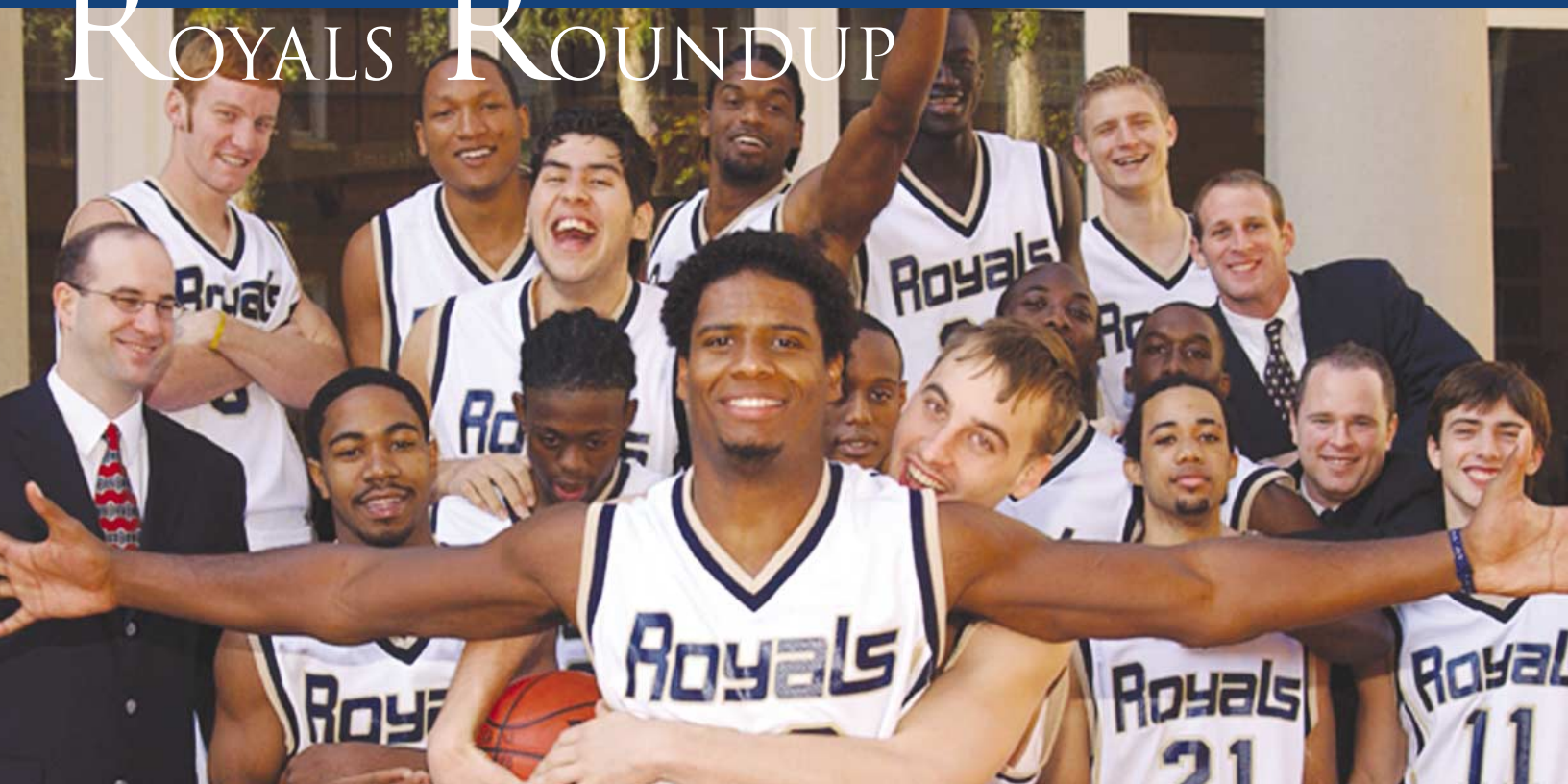


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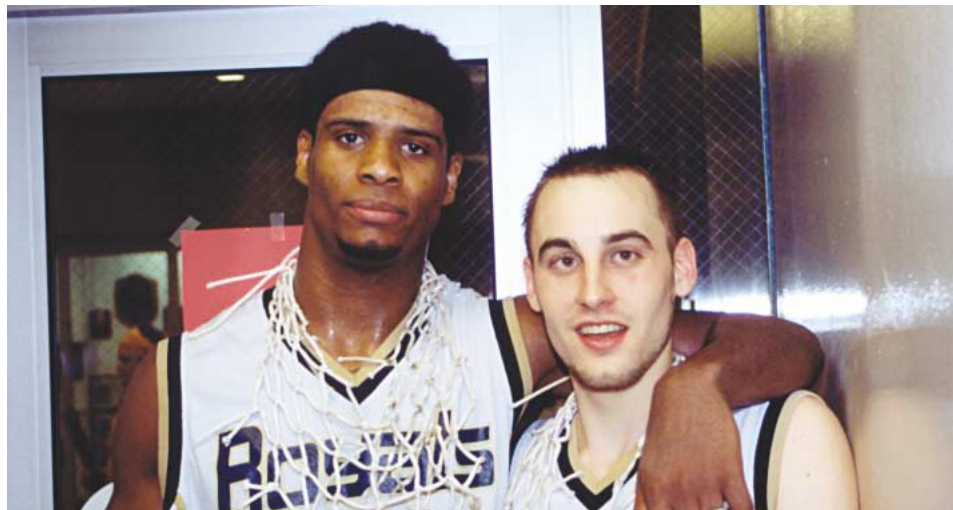
Men's Basketball Sets High Standard

The 2002-03 Queens University of Charlotte Men's Basketball Team recorded their statistically best season in school history – finishing in the NCAA Division II men's basketball semi-finals, earning the East Regional crown in front of their home crowd, ending their regular season first in the Carolinas-Virginia Athletics Conference and owning a 29-4 overall record (18-3 CVAC).

This season marked Queens second appearance and best finish at the men's basketball Elite Eight Tournament. Held at the Lakeland Civic Center (Fla.), the Royals advanced to the semi-finals with a 99-78 victory over Eckerd College (Fla.), only to fall 69-84 to the eventual D-II champions, Northeastern State University.

"I have never been more proud of one of my teams," said former head coach Bart Lundy. "This is a great group of guys. They played with more heart and desire than any other team I've seen."

Entering the 2002-03 season, Queens had high hopes for this year's squad – they did not disappoint. The



Royals broke team, individual, career, season and game records. As a team, their overall record set the school record of most wins in a season. The Royals tied both the record of the program's highest national ranking of No. 6 and the most consecutive wins with 11. On January 18, Queens set a new game-high team free-throw percentage of .929, making 26 of 28 attempts in a 105-87 victory over Pfeiffer University. Overall, Queens was ranked in the top-ten nationally in scoring offense (88.8 ppg/2nd), scoring margin (+14.7 ppg/5th), field-goal percentage defense (.384/6th), and free-throw percentage (.759/9th).

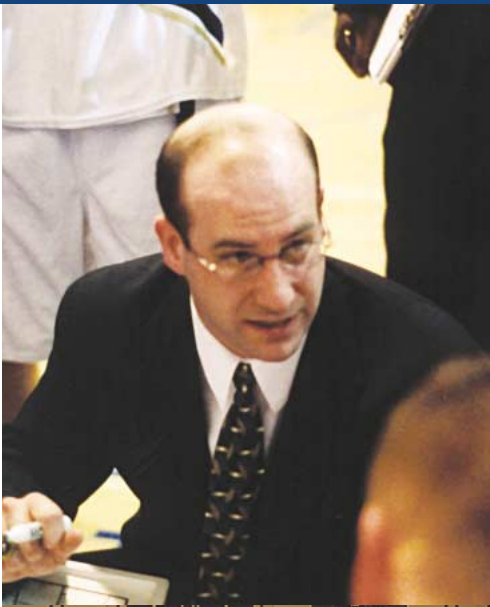
The Queens University of Charlotte Men's Basketball Team (Top Picture) celebrates the beginning of a successful season.

Senior Captains Carlos Andrade and Chris Benson (Above) with the nets from the East Region Championship game.

(Top Right) Former Head Men's Basketball Coach Bart Lundy planning the next offensive play.

(Middle Right) The Men's Basketball Team after winning the Sodexo Classic, which was held at Charlotte Latin. "The Oven" was shut down due to power outages caused by the ice storm that disrupted power for over a week in some places.

(Bottom Right) Chris Benson completes a break away in "The Oven" during the 2003 Homecoming game against Belmont Abbey.



Coaches Tapped to Lead New Lacrosse Program

Director of Athletics Jeannie King announced in February that James Fritz and Kevin Cooke will direct the men's and women's lacrosse programs that will begin in 2003-04. The teams will compete in NCAA Division II and offer athletic scholarships.

"We are excited to expand our opportunities for athletic participation here at Queens," stated King. "We feel we have hired two outstanding leaders that will provide a quality experience for our student athletes."

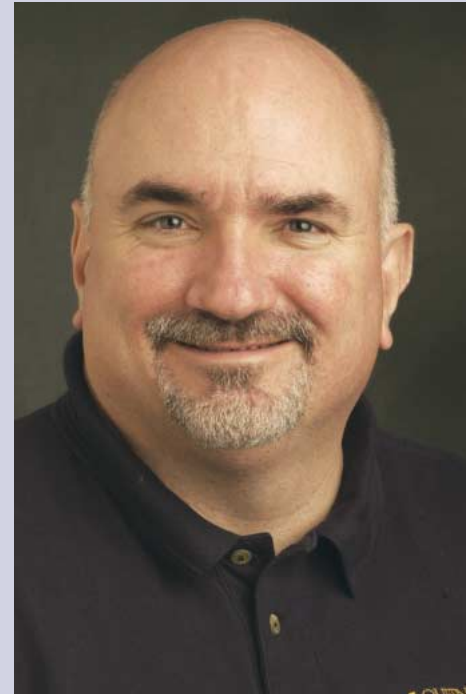
James Fritz

Formerly the men's head coach at Pfeiffer University, Fritz led the Falcons to a national ranking in the past seven years and was selected as the Deep South Conference Coach of the Year in 1997 and 1999.

"I am excited about the challenge of building a new program here at Queens," said Fritz. "Our goal is to build a competitive program immediately that will challenge for a NCAA Regional berth in a very short time."

Fritz is a member of the NCAA National Lacrosse Committee and has coached 22 NCAA All-Americans, including two players who were drafted to play professionally. He was also selected to coach in the 1997 NCAA Division I North-South game and currently serves as a member of the US Lacrosse Executive Committee.

Fritz can be contacted at 704 688-2811 or at fritzj@queens.edu.



Kevin Cooke

Cooke will head up the women's program after five years as the head women's coach at Mercyhurst College, where he guided the team to national rankings in three years during his tenure. He has coached four NCAA All-Americans and ten National Academic Team members. Cooke works with the US Field Hockey Futures Program and led Mercyhurst's women's field hockey program to a top-10 national ranking within three years of starting the program.

"I'm excited to be part of such a wonderful institution," said Cooke. "Queens has a lot to offer student athletes, and now we are looking for qualified recruits that want to make an impact early in their college career." Cooke can be contacted at 704 688-2810 or at cookek@queens.edu.





New Head Men's Basketball Coach Barclay Radebaugh and his wife Hope with their three children: Anna (11), Reid (7) and Sophia (5).

Radebaugh Named Head Men's Basketball Coach

Barclay Radebaugh has been named the third head men's basketball coach in the history of Queens University of Charlotte athletics. He steps into the role following a successful 2002-03 Royals campaign: the team finished the season at the Division II Final Four.

"I am thrilled about the opportunity to become a part of Queens University of Charlotte," Radebaugh said, adding: "I would like to thank President Dr. Pamela S. Lewis and Director of Athletics Jeannie King for extending me this opportunity. I am looking forward to the challenge of maintaining and growing the rich basketball tradition at Queens."

Two months after former Royals Head Coach Bart Lundy accepted an offer to coach at High Point University, Radebaugh emerged as the top candidate from Queens' comprehensive coaching search.

"After narrowing down our list of candidates to five qualified coaches, we felt Radebaugh was the right man for the job," King said. "He is a demonstrated teacher and recruiter who brings an excitement for the game."

Radebaugh comes to Queens with

extensive coaching experience at the Division I level. He has been an assistant coach at Winthrop University for the past two seasons and served as an assistant at the University of South Carolina between 1994 and 2001. He also spent time on staff at Furman University and Wofford College.

While Radebaugh was at Winthrop, the Eagles won back-to-back Big South Conference regular season championships, were Big South Tournament Champions in 2002 and earned an NCAA Tournament bid in 2002.

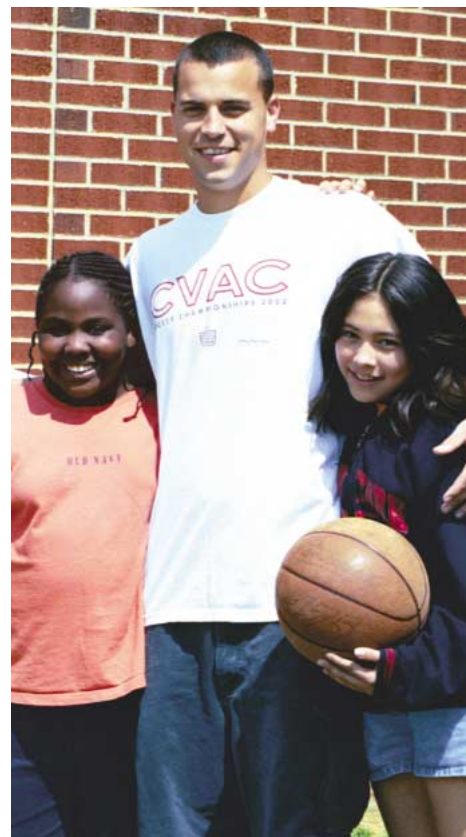
"Barclay possesses all of the qualities necessary to be a coach at any level and is one of the finest gentlemen in the business," said Winthrop Head Coach Gregg Marshall.

Radebaugh also contributed to several successful seasons at the University of South Carolina. In 1997 the University of South Carolina finished 24-8, won the Southeast Conference regular season championship, finished No. 6 in the country and received a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament. In 1998 they finished the season ranked No. 14 in the country and received a No. 3 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

"Barclay is an outstanding person and educator who understands the student-athlete concept. He will maintain the basketball tradition at Queens," said Eddie Fogler, former head coach at the University of South Carolina.

A native of Lincolnton, N.C., Radebaugh's familiarity with how basketball is played in the Southeast also put him at the top of Queens list. "This is a very exciting time at Queens. I could feel the energy on campus during the interview process," Radebaugh said. "The potential here is astounding. My family and I are looking forward to joining in on the excitement."

Radebaugh received his master of arts degree in physical education from the University of South Carolina in 1996 and earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration at East Tennessee State University in 1987. Radebaugh and his wife Hope have three children: Anna (11), Reid (7) and Sophia (5).



Queens athletes spent the day at Rama Road Elementary and Park Road Montessori playing sports with elementary children to celebrate National Student-Athlete Day.

Royals Visit Local Elementary Schools for National Student-Athlete Day

When Queens University of Charlotte coaches and athletes arrived at local elementary schools on Friday, April 4th to celebrate National Student-Athlete Day, they didn't realize how much of an impact they would have on the students. They had allotted just an hour to teach elementary students the importance of working hard in school while promoting an active lifestyle; but when it was time for the kids to load onto buses, it was evident to everyone involved that the brief session meant much more than learning how to kick a soccer ball.

According to the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS), National Student-Athlete Day was created to “recognize the accomplishment of student-athletes nationwide who excel in the classroom, on the playing field, and in their communities.” NCAA involvement began in 1994. The Queens Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) decided to celebrate the day by giving back to the greater-Charlotte community. “We chose to promote health and staying in school instead of celebrating our student-athletes,” said SAAC Advisor Beth Gattuso (who is also the senior woman administrator, head men’s and women’s cross country coach and associate head women’s basketball coach).

Gattuso brought basketball players Kellie Joplin, Elise Prince and Carmen Waterman to Park Road Montessori. Head Women’s Soccer Coach Johnathan Brabson was accompanied by cross country athlete Joseph Coat and soccer players Jon Lowe, Lauren Nguyen and Maria Steelman at Rama Road Elementary.

When the Royals arrived at the schools, the kids were bubbling with excitement. After a few brief introductions, the coaches moderated a question and answer session. The kids asked all kinds of questions about receiving red cards to receiving an “F” on a test. Once all questions were answered, it was time for the kids’ highlight of the trip – playing sports outside with the collegiate athletes. Some took a bit longer to warm up to the activity. “One girl was not excited to play soccer with the rest of the group,” Jon Lowe said, “but once she started playing she loved it.”

The elementary students had a ball, almost missing their buses because they wanted autographs from the athletes and coaches. “Some of these kids are at-risk children,” said Mrs. Rosalie Brillante, who teaches fourth grade at Rama Road Elementary. “This kind of interaction shows them what they can channel their extra energy into, in addition to giving them positive role models.”



Head Soccer Coach Fred Norchi (Above) was named 2002 CVAC Coach of the Year and the 2002 NCAA Regional Southeast Coach of the Year for leading the Queens Men’s Soccer Team (Top) to an undefeated regular season.

Men's Soccer Finishes With Undefeated Regular Season

The Queens University of Charlotte Men’s Soccer Team ended their 2002 regular season with an amazing 14-0-2 record. This marks the first undefeated regular season in school history. The team finished tenth in the CVAC regular season, giving them a total of five regular

season titles and five tournament titles since joining the CVAC Conference in 1995. The team is currently ranked fourth in the NCSSA Southeast poll and 26 in the national poll.

Five players on the men’s soccer team were named to the All-CVAC First and Second Teams. Brian Flebbe, David Johnson and Jeremy McGovern were chosen for the first team; Demetrius Donald and Oliver Carias were chosen for the second team. Brain Flebbe is ranked number three in the nation in goals against and number two in goals against in the schools’ history. Oliver Carias is ranked number one in the nation in assists per game. He had a total of 18 assists in the 2002 season, setting a school record.

Other accolades went to the men’s head soccer coach, Fred Norchi, who was named 2002 CVAC Coach of the Year and the 2002 NCAA Regional Southeast Coach of the Year. The 10 coaches in the conference decide the CVAC award. The NCAA Regional Southeast Coach of the Year is determined by their 31 coaches. This is the third award for Norchi in each category.

“These awards can be contributed to the team,” says Norchi. “Without good players and a good program, this couldn’t have happened.”