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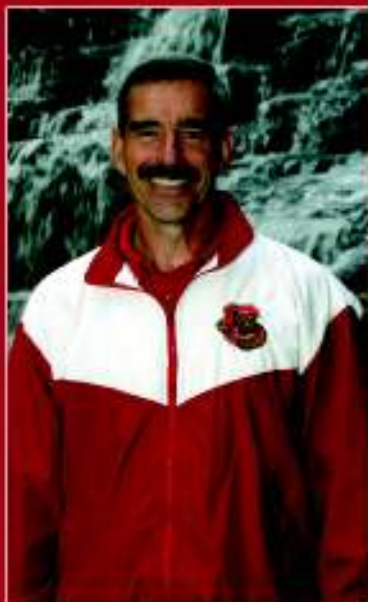


THE
IVY
LEAGUE



2008 GYMNASTICS

A MESSAGE FROM COACH BECKWITH



As the head gymnastics coach of one of the nation's most prestigious universities, I am really looking forward with great anticipation to my 14th season at Cornell.

Cornell truly offers the serious student-athlete the best combination of a great Division I athletic experience coupled with a world-class education, in an environment where a gymnast can be committed to her sport, but where academics are a real priority.

A great tradition has been started here in gymnastics over the past several years, with the Big Red capturing two Ivy Classic titles, finishing twice in the top three at the ECAC tournament, and qualifying as a team seven straight years for the USA Collegiate National Championships, where the Big Red's third and fifth-place finishes the past two years are the highest ever by a school not offering athletic scholarships. Several individual gymnasts have won Ivy and ECAC titles, three have been named ECAC Rookie of the Year, and 19 have earned All-America honors. Our coaching staff has won conference, regional, and national honors as well.

Out of the gym, our gymnasts have set the record for the highest number of NACAC All-America Scholar-Athletes in a season (14), and, as a team, have finished as high as second in the nation among all NCAA gymnastics squads for team grade point average. In addition, six of our athletes have been named ECAC Scholar-Athlete of the year, two have earned Academic All-America honors, and one has become only the fourth athlete in any sport in Ivy League history to earn Academic All-American honors three years in a row.

Our 10,000 square foot Teagle Hall gym is home to one of the best training facilities in the Northeast, and our 9,000 square foot strength and conditioning center is the best around. These facilities are located on a beautiful, bustling and diverse college-town campus, which overlooks Cayuga Lake and is bisected by deep gorges and waterfalls.

On our team are gymnasts from all over the country, with a wide variety of diverse backgrounds that serve to further enrich each athlete's collegiate experience. If you are looking for the very best in both an education and an athletic experience, look no farther than Cornell.

GO BIG RED!

Paul Beckwith

THE 2008 BIG RED



Front Row (L-R): Kim O'Donnell, Emily Santoro, Sam Tepper, Emily Leek, Gabrielle Sanguineti.

Second Row (L-R): Cindy Shi, Megan Gilbert, Colleen Davis, Ashley Stewart, Leslie Gregory, Stacey Ohara.

Third Row (L-R): Irene Leung, Maddie Pearsall, Elyse Gottschalk, Kerri Levallee, Jennifer Lee, athletic trainer Jocelyn Stark.

Back Row (L-R): Head coach Paul Beckwith, Sarah Zelek, Jill Dean, Danielle Martinez, Danielle Scott, Brittany Howse, Molly Parker, Amanda Chirlin, Erin Brody, Jennifer Arougheti, assistant coach Melanie Dilliplane.

WORLD CLASS STUDENT-ATHLETES

Those who seek an undergraduate education at an Ivy League school do so because of the promise of academic challenge, of quality teaching and of diverse and plentiful resources. It was a shared perspective on the proper balance of athletics and academics that led to the creation of the Ivy League in 1954. When the member schools formally united, it was agreed that athletes are admitted as students and should be awarded financial aid only on the basis of economic need. As a result, students today are not bound to their sports because of athletic scholarships, rather they choose to participate in athletics because they relish competition and physical challenges.

Set against a backdrop of the natural beauty of Cayuga Lake and the surrounding hills, an extensive array of facilities provides a tremendous environment for practice and competition for Cornell's varsity teams. Cornell is especially attractive to those who seek a school committed to both academic and athletic excellence. With 36 varsity sports, the university's athletic department is one of the most comprehensive in the country. Along with a schedule that pits Cornell against its Ancient Eight rivals, Big Red teams compete in Division I of the NCAA and the ECAC.

An impressive staff of coaches leads the Big Red teams and recruits some of the finest student-athletes from a national and international pool of accomplished young men and women. The coaches demonstrate a commitment to teaching and a willingness to share their own competitive experiences with their teams. Their individual achievements and accomplishments include playing and coaching time in both the professional and international ranks as well as numerous all-star performances during their own collegiate careers.

Cornellians have been national champions in ice hockey, lacrosse, polo, rowing, track and field and wrestling. They have also earned spots in halls of fame, on All-America teams, on the Olympic medal podium and have written their names in record books as Wimbledon tennis champions and major league players in baseball, basketball, football and hockey.

Cornell is proud that, as a group, varsity athletes regularly match or exceed the student body's overall GPA for academic performance. The University is especially proud that every semester a number of undergraduates—more than 30 on average—achieve a 4.0 GPA while participating in varsity sports. These scholar-athletes are inducted into the athletic department's 400 Club at a semiannual breakfast given by President David J. Skorton, Vice President for Student and Academic Services Susan Murphy and Director of Athletics Andy Noel. These dedicated student-athletes demonstrate that the ideal is achievable, that it is possible to excel both in the classroom and in the sporting arena.

The collegiate experience at Cornell is a rich one for varsity athletes because the University supports their passion to excel.



2008 SCHEDULE

JANUARY

20 at GW Invitational 4 p.m.

27 at Cortland 1 p.m.

FEBRUARY

2 PENN 12 p.m.

9 BIG RED INVITATIONAL 12 p.m.
(Ithaca, Towson, Bridgeport)

15 at Towson Invitational 7 p.m.

24 IVY CLASSIC 1 p.m.
(Brown, Penn, Yale)

MARCH

1 RUTGERS/WEST CHESTER 1 p.m.

8 at Temple 1 p.m.

22 at Pittsburgh 1 p.m.
w/North Carolina, Temple

29 at ECAC Championships 12 p.m.

APRIL

12 at NCAA Regionals TBA

17-19 at USAG Nationals TBA



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CAPS denotes home meets

