



Pushing her opponent aside, junior Kendall Stone maneuvers the ball down the field during the match against Penn State. Stone, as a midfielder, helped teammate senior Claire Zimmeck, a forward, score the only goal of the game that came late in the second period.

Getting a running start, freshman Diana Weigel prepares to kick the ball down the field to her teammates. Weigel played the midfield/back position in her first College game.



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Struggling to keep her balance, sophomore Brittany Lane, one of the team's midfielders, keeps her eye on the ball. As evidence of their hard play, the team's white uniforms were dirty and stained by the end of games and practices.



superstition, dedication lead to

# VICTORY

for team and individuals

Under the leadership of nine starters and two All-Americans, the women's soccer team came back to a successful season. The women's soccer team gained both team and individual titles. Furthermore, their teamwork led to an impressive five-game winning-streak. They also hosted the CAA Championship Tournament on Albert-Daly Field for the first time ever. But in spite of all these titles and achievements, with a little superstition and a lot of hard work, the 28 member team was able to have fun while they won.

In terms of individual recognition, senior Abby Lauer was named Academic All-American, becoming the eighth woman to receive such a title in the history of women's soccer at the College. All-Americans Dani Collins and Claire Zimmeck were both named to the Colonial Athletic Association All-Tournament Team. The entire team worked together to gain a five-game winning streak against Delaware, Drexel, Northeastern, Hofstra and VCU.

The players believed they could win with hard work, practice and a little superstition. "Before every game as a team we walk around the entire field, touching every corner flag, and kicking the inside and outside of every goal post," freshman Stephanie Gerow said. "We pair up, and I always walk with my best friend, Wompo [Katherine Yount]. I walk on the left and she walks on my right.

And I always have to let her touch the corner flags and goal posts first, or else she gets mad," Gerow said.

The team's rituals before the game paid off for Gerow during their game against George Mason. While her friends, family and fellow teammates watched, Gerow made the only strike of the game to take home the win for the women's team. The victory secured William and Mary's spot as one of the top five seeds in the CAA. The game also held special significance for Coach John Daly; It was the 100th regular-season conference victory of Daly's career, a first in the 16-year history of the league.

Building friendships and having fun also was a goal of the team. Gerow remembered one instance of the women acting-out after practice drills on a rainy day. "They slid face first like penguins into huge puddles of standing water on the field! They came out with mud and water all over their practice uniforms," Gerow said. "After that Dani [Collins] and Claire [Zimmeck] suddenly grabbed me and wrestled me and eventually dragged me into a puddle. I put up a good fight, but clearly I had no chance against the two," Gerow said.

With their fun-loving and dedicated attitudes, the players of the women's soccer team were able to make the 2008 season a memorable one.

> Kelly Harmon

## team

Front Row: Krissy Vornadore, Anna Kayes, Kendall Stone, Meredith Brown, Claire Zimmeck, Meghan Walker, Dani Collins, Abby Lauer, Kellie Jenkins, Emily DeNardis. Second Row: Coach John Daly, Annie Macomber, Katlin O'Connor, Sarah Quinlan, Mary Carter Jacocks, Juli Valls, Gabby Gonzales, Katy Winsper, Brittany Lane, Coach Britta Marmon. Back Row: Danielle Axenfeld, Diana Weigel, Kristen Smith, Kim Sunada, Jackie Bowman, Katherine Yount, Grace Barnard, Molly Kaye, Aline Le, Stephanie Gerow.



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