



TALES from the DOGHOUSE

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Women's Tennis at Hunter - 4 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Lehman - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

Soccer vs. York - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Soccer vs. Medgar Evers - 2 p.m.
Rifle at Hofstra

Sunday, Oct. 7

Cross Country at York Invitational

Monday, Oct. 8

Volleyball vs. Baruch (at York) - 9 a.m.
Volleyball at York - 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Soccer at Centenary - 4 p.m.
Women's Tennis at St. Elizabeth's - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13

Volleyball vs. US Merchant Marine - 11 a.m.
Soccer vs. NYC Tech - 2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Rutgers-Newark - 3 p.m.
Rifle at Mass. Maritime Academy

Sunday, Oct. 14

Cross Country at NYC Tech Invitational

Monday, Oct. 15

Soccer at Rutgers-Newark - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Volleyball vs. CSI (at St. John Villa Academy) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 17

Soccer at Hunter - 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18

Women's Tennis at CSI - 3:30 p.m.
Volleyball vs. William Paterson - 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Volleyball vs. Farmingdale State - 10 a.m.
Volleyball at St. Joe's Patchogue - 2 p.m.
Volleyball vs. SUNY Old Westbury - 4 p.m.
Cross Country at St. Joe's Patchogue Invitational
Rifle vs. SUNY Maritime

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Women's Tennis CUNYAC Tournament - Quarterfinals
Volleyball vs. Brooklyn - 6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26

Women's Tennis CUNYAC Tournament - Semifinals
Volleyball vs. Eastern Mennonite - 4 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Chowan - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Women's Tennis CUNYAC Tournament Finals - 10 a.m.
Volleyball at St. Mary's - noon
Volleyball vs. Roanoke - 2 p.m.
Soccer CUNYAC Tournament - Quarterfinals

Sunday, Oct. 28

Cross Country CUNYAC Championships

Tuesday, Oct. 30

Volleyball CUNYAC Tournament - Quarterfinals

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Soccer CUNYAC Tournament - Semifinals

Three Bloodhounds Honored By CUNYAC



Rosales



Weber

John Jay athletics is off to a hot start this fall. Not only are the teams picking up wins, but the Bloodhound athletes are standing out.

On Sept. 10 the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) announced that men's soccer star Christopher Tapia had been named the conference player of the week for the week ending Sept. 9

The following day the conference office announced that cross country runners Dario Rosales and Sandra Weber garnered awards as well. Rosales was named the CUNYAC Performer of the Week while Weber was named Rookie of the Week.

Tapia, now in his third season with the men's soccer team, recorded two goals in the first five games of the season. He notched a goal in the season opener, a 3-0 triumph over Polytechnic University on Aug. 31 at the Ramapo College tournament, then put home another in the Bloodhounds' 6-1 route over St. Joseph's-Vermont in the consolation game of the St. Joseph's-Patchogue tournament on Sept. 9.

The veteran tri-captain blasted a career-high seven

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Softball Assists Jaywalkers Race for the Cure



Without even picking up a bat the John Jay softball team hit a homerun on Sun. Sept. 9 in Central Park as the Bloodhounds teamed with the rest of the John Jay community for the 24th Annual Susan G. Komen New York City for the Cure race in Central Park to help raise breast cancer awareness.

Many members, and family members, of John Jay's softball team, including Danielle Bonici, Marlenne Nunez, Elizabeth Suarez, Jasmine Miranda, and Katie Koepfel teamed with assistant coach Marc Seda and several college administrators, including College President Jeremy Travis, Senior Vice President for Finance, Robert Pignatello and Director of Campus Office Services, Irene O'Donnell in the race. Head swimming

coach Jane Katz was also aboard as the Jaywalkers had 101 team members for the race.

"Overall the day was great, we all had a great time contributing toward a worthy cause," said Seda. "Breast cancer is a serious issue and I'm glad we are able to contribute toward finding a cure."

Collectively the Jaywalkers reached its goal of raising \$5000 as collectively the team raised over \$5200, and John Jay won the College Award for the largest team in the 5K run/walk event.

After the race, members of the softball team carried the banner from the race's end point, East 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue back to campus to complete the homerun.

Men's Cross Country Doesn't Skip a Beat

The John Jay men's cross country team has picked up where it left off. The 2006 CUNYAC champions started this season by doing what they did at the conclusion of last season: winning!

The Bloodhounds took home the gold at the Baruch Invitational at legendary Van Cortlandt Park on Sun. Sept. 9 finishing first of five teams at the invitational with 68 points, 10 points ahead of second place Pace University.

The Bloodhounds were sparked by Dario Rosales. The sophomore transfer, who was named the 2006 CUNYAC Rookie of the Year, completed the 8K course in a time of 32:13, a team best, en route to finishing third overall. For his efforts he was named the CUNYAC Performer of the Week for the week ending Sept. 9.

Fellow teammates Curtis Passade (6th overall), Jessie Contreras (13th overall), Muhammed Abdul-Karim (19th overall), and Patricio Zevallos (27th overall) rounded out the scoring for the Bloodhounds, setting the stage for the rest of CUNYAC that once again the Bloodhounds will be a "force on the course."



The men's cross country team celebrates winning the Baruch Invitational



Christopher Tapia

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shots in the win over St. Joseph's-Vermont, and the Criminal Justice major added an assist in the match as well.

"I was really excited about winning that," said Tapia. "I've been here for two years and never received any conference awards and getting it made me excited and want to play even harder."

Rosales, a sophomore transfer, made an immediate impact in his John Jay debut. The 2006 CUNYAC Rookie of the Year finished third overall in the Baruch Invitational at Van Cortlandt Park on Sept. 9. He was John Jay's top finisher blazing the demanding 8K course in 32:13 as the Bloodhounds won the invitational.

Weber, a sophomore, made her NCAA cross country debut in grand fashion as the Ilmenau, Germany native finished 15th at the Baruch Invitational coming home in 29:36 and was the Bloodhounds' top finisher.

"Dario and Sandra are two incredibly hard workers," said head coach Tony Phillips. "And the entire team (men's and women's) is proud of them for doing well of enough to garner such awards from the CUNYAC."

Credits

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The Coach's Corner

Q&A with Coach Simms, Head Coach of Women's Tennis



Head Coach Odesa Simms is in her first season as head of the women's tennis program after having served the previous two seasons as assistant coach of the men's and women's tennis programs. A native of Richfield, Minnesota, Simms has brought a wealth of knowledge to the tennis program as John Jay continues to make strides as a power in the region.

When did you get into tennis?

I started playing tennis at the age of four. My father was my first coach. I entered my first tournament when I was 7, I won, and was hooked. My older brother was my hitting partner, so I guess you could say I come from a family of tennis!

What is your favorite thing about tennis?

My favorite thing about tennis is the strategy. I love that it is both a physical and mental game. And I have to admit I love the perfect overhead. You can hit the ball almost as hard as you want; yet, still be able to place it in just the right spot to win the point. It's a great feeling.

What do you think is the most difficult thing about coaching tennis?

The most difficult thing about coaching tennis is working with several different levels all at once. You have to be creative so practice can be useful for all the levels. It is important to hit with players above your level to help improve your game, but hitting with players of a lower level can help you to control certain elements of your own game. For example, controlling your power or working on placement of your shots.

What has been the most exciting thing so far about coaching the John Jay women's tennis team?

The most exciting thing so far about the John Jay team is the team itself! I am really happy to have a team of eager, hard working returners. Not only did I get to meet and work with new players, I get to watch my returning players grow as both athletes and people. You become really invested in these student athletes very quickly and it means a lot to be apart of their journey for more than one stop!

What advice would you give to someone looking to get into tennis?

My advice to those looking to get into tennis is to just go for it. Tennis is a tough sport. You need to work hard and stick with it in order to succeed at it. It is easy to become frustrated with something that may not come naturally to you. Tennis is one of those things. It's a sport that takes a lot of practice and dedication. As long as you keep working at it, you'll end up a great player.