Nichols College Hall of Honor

1965 Men’s Soccer

On the strength of the strongest scoring team in college history, along with an outstanding defense, the Nichols College men’s soccer team finished the 1965 campaign a perfect 12-0. The season began with a 6-1 win over Massachusetts Maritime and closed with a 3-0 win over Fairleigh Dickinson (Madison). Head coach Roland Gaudette’s squad scored a program-record 81 goals and held opponents to just 16 – including four shutouts. The Bison scored 10+ goals on four occasions: 13 against both American International College and New England College, and 10 against Salem State and Westfield State.

The forward grouping of Jim Rattigan, co-captain Donn Norton, co-captain Adam Kreuter, and Brad Babb accounted for 51 goals, while center halfback Bob Weldon accounted for another 13. On defense, goalkeeper Bill Matulewicz made 120 saves with the help of backs Steve Potter, John Davis, Chris Willits, Bob Dublin, and Veroon Techaphaiboon.

Adam Kreuter led the Bison in both goals (23), assists (14), and points (37). Rattigan was next with eight goals, 18 points, and 26 points while Norton tallied 21 points (11-10-21) and Weldon went for 19 points (13-6-19).

1965 Men’s Cross Country

The 1965 cross country program became the first in program history to go undefeated (8-0). The Bison opened the season with a resounding win over St. Anselm College and proceeded to secure two wins over both Bryant and Bridgewater State as well as wins over Barrington, Assumption, New England College, and Fairleigh Dickinson (Madison).

Head coach Ray White’s squad was led by sophomore Dick Patterson, captain Fred Erwin, and a host of fine young runners. Patterson captured first place in every meet of the season. The North Carolina native broke the school-record for the 4.6 mile course in the first meet of the season, then proceeded to surpass his own record three times during the season, highlighted by a personal-best 24:11 in the final meet. Patterson also broke the course record at both Bridgewater State and Barrington College.

Erwin recorded six second-place finishes, as well as one third-place and one fourth-place finish. He ran a personal-best 24:53 against New England College. Sophomores Jim Conwell and Peter Sullivan placed high in all the meet and helped secure many of the victories. Freshmen Bill Herbert and Don MacQuarrie provided additional strength. White referred to seniors and first-time runners Hollis Morris and Bob Gardner as, “The spark that the club needed on several occasions.”
1973 Football

The 1973 version of the Nichols College football team established single-season records for wins (eight) and winning percentage (.889), and captured the first NEFC Championship in program history.

The Bison opened the season with four-straight wins at home over Plymouth St. (16-7), New Haven (21-0), Albany St. (14-7), and Boston St. (24-7). Following a 14-3 loss at Trenton St., Nichols won its final four games by a combined score of 103-33, highlighted by a 31-0 shutout of Curry and a 48-20 thumping of Framingham St. in the season finale.

Quarterback Frank Burns graduated as the school’s all-time leader in both passing yards (3,731) and touchdowns (22), while his favorite target, Rich Ferraro, hauled in a then-single-season record 44 receptions. Joe Tokarz established a single-season record with six interceptions while, on special teams, kicker Mike Keefe set a then-single-season record for points (64). He also kicked the longest field goal in program history, a 43-yarder against Curry.

2002 Women’s Soccer

The 2002 Nichols College women’s soccer team finished the regular season with a 10-7 record and a 9-4 mark in the Commonwealth Coast Conference, which earned them the No. 4 seed in the conference tournament.

After scoring a 5-3 win over Colby-Sawyer in the quarterfinal round, the Bison avenged a 3-1 regular season loss to Gordon with a 2-1 win over the Fighting Scots in the semifinals to reach the championship game. Facing an Endicott squad that blanked the Bison 4-0 less than two months earlier, the Bison battled the Gulls to a 3-3 tie through 90 minutes of regulation. Just past the midway point of the first overtime, Danielle D’Alelio fed Shannon Johnson for her second goal of the match at 96:51 to give Nichols its second CCC Championship as well as its first-ever berth into the NCAA Tournament.

Led by current Nichols College men’s soccer head coach Chris Traina and captained by Kristin Edgett and Nichole Pelletier, the Bison saw four student-athletes on the squad earn All-CCC honors, including 2010 Nichols Hall of Fame inductee Lisa Benson (First Team), 2011 inductee Kristine O’Coin (Second Team), and Jen King (Honorable Mention).
2008-09 Men's Ice Hockey

The Bison won a program-record 25 games against only four losses, and won the first-ever ECAC Northeast Championship in school history. They averaged over four goals a game and outscored opponents 128-69, allowing two goals or fewer 19 times.

Nichols rolled past Westfield State 8-1 in the ECAC Quarterfinal round, then doubled-up Fitchburg State 4-2 in the Semifinals. In the championship game against Wentworth, the Bison trailed 2-1 in the second period before goals from Zeke Costello and Ryan Gervais gave the Bison a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes of play. Matt Roberts added what proved to be the game-winner midway through the third, and Jacob Rinn turned aside 26 shots to send NC to the NCAA Tournament.

Five Bison garnered all-conference honors while head coach Lou Izi was named Coach of the Year. The Bison reached No. 13 in the USCHO.com Division III Poll that season. Gervais led the Bison with 38 points in 29 games (13-25-38) while Will Munson potted a team-leading 16 goals.

2009 Field Hockey Team

The 2009 Nichols College field hockey team won a program-record 18 games and captured the first TCCC Championship in program history. They were rewarded with the conference’s automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament and became the first program in school history to host an NCAA Tournament game.

Nichols opened the season with a program-record 13 straight victories, a streak which saw it defeat TCCC foes Salve Regina (2-0), Endicott (2-1), Western New England (5-0), Anna Maria (4-2), New England College (2-1 in OT), and Regis (MA) (7-0). Following a three-game losing skid, the Bison scored a pair of road wins at Gordon (2-1) and Worcester State (3-0) to secure a home playoff contest.

The Bison began their run to the NCAA’s with a 5-0 home win over Gordon in TCCC Quarterfinals behind four goals from Sara Bailey. Four days later, they upended No. 2 seed UNE 3-1 despite being outshot 22-12 – including 17-3 in the second half – to advance to the championship. Backed by three goals from Chelsea Correia and two assists from Amber Cottrel, Nichols rolled to a 4-1 win over New England College in TCCC Championship in Henniker, N.H. On November 11, 2009, MIT edged the Bison 2-1 in the First Round of the NCAA Tournament.

Correia led the Bison in goals (18) and points (38), and tied for the team lead in game-winning goals (five) with her sister, Lauren. Eileen Clinton handed out a team-high 13 assists and was next with 27 points, followed by Emily Widdison with 24 points (7-10-24). Goalkeeper Krista-Jean Forand posted a 17-4-0 record with a 1.04 goals against average and an .821 save percentage.