



# WOMEN'S SOCCER



- \* The Royals have competed in the NCAA Division III championships 11 times, including seven appearances since 1999, and have advanced to the quarterfinals three times
- \* The Royals have captured 16 conference championships, have posted an overall record of 317-157-36 (.657), and have recorded 20 winning seasons since the program's inception in 1983
- \* Seven Royals--**Nicole Amato** (1999), **Nicole Bayman** (2001), **Sue Cately** (1987), **Monica Davidson** (1989), **Holly Spiech** (1988, 1989, 1999), **Sara Suchoski** (2001, 2003) and **Renee Zizza** (1992)--have been named all-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). Bayman and **Lori Snyder** (1987) were also awarded prestigious NCAA post-graduate scholarships, while Bayman was also named academic all-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA)
- \* The University of Scranton joined the Landmark Conference in the fall of 2007, ending its long-time affiliation with the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation. The Landmark Conference is made up of the following institutions: The Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.), Drew University (Madison, N.J.),

Goucher College (Baltimore, Md.), Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pa.), Moravian College (Bethlehem, Pa.), Susquehanna University (Selinsgrove, Pa.), and the United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, N.Y.).

- \* Scranton defeated Moravian College, 4-2, in the championship match of the first-ever Landmark Conference tournament to finish the 2007 season with a 9-9-2 overall record under interim head coach and director of athletics Toby Lovecchio. The Royal coaching staff, which included assistants Nick Bressler and Bryan Hargrove, was selected the Landmark Conference Coaching Staff of the Year in a ballot conducted among the league's head coaches.
- \* The Royals practice and play their home matches at Fitzpatrick Field, which went through a major renovation in 2007 with the installation of Field Turf and a new drainage system. Fitzpatrick Field is the home of the Royal men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse and field hockey teams and is also used by students, faculty and staff for intramural and recreational activities.
- \* **Colleen Murphy**, a former Royal standout and 2004 graduate, will begin her first season as head coach this fall



**2008 Results**

Day	Date	Opponent	Results
WED.	SEPT. 3	W. PATERSON	7:00 PM
Fri.	Sept. 5	at Muhlenberg Tournament	5:00 pm
Sat.	Sept. 6	at Muhlenberg Tournament	6:00 pm
WED.	SEPT. 10	WILKES	7:00 PM
Sat.	Sept. 13	at Lebanon Valley	1:00 pm
THU.	SEPT. 18	KING'S	4:00 PM
SAT.	SEPT. 20	MISERICORDIA	12:00 PM
WED.	SEPT. 24	DEL. VALLEY	7:00 PM
Sat.	Sept. 27	*at Susquehanna	1:00 pm
WED.	OCT. 1	URSINUS	7:00 PM
SAT.	OCT. 4	*DREW	3:30 PM
Wed.	Oct. 8	at Elizabethtown	6:00 pm
Sat.	Oct. 11	*at Catholic	1:00 pm
Thu.	Oct. 16	at Western Conn.	7:00 pm
SAT.	OCT. 18	*JUNIATA	1:00 PM
Wed.	Oct. 22	*at Moravian	4:00 pm
SAT.	OCT. 25	*GOUCHER	1:00 PM
FRI.	OCT. 31	OSWEGO ST.	7:00 PM
Wed.	Nov. 5	Landmark Conference Semifinals	TBA
Sat.	Nov. 8	Landmark Conference Championship	TBA

\*Landmark Conference Matches

HOME MATCHES AT FITZPATRICK FIELD



**Head Coach**  
**Colleen Murphy**

Former University of Scranton standout Colleen Murphy will begin her first season as head women's soccer coach this fall. She replaces Toby Lovecchio, who served as interim head coach this past season after veteran head coach Joe Bochicchio passed away on July 24, 2007. In 23 seasons, Bochicchio led Scranton to 298 victories, including 15 Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference championships and 11 NCAA tournament appearances. His 1987, 2001 and 2003 teams also advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III championships.

Murphy returns to her alma mater after serving as an assistant women's soccer coach at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, this past season. The Greyhounds finished with a 15-6-1 overall record, advanced to the championship match of the Landmark Conference tournament, and received a Pool B at-large bid to the NCAA

tournament. Her responsibilities included practice planning, on-the-field instruction, match preparation and recruiting. She also served as a trainer for the Lehigh Valley Magic Soccer Club, an under-18 girls' club team.

Prior to her appointment at Moravian, she served as an assistant women's soccer coach at Elmira College in Elmira, New York, from August 2004 through June 2006, including a stint as acting head coach from December 2005 through March 2006, while working on and eventually earning her Master of Science degree in adult education. The Eagles posted back-to-back 4-3 records in Empire 8 competition and qualified for the league's post-season tournament as the number three seed each year.

Since July 2006, Murphy has also served as an administrative intern for the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators in Wilmington, North Carolina, where she was responsible for office management, assisting with the 2006 NACWAA convention, along with marketing and public relations.

A native of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, Murphy was a four-year letter-winner on some of the most successful teams in Scranton history. She was a four-time all-Freedom Conference selection—first team in 2000 and 2003 and second-team in 2001 and 2002—and earned first-team all-Mid-Atlantic regional honors by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) in 2003. She started 81 of 83 career matches as the Royals posted a four-year overall record of 71-13-4 (.830), including four Freedom Conference championships and four NCAA tournament appearances. In her senior year, she served as team captain and was a key member of a Royal defensive unit that posted 21 shutouts en route to a school-record 22 victories. Scranton ended its season with a hard-fought 1-0 loss in double overtime to eventual champion Oneonta State University in Oneonta, New York, in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament. She also played a key role on the 2001 team that lost a 1-0 decision to Wheaton College (Ill.) in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament to put the wraps on a 17-4-1 season.

Murphy becomes the fourth head coach in University of Scranton women's soccer history. She is a 2004 graduate of the university with a Bachelor of Science degree in management.

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