2002 Fall Sports Preview

Men’s Soccer
Experience is the word around the High Point men’s soccer program this season. With six seniors who have played against a Division I schedule their entire college careers (the first HPU players with that distinction), head coach Peter Broadley’s team has a legitimate shot to conquer the always-wide-open Big South Conference in 2002.

The Panthers return 18 players from last season’s squad, which trounced regular-season champ UNC Asheville in the opening round of the Big South Championship before dropping a quadruple-overtime thriller on penalty kicks to eventual champ Coastal Carolina.

It all begins with senior Eric Lona, an experienced goalkeeper who has 23 career victories under his belt. Lona is just three saves shy of 250 for his High Point career, and has played in 53 games in three seasons.

Broadley is excited about incoming freshman defender Kyle De Klerk, who is expected to step in immediately and provide size in the center defense. He’ll team in the back with returnees Chris Young, Luke Knor and Keith Wines, along with fellow freshmen Mark Gilbert, Brendan Donahue, and local pick-up George Henry Whitesides.

The midfield is full of experience, beginning with Barry Mitchell and Kenzo Tochiki (who tied for the team lead in goals among returnees). Also in the mix will be Richard Hanson, Danny Kitching, Terek Moss, twin brothers Aaron and Kyle Andree, and track star Kirk Rudder, who is one of the Big South’s fastest athletes.

Up front, forwards Matt Wood and Gareth McLelland return, along with Tanner Wightman and Bobby Martins.

A formidable schedule awaits the Panthers, who open the season at West Virginia and will face East Carolina, UNC Wilmington, Davidson, and UNC Greensboro in addition to the full Big South slate.

Women’s Soccer
With just four seniors on the roster, the future is now for the High Point women’s soccer team.

Head coach Tracie Foels welcomes back 16 returning players from last season’s squad, which finished in a tie for fifth place in Big South play.

Seven starters are back. They include senior defenders Megan Moore and Kerry Muscolina, midfielders Beth Mork, Eileen Mazieka, Stephanie Moenter, and Lori Disalvo-Walsh, and forward Carolyn Bader.
Women's Soccer Continued

Foels and assistant Catey Conner hauled in a gem of a recruiting class, headlined by Southwest Guilford star Wendy Williams, who helped the Cowgirls to back-to-back state titles her junior and senior seasons. Williams is a creative goal scorer who should fit nicely beside Bader, who earned All-Big South second-team honors her freshman year.

Katie Smith inherits goalkeeping duties from graduated senior Cindy Watts.

Twin sisters Anni and Lena Svenson are in the fold from Sweden, which assures that the Panthers will have two sets of identical twins on the roster for the third consecutive season (Tamara and Tiffany Impson graduated in May).

Other new Panthers include goalkeeper Courtney Noel, forward Jen Evans, midfielder Chelsi Parrado, and defender Ryan Hays.

Also returning are forwards Tanya Wolf, Emily Lanham, and Sarah Hanson, midfielders Stacey Moenter, Kristen Tingley, and Jamie Burnham, and defenders Gwen Smith and Kate McHugh.

The non-conference schedule features Duke, East Carolina, North Carolina State, Davidson, and San Francisco, in addition to the usual Big South competition.

Volleyball

A huge recruiting class (both in numbers and talent) should give High Point’s volleyball program a lift in 2002.

Head coach Georgette Crawford signed six freshmen and a key transfer to help the Panthers continue to climb into the always-tough Big South Conference race.

Sophomore Courtney Wilson, a transfer from UNC Wilmington, is a setter who will set up powerful returning hitters Kimberly Wright, Tracyann Pryce, and Lindsey Steinhaus. Junior Jamie Kutz and true freshman Jenelle Stouffer will also set plenty of balls.

Volleyball

Defense specialists April Shields and Casi Baker are back to guard the back line, and High Point native Ashley Hodge will provide ample depth.

Freshmen Heather Brooks, Terri Eriksen, Ashley Roth, Kirsten Payton, and Coralee Aupperle round out the recruiting class.

The season begins with the High Point Invitational August 30-31 in the Millis Center.

Men’s Cross Country

Recently picked as the preseason favorite to win the 2002 Big South title, High Point’s men’s cross country team looks to improve on last season’s runner-up finish. Bringing HPU its first Big South team championship in its short league history is a realistic goal.

The squad is led by senior Tommy Evans, last year’s NCAA Division I national qualifier and Big South 5000 and 10000-meter champion. Evans has a very solid supporting staff with conference 1500m champion and record holder Taylor Milne coming off his best summer campaign ever. Junior Alex Baikovs, a fellow Big South champion in the 800m and last year’s number-two man for HPU, is also poised to help the Panthers bring home the title.

Sophomores Jared Prunty and Jeff Fairman are both running very well, and 2000 Big South Rookie of the Year Niran Pillay enters his junior campaign healthy for the first time in over a year and looks to be a force to reckon with up front. Seniors Dan Gariepy and Chris Pereschuck and junior Mike Salamone have made great strides since last season.

The returnees are joined by sophomore transfer Derek Nakluski (Memphis), and redshirt Adrian Hill, a multi-year Maryland state runner-up in high school.

For schedules and results on High Point University’s fifteen (15) varsity sports go to the athletic department’s new and improved website, www.highpointpanthers.com.
Panther Club Update

If you have not already joined the Panther Club, there is no better time than now. As you probably already know, this organization supports each of High Point University’s fifteen (15) varsity sports. This summer Panther Club contributions have been instrumental in the renovation of the men’s and women’s basketball locker rooms and the baseball field.

The special events calendar looks better than ever with many great trips and activities planned around High Point Athletics. The list below shows all of the events that have been planned before the end of the calendar year. Home basketball games and events will also be planned, but are not on this list.

**September 10, 2002 @ 7:00 PM**
- Volleyball vs. NC State
- Pre-game reception in the Millis Center Pleasants Room at 6:00 PM
- Cost - $3.00 per person for the reception

**October 9, 2002 @ 4:30 PM**
- Men’s Soccer vs. ASU and Women’s Soccer vs. Coastal Carolina
- Picnic dinner after the men’s game and before the women’s game at 6:30 PM

**November 14, 2002**
- 2nd Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction
  - Radisson Hotel High Point
  - Please consider attending the event and donating an item to the auction

**November 27, 2002**
- Men’s Basketball vs. Clemson at the Greensboro Coliseum
- Pre-game reception in the Greensboro Coliseum at 6:00 PM

**December 3, 2002**
- Men’s Basketball vs. Kentucky at Rupp Arena
- Bus trip to Lexington, overnight at the Hyatt, breakfast with Tubby Smith

**December 17, 2002**
- Women’s Basketball vs. Clemson in Greenville, SC
- Bus ride to Greenville, SC

For more information on these trips, or how you can join the Panther Club, please call Chris Dudley at 336.841.4530 or go to www.highpointpanthers.com.

Athletic Development Update

**MAJOR GIFT ANNOUNCEMENT**
In late July HPU received confirmation of a very exciting contribution from two very special people. John and Mary Lewis Diffendal have pledged $100,000 to the Albion Millis Stadium Renovation in memory of Mary Lewis’ parents, H. Albion and Mary Lewis Millis. Albion played an important role in building a firm foundation for the college, serving as chairman of the board of trustees from 1934 to 1950. Albion Millis Stadium was built in 1938 to recognize Albion and his commitment to the college. The University is so happy to see this historic landmark continue to play such an important role on campus. Once completed, the facility will be one of the nicest in the state.

**LOCKER ROOMS**
The University continues to make improvements to its athletic facilities. Thanks to contributions by Tubby Smith, Debbie Leonard, the Panther Club and several others, the men’s and women’s locker rooms in the Millis Center are undergoing a complete makeover. More space, new lockers and carpeting, and other amenities will turn the locker rooms into an important recruiting tool for HPU’s basketball programs. This project should be completed in early September.

**ERATH BASEBALL FIELD**
The baseball field is being improved with the installation of a new irrigation system and outfield and infield playing surfaces. While these improvements may not be visible to Panther fans, they will be of enormous benefit to HPU’s players. Thanks to the individuals who have already contributed to the Erath Baseball Field renovation. Your generosity has made this project possible. The High Point Baseball Program is very grateful. The improvements will be completed in time for fall practice to begin.

**TRACK UPDATE**
Just recently, the University met with two (2) consultants regarding the building of a new on-campus track. At the present time, they are studying the site to determine the best location for this facility. The new track is possibly the most critical component of HPU’s facility improvement project. Currently, the University has no on-campus facility, and eighty plus track and cross country athletes are training at various locations across the Triad.
Women’s Basketball Preview

With four starters returning and 10 players back overall, High Point’s women’s basketball squad looks to improve upon its fourth-place Big South finish in 2002-03. The starting lineup returns intact, with the notable exception of graduated senior center Mary Brewer.

The dynamite backcourt of senior Misty Brockman and junior Narelle Henry are set for another prolific season. Brockman, who is fully-recovered from an ACL tear suffered in the Big South Tournament in March, needs just 138 points to reach the coveted 1,000-point plateau for her career.

Henry, who is already seventh on the Panthers’ all-time assist list is the second-leading returning scorer on the team, behind Brockman.

Up front, senior Stephanie Scott will slide from power forward to center. Scott is a defensive presence inside and stands a mere five points away from 500 for her career.

Technically, the Panthers have just one more returning starter, junior forward Shannon O’Brien, but they also welcome back sophomore guard Debbie Ruiz, a frequent starter her freshman season who missed all of the 2001-02 campaign with a knee injury.

Five more regulars are ready for duty off the bench. Top reserves Gina Rosser and Cebronica Scott provide instant offense, sophomores Emily Mills and Desiree Delcoure look to build on solid freshman seasons, and junior Chanel Thomas gives the Panthers instant size inside.

A trio of talented newcomers – center Sara Haak and forwards Katie O’Dell and Kate Jenner – will work their way into the rotation.

HPU faces Clemson, Wake Forest, Furman, and nationally-ranked Iowa State in a tough non-conference slate, in addition to the Big South Conference lineup.

Women’s Cross Country

The HPU women’s cross country team enters the season expecting to improve significantly on their 2001 finish. In their second year of a rebuilding phase, the Panthers are young but extremely talented with four freshmen, four sophomores and one senior making up the team roster.

Melissa Caudill
Sophomore

If Caudill wishes to remain High Point’s top runner, she will have to fend off freshman Catherine Lewis, who brings some very impressive stats with her from Pennsylvania.

Joining Caudill and Lewis in the top positions will be freshmen Lindsay Zerance, Erin Kelly, and Tracy Warring, and sophomores Stephanie Cabarcas and Jamie Vetten, who ran No. 3 and No. 4 last year.
News From the Director of Athletics

The Department of Athletics has made great strides since the May 1997 decision to make a transition to NCAA Division I athletics. It is now time to begin an evaluative process approved by the NCAA to see where we are and continue to develop plans for improvement in the future.

One of the many changes that High Point University’s move to NCAA Division I has brought to the Department of Athletics is an athletics certification program. The purpose of the certification is meant to ensure the NCAA’s fundamental commitment to integrity in intercollegiate athletics. The program is structured to achieve its goal in several ways: (1) By opening the affairs of athletics to the university community and public; (2) By setting standards for the operation of Division I athletics programs; and (3) By putting tough sanctions in place for institutions that fail to conduct a comprehensive self-study or to correct problems.

The core of athletics certification is the institution’s self-study in which campus and community-wide participation is critical. An effective self-study benefits the institution by providing self-awareness, affirmation of its athletics program and opportunities to improve. External peer review teams, selected and assigned by the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification, are composed of experienced educational and athletics personnel. A typical peer-review team consists of five members with a Chief Executive Officer serving as chair. Other members of the peer-review team generally include a Director of Athletics, a Faculty Athletics Representative, a Senior Woman Administrator and a Director of NCAA Compliance, all from Division I institutions.

High Point University will host an initial NCAA orientation team in November 2002 which will begin the certification process. In February 2004 High Point will receive a final peer-review visit.

University administrators have conducted initial discussions concerning the athletics self-study. A steering committee has been appointed by the President and will begin meeting on a regular basis in September 2002. The steering committee consists of the Chief Executive Officer, the Faculty Athletic Representative, the Director of Athletics, the Senior Woman Administrator and selected faculty, staff, students and community members.

There are also four sub-committees which will meet on a regular basis to study the following areas: (1) Governance and Commitment to Rules Compliance; (2) Academic Integrity; (3) Fiscal Integrity; and (4) Equity, Welfare and Sportsmanship. The sub-committees will consist of 10-12 members each including members of the university administration, faculty, staff, students, and community.

In the summer of 2003 an initial self-study report will be drafted by the university. Each sub-committee and the steering committee will review the document during the fall of 2003 and a final self-study report will be written in December 2003.

During the three-day visit by the peer review team in February 2004 meetings will take place with a wide variety of selected administrators, faculty, staff, students and community members to discuss the self study and the final university report. At the conclusion of this visit the peer-review committee will submit an evaluation report to the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification. The University will have up to one year to respond to any issues which have been raised by the peer-review committee.

After studying the evaluation of the peer-review committee and the university’s self study document, the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification will: (1) Certify the institution; (2) Certify the institution with conditions; or (3) Not certify the institution. After one year a second visit by a peer-review team will take place if deemed necessary.

The NCAA certification is based on a ten-year cycle which includes a five-year intermediate self-study and written report.

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Men’s Basketball Preview

2001 began with a bang for High Point’s men’s basketball team. 2002 nearly ended with a bigger bang.

The Panthers sent shock waves through the league by pulling off a pair of stunning upsets in their first Big South Tournament appearance before eventually falling to four-time champion Winthrop in the title game before a national-television audience.

High Point, which finished the regular season in seventh-place (11-19 overall, 5-9 BSC), disposed of No. 2-seeded UNC Asheville and No. 3-seeded Radford at the Roanoke Civic Center to advance to the finals.

And with a pair of impact transfers, a solid recruiting class, and the return of a talented big man from injury to go along with four returning starters, the Panthers just might find themselves playing for a championship again this March.

Leading the charge will be first-team All-Big South forward Dustin Van Weerdhuizen. The senior led the Big South in scoring in 2001-02 (16.5 ppg), and was in the league’s top-ten in five categories. He’ll start the season in the frontcourt as 2002 Big South Rookie of the Year Joe Knight moves from the point to shooting guard.

Knight, whose 13.1 points a game led all Big South rookies, displayed the poise of a senior all season long. He will make the shift from point guard due to the arrival of highly-touted freshman Matt Anderson, the son of former HPU standout Danny Anderson (who played for Steele from 1976-80, and also coached Matt at West Caldwell High School). Anderson won 112 games in four seasons during his prep career, earning All-State honors and an appearance in the North Carolina East-West All-Star Game.

For the first time in a while, the Panthers have significant depth, and nowhere is that more apparent than in the frontcourt. Senior Ron Barrow, junior Brent Halsch, and sophomore Danny Gathings, a transfer from Virginia Tech, will all log significant frontcourt time. Bulky transfer Keshawn Hampton will also provide the Panthers with instant strength and power inside.

At center, Canadian sensation Jeremy McCall is ready for his debut in a Panther uniform after redshirting last season following a knee injury. He should platoon with shot-blocking menace John Stonehocker in the middle.

Off the bench, heady guard Steven Cornette is a ballhawking defender who isn’t afraid to shoot when games get tight. A pair of freshmen, combo-guard Jeff Allen and center Josh Fowler, also figure in the mix, as does sophomore Frank Johnson.

The non-conference slate has been beefed up, and will truly take the Panthers from sea to shining sea. Highlights include trips to Kentucky, Vanderbilt, and Washington State, along with regional foes The Citadel and Campbell. The intra-Triad rivalry with UNC Greensboro is renewed on New Year’s Eve in the Millis Center, and the Panthers welcome Clemson to the Greensboro Coliseum on the night before Thanksgiving.

Women’s Celebration Scheduled

On October 4-6, 2002, in conjunction with Homecoming, High Point University will be celebrating women’s athletics.

Former female athletes and their families are invited to return to campus for this special occasion. Please make your plans now to return to campus for this event! A complete schedule can be found at HPU’s athletics website, www.highpointpanthers.com.