



FALL 2023 SEASON



BROOME ATHLETICS SUPPORTERS,

We have now reached the unofficial end of the 2023 fall sports season. The season was filled with successes by both our teams and individuals, culminating with appearances in the 2023

NJCAA XC National Championships by Aja Jackson and Joseph Chermak on November 11. It is Broome Athletics' joy to recap these individual and team successes with the fall 2023 edition of the Hornet Report. Thank you all for your support of Broome Athletics!



CROSS COUNTRY



Jackson and Chermak each had incredible seasons, as did their cross country teammates. Jackson took 1st place overall for a second straight year at the Mid-State Athletic Conference (MSAC) XC Championships on October 21. Jackson then took 2nd place overall



for the second straight year at the NJCAA Region III XC Championships on October 28. Chermak turned in a 3rd place overall finish at the Mid-State meet and a 7th place overall finish at the Region III meet. In that Regional meet, all five of the men's cross country runners secured season-best times. Coach Tom Carter was yet again announced as the Women's Cross Country Coach of the Year at the Mid-State Conference Championship meet. Jackson was named the conference's Woman Runner of the Year for a second consecutive



time, was named to the All-MSAC Women's XC team, and was named to the Region III All-Region team. Jackson's teammates Amber Neumuth and Victoria Slack joined her on the All-MSAC team. The women's cross country team won a third straight MSAC Championship, while the men's cross country team won a fourth straight MSAC Championship this year, and finished 4th place at the NJCAA XC Regionals. Jackson ended her Broome career on the strongest of notes, dominating at the National Championships with a 6th place



overall finish out of a field of 98 runners and a season-best time of 20:08.60. With that performance, Jackson became a two-time NJCAA All-American. Chermak was highly successful in his National Championships debut. A freshman, he ran his second-best time of the year at 30:09.70 on his way to a 51st place finish out of a field of 125. This made him just outside the top-50 of the race and just outside the top 1/3 of runners in his debut at the meet. Closing the season strong, Joseph registered his two best times of the year in his final two meets.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

In women's volleyball, the team made an appearance in the NJCAA Region III Finals for a fifth straight year. They ended their tremendous season with a Runner-Up finish in the Region III District B bracket on the final weekend of October, fueled by eventual All-Tournament selections,



Katarina Frommert, Casie Kephart, and Anna Tiberia. The previous weekend, the Hornets also played their way to a 2nd place finish in the MSAC Championships. Broome's success was powered by a strong season from multiple players, proven when Jaylen Bennett, Gabriella Bishop, Tiberia, and Kephart were all named to MSAC All-Conference teams. Bishop and Bennett were also named to All-Region teams, and Kephart, Tiberia, and Frommert were named to the All-Tournament team at Regionals. The Hornets achieved a strong 13 wins on the season, led by sophomore setter Tiberia, who finished her final season at Broome with an incredible 513 assists.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Women's soccer had a thrilling season, finishing with a final record of 8-5-1. They advanced to the Region 3B Semifinal match and held the nationally-ranked Herkimer Generals to just one goal across regulation and two overtime periods before falling in the PK round.



The Hornets accomplished their success with a team-wide effort this season, using strong team chemistry to overcome a small roster as five players earned All-Conference honors. Emily Kane, Leah Williams, and Lilly Wlostowski were all named to the MSAC Women's Soccer All-Conference team. Courtney Seery and Jessica Wells also received votes and were considered MSAC Women's Soccer All-Conference Honorable Mentions. Kane was also named to the 3rd Team All-Region for Region III. Freshman goalkeeper Crista Schanbacher tallied a remarkable six shutouts this season.



MEN'S SOCCER

Men's soccer achieved five wins this season, an improvement from last year's mark, and played highly competitive in many games. A highlight victory came in the Hornets' second-to-last game of the season, over a Division III and four-year school in SUNY ESF, 3-2.



Broome's improvement this year was thanks in-part to the offensive prowess of sophomore forward Nathaniel Wojcik. The Hornets scored 25 goals this season and Wojcik accounted for 14 of them, including two game-winners. Freshman Dean Patterson was strong in the goal, delivering six shutouts on the season. Wojcik and Yuri Brich were named to the MSAC Men's Soccer All-Conference team. Wojcik was also named to the 3rd Team All-Region for Region III.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball is just getting their season underway, and looks to have a successful year into the winter and spring. Broome was up to the test against a four-year school and 2023 Division II USCAA National Champion in Penn State Wilkes-Barre to begin the year.



A strong Hornets defense in that game held PSU WB to just 24 points in the second half, putting Broome down by just three with under a minute left, and with multiple opportunities to tie the game. Despite the eventual 68-63 defeat, Broome was there until the end with every opportunity for a major upset, previewing the kind of team it can be this year. The Hornets have already delivered a home win in the Hornets' Nest with an 87-81 shootout victory over Corning CC, their first win against the Red Barons since 2016.

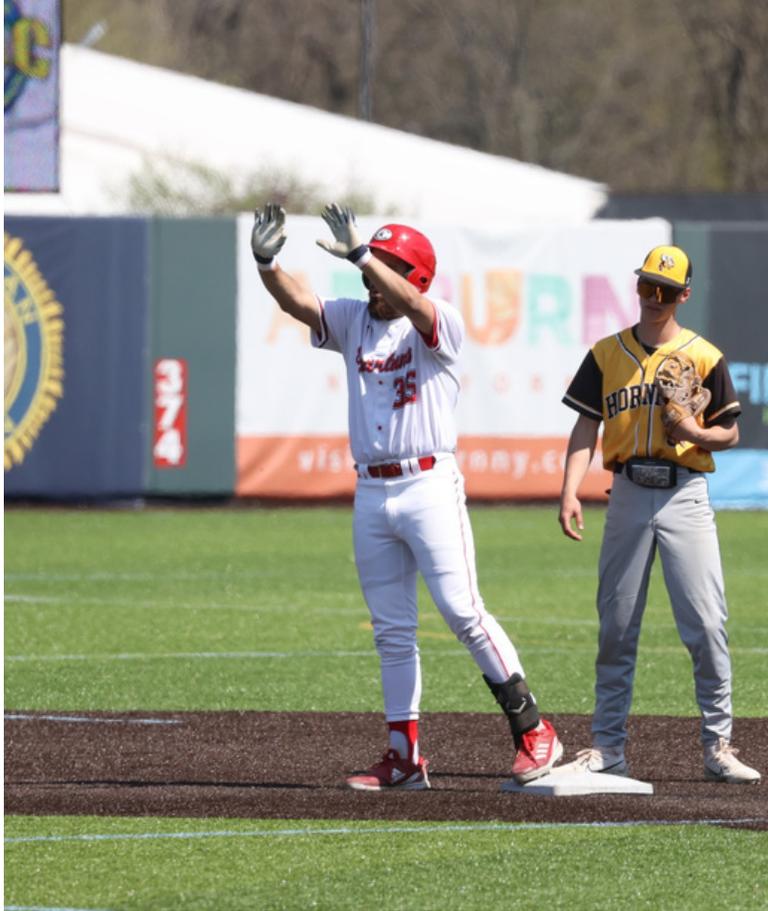


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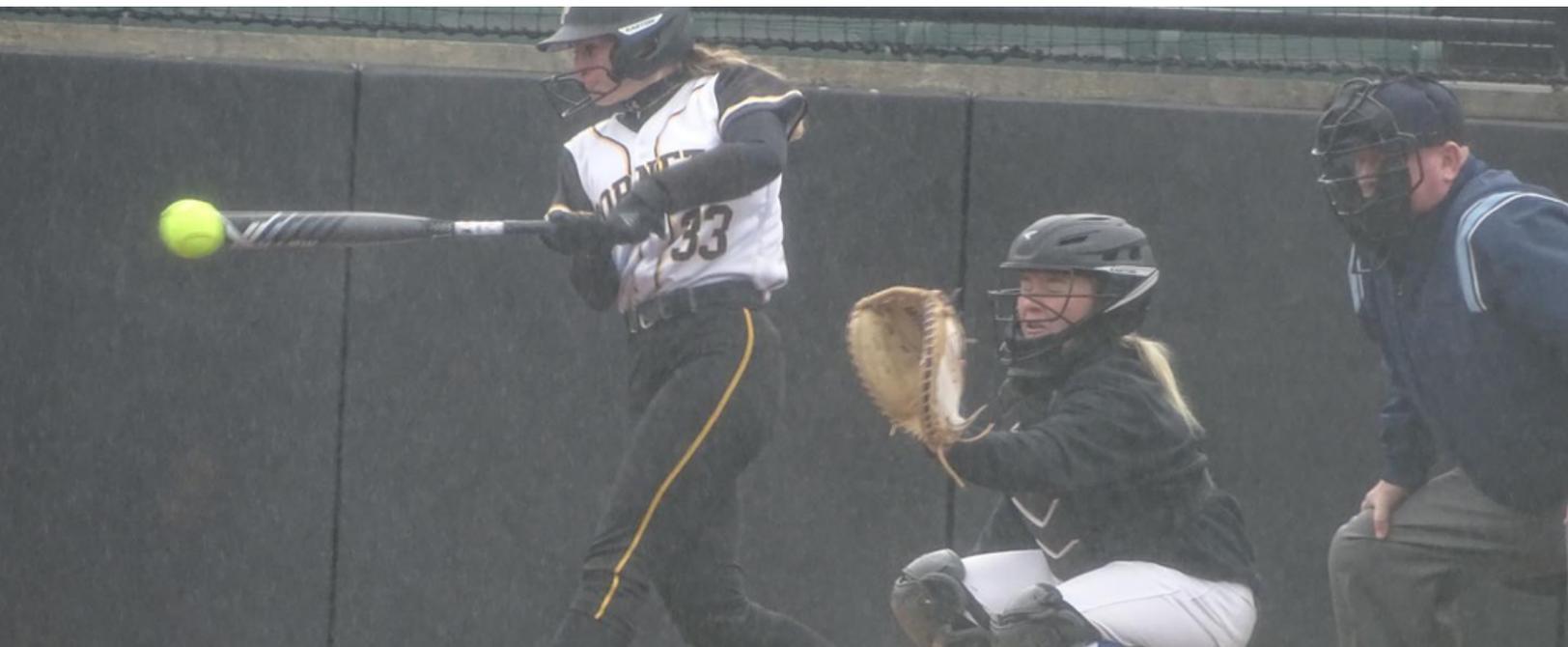
Looking ahead to the spring, there should be plenty of excitement behind the track and field teams, along with baseball and softball. Men's track and field is coming off a 10th place finish at the 2023 National Championships.



The women finished 6th place overall in 2023 at Nationals, also securing their second Region III Championship. That became their second Region III Championship in just two years as a program. Aja Jackson was the 2023 National Champion in the 10,000 meter run. Aden Hollenbeck was the National Runner-Up in the pole vault and joined Conner Smith in earning All-American status. Thomas Eccleston made the podium as well for the men, coming in at 5th place in the 110 meter hurdles.



The softball team will welcome a new head coach in Jennifer Petteys. The Hornets' future under Petteys could be very promising as she will provide 11 years of collegiate coaching experience. Petteys has served as the head coach at York College, a volunteer assistant at NC State, an assistant coach at UNC Wilmington, and most recently an assistant coach at nearby Binghamton University. Petteys is York College's all-time winningest coach with 153 career victories and is in the athletic Hall of Fame at her alma mater, St. John Fisher.



The baseball team also welcomes a new head coach, in Seve Kowalski. As the head assistant coach at SUNY Poly, Kowalski helped guide the Wildcats to their most wins since 2016. Coaching a team in an independent summer baseball league, Kowalski won the league championship five of six years. His team was the first undefeated team in league history, and went undefeated twice with respective records of 21-0 and 19-0. Kowalski was a team captain at Herkimer College in 2014, leading the team to the NJCAA DIII World Series, finishing 3rd in the country. After playing one season of DI baseball at Canisius, Kowalski transferred to SUNY Brockport, and as a two-year team captain, tied for 3rd place all-time in saves for his career at Brockport.

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