/Spring 2002 Individual Honors

Men's Basketball

Sean Fleming '03

ECAC All-Star First Team

D3Hoops.com Northeast All-Region
Second Team

DIII News All-America Honorable
Mention

NEWMAC Player of the Year

NEWMAC All-Conference

Wilkes University Tournament MVP

Scored 1,000th point on Feb. 12 vs. WPI

Dave McNamara '04

NEWMAC All-Conference

Trevor Walker '04

NEWMAC All-Conference

Women's Basketball

Rachael Turkington '03

Verizon Academic All-America District I
Second Team

Worcester City Tournament MVP

Men's Swimming

L. Parker Barnum '04

All-America Honorable Mention

Jeff Rivkin '05

NEWMAC Diver of the Year

Women's Swimming

Jaime Armstrong '03

NEWMAC All-Conference

ECAC - Eastern Collegiate Athletic
Conference

NEILA - New England Intercollegiate
Lacrosse Association

NEISCA - New England Intercollegiate
Softball Coaches Association

NEWMAC - New England Women's and
Men's Athletic Conference

NFCA - National Fastpitch Coaches
Association

Baseball

John Galvin '02

NEWMAC All-Conference

Brock Tibert '03

NEWMAC All-Conference

Lacrosse

Jeff Cohen '02

Pilgrim League All-Conference (East
Division)

NEWMAC All-Conference

NEILA East/West All-Star Game

Softball

Lynne Casey '02

NFCA New England Regional All-
America First Team

NEISCA All-New England Second Team

ECAC Division III New England Second
Team

NEWMAC All-Conference

Laura Gagnon '03

NFCA New England Regional All-
America First Team

NEISCA All-New England Second Team

Holly Scavone '02

NEWMAC All-Conference

Jenny Scavone '05

NFCA All-America First Team

NFCA New England Regional All-
America First Team

NEISCA All-New England First Team

ECAC Division III New England First Team

NEWMAC Rookie of the Year

NEWMAC All-Conference

Aimee Lee '02

NFCA New England Regional All-
America First Team

NEISCA All-New England First Team

ECAC Division III New England Second
Team

NEWMAC All-Conference

Hall of Fame Induction

September 28, 2002

Inductees:

Lloyd Anderson '43 (deceased)
basketball, soccer, baseball

Rob Carr '88 *swimming*

Fanny Hector '90 *basketball*

Jason Qua '90 *basketball, golf*

Neil Walsh '59 (deceased) *tennis*

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NEWMAC All-Academic Honors Winter & Spring 2002

The New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) All-Academic Team for the winter/spring of 2002 included seven Clark student-athletes who met the following criteria: minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 after the fall 2001 semester, at least sophomore standing, and a starter or key reserve.

The following student-athletes earned NEWMAC All-Academic Team Honors:

Roey Ahram '02, *swimming*
Lynne Burns '03, *swimming*
Tracy Fuller '02, *basketball*
Meghan O'Connell '04, *basketball*
Eric Shurtleff '02, *lacrosse*
Josh Silverman '02, *lacrosse*
Rachael Turkington '03, *basketball*

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- www.clarku.edu/departments/athletics

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- ➔ **Awards Program:** Annually recognizes team and individual accomplishments
- ➔ **Team Travel Enhancement:** Provides supplemental assistance when possible to teams' fundraising efforts for travel to out-of-region tournaments and training trips during university breaks
- ➔ **Hall of Fame:** Honors former athletes, coaches and administrators and celebrates the rich tradition of Clark athletics. Founded in 1994, the Hall of Fame has inducted 35 individuals.
- ➔ In addition to these projects, Friends support provides supplementary funds for individual teams and the entire athletic program.

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Granger Field Update

Construction has begun on the Granger Field Project and Dolan Field House on Beaver Street. The facility will soon become a second hub for athletic activity on campus, thanks to a \$7.8-million plan to improve Clark's athletic facilities. The planned project includes the construction of the Joan '60 and Tom '62 Dolan Field House and the reconfiguration and reconstruction of the existing soccer/lacrosse, field hockey and baseball fields, as well as the Corash tennis courts. The field hockey/baseball field as well as the Corash tennis courts are expected to be ready by September 2002. The men's and women's soccer programs will practice and play matches on the field hockey/baseball field for one season. The field house is scheduled to open in



March 2003, and the soccer/lacrosse field will be ready for play by Fall 2003. While providing much needed space for Clark's athletic teams, the field house

also offered the opportunity to honor two of Clark's most avid supporters: Joan and Tom Dolan. Tom has spent his entire professional career at Clark, encouraging countless alumni and friends to get involved with and lend their support to Clark, with Joan acting as his co-ambassador for the University.

There are a number of Granger Field/Dolan Field House naming opportunities ranging from \$10,000 to \$3,000,000. At this time, the field house patio and the men's and women's home locker rooms have been named. For more information about naming opportunities, contact Wally Halas '73 by phone at 508-793-7200, or e-mail at wphalas@aol.com. ★

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