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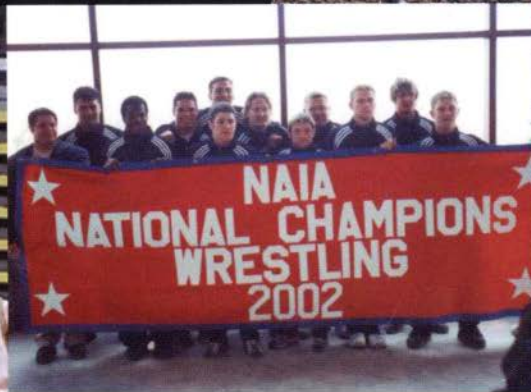
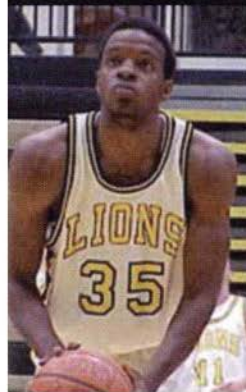
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2002-2003 ATHLETIC GUIDE



We believe that character and good sportsmanship are essential parts of the Lindenwood University academic/athletic experience.

Lindenwood is one of the nation's leaders in character education, which blends into our philosophy of educating the whole person—mind, body and soul. We believe that athletic competition builds character, just as education increases knowledge. Through both, we strive to produce well-rounded individuals.



Dennis Spellmann
President

Our athletic philosophy is the same as our educational philosophy, and that is to include, not exclude. We believe all student-athletes should have the opportunity to compete at the inter-collegiate level, just as they have the opportunity to select what particular field of study they will enter.

To accommodate our growth and increasing number of athletic programs (36), Lindenwood is continuously upgrading current facilities and/or constructing new ones - such as Lindenwood's Performance Arena (where basketball, wrestling and volleyball teams compete), and the artificial surface called "Astroplay" in our athletic stadium. This surface is designed to simulate grass and limit injuries. Under construction this fall is a new 8-lane track with and olympic sized natural grass surface inside, able to accommodate our new Lacrosse teams, soccer and field hockey.

We hope this book gives you a glimpse of our outstanding athletic program, where character and sportsmanship are part of our mission.

CHARACTER, SPORTS GO HAND-IN-HAND AT LU

At Lindenwood, we are committed to our students in the classroom and on the athletic field. It is that very commitment that sets Lindenwood apart from other universities.

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After a fourth-place finish in 1999, Lindenwood University finished second to Simon Fraser University in British Columbia for the coveted 2000 Sears Directors' Cup. The Cup is given annually to the top athletic programs in the country. Lindenwood finished among the nation's Top 5 again in 2001, and finished second in 2002.

A national championship in wrestling led the Lindenwood charge in 2002. The men's and women's soccer teams made appearances in the national play-offs, and the men's volleyball team finished 2nd nationally.

Much of Lindenwood's success can be attributed to President Dennis Spellmann, responsible for building LU's state-of-the-art Performance Arena and investing in the Astroplay surface on the Athletic Field and LU's new 8-lane track.

The expectations for the 2002-2003 fall, winter and spring seasons are high, but President Spellmann believes all Lindenwood's athletic programs will meet the challenge.

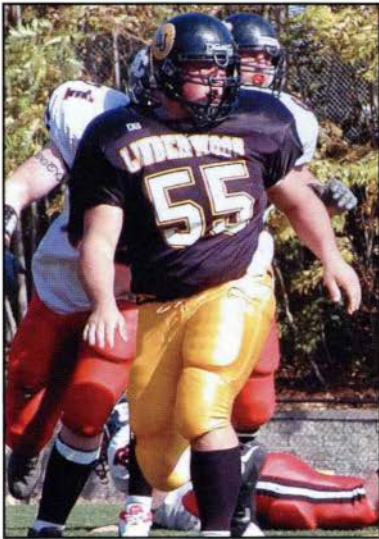


Football

Never before has a Lindenwood football team been so optimistic going into its season. Experienced veterans, talented transfers and fearless freshmen will lead the charge of Coach Rick Gorzynski's Lions as they take the field in 2002. This season, Gorzynski said, will be a challenge--playing in the toughest conference in the nation and with a non-conference game against Valparaiso.

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Gorzynski and his coaching staff have worked hard at recruiting in the off-season, and believe they have the nucleus for a winning program in place. "We did a great job recruiting to positions, particularly in our offensive line. There's going to be a lot of competition for positions this year."



The first two names that roll off the coach's tongue looking to next season are newcomers: There's 6-foot-7 tight end Brett Hall, a 260-pounder from Reno, NV; and 6-5, 320-pound offensive tackle Gary Young, a former Parade Magazine all-American. Gorzynski said they looked good in spring practice.

Rounding out the offensive line performers are returnees Matt Hummer, a 6-3, 305-pound sophomore guard who was out last year due to reconstructive knee surgery; Center Mike Sharp, who was "a stalwart...our best offensive lineman last year;" 300-pound tackle Daren Jones, and 320-pound sophomore guard James Murlock out of Kirkwood.

“I feel good about our offensive line,” said Gorzynski. “It will be 100 percent improved. It was probably the weakest part of our team last season.”

The Lions will rely heavily on returning senior tailback Sherwin Ellis, a 200-pounder who runs a 4.3 40-yard dash and is healthy after missing most of last season due to injury. Others who might figure into the mix in the back-field are Texas sophomore Lewis Rogers, Herculaneum senior Ron Huskey and senior Mark Dillon.

Wideouts who have caught the coach’s eye include Barrett Taylor, a transfer from Missouri Valley; Shawn Sackman, a former state champion in the 100 meter dash, and returning senior Cebo Campbell.

Quarterback could be Frank McGinty’s to lose. McGinty is a 6-5 junior who Gorzynski says “runs well and throws well.” But he will be challenged by James Jenkins, an all-metro selection from Webster Groves who gained 1,200 yards rushing and had 1,200 yards passing as a senior in high school, and all-state freshman Marcus Snowzek, from Olathe, KS, Gorzynski said.



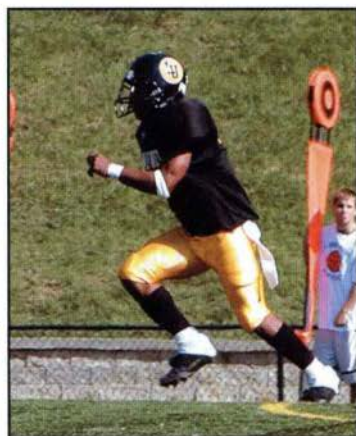
Defensively, “we really upgraded,” Gorzynski said. But the coach is quick to mention his high expectations from returners like linebackers Chad Limbach and Nick Giffin. He also expects to see transfer Ryan Coyne on the field, as well as returners Don Cayton, John Dhiel, E.J. Smith and Tim Johnson.

A newcomer, Ian Warren, impressed the coach this spring

at defensive end, as well as last year's starters Cleo Burnett and Matt Hiduk. 6-foot-5, 350-pound Clarence Turners is back at tackle along with Jeff Dobbie. They will be pushed by a transfer, 295-pound Correll Campbell.

Gorzynski is also excited about his defensive backfield, which could have a distinctly St. Louis flavor. Sophomore Greg Cannon (Mehlville) looks good at safety, as well as sophomore Jason Pruitt (McCluer North). Cornerbacks impressing the coach are T.J. Riley from Texas and John Phalo from California.

And finally, the coach has imported a winner from his own campus to compete for the punter position. Fresh from the national championship wrestling team is Chad Smith, who passed up another college to play both sports at Lindenwood. He'll compete with Scott Houska, a St. Louis native. Placekicker appears to be down to Brian Trauterman from Hazelwood East and Chris Jones from Cape Girardeau.



“Last year we had very little depth and it showed,” Gorzynski said. “This year, it is obvious that situation is different. Not too many people should be comfortable about their positions as we head into this season.”

Men's Soccer

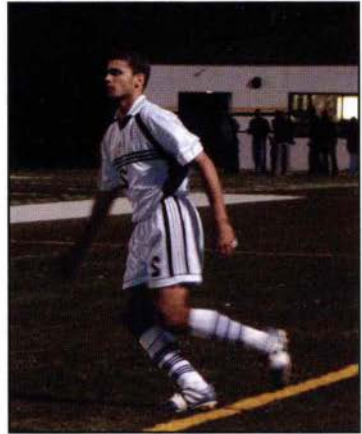
Lindenwood University's men's soccer program has made enormous strides under the direction of Carl Hutter, in his 9th year. So a season of 21-3-1 that included a conference championship, a conference tournament championship, a regional championship and a No. 7 national ranking can't

be considered a disappointment, right?

“We left the national tournament feeling good about our season, but we’re not satisfied,” said Hutter. “The positive thing about losing in the quarterfinals is that it gave us something to think about for nine months.”

Now the nine months is over. Hutter’s Lions have been thinking, and they’re ready for a new season and a new run at the national championship.

Leading the Lions in that quest are five top returning players: midfielders Branko Savic and Nanad Curic, both juniors; defenders David Beard and Jason Roeslein, both seniors; and attacking midfielder Gordon Inglis, a junior.



Hutter feels good about team leadership and depth. But the biggest uncertainty is in goal, where LU graduated “two good goalkeepers. So there will be some fierce competition at that spot. We focused on that spot in the offseason recruiting.”

Hutter said the Lions added depth recruiting and “helped the team all around. Now it’s up to them to do something on the field.”

Women’s Soccer

Kevin Kilcullin has never been the kind of coach who gushes with optimism in the preseason. He believes the best statements come on the field—with performance.

That might explain why Kilcullin hasn’t boldly predicted

conference championships or national tournament berths for his women's soccer team in years past. So it is understandable that this summer, Kilcullin was humble about the prospects for his team in 2002.

"We have four solid starters returning, and we have had a great recruiting year," he said. "I think we can make a run at it again."

That was about how Kilcullin forecast the season in 2000, when the Lady Lions ended up undefeated until losing in five overtimes in the national championship game. And the same for last season, when his team finished 17-6 and finished 5th in the national rankings.



Returning starters this season are seniors Brie Giessman and Lana Ingelsrudoya, sophomore Coco Callebaut and junior Alyssa Toland. But the coach expects contributions from a host of returning athletes—senior Susie Blevins, juniors Dana Ballheimer and Kristen Bowen and sophomores Julie Ballheimer and Gabile Najjar.

Newcomers he expects to make an impact are freshmen Christine Ronneberg, a forward from Norway, and Janine Helminger from Switzerland.

As to a return trip to the national tournament, it's in the bag. Lindenwood is hosting the event November 21-26 and gets an automatic berth. But Kilcullin says he wants his team to earn its way—just like last season.

Women's Volleyball

Ron Young may be the new women's volleyball coach at Lindenwood University, but he's not a newbie by any stretch—Young coached Lindenwood's men's team to a No. 2 finish in the nation in 2001-02.

Young inherits a women's team rich in tradition. The Lady Lions were 30-10 last season after finishing 4th in a tough conference. But repeating last year's performance does present a challenge to even an experienced coach—Lindenwood lost many of its starters.

So Young is counting heavily on returnees Jessica Kuster, a junior middle hitter from Jeff City; Kristin Bernardy, a junior defensive specialist from Francis Howell Central, and LU's only senior, Brenda Allen, an outside hitter from the West Indies.

Newcomers who Young expects to make an impact include: Liz Espinosa, a sophomore who is being promoted from the JV team; Lindsey Ward, a junior from Meramec Community College; Katie McNett, a sophomore from Quincy, IL; Roxanne Boschert, an outside hitter from Jefferson College; and outside hitters Adrienne Reich and Brittany Bowers.

Although the Lady Lions might be "rebuilding" somewhat, Young refuses to use that word.

"Graceland is the perennial powerhouse in the conference, but they lost a lot too," Young said. "The conference race really should be wide open this year."

Cross Country

Sean Birren enters his second year as Lindenwood cross country coach. His men's and women's teams started out last season in impressive fashion, but faded toward the end

of the season due to illness and injury.

“We cracked the top 25, but lost a few people and fell just short of qualifying for nationals,” he said. “It looks like we will have a little better depth this year so we can overcome those situations if they would occur again.”

On the men’s side, Birren is looking forward to the return of all-American Andrew Smith, just a sophomore. And junior Jeremy Maranan is back after missing out by just one spot qualifying for nationals. Two other juniors, Mike Aitken and Jacob Dressler should contribute as well. Birren says he is optimistic about the contributions of three newcomers, Aaron Grimes of Farmington, Sam Davis of Potosi and Matthew Hagenhoff from CBC High School.

On the women’s side, Birren will be counting heavily on the contributions of sophomore Cara Brewer, senior Brooke Six and junior Jessica Johnston. He also likes the prospects for newcomers Jenni Bittle of Cuba, MO, Stephanie Ganzler from Parkway, Ashley Jones from St. Charles and Suezanne Martin, a sophomore transfer student from Iowa.

Field Hockey

For awhile last fall, Lindenwood field hockey coach Jill Jokerst motivated her team by talking about avoiding the pitfalls of the Lady Lions’ winless inaugural season. And it might have worked. Lindenwood finished 15-4 in 2001 and was one of the best teams in the nation.

But mentioning that winless campaign is taboo in 2002.

“That’s in the past,” said Jokerst. “We’ve added so much. We’re way beyond that. We have a winning atmosphere and attitude here now.”

Jokerst has several key returnees around whom she will

build her 2002 team. They include two sophomores, Maria Rizzuti, the leading scorer last season, and Maria Widmer. Plus, junior goalkeeper Leah Werry is back after a strong finish in 2001.

The coach is expecting immediate contributions from sophomore Sara Strackeljahn and junior Liz Hamilton, who was out much of last season with a broken wrist. And Jokerst has high expectations out of three freshmen—Rachel Eyres and Megan Solley, both from British Columbia, and Stephanie Voumard from Edwardsville, IL.

Wrestling

When a team wins a national championship, all sorts of overused phrases and clichés get thrown around. So when Lindenwood won the national wrestling championship last year in Great Falls, MT, Coach Joe Parisi made sure to avoid saying it was a “once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

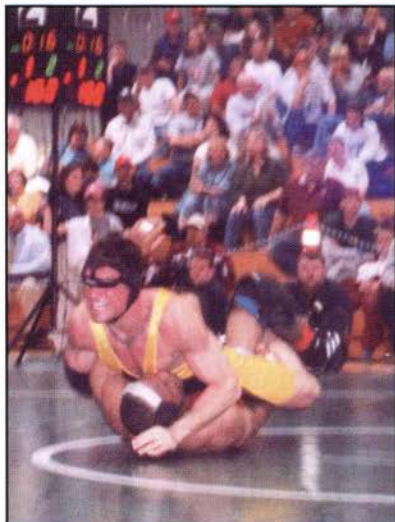
“Because we want to be right back there this season and win it again,” said Parisi. “We’ve certainly got the experience and the talent to do it again.”

The hard part this year, Parisi said, is the Lions will be the hunted instead of the hunters. “Every time we take the mat somebody’s going to want a piece of us,” he said. “To use a few of those cliches we were talking about, we are going to have to keep our perspective and go match by match.”

Parisi’s squad graduated three all-Americans. But the coach is optimistic—three national champions and six all-Americans are returning to defend Lindenwood’s title. The national champions are: sophomore Dustin Teeman at 149 pounds, junior Dustin Zahursky at 165 pounds, and senior Brian Holt at 165 pounds.

The returning all-Americans are senior Josh Buchanan at

125 pounds (7th last year); senior Brant Bruner at 133 pounds (3rd last year; and a national champion at 125 pounds in 1999); senior Jeff Carlson at 149 pounds (7th last year); junior Chad Smith at 157 (3rd last year); senior Wayne James at 197 (3rd last year); and sophomore heavy-weight Roger Miller (5th last year).



“With all these guys coming back, I guess that makes it tougher for newcomers,” said Parisi. “But we’ve brought in some outstanding talent. I’ve told the guys that just because you won something last year doesn’t mean you’ve already earned the spot.”

Parisi says five transfer students figure to push the returners: 125-pound Andrew Bradbury, a two-time junior college all-American; 125-pound Leo Bujag, the national junior freestyle champion; 133-pound Rick Guzman, a California juco finalist; 174-pound Kyacey Uscola, a juco all-American; and redshirt freshman Matt Madden at 184, a two-time junior national all-American.

In addition, two freshman could figure into the mix this year: 174-pound Maurice Swain, a high school all-American from Anderson, IN, and heavyweight Arthur Langston, a two-time state champion from Vandalia, IL.

Men’s Basketball

Lindenwood has a new men’s basketball coach in Don Mulhern, and he brings a wealth of experience to the team. Mulhern spent nine years at MacMurray College, where as women’s coach his teams were conference champions

three times. He also took his team to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history, and was coach of the year twice.

Mulhern's Lions are coming off a lackluster season in 2001-2002, finishing the season at 10-19. The coach promises the competition for playing time will be fierce. "It's going to be wide open...big-time," Mulhern said.

But the coach expects contributions from returners—forward Ross Conner III, a 6-3 junior, and guards Dustin Roberts, a 5-11 senior, and Greg Bittle, a 6-1 junior. Also back is senior Josh Gaulding.

Mulhern hopes to see an impact from newcomer Brooks Williams, a 6-3 sophomore, as well as a host of juco transfers: 6-3 Kevin Nordmann, 5-10 Matt Burke, 6-3 Bronson Smith, 6-5 Kyle Kirkpatrick, 6-5 Tim Reagan and 6-4 Foryan Poyner.

Freshman fighting their way into the mix are 6-5 Cole Wolf, 6-9 Nathan Neal, shooting guards Dustin Travis, Michael Romyn and Florian Rebottier, along with point guard Sam Barnhart.

Women's Basketball

Chanda Jackson doesn't have too much time to get philosophical about the enormity of her responsibility as head women's basketball coach at Lindenwood. She's too busy doing the job.

"There is no question that it will be very challenging to take over this program," said Jackson. "We have a winning tradition that is going to have to be upheld."

The first-year coach of the Lady Lions has plenty of talent on this year's squad to help her meet the challenge. While

losing three starters to graduation, two starters and a total of 10 letter winners return from last year's 13-15 team.

Angie Stith (10 ppg, 5 rpg) and Sara Tucker (9 ppg, 5 rpg) should supply some offense. And Jackson is counting on contributions from two junior college transfers from Shawnee College – Emily Shepard and Crystal Barz.

Several freshmen could play important roles as well: Stacy Boschert, Jessica Coleman, Teneka Jordan, Lindsey King, Krysta Lazar, Jackie Meier, Carrie Prewitt, Nele Van Eeno and Jennifer Wriedt.

Swimming and Diving

Craig Penrose is entering his fifth season as swimming and diving coach at Lindenwood University. And each season, the results get better and better.

“We finished 6th in the nation last year,” said Penrose. “That’s men and women. I think each team has a shot at 3rd or 4th if everyone stays healthy.”

But the Lions have big shoes to fill. Penrose lost two all-Americans. However, three are returning: Sophomore Ellie Kermicreva (100 butterfly); sophomore Dan Dasinger (500 freestyle); and junior Jon Metcalf (individual medley and 3 meter diving).

Returners who figure to contribute this season for the women include: junior Heather Carpenter (long distance, freestyle, breaststroke), sophomore Theresa Phillips (backstroke, long distance), twin seniors Katie and Kelly Thompson (breaststroke), senior Rochelle Plutchak (backstroke) and junior Catherine Hannah (backstroke, breaststroke).

Expected to make an immediate impact on the men's side

are senior breastroker Ryan Kuehner and a freshman, Eric Wion, a freestyler from St. Charles West. Newcomers for the women include: Casey Brennan (freestyle); twins Lacey and Meghan Ferrell (freestyle); Christa Slyman (freestyle); and Katie Wayman (freestyle).

Men's Volleyball

Months later, people still bring it up. Lindenwood's men's volleyball coach, Ron Young, can't seem to escape it. He says it still hurts every time someone brings it up.

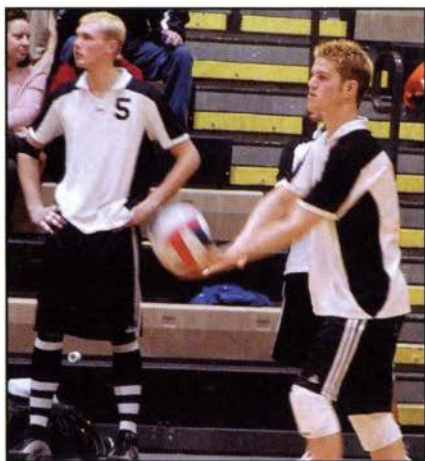
"It," is the way Lindenwood lost in the men's volleyball national championship. The Lions had a comfortable lead, and somehow let it slip away...at home...in front of the largest crowd the NAIA volleyball championships has ever seen.

"We have everyone back this year," said Young. "So I guess you could say we have unfinished business."

To review, the Lions were 30-5 in 2002-03. They finished second in the national tournament, and won the post-season conference tournament.

Back to "finish up business" are several Lions: junior setter Eddie Dahl; sophomore setter Josh Young; outside hitters Mason Fisher, Mike DiPierro, Morris Groves, Derrick Abell, and Andre Osmond; middle hitter Andrew Mack; and opposite hitters Nick Anderson and Mike Hickman.

And just to liven things up a



bit, Young has two individuals he expects to push the returners: middle hitter Ryan Nicklas from Chicago, and sophomore Ben Nelson, up from the junior varsity squad. Other youngsters who might make an impact include Kevin Dunn, a setter from DeSmet High School; Kevin McClear, a middle hitter from Vianney High School; Justin Warren, an outside hitter from Belleville; and Matt Calpin, an outside hitter from Chicago.

Roller Hockey

When Derek Schaub's phone rings these days, it could be just about anyone--from companies wanting to sponsor Lindenwood's roller hockey uniforms to coaches wanting to schedule the Lions. Coaches from schools like Michigan State, Purdue, Ohio State, Boston University, and more.

That's what happens when you win a national championship. The Lions defeated Michigan State back in April to take the crown.

"It's been a wild ride," said Schaub. "But we are ready to get focused and try to repeat."

Certainly, many of the components of last season's 22-1 team are in place. Three first-team all-Americans are returning: Junior forward Chris Kahre, MVP of the national tournament and the nation's leading scorer; Team captain David Kozlowski, a defenseman; and fellow defenseman Matt Edmondson.

Also back for another year is the team's second leading scorer, junior Ken Moeser.

Schaub looks for contributions this season from several newcomers: Forwards Jeff Mobeley and Brian Sharp; Defensemen Steve Hewkin and Chris Loness; and goaltender Kyle Mikel—all members of the U.S. national team.

Lacrosse

Lindenwood kicks off both men's and women's lacrosse this season, and the coaches, Derek Schaub for the men and Jill Jokerst for the women, don't think it will take long to have their teams competing at the highest level.

"I really don't know what to expect this first year," said Schaub, who also coaches roller hockey at Lindenwood. "But I am more than pleased with the recruiting we have been able to do. We have a lot of people calling. I think we will be able to hold our own. We would like to follow suit with roller hockey and win the national title by our third year."

Holding their own could be difficult the first year. Schaub says the Lions will play Nebraska, Creighton, Illinois, Iowa State and others.

Names to watch in the inaugural season include Jack Cribben, a sophomore goalkeeper and a three-year starter and all-state performer from CBC High School; Jeff Benton, a defender and captain of DeSmet's state championship team; Ryan Bradbury and Mike Blodgett, teammates of Benton's at DeSmet; Attackman Billy Chmurzynski of Long Island, NY and Bennett Shaw from Dallas, and Ryan Elliott, a conference player of the year from Dallas.

On the women's side, Jokerst is building her squad around a highly-touted freshman goalkeeper from Parkway, Megan Doyle. She expects other contributors the first season to include: freshmen Laura Buckner, Kristen Smith, and Megan Horsfall, as well as junior Erin Bogard, who also plays field hockey for Lindenwood.

"I think we can build our program quickly," said Jokerst. "Probably as quickly as our field hockey team. We were getting quite a bit of recognition in our second year."

Bowling

Oftentimes when new coach comes to town, he or she is starting from scratch. But that's far from the case for Steve Boxerman with Lindenwood's men's and women's bowling teams. Both teams are ranked in the nation's top 20 this preseason.

On the men's side, the team finished 11th in the nation last year. Boxerman returns some strong senior leadership in seniors Steve and Mike Solovic and Doug Lakey. Add in juniors Kevin Orth and David Czarkecki with sophomore Ed Mueller and "we should be top 10 this year," said Boxerman. "We should make a run at it."

Adding depth on the men's side are Brian Catanzaro, Jack Champin IV, Ryan Reid, Marc Schofield. LU's men's team, which won the Mid-States Tournament last season, is ranked 6th by the Bowling Writers Association of America.

The women return a host of juniors, including team captain Erin Reed, Jennifer Ip, Kim Richter and Jennifer McDonald. Reid represented Team Canada in Costa Rica over the summer.

"We've got some top recruits coming in for both teams," said Boxerman. "I have some high expectations."

Baseball

If you believe the adage that good pitching beats good hitting, then the 2002 Lindenwood baseball team should have a good season.

The Lions were thin on pitching in 2001, and finished 19-29 overall. This year, there will be some intense competition for spots in the starting rotation, said Coach Tom Broyles.

“The pitching struggled last season,” said Broyles. “It was a big emphasis in recruiting. I think we’ll be better there.”

The Lions return workhorse Ryan Geiger, a junior who threw 59 innings last year and compiled a 4-3 record. Also returning are senior Cliff House and sophomore Matt Welker. But there is a huge crop of newcomers.

Righthander Bobby Coomer, a 25th round draft pick of the Dodgers in 2000, joins the pitching staff at LU after going 6-3 with an ERA just over 2.00 last year with Logan Community College. Other new righties include A.J. Felder, Jim Kwit, and Jerry Wagner. Look for hard-throwing left-hander Nathan Rainbolt to be in the mix too.

Offensively, the Lions return one of the Heart of America Conference’s leading players in senior Gabriel Corchado. He patrols rightfield for Lindenwood, where he put together a huge season last year, hitting .331 with 14 homers a 40 RBI.

Broyles also expects big contributions from returning catcher Joel Mojica, a junior who hit .328 last year and from designated hitter Kevin Walsh, another junior, who hit .346 for the Lions in 2001.

Softball

The bar is always set high for Lindenwood softball. That’s why coach Rob Westling describes the Lady Lions’ 38-12 campaign in 2002 as a “rebuilding year.”



“We have some pitchers who are going to have to get people out next season,” said Westling. “Because we have certainly recruited some good defense and some hitting.”

Westling has high hopes for junior hurlers Kelly Kimmerling and Rebecca Grishom, a junior college all-American last season. Their batterymate should be senior catcher Stephanie Decker, who was all-conference and all-region last year. But Westling says Decker should feel some pressure from two newcomers, Lindsey Sharp and Gretchen Emrick.

The outfield appears to be settled with senior leftfielder and all-American Barbie Ventura returning. She should be alongside junior centerfielder Jamie Moses. But Westling says right field is “wide open. Two freshmen are competing for it. Whoever hits, basically, gets the job.”

Third baseman Jordan Sweeden returns, as well as sophomore first baseman Megan Crowe. Westling says there will be an all-out battle for second base among returners Melissa Portner and Erin Crook, Indiana freshman Susan Yates and junior college transfer Eric Cunningham.

Shortstop is wide open, Westling says, but Montgomery County freshman Beth Johnson appears to want the job.



The Lady Lions, Westling says, are ready to return to their customary top ten in the nation position, after finishing 25th last year. Lindenwood was first in the conference and

third in the Midwest region.

Track & Field

Lindenwood University's track program earned the school's first national championship back in 1998 when the men won the indoor title. The news clippings are proudly displayed on coach John Creer's wall. By winter, Creer will be looking to fill up his wall again—with pictures of Lindenwood's new eight lane track.

"It's going to be state-of-the-art," Creer said. "We're going to host the conference championships there in the spring. We're proud. And the athletes are pretty excited."

But the track isn't the only thing Creer is looking forward to. Creer's men's team will be making a run at its second indoor title this year. The Lions finished 3rd last season.

Returning all-Americans include: senior Irvin Brown, 5th in the 55 meters; junior Kurt Gibbon, 6th in 55 meters; senior Kevin Arthurton, 3rd in 200 meters, 6th in the 400 M and 4th in long jump; sophomore Terry Nurse, 5th in long jump; and sophomore Demetrius Totten, 6th in triple jump.

Outdoors, the men's team is shaping up nicely. Returning all-Americans include Gibbon, 2nd in the 200 meters and a finalist in the 100 M; Arthurton, 4th in 400 M, 8th in 200 M and 4th in long jump; Nurse, 6th in long jump; sophomore Mullen Petit, 8th in triple jump; and three legs of the national championship 4x100 relay team.

Freshman Jared Russell is turning some heads with his triple jumping and long jumping, along with Daniel Harris. Freshman Don Woods could be key in the springs.

On the women's side, senior Bernice Morton will be back

to strike fear in her opponents. Morton was 6th last year in the 55M and 200 M indoors. She was injured in the outdoor season, and Creer is hopeful she will be a healthy contributor outdoors this year.

Along with Morton to round out the returning all-Americans indoors will be junior Stephanie Nisbett, 5th in the long jump. Returning all-Americans outdoors include senior Carol Clark, 7th in the 100 M, and 7th in the 200M; sophomore Angela Corlette, 4th in 200M, and three members of the second place 4x100 relay team.

Creer thinks the team could have immediate contributions from freshman Shakaara Jones in the 100M, 200M and long jump, and she could compete for the open spot on the 4x100 relay team. Another freshman, Michelle Vaughn, shows promise in the long jump and triple jump, and LaToya Browne brings the Lady Lions a much-needed lift in the throws: discus, javelin and shot put.

Golf

Expectations are running high for Lindenwood's 2003 golf season. Just don't ask Coach Roger Ellis to talk about it.

"That's a jinx," said Ellis, in his fifth year as coach. "You still have to execute. That's what it's all about."

On the men's side, LU returns two of five golfers who were all-conference last season: Senior Jason Micek and sophomore Matt Hopkins. Micek was medalist in the Heart of America Conference Tournament last season, and Hopkins was medalist shooting even par to win the regional tournament last season in Springfield, MO.

Much of Lindenwood's success is due to depth, Ellis said, and he is pleased to have returners Aaron Deakin, Tyler MacKenzie, Jeff Krisko, Ben Allen and Kim Dixon ready to

contribute. He is also expecting big things from a host of freshman.

Lindenwood's women's team could be in the run for the national title after finishing third the past two seasons. Last year's individual national champion, Itzel Nieto, is back to defend her accomplishment, along with fellow senior Collette Giroux, all-American Sally Thind and junior Carly Graham.

Ellis is optimistic about the immediate impact that could be made by freshman Connie Capanegra of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and several other freshman: Brooke Haskins, Balir Hawk, Jacqueline Murray, Amanda Fanning, Abby Weber, Lindsey Hiesel and Abby Graves.

Tennis

The tennis program at Lindenwood appears poised for another solid season in 2003, according to coach Dick Oxler.

On the men's side, big things are expected from the four returning singles competitors, including the No. 1 player—Zvika Rosenbom, a senior from Israel. Rosenbom was the top player in the HAAC last season, as well as the No. 1 player in the region. Also returning are last year's No. 4 in singles, Mehdi Bensouda, a sophomore from Morocco; No. 5 Sebastien Briffault, a sophomore from France; and No. 6 Claude Lake, a junior from St. Kitts.

Pushing that group will be newcomers Dennis James of St. Kitts, Deric Saffell from Alaska and Daniel Wilhelm.

On the women's side, only one of the top performers return: sophomore Lyndsay Rowan. But Oxler is optimistic that two freshmen from the Bahamas, Mikia Cooper and Samantha Moxey, will contribute quickly. Other newcomers include Sarah Branson, Kelley Kretchmar, Stephanie

Mollman, Crystal Rowland, Meghan Thomson, Kelly Drake and Jaclyn Welch.

Trap and Skeet

Trap and skeet is an emerging Olympic sport, and Lindenwood University has taken a leadership role in recruiting and training America's best young shooters. Former police officer Joe Steenbergen is director of Lindenwood's new shooting sports program, as well as a criminal justice professor. The inaugural Lindenwood trap and skeet team will have 30 male and female shooters.

"These are very good students with a high degree of professionalism and leadership abilities beyond their ages," said Steenbergen. "I can't wait for us to get started."

Lindenwood will compete in the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Program, which annually participates in the International Intercollegiate Trap and Skeet Championships. The championship event is open to full-time college students and is the only national tournament in which shooters may compete in five different clay target games in the same program: American Trap, International Trap, American Skeet, International Skeet and Sporting Clays.

Steenbergen expects immediate accomplishments from several shooters, including freshmen Laura Kolb and Brad Deauman, both members of the US national championship team; as well as three national champions from the grand American world championship of trap: freshmen Charlie Morrison, Shon Doyle and Brian Stuntebeck.

The exciting atmosphere at Lindenwood University's sporting events can be attributed in no small part to the Lion Cheerleaders, Lion Line Dancers and Spirit Squad. The award-winning squads pride themselves not only on entertaining Lindenwood's students and fans, but also the opposing team's students and fans.

The Spirit of the Lions

However, don't let the bright smiles, swift feet and positive words of encouragement fool you. The cheerleaders, led by coach Kim Knerr, and dancers, led by coach Alice Bloch, are a competitive bunch. Both squads competed in national competitions across the country last year, and if their performances were any indication of what is to come this year, Lindenwood followers will have plenty to cheer about.

Lindenwood at a Glance

Admission Office: (636) 949-4949

Founded: 1827

Enrollment: 12,000

Mascot: Lion

Colors: Black and Gold

Conference: Heart of America

Stadium: Harlen C. Hunter Stadium

Arena: Hyland Performance Arena

President: Dennis C. Spellmann

Athletic Trainer: Randy Biggerstaff

Lindenwood offers 36 intercollegiate athletic programs. Increased options better serve our students and prospective students.

Fall

- Football
- Field Hockey
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Women's Volleyball

Winter

- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field
- Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving
- Wrestling
- Men's and Women's Bowling
- Roller Hockey

Spring

- Baseball
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Men's and Women's Tennis
- Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field
- Men's Volleyball
- Softball
- Men's and Women's Lacrosse
- Men's and Women's Trap and Skeet

* Cheerleading is a year-round sport.

Lindenwood University's commitment is to first-rate teams filled with top student athletes. In the tradition of the Olympics, Lindenwood's goal is development of the mind, body and soul of each student.

About Our Honor Roll

Our aim in the athletic department is to recruit young people who come here first to graduate...to get an education and lead a successful life, with athletics as an integral part of educating the whole person.

Student athletes at Lindenwood get the best of both worlds. Our excellent academics give them the preparation they need for their post-graduate lives, and they have the joy and excitement of participating in the nation's most successful athletic program.

The evidence of our success doesn't rest just with our stellar win-loss record. The evidence of Lindenwood's athletic success is our burgeoning athletic academic honor roll and the successful lives our students lead after graduation. You can attend school anywhere and be an athlete, but at Lindenwood, you are first a student.

Athletic Honor Roll

President's Honor Roll (GPA: 3.75-4.0)

Beau Alexander-Wrestling, **Gwenaelle Badre**-Women's Swimming & Diving, **Mehdi Bensouda**-Men's Tennis, **Kristin Bernardy**-Women's Volleyball, **Christina Bezaire**-Women's Golf, **Seth Billings**-Football, **Jenessa Blalock**-Women's Tennis, **Vanessa Blanc**-Dance Squad, **Erin Bogard**-Field Hockey & Women's Golf, **Aaron Bollinger**-Softball, **Joe Bommarito**-Dance Squad, **Cara Brewer**-Women's Cross Country, **Kristin Calvert**-Women's Swimming & Diving, **Misty Chastain**-Women's Tennis, **Katherine Curran**-Softball, **Joy Dorr**-Women's Basketball, **Christina Eason**-Women's Soccer, **Jaqueline Entsminger**-Women's Soccer,

Tanya Entwistle-Field Hockey,
Brandy Erdman-Women's Basketball, Jonathan Fuchs-Baseball,
Jayni Garavaglia-Women's Volleyball,
Christel Geldrich-Field Hockey, Rodrigo Giacinti-Men's Soccer,
Briane Giessman-Women's Soccer,
Stephanie Goodin-Women's Bowling & Cheerleading,
Matt Greenwood-Dance Squad, Ben Haskins-Men's Golf,
Inge Heiremans-Women's Soccer,
Cody Hirschi-Football & Men's Track,
Amanda Hovey-Women's Track & Field,
Colin Hsu-Men's Golf, Mark Jetton-Dance Squad,
Shannon Karnoski-Dance Squad, Chris Kegley-Wrestling,
Kathryn King-Women's Swimming & Diving,
Jeff Krisko-Men's Golf, Javier Levitt-Men's Soccer,
Cain Linville-Men's Basketball,
Reed Livergood-Men's Swimming & Diving,
David Loeffler-Baseball, Claudio Lombardo-Men's Soccer,
Miguel Luzardo-Men's Soccer, Valeria Martinez-Field Hockey,
Cecelia Mc Pheron-Women's Golf, Jennifer Mccutchen-Softball,
Franklin Mcginty-Football, Kelly McLaren-Field Hockey,
Joshua Mcmillian-Men's Track & Field,
Laura Mecker-Women's Basketball,
Jon Metcalf-Men's Swimming & Diving,
Steven Moss-Men's Basketball,
Joseph Murphy-Men's Cross Country,
Maria Oehninger-Field Hockey,
Marisa Oldelehr-Women's Volleyball,
Ezequiel Olzanski-Men's Soccer, Natalia Piaggio-Field Hockey,
Erin Reid-Women's Bowling,
Shannon Reidy-Women's Volleyball,
Kim Richter-Women's Bowling,
Emily Robbins-Women's Track & Field,
Melinda Roberson-Dance Squad,
Joshua Roberts-Men's Basketball,
Eeva-Maria Saari-Women's Soccer,
Alyn Saxby-Women's Basketball,
Nikki Schweinbold-Women's Golf, Lucas Smith-Wrestling,
Christopher Snow-Dance Squad, Steven Solovic-Men's Bowling,
Megan Spurling-Women's Volleyball,
Daniel Stehr-Men's Tennis, Amber Stewart-Softball,

Angela Stoecklin-Softball, **Sara Strackeljahn**-Field Hockey,
Jason Taylor-Men's Track & Field,
Katie Thompson-Women's Swimming & Diving,
Michelle Tidwell-Women's Golf,
Angela Turner-Women's Volleyball,
Kara Wall-Women's Volleyball, **Stefanie Weiss**-Field Hockey

Athletic Director's Honor Roll

(GPA: 3.5-3.74)

Otabek Abdurahmonov-Men's Tennis, **Brenda Allen**-Women's Volleyball, **Jacob Ashley**-Men's Soccer, **Lindsay Baethke**-Dance Squad, **Dana Ballheimer**-Women's Soccer, **John Banfield**-Men's Soccer, **Desiree Blanc**-Dance Squad, **Marcie Bollegar**-Softball, **Kimberly Cox**-Dance Squad, **Meaghan Crow**-Softball, **Nenad Curic**-Men's Soccer, **Michael Dipierro**-Men's Volleyball, **Daniel Emrick**-Men's Golf, **Elizabeth Feutz**-Women's Basketball, **Facundo Fons**-Men's Golf, **Claudio Garcia**-Men's Soccer, **Laura Garvey**-Women's Volleyball, **Josh Gaulding**-Men's Basketball, **Andrew Gilbert**-Baseball, **Jamie Johnson**-Wrestling, **Paul Keegan**-Men's Soccer, **Audra King**-Women's Volleyball, **Robert Kisgen**-Wrestling, **Claude Lake**-Men's Tennis, **Michelle Leahy**-Softball, **Andrea Liburd**-Women's Volleyball, **David Margrabe**-Men's Soccer, **Tracey Mayes**-Baseball, **Sarah Mickey**-Women's Swimming & Diving & Track, **Michael Muehling**-Football, **Lucila Murillo**-Field Hockey, **Ashley Nauman**-Women's Track & Field, **Terry Nurse**-Men's Track & Field, **Lyndsey Nykiel**-Dance Squad, **Kevin Orth**-Men's Bowling, **Alan Perryman**-Baseball, **John Phalo**-Football, **Kelly Pierce**-Dance Squad, **Melissa Poertner**-Softball, **Brian Robertson**-Men's Soccer, **Robyn Schroeder**-Women's Basketball, **Michael Sharp**-Football, **Emery Smith**-Football & Wrestling, **Leah Townsend**-Women's Swimming & Diving, **Leah Werry**-Field Hockey, **Laura Wiedemeier**-Women's Soccer, **Gustavo Willi**-Men's Soccer, **Lyndi Wollbrinck**-Women's Volleyball, **Kenneth Wolters**-Football, **Rebecca Wright**-Women's Cross Country

Coaches Honor Roll

(GPA: 3.0-3.49)

Derrick Abell-Men's Volleyball, **Michael Aitken**-Men's Cross Country & Track & Field, **Lucas Allen**-Men's Volleyball,

Julien-Raphael Amanrich-Men's Swimming & Diving, **John Amick**-Baseball, **Maria.Florencia Belo**-Field Hockey, **Melissa Berger**-Softball, **Igor Bertanjoli**-Men's Basketball, **Greg Bittle**-Men's Basketball, **Susan Blevins**-Women's Soccer, **Kristen Bowen**-Women's Soccer, **Sue-Ann Bowen**-Women's Track & Field, **Sebastien Briffault**-Men's Tennis, **Lisa Brinker**-Softball, **Russell Britton**-Men's Soccer, **Elaine Brown**-Softball, **Tim Brown**-Baseball, **Joshua Buchanan**-Wrestling, **Greg Burke**-Wrestling, **Bruno Cabrera**-Men's Golf, **Jaclyn Cameron**-Softball, **Clinton Campbell**-Wrestling, **Joshua Campbell**-Football, **James Carlson**-Wrestling, **Kim Carlton**-Softball, **Tiffany Carney**-Women's Basketball, **Heather Carpenter**-Women's Swimming & Diving, **Donald Cayton**-Football, **Clinton Champlin Iv**-Men's Bowling, **Nathan Chomyc**-Men's Golf, **Dexter Christian**-Men's Tennis, **Holly Collins**-Women's Golf, **Ross Conner Iii**-Men's Basketball, **Samantha Coutts**-Women's Basketball & Track & Field, **David Czarnecki**-Men's Bowling, **Edward Dahl**-Men's Volleyball, **John Diehl**-Football, **Kim Dixon**-Men's Golf, **Christine Doerhoff**-Women's Soccer, **Luke Drury**-Men's Soccer, **Johnny Dulaney**-Men's Basketball, **Ryan Dunn**-Men's Golf, **Julie Echele**-Women's Soccer, **Sondra Ellingson**-Women's Basketball, **Jake Evans**-Baseball, **Keith Fietsam**-Baseball, **Jeff Figge**-Wrestling, **Kasper Frahm**-Men's Tennis, **Jared Goodman**-Football, **Emily Goyea**-Women's Swimming & Diving, **Carly Graham**-Women's Golf, **Elizabeth Hamilton**-Field Hockey, **Katherine Hannah**-Women's Swimming & Diving & Softball, **Jeff Hasemeier**-Football, **Calvin Hatcher**-Football, **Darian Head**-Men's Basketball, **Matthew Hiduk**-Football, **Heidi Hillebrenner**-Women's Volleyball, **Amir Hodzic**-Men's Soccer, **Devin Hori**-Men's Volleyball, **Shyrone Hughes**-Women's Track & Field, **Matthew Hummel**-Football, **Jennifer Ip**-Women's Bowling, **Andrew Ivanov**-Men's Tennis, **Daniel Jackson**-Baseball, **Luke Jansma**-Men's Golf, **Kevin Jennings**-Men's Swimming & Diving, **Jessica Johnston**-Women's Cross Country, **Tyler Johnston**-Baseball, **Daren Jones**-Football, **Ryan Kane**-Men's Basketball, **J. David Kemp**-Baseball, **Robert Kerch**-Football & Roller Hockey, **Elena Kermicieva**-Women's-Swimming & Diving, **Kelly Kimmerling**-Softball, **Jessica Kuster**-Women's Volleyball, **Jill Laytham**-Women's Golf,

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