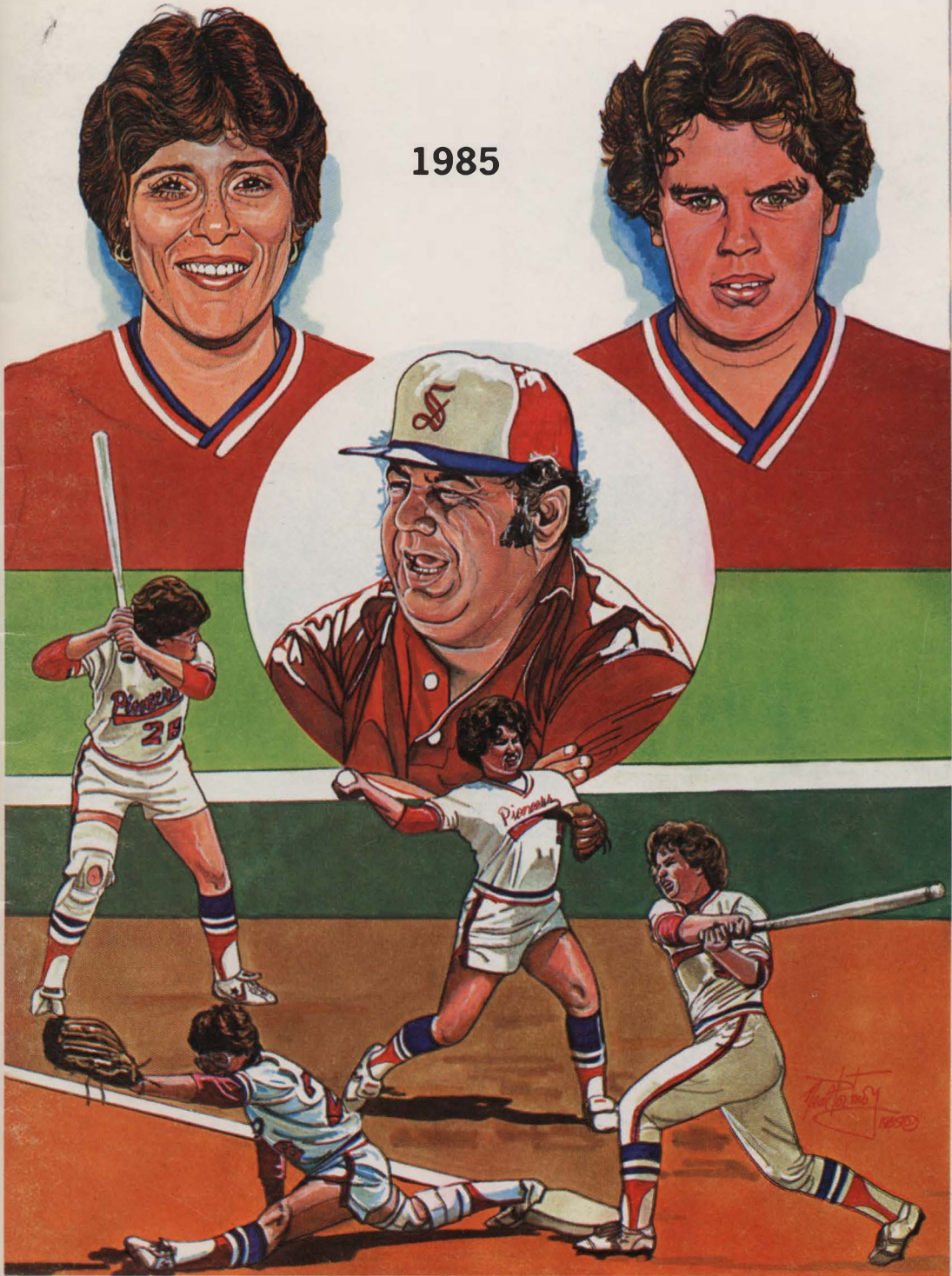


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1985



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LOCATION: 5229 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn. 06606

FOUNDED: 1963

ENROLLMENT: 3800 (1600 full time)

PRESIDENT: Dr. Thomas Melady

ATHLETIC AFFILIATIONS:

National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC)

CONFERENCE: New England Collegiate Conference

NICKNAME: Lady Pioneers

COLORS: Scarlet and White

FIELD: Pioneer Park

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Dave Bike

ASSIST. TO AD, HEAD SOFTBALL COACH: Pete DiOrio

ASST. COACHES: Ed Macciocca and Al Yaeger

1984 RECORD: 42-6 (3rd Place NCAA)

ATHLETIC DEPT. PHONE: (203) 371-7826, 7827, 7828

SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR: Sandy Sulzyski



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Dave Bike

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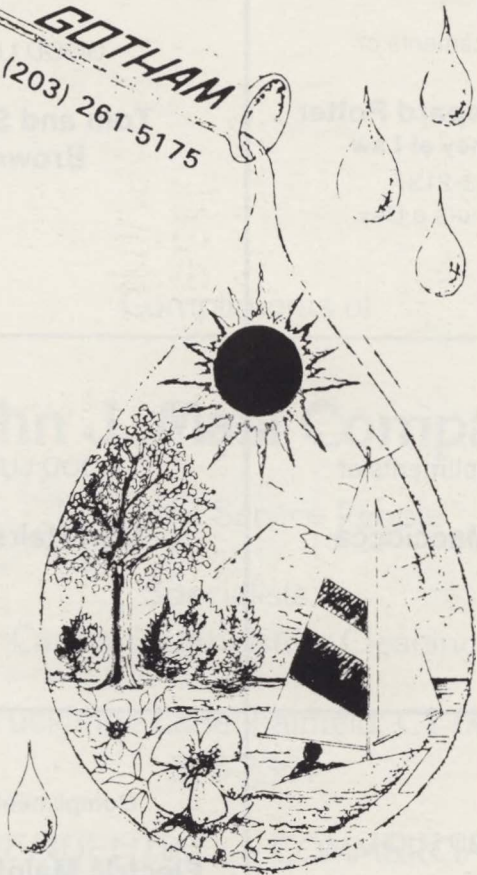
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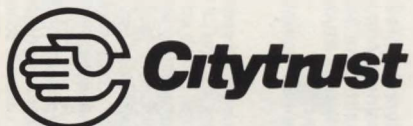
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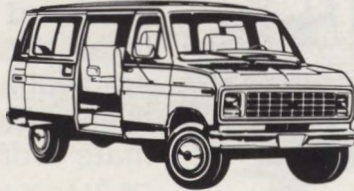
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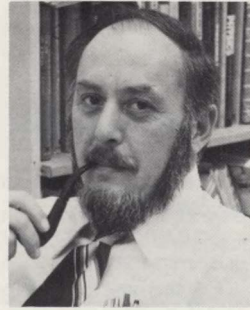
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Sacred Heart University is a community of scholars assembled together in a distinctive setting for a unique purpose. The University, located in Fairfield, Connecticut, was founded in 1963 and has an enrollment of 3800 students.

In terms of years, the co-educational University is still young and growing, but it has already made a meaningful and vital contribution to both the academic and cultural needs of Southwestern Connecticut.

In 1973 at the 10th anniversary of its founding, the University was defined as an institution of higher learning, with a margin of difference, serving the community within its region. The University is pledged to the intellectual development of its students with a well-defined liberal arts program.

The University is clearly distinguished by its origins established under Catholic auspices and motivated by the Church's historic commitment to liberal learning. It is committed to spiritual values, community services and a responsible awareness of the principal issues of the contemporary world. The University is further distinguished among Catholic institutions of higher learning in that it is administered and staffed by laymen.

Under the energetic leadership of President Thomas P. Melady, the entire University faculty has made a commitment for the continued pursuit of academic excellence as well as demonstrating their unceasing efforts to keep pace with our constantly changing environment.

The University offers a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree with 52 concentrations. The selection of a specific program is the responsibility of the student in consultation with his academic advisor. There is, however, no compulsion to follow a given program if the student is undecided or views the college experience as an opportunity for exploration of alternate life patterns, modes of thought, and types of commitment.

The people who are the University are committed to the vision of Sacred Heart as a learning center which meets the needs of the whole person. For this reason, the University places special emphasis on a diversified program of activities that reflects the curricular and extra-curricular interests of the students.

Outlook For The Lady Pioneers

The Sacred Heart University women's softball program has been a very successful one.

So it's no secret what the 1985 edition of the Lady Pioneers has in mind for the upcoming season.

For the past five seasons, the Lady Pioneers have qualified for post season play and this year's combine would like to keep that string intact.

Sacred Heart competed in the AIAW World Series its initial season back in 1980 and the AIAW East Regionals the ensuing season.

The NCAA started its post season tourney in 1982 and SHU was there again with a third place finish followed by a fourth place finish in 1983 and another third place last season with a record 42 wins against six loses.

Over that five-year span the Lady Pioneers posted a sparkling won-lost record very unlikely to be matched. The Scarlet and White have captured 140 of 152 regular season contests for an unheard of .927 winning percentage and have won 152 of 179 games for an overall mark of .854.

Coach Pete DiOrio is again optimistic that his troops can keep up that rich diamond tradition.

"It's kind of hard to think how a team could be better than last season but I think we have the potential to be just that," noted DiOrio.

But, as always, it won't be easy. An ambitious 53-game schedule that is the most challenging DiOrio has ever put together awaits the Lady Pioneers.

"We've decided to improve our schedule and make it a very demanding one for the girls," continued DiOrio. "We're going to play as many Division I teams as possible and this will hopefully make us a much better team at the end of the season when tournament time rolls around."

The Lady Pioneers will be making another trip to Orlando, Fla. and open a 15-day, 11-game schedule against the University of Detroit March 10 at Varner Stadium.

The northern schedule will be highlighted by appearances in a pair of top-notch invitational tournaments that will both involve all Division I squads with the exception of Sacred Heart. April 5, 6 and 7 Sacred Heart travels to University Park, Penn., to participate in the Lady Lions Classic at Penn. State University. A week later the vans head south to Lynchburg, Va., for the Lady Flames Invitational April 12, 13 and 14 at Virginia Commonwealth.

This is in addition to a rugged 14-game slate in the New England Collegiate Conference, the winner of which earns an automatic bid to the NCAA national tourney. The finals are slated for Cal-State at Northridge the middle of May.

The Lady Pioneers have lost only three starters and return 12 lettermen from last year's NCAA Final Four contingent. Tri-captain and All-New England receiver Diane Zalewski (.236) and outfielders Sue Brksa (.280) and Debbie Fisk (.179) have departed, leaving DiOrio with the task of finding a capable backstop and rebuilding his outfield corps.

But DiOrio still has good reason for his optimism. "The players and the talent are there. We just have to develop it and fit it into the right slots."

First Team Converse All-American pitcher Debbie Tidy and Second Team All-American shortstop Elizabeth Luckie head the list of lettermen. The return of this pair along with the maturation of the other vets, the addition of some talented freshmen and junior transfer Gail Holtznagel (a Second Team All-American

pitcher in 1983) give credence to DiOrio's optimism.

It's claimed that softball is 90 per cent of the game and in this area the Pioneers appear to be on solid ground once more. Tidy, only a sophomore, and junior Nancy Stanton combined to lead the nation in pitching a year ago. The pair sported a stingy 0.21 ERA, allowing just 11 earned runs in 359.2 innings worked. Tidy was simply outstanding as she was second nationally in ERA (0.16), victories (30) and strikeouts (348). Stanton finished eighth in ERA at 0.35 over 101.1 frames.

This dynamic mound duo is now a trio with the presence of Holtznagel, who sat out last season after transferring from Southern Conn. DiOrio now has the luxury of three outstanding pitchers on his staff.

"With the addition of Gail(Holtznagel), we not only have strengthened our pitching but have also added a new dimension in a serious home run threat. Something that we never really had at Sacred Heart."

Holtznagel is a tremendous power hitter and will bat cleanup behind Luckie and sophomore slugger Tracy Gelsingier giving SHU much more offensive punch in its lineup than a year ago. The Lady Pioneers sported a .247 average at the plate last year, averaging 4.3 runs per outing and DiOrio would like to see both of those stats climb a little.

The infield returns intact with Luckie, one of SHU's best distaff athletes, the foundation at shortstop. Luckie stroked the ball at a .355 clip while Gelsingier, the other half of the Canadian connection, is set at first. Gelsingier turned in an impressive freshman campaign and was the only other SHU player besides Luckie to post a batting average over .300 at .326. Junior Sue Teoli, the pepper pot third sacker who batted .183, and slick fielding sophomore Pam London (.184) can both handle the pressure defensively but will be looked to contribute more with the bats.

Junior Donna Radakovitz (.239) will be switched from left to center and will most likely be flanked by sophomore Kim Schmidt and freshman Kim DeCarlo. Schmidt has the potential to become an excellent all-around performer over the next three seasons while DeCarlo has been impressive in the fall and pre-season workouts and can become one of the few to earn a spot in the starting lineup in her rookie season.

"Defensively, Janine Sesa will have to get the job done behind the plate in making up for the loss of Diane(Zalewski)," noted DiOrio. The junior receiver will be entrusted with the all-important job of handling the talented mound trio after seeing only spot duty the last two seasons. Sesa will be able to concentrate solely on that task as she will be DHed for by Holtznagel.

DiOrio will be able to go to his bench and make some moves if needed with junior Tracey Brown and freshman Maryann Piorek providing depth in the infield and South Africa's Sharon Clarke and junior transfer Ann Farley doing the same in the outfield. Freshman Mary St. Pierre or Schmidt can also be called upon to back up Sesa behind the plate.

Summing up this season's prospectus, coach DiOrio stated, "We're looking forward to what can be a very exciting season for us. We have the nucleus of a very fine team that is a very cohesive unit. It's a very close-knit group and that makes things a lot better and gratifying in the long run."

Pete DiOrio

HEAD SOFTBALL COACH

Coaching Record

Year	Regular Season	Overall	
*1980	17-1	17-5	*AIAW World Series at Cal. St. Sacramento
**1981	25-1	27-3	**AIAW East Regionals
***1982	26-4	29-7	***Third place in NCAA Div. II Championships at Stratford, Conn.
****1983	34-2-1	37-5-1	**** Fourth place in NCAA Div. II Championships at Orange, Calif.
*****1984	38-3	42-6	***** Third place in NCAA Div. II Championships at Sioux Falls, S.D.
Total	140-11-1 (.927)	152-26-1 (.854)	

In just six short seasons Pete DiOrio has built the Sacred Heart University women's softball program into the pride of New England while challenging annually for national honors as well.

Plenty of hours and hard work have been put into the development and enrichment of the program and the results have made it well worth it. DiOrio has directed his Lady Pioneers to five straight post-season appearances while emerging victorious more than 85 per cent of the time (152-26-1).

After competing in the AIAW post-season tournaments during his first two seasons back in 1980 and 1981, DiOrio has guided SHU to three consecutive appearances in the NCAA Final

Four. The 1984 Pioneers won a school record 42 games and finished third in the NCAA's after placing fourth in 1983 and third in the 1982 event when Sacred Heart hosted the NCAA's at Raybestos Memorial Field.

Five All-Americans have played for the Providence, R.I. native who is also responsible for the construction of Pioneer Park, one of the finest softball facilities in the nation where NCAA Regional tournaments have been played the last three years. The addition of lights is planned for the future.

DiOrio is also recognized as one of the country's top softball umpires, having worked in several national tournaments, in addition to the National Sports Festival. Two summers ago, DiOrio had the honor of coaching a select group of New England collegiate all-star players for a series of games with the touring Italian National Softball team. DiOrio's club won all five games played.

An assistant to SHU athletic director Dave Bike, DiOrio joined the school's athletic staff 11 years ago. Prior to then, he received valuable experience as a member of the athletic staffs at Brown and Fairfield universities.

He was an equally successful baseball coach at SHU before starting the softball program. Three straight years (1976-78), DiOrio took Sacred Heart to post-season tournaments, capped by the NCAA Northeast Regional title and a berth in the Division II World Series in Springfield, Ill., in 1976. That club had a 22-7 record and a No.6 national ranking.



Ed Macciocca — Assistant Coach



Ed Macciocca has been a major factor in the success of the Sacred Heart softball program, and has been associated with the Lady Pioneers right from the start six seasons ago. The Bridgeport, Conn., native has close to 35 years experience as a player and coach, the last 24 in the capacity of sponsor and manager of the Aetna (Conn) Coeds. Very knowledgeable in all aspects of the game, Macciocca has earned national respect for his Coeds, a top-notch women's amateur combine. His teams have won 11 Connecticut ASA championships and four New England Regional titles. The Coeds have played in six National Tournaments, the latest this past summer when they won once and lost twice to finish 12th in Tonowanda, N.Y. Their best finish in a national event was in 1977 when they placed sixth. The amiable veteran is always willing to lend a hand when needed for a worthy cause. He was duly awarded the Sacred Heart Outstanding Service Award in 1983 for his contributions to the Sacred Heart community. Ed is the man mainly responsible for keeping Pioneer Park in such fine shape during the season.

Al Yaeger — Assistant Coach



Al Yaeger is entering his fourth season as an assistant coach for the Sacred Heart softball combine. Al's primary responsibility is that of a hitting coach. A native of Stamford who now resides in Seymour, he established himself as one of the finest hitters in the game of softball and made his mark in the National ASA men's fast pitch circles over a 14-year career with the Raybestos and Franklin Cardinals. Yaeger finished his career with a .290 batting average against the toughest pitching in the world. A left-handed hitter, Yaeger was noted for his keen batting eye and was a three-time National ASA All-American. Two years ago he served as a coach for the Cardinals who captured the National championship and earned a berth in the 1984 World Championship as America's representative. An outstanding baseball player in his scholastic days in Stamford, he had a promising pro career cut short by a leg injury.

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Traci Morris

(Co-Captain)

Height: 5'5" Weight: 145

Class: Senior Position: 1B

High School: Monroe Woodbury

Major: Accounting

Hometown: Monroe, N.Y.

#28



"Traci Morris is one of the greatest kids to ever come through here," exclaims Pete DiOrio about the determined redhead from Monroe, N.Y...."If she did not hurt her knee, she would have been one of the all-time greats"...she hit a solid .274 during the 1983 season with 10 of her hits going for extra bases...a tremendous power hitter...Traci suffered a knee injury two years ago in the fall and she has undergone six knee operations since then, the latest in January...her knee problems make it very doubtful if she will ever play softball again...a very mentally strong and mature individual, Traci is a leader on and off the field and was paid a big tribute by DiOrio and her teammates when she was named a co-captain despite her doubtful playing status..."everybody follows the example of Traci Morris. It's like having another coach out there," notes DiOrio...one of the leading students at Sacred Heart, Traci has been a Dean's List student all four years and is very proud of her 3.84 cumulative average in the classroom...had a brilliant scholastic career at Monroe Woodbury where she was a multi-talented performer, setting several section and state records in shot put and discus...belted one of the longest homers at Pioneer Park against Pace University...sheer desire and determination are her greatest attributes.



YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.274	42	117	18	32	7	2	1	27	46	1	23	9	414	12	8	.982
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Elizabeth 'Bippy' Luckie #10

(Co-Captain, All-American)

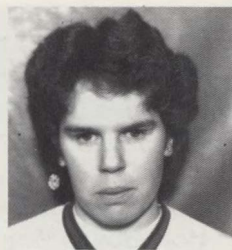
Height: 5'6" Weight: 150

Class: Senior Position: INF

High School: Ogdensburg Free Academy

Major: Criminal Justice

Hometown: Ogdensburg, N.Y.



In Pete DiOrio's words, "You just can't describe how good Bippy Luckie is. She is the best female student athlete we've ever had at Sacred Heart and she has done everything ever asked of her and more"...a Second Team Converse All-American at shortstop, Bippy led the Lady Pioneers in every major offensive category while batting .355 and driving in 24 runs...established five new offensive records for at-bats (169), hits (60), doubles (13), total bases (83) and runs scored (32)...DiOrio believes that she will be a First Team All-American choice as she hits with power as well as average, knocks in runs when it counts and is an excellent fielder...just as outstanding in the classroom, Bippy is a Dean's List student...gained valuable experience playing for the reknown Raybestos Brakettes this past summer as the famous Stratford, Conn. combine finished second in the National ASA Women's event in Tonowanda, NY...also played in the pre-Olympic tourney in Los Angeles, hitting a home run against Mexico...played for Maryhelen McCarthy's volleyball team this past fall...an excellent basketball player as well, Bippy is the all-time scoring leader (771 points) and holds five SHU records...came to SHU as a highly-touted transfer from Jefferson CC in Watertown, NY where she gained All-American honors in both basketball and softball.



YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.327	43	147	29	48	8	1	1	28	61	2	9	8	55	110	12	.932
1984	.355	46	169	32	60	13	2	2	24	83	1	8	10	52	63	10	.920
Total	.341	89	316	61	108	21	3	3	52	144	3	17	18	107	173	22	.927

Tracy Gelsinger

#2



Height: 5'11" Weight: 175
 Class: Sophomore Position: OF/1B
 High School: Killarney
 Major: Sociology
 Hometown: Vancouver, B.C.

Tracy Gelsinger turned in as good a freshman season as anyone could have with a hefty .323 norm at the plate and a fine .981 fielding average while handling over 350 chances at first...played in all 47 games and led the team in stolen bases (6)...second to Bippy Luckie in every other major offensive category...her season was highlighted by her selection to the NCAA Division II Final Four All-Tournament team at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD...displayed power with 67 total bases in addition to hitting for average...as quick as they come at first and, if called upon, could be one of the best outfielders on the squad...an aggressive hitter who is always swinging the bat, she only fanned six times in 164 at-bats...will bat in the third slot and will be expected to drive in a lot of runs...displays total hustle at all times

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1984	.326	47	164	27	53	7	2	1	21	67	6	9	6	325	29	7	.981

Tracey Brown

#7



Height: 5'5" Weight: 135
 Class: Junior Position: INF
 High School: St. Mary's
 Major: Criminal Justice
 Hometown: Nahant, Mass.

Tracey Brown is a two-year veteran and has contributed to the SHU diamond success by filling the role of a reserve infielder...coach DiOrio is toying with the idea of making Tracey a catcher but she will most likely be filling in again around the infield...hit .435 in 23 at-bats as a freshman but dropped off considerably last year with only two hits in 27 plate appearances...will have to improve upon her hitting if she is going to play more...can handle the pressure defensively...the Bay State product was a three-sport star and MVP in volleyball, basketball and softball while at St. Mary's where she earned all-star honors in softball three seasons.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.435	22	23	6	10	0	0	0	1	10	1	0	0	5	8	1	.929
1984	.074	28	27	10	2	0	0	0	2	2	3	7	4	8	14	5	.814
Total	.240	50	50	16	12	0	0	0	3	12	4	7	4	13	22	6	.853

Pam London

#3



Height: 5'5" Weight: 130
 Class: Sophomore Position: INF
 High School: Central
 Major: Political Science
 Hometown: Bridgeport, Conn.

Pam London turned out to be a pleasant surprise for the Lady Pioneers in her freshman season as she earned the starting job at second base and made only four errors in 140 chances for a .971 fielding average...coach DiOrio believes that London, "is a better hitter than her .184 average showed"...a dedicated performer, the two-time All-MBIAC infielder at Central puts in long hours of extra work before and after practice...one of few Pioneers with real quickness...developed into a fine second baseman, able to make the pivot on the double play...an adept bunter she might be moved up to the second spot in the order...shared the team lead in bases-on-balls with 28...played for the Aetna Coeds over the summer and had the opportunity to play in the National ASA Women's tourney in Buffalo, N.Y.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1984	.184	36	76	18	14	1	1	0	7	17	2	28	11	56	80	4	.971

Donna Radakovits

#5



Height: 5'0" Weight: 110
 Class: Junior Position: OF
 High School: Monroe Woodbury
 Major: Criminal Justice
 Hometown: Chester, N.Y.

Donna Radakovitz earned a spot in the starting lineup as an outfielder last year and responded under the pressure...was outstanding in the field as she did not make an error in 24 chances while hitting the ball at a respectable .239 clip...will be expected to provide leadership in the outfield where the departure of Sue Brksa and Debbie Fisk have left her the lone holdover...coach DiOrio describes Donna as, "The silent leader on the team. She is the type of person that is always working for the good of the team."...not tall in stature Donna still manages to get the job done...could well be moved to the top of the lineup from her seventh slot...a contact hitter she is a dangerous sticker with runners in scoring position...hit .265 as a freshman and would like to do the same this season...another very hard worker at her game.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.265	30	68	10	18	4	0	0	13	22	0	8	8	16	3	4	.826
1984	.239	37	88	12	21	0	0	0	6	21	0	10	10	10	1	0	1.000
Total	.250	67	156	22	39	4	0	0	19	43	0	18	18	26	4	4	.882

Kim Schmidt

#17



Height: 5'8" Weight: 145
Class: Sophomore Position: INF-OF
High School: Notre Dame
Major: Business
Hometown: Bridgeport, Conn.

Coach DiOrio predicts that, "Kim will be one of the finest hitters ever to come into our program. She really started to show progress at the end of last year and she had an outstanding fall..."...was able to make the transition to the collegiate game with a strong showing her freshman campaign...will most likely be moved to the outfield and can also see action as a catcher if needed...was a receiver for Ed Macciocca's Aetna Coeds in their drive to the National ASA Women's tourney in Tonowanda, N.Y...not extremely quick, she manages to get a good jump on the ball in the outfield and has a very strong arm...hit the ball well against good competition for the Coeds...a free-wheeling type hitter, she can hit with power as well as average...tossed in eight points and pulled down five rebounds for the women's basketball team.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1984	.213	30	75	6	16	1	0	0	2	17	1	2	12	6	7	3	.813

Janine Sesa

#26



Height: 5'4" Weight: 150
Class: Junior Position: Catcher
High School: Burke Catholic
Major: English
Hometown: Middletown, N.Y.

Janine Sesa has seen limited playing time as a catcher behind two great ones in All-American Pat Suchower her freshman season and All New England Diane Zalewski last year...has paid her dues and waited patiently during that period...will be expected to take over behind the plate this season...considered an excellent defensive receiver with a strong and accurate arm, Janine is a gutsy performer and a very hard worker...one of several Dean's List students on the squad...not an extremely strong hitter, she will be DHed for so that she will be better able to concentrate on the all-important job of handling the talented mound corps of the Pioneers...a captain in both softball and soccer while in high school...DiOrio believes that Janine, "has all the tools needed to become a good catcher."

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.286	8	7	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	15	1	0	1.000
1984	.000	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	1.000
Total	.181	14	11	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	29	1	0	1.000

Nancy Stanton

#30



Height: 5'9" Weight: 150
 Class: Junior Position: Pitcher
 High School: Durfee
 Major: Political Science
 Hometown: Fall River, Mass.

Nancy Stanton was considered by many to be the second best pitcher to Debbie Tidy in New England last year, posting a stingy ERA of 0.35 and an 11-2 record...has toiled behind a pair of All-American pitchers in Carol Ball her freshman season and Tidy last year...one of the real learners, she has showed considerable improvement since coming to SHU...fired no-hitters against Lowell and Hartford last year...a real hard thrower she has developed her drop and rise balls.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.067	11	15	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	2	7	14	0	1.000
1984	.209	19	43	4	9	1	0	0	8	10	0	2	4	3	41	7	.863
Total	.172	30	58	6	10	1	0	0	9	11	0	5	6	10	55	7	.902

PITCHING

YR	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	R	ER	SO	BB	H	ERA	IP
1983	10	6	4	4	0	1.000	3	1	18	14	12	0.16	42.2
1984	18	13	9	11	2	.846	20	5	84	13	40	0.35	101.1
Total	28	19	13	15	2	.882	23	6	102	27	52	0.29	144.0

Sue Teoli

#4



Height: 5'7" Weight: 135
 Class: Junior Position: INF
 High School: St. Mark's
 Major: Computer Science
 Hometown: Wilmington, Del.

Sue Teoli enters her third season as a starter at third base for the Lady Pioneers and has earned the reputation as one of the finest performers at the hot corner in the region...batted .291 as a freshman but did not hit as well as expected last year with a .183 norm...rebounded with a fine fall season at the plate, stroking the ball at a .340 clip...a super defensive player she, "may be the best third baseman around," according to coach DiOrio...players have dubbed her 'Suzie Hustle' because of her enthusiasm for the game...a durable athlete Teoli was one of five players to appear in all 47 games after seeing action in 41-of-43 her rookie season...perpetual motion on the field as she never stops moving and is constantly chattering encouragement to her teammates...has no fear of playing in close at third...possesses a quick, strong arm.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1983	.291	41	103	15	30	2	0	0	14	32	4	12	4	20	66	10	.896
1984	.183	47	126	19	23	4	0	0	12	27	1	19	12	36	71	9	.922
Total	.231	88	229	34	53	6	0	0	26	59	5	31	16	56	137	19	.910

Debbie Tidy

(All-American)

Height: 6'1" Weight: 165

Class: Sophomore Position: Pitcher

High School: Killarney

Major: Criminal Justice

Hometown: Vancouver, B.C.

#11



Debbie Tidy certainly lived up to her pre-season billing last year as one of the top hurlers in the country as she earned First Team Converse All-American honors with a sparkling 30-4 record and a miniscule 0.16 ERA in 258 innings of work...the Canadian phenom recorded six perfect games, 11 no-hitters and 23 shutouts...as good as she is, Debbie still is anxious to learn more and continues to work on improving her skills...coach DiOrio believes that, "we really haven't seen Debbie Tidy at her best yet. She had problems with her shins towards the end of the year and she wasn't really 100 percent"...hopefully this shin problem will be cured, allowing the lanky hurler to work on becoming physically stronger and making her a better pitcher...followed in footsteps of previous SHU All-Americans Carol Ball (pitcher, 82 and 83) and Pat Suchower (catcher, 83)...shattered Sacred Heart pitching records for appearances (39), wins (30), shutouts (23),innings pitched (258.1), strikeouts in a game (17), and strikeouts in a season (348)...walked only 20 batters or one every 12.9 innings while averaging close to 10 strikeouts per seven innings...played volleyball this past fall for former All New England outfielder Mary-Helen McCarthy...undefeated (35-0) at Killarney High...her summer team, the Vancouver Hikers (coached by former Brakette great Pat Harrison), finished runnerup for the Canadian National title two years ago when she was also named the Outstanding Pitcher in the Tournament of Roses event in Portland, Ore.



YR	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	R	PITCHING				H	ERA	IP			
								ER	SO	BB	BB						
1984	39	35	34	30	4	.882	13	6	348	20	73	0.16	258.1				
YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	PCT
1984	.234	40	107	6	25	0	0	0	14	25	0	4	5	12	57	2	.972

Gail Holznagel

#20



Height: 5'10" Weight: 240
Class: Junior Position: Pitcher/DH
High School: Sheehan
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Wallingford, Conn.

Gail Holznagel should figure prominently in SHU's softball plans for the next two seasons after transferring from Southern Conn. where she earned Second Team All-American honors as a pitcher her sophomore season in 1983...is anxious to get back in action after sitting out all last season...a long-ball hitter with plenty of power, Gail will add another dimension to the SHU offense as she will be the DH and the number four hitter when not on the mound...was the only pitcher in New England to beat the Lady Pioneers in the 1983 season, outdueling Carol Ball, 2-1, in an 18-inning thriller...posted an 18-6 record that season with a 0.20 ERA and led the nation with 226 K's in 212.1 innings...SHU's staff was the stingiest in the nation last year with a combined ERA of 0.16 and her addition will just make it that much better...played for the Franklin Coronets out of West Haven during the summer...while at Sheehan High she made All Housatonic League softball three years and was all-state twice...will be counted upon to knock in runs from her cleanup spot.

Ann Farley

#12

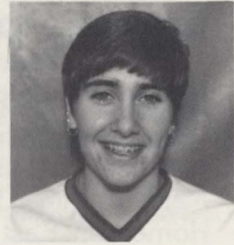


Height: 5'2" Weight: 130
Class: Junior Position: OF
High School: Lowell
Major: Business
Hometown: Lowell, Mass.

Ann Farley transferred to Sacred Heart after an outstanding two years at Middlesex (Mass.) Community College where she received All New England honors in both softball and basketball...the diminutive Bay Stater batted .333 as a freshman and a glossy .656 as a sophomore...received the Coaches Award at Lowell High her senior season for softball...earned her way on the squad as a walkon...was a pleasant surprise for Pedro Tagatac's basketball team as she averaged nearly eight points and three assists in directing the offense...has impressed coach DiOrio with her knowledge of the game...has a strong grasp of the fundamentals of the game of softball...slowed somewhat by the fact that she missed the fall season, Ann will still be counted upon to see action in the outfield...played third base and centerfield while at Middlesex.

Kim DeCarlo

#15

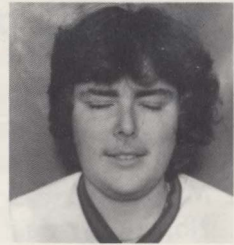


Height: 5'4" Weight: 135
Class: Freshman Position: OF
High School: Newtown
Major: Computer Science
Hometown: Newtown, Conn.

Kim DeCarlo may be one of the few freshmen ever to earn a spot in the starting lineup as an outfielder based upon a strong showing in the fall season when she hit well over .300...although an outstanding scholastic pitcher, coach DiOrio was even more impressed by her prowess with the bat..."Kim's best attribute is that she has the potential to become an excellent hitter on the collegiate level. She has good knowledge of the strike zone and waits for and hits good pitches," notes DiOrio...one of the team's best hitters in the fall, she hit with power, for average, in the clutch and drove in runs...turned in a brilliant career at Newtown where she received the Best Overall Senior Athlete (boy or girl) Award as well as several scholarship grants...was the MVP in softball and volleyball...compiled a four-year record of 62 victories and 23 defeats on the hill in addition to hitting over .300 during that span...has the lone distinction of being named to the Western Conn. Conference (WCC) all-star team all four years.

Sharon Clarke

#8

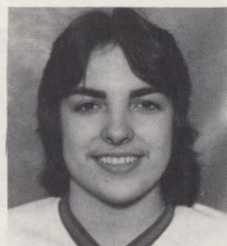


Height: 5'5" Weight: 140
Class: Freshman Position: INF
High School: Damelin College High School
Major: Undecided
Hometown: Johannesburg, South Africa

Sharon Clarke is a long way from home and comes to Sacred Heart highly recommended from an area that doesn't really have much softball...a lack of experience will be her biggest problem as she played only once or twice a week back home in Johannesburg...coach DiOrio feels that, with an ample amount of work, Sharon can turn into a pleasant surprise by the end of the season...performed well at times during the fall campaign...the strongest part of Sharon's game right now is her potential to become a pretty good hitter...came to SHU as an infielder but could possible see action in the outfield...one of the main reasons for her coming to Sacred Heart was to improve her softball skills.

Mary St. Pierre

#16



Height: 5'7" Weight: 185
Class: Freshman Position: Catcher
High School: East Haven
Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: East Haven, Conn.

Mary St. Pierre is another Lady Pioneer who has excelled not only on the field but in the classroom as well...she received the Scholar Athlete Award and the Senior Scholarship while at East Haven High School...played four years of softball and basketball, three in soccer and also competed a year on the swim team...was an All Housatonic League second team selection as a catcher for the Easties as they captured the CIAC state title and the Housatonic League crown...will have to work on making transition from high school to college softball...going to be brought along gradually and will have to learn...needs to improve upon quickness and more work on fundamentals...does have outstanding power at the plate and when she did hit, she hit for power in the fall...played briefly for Pedro Tagatac's basketball team over the winter.

Maryann Piorek

#6



Height: 5'4" Weight: 110
Class: Junior Position: IF/OF
High School: Andrew Warde
Major: Business
Hometown: Fairfield, Conn.

Maryann Piorek comes to Sacred Heart as a highly sought after scholastic athlete from Warde High School where she was an outstanding softball and volleyball performer...received scholar athlete award her senior year as she ranked 27th overall in her class with a 3.594 academic average...gained All-FCIAC honors in softball last year and batted .480 in the state playoffs...was All-State and All-FCIAC in volleyball and played a major role in the revitalization of MaryHelen McCarthy's volleyball combine last fall...has the tools needed to become a good college player and will be expected to contribute immediately...swings from the left side of the dish and is an excellent bunter and very quick...basically an infielder, she is very versatile and may play a little in the outfield...picked up valuable experience as a member of Ed Macciocca's Aetna Coeds last summer in their march to the national tourney in Tonowanda, NY.

1984 IN REVIEW

LADY PIONEERS 42-6 AND 3RD IN NCAA FINALS

Freshman pitching sensation Debbie Tidy from Vancouver, British Columbia was simply outstanding as she led the Sacred Heart 1984 women's softball team to another very successful 42-6 season that saw the Lady Pioneers finish third in the NCAA Division II Softball championships.

The prognosis for the 1984 softball combine was indeed uncertain after the graduation of All-American pitcher Carol Ball, who had hurled SHU to third and fourth place finishes in the first two NCAA events.

But Tidy proved to be just what coach Pete DiOrio needed as she responded with a 30-4 record and a 0.16 ERA that earned her First Team Converse All-American honors, despite her freshman status. The Canadian flash fanned 348 in 258.1 innings of work, which included 23 shutouts, 11 no-hitters and six perfect games.

SHU returned from a 15-day southern trip to Orlando, Fla., with an 8-2 record and from April 3 until May 12 did not lose a game while rolling up 31 straight victories and improving to 40-3. Sacred Heart hosted Bloomsburg State and Mankato State and won the first round of the NCAA tourney before advancing to the Final Four at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. The Lady Pioneers opened with a 3-0 win over Akron before losing to eventual champ Cal. State-Northridge 3-0 and Akron 2-1 in 15 innings to finish third for the second time.

Sophomore Nancy Stanton complemented Tidy very nicely on the hill with an 11-2 record of her own with a 0.35 ERA in 101.1 innings. Junior shortstop Elizabeth Luckie backed up that strong mound work with a team-high .355 average at the plate with 60 hits and 24 RBI that gained her Second Team Converse All-American laurels. Freshman Tracy Gelsinger, another Canadian import, was impressive with a .323 average and 21 RBI.

Senior outfielder Sue Brksa batted .298 and led the team in triples with four while Donna Radakovitz (.253) and tri captain Diane Zalewski (.231) made timely contributions with their sticks.

SHU has won 156 and lost only 26 games over a five-year span.

POST-SEASON HONORS

1980: First Team All-New England:

Carol Ball (P), Mary Helen McCarthy (OF) and Pat Suchower (SS)

1981: First Team All-New England:

Carol Ball (P), Pat Suchower (C), Mary Helen McCarthy (OF), Teal Whitaker (OF) and Sue Bellis (2B)

First Team All-East:

Carol Ball (P) and Pat Suchower (C)

1982: First Team Converse All-American:

Carol Ball (P)

First Team All-New England:

Carol Ball (P), Pat Suchower (1B), Donna DiMuzio (C), Mary Helen McCarthy (OF) and Maria Morris (P)

NCAA All Tourney:

Carol Ball, Pam Lawry, Maria Morris

1983: First Team Converse All-American:

Carol Ball (P) and Pat Suchower (Util.)

First Team All-New England:

Carol Ball (P), Pat Suchower (C), Debbie Fisk (OF), Bppy Luckie (SS)

1984: First Team Converse All-American:

Debbie Tidy (P)

Second Team Converse All-American:

Elizabeth Luckie (SS)

First Team All New England:

Debbie Tidy (P), Elizabeth Luckie (SS), Diane Zalewski (C)

First Team All NECC:

Debbie Tidy (P), Elizabeth Luckie (SS), Diane Zalewski (C), Sue Brksa (OF)

NCAA All Tourney:

Debbie Tidy, Tracy Gelsinger

1984 SEASON RESULTS (42-6, 14-0 NECC)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L	RECORD
Mar. 10	Temple Univ.	3-2 (9 Inn)	W	1-0 Tidy
11	Defiance Col. (Ohio)	8-0	W	2-0 Tidy (perfect)
12	Univ. of Wisconsin (Park.)	7-0	W	3-0 Tidy (no hit)
12	Defiance Col. (Ohio)	3-0	W	4-0
14	IUPUI (Ind.)	1-0	W	5-0 Tidy (perfect)
15	Army	7-0	W	6-0
15	Univ. of Wisconsin (Park.)	1-0 (9 Inn)	W	7-0
16	IUPUI (Ind.)	7-0	L	7-1
17	Ohio State	3-2	L	7-2
19	Miami Univ. (Ohio)	5-0	W	8-2
Apr. 3	Rhode Island Univ.	5-1 (9 Inn)	W	9-2
3	Rhode Island Univ.	4-2	L	9-3
6	Keene State	10-0	W	10-3 Tidy (no hit)
6	Keene State	7-0 forfeit	W	11-3
7	Springfield	1-0	W	12-3 Tidy (perfect)
7	Springfield	2-1	W	13-3
8	New Hampshire College	5-0	W	14-3
8	New Hampshire College	12-2	W	15-3
11	Quinnipiac	1-0	W	16-3
11	Quinnipiac	8-1	W	17-3
14	Lowell	4-0	W	18-3
14	Lowell	4-0	W	19-3 Stanton (no hit)
17	SCSU	4-0	W	20-3
17	SCSU	3-0	W	21-3
19	Hartford	3-0	W	22-3
19	Hartford	7-0	W	23-3 Stanton (no hit)
20	Maine Univ. (Orono)	5-0	W	24-3
20	Maine Univ. (Orono)	2-0	W	25-3
21	Bridgeport	21-0	W	26-3 Tidy (perfect)
21	Bridgeport	5-2	W	27-3
26	AIC	9-1	W	28-3
26	AIC	2-1	W	29-3
28	CCSU	1-0 (8 Inn)	W	30-3
28	CCSU	3-0	W	31-3
30	Queens	10-0	W	32-3 Tidy (perfect)
May 1	CW Post	1-0 (8 Inn)	W	33-3
1	CW Post	1-0 (11 Inn)	W	34-3
3	New Haven	6-0	W	35-3 Tidy (perfect)
3	New Haven	6-1	W	36-3
6	Franklin Pierce	8-0	W	37-3
6	Franklin Pierce	4-0	W	38-3
11	Mankato State *	5-0	W	39-3
11	Bloomsburg State *	1-0 (23 Inn)	W	40-3
12	Bloomsburg State *	3-0	L	40-4
12	Bloomsburg State *	1-0 (8 Inn)	W	41-4 Tidy (no hit)
18	Akron **	3-0	W	42-4
19	Cal-Northridge **	2-0	L	42-5
20	Akron **	2-1 (15 Inn)	L	42-6

* NCAA Opening round at Sacred Heart

** NCAA Final Four at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D.

THE RECORD BOOK

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Batting Average

Season:	Pat Suchower, 1980 (33-65)	.508
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83 (158-405)	.390

At Bats

Game:	Bippy Luckie, vs. Bloomsburg St. 5/11/84	10
Season:	Bippy Luckie, 1984	169
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	405

Runs Scored

Game:	Teal Whitaker, vs. Bentley 4/12/81	5
Season:	Pat Suchower, 1983	55
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	127

Hits

Game:	Sue Huot, vs. Western Conn. 4/11/80	4
	Alice Coursen, vs. St. Peter's 5/7/80	4
	Debbie Fisk, vs. Hartford 4/4/81	4
	MaryHelen McCarthy, vs. Vermont 4/11/81	4
	Pat Suchower, vs. La Salle 4/26/81	4
	Teal Whitaker, vs. Yale 4/28/81	4
	Donna DiMuzio, vs. Franklin Pierce 5/4/82	4
	Pat Suchower, vs. Franklin Pierce 5/4/82	4
	Pat Suchower, vs. Vermont 4/2/83	4
	Bippy Luckie vs. UB, 4/21/84	4
Season:	Bippy Luckie, 1984	60
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	158

Doubles

Game:	Pat Suchower, vs. Lowell 4/12/80	2
	Pat Suchower, vs. Bridgeport 4/8/81	2
	Pat Suchower, vs. Yale 4/27/82	2
	Tracey Shackett, vs. Franklin Pierce 4/18/81	2
	Julie Farina, vs. Franklin Pierce 4/18/81	2
	Donna DiMuzio, vs. Providence 4/16/82	2
	Donna Radakovits, vs. Princeton 3/26/83	2
	Bippy Luckie, vs. Maine 4/22/83	2
Season:	Bippy Luckie, 1984	13
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	24

Triples

Game:	Teal Whitaker, vs. Coast Guard 4/1/81	2
Season:	Teal Whitaker, 1981	8
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	17

Home Runs

Game:	Several tied with 1	1
Season:	Pat Suchower, 1983	3
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	7

RBI

Game:	Bippy Luckie, vs. UB 4/21/84	5
Season:	Teal Whitaker, 1981	31
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	82

Total Bases

Game:	Pat Suchower, vs. Franklin Pierce 5/4/82	8
Season:	Bippy Luckie, 1984	83
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	237

Stolen Bases

Game:	Sue Huot, vs. Roger Williams 3/29/80	2
	Lois Consiglio, vs. Roger Williams 3/29/80	2
	Tracey Brown, vs. Queens, 4/30/84	2
Season:	Donna DiMuzio, 1982	11
Career:	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	15

Walks

Game:	MaryHelen McCarthy, vs. Keene State 3/28/81	4
	Maria Morris, vs. New York Tech 4/14/82	4
	Pam London, vs. C.W. Post, 4/15/84	4
Season:	Pat Suchower, 1983	32
Career:	MaryHelen McCarthy, 1980-83	97

Strikeouts

Game:	MaryHelen McCarthy, vs. Cal. State Northridge 5/29/82	4
	MaryHelen McCarthy, vs. Southern Conn. 5/7/83	4
	Traci Morris, vs. Southern Conn. 5/7/83	4
Season:	MaryHelen McCarthy, 1983	17
Career:	MaryHelen McCarthy, 1980-83	39
	Pat Suchower, 1980-83	39

Sacrifice Bunts

Season:	Sue Brksa, 1984	17
Career:	MaryHelen McCarthy, 1980-83	30

Pitching

Appearances:

Season:	Debbie Tidy, 39, 1984
Career:	Carol Ball, 89, 1980-83

Starts:

Season:	Carol Ball, 31, 1983
Career:	Carol Ball, 84, 1980-83

Complete Games:

Season:	Carol Ball, 30, 1983
Career:	Carol Ball, 79, 1980-83

Wins:

Season:	Debbie Tidy, 30, 1984
Career:	Carol Ball, 71, 1980-83

Losses:

Season:	Carol Ball, 5, 1983
Career:	Carol Ball, 14, 1980-83

Shutouts:

Season:	Debbie Tidy, 23, 1984
Career:	Carol Ball, 39, 1980-83

Innings Pitched:

Game:	Debbie Tidy, 23, vs. Bloomsburg St. 5/11/84
Season:	Debbie Tidy, 258.1, 1984
Career:	Carol Ball, 598.6, 1980-83

ERA:

Season:	Debbie Fisk, 0.00 (0ER-41 IP), 1983
Career:	Carol Ball, 0.38 (33ER-598.6 IP), 1980-83

Strikeouts:

Game:	Debbie Tidy, 17, vs. UB 4/21/84
Season:	Debbie Tidy, 348, 1984
Career:	Carol Ball, 400, 1980-83

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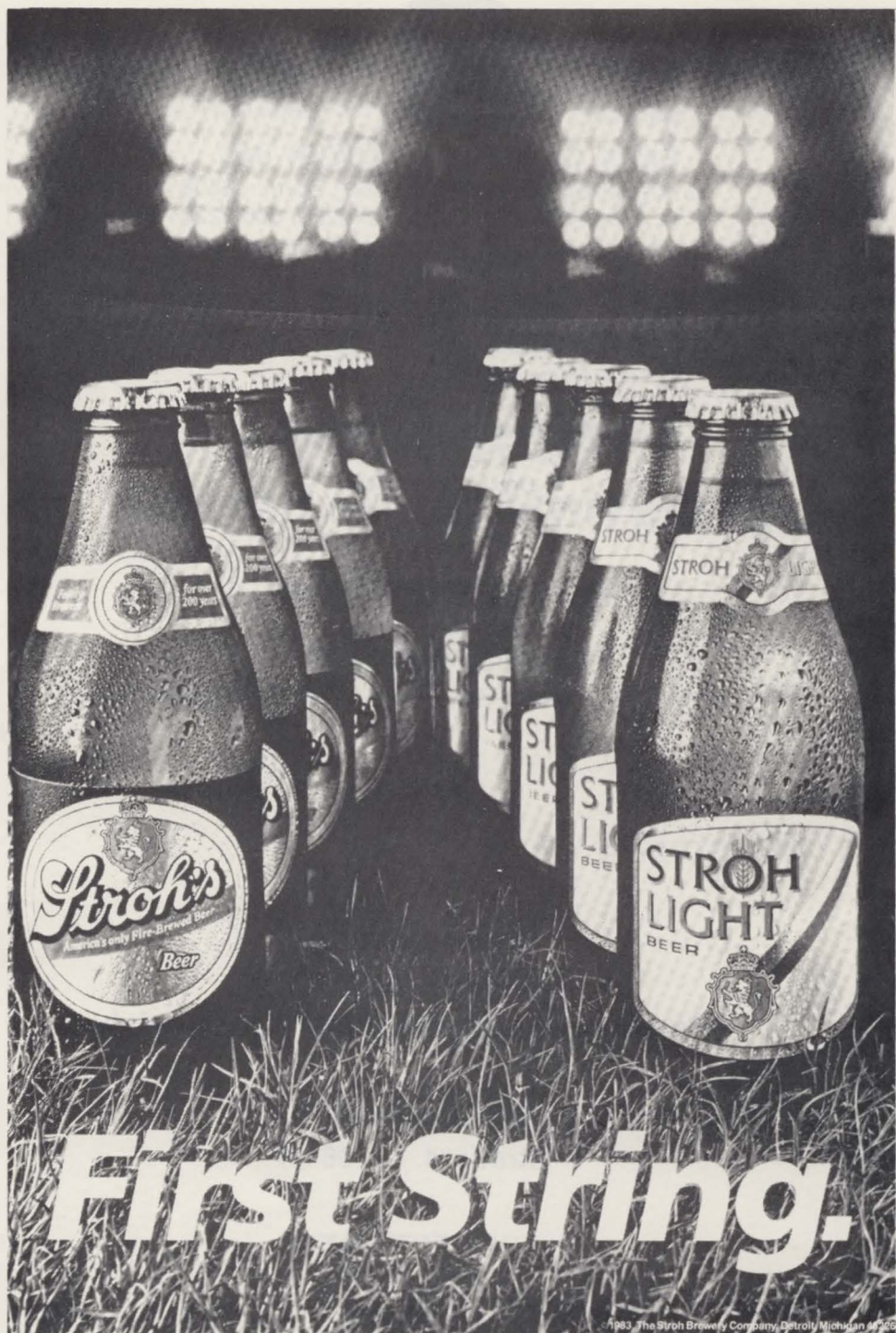
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7	Tracey Brown*	IF	R-R	5-5	135	JR	St. Mary's	Nahant, MA
8	Sharon Clarke	OF	R-R	5-5	140	FR	Damelin	Johannesburg, So. Africa
15	Kim DeCarlo	OF	R-R	5-4	135	FR	Newtown H.S.	Newtown, CT
12	Ann Farley	OF	R-R	5-2	125	JR	Lowell High	Lowell, MA
2	Tracy Gelsing*	IB	R-R	5-10	175	SO	Killarney	Vancouver, B.C.
20	Gail Holznagel	P	R-R	5-10	240	JR	Sheehan H.S.	Wallingford, CT
3	Pam London*	IF	R-R	5-5	125	SO	Central	Bridgeport, CT
10**	Elizabeth Luckie	IF	R-R	5-7	140	SR	Ogdensburg Free Adademy	Ogdensburg, NY
28**	Traci Morris	1B	R-R	5-5	130	SR	Monroe Woodbury	Monroe, NY
5	Maryann Plorek	IF	L-R	5-4	130	FR	Andrew Warde	Fairfield, CT
6	Donna Radadovits*	OF	R-R	5-0	110	JR	Monroe Woodbury	Chester, NY
26	Janine Sesa*	C	R-R	5-4	150	JR	Burke Catholic	Middletown, NY
17	Kim Schmidt*	OF/C	R-R	5-8	145	SO	Notre Dame	Bridgeport, CT
30	Nancy Stanton*	P/OF	R-R	5-9	160	JR	Durfee	Fall River, MA
16	Mary St. Pierre	C	R-R	5-7	185	FR	East Haven H.S.	East Haven, CT
4	Sue Teoli*	IF	R-R	5-7	130	JR	St. Mark's	Wilmington, DEL
11	Debbie Tidy*	P	L-R	6-1	165	SO	Killarney	Vancouver, B.C.

* Lettermen **Co-captains

Head Coach: Pete DiOrto (6th Year, 152-26-1)

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Athletic Director: Dave Bike

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SID: Al Sulzycski

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL - SPRING 1985

Southern Trip — Orlando, Florida

March 10	U. of Detroit	1:00 p.m.
10	Temple University	2:30 p.m.
11	Indiana State Univ.	11:30 p.m.
11	Iowa State Univ.	1:00 p.m.
12	Univ. of So. Florida (2) • Tampa	2:00 p.m.
14	Army	4:00 p.m.
14	Iowa State Univ.	7:00 p.m.
15	Indiana State Univ.	1:00 p.m.
15	Army	4:00 p.m.
17	Maine Univ. (Orono)	5:30 p.m.

(All games at Varner Stadium, Orlando, Florida)

Northern Schedule

March 30	*Central Conn. State U. (2)	HOME	2:00 p.m.
31	American Int. Col. (2)	Away	1:00 p.m.
April 3	Univ. of Rhode Island (2)	Away	2:00 p.m.
5	LADY LION CLASSIC-Univ. Park, Penn		
6	SHU, East Carolina, Penn State, Colgate		
7	Ohio State, URI, Virginia, and Maine		
9	Univ. of Massachusetts (2)	Away	2:00 p.m.
12	LADY FLAMES INVITATIONAL- Lynchburg, Virginia		
13	SHU, U. of North Carolina, Virginia,		
14	Virginia Commonwealth, and Georgia State		
16	*Bridgeport Univ. (2)	Away	2:00 p.m.
18	*Quinnipiac College (2)	Away	2:00 p.m.
20	*New Hampshire College (2)	HOME	1:00 p.m.
21	*Lowell Univ. (2)	HOME	11:00 a.m.
23	*So. Conn. State U. (2)	HOME	2:00 p.m.
25	*Univ. of New Haven (2)	Away	2:00 p.m.
27	New York Tech (2)	HOME	1:00 p.m.
28	C.W. Post (2)	Away	1:00 p.m.
30	Hartford Univ. (2)	HOME	2:00 p.m.
May 2	Concordia College (2)	HOME	2:00 p.m.
5	Iona College (2)	HOME	1:00 p.m.

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