

# 2002 OUTLOOK

The 2002 Blue Hen women's soccer team enters the season looking to capture a league title - only this time it's in a new conference.

Head Coach Scott Grzenda returns his top five scorers and all but two starters from last season's team that advanced to the semifinals of the America East Tournament.

Now first-year members of the Colonial Athletic Association, the Blue Hens are looking to make an immediate impact.

"We lost a little bit of leadership with Sara (Wilson) and Megan (McFadden) graduating, but we expect to advance to the conference tournament," Grzenda explained. "Our goal is to be a No. 1 or 2 seed in the tournament and put ourselves in a position to win it."

Delaware has found a new home in the CAA, but the goals remain the same.

"Our schedule is tougher from top to bottom with teams like Rutgers, Penn and Navy," said Grzenda. "There isn't an easy conference game on the schedule. I have a feeling most games will be very tight ones.

"In America East, there was a drop-off after



**Caryn Blood**



**Brittany Campbell**

the top teams. In the CAA, though, you have eight teams who have a legitimate shot to win the conference."

Delaware was dealt two heavy losses during the off-season as both junior midfielder Ginette Buffone and senior goalkeeper Rachel Bersin were lost for the season. Buffone, whose 11 assists last season ranked her among the leaders in the NCAA, began last season with an eight-game point scoring streak, while Bersin registered a solid 1.31 GAA and three shutouts.

However, they are not expected to play in the 2002 campaign.

"Losing Ginette is a very hard loss for us, but we expect her to come back healthy and play two more years for us," Grzenda said.

The Blue Hens boast a dynamic offensive attack led by senior Brittany Campbell, who led the team with 22 points (nine goals, four assists) last year, and juniors Francesca Termini and Caryn Blood (nine goals, three assists).

Campbell and Blood finished sixth and seventh, respectively, in America East in scor-

## DELAWARE QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location	Newark, Delaware 19716
Founded	1743
Enrollment	16,000 Undergraduates
Nickname	Fightin' Blue Hens
Colors	Royal Blue & Gold
Home Field	Delaware Mini-Stadium
Capacity	2,000 (Grass, Lights)
NCAA Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Colonial Athletic Association

### ADMINISTRATION

President	Dr. David P. Roselle
NCAA Fac. Rep.	Dr. John L. Burmeister
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Associate Head Trainer	Joan Couch
Strength & Conditioning	Russell Barbarino

### WOMEN'S SOCCER FACTS

Head Coach	Scott Grzenda (Delaware '87)
Record at UD	119-91-11 (12 seasons)
Overall Coaching Record	same
Office Phone	302-831-8915
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Asst. Coaches	Ken Cohen (Allegheny '98) Jessica Celi (North Carolina St. '99)
2001 Record	11-8-1
Conference	5-5-1 America East (4th)
Post-Season	America East semifinals
All-Time Record	119-91-11 (12 seasons)
Letterwinners Returning / Lost	15/3
Starters Returning / Lost	9/2
2002 Captains	Maria Pollaro, Ginna Lewing, Brittany Campbell

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ing last season, and their season totals rank 10th and 11th in scoring all-time at UD.

In addition, Campbell enters her senior season ranked fourth on Delaware's career scoring list with 53 points, and is one of just six Blue Hens to have recorded a hat trick.

"We expect a lot of leadership out of Brittany and Caryn this year," said Grzenda. "Brittany is someone who has gotten better for us each year, and we expect her to score more than she did last season. When we need things to happen, these are the players we're going to look to."

Termini started all 20 games for the Blue Hens last season and finished third on the team with five goals and 13 points after earning All-America East honors as a freshman.

Sophomore Christine Wrightson finished in a three-way tie for fourth on the team with four goals and became one of just two freshman to start all 20 games for Delaware.



**Ginna Lewing**

"Christine is going to start at center mid-field for us, and I am looking for her to build on a great freshman season," said Grzenda. "She needs to play consistently and change her role to be more offensive-minded. Her play will be a key to our success."

Junior Ginna Lewing provides Grzenda with an offensive threat from the backline that all successful teams need. Lewing notched two goals and three assists in 20 starts for the Blue Hens and was the cornerstone of a defense that allowed just 29 goals.

Junior Trisha Breault, sophomore Christina Martinik and freshman Allison Kendro are expected to contribute to the offense at forward. The speedy Breault saw action in 19 games as a sophomore and Martinik had an outstanding spring season. Also seeing time up front for the Blue Hens will be freshman Molly Sherman, Erin Veenstra and UNC Charlotte transfer Meghan Cassagnol.

Shelby Lawrence, a freshman out of St. Francis DeSales HS in Westerville, OH and Melissa Kunisky from Lower Dauphin HS in Lancaster, PA will make an immediate impact in the back along with junior defender Elizabeth Garufi. Shelby brings with her a winning tradition, having captured two state titles in high school.

Sophomore Allison Dooley and junior Shannon White, along with freshman Jennifer Krepps, Jenny Donoghue and Lindsay Novotny will push for playing time on defense.

Maria Pollaro, who missed all of 2001 after suffering a knee injury, will team with Wrightson and Blood to anchor the midfield.

Senior Jen Loble, freshman Mary Beth Creed and red-shirt freshman Liz Friedman will help solidify the midfield.

"I think our strength lies in our midfield and the speed of our attacking players," Grzenda explained. "We also have a surplus of backs this year, so there will be a lot of healthy competition for playing time."

For the second straight season, though,



**Francesca Termini**

the Blue Hens enter the season with no clear cut No. 1 goalkeeper. Junior Andrea Lunn returns after leading Delaware with six wins and four shutouts in 2001, and her .787 career save percentage ranks her No. 2 all-time at UD.

After not seeing any game action as a freshman, sophomore Lindsay Shover is expected to see plenty of action this fall.

"We're waiting to see which one steps up and grabs the No. 1 spot," Grzenda said.

Freshman Bonnie Mills, who earned first-team all-state honors three times at nearby Caravel Academy, will push the two upper-classmen for playing time.

The Blue Hens open their season with three consecutive road games - LaSalle, Saint Joseph's and Rutgers - before returning home vs. Lehigh Sept. 12.

Delaware kicks off CAA competition against an old America East rival, Towson University, on Sept. 29.