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BASEBALL

Leroux hits two home runs in Huskies loss

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The baseball team (9-6, 3-3 Colonial Athletic Association) suffered another close loss, 4-3, against Central Connecticut State University (6-7, 2-2) at Friedmond Diamond Tuesday afternoon.

The Huskies dropped three of their last four games by one run.

"I am extremely proud of how hard they fought to come back today in the seventh [inning] and got so close to tying up," assistant coach Mike Glavine said after the game.

This is Glavine's first game as interim head coach. The university's Athletics Department suspended head coach Neil McPhee for one game, but declined to give further details of the suspension. McPhee will be back as head coach starting this Friday for the Huskies three game series away at the University of Richmond.

Sophomore pitcher Matt Cook (1-1, 2.50 ERA), threw for six innings in his third start of the season for the Huskies. Cook had a seamless first inning but let the Blue Devils interrupt in the second by allowing four runs to score on six hits at bats. All four Blue Devil runs came in the second inning and with only one earned as the Huskies committed two errors.

"Though we didn't give him the offensive he deserved, we got great play out of our starter in [Matt] Cook today," Glavine said.

Blue Devils' sophomore pitcher Nick Boyd got his first win of the season, and sophomore pitcher Tom Coughlin picked up his first save.

Northeastern didn't score until the

bottom of the fourth, when junior infielder Ricky Salvucci grabbed his first RBI of the season off a two-out single to bring home senior outfielder and co-captain Matt Miller. Salvucci singled through the right side, advancing Vosler to third bringing Miller home

Junior designated hitter Jon Leroux cut the Blue Devils' lead to 4-2 at the bottom of the sixth inning when he hit a solo home run over the left field wall

"Leroux is a very unique, valuable player to us. He is consistent with his offense whether we put him in the line up as a catcher or as the DH, either way he always makes a substantial effect on the team when he plays," Glavine said.

Leroux has the second highest batting average on the team with .389 with 36 at bats, starting eight of the nine games he's played this season. Freshman pitcher Nick Berger did

Freshman pitcher Nick Berger did not allow another hit in the seventh inning, making this his fifth scoreless inning of his season.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Leroux slammed the first pitch he saw in the at-bat over the left field wall and into the Northeastern bullpen, closing the gap to 4-3.

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"I genuinely thought we had a chance, that we were not only going to tie [in the seventh] and go into extra innings but also win," Galvine said. "I always believe we have a chance to win and go into every game thinking that."

Sophomore outfielder Connor Lyons got a one-out walk to reach base. Sophomore second baseman Aaron Barbosato then smashed a double



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Junior designated hitter Jon Leroux hit two home runs Tuesday afternoon. He celebrated crossing the plate after the number 2 with second baseman Jason Vosler in the eighth inning.

right down left field to move Lyons into third base at the bottom of the ninth, leaving both Huskies in scoring position to tie the game.

In the ninth inning, after an intentional walk to junior catcher John Puttress to load the bases, Miller attempted to snake a line drive down

the first base line, but Blue Devil junior first baseman Tyler McIntyre came up with a lunging catch for an out. He tagged first base to complete the game-ending double play, making the final score 4-3 in favor of Central Connecticut State winning their third straight road game.

The Huskies open a three-game series against non-conference rivals University of Richmond tomorrow. Northeastern will be back on home turf Tuesday to face Boston College at 3 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY



News Staff Photo/Dan Pagliaroli

 $Freshman\ forward\ Ludwig\ Karlsson\ finished\ his\ first\ season\ with\ the\ Huskies\ with\ 10\ goals\ and\ 16\ assists.$

Karlsson to return next season

Eoghan Kelly

News Staff

Freshman forward Ludwig Karlsson was unanimously named selection to the 2012 Pro Ambitions Hockey East All-Rookie Team, the league announced March 14.

Karlsson, a 21-year-old native of Stockholm, Sweden, earned the honors after leading the men's hockey team in scoring with 10 goals and 16 assists in his first season with the Huskies.

"For me, it's just a lot of fun," Karlsson said. "It's always fun to get an award like that. It just gets you confident and builds your confidence for next year, so I'm really happy with that."

The All-Rookie honorees were selected by the head coaches of each of the 10 Hockey East teams. Karlsson was one of three unanimous se-

lections, along with Boston College forward and Northeastern de-commit Johnny Gaudreau and UMass-Lowell forward Scott Wilson.

Wilson (15-20-35) and Gaudreau (16-16-32) were the only Hockey East freshmen with more points than Karlsson, who finished tied for 33rd in scoring in Hockey East and 14th in points per game (.81) among rookies nationally.

"I got a lot of confidence from [head] coach [Jim Madigan]," Karlsson said. "I played a lot, I played with good teammates, I played with [junior forward Vinny] Saponari a lot the whole year and he helped me a lot. I got a lot of help."

Karlsson's award-winning freshman year garnered significant interest from teams in the professional ranks, but Karlsson said that, despite receiving contract offers, he will look to build on his rookie year and return to Northeastern for his sophomore season.
"It was a few weeks there right

"It was a few weeks there right after the season was over which was pretty new for me, a lot of questions about whether I was going to leave," Karlsson said. "[But] I'm coming back for another year and hopefully I'll have another good year [in 2012-13]."

Karlsson opened his career on a tear, scoring five points in his first four games as a Husky between Oct. 14 and Oct. 29. He tallied his first career goal in a 4-1 loss to Merrimack College Oct. 21 and earned two assists in a 4-3 overtime loss to BC the following night.

Karlsson set another career mark for points in a single game when he tallied four assists in a 9-2 win over then-No. 2 University of Notre Dame Dec. 2, giving him 14 points MEN'S HOCKEY, page 13 **TRACK & FIELD**

Huskies open outdoor season in S. Carolina

Madeline Sattler

News Correspondent

The men's and women's track and field teams opened their outdoor seasons with an outstanding showing in the Shamrock Invitational with eight top-10 finishes in South Carolina at the Shamrock Invitation March 16 through 18.

Both teams traveled to South Carolina last weekend to compete against runners from all over the country.

country.

"We had an outstanding meet down there," head coach Sherman Hart said. "I thought it was a great way to open up the outdoor season."

way to open up the outdoor season." Sophomore distance runner Eric Jenkins opened up his season with a victory in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 31:23.97. Fellow distance runner, sophomore Brian Doyle also ran the 10,000 meters with Jenkins, finishing eight with a time of 32:49.71. Both runners are coming off successful indoor seasons in which they set school records. Jenkins and Doyle each set a school record in the mile and the 3,000 meters respectively.

"I expected big things out of both of them," Hart said. "And I continue to expect better things out of both of them for the rest of the season."

The 4 by 100-meter squad of sprinters senior Darius Valez, sophomore Alex Sharpino, freshman Jared Lane and senior Andrew Staples finished 26th with a time of 44.12 seconds.

In field events, the Huskies also showed some early season promise. Senior thrower Patrick Jablonski took the discus title with a toss of 50.70 meters. Jablonski overcame 61 other throwers and proved himself as an early season threat. The senior also placed fourth in the shot put with a 16.29 meter hurl.

"It's great that [Jablonski] opened up with a win, but we're looking for more," Hart said.

Other standout field performances include senior Andrew Staples who leaped to a second place finish in the long jump. The Rhode Island native jumped 7.31 meters landing him the runner-up spot by just seven centimeters. Sophomore thrower Christopher Reider finished ninth in the javelin throw with a 57.68 meter launch.

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– Sherman Hart, head coach

The women also had several runners make a splash at the Shamrock Invitational.

"They opened up the way we expected them to open up," Hart said. Senior long jumper Nia Howard and junior pole vaulter Jillena Decarteret represented the Huskies in the field finishing second in their respective events. Howard competed in the long jump and managed to hold her ground against 31 other athletes. The senior jumped 5.74 meters. Decarteret tied for second in the pole vault, soaring 3.65 meters.

As part of the Campbell Invitational junior thrower Julia Westover placed fourth in the weight throw. Westover tossed the weight 54.12 TRACK & FIELD, page 13

The NCAA knows its fans

The expression goes "Beware of the Ides of March," but it might be better to heed the warning "Beware of Pride in March." It's a humbling month if you're a sports fan – don't make it harder on yourself by actually thinking you know what you're doing. Having a sports column doesn't make you Paul the Octopus and I will be the first person to acknowledge that. I won't bore you with my half-baked prognostication. I had Wichita State and Belmont in my Sweet Sixteen. What can I say, I fall for the underdogs... hard.

I fill out a bracket every year, much like everyone else, but even with \$10 or draft order in my fantasy football league on the line (my football commissioner is a creative and cruel man), I will always root for the underdog, no matter the implications on my bracket. This year's bracket might be one of the ugliest ones

I've ever assembled, and yet I still have a shot at winning

my pool. It's been that kind of March.



Dylan Lewis **Out of Bounds**

Ŵhile watching No. 15 seeds Norfolk State and Lehigh knock off No. 2's Missouri and Duke, I spent the entire game cheering on the lowly No. 15's, only to realize at the end of the game that I had Mizzou in the Final Four and Duke in the Elite Eight. Aptly named, March Madness creates a fairytale zeitgeist in which we embrace the upsets that contradict what we have down on paper. If you let it, it will get the best of you.

This being my second March Madness while on coop, I knew what to expect - "unofficial" office pools, brackets on cubicle corkboards and late afternoon water

cooler discussions about which mid-major was going to make a run. In the office, March Madness is a productivity killer, a rare event capable of catching the attention of fresh hirees and Gladys from accounting. With all the hooplas (pun), it's hard to tell whether you are in line with everyone else's level of distraction, or if your painted chest and foam finger make you stick out of your cubicle like a sore thumb.

I didn't hesitate to pony up the \$4 so I could watch all 2,560 minutes of madness unfold, despite the fact that in the past, online streaming was free. The value of the NCAA's product is clear even on my 15-inch desktop screen, and being "the guy with live video of the games on his computer" has made me popular around the office. The ability to watch every game anywhere on my laptop proved particularly convenient when my off-campus apartment was powerless for the better half of last week.

This inexpensive accessibility to their product demonstrates what separates the NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament from every other major sporting event is that the organizers get it: They understand their fans.

This connection is perhaps best illustrated by the online coverage, specifically on NCAA.com Gamecenter's "Boss Button" feature. They know you are watching the early round afternoon games at your desk instead of working. At the very least, everyone who fills out a bracket at bare minimum periodically checks the scores online. It would be bad for business if people got into trouble for it. With the click of a button, the Gamecenter is replaced by an imitation Microsoft Outlook pane, complete with mock emails from the CMO (Chief Madness Officer). It is the kind of marriage of technology and sports you would expect to see goofy grown men fantasizing about in a light beer commercial.

If this sounds like a plug for the NCAA's coverage of the event, I'm sorry, but the browser is just that awesome. It made me almost okay with being at work Thursday and Friday instead of calling in sick. While my bracket looks like it was used to clean someone's wound, I'm going to have to prematurely declare this a successful March Madness, mostly because I still have my job. Thanks,

But beyond enabling office inefficiency and providing unparalleled sports entertainment, fans respond to March Madness because it appoints a true champion. There is no truer sports meritocracy than a field of 64 teams (ignoring the play-ins), each just six wins away from the national championship. While Selection Sunday may leave a few fringe teams disappointed, the tournament style is far better than college football's BCS sysem.

The NCAA manages connect with the fans by, well ... acting like fans. Once the bracket is set, the NCAA's organizers/commentators/marketers embrace and promotes the hell out of - any underdog sub-plots that emerge as the tournament halves its teams round by round.

The front office executives in the NFL, NBA and MLB fear championship matchups featuring small market underdog squads because they assume they won't hold the nation's attention the same way teams from Los Angeles, New York City, Boston and Chicago might. Do you think the MLB really wanted the Rays to take the AL wild-card spot from the Sox this past season? The 2010 Men's championship game had perennial power Duke face mid-major Butler, from the Horizon League, and it was the highest rated Men's NCAA Div. I Championship

Say what you will about the officiating in the No. 1 Syracuse vs. No. 16 UNC Asheville game, and the fact that Kentucky is essentially playing two home games at the KFC Yum! Center en route to the Sweet Sixteen. If there are no other takeaways from this year's March Madness, it's that the competition has never been better and NCAA understands its fans and the cultural phenomenon they've cre-

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BROOMBALL

Defending champs denied second title at Matthews

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While flocks of students took part in St. Patrick's Day festivities Sunday, Northeastern broomball team Goon Squad earned schoolwide bragging rights as they took down defending champions Broomsday, 3-1 in the intramural Broomball Championship

The playoffs began March 16, with 31 teams competing against one another to make it to the champion-

Tournament.

Broomball is one of 15 spring intramural sports offered by Campus Recreation and the 31 teams prove it reigns as one of the most popular. Teams consist of between five and 18 players with no previous experience

Despite the more domestic, less fearsome title, broomball has many similarities to the rules of hockey.

A typical game starts out with five players from each team – at least two must be women – on the ice to face off for three 12-minute periods. There is no checking or high-sticking allowed, and players who don't have a handle on the rules face penalties.

Players are allowed to wear any type of athletic clothing with sneakers and are required to wear helmets at all times. Instead of actual brooms, players use wooden sticks with a fiveinch plastic triangle at the end of it, while goalies use adapted hockey goalie sticks and baseball gloves to help defend the net.

The semi-final games played simultaneously on either end of the ice. Broomsday, last year's defending champions, took on Wolf Pack, while Goon Squad and One Man Wolf Pack battled on the other end.



Members of Goon Squad celebrated their win.

The stage was set for the championship match after Broomsday shut out Wolf Pack 3-0 and Goon Squad finished with a three-goal advantage on One Man Wolf Pack, 5-2.

Although both losing teams were disappointed, many of the players said the tournament in general was 'wicked awesome."

One Man Wolf Pack has been playing together for four years and said this was the farthest they've ever made it in the playoffs.

'We played pretty well," said Chris Scanlon, a player on the One Man Wolf Pack. "We were a little tired towards the end, but we lost against a friend's team, so I guess it was good losing to them."

Shawn Freund of the Wolf Pack accredited his team's success in the semifinals to the grey wolf T-shirts they were all wearing.

"It was 90 percent looks, 10 per-



Bombjawns' Josh Freeman fought for the ball during the Broomball playoffs at Matthews on Sunday.

cent skill," Freund said. "We had a lot of team unity. We are a pack and we roam as one.

This was the Wolf Pack's third semifinal in four seasons. The whole team started together as freshmen and now all but one of them will be graduating in May, Freund said.

Unfortunately for the losing teams, none of the wolves were good enough to play with the big dogs.

In the championship game, Goon

Squad and Broomsday took the ice.

After a scoreless first period, the Good Squad stepped up its offence and scored in the second. Broomsday's goalie kept strong and made five saves. Before the period ended, Goon Squad earned a penalty shot but just missed it and had their second shot blocked.

In the last period, Goon Squad scored with 5:30 left on the clock and celebrated by pounding into the glass wall. Only a short time after, Broomsday scored its first goal against the team but a goal by one of the women of Goon Squad put the game out of reach for the reigning champs, 3-1.

After the game, the disappointed teammates of Broomsday had no comment, except that they played a hard game and they were the previous defending champions.

Adam Izzicupo, one of the Goon Squad's leading scorers with two goals in the final, attributed his team's success to their free agents, strong goalie and, most importantly, the team's tough defense.

This was Ğoon Squad's second semester playing as a team and had previously made it to the semifinals last season. Despite their "injury-pledged playoffs," Izzicupo said they were known to "blow out the score while playing other teams."

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BASEBALL

Baseball drops two by one run in Georgia

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News Correspondent

After allowing Georgia State's late rallies to beat them in the first two games of the weekend series had a rally of their own Sunday, scoring seven runs in the seventh inning and

defeating the Panthers 13-4.

The Huskies opened the series Friday by allowing the Panthers to score 11 runs in the bottom of the ninth,

giving up a nine-run lead.
"The key to Sunday's game was Kevin Ferguson," head coach Neil McPhee said. "He pitched a dominant game, start to finish."

Junior pitcher Kevin Ferguson got the win for the Huskies and nearly notched a complete game. In eight and two-third innings, he allowed three earned runs on 10 hits with eight strikeouts.

Every Husky batter got a hit on Sunday and seven players recorded

The game started scoreless until the Panthers scored on a squeeze play in the fifth inning. Georgia State junior infielder Roy Seltenrijch laid down a sacrifice bunt bringing home senior outfielder Landon Bennet from third.

The Huskies offense woke up in the seventh. With sophomore shortstop Oliver Hart on third base and sophomore outfielder Aaron Barbosa on first, junior catcher John Puttress singled to center field, bringing home Hart and advancing Barbosa to scoring position.

Another single by senior infielder Matt Miller scored Barbosa, and junior catcher John Leroux hit the fourth straight single of the game to bring around Puttress.

Panthers senior starter Ben Marshall's trouble continued when first baseman Rob Fonseca drew a walk to load the bases for freshman infielder Alex McKeon, who singled to right field to bring home two runs and put the Huskies up 5-1.

'We'd been hitting all weekend," McKeon said. "We were able to just climb up the pitches, hit some balls hard and when the bullpen came, we just kept it rolling."

Sophomore outfielder Connor Lyons closed the top of the seventh inning by tripling to right center and bringing home the sixth and seventh runs of the inning, taking a 7-1 lead.

The Panthers tried to close the game in the bottom of the seventh by scoring two runs but the Huskies once again responded. Leroux hit a double to score Barbosa, and freshman infielder Jason Vosler hit a sacrifice fly to score Miller to push the score to 9-3.

"I go back to what could have happened from Friday night on. If we mentally collapse and we're not in to the game mentally, that's what the coach is worried about," McPhee said. "We did what every coach would hope to do and that is we got a huge inning, a lot of clutch hits and we broke the game open.

Vosler continued his hot start to his rookie season going 3-5 with two home runs and four RBIs in the weekend series' opening loss, 13-12 Friday.

'There wasn't a different mentality going into that game," Vosler said. "We all just got hot at the same time and we were all seeing the ball so everybody was doing a great job at hitting."

The first Vosler home run came in the fifth inning as a solo shot putting Northeastern up 1-0. The Huskies increased their lead in the sixth when Fonseca singled down the left field line to score Puttress, followed by a three-run long-ball by Vosler to clear the bases.

After Georgia State senior outfielder Joey Wood doubled to right center to score two runs, Northeastern came back in the top of the seventh to score three additional runs.

The Huskies scored two more runs in the eighth after a 30 minute lighting delay, and Fonseca recorded a home run in the top of the ninth making it 12-2.

Then came the ninth inning Pan-

ther comeback.

The Huskies sent junior pitcher Michael Murphy and sophomore pitcher Mike Hanlon to the mound but the Panthers to scored 11 runs off of nine hits.

"Naturally, anyone is going to be devastated walking off the field with a nine run lead in the ninth inning. The key here is to not let it affect the next couple of games," McPhee said. "It's a horror that happens and it happened but that is not the kind of loss that makes a coach upset at their

The Huskies lost another close game in the second game of the series Saturday. Georgia State scored four runs in the seventh and eighth innings to come from behind once again and win 9-8.

Senior infielder Brandon Williams and freshman catcher Joel Van Asch had two RBIs a piece for the Panthers.

The Huskies bright spot came from their freshman with McKeon and Fonseca each hitting homeruns.

'It was the body language, the hustle, the competitiveness, being in the game mentally that we were most concerned with," McPhee said. "That's what you're always worried about when you get that loss we got on Friday night. We saw [no problems with] that on Saturday or Sunday. We left [Georgia State] feeling good about ourselves and totally frustrated because it could have been a three game sweep and it wasn't.'



News Photo/Chris Mullin

Freshman right handed pitcher Nick Berger pitched a hitless seventh inning again Central Connenticut State University at Friedman Diamond Tuesday afternoon.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NU graduates leading scorer, adds 8 recruits

News Staff

The women's soccer team has lost Veronica Napoli – the university's all-time leading scorer – with 2012's graduating class, but the incoming recruiting class brings record setters and championship winners alike.

"I think they're a very talented class and they'll add a lot of depth to this team, and continue to add personality," head coach Tracey Leone said. "They're a hardworking group both on the field and off the field in the classroom. They're the perfect class at the perfect time for us."

The eight-member recruiting class for the 2012 season includes four forwards, two midfielders, one defender and a goalkeeper. They replace a graduating class made up of Napoli, her fellow forward Stefanie Raiola, midfielder Kirby Anderson, and defenders Laura Holmstedt, Georgina Kemp and Kelly Matthews. Last year's team went 9-10-2 overall in the 2011 season and advanced to the CAA semifinals, where they were knocked off by Vir-

Leone said she's the most excited by the incoming players' character and work ethic, something she said she thinks will define this group of

The Huskies' newest forwards are Taylor Tharp and Breanna Koemans, both from California, Shayna Blackwood from New Jersey and Émily Nasuti from Massachusetts. Tharp earned All-League first team honors all three years at Willow Glen High School. She also won five championships playing with the Central Valley Flames club squad.

Her future teammate Koemans, a forward on a club team that rose to the ESPN Rise No. 1 National ranking in March and December of 2011, scored 53 goals and notched 153 points, the second-highest point total in Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy

"Briana Koemans is just an unbelievable playmaker," Leone said. "She can create opportunities and score, so she's kind of like a double threat. She's certainly got some real special

"I think they're a very talented class and they'll add a lot of depth to this team, and continue to add personality. They're a hardworking group both on the field and off the field, in the classroom."

- Tracey Leone, head coach

At The Pingry School, Blackwood garnered First Team All-Conference honors in her junior and senior seasons, and All-Section honors as a senior. In the 2011 season, Blackwood's team went 21-1-1 and won the state

The last of the forwards, Nasuti, attended Millbury Memorial High School, where she set school records with 92 goals and 35 assists, and contributed to Millbury's victory in three Southern Worcester County League (SWCL) championships. She was selected as a member of the SWCL All-Star team three times, and also earned two All-State selections. Nasuti was a three-time member of the Massachusetts Olympic Development Program and earned a Top Drawer Soccer Top

20 Northeast ranking.

The two incoming midfielders,
Morgan Hilby and Alyssa Wilson,
come to Northeastern from Manhattan Beach and Washington state.

Hilby earned First team All-League honors and was named First team All-League MVP as a senior at Vistamar High School. She set the school's record with 34 goals and 13 assists her senior year.

At Woodinville High School, Wilson earned second team All-Conference honors twice. Wilson also played with the Crossfire Premiere G93 A

team, where she was a member of five championship squads.

Joining the Northeastern backfield will be Oskana Nichols, one of the four recruits coming to Boston from California. Nichols won a league championship during her freshman year at St. Lucy's Priory High School, and a defensive MVP award her ju-

"Oskana is an unbelievable defender," Leone said. "I'm so excited to insert her with the players that we

Incoming goaltender Bailey Bruckmann was a captain her senior season at St. Mary's High School, where she played four years of varsity soccer. Bruckmann was named the Catholic Central League MVP her senior season, in addition to receiving a Boston Globe All-Scholastic honor.

"They're definitely a versatile class," Leone said. "There are quite a few of them that can play in multiple places, so it'll be interesting to see how it fits in and meshes with the team."

Schelling continues to shine



Senior goalie Florence Schelling was named to the First-Team CCM All-American which is presented by the American Hockey Coaches Association. She finished the season with a .956 save percentage, which now the Hockey East single season record.

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Karlsson unanimously voted an All-Rookie

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through his first 12 games.

By Jan. 27, Karlsson had scored nine goals and 13 assists, accumulating 22 points in just 21 games and putting him on pace to surpass the totals of former Northeastern forwards Brodie Reid (11-17-28) and Wade Macleod (11-16-27) in their rookie seasons in 2010-11 and 2007-08, respectively.

> "I'm coming back for another year and hopefully I'll have another good year."

-- Ludwig Karlsson, head coach

But Karlsson added just one goal and three assists in his final 11 games as the Huskies imploded and finished ninth in Hockey East, missing the postseason for the second

time in three seasons.

"It's a little bittersweet," Karlsson said. "It's always fun to get [an] award, and I accepted it and I'm really happy and I'm proud of myself, but it would be a lot more fun if we were still in the playoffs."

Northeastern has had at least one

player honored on the All-Rookie Team in four consecutive years. Three players on this past season's Northeastern roster have been awarded past Hockey East rookie honors, including redshirt-junior forward Steve Quailer (2009), junior goaltender Chris Rawlings (2010) and sophomore defenseman Anthony Bitetto (2011).

Also named to the 2012 All-Rookie Team were forwards Ross Mauermann from Providence College, Kyle Reynolds of University of Vermont, defenseman Trevor van Riemsdyk representing the University of New Hampshire, Boston University Terrier Alexx Privitera, Zack Kamrass from University of Massahcusettes-Lowell and ÚNH goaltender Casey DeSmith.

TRACK & FIELD

Runners, jumpers go the

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meters - the fifth best in Northeastern history and a personal best for the New Hampshire native.

Senior sprinter Saleena Abdur-Rashed also got her outdoor season started on a positive note. The New York native placed second in the 100-meter hurdles in a speedy 14.08 seconds.

"[Saleena] really opened up well," Hart said. "That's the best she's opened up [a season] since she's been here.

The Huskies were also represented by three women's relay teams. The 4 by 200-meter relay team consisted of freshman Jessica Dunnigan, freshman Monet Brathwaite, senior Sarah Trotman and freshman Victoria Alexander. The four combined for a time of 1:42.04 placing them 10th in a field of 32 teams.

The 4 by 100-meter relay team of Alexander, Abdur-Rashed, Trotman

and Dunnigan finished sixth with a time of 46.94 seconds.

"They really opened up and opened up being competitive," Hart

The 4 by 400-meter relay team placed 12th. Brathwaite, sophomore Chelsea Hudson, senior Christina Gallagher and sophomore Ashlee Pitts combined to run a quick 3:57.69.

"I just really want to stay aggressive and continue to go after each meet that we go to," Hart said.

The Huskies and 16 other schools will take their marks at Solomon Outdoor Track in Dedham for an all-day meet on Saturday, starting

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