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FLYING DUTCH GAIN 1ST NCAA APPEARANCE!

It certainly was an exciting year for the Hope Women's Soccer team as they finished the season with a record of 12-7-1. The Flying Dutch posted an 11-2-1 mark in the MIAA conference, leaving them in second place, just one point behind conference champion, Albion College. That one point kept them from qualifying for the NCAA National Tournament.

Hope fielded a very young team, which gained valuable experience early in the season. The Dutch struggled through a very competitive six game non-conference schedule as they got to know each other and grew as a team. Hope's 1-5 record going into the conference schedule was a bit misleading, as five of those six games were decided by one goal. The team, comprised of sixteen underclassman and only five upperclassman, used those six games as a springboard into the tough MIAA schedule.

As summer started to turn to fall, the Dutch also started a new season of their own. The team started to gel just about the time that conference play started. There is nothing in sports that can compare to beating your rival, and Hope rode the emotional high of beating Calvin to a 5-1 record half way through the conference schedule. The upstart Dutch were in first place all by themselves for the first time in school history. The Dutch knew that the second time through the schedule would prove to be much more difficult. They remained in first place until the second to last week of the season, when the Dutch were upended by the three time defending conference champion Albion Britons. The road loss turned out to decide the conference championship.

Hope's season was a great success. In just three seasons as head coach Leigh Sears improved the team from 5-12-1 and fifth place in the

conference to 12-7-1, and second in the tough MIAA.

Individual accolades come along with winning, and the Dutch had seven players voted to all conference teams. Dawn Gillam, who led the Dutch in scoring, was named to the first team, while Tess Scholz and Erica Pagorek were both second teamers. Getting the nod for honorable mention were Mary Ayers, Negeen Masghati, Catie Neidlinger, and Emily Tyler. Coaches in the Midwest region also honored Scholz, a freshman midfielder from Portage Northern High School, as she was named third team all-region.

No doubt the program's turnaround can be traced to vigorous recruiting and great young talent. The Dutch had eight different freshman start throughout the course of the 2002 season. Those first year players along with three sophomore starters give the Dutch a very bright outlook for the future.

Captains Corner 2004:



With this issue of the Hope Soccer Newsletter, we present Dawn Gillam, junior tri-captain from Portage Northern High School in Portage, MI.

Since the arrival of Dawn Gillam to the campus of Hope College, the women's soccer team has seen steady progress towards the goal of claiming the program's first MIAA Championship. Dawn has started every game she has played in while wearing the orange and blue jerseys of the Flying Dutch.

In Dawn's freshman year she was an instant contributor from the midfield scoring four goals

and adding three assists as she made the transition to a new position. Dawn went from playing stopper for the Huskies of Portage Northern to anchoring the midfield at Hope.

This year, Dawn played with much more confidence and her familiarity with the new position showed as she led the Flying Dutch in scoring. Dawn netted thirteen goals and helped out on seven more to bring her season point total to thirty-three, good for second in the MIAA.

As Dawn's career continues to grow at hope it is apparent that the sky is the limit as she

develops an even stronger on field relationship with the young nucleus around her. Dawn has the ability to raise the level play of those around her as well as take her own game to a new level in the toughest situations.

Dawn is working towards a major in education. She spent part of last summer teaching her love of the game to campers at Hope Soccer Camp.

Dawn looks forward to her role as a captain, and to leading the Dutch to a MIAA Championship in her final two seasons.

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Where They Are Now – The Coaches

With this issue of the Hope Soccer Newsletter, we would like to continue to reach our alumni and honor them for their past achievement as well as their current commitment to the well being of the Hope Women's Soccer Program. Three former players that have remained a large part of the program are Lindsey Engelsman, Gretchen Tanis, and Kate Thayer.

These three former Dutch standouts stand in an unfamiliar place these days, the sidelines. The three alumni serve as assistant coaches under Leigh Sears.

Lindsey Engelsman started her coaching career at Hope as Lindsey Odell when she was a senior. Lindsey was unable to play in her senior season due to a career ending ankle injury. Lindsey was an all-conference midfielder at Hope and set the career assist record in just three seasons. Lindsey was married after graduating from Hope in 2001 and lives in Holland with her husband, Scott, and dog Wrigley.

Gretchen Tanis is a 1999 graduate of Hope and was recently ordained as a

pastor at Second Reformed Church in Zeeland, MI. During her career at Hope, Gretchen used her blazing speed to earn all-conference honors. Gretchen lives in Holland with her husband, Phil.

Kate Thayer has spent the past two seasons working with the Flying Dutch goalies. Kate too was an all-conference selection while playing at Hope. Kate has returned to school to pursue her degree in computer science. Kate lives in Holland with her husband, Dean and their puppy, Emma.

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- <http://www.hope.edu/pr/athletics/wso/recruit.html>
- Contact Coach Sears sears@hope.edu
- Or Coach Engelsman engelsman@hope.edu
- Contact the Hope College Admissions office to receive information on the college and an application at 616.395.7850.

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