

# CLARKSON *Golden Knights*

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



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### A NEW "KNIGHT" is UPON US

Clarkson opened a new chapter in the proud tradition of *Golden Knights Athletics* with the unveiling of a fresh image that represents a revitalized representation for the *Green and Gold*.

Clarkson Athletic Director *Sean T. Frazier*, along with the help of prominent former student-athletes *Erik Cole* (men's hockey), *Craig Conroy* (men's hockey), *Alan Nolet* (men's lacrosse), *Kelly Priestley* (women's hockey), *Mike Smith* (men's hockey) and *Todd White* (men's hockey) unveiled six new logo marks this summer at the Cheel Campus Center during the University's Alumni Reunion weekend.



(l-r): Craig Conroy, Todd White and Erik Cole

"This is an exciting time to be a Clarkson Golden Knight," remarked Frazier. "Our new athletic marks and logos truly capture the tradition and excellence of Clarkson Athletics. I want to give a special thanks to Boathouse Sports, Phoenix Design Works, Strategic Marketing Affiliates (SMA) and Vice President, Gary Kelly for all of their hard work in making this happen. I look forward to seeing our new marks and logos represent our department and institution for many years to come."

Strategic Marketing Affiliates, of Indianapolis, Indiana, will handle all the licensing for Clarkson athletic merchandise.



### WOMEN'S HOCKEY CELEBRATES INAUGURAL DIVISION I SEASON

Prior to the start of the *Clarkson University Women's Hockey* team's official home opener at *Cheel Arena* on October 25, the *Golden Knights* held a brief puck dropping ceremony to celebrate their inaugural season as a Division I Independent. Former Clarkson coach *Ron Frazer*, who started the women's initial program in the mid 1970s, former Clarkson players, *Pam Morin* '76, *Kelly Priestley* '81 and *Cathy Champion-Demers* '84, Clarkson President *Tony Collins*, *George A. Davis*, Clarkson Athletic Director *Sean T. Frazier* and men's and women's head hockey coaches *George Roll* and *Rick Seeley* were present at center ice of the dropping of the puck.

Clarkson, led by captain *Kate Allgood* and assistant captains *Kristi Shaw* and *Lindsay Williams*, is off to an impressive start to the 2003-04 campaign with a 5-1-1 record in early November, including road wins over 2002 NCAA Frozen Four participant Niagara (2-1) and a series sweep of defending NCAA III Champion Elmira College (2-1, 3-0).



Tri-captain  
Heather Sill

### VOLLEYBALL SETS NEW STANDARDS in 2003

With an appearance in the 2003 New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) Tr., their first since 1987, the *Clarkson Volleyball* team is enjoying the best season in the program's history. Second-year coach *Laura Mandell* has her squad well-positioned for a run at another post-season title, as the Golden Knights were selected to the *Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate Championships*.

The *Golden Knights*, with a record of 28-10, have recorded the best single-season winning-percentage in team history. Clarkson has also been met with numerous individual accolades throughout the season, none better than the NYSWCAA All-Tournament nod that sophomore *Stephanie Thornton* received for her performance that helped lead Clarkson to a 7<sup>th</sup>-place finish.

Veterans have led the Knights to this spectacular season. Senior *Heather Sill* became the team's all-time and single-season kills leader. Classmate *Kim Hoffman* is again one of the steadiest and underappreciated players in the conference, while *Sue-Ellen Trumbull* has garnered all-tournament accolades for her play at libero.

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### THANKS TO PEPSI AND CU PARENTS' ASSOCIATION, KNIGHTS UNVEIL NEW BLEACHERS AT ALUMNI GYM

With the help of the *Clarkson Parents' Association* and the *Pepsi Corporation*, the *Golden Knights'* home athletic facility, *Alumni Gymnasium*, got a \$78,000 makeover.

Surpassing the fundraising goal of \$50,000, the two groups were able to give Alumni Gymnasium a new look, including brand new bleachers on both sides of the basketball court, emblazoned with CU on the side when they are pushed in, as well as the refinished gym floor, fit with Clarkson University's new athletic logos at center court and on each end line.

"As you can see, all of your efforts have paid off," said Clarkson Athletic Director *Sean T. Frazier* to a packed Alumni Gymnasium on Saturday, October 25th, just prior to the women's volleyball match between Clarkson and St. Lawrence. "The unique partnership and challenge to raise \$50,000 between the Pepsi Corporation and the Clarkson Parents' Association was an opportunity to maximize funds raised and you exceed the goal. A plaque has been placed at the entrance to the gym recognizing your involvement in the Parents' Fund Project 2003. Through many projects, Parents' have helped to enhance the total collegiate experience for all Clarkson students."

The Golden Knights volleyball team christened the updated Alumni Gym with a four-game victory over St. Lawrence.



Left-right: Vice President for Student and Community Affairs Gary Kelly, President Tony Collins, Parents' Committee co-Chairs Ken and Cher Goodwin, Athletic Director Sean Frazier.

### GREEN & GOLD MADNESS



The *Clarkson University Athletic Department* held its *Second Annual Green and Gold Madness* on October 3. A loyal following of Clarkson sports supporters, along with the *Pep Band* and *Golden Knights* athletic teams, experienced a spirited evening at *Alumni Gym*. Fans and student-athletes enjoyed games, food and music as well as prizes awarded by athletic Director *Sean T. Fraizer* at the pep-rally event.



**Clarkson University Athletic Department**  
*Thanks Frenchie's*  
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**For its Partnership in Men's and Women's Hockey!**

The Golden Knights Newest Corporate Partner and Car Dealership of Choice Donated 3 New Vehicles to Clarkson for Use by the Men's and Women's Hockey Programs.




Left to right, Clarkson Women's Head Coach Rick Sealey, Jamie Davis, Public Relations Director of Frenchie's, Real "Frenchie" Coupel, Golden Knight's Men's Head Coach George Bell, and Clarkson Athletic Director Sean T. Frazier.

The Clarkson Golden Knights Men and Women's Teams would like to thank Mr. Coupel and Frenchie's Chevrolet/Olds for their commitment to local community and sports programs.





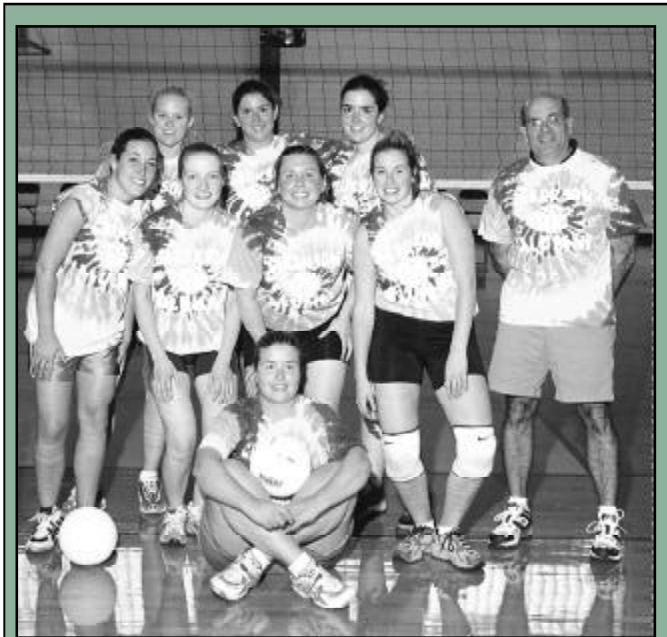
# CLARKSON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ALUMNI RETURN for FALL EVENTS



Three Baseball oldtimers, Al Rothermel '48, Jack Phillips '43 and Bill Fiesinger '37, made their way to Clarkson's Alumni Baseball game at Snell Field this fall.



**2003 CLARKSON ALUMNIVOLLEYBALL**  
Front row: Kelly Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Row (l-r): Liz Breen, Kate Dangremond, Katie Grajczyk, Stacie Breen. 3<sup>rd</sup> row: Dana Stone, Laura Mandell, Cathie Layhee, Steve Newkofsky (honorary coach)



### CLARKSON ATHLETICS ONLINE STORE

Visit the Clarkson Athletic Department website to shop online for Clarkson Athletic apparel. From jackets to shirts and sweaters and more the Clarkson Athletic Department Online Store as all the Golden Knights athletic merchandise.  
[www.clarksonathletics.com](http://www.clarksonathletics.com)



**2003 CLARKSON ALUMNI MEN'S SOCCER** Front row (l-r): Todd Hansen, Brent Mabee, Jason Epstein, Larry Martin, Jon Banz, Dan Benson, Tedd Jagusztyn, Chris Werely, Matt Thomas, Collin Fingon. Back row: Randy Gellert, Brian Colby, Jesse Carpenter, Pat Cogan, Stan Brenner, Mike Bud, Ed Valenta, Andres Garcia, Jason Falco, John Durocher, Zach Ogden



### FALL SPORTS SEASON WRAP-UPS

Though the *Clarkson University Men's Soccer* team only finished the season with a 3-10-3 mark, head coach *Willi Steinrotter's* team looks to be on the rise in the near future. Freshmen *Ismael Mohammad* and *Justin Crowley* combined



to score 11 goals for the Golden Knights. The two rookies also won a combined four UCAA Rookie of the Week awards. Classmate *David Hennessey* recorded three shutouts in goal for Clarkson.

Ismael Mohammad



Troubled by injuries throughout 2003, the *Clarkson Women's Soccer* team completed their season with a 4-11-2 record. Combined with the injuries, coach Laurel Kane's team was very unlucky in overtime, dropping three decisions in extra time. Junior *Jennifer Urquhart* led the team with six goals and two assists and *Linda Fernandez*, named to the UCAA All-Star Second Team, added four goals and moved to fifth all-time in scoring at Clarkson.

Jennifer Urquhart



Emily Emerick

For the second straight season, *Clarkson Women's Tennis* team came within one victory of surpassing the .500 mark, finishing the fall with a 5-5 record. Freshman *Emily Emerick* went 9-1 at the #1 singles spot to lead the Green and Gold. The Golden Knights recorded wins over Plattsburgh State (5-4), Oswego State (8-1), Potsdam State (7-2), Russell Sage (9-0) and Wells College (9-0).



Duke Nelson Champions: (l-r) Mike Gangone, Matt Jackman, Brian Malanchuk, Pete Fuller, Eric Wallace, Bill Bergan (coach)

Surpassing expectations in the fall of 2003, the *Clarkson Golf* team placed second at the ECAC Qualifier and third in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) Championships. Head coach *Bill Bergan* was selected UCAA Coach of the Year, while senior *Eric Wallace* and freshman *Ryan Kelly* shared UCAA Co-Player of the Year honors. Kelly was also named UCAA Rookie of the Year. The Golden Knights placed high at each of the invitationals in which they participated, highlighted by a first-place finish at the Duke Nelson Middlebury Invitational in mid-September.

The *Clarkson Cross Country* team had its share of season highlights again in the fall of 2003, including another victory at the Heron Invitational held at Hobart & William Smith College. The Golden Knights claimed the title by placing seven of the top eight runners on the men's side and five of the top 10 runners in the women's race. Sophomore *Sam Morse* was consistently the top runner for the Golden Knights' men's team, while the women's top spot was taken by several runners, including *Kirsten Schillemat*, *Erin Morgan* and *Marianna Worczak*.



Sam Morse



## MEN'S HOCKEY and MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OUTLOOKS

Off to its best start in four years, the *Clarkson Men's Hockey* team is determined to succeed as the Golden Knights look to return the program to its accustomed perch among the top programs in the *Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)*. Guided by first-year head coach *George Roll*, associate coach *Greg Drechsel* and assistant coach *Jean-Francois Houle*, the Green and Gold will look to build upon their momentum as they head into the heart of the ECAC campaign.

Senior co-captains *Tristan Lush* and *Rob McFeeters* lead a young Clarkson squad, which features nine freshmen and five sophomores on the roster and includes 15 lettermen. The Knights, who tied for seventh in the ECAC last season, are picked to place fifth in the conference this year, but after several impressive showings in the early going, Clarkson could challenge for league honors come March.



### CLARKSON UNIVERSITY GOLDEN KNIGHTS' HOCKEY SHOW

The *Clarkson University Golden Knights' Hockey Show* will return this season with five live broadcasts on *WSNN-FM Radio* 99.3, Potsdam, NY. During Wednesday afternoons, from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m., head coach *George Roll* along with Clarkson Hockey play-by-play broadcaster *Bob Ahlfeld* will answer questions concerning Golden Knights' Hockey.

The five shows will be broadcast on Wednesdays prior to key games during the 2003-04 schedule. Live shows will be held on November 12 (Cornell/Colgate), November 19 (St. Lawrence), January 14 (Dartmouth/Vermont), January 21 (St. Lawrence) and February 18 (Harvard/Brown). Present a question for Coach Roll either by calling 315-265-5512 or emailing hits@slc.com. Listen to the Clarkson Golden Knights' Hockey Show on WSNN-FM Radio in the Potsdam-Canton area or over the Internet at <http://www.clarkson.edu/business/shiple/consulting/>

For most teams, following up a 19-win season with a campaign of just 11 victories would be a disappointment, but considering the *Clarkson Men's Basketball* team had lost its top five scorers, an 11-win season and a 6-8 mark in the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) was a pleasant surprise. With only one senior graduating from last year's squad, the Golden Knights, guided by fifth-year head coach *Tobin Anderson* and assistant *Matt Capell*, appear to be ready to rally back to the top of the UCAA standings. Seniors *Dan Broderick*, *Josh Harner*, *Eric Wallace* and *Kevin Williams* provide plenty of leadership for the Green and Gold, who return eight lettermen. The Knights have also brought in an outstanding freshman class with several players likely to make an immediate impact. Clarkson opens the season on November 21 by hosting the North Country Invitational at Alumni Gym.

Thanks to a reversal of a game played early in the 2002-03 season, the *Clarkson Women's Basketball* team finished the season with a 13-12 record, the first time the program accumulated a standing above the .500 mark since the 1994-95 season. Amazingly, head coach *Ann Parks* could have had an even better opening to her coaching career had the *Golden Knights* won five games in which they came up on the losing end by three points or less. Though Clarkson lost two of the program's best players in school history in departed seniors *Linda Bondellio* and *Jen Martin*, the Golden Knights look to rebuild with a solid, experienced back court and a youthful front court. Second-year coach Parks and assistant *Jen Gafford* hope to see rapid improvement from the young team. Senior co-captains *Bridget Sweeney* and *Brittany Speck* will lead Clarkson as they open the season at the Colby-Sawyer Tournament on November 21-22.

### KNIGHTS FOR KIDS

Clarkson has worked to establish a charity organization, *KNIGHTS FOR KIDS*, to benefit North Country area youth. This organization will serve as a focal point for all charitable work done within the Clarkson Golden Knights Hockey organization. *Power Play Goals for Kids* will be the Golden Knights main fundraising focus for the 2003-2004 season. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to *Camp Ta Kum Ta*, a camp for children battling the effects of cancer. Charitable donation options for Power Play Goals for Kids are pledges on a per power play goal basis or a one time donation. Check out the Men's Hockey page on the Clarkson Athletic Website [www.clarksonathletics.com](http://www.clarksonathletics.com) and click on the Camp Ta Kum Ta logo for more information on Power Play Goals for Kids.

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The Department of Athletics has made a strong commitment towards bringing its news straight to the fans. The Golden Knights' Web site (www.clarksonathletics.com) produces daily news updates to keep fans up-to-speed on the happenings in the Department of Athletics.

Web users can tune in for live radio broadcasts of men's hockey games and coach's show, purchase athletic department merchandise online or bid on Clarkson sports memorabilia at the Golden Knights' Online Auction.

New features are constantly being added, so check back often.

GOLDEN KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING

With snow around the corner, the athletic department is keeping things bright by planning for its annual Golden Knights Golf Outing to be held June 5, 2004. The Turning Stone at the Shenendoah Golf Club will host the event and participants can look forward to a premier golfing experience, dinner and prizes. Interested golfers are invited to contact Athletic Director Sean Frazier at 315-268-6616, Head Golf Coach Bill Bergan at 315-268-3767 or refer to the website at www.clarksonathletics.com for more information.

YOUTH SOCCER CLINIC



For the 13th consecutive year the Clarkson University Men's Soccer team conducted a Potsdam Youth Soccer Clinic. On August 23 at the Potsdam Middle School, members of the Golden Knights varsity, along with head coach Willi Steinrotter and assistant coach Jonathan Banz, demonstrated soccer skills and techniques for over close to 40 aspiring soccer players from age 14 and under.



Front row (l-r): Michele Noble, Friend, Andrea Barberi, Shana Bellis, Laura Tilley. Back row: Laurel Kane, Liz MacDougall, April Grant, Kelly Norman, Dianna St. Onge, Lindsey Sutor, Sarah Kenney, Melanie Kuechle, Trisha King

2003 CLARKSON ALUMNI WOMEN'S SOCCER



**Women's Lacrosse Helps Out St. Mary's School**

On Saturday, October 13, the *Clarkson Women's Lacrosse* team spent the morning volunteering their time and energy to St. Mary's School in Potsdam. After a festive weekend during which the school had hosted a fair, the playground area was in need of litter removal, for which the team cheerfully obliged. There was plenty of dirt on the hands (and nose-blowing for the highly allergic in the group) as they later weeded an overgrown flowerbed—much to the dismay of the local insect population. For the team, it was a nice break from work and school, allowing them to spend time getting to their our neighbors in the community. Thanks Saint Mary's!

**24-HOUR SWIMMING RELAY**

The *Clarkson University Swim* team held its annual 24-hour non-stop relay at *Fuller Pool* to help raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 18, *Golden Knights* team members, assistant coaches *Jeff Lia* and *Chris Houlihan*, head coach *Mick Maguire*, and alumni *Jeff Kibler '02* made up a team of swimmers who swam 400 meter (16 lengths) in relay fashion for 24 hours. This was the 18th year the Clarkson swim team has held a 24-hour relay. In the past the Knights have helped raise funds for the Potsdam Fire Station, Potsdam's Humane Society, the Potsdam Newman Center and the Potsdam H.S. girls' hockey program.

**CLARKSON ATHLETICS ONLINE AUCTION**



On October 20th, the *Clarkson Athletics Department* announced the opening of its *Online Auction*. Bidding is currently underway and will continue on items that include new and vintage athletic gear, signed apparel, collector's items, and much more. To browse the items and register for the auction please visit [www.clarksonauction.com](http://www.clarksonauction.com). New items added weekly!

Front Row (l-r): Justin Driggs, Pat Conole, Tim Stroth, Chuch McGee, Rich Messano, Matt Macaulay, George Hubschmitt, Jason Zeronda, Darren Wilson. Second Row: Al Rothermel, Dave Herbst, Bill Fiesinger, Scott McDonnell, Jack Phillips, Steve Zarnoch, Scott Tubbs, Jim Weaver, Brett Gorham, Kevin Kepner, Gary Junge, Dustin Breen, Shaun Bowman, Scott Smalling, Eric Pinkerton



2003 CLARKSON BASEBALL ALUMNI



Kneeling (l-r): Breck TenEyck, Ryan McCarthy, Mike Burgess, Nate Sweet, Dan Scalisi Adam Nau, Dave Schmid. Standing: Nick Masterpole, Steve Vekasy, Todd Oudemool, Paul Grabowski, Marty Thomas, David Jay, Joe Schmid, Bill Lavelle, Greg Arnold, Dave Sizing, Brian Guy, Matt Austin, Dan Shappee, Mike Riley, Mike Kelly, Dave Douglas, Marc Douglas, Bill Bergan

2003 CLARKSON LACROSSE ALUMNI



# STATEMENT BY CLARKSON PRESIDENT TONY COLLINS ON PROPOSED NCAA LEGISLATION

The NCAA Division III Presidents Council voted today to not withdraw Proposal 2-69 from the agenda of the January 2004 NCAA III Convention.

We are disappointed that members of the Council did not recognize the intent of a 1982 waiver for eight schools that had strong traditions, pride and competitive rivalries in one or two sports at the Division I level.

We have abided by the rules and regulations set forth in the waiver that allowed us to continue to compete in intercollegiate hockey at the Division I level, while all our other sports remained Division III.

In good faith we have made long-term investments in facilities and pledged our commitment to our student athletes, coaching staff, and fans. The case made more than 20 years ago, and accepted by the NCAA, remains intact today for Clarkson University.

We will now move forward on all fronts with the other seven schools opposing this proposal. We will explore all options available to us and leave no stone unturned to find a solution that is in the best interest of our student-athletes and the University.

*Proposal 2-69 is legislation that would eliminate an NCAA Division III Management Council waiver that, for reasons of history and tradition, granted a very small group of Division III institutions the ability to continue offering athletic grants-in-aid to student-athletes participating in a Division I sport.*

*If passed, this legislation would affect Clarkson (men's and women's ice hockey), Colorado College (men's ice hockey, women's soccer), Hartwick (men's soccer, women's water polo), Johns Hopkins (men's and women's lacrosse), Oneonta State (men's soccer), RPI (men's ice hockey), Rutgers-Newark (men's volleyball) and St. Lawrence (men's and women's ice hockey).*



*The only significant difference between these schools and other Division III members is a history and tradition of prominence in one particular sport, generally a sport that has a relatively low national visibility but that is important locally or regionally. Given this history, and the importance of that one traditional sport to each institution, its students, alumni and community, it makes sense for our institutions to continue competing in their traditional sports at the highest competitive level. In other sports, they play in Division III, a status consistent with their institutional philosophies.*

The Clarkson Athletic Department News is published three times per year (Fall, Spring and Summer), by the University's Intercollegiate Athletics Department. If you have any comments or would like to submit news on any current or former Clarkson student/athletes, please contact Gary Mikel, Clarkson Sports Information Director at 315-268-6673 (phone), 315-268-7613 (fax), or email: mikelg@clarkson.edu

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