

Clark Athletics

Field Hockey

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SEASON REVIEW

The 2004 Clark University field hockey team finished up its season of play with a 13-7 record. The Cougars made it to the semifinal round of the NEWMAC Tournament before falling to eventual champion, Springfield College. The team was also invited to participate in the ECAC Tournament for the fifth consecutive year and made it to the semifinal round.



This year's team started out strong, winning its first five games, including big wins over Connecticut College (1-0) and Worcester State College (2-0).

Rounding out the month of September, the Cougars came up short against NESCAC rivals, Trinity College (1-3) and Williams College (1-3). In Clark's first NEWMAC conference game, the Cougars pulled out a huge come-from-behind win over Mt. Holyoke (2-1). The month of September proved to be a good one for the Cougars who posted a 6-2 record.

NEWMAC conference play continued through October, and the team started off with a bang vs. MIT (5-4 2ot). The players gained a lot of confidence winning in overtime. The team was victorious on the road vs. Smith College (1-0) and WPI (3-1) and won at home vs. Wheaton College (3-2 1ot) and Anna Maria (5-0). Only Springfield, Babson and Wellesley College defeated the Cougars. In October the team posted a 5-3 record.

Clark was seeded fourth in the NEWMAC Tournament. The Cougars hosted MIT in the quarterfinal round and dominated play throughout, winning 3-0. In the semifinals, Clark was outplayed by a strong Springfield team, 0-4. In the ECAC quarterfinals, Clark hosted Endicott College, a finalist in the Commonwealth Coast Conference Tournament. After a scoreless first half, the Cougars came out on fire and exploded for four goals to put the game

out of reach. Endicott scored their lone goal of the game with four minutes left in the contest (cont. on page 2)



POSTSEASON AWARDS

PEREZ SELECTED TO NATIONAL ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM



Ashley Perez became only the second Clark field hockey player to be named to the All-America Team as a junior and as a senior. Jessica Pettitt '04 was the first player to be named twice to the All-America Team. Ten Clark field hockey players have been recognized at the national level dating back to 1991. Perez joins an elite class of first teamers that includes Lynne Casey '02, Jesse

Egan '03, Jessica Pettitt '04 and Devon Vachula '00. In addition, she has received regional All-America honors three times and NEWMAC All-Conference honors the past two seasons. She is 11th among Clark's career scoring leaders with 20 goals, 27 assists and 67 points.



THREE PLAYERS EARN REGIONAL ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Since 1988, Clark field hockey players have been recognized as regional All-Americans, 41 times! This year, three seniors have joined this prestigious group, Ashley Perez, Kristina Richio and Julie Simon. Perez and Richio earned first team honors while Simon was named to the second team. Richio finishes her career as Clark's sixth all-time leading scorer with 45 goals, 16 assists and 106 points. She is only the seventh Clark player to surpass the 100 point total. Simon, a starting defender for four years

anchored a defensive unit responsible for 42 shutouts during her career. Over the past four years, Clark field hockey has compiled a 61-23 overall record.



Friends of Clark Field Hockey has been formed under the umbrella of Friends of Clark Athletics. If you are interested in supporting the field hockey team and would like more information, please contact Head Coach Linda Wage

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In the semifinal round of the ECAC's, Clark was matched up against Wellesley College. The Cougars came out controlling the play. Clark scored off of a penalty stroke to take a 1-0 lead into halftime. Wellesley raised its level of play in the second half and scored three unanswered goals to take a 3-1 edge. Clark came back and scored another goal but fell short in its comeback, losing to Wellesley 3-2.

This year's team was led by senior co-captains Jill Barnes and Erika Leclair. Other seniors who have made a significant impact were Ashley Perez, Kristina Richio and Julie Simon. Perez is only the second player in history to be recognized as a National All-American as a junior and senior. She was named earlier this season as a North-South Senior All-Star. Richio led the team with 13 goals and four assists for 30 points. Perez and Richio were named First Team Regional All-Americans this season and Simon was a second team selection. These three players were also selected to the NEWMAC All-Conference Team. Leclair, Barnes and Julie Simon have played solid defense for the Cougars throughout their careers. Their intensity and determination has made Clark one of the best defensive teams in New England. Junior forwards Brittney Wickles and Meredith Courtemanche jump started the offense this season with the help of rookie forward Caitlin Rogers. Sophomores Sara Rau, Kim Whittington and Alex Griffin added depth to the midfield and sophomore goalkeeper, Kaitlin Kelley, had eight shutouts on the season. Centering the defense was sophomore, Ginny Mike who has gained tremendous defensive experience over the last two seasons. Rounding out the team were first-year contributors Mary Joyal, Brooke Osgood, Kelly Sinko and Kate Willis.



Overall 13-7, NEWMAC 5-3

September (Home games in Bold)

Tue. 7	at Nichols College	W 3-0
Sat. 11	vs University of Southern Maine	W 2-0
Tue. 14	vs UMass Dartmouth	W 4-0
Thu. 16	at Worcester State College	W 2-0
Tue. 21	at Connecticut College	W 1-0
Thu. 23	at Trinity College	L 1-3
Sat. 25	vs Mount Holyoke College*	W 2-1
Thu. 30	vs Williams College	L 1-3
October		
Sat. 2	at MIT*	W 5-4 (2OT)
Tue. 5	at Babson College*	L 0-6
Thu. 7	vs Anna Maria College	W 5-0
Tue. 12	at Smith College*	W 1-0
Sat. 16	vs Springfield College*	L 1-3
Tue. 19	vs Wellesley College*	L 1-2
Sat. 23	at WPI*	W 3-1
Tue. 25	vs Wheaton College*	W 3-2 (OT)
Sat. 30	NEWMAC Quarterfinals vs #5 MIT	W 3-0

November

Sat. 6	NEWMAC Semifinals at #1 Springfield	L 0-4
Wed. 10	ECAC New England Championship Quarterfinals vs #3 Endicott College	W 4-1
Sat. 13	ECAC New England Championship Semifinals vs #2 Wellesley College	L 2-3

* NEWMAC Game

ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI RETURN FOR HOMECOMING

On Saturday, October, 23rd, 14 of our alumni returned for Homecoming and participated in the alumni game or attended the varsity game vs. WPI. Those in attendance included Erica Brasile Forti, Jenna Boutin, Miki Siegel Brown, Colleen Campbell, Kara Duffy, Erica Fitch, Kerry Ford, Katie Gatton, Jane Geary, Kristin Kazokas,

Bernadette MacDonald, Kelly Murphy, Jessica Pettit and Devon Vachula Elliot. Next year we hope to get more alumni back. Start lacing up your sneakers and pull out your sticks! For those of you that played on the grass field, it would be a real

treat for you to play on our new lighted turf field. Coach Wage would love to hear from you. Email her at lwage@clarku.edu.



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