

# Bloomsburg University News and Notes

The Huskies won their ninth regional championship in school history and third straight Mid-Atlantic Regional title. The regional championships came in 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 2000 and 2001. The first six titles were East Region titles before realignment of the regions put Bloomsburg in the Mid-Atlantic. The Huskies have finished second in the national championships twice, third three times and fourth two times. Overall, Bloomsburg and coach Jan Hutchinson have made 20 straight trips to the NCAA softball championships.

During the season coach Jan Hutchinson surpassed 1,300 career wins between her softball and field hockey coaching careers. In 25 years at the helm for Bloomsburg she has amassed a record of 1,311-244-21 (.838 winning percentage.) In softball, Hutchinson has a record of 892-185-1 (.827 winning percentage). With 42 wins this season, the Huskies have now won 40 or more games for the 12<sup>th</sup> time in school history.

Pitcher Amber Cowher was named the Most Valuable Player of the Mid-Atlantic Regional championships after posting a record of 3-0 with a 0.00 ERA. Cowher threw two-complete shutouts, allowed just five hits and one walk, while striking out 24 in 16 2/3 innings of work. She had a no-hitter broken up after 6 2/3 innings in the semi-finals with California (PA) and finished with a one-hitter before throwing a three-hitter in the championship game against Lock Haven.

Bloomsburg leadoff hitter Jess Shnyder has led off three of the last eight games for Bloomsburg with a home run, including the Mid-Atlantic Regional championship game. She was named the MVP of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference tournament after hitting .692 (9-13) with three homers and seven RBI in four games. In the post-season (conference and NCAA Regionals) Shnyder is hitting .556 (15-27) with four homers and 10 RBI and has scored 13 runs. She has a slugging percentage of 1.222 with 33 total bases.

Unlike the past few seasons when Bloomsburg has had two big homer hitters in the lineup, this year's team has spread the power around. In all, 12 different players have homered for the Huskies this year. Backup catcher and DP Becca Kehler started the season by hitting a home run in her first four at-bats of the season, including a school-record three in one game. She is second on the team in home runs with nine.

Bloomsburg had six players named to the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional All-Tournament team. Amber Cowher, pitcher (MVP as well), Liza Pepper, infield; Steph Levonick, infield; Lisa Mull, outfield; Jess Shnyder, outfield; Ali Necci, at-large. For Cowher, Pepper and Necci it is the second straight time they have been named to the All-Tournament team.

Bloomsburg is 7-1 in the post-season this year and 15-3 over the last two seasons. This year the Huskies have a .359 post-season batting average, while holding opponents to a .202 batting average and just 18 runs scored. Bloomsburg has banged out 25 extra base hits, including 19 doubles and has scored 51 runs.

## 2002 Honors and Awards

### **Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Division East Division**

#### **Pitcher of the Week**

April 8—Kerri Cooper

April 15—Kerri Cooper

April 29—Kerri Cooper

### **All-PSAC Eastern Division Softball Team**

#### *Player of the Year*

Kerri Cooper

#### *First Team*

Liza Pepper-First Base

Lisa Mull-Outfield

Jess Shnyder-Outfield

Steph Levonick-Utility

Kerri Cooper-Pitcher

#### *Second Team*

Amber Cowher-Pitcher

### **NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region All-Tournament Team**

Liza Pepper

Steph Levonick

Lisa Mull

Jess Shnyder

Ali Necci

Amber Cowher (MVP)



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Pitcher Kerri Cooper accomplished something earlier this season that had not been done at Bloomsburg since 1995, that is pitch a perfect game. Cooper threw a five-inning perfect game against West Chester on April 10<sup>th</sup> winning by a score of 9-0. Prior to Cooper, the last Bloomsburg pitcher to toss a perfect game was April Paoli on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1995. Cooper also owns one solo no-hitter and two shared no-hitters in her career.

Jess Shnyder leads the Huskies in multiple hit games this year with 21. Lisa Mull is second with 18 and Liza Pepper third with 17. In all, the Huskies have totaled 117 multi-hit games this season.

In the post-season Shnyder leads Bloomsburg with a .556 average. Liza Pepper is second at .500 (12-24), while Lisa Mull is third with a mark of .435 (10-23). Shnyder has four homers and 10 RBI, while Pepper has six RBI and Mull a homer and 10 RBI. Cowher is 5-0 in the post-season with a 0.68 ERA and 40 strikeouts in 30 2/3 innings of work. She has allowed just 13 hits and seven walks and three earned runs.

Bloomsburg is big in the middle innings this year having outscored opponents 128-23 in the third and fourth innings combined.

## Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference 2002 STANDINGS

### Eastern Division

	PSAC			Overall			
	W	L	%	W	L	T	%
*Bloomsburg	21	3	.875	42	6		.875
Shippensburg	19	5	.792	35	19		.648
Kutztown	13	11	.542	28	18		.609
Mansfield	12	12	.500	19	21		.475
East Stroudsburg	9	15	.375	20	24		.455
Millersville	7	17	.292	18	23		.439
West Chester	3	21	.125	19	28	1	.406

\*PSAC Tournament Champion

### Western Division

	PSAC			Overall		
	W	L	%	W	L	%
California	19	1	.950	34	7	.829
Lock Haven	16	4	.800	37	15	.7111
UP	13	7	.650	26	15	.634
Clarion	4	14	.222	7	32	.179
Edinboro	3	15	.167	7	24	.226
Slippery Rock	3	17	.150	11	24	.314