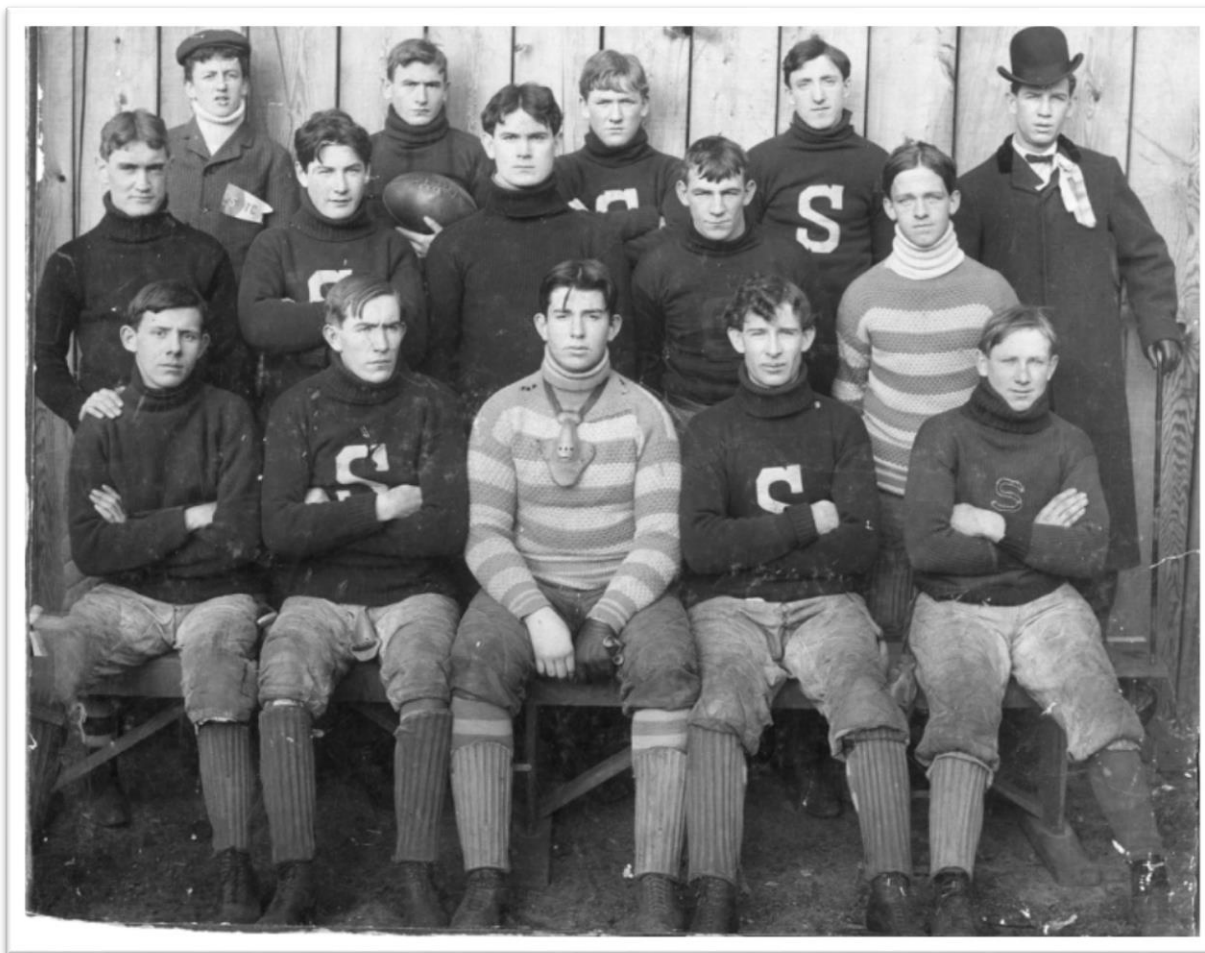




University of Scranton
125th Anniversary:
A History of Athletics

The Early Years: 1890s-1930s



1904 Football Team



November 24, 1892: Football Kicks Off

St. Thomas College students form a football team not long after classes begin. The team plays its first game against Carbondale High School on Thanksgiving Day in 1892 and celebrates the victory with a banquet at the Hotel Harrison in Carbondale. Varsity football would be a part of University of Scranton campus life for almost 70 years (ending in January 1961 after the 1960 season), and club teams continued to play through the 1970s.



1892 Football Team



October 1916: Hitting the Hardwood

The senior class of St. Thomas College organizes a basketball team at a class meeting, electing Benjamin Mahon as team manager.

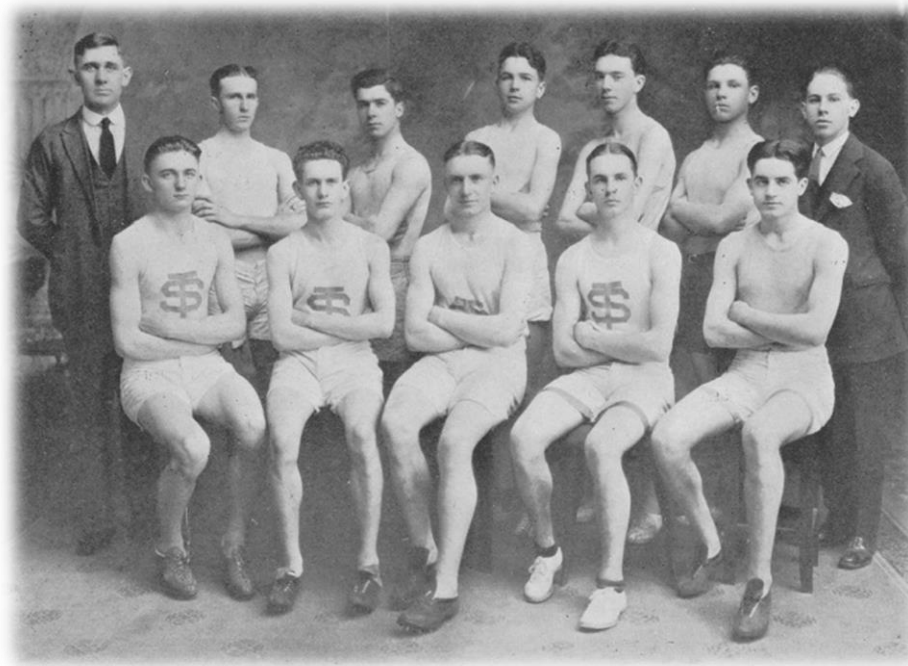
The first game, played on Nov. 17, 1916, was a 25-15 loss to Dunmore High School. The team would finish the season 7-5.



1916 Basketball Team

Spring 1918: The Running Tommies

St. Thomas College students organize the school's first track team in the spring of 1918.



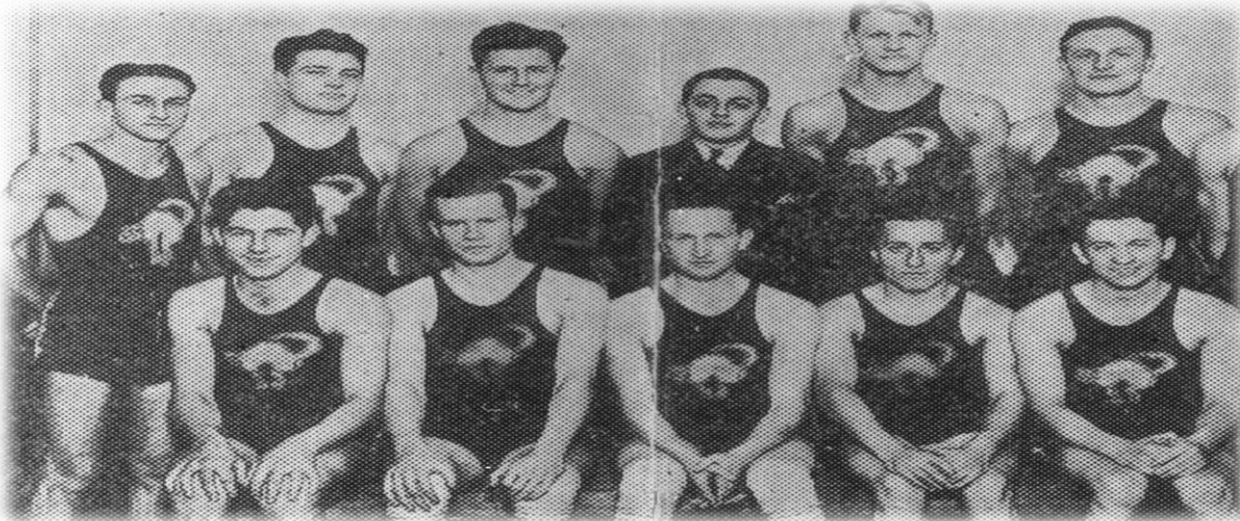
1918 Track Team



Tommyies & Tomcats Nicknames

The university was founded in 1888 as St. Thomas College and, naturally, the athletic teams were affectionately known as the Tommyies. It remained the official nickname even after the Jesuits took over the administration of the college in 1938 and changed the name of the school to The University of Scranton.

Unofficially, the nickname that caught on was Tomcats, a favorite of fans and newspapermen, which, according to university historian Frank Homer, came into use in the 1920s and was used primarily by the football team. The basketball team also enjoyed the moniker, as evidenced by a yearbook photo (below) from the 1930s that shows a cat on the front of its uniforms.

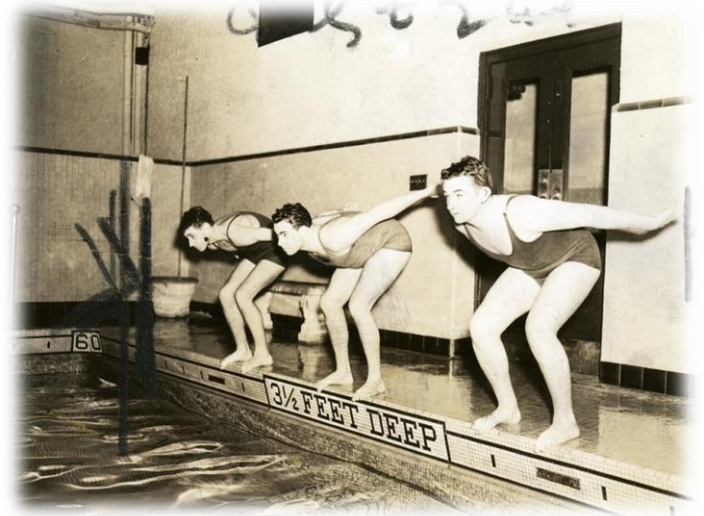


1936: Time for a Swim

Swimming becomes an intercollegiate sport at St. Thomas College, according to the 1936 yearbook. Home meets are held at Weston Field on Providence Avenue in Scranton.



1936 Swim Team



1939 Swim Team



1939: Success on the Gridiron

The University of Scranton's football team has a banner year. The undefeated team plays the University's first night games under the lights of Scranton's Athletic Park and also travels to New York City to play in one of the country's first televised football games, a game against City College of New York at Lewisohn Stadium in New York City.



TV camera at a Scranton football game in 1939



A Decade of Growth: The 1940s

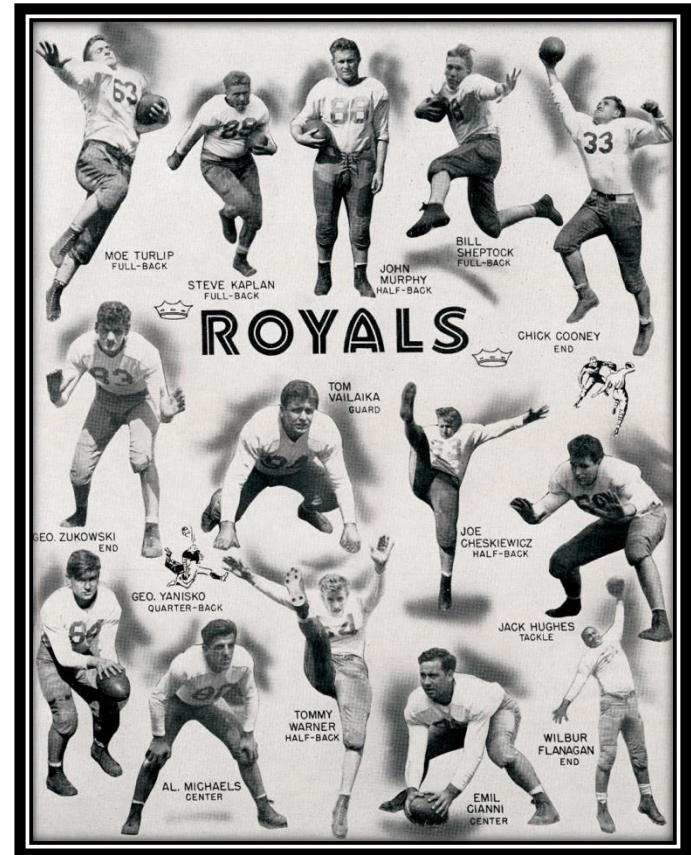


Baseball was introduced at the University in 1946.



1946: Introducing The Royals

Although St. Thomas College became the University of Scranton almost 10 years earlier, in the early 1940s the school's athletic teams were still referred to as the Tommies. In 1946, Athletics Director Rev. John J. Coniff, S.J. holds a contest to solicit new names for the team, promising a prize of \$25 and two season tickets to the winner. Of the approximately 100 submissions, however, none were deemed suitable. Instead, Rev. Coniff announces that the new nickname would be "The Royals, significant of the Royal Purple of the old college and the present University."



Football promotional materials
from 1946



1946: Play Ball!

The University's baseball team plays its first season on record, going 12-4 under head coach Palmer Liberatore.

1947: Off and Running

The men's cross country team begins its first season of competition, running its first race against Albright on Nov. 1, 1947, a 19-35 defeat.



1948: Royals Tee It Up

The University's golf team plays its first match, tying LaSalle, 4½ to 4½. The Royals would finish the season with two wins, two losses and two ties.



The golf team played its first match in 1948.



Athletics Gain Steam: The 1950s

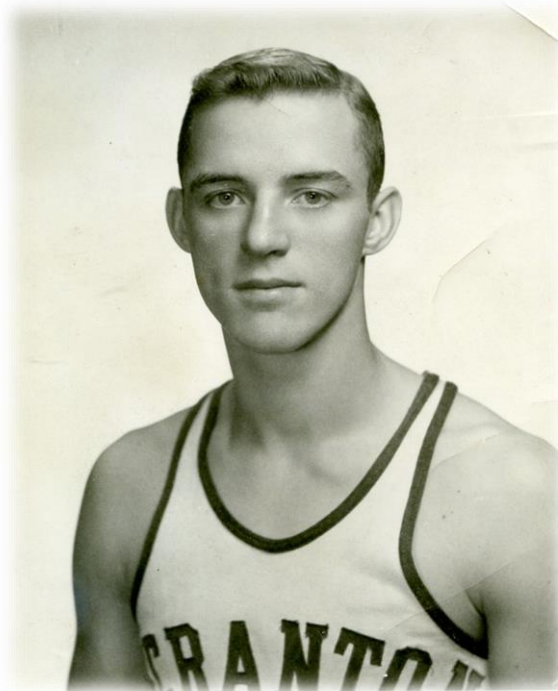


A sign promotes the 1953 home football schedule.



April 14, 1955: Fitt Drafted By NBA's Hawks

Former men's basketball standout Joe Fitt ('55) was drafted in the 14th round by the Milwaukee Hawks (now Atlanta Hawks) of the National Basketball Association.

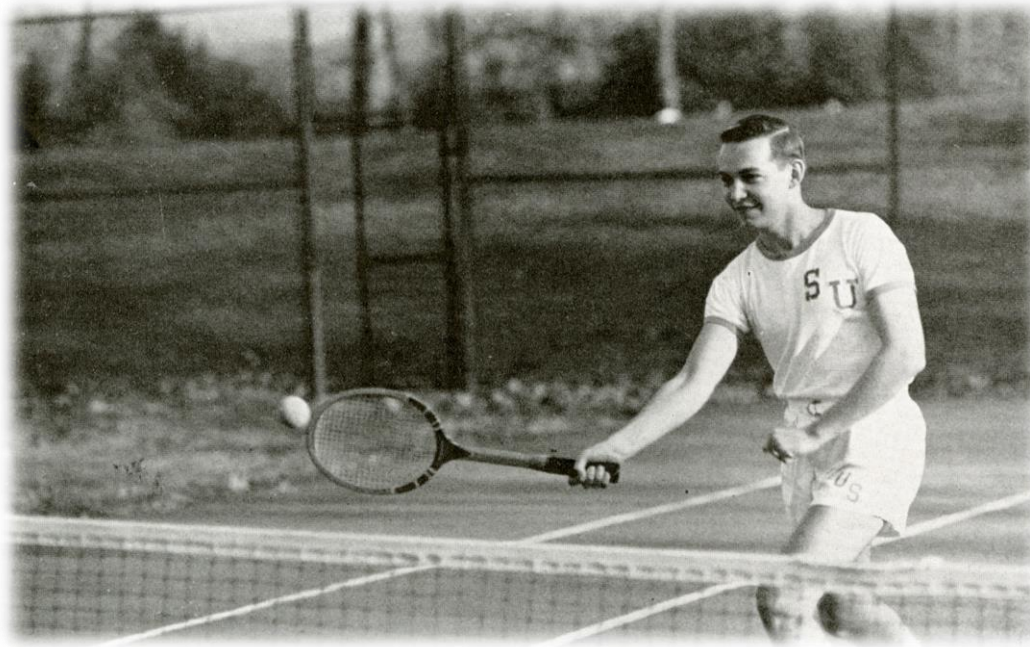


Joe Fitt



1956: Royals Take To The Courts

The men's tennis team begins its first season of competition under head coach Rev. Richard McSorley, S.J.



Senior Walt Cegalka ('57) returns a volley during a match in 1957.



Jan. 18, 1958: Kazakavich Shines

Ed Kazakavich ('59) scores 56 points as men's basketball defeats King's, 108-99. His 56 points remain the most by a Royal in a single game in school history.

1959: The First of Many All-Americans

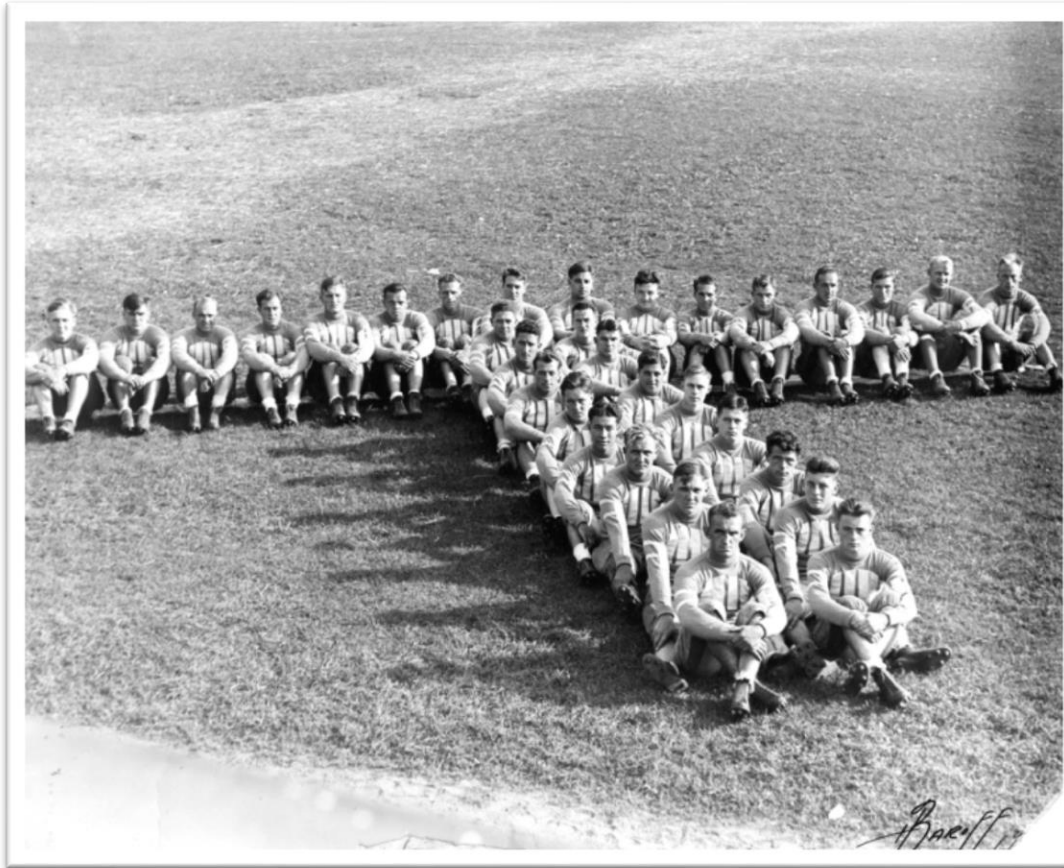
Ed Kazakavich ('59) becomes the first in a long line of University of Scranton men's basketball players to earn All-American honors. He finished the season with 23.5 points and 14.7 rebounds per game.



Ed Kazakavich



A Decade of Change: The 1960s

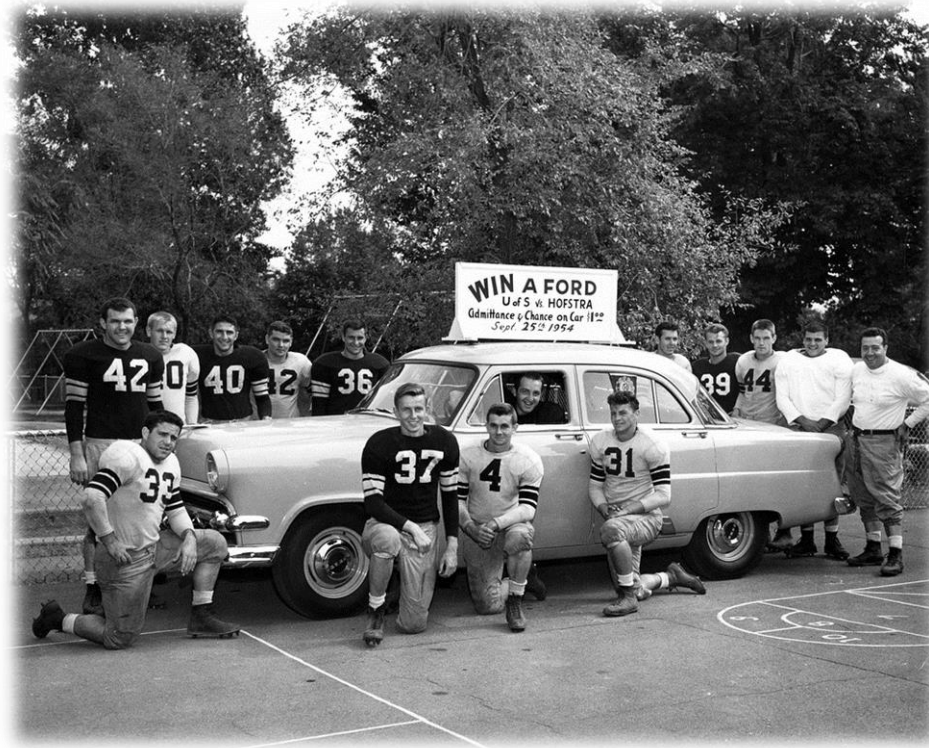


Pictured is the 1934 football team. Football as a varsity sport would come to an end in the 1960s.



1961: Football Comes To An End

Football at the University of Scranton is canceled due to the rising costs of maintaining a team. Club teams continue to play throughout the 1960s and 1970s.



A photo of the 1954 football team promoting a game against Hofstra.

1967: The Long Center Opens

The John J. Long Center opens on campus, named after Rev. John J. Long, S.J., past president of the University from 1953-1963.

Jan. 10, 1968: Long Center Tip-Off



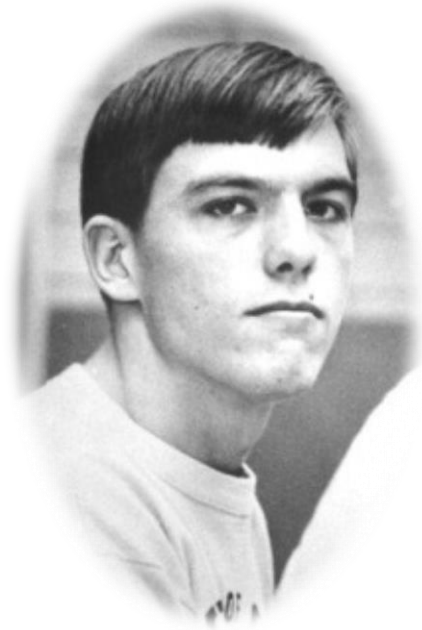
The first men's basketball game is played in the John J. Long Center. The Royals defeat Lycoming, 81-77.

At left, the Rev. Aloysius C. Calvin, S.J., tosses up the ball for the ceremonial opening tip of the first game in the Long Center between the Royals and Lycoming College. Taking part in the ceremony were the late John Scott (44) of Scranton and Lycoming's Sam Brasington.



1968: Royals Wrestle For Success

The wrestling team begins its first season of competition under head coach John Hopkins, which it would finish with a 3-8 record. Hopkins would go on to coach the Royals for 29 seasons.



**Walt Johnson served
as team captain
of the first wrestling
team in Scranton
history in 1968-69.**



June 1969: MLB Calls Steinberg

Junior Bob Steinberg ('70) of the baseball team becomes the first player in Scranton history to be selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft when he's chosen in the 30th round (695th overall) by the New York Mets.

He would not sign and returned to school for his senior year.

Oct. 4, 1969: Royals Get Their Kicks In

The University of Scranton men's soccer team plays its first game, a 4-0 loss to Lycoming. The Royals finished the season 3-5, including its first ever victory, a 1-0 home win over Wilkes on Oct. 15.



Time To Celebrate: The 1970s



Head coach Bob Bessoir ('55) holds the national championship trophy after the men's basketball team won the 1976 national title.



1970: MLB Calls Steinberg ... Again

Bob Steinberg ('70) of the baseball team is drafted for the second straight year, this time in the 33rd round by the Cincinnati Reds.

His collegiate career over, Steinberg joins the Reds' organization.

1971: Gene, The Scoring Machine

Gene Mumford ('71) becomes the first two-time All-American in University of Scranton men's basketball history. He finishes the season with 24.1 points, 10.6 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game. Mumford is the Royals' all-time leading scorer with 1,903 points in just three seasons.



Gene Mumford



1971: Recognizing Scranton's Greats

The University inducts the first class into its athletics Wall of Fame, honoring nine individuals, including Peter Carlesimo, who served the University in numerous capacities, including athletics director, from 1944 to 1968.

There are currently 232 members in the Wall of Fame.



Peter Carlesimo



1972: Female Sports Added

The University of Scranton becomes a coed university, and the first recorded appearance by women in a University sport occurs when two Marywood students participate on the University's rifle team.



1973: Creation of NCAA Division III

The NCAA forms Division II and Division III, replacing the former College Division that encompassed all schools not competing in Division I. Division II schools continued to give out athletic-based scholarships, while Division III schools were not allowed to award athletics scholarships. The University becomes a part of the NCAA Division III, and the University would be able to continue awarding scholarships to student-athletes who met certain need-based qualifications until the late 1980s, when that practice would come to an end. Since that time, student-athletes have received academic and need-based scholarship money as part of the general application pool each year.

The logo for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), featuring the word "NCAA" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a registered trademark symbol (®) to the right.

April 29, 1974: Karp Shines On Links

Current men's golf head coach Ed Karpovich ('76) – known affectionately as “Karp” – becomes the first men's golfer in school history to win a conference championship when he captures the Middle Atlantic Conference crown. He would win the title again two years later.



**Ed Karpovich ('76), right,
and teammate Len Coleman ('74)**



Feb. 12, 1975: Lady Royals Take The Court

The first University of Scranton women's basketball team is organized in early 1975 and plays its first game against College Misericordia. Coached by Wallenpaupack Area High School teacher Ann Pietroeon, the team picks up a 59-44 victory. The game is the first all-female NCAA-sanctioned event in University history.

Sept. 17, 1975: Two More Women's Teams

The University of Scranton field hockey team plays its first game, a 6-0 loss to Wilkes in a game played at Marywood. On the same day, the women's tennis team plays its first match, dropping a 5-0 decision at home against Wilkes.



March 20, 1976: National Champs!

The men's basketball team, led by head coach Bob Bessoir ('55), defeats fourth-ranked Wittenberg College, 60-57 in overtime, to capture the NCAA Division III national championship, the first national championship in school history. After going 8-5 to start the season, the Royals win 19 straight en route to winning the national title.



One of the most memorable photos in Scranton history is this shot of Paul Miernicki ('78) after cutting down the final strand of net after the Royals won the NCAA men's basketball championship in 1976.



1976: Two More MLB Draftees

The baseball team makes headlines by having two players selected in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft – shortstop Tom Sohns ('76) and catcher Rick Baker ('76). Sohns – who had been drafted out of Dunmore High School in 1972, but chose to attend the University – was taken in the 25th round by the Cincinnati Reds. Baker was taken in the 36th round by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Sohns would play five seasons professionally while Baker played two years.



1976: Ready, Set, Spike!

Women's volleyball plays its first season, posting a perfect 10-0 record under head coach Martha Jardine. The Royals would go 10-0 the following season, as well.

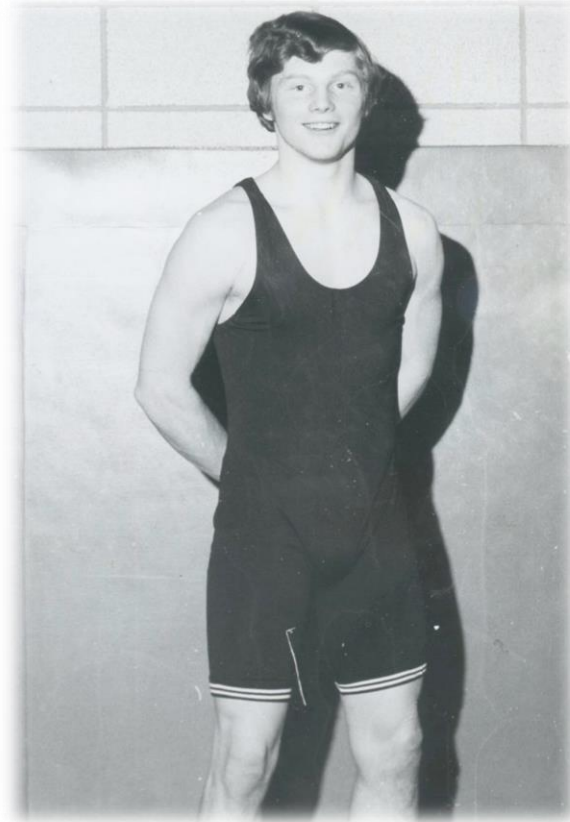


1976 Women's Volleyball Team



1977: Gill Wins Catholic Title

Wrestling's John Gill ('78) captures the National Catholic Championship at 118 pounds, becoming the first Scranton wrestler to win a National Catholic Championship.



John Gill



April 17, 1977: Women Take To The Diamond

The women's softball team plays its first game, losing to Bloomsburg, 10-9. It would be one of just three losses on the season as the Royals finish 8-3 under head coach Donna Zimmerman. The team would post a record of .500 or better in each of its first 12 seasons.



Multi-sport athlete and Wall of Fame inductee Alyce Ruane ('80) delivers a pitch for the softball team during a game in the late 1970s. Ruane excelled in basketball, field hockey and softball during her career (1976-1980).



A Tradition of Success: The 1980s



The Royal Chicken was never an official mascot, but his antics made him so popular he was featured in the 1983 University of Scranton men's basketball guide.



1980: Thrice As Nice

Irv Johnson ('80) becomes the first three-time All-American in University of Scranton men's basketball history. Johnson finishes the season with 17.2 points and 11.9 rebounds per game as the Royals go 18-11. He is the program's all-time leading rebounder with 1,299 career rebounds.



Irv Johnson



1980: Women Enter The Race

Women join the University's cross country team for the first time, finishing 14th at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships.

Nov. 29, 1980: A Narrow Miss

The men's soccer team reaches the national title game, where it drops a heart-breaking 1-0 game in overtime against Babson.

The Royals finish the season 21-3-1.



1980: Soccer Star

Cedric de Silva ('81) becomes the first men's soccer player in Scranton history to earn All-American honors when he receives NCAA Division I honorable mention accolades.

He would earn NCAA Division III second-team honors the following year.



Cedric de Silva



Sept. 16, 1981: Goal-Scoring Extraordinaire

Kevin O'Callahan ('82) scores five goals as men's soccer defeats Wilkes, 10-0. His five goals remain a single-game school record.

Nov. 21, 1981: Oh-So Close

Almost a year since they lost in the national title game, the men's soccer team plays in the national championship again, and loses in even more gut-wrenching fashion. The Royals fall to Glassboro State, 2-1, in four overtimes, ending their season with a 17-6-1 record. They would reach the Final Four each of the next two seasons, losing in the semifinals both times.



March 19, 1983: National Champs Again!

The University of Scranton men's basketball team wins the NCAA Division III national championship for the second time with a 64-63 victory over Wittenberg – the same opponent when the Royals won the title six years earlier – in Grand Rapids, Mich. Just like their run to the national title in 1976, the Royals win their final 19 games, finishing 29-3.



1982-83 Men's Basketball Team



1983: Women Get Their Kicks In

Women's soccer begins competing on the intercollegiate level and finishes with a 10-4-1 record.

1984: A Run of Success

Current cross country head coach Bill Burke ('86) joins Theresa Meade ('86) as the first runners in Scranton history to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Meade would finish 43rd while Burke finished 89th. Meade remains the only female in Scranton cross country history to qualify for the NCAA Championships.



Bill Burke



Theresa Meade



1984: A Women's Soccer Coaching Legend

The late Joe Bochicchio takes over the women's program and leads the Royals to 296 victories, 15 Middle Atlantic/Freedom Conference championships, and 11 NCAA Division III tournament appearances in 23 seasons as head coach.

Joe passed away on July 24, 2007, after battling brain cancer.



Joe Bochicchio



Fall 1984: New Outdoor Facility

Fitzpatrick Field opens, home to the University's soccer, lacrosse and field hockey programs.



Fitzpatrick Field today

1985: Grappling With Success

John Raabe ('85) wins his second straight National Catholic Championship at 118 pounds, becoming the only wrestler in school history to win two National Catholic Championships.



March 15, 1985: Lady Royals Are Champs!

The women's basketball team wins the national title by defeating New Rochelle, 68-59, in De Pere, Wisconsin. It's the team's first NCAA Final Four appearance. They have made seven more Final Four appearances since 1985.



1984-85 Women's Basketball Team



1985: Bessoir Named All-American Again

Bill Bessoir ('85), son of head coach Bob Bessoir, joins Irv Johnson as the only three-time All-Americans in University of Scranton men's basketball history. He finishes his senior season with averages of 20.3 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.



Bill Bessoir



1985: She's The Best

Deanna Kyle (Klingman) ('85) is named NCAA Division III women's basketball Player of the Year after leading the Lady Royals to the national title. She is the first student-athlete in Scranton history to be named national player of the year in any sport.

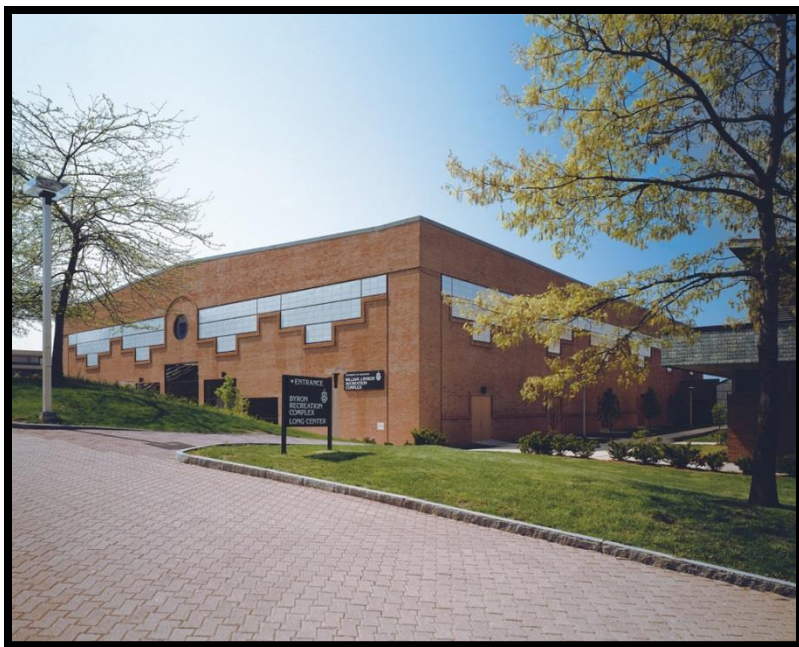


Deanna Kyle and head coach Mike Strong



1986: New Facility Opens

The Byron Recreational Complex opens on campus. The three-level complex houses multi-purpose basketball and volleyball courts, an indoor running track, a swimming pool, an aerobics room, locker rooms, and the Murray Royals Room, with a 50-seat classroom for special events.



At left, a view of the outside of the Byron Recreation Complex. Above, the swimming pool on the bottom floor of the Byron Complex.



1986: Swimming Returns

The University's women's swimming team makes its debut and men's swimming returns under head coach Dave Hair, who is a current faculty member in the exercise science department. The men would finish the season 3-3 while the women go 5-2.



Dave Hair



1986: Carey Goes Low at NCAAs

Will Carey ('87) finishes tied for 19th at the NCAA Division III golf championships, the best finish ever for a Scranton golfer. A year later, Carey would become just the second golfer in school history to win a conference championship when he captures the Middle Atlantic Conference crown, joining Ed Karpovich, who won MAC titles in 1974 and 1976.



1987: Parks Named Nation's Best

Shelley Parks ('87) joins former teammate Deanna Kyle (Klingman) as the only Scranton student-athletes to be named national player of the year when she is named NCAA Division III women's basketball Player of the Year.



Shelley Parks



1987: Guiton Gets It Done

Kelly Guiton ('88) of the softball team is named second-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America, the first softball player in Scranton history to earn Academic All-American honors. She would later be joined by Cheryl Zekas ('91) (1990, 3rd team) and Kelly Zaccheo ('12) (2012, 3rd team).

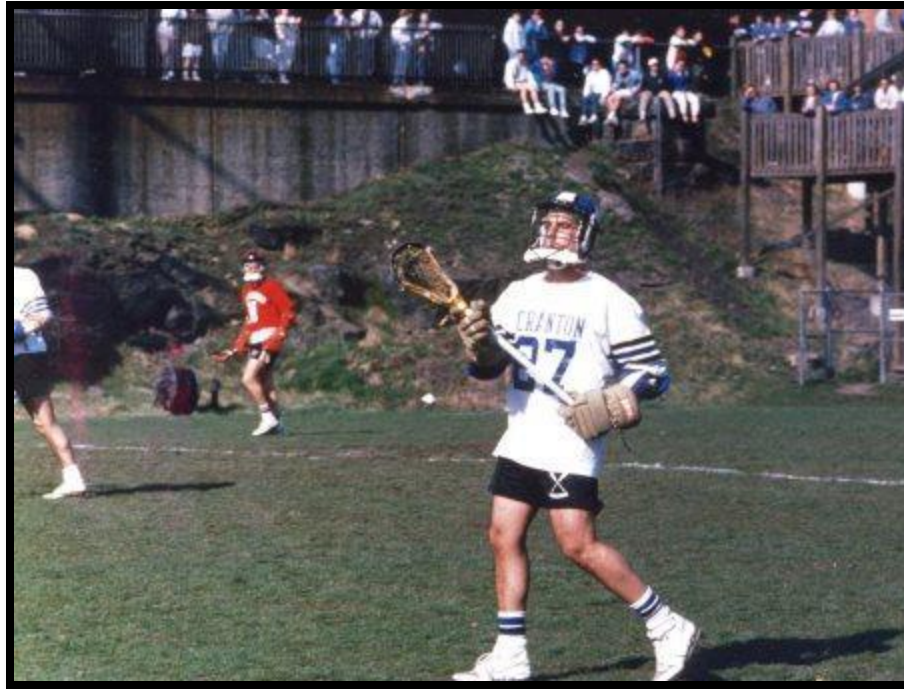


Kelly Guiton



1987: Lacrosse Makes Its Debut

The men's lacrosse team begins its first season of competition under head coach Bill MacArthur. The Royals would finish the season 3-10.



Former men's lacrosse player Ron Caputo ('91), now an assistant men's lacrosse coach at Duke University, on Fitzpatrick Field in one of the first seasons of men's lacrosse at Scranton.



1989: First In The Pool

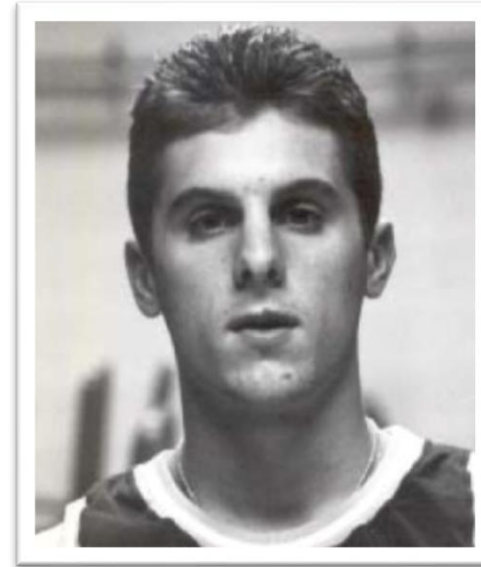
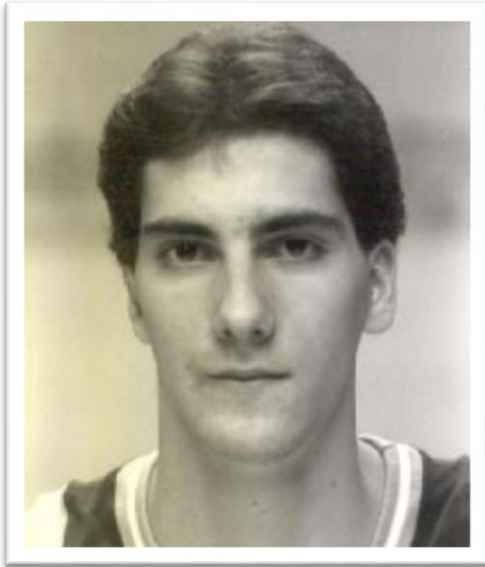
Marilyn Bogusch ('91) of the women' swimming team becomes the first Scranton swimmer to earn NCAA Division III All-American honors when she achieves the feat in the 100-yard butterfly.



Marilyn Bogusch



A Time To Shine: The 1990s



Matt Cusano ('93), left, and Jason Hoppy ('93) of the men's basketball team were named All-Americans in 1983, part of what would turn out to be a decade full of individual honors for Scranton student-athletes.



1990: Three-Time Honoree

Holly Speich ('91) of the women's soccer team earns All-American honors for the third straight season. She is the only three-time All-American in Scranton women's soccer history.



Holly Speich



1991: Lefty Opens Eyes

Left-handed pitcher Pete Tarutis ('91) of the baseball team becomes the fourth Royal to be drafted by Major League Baseball when the Montreal Expos take him in the 17th round. He would pitch one season in the Expos' organization.

Dec. 28, 1994: Nish Torches The Twine

Jennifer Nish ('97) scores 42 points in the Lady Royals' 91-70 victory over Manchester. Her 42 points remain a single-game school record.

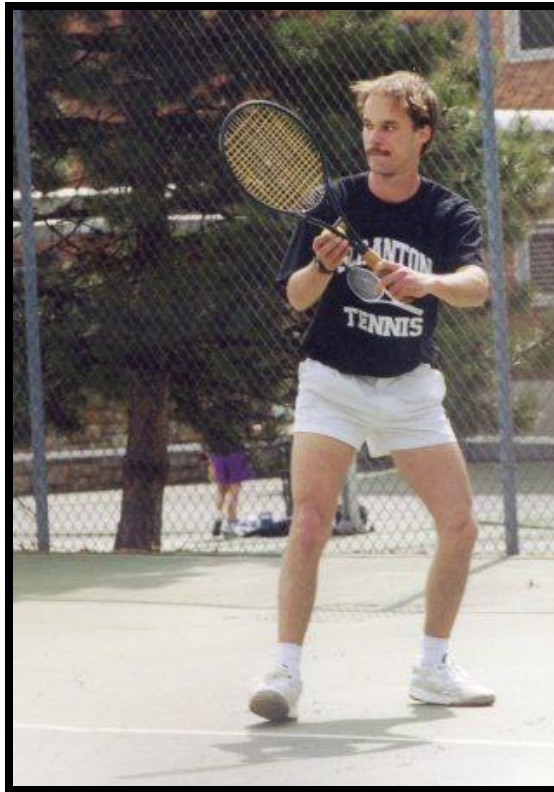


Jennifer Nish



1995: All-Around Tennis Star

Clay Yeager ('96) of the men's tennis team is named Academic All-American for the second straight year, earning second-team honors after having earned third-team honors the year before.

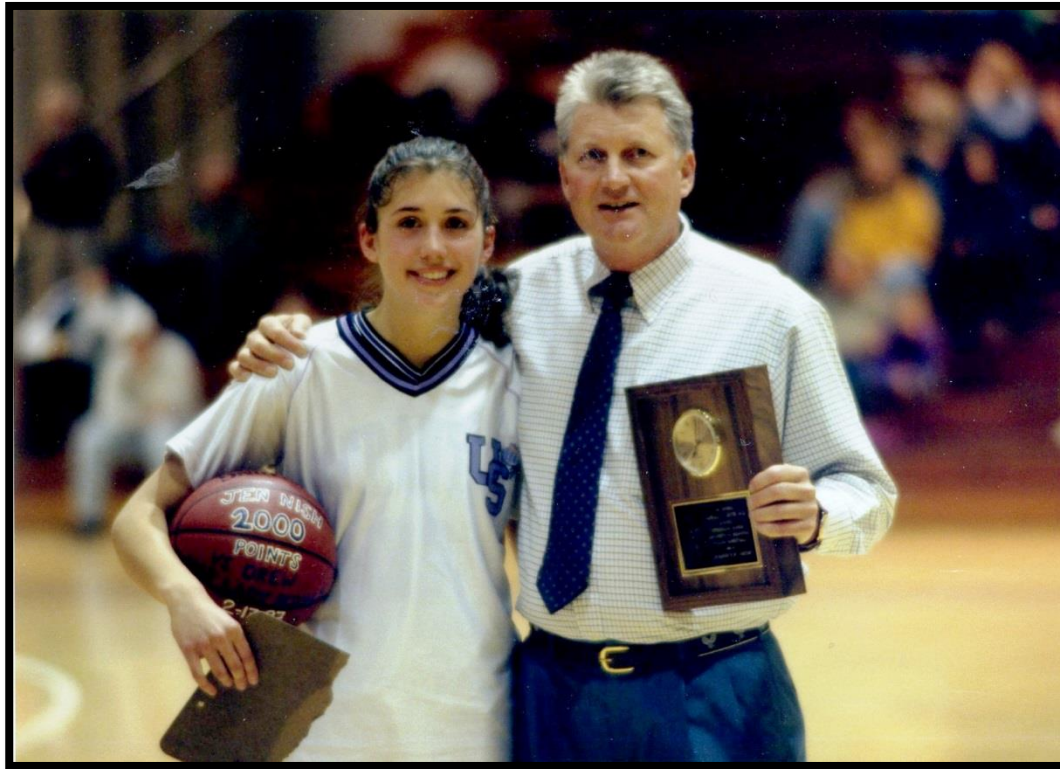


Clay Yeager



1997: Third Time's A Charm

Jennifer Nish ('97) becomes the first three-time All-American in University of Scranton women's basketball history. She is the program's all-time leading scorer with 2,178 career points.



Jennifer Nish and head coach Mike Strong



1997: A First For Field Hockey

The late Andrea Thompson ('97) becomes the first and currently only field hockey player in Scranton history to earn All-American honors when the junior defender earns third-team honors from the National Field Hockey Coaches Association after helping the Royals go 16-3-1.

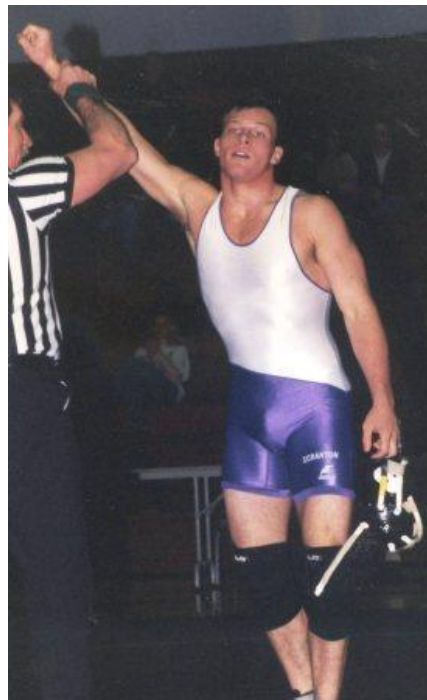


Andrea Thompson



1999: A Grand Champ, Indeed

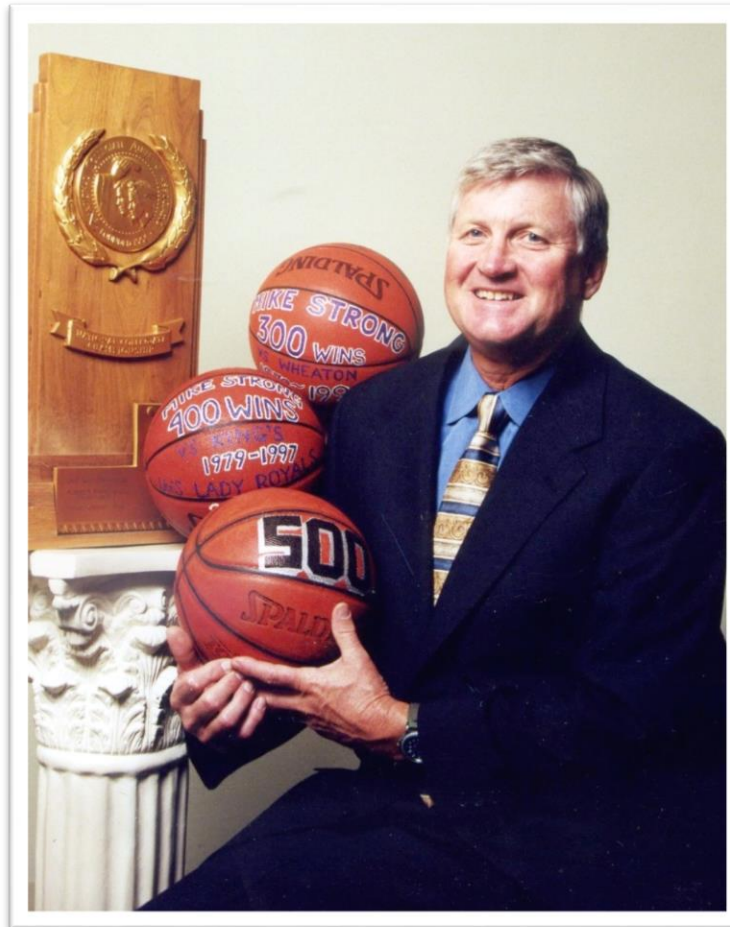
Michael Grandchamp ('99) becomes the first Scranton wrestler to earn All-American honors after he finishes the season with 38 victories, which remains a single-season record at Scranton.



Michael Grandchamp



Royal Triumphs: The 2000s

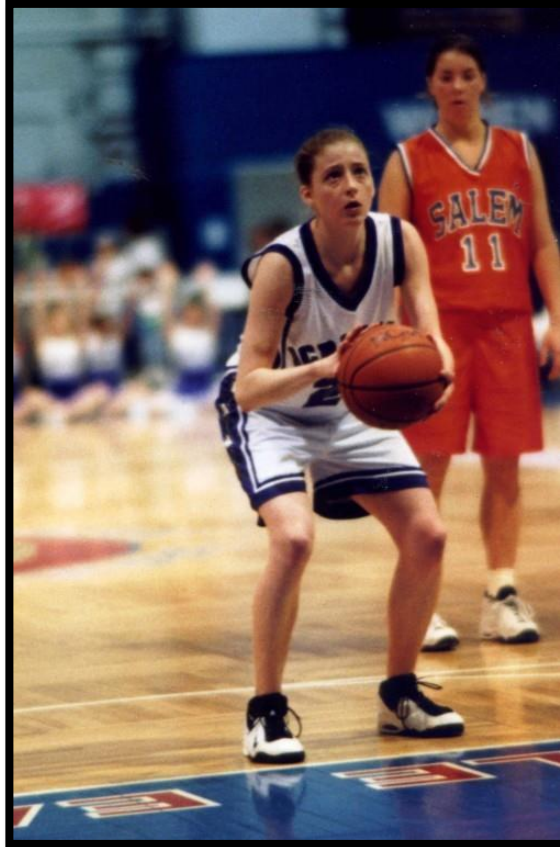


Women's basketball head coach Mike Strong earned his 500th career victory and led the Lady Royals to three Final Fours in the 2000s.



2000: Select Company

Kelly Halpin ('00) joins Jennifer Nish ('97) as the only three-time All-Americans in University of Scranton women's basketball history.



Kelly Halpin



March 13, 2000: A Lacrosse First

The women's lacrosse team plays its first game, losing at Lynchburg, 19-6. The Royals would go on to finish the season with a 6-6 record, including 4-3 in Middle Atlantic Conference play.

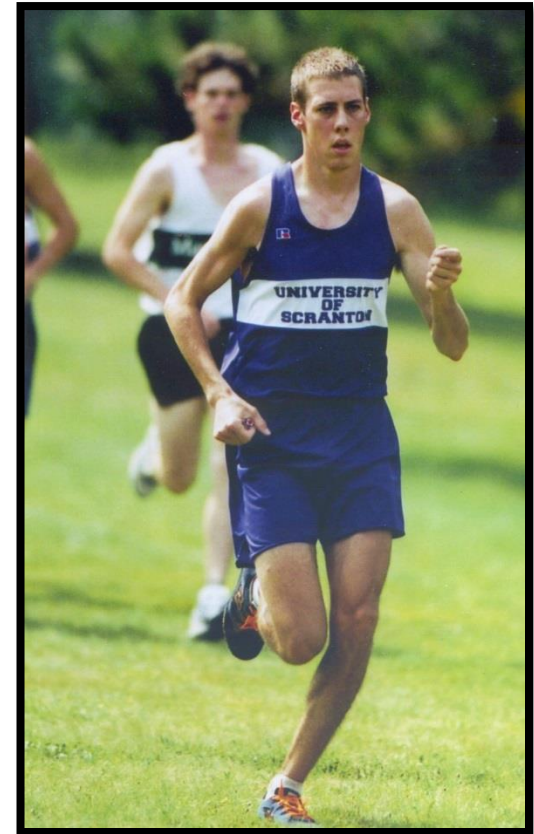


2000 Women's Lacrosse Team



Oct. 28, 2000: Quite A Career

Joe Fent ('01), who became the first runner in Scranton cross country history to win a conference championship in 1997, wins his fourth straight Middle Atlantic Conference title. Three weeks later, he would finish 30th at the NCAA Championships to earn All-American honors for the second time; he was also an All-American in 1998 when he finished 27th.



Joe Fent



2001: A Legend Retires

Long-time men's basketball coach Bob Bessoir ('55) retires after the 2000-01 season, ending a 29-season tenure in which he led the Royals to 554 victories and two national championships.



Bob Bessoir



Nov. 11, 2001: Making An NCAA Run

The women's soccer team loses to Wheaton (Ill.), 1-0, in the NCAA quarterfinals, the program's first appearance in the quarterfinals.

The Royals would make a return trip in 2003, falling to Oneonta State, 1-0, in double overtime. The team has reached the NCAA Tournament 15 times.



2001 Women's Soccer Team



Feb. 22, 2003: A Champion Is Crowned

Darren Buseman ('03) becomes just the third wrestler in Scranton history to claim a conference title when he wins the crown at 157 pounds at the Middle Atlantic Conference championships. Buseman would go on to become just the second Royal wrestler to earn All-American honors.



Darren Buseman



2003: Dynamic Duo



Liz Baumbach

Teammates Liz Baumbach ('03) and Bridget Lee ('03) of the women's lacrosse team become the first two players in program history to earn All-American honors when they are recognized by Warrior/Inside Lacrosse. Baumbach earns second-team honors while Lee is named to the third team. Lee would also go on to be named a first-team Verizon Academic All-American, the only women's lacrosse player in school history to be named Academic All-American.



Bridget Lee



2004: Royal Mascot

The concept of Iggy is brought to life and has since been a fixture on The University of Scranton campus. Named after St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, Iggy has served our University well by being the #1 fan of the Royal athletic teams and by attending various campus and community events throughout the year.



June 8, 2005: Hurler Drafted By Mets

Right-hander Alex Beras ('05) of the baseball team is drafted by the New York Mets in the 37th round of Major League Baseball's amateur draft, becoming the fifth player in Scranton history to be drafted by Major League Baseball. Beras would go on to pitch three seasons in the Mets' minor league system.



Alex Beras



Nov. 6, 2006: A New Affiliation

The University announces it is joining the Landmark Conference and will begin competing in the new athletic conference in the fall of 2007. Prior to its affiliation with the Landmark Conference, the university was a member of the Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation, more commonly known as the Middle Atlantic Conference.



2007: Lady Royals' Star

Taryn Mellody ('07) becomes the third player in University of Scranton women's basketball history to earn All-American honors three times.

She joins Jennifer Nish ('97) and Kelly Halpin ('00) in earning the distinction. Mellody led the Lady Royals to the Final Four in 2005 and 2006.



Taryn Mellody



Oct. 31, 2009: Cross Country Champs

The women's cross country team wins the Landmark Conference title, the first conference title in cross country in Scranton history.



2009 Women's Cross Country Team



Onward & Upward: The 2010s



The 2011-12 men's basketball team reached the Elite Eight.



May 7, 2011: A Lacrosse First

The men's lacrosse team defeats Goucher, 12-8, to win the Landmark Conference championship, the first conference title in the program's 25-year history. Four days later, the Royals would make their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament, but went on to lose to Gettysburg, 8-3.



2011 Men's Lacrosse Team



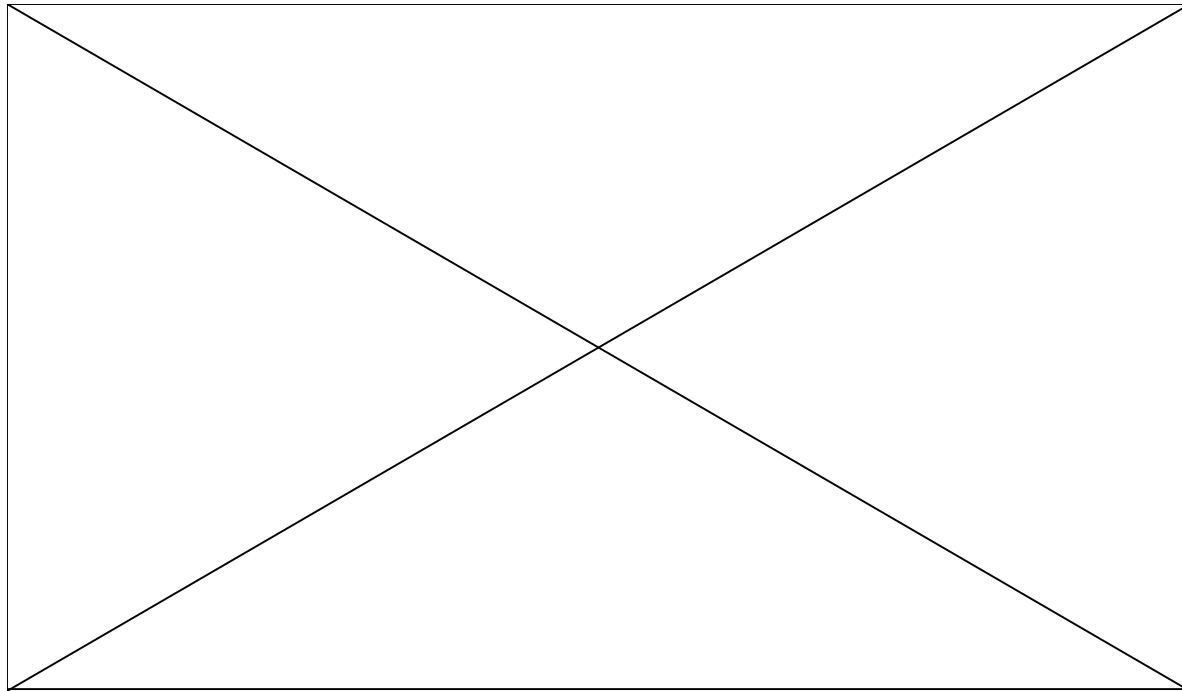
Dec. 17, 2011: Strong Sets NCAA Record

Women's basketball head coach Mike Strong earns his 758th career victory, setting an NCAA Division III women's basketball record, as his Lady Royals defeat Cabrini, 46-43, in Radnor, Pa.



March 9, 2012: Royals Reach Elite Eight

The men's basketball team shocks fourth-ranked Middlebury on its home court, 58-55, on a running 3-pointer at the buzzer by Travis Farrell ('13) to advance to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1993.



Spring 2012: Among The Nation's Best

Men's lacrosse midfielder Tim Cleary ('13) is named United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association honorable mention All-American, the first men's lacrosse player in Scranton history to earn All-American honors. He would repeat the honor the following spring.



Tim Cleary



April 8, 2012: Welcome To NCAAs

The women's tennis team defeats Susquehanna, 5-0, in the Landmark Conference championship match to earn the first NCAA Tournament berth in program history.



The 2012 women's tennis team at the NCAA championships.



Sept. 5, 2012: Below Par For The Course

Erik Meyer ('15) shoots a 5-under-par 67 to lead the men's golf team past Baptist Bible College in a match at Scranton Municipal Golf Course. His 67 is the lowest round on record in school history.



Erik Meyer



Nov. 18, 2012: Another Elite Effort

The men's soccer team reaches the Elite Eight, where it falls to top-ranked and four-time defending champion Messiah, 3-0. It's the deepest run in the NCAA Tournament for men's soccer since 1983, when the Royals made the last of four straight trips to the Final Four.



2012 Men's Soccer Team



Fall 2012: Unstoppable Star

Not long after being named Landmark Conference Player of the Year, field hockey senior Gretchen Kempf ('13) earns all-region honors for the second straight season, the third player in Scranton history to earn all-region honors twice.



Gretchen Kempf



April 18, 2013: Streak Stoppers

Men's tennis defeats Drew, 5-4, at Royal Courts at DeNaples Fields, ending the Rangers' 13-year, 110-match conference winning streak.



2013 Men's Tennis Team



May 5, 2013: Memorable Rally

Baseball rallies from a 5-2 deficit with two outs and nobody on base in the ninth inning to shock top-seeded Catholic on its home field, 6-5 in 11 innings, to eliminate the Cardinals and reach the Landmark Conference championship for the third time in the Landmark Conference's seven years of existence. It's considered one of the greatest games in the baseball program's nearly 70-year history.



2013 Baseball Team



May 10, 2013: Another Tennis Milestone

The women's tennis team defeats LaRoche, 5-0, for its first NCAA Tournament victory in program history. The Royals are making their second straight NCAA Tournament appearance after going its first 37 years without an NCAA berth.



2013 Women's Tennis Team



2013: Midfield Maestro

Bill McGuiness ('13) of the men's soccer team earns second-team All-American accolades for the second straight year. He joins Cedric de Silva as the only men's soccer players in Scranton history to be named All-American twice.



Bill McGuiness



March 1, 2014: Championship Day

The men's and women's basketball teams win Landmark Conference championships in back-to-back games played in the Long Center in front of a packed house. Both teams earned automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament, and the Lady Royals would go on to reach the Sweet 16.



A panoramic view of the Long Center during the Landmark Conference men's basketball championship game.



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TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

3 – National Championships
Two in men’s basketball, one in women’s basketball

17 – Final Four appearances
Nine in women’s basketball, four in men’s basketball
and four in men’s soccer

88 – NCAA Tournament Appearances

104 – Conference Championships



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INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

15 – NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients

51 – Academic All-Americans

34 – CoSIDA All-District All-Academic honorees
CoSIDA – College Sports Information Directors of America

19 – ESPN The Magazine All-Academic honorees
Chosen 2004-05 through 2008-09 academic years



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INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

57 – All-Americans

210 – All-Regional Selections

75 – Conference Players of the Year/MVPs

24 – Conference Rookies of the Year

45 – Coach/Coaching Staff of the Year

1,081 – All-Conference Selections

18 – NCAA qualifiers*

98 – Individual conference champions*

*- Golf, Cross Country, Swimming, Tennis, Wrestling

