

W&M TRIBE SPORTS



Making a Splash

Katie Radloff '10 Swims Into the Record Books ~ BEN KENNEDY '05

In a past life, Katie Radloff '10 might have been a fish. She can't breathe underwater, but she seems able to do everything else. In three consecutive days last year, Radloff set three all-time William and Mary freestyle swimming records: the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard events. It would be easy to argue that she is the best female swimmer in College history. ~ "I never ever imagined I would do as well as I have," she says. "I surprised myself and kept surprising myself for the four years here." ~ Her résumé shows few reasons for modesty. Her 96 career victories stand head-and-shoulders above the nearest competitor's mark of 74. In addition to the three school freestyle records she holds, every record-holding Tribe relay team included Radloff as a member. ~ "People told me that they'd be watching a relay, and if it was kind of close, they'd say, 'It's OK, Katie will catch her,'" says Radloff, laughing. "Of course it didn't happen all the time." ~ Radloff began swimming at age 9 as a way to spend more time with her friends. As she got older, she began to recognize her innate talent for the sport and started to swim competitively in high school in Arlington, Va. While she was originally opposed to coming to the College, her father "forced" her to come down and meet then-coach McGee Moody, who encouraged her just to "get a little bit faster." ~ "I dropped the time and [Moody] called," she says of her official visit. "I came and I loved it. I pretty much decided then that I was going to come here. It's not just the swimming; the school is also great. I got to sit through classes and do the tour — it just felt right." ~ Swimming under new head coach Matt Crispino, Radloff continued to earn accolades in the pool. CollegeSwimming.com has named her a Mid-Major All-American for all four of her years at William and Mary; she was the first Tribe swimmer in history to automatically qualify for the NCAA championships, where she has competed all four years. She's won

six gold medals at the Colonial Athletic Association conference championships, all while “completely not thinking about it,” she says.

“I don’t think. I am just racing — my heart’s pounding and I’m ready to go.”

Racing with a team, though, is a lot easier for Radloff. She greatly prefers the extra motivation of swimming to benefit the entire team, rather than more solitary pursuits at a tournament like the NCAAs.

“It’s extremely different mentally,” she says. “You put a lot of pressure on yourself to perform well for the team ... I’m not as hard on myself if I don’t do very well [individually]. I usually don’t swim as well when I’m on my own.”

This, of course, is not to say that Radloff is a high-stress individual normally. As she matured from a talented freshman to a senior leader, her attitude about the sport began to spread to the rest of the team. Just as she had come into swimming almost by accident, she doesn’t see any reason to make things more difficult by placing high expectations on the team.

“I’m very laid back,” she says. “I like to talk before my race; it’s very easy going. I don’t get upset. If I have a bad swim, you know, it

happens. I’m just excited that I’m doing as well as I am.”

Sometimes, however, the motivation just appears. At the 2006 Terrapin Cup Invitational at the University of Maryland, Radloff, then only a freshman, swam in what she views as one of her weaker events: the 200-yard freestyle.

“I’m always so nervous for that race,” she says. “I don’t like it. It’s too long for me.”

The race began and Radloff quickly found herself trailing Maria Mayrovich, a swimmer for Kansas University. Mayrovich’s lead lasted for most of the race, and as the final stretch began, Radloff noticed something.

“I remember very distinctly as I was taking a breath, I could see the Kansas team on the side of the pool, jumping and cheering,” Radloff says. “I was like, ‘No way.’ So I just sped up and gave it all I had.”

Showing an early flash of the talent that would propel her through the rest of her William and Mary career, Radloff caught up to Mayrovich and won. She out-touched her opponent by less than a tenth of a second.

“I love being in that position,” she says. “I love someone to be just a little bit ahead of me and just fight for it. I get so excited to do that.”



With a kinesiology degree in hand — and with the smell of chlorine finally out of her hair — Radloff looks to enter the public health field. She’ll remember her time at William and Mary fondly as she looks back on friends and her swimming career, but there’s one swim from college she doesn’t ever care to repeat.

“We did the Crim Dell swim,” she says. “All the way from the bridge to the walkway. It was pretty gross.”

[SPORTSBRIEFS]

Juneau '10 Wins ITA Honors

Senior men’s tennis player **Keziel Juneau '10** was honored by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association on May 12, taking home a pair of regional awards. The



Juneau '10

Tribe captain was named the Atlantic Region ITA/Arthur Ashe Award winner for Leadership and Sportsmanship as well as being selected as the region’s nominee

for the Rafael Osuna Sportsmanship Award. Juneau is the first Green and Gold player to earn both distinctions at the regional level. He was a three-time All-CAA singles player and a five-time all-league doubles player, while earning First-Team accolades in both capacities each of the last two seasons.

Five Football Games to Be Televised in 2010

After an exciting run to the national semifinals last season, the William and Mary football team will play five televised games during the 2010 campaign. The Tribe’s season opener at Massachusetts (Sept. 4 at 3:30 p.m.) will be broadcast by the Comcast Network Mid-Atlantic and Philadelphia as well as Comcast SportsNet New England. Two weeks later, the College will square off against Old Dominion (Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.) in Norfolk, Va., on Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic. The first TV home game against defending national champion Villanova (Oct. 2 at 3:30 p.m.) will be carried live by Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic. Comcast will also air games against Delaware for Homecoming (Oct. 23 at noon) and vs. Richmond (Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m.) in the regular-season finale.

Tennis Facility Named For Millie West

In honor of former Associate Athletics Director and Director of Special Projects Millie West’s 50 years of service, Tribe athletics director Terry Driscoll announced the naming of the Millie West Tennis Facility. The complex, which is located behind William and Mary Hall and was formerly named the Anheuser-Busch



West

Courts, is the outdoor home of both the men’s and women’s Tribe tennis programs.

West, who was awarded the USTA Educational Merit Award in 1985, is a member of the W&M Athletic Hall of Fame and an honorary W&M alumna.

Tribe Honors Newest Athletic Hall of Fame Members

The College of William and Mary's Athletics Department inducted six standout athletes to its Hall of Fame in a ceremony on March 27, 2010.

Wade Barrett '98, Men's Soccer

Barrett led the Tribe to a 70-18-4 record to go along with a pair of CAA Championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances from 1994-97. In 1996, he started for a Tribe that earned a school-best 20-3-1 record and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. As a senior in 1997, Barrett garnered First-Team All-America honors and was named the CAA Player of the Year. He capped his career as one of only six Tribe players to amass over 100 career points, finishing with 102.

Wade Barrett is in his ninth season in Major League Soccer (MLS) and has been part of three MLS Cup titles during his career. He has also spent time training and competing with the United States Men's National Team, and garnered International caps for the squad in both 2005 and 2007.

Anders Christiansen '99, Track and Field/ Cross Country

Christiansen graduated as one of the greatest middle-distance runners in the Tribe's history, as he ended as a three-time All-American at 800m. His best NCAA finish came as a runner-up at the 1997 outdoor championships. He claimed a pair of CAA Championships at the 800m distance, winning the event in both 1998 and 1999. His runner-up performance during the 1997 NCAA Outdoor competition earned him the league's Track Athlete of the Year award.

An Olympic Trials qualifier at 800m in 2000, Christiansen holds the College's record for 800m both indoors and outdoors and also was part of the record-holding 4x400m relay both indoors and outdoors.

Michael Cook '99, Football

Cook ended his career as one of the school's most successful quarterbacks, as he finished with a career record of 21-7 as a starter, including a 12-5 lifetime mark in conference play.

In 1998, Cook was a finalist for the Payton Award, which annually honors the FCS (then

Division I-AA) Offensive Player of the Year. He also led the team's 1996 Atlantic 10 title season, which saw the College advance to the national quarterfinal round of the NCAA Playoffs.

In the record books, Cook graduated first in career touchdown passes (62 — now second) and second in all-time passing yards (7,295 — now fourth). He threw for 26 touchdowns in both 1996 and 1998, which ties him for the second best single-season effort in school history.

Steve Swift '94, Track and Field/ Cross Country

Swift was recently named as one of the 25 greatest cross country runners in the 25-year history of the Colonial Athletic Association. He earned a pair of All-American honors, the first coming at the 1991 cross-country championships and the second coming at the 1994 track championships (at the 10,000m distance).

Swift was recognized as the CAA Athlete of the Year in cross-country two times in his career and was the conference cross-country champion in 1993. He continued to pursue distance running after graduation and competed at the 1999 world track championships in the marathon and was a U.S. Olympic Trials qualifier in the marathon in both 1996 and 2000.

Erica Walsh '97, Women's Soccer

Walsh played soccer at the College from 1993-96 and her defense helped lead the Tribe to a record of 57-25-2. During her years on the team, the College earned three CAA titles and made four NCAA tournament appearances, including the Elite Eight in 1994. Walsh was named to the All-CAA First Team in both 1995 and 1996, and was also named All-Region in 1996.

Erica Walsh is currently in her third season as head coach of the Penn State women's soccer team, where she has already guided the Nittany Lions to two Big Ten titles and two NCAA appearances. In January of 2008, Walsh was named as an assistant coach for the U.S. National Team, which earned the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Brant Weidner '83, Men's Basketball

Weidner played on the squad during the 1980-83 seasons and finished his career



Barrett '98



Christiansen '99



Cook '99



Swift '94



Walsh '97



Weidner '83

ranked ninth on the W&M single-season blocked-shot list with 31 in 1983 and seventh on the W&M career blocked shot list with 76. He led the Tribe in rebounding in 1982 and 1983, and led in blocked shots in 1980, 1982 and 1983. The 1983 team went 20-9 overall, earning the Tribe's first-ever post-season appearance in the National Invitational Tournament — one of just five teams in school history to amass 20 or more wins.

Weidner finished his career with 483 rebounds and 773 points in 111 games. Weidner was drafted with the 20th pick of the fourth round (90th overall) in the 1983 NBA Draft by the San Antonio Spurs and played for one season with the team.

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