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 Patriot SportSignal
# Stasia Nikas Adds to Collection of Honors 

By Marco Aventajado
Predictions of her winning her second consecutive Athlete of the ${ }^{\text {Y }}$ ear ran rampant after receiving the American Volleyball Coaches Association CoPlayer of the Year as well as being named all-American.

Stasia Nikas, though, did not give in to those predictions.
"I didn't know that I was one of the finalists until one of the [athletic] trainers said it to me," said Nikas.

Her competition for the award was tough, junior basketball star Joan Gandolf and " "superfrosh" Julie Bonura gave Nikas a run for her money but in the end it was the senior from Bay Shore who would garner the accolade.
"It ends an excellent year for us," said Head Coach Teri Tiso who also walked away with her second straight Coach of the Year plaque, and third in four years. And what a year it was.

The Patriot volleyball team compiled an awesome record of $37-4$ on its way to becoming the No. 3 team in the nation.

Nikas was an integral part of the team, leading the squad in digs (266), kills (503), kill percentage (.332) and
aces (61) while also keeping her G.P.A. at 3.0 in her multi-disciplinary major. During the 1992 campaign, Nikas was named to one all-tournament team to another while also snatching a few MVP's along the way.

Aside from having a great 1992 season, Nikas' collegiate career in Stony Brook has been all too memorable. Nikas became the all time leader in kills for the Patriot volleyball program. "She is one of the best players I've coached," said Tiso.

Aside from her work with the volleyball team, Nikas was also a part of the Patriot Athletes, Trainers and Students Club (P.A.T.S. Club), as well as serving as an official for the Intramural department.

After graduation, Nikas has several options. She was invited to try out for the Team USA volleyball team competing in the 1996 Olympics which will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

She also was recently was contacted to play along with other exceptional American volleyball players touring Europe. She is also consideringa job as an assistant coach at a Division I school.

# Roger Gill Lets Feet Do All The Talking 

By Marco Aventajado After being snubbed during his freshman year, junior Roger Gill won this years' Athlete of the Year.
"I was surprised, happy and all of that," said Gill. He was an all-American in his rookie campaign in the 200 meter dash.

This year, Gill was a 400 meter allAmerican during the indoor season.

"He is really competitive, yet so quiet," said track Head Coach Steve Borbet. "He is deserving of the award."

This year, Gill was just superb during the season. Most worthy was his part in the University record setting $4 \times 400$ relay team when he ran the anchor leg in a stunning 46.9.
"It was a great race," said Borbet.

The team comprised of Jerry Canada, Chris Paul and Dan Tupaj qualified for the National Championships with a time of $3: 16.6$ in the CTC Championships.

Gill can also earn another allAmerican certificate for the outdoor 400 and 200 meter.
"We're trying to get him qualified for the 200 meter also," said Borbet. The magical time that Gill is shooting for is 21.90 and in his closest time was 21.95. In his freshman year, Gill ran 21.63 when he earned his all-American.

The accolades for Gill have been bountiful this year. He was named Most Valuable Performer in the ECAC championships and the MVP for the indoor and outdoor Patriot team.

Gill foretells his future next year. "I'm going to be National Champion in the 400 meter," said Gill.

Not like Joe Namath or anything but Gill is very confident of his chances and barring any injuries, Gill can make his prophecy a reality.

## INSIDE

The Patriot SportSignal is devoting this last issue of the semester to year-end final statistics for all the teams spanning the three seasons as well as each teams' most valuable and most improved players.

We'll take a look back at pictures that were featured in the SportSignal throughout the year.

## Samson and Tiso Gain Coaching Honors

The Stony Brook athletic department honored two its own this past Monday as male and female coach of the year were announced.

On the women's side Teri Tiso captured to honor. It was her seçond consecutive and third in four years. Tiso led the women's volleyball team to national recognition and third place in the National Championships. The Patriots compiled a mark of 37-4 over a long season of action.

The Patriots advanced all the way to the

NCAA "Final Four" in St. Louis, Missouri after defeating number one east seed Juniata in three straight sets at the Indoor Sports Complex. The Patriots fell to eventual champion UC-San Diego in the national semifinals, but picked up the third place game with a grueling five-set match win over Calvin of Michigan.
"It feels really good to be recognized," said Tiso on winning her award. "It was a team effort."

Nick Samson claimed honors for the men. He led the men's soccer team to one of their finest showing in years. They posted a 7-9-2 mark and 3-1-1 record against Skyline Conference opponents, which is a vast improvement after going just 2-15-1 several years ago when Samson came in.

The Patriots had a successful year in the Skyline Conference as did Samson, he was honored by the league as their coach of the year as well as at Stony Brook.

| FOOTBALL $(5-5-0)$ |  |  |  |  |
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| B. Justesen $7 \quad 30.7 \quad 44$ | Lenny Catalano | 388 | 43.1 | 37 Pace |
| FG FGA/FGMLONG | Bill Justesen | 279 | 93.0 | 56 at Coast Guard |
| FG FGA/FGMLONG | Ken Zach | 247 | 27.4 | 24 UMass-Lowell |
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| DEFENSE G | TACKLES AVG. | SACKS |  |  |
| King Wilson 10 | 81 - 8.1 | 1 |  | OOTBALL AWARDS |
| Craig Amarando 10 | $76 \quad 7.6$ | , |  |  |
| Rich McConekey | $65 \quad 8.1$ | 0 |  |  |
| Rene Florville 10 | $63 \quad 6.3$ |  |  | Mike Bahr |
| Scott Schuster | $62 \quad 7.8$ | 0 |  |  |
| Sean Van Slyck 10 | $49 \quad 4.9$ | 0 |  |  |
| James Saladino 10 | 49.4 .9 | 0 |  | Most Valuable Player |
| Bruce Muro 10 | $42 \quad 4.2$ | 9 |  | Scott Schuster |
| Brian Borawski 10 | $41 \quad 4.1$ | 8 |  |  |
| Dan Fuentes 9 | $41 \quad 4.6$ | 8 |  |  |

 Chris Foley

Rebecca Aig controls the ball against Adelphi.

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## VOLLEYBALL AWARDS <br> Most Improved Player Tina Salak

Most Valuable Player Stasia Nikas

SQUASH ( $15-12$ )


SQUASH AWARDS

Most Improved Player Scott Winokur

Most Valuable Player Sherry Irshad

| Individual | Record | Games |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Gavin Appel | $13-7$ | $45-24$ |
| Scott Winokur | $15-12$ | $56-40$ |
| Ali Bukhari | $11-15$ | $39-52$ |
| Craig Appel | $13-14$ | $50-46$ |
| Oliver Dick | $16-10$ | $52-39$ |
| Sherry Irshad | $19-7$ | $64-27$ |
| Sebastian Shap | $12-12$ | $48-46$ |
| David Endres | $17-10$ | $59-35$ |
| David Cyrille | $10-14$ | $34-45$ |
| Dave Bennett | $3-3$ | $10-11$ |
| Suresh Subramanian | $1-6$ | $9-18$ |
| Fayyaz Younas | $1-0$ | $3-1$ |
| Joe Barresi | $1-0$ | $3-0$ |
| Pallav Shah | $1-0$ | $3-2$ |
| TOTALS | $133-110$ | $475-386$ |



## MEN'S BASKETBALL (16-12)

## STONY BROOK MEN'S BASKETBALL FINAL STATS

|  | G | FG | FG\% | FT |  | RPG | APG | TO | S | PPG |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAFDAM | 25 | 152.360 | 42.2 | 59-94 | 62.8 | 74 | 1.0 | 60 | 19 | ** |
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| WhliAms | 22 | 90. 19 | 47.4 | 6-4 | 60.5 | 4 | 0.7 | 35 | 29 | 98 |
| LAMESE | 15 | 52.111 | 46.8 | -38 | 52.6 | 6.7 | 0.9 | 17 | 11 | 8.3 |
| KIRCH | 22 | 41 100 | 41:0 | 0-3 | 57.1 | 22 | 2.5 | 59 | 31 | 4.8 |
| BAPTISTE | 28 | 84 | 38.1. | 6-6 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 15 | 3.6 |
| Cunilvalit | 27 | .92 | 32.6 | 4-4 | 70.8 | 45 | 1.3 | 34 | 23 | 3.6 |
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| MEktOS | 9 | 12 | 50.0 | 1-2 | 50.0 | 0 | 0.1 | 5 | 1 | 0.3 |
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| SMIF | 10 | 49.142 | 34.5 | 46-51 | 90.2 | 32 | 2.6 | 32 | 19 | 4.4 |
| Btache | 10 | 57.134 | 42.5 | 26-45 | 57.8 | 7.4 | 2.0 | 23 | 25 | 4.5 |
| FAMMER | 6 | 16.43 | 37.2 | 10-17 | 58.8* | 48 | 0.8 | 8 | 17 | 7.0 |
| JACKSON | 2 | 46 | 66.7 | 5-6 | 83.3 | 05 | 0.0 | 1 |  | . 0 |
| Mallocks | 5 | 413 | 30.8 | $0-0$ | --- | i 8 | 0.2 | 3 | 0 | 1.6 |
| KERSHAN | 2 | 01 | 00.0 | 1-2 | 50.0 | 08 | 0.0 | 3 | 0 | 0.5 |
| TOTALS | 28 | 1646 | 41.6 | -595 | 64.4 | 38.4 | 9.5 | 400 |  |  |

MEN'S BASKETBALL AWARDS
Most Improved Player Ron Duckett

Most Valuable Player Pat Cunningham


Even though facing adversities, the Patriot men's basketball team pulled together to go all the way to the ECAC Championship game against Jersey City State. Pictured above in the huddle are from left, Pat Cunningham, Vernard Williams (32), Gary Comer and Ricky Wardally.


## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (16-9)



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Joan Gandolf waits for one of her numerous rebounds as she led to the New York State playoffs.

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ERA - Lorenz, 1.00; Waller, 2.45; Lynch, 2.51; Robertson, 4.14; Wilk, 4.68.

Complete games - Robertson, 4; Lynch, 1; Drew McDowell, 1; Waller, 1; Wilk, 1.


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[^0]LACROSSE (3-11)

## GAME RESULTS

Duke 18, USB 4
North Carolina 17, USB 3
USB 9, Michigan State 7
Lehigh 14, USB 7
Colgate 14, USB 12
USB 15, Marist 9
Dartmouth 10, USB 9 (OT) Air Force 16, USB 6
New Hampshire 10, USB 9 Princeton 18, USB 7 USB 17, Hartford 6
Boston College 14, USB 3
Navy 13, USB 5
Adelphi 13, USB 10

| SCORERS | G | A | PTS |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| James Sommese | 17 | 8 | 25 |
| John Schafer | 16 | 7 | 23 |
| Lou Ventura | 14 | 9 | 23 |
| Kevin Dalland | 10 | 11 | 21 |
| Chris Chamberlain | 12 | 5 | 17 |
| Brady Clouser | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Paul Leva | 10 | 1 | 11 |
| Jason Morales | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Steve Suarez | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Mike Scerbo | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Will Imhoff | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Penalties | Number | Min. |  |
| Lou Ventura | 7 | $8: 00$ |  |
| Brady Clouser | 7 | $6: 00$ |  |
| Paul Schultes | 7 | $5: 30$ |  |
| Dennis Duswalt | 5 | $4: 30$ |  |
| Ed Havel | 6 | $4: 00$ |  |

Stats prior to Adelphi game

$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { GOALIES GP } & \text { GA. SH SV GAASV\% } \\ \text { Joe Spallone } 13 & 152 & 50120513.26 .574\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Joe Spallone } 13 & 152 & 501 & 205 & 13.26 & .574 \\ \text { Steve Cox } & 7 & 15 & 64 & 26 & 9.47 & .634\end{array}$ |  |  |
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Score by Quarters
$\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ OT TOT. Patriots $\quad \begin{array}{llllll}24 & 26 & 32 & 24 & 0 & 106\end{array}$ Opponents $\begin{array}{lllllll}50 & 46 & 33 & 37 & 1 & 167\end{array}$

Shots by Quarters $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \text { OT TOT. }\end{array}$ Patriots $\quad 89 \quad 10010793 \quad 0 \quad 389$ Opponents $1281321191250 \quad 504$

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| Patriots | 81 | 14 | .173 |
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ACROSSE AWARDS
Most Improved Player Steve Cox Most Valuable Player Kevin Dalland

Chris Chamberlain in the Patriots' opening game against Duke.


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## WOMEN'S TENNIS (8-2)

WOMEN'S TENNIS AWARDS
Most Improved Player Perri Greenblatt

Most Valuable Player Michelle Cunliffe

MEN'S TENNIS ( $10-1$ )

MEN'S TENNIS AWARDS
Most Improved Player Ken Maget

Most Valuable Player Bruno Barbera

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Most Valuable
Player
Roger Gill

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Most Improved Player
John Pikramenos

Most Valuable Player Pat Riegger

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CROSS COUNTRY
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY AWARDS
Most Improved Player Luci Rosalia

Most Valuable Player Nicole Hafemeister


## ECAC MERIT MEDAL WINNERS

## Jennifer Cunniff, Women's Swimming

Jennifer Cunniff of the women's swimming team was named an ECAC Merit Medal winner for her achievement in both athletics and academics this past year.

Cunniff is a nursing major at the Univerisity with a 3.38 grade point average. She set career best times this season in the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley. She served as team captain and took on the task of revuilding a program that had experienced its first losing season in 13 years.

According to head coach Dave Alexander, Cunniff applied a lead by example approach to her role as captain and made every practice that her academic program allowed. She took an active role in all aspects of the team and was one of the key factors in bringing in a winning season.

## Kenny Kortright, Baseball

Kenny Kortright of the baseball team also was honored with the ECAC Merit Medal. Kortright has a 2.86 grade point average in business management. In addition to being a member of the baseball team, he works part time in the sports information office. Kortright also serves as shot clock operator for men's and women's home basketball games.

According to baseball head coach Matt Senk, "Kortright is simply stated a coach's dream. He combines outstanding ability and talent with tremendous desire, dedication and worth ethic, which is rarely seen in athletes today. He is the personification of leadership by example. Kenny will be sorely missed by myself and my team."


Kenny Kortright, the ECAC Merit Medal winner.

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