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LADY PIONEER SOFTBALL

FACTS ABOUT SACRED HEART

Location: 5229 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. 06602

Founded: 1963

Enrollment: 1500

President: Dr. Thomas Melady

Athletic Affiliations: National College Athletic Association (NCAA)

Conference: Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC)

Nickname: Lady Pioneers

Colors: Red and White

Field: Pioneer Field

Athletic Director: Dave Bike

Assistant to AD, Head Softball Coach: Pete DiOrio

Assistant Coaches: Ed Macciocca, Al Yaeger, Bob Baird

Manager: Jeff Ellis

Athletic Department Phones: (203) 371-7826, 7827, 7828

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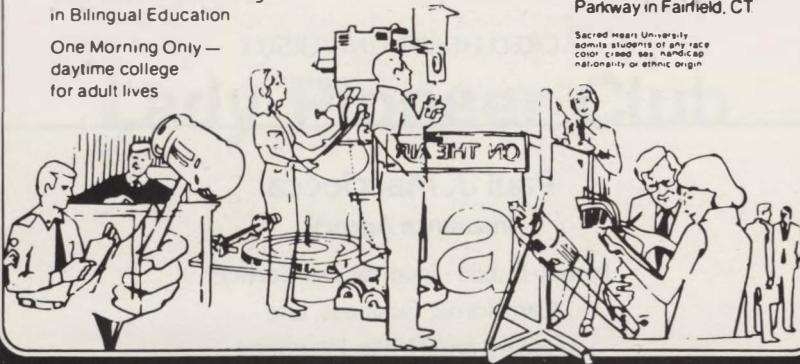
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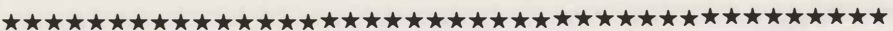


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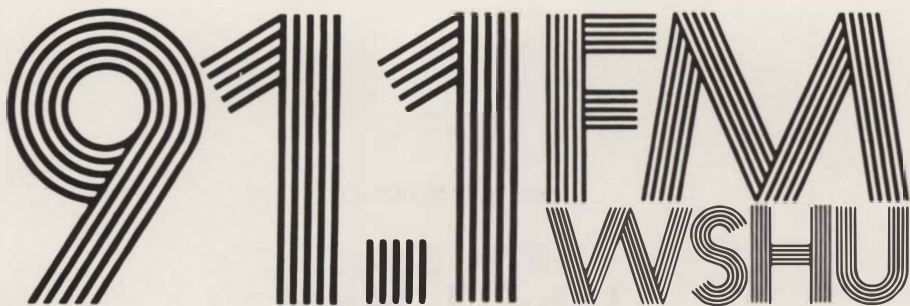
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UNIVERSITY PROFILE

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 1500 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.





SHU OUTLOOK

Taking into consideration what the Sacred Heart University women's softball team accomplished last year, what could they possibly do for an encore in 1983?

That's one question fourth-year mentor Pete DiOrio readily has the answer to.

"There's no doubt in our minds what we're shooting for," said DiOrio who has guided SHU into national prominence in just three years. "Our goal is to win the National title."

DiOrio, for one, knows that's easier said than done. Standing between Sacred Heart and a berth in the NCAA Division II finals, slated this year for Chapman College in Orange, California, are many obstacles to be overcome.

However, DiOrio has never been one to back down from a challenge. "It will be even tougher this year," said DiOrio, "but that's not to say it's impossible."

Nothing is impossible considering the vast amount of talent which Sacred Heart has at its disposal.

Last year at this time, DiOrio said his team had the capability to qualify for the Nationals (the NCAA Division II inaugural event was hosted by Sacred Heart in 1982) "if we played up to our potential and get a few breaks along the way."

SHU did just that in compiling a 29-7 record en route to a third place finish in the tournament finals. The Lady Pioneers dropped a pair of closely-contested 1-0 games to runnerup California State University at Northridge.

"Who knows what could have happened if we had a hit here or there. We came so close to winning it all," reminisced the Pioneer skipper.

For three straight years the Lady Pioneers have been New England's top-ranked team. They have to be at their best each and every outing as opponents savor the thought of beating them. That in itself would make their season.

"We can't afford a letdown," added DiOrio who has a 73-15 career mark and has taken SHU to three straight post-season tournaments, including a pair of National tournaments. SHU also participated in the A.I.A.W. World Series in Sacramento, California in 1980.

As the team prepares for its annual Florida trip, playing nine games against college opposition plus three games with the former National amateur champion Orlando, Florida Rebels, DiOrio thinks "this could be our finest team."

Sacred Heart is fortunate to have an exceptional senior class, led by first team All-American pitcher Carol Ball of Branford, Conn. Other four-year veterans are catcher Pat Suchower of Ansonia, Conn., second baseman Pam Lawry of Hamden, Conn. and centerfielder MaryHelen McCarthy of Fairfield, Conn.

"Our seniors are leaders on and off the field," added DiOrio. "We will go as far as they will take us."

The quartet is primed for the season, coming off outstanding fall campaigns during which SHU streaked to a 19-1 record. Ball had an 8-1 record with 0.54 ERA and 51 strikeouts in 56 innings. Suchower, the former St. Joseph High star, led with a .415 batting average and 16 RBI. She also had eight extra base hits, including three homers. Lawry hit a solid .304, her highest ever at SHU, while the lefthanded McCarthy fashioned a .396 norm.

Ball, Suchower and McCarthy were all first team All New England selections last year.

Last spring, Ball compiled a 20-4 record with 134 K's in 167 innings of work. Boasting an assortment of pitches, the right hander walked only 13 batters. Her career mark is a spectacular 45-9 with a microscopic ERA.

Suchower led the club with a .328 batting average and had the most hits (41), extra base hits (10), total bases (59) and was second with 16 RBI. She only made four errors in 352 chances.

McCarthy, a former Andrew Warde flash, hit a solid .321 last year with 36 hits. She also drove in 15 runs and made only one error all year. Possessing an excellent batting





eye, McCarthy worked pitchers for 26 walks and fanned just three times.

Lawry, who along with Ball were all-tourney selections, had a clutch two-run hit in SHU's 6-3 win over Northeast Missouri State in the Nationals. The slick-fielding ex-Hamden High star had 27 hits last spring and drove in 12 runs with her .229 average.

Sacred Heart's junior class features three-year starter Debbie Fisk and Housatonic Community College graduates Diane Zalewski and Sue Brksa.

Fisk, who will play rightfield and do some pitching as well, had a splendid fall term with a .385 average, three homers and 8 RBI. Debbie sat out a good part of last spring with illness and never got untracked at the plate. DiOrio is counting upon her to supply some support at the plate in addition to a lift on the mound. The ex-St. Joseph standout did post a 10-0 fall record in 1981.

Zalewski, penciled in as the third baseman, had a .281 fall average with six RBI. She hit .351 with 25 RBI last year for Housy, which compiled a 40-3 record and No. 6 National JUCO ranking. She is a Bridgeport native and played scholastic ball at Central High. Diane was an All-New England player at HCC.

Brksa, who will play leftfield, gives SHU the element of speed. The quick outfielder hails from Norwalk where she led Norwalk High to the State crown her senior year. In two years at HCC she never struck out in over 220 official trips to the plate. Hitting .442 last year, she had 54 hits (122 official at bats), scored 57 runs and drove in 18 while stealing 14 bases in as many tries.

Two sophomores who also figure prominently are Traci Morris of Monroe, N.Y. and Elizabeth "Bippy" Luckie of Ogdensburg, N.Y. Morris had a remarkable fall campaign in 1981 but missed the entire spring season with a knee injury. "She's coming off her second knee operation, but from all indications, she's as good as new," remarked DiOrio about the power-hitting first baseman.

Luckie is another player who figures to provide SHU with power in the middle of the lineup. Seen as a first baseman-designated hitter, and possibly as a pitcher, Luckie hit .333 with 11 RBI and seven extra base hits in the fall.

The remainder of the club are freshmen with shortstop Sue Teoli of Wilmington, Delaware, and Nancy Stanton of Fall River, Mass. possibly playing major roles right away.

Teoli, an All-State first team pick last year, hit a solid .288 in the fall and handled her position with remarkable ease. Stanton, who led Durfee High to the Massachusetts State crown, was 2-0 on the mound with a 1.17 ERA in the fall. She may also be used at first or as a DH.

DiOrio had planned on bringing Stanton along gradually, but those plans were altered when touted frosh Kelley Russell of Binghamton, N.Y. left school prior to the start of the spring semester because of "personal reasons".

To say her loss is minimal would be a gross understatement since Russell went 9-0 with a 0.20 ERA and three no-hitters. But, DiOrio has always had an uncanny knack of overcoming such setbacks.

"Sure, we're going to miss Kelley, but Nancy and Bippy both have the potential to become outstanding college pitchers. And, don't forget we've still got Debbie who has proven she can win on this level," added DiOrio.

Donna Radakovits of Monroe, N.Y. is an outfielder, Tracey Brown of Lynn, Mass. is a utility infielder and Janine Sesa of Goshen, N.Y. a catcher. All three frosh figure to see considerable action as DiOrio grooms them for the future.

While the schedule is tougher than ever, listing no fewer than 14 games against Division I rivals, DiOrio likes his team's chances in 1983.

"I'd say this is a much better hitting team than last year. We still have one of the nation's finest pitchers in Carol Ball and the kids not only like to win, they know how to."

That will make it pretty tough for Pioneer opponents.

Just like last year, if SHU can play up to its potential and catch a break or two, there's no telling how far this team can go.





1982 IN REVIEW

The pressure was on Pete DiOrio and his 1982 edition of the Lady Pioneers right from the start. Not only were the SHU women the top-rated combine in New England but more importantly Sacred Heart was selected to host the first-ever NCAA Division II Women's Softball Championships.

The Sacred Heart community welcomed the challenge of hosting the tournament but it would make it much easier if SHU made it to that 'Final Four'.

The Lady Pioneers responded with a sparkling 26-4 regular season record that earned them a spot in the 10-team NCAA championship field. Pioneer Park was one of four playdown sites and SHU earned its ticket to the 'Final Four' by beating Quinnipiac and Ferris State.

Sacred Heart University then hosted the NCAA Division II Women's Softball Championship at the 'Softball Capital of the World', Raybestos Memorial Field in Stratford, Conn. Memorial Day weekend.

The Lady Pioneers dropped a pair of 1-0 decisions to Cal-State at Northridge, sandwiched around a 6-3 victory over Northeast Missouri State to finish in third place. Sam Houston State captured the national title with Northridge finishing second, SHU third and Northeast Missouri fourth. The tournament showcased the best of women's softball in NCAA Division II circles and drew rave reviews from all parties involved.

Top individual performances were turned in by Carol Ball, who deservingly so was named to the First Team Converse All-American softball combine with a glossy 20-4 record, a 0.38 ERA and 15 shutouts. The Branford, Conn. native was the workhorse of the SHU mound corps for the third straight year as she upped her career mark to 45-9, proving to be the catalyst behind SHU's record of 73-15 over that span.

In addition to Ball, outfielder MaryHelen McCarthy, catcher Donna DeMuzio, Maria Morris and first baseman Pat Suchower received All-New England honors while Ball, second baseman Pam Lawry, outfielder Maria Morris and Sue Bellis as the utility player were named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team.

Although the Lady Pioneers hit only .237 as a team, Suchower had another fine year at the plate as the career .403 slugger topped the Hearts at the plate with a .328 average, in hits (41), total bases (59) and triples (6). Suchower is the career leader in just about every offensive category and her name will be a hard one to replace in the SHU record books.

Also above the .300 mark were McCarthy (.321) and departed receiver Donna DiMuzio (.318).

1982 SEASON RESULTS (29-7)

OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L	OPPONENT	SCORE	W/L
Temple Univ.	3-0	W	Maine (Orono)	5-0	W
Temple Univ.	6-1	L	Maine (Orono)	7-0	W
Temple Univ.	7-0	L	Rider College	3-1	W
New Haven	7-0	W	Rider College	1-0	W
Temple Univ.	2-1	W	La Salle	1-0	W
Army	8-0	W	La Salle	1-0	L
Salem Col.	9-1	W	Yale Univ.	16-1	W
Iona College	11-0	W	Mercy College	4-0	W
Hartford Univ.	7-0	W	Central Conn.	3-0	W
Keene State	4-2	W	Central Conn.	4-0	W
Keene State	1-0	W	Franklin Pierce	11-0	W
N.Y. Tech	7-4	W	Franklin Pierce	8-3	W
N.Y. Tech.	4-0	W	Quinnipiac Col. *	8-1	W
Providence Col.	5-3	W	Ferris St. (Mich) *	10-2	L
AIC	2-1	W	Ferris St. (Mich) *	1-0	W
AIC	6-0	W	Cal. St. Northridge **	1-0	L
New Hampshire Univ.	1-0	W	N. E. Missouri St. **	6-3	W
New Hampshire Univ.	2-1	L	Cal. St. Northridge **	1-0	L

* NCAA Playdowns At Sacred Heart

** NCAA Final Four At Memorial Field, Stratford, Conn.







SHU'S SOUTHERN MEMORIES



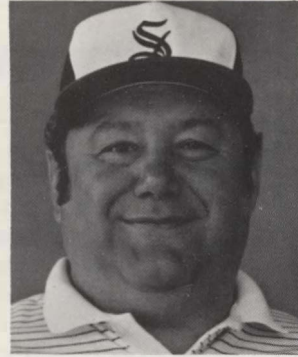


Pete DiOrio

HEAD SOFTBALL COACH

Coaching Record

	Year	Rec.	Overall
*Sacred Heart	1980	17-1	17-5
**Sacred Heart	1981	25-1	27-3
***Sacred Heart	1982	26-4	29-7
			(73-15)



- *AIAW World Series at Cal. St. Sacramento
- **AIAW Regionals
- ***Third place in NCAA Women's Softball Championships at Raybestos Field

Pete DiOrio is more than an ultra-successful softball coach. He's a trivia question.

After all, how many coaches have ever led a collegiate baseball and softball team to a National World Series? Pete DiOrio is the one and only person to have accomplished that feat.

Now in his fourth year at the helm of Sacred Heart University's softball juggernaut, DiOrio has done in three years what many have failed to do in a lifetime.

Not only has DiOrio built Sacred Heart women's softball into one of the nation's premier Division II programs, but he is the man responsible for the construction of Pioneer Park. The home site of Lady Pioneer softball games is regarded by many as one of the finest facilities in the land.

An assistant to SHU athletic director Dave Bike, DiOrio joined the school athletic staff nine years ago. Prior to gaining reknown as SHU's baseball coach, directing the Pioneers to the Division II World Series in Springfield, Ill., in 1976, DiOrio received valuable experience as a member of the athletic families at Brown University and Fairfield University.

When the Providence native took over the women's program, building it from scratch in the late spring of 1979, DiOrio defied the odds. Whoever said it takes time to build a dynasty had never heard of Pete DiOrio.

As the caliber of women's softball competition continues to improve each year, a fact that has been reflected on the Pioneers' schedule, there is no sign of Sacred Heart faltering. If anything, the Lady Pioneers continue to get better.

In three years, DiOrio's clubs have fashioned a remarkable 73-15 record and participated in three post-season tournaments, including a pair of National events.

Last year, the Pioneers compiled a 29-7 ledger and finished third in the inaugural NCAA Division II Tournament. SHU served as host of the prestigious event with the four-team finals being played at Raybestos Memorial Field in Stratford. Both SHU setbacks were closely-contested 1-0 games to runnerup California State University at Northridge.

Prior to the final four, Pioneer Park was site of a three-team round robin as National tourney play began. SHU ousted Quinnipiac and Ferris State of Michigan to advance.

In DiOrio's rookie year, Sacred Heart compiled a 17-5 record, qualifying for the National A.I.A.W. World Series. In 1981, Sacred Heart posted a glossy 27-3 overall mark, missing a chance for a repeat berth when a pair of one-run losses to C.W. Post and Ithaca in the Eastern Regionals ended its season.

DiOrio, recognized as one of the country's top softball umpires, having worked in several national tournaments in addition to the National Sports Festival, had an equally spectacular record as SHU's baseball coach.

In just his second year, he piloted the Pioneers to a 22-7 record and No. 6 National ranking while leading the club to the World Series. The following year, SHU went 19-10 and won the ECAC Metropolitan New York-New Jersey title with DiOrio being named New England College Conference Coach of the Year. In 1978, DiOrio led the Pioneers to a runnerup finish in the NCAA New England tournament.



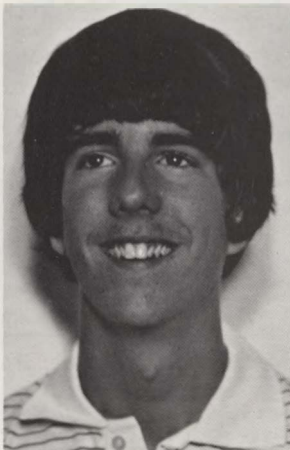


Bob Baird — ASSISTANT COACH



This is Bob Baird's first year with the Sacred Heart coaching staff after the Stratford, Conn. native established himself as one of the premier coaches on the junior college scene in the region. Baird compiled a glossy four-year record of 105 wins and only 30 losses (.777) as the softball mentor at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, Conn. and even more impressive five year 98-17 (.852) ledger as the women's basketball coach. He will be used primarily to assist the younger players by developing a junior varsity program in addition to help co-ordinate the recruiting chores. In 1980 his Lady Hawks compiled a sparkling 36 - 8 mark while winning the New England JUCO Region 21 title and he was named New England Coach of the year as the Hawks were ranked ninth in the National JUCO poll. In 1982 he was selected the CCCAA Coach of the Year as he led the Hawks to a 40-3 mark, finishing as the sixth-rated club nationally after winning the CCCAA title. Last year while at HCC he initiated a southern trip to Florida (the only N.E. JUCO school to do so) and a fall program as HCC went 7-2-1 against four-year schools. His HCC hoop combine won three state crowns and gained three Region 21 berths as he was named CCCAA Coach of the Year on three occasions. Bob and his wife Diana-Joy reside in Lordship with their four children Lucy (9), Robbie (7), Bridget (5), and Peter (2).

Jeff Ellis — MANAGER



Jeff Ellis, a freshman at Sacred Heart, graduated from Central Catholic High School in Norwalk, Connecticut last year and is the man behind the scenes, serving his first year as the manager of the Lady Pioneers softball team. Jeff managed the boys basketball team for three years while at Central Catholic and was an assistant softball coach there for two seasons. The Norwalk resident also served as the official scorer for the SHU women's basketball team this past winter. During the summer he coaches in a softball league and enjoys slow pitch softball. Jeff plans to major in Media Studies.





Carol Ball

#24



Height - 5'11" Weight - 140
 Class - Senior Position - Pitcher
 High School - Branford
 Major - Biology, Business (minor)
 Hometown - Branford, Conn.



Carol Ball was rewarded for three years of hard work and determination by being selected to the first Converse Division II All-American Softball Team as she compiled a sparkling 20-4 record with a miniscule 0.38 ERA during her junior campaign... The smart-throwing, senior rightly has established herself as one of the premier hurlers in collegiate circles as evidenced by her 45-9 career won-lost record and a 0.41 ERA, allowing only 22 earned runs in over 370 innings of mound work... The Biology major was also named to NCAA Division II Softball Championship All-Tournament team last year and would like nothing better than to make a return trip to the 'Final Four'... The SHU captain has been the force behind the Lady Pioneers' instant success on the diamond as she arrived when the program started back in 1980 and has played the major role in SHU's 73-15 record over that short three-year span... Carol registered over 700 points for the SHU basketball team in only two-and-a-half seasons before deciding to bypass the hardcourt sport.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct
1980	.283	17	53	6	15	1	1	0	10	18	1	0	2	8	40	5	.906
1981	.275	20	40	5	11	0	0	0	4	11	0	4	2	2	62	7	.901
1982	.192	29	73	11	14	0	1	0	12	16	0	6	6	1	83	6	.933
TTL	.180	66	166	22	30	1	2	0	26	45	1	10	10	11	185	18	.915

PITCHING												
YR	G	IP	W	L	Pct	R	ER	SO	BB	H	ERA	
1980	15	99-1/3	10	4	.714	34	10	78	18	49	0.74	
1981	18	106	15	1	.937	13	3	58	12	46	0.20	
1982	24	167	20	4	.833	17	9	134	13	76	0.38	
TTL	57	372-1/3	45	9	.833	64	22	270	43	171	0.41	





Pam Lawry

#2



Height - 5'3" Weight - 130
 Class - Senior Position - IF
 High School - Hamden
 Major - Mathematics
 Hometown - Hamden, Conn.



The smooth fielding second sacker has become a better ball player every season while at SHU and last year was no exception as she won a starting berth in the infield and went on to be named to the NCAA Division II Softball All-Tournament team with a gutsy effort in the three-game event . . . Pam is a very durable performer who has seen action in every Sacred Heart game the past three seasons and she will again be heavily counted upon to provide the Lady Pioneers with some solid defensive work up the middle . . . The Hamden, Ct. product is an excellent bunter and has worked hard on her hitting, raising her average to .229 last year . . . She was also a member of Ray Barry's Connecticut Mariners, who won state and regional honors and advanced to the national Class 'A' Women's Softball Tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado . . . Has also played basketball and volleyball for three years at SHU after serving as the captain of the Hamden High cage combine and receiving the Sportsmanship Award as well . . . Coach DiOrio believes that if Pam continues her current rate of improvement, she will become one of the top college infielders in the country.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct
1980	.230	21	65	11	15	0	0	0	4	15	1	8	8	24	11	9	.795
1981	.133	30	12	4	4	0	1	0	4	6	2	1	1	35	69	23	.818
1982	.229	36	118	12	27	2	2	0	12	33	4	2	13	58	58	10	.921
TTL.	.235	87	195	27	46	2	3	0	20	54	7	11	22	117	138	42	.858





MaryHelen McCarthy

#8



Height - 5'5" Weight - 135
 Class - Senior Position - OF
 High School - Andrew Warde
 Major - History
 Hometown - Fairfield, Conn.



MaryHelen will be anchoring the outfield corps again from her center-field position for the fourth straight season as she has started in 86 of 88 games over that span . . . A career .337 hitter and .972 fielder, McCarthy has been a vital cog in SHU's overall game and it has not gone unnoticed as the Fairfield, Ct. native was named First Team All New England the past three seasons . . . Plays a key role in SHU's offense at the top of the order as she has an uncanny knack of getting on base and eventually scoring ... She holds the SHU season and career marks for walks with 31 and 69, respectively . . . Coach DiOrio calls her, 'a natural in the outfield with great speed and a strong arm' . . . Made only one error last year in 66 chances and was perfect afield her junior season . . . Was the team leader in runs scored as a sophomore with 37 and second in 1982 with 28 . . . MaryHelen has received the Sacred Heart Coaches Award and had an outstanding scholastic career at Andrew Warde where she played four years of softball, three of basketball and field hockey and one in volleyball . . . Provides SHU with solid defense up the middle that is so important, especially in softball.

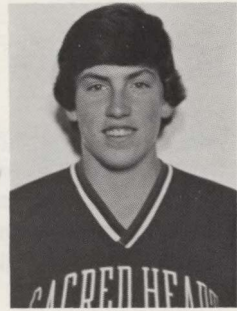
YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct
1980	.318	21	69	18	22	2	0	0	7	24	1	12	2	25	2	2	.931
1981	.382	29	68	37	26	0	1	0	7	28	3	31	3	16	0	0	1.000
1982	.321	36	112	28	36	2	1	0	15	40	3	26	17	59	6	1	.985
TTL.	.337	86	249	83	84	4	2	0	29	92	7	69	22	100	8	3	.972



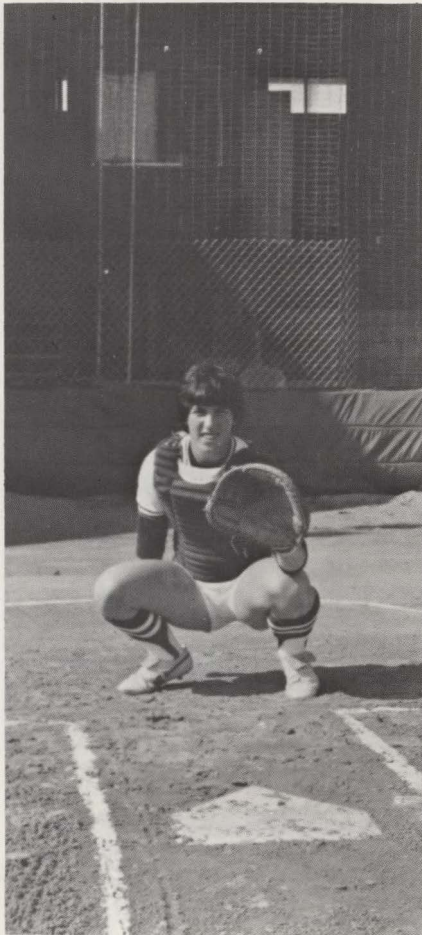


Pat Suchower

#14



Height - 5'5" Weight - 145
 Class - Senior Position - Catcher-IF
 High School - St. Joseph's
 Major - Biology
 Hometown - Ansonia, Conn.



An outstanding student and athlete, Pat Suchower's contributions to the SHU softball program can not be over-estimated as she has been named All-New England at three different positions as a shortstop, catcher and first baseman, respectively . . . Her name dominates the Sacred Heart offensive record books as she holds ever major mark, having compiled a glossy .403 career average at the dish, highlighted by a sparkling .507 her rookie season . . . Will probably be seeing most of her action behind the plate this season . . . The Biology major has been a team leader by her example on the field as well as in the classroom . . . A sure-handed infielder she only made four miscues in 352 chances at first base last year . . . Played for Ed Maccioco's Connecticut ASA champion Bridgeport Coeds two summers ago . . . A four-year basketball and softball star at St. Joseph's, gaining All-MBIAC laurels in both sports while being named the Best Female Athlete her senior year . . . Pat is a multi-talented performer as evidenced by her winning a national decathlon championship while competing for the Polish Falcons . . . Has played in 87 of SHU's 88 games.

YR	AV	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SB	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct
1980	.507	21	65	24	33	6	3	1	20	48	3	19	5	61	28	10	.898
1981	.433	30	83	24	36	8	2	2	29	54	5	25	12	138	16	3	.980
1982	.328	36	125	24	41	3	6	1	16	59	4	12	9	329	29	4	.989
TTL	.403	87	273	72	110	17	11	4	65	161	12	56	26	528	63	17	.972



#15

Sue Brksa

Height - 5'3" Weight - 130
Class - Junior Position - OF
High School - Norwalk
Major - Business/Marketing
Hometown - Norwalk, Conn.



This will be Sue Brksa's first season for the Pioneers after transferring from Housatonic Community College, where she co-captained the Hawks to the 1982 State Community College title while being named to the All-CCCAA combine . . . Sue comes from a solid softball program at Norwalk High as the Bears won three straight FCIAC titles and the CIAC state crown in 1980 . . . Brksa also played two years of scholastic field hockey . . . She will add an ingredient missing from last year's team and that is her blazing speed which will be put to good use on the basepaths . . . Could be an effective leadoff hitter as she seldom strikes out and is a very pesky hitter . . . Brksa played for the Norwalk Mariners in the Class 'A' Women's Softball Nationals along with MaryHelen McCarthy, Debbie Fisk and Pam Lawry this summer.

#7

Tracey Brown

Height - 5'5" Weight - 135
Class - Freshman Position - IF
High School - St. Mary's
Major - Undecided
Hometown - Nahant, MA



Tracey Brown comes to Sacred Heart after an outstanding scholastic career at St. Mary High in Nahant, Ma. where she played softball and basketball for three years and volleyball for two . . . She compiled a long list of honors, including team MVP in softball her junior season and MVP in both basketball and volleyball her senior year while being selected St. Mary's Best Female Athlete . . . Tracey was an all-star pick in softball for three years, volleyball for two and basketball once . . . A Nahant Beach lifeguard in the summer, Brown will see action as a reserve infielder at either third or short and has the potential to become a good college player . . . A strong athlete she also played for the SHU basketball team this past winter . . . Will be brought along slowly but should fit nicely into SHU's future plans.

#19

Debbie Fisk

Height - 5'5" Weight - 140
Class - Junior Position - OF/P
High School - St. Joseph's
Major - Psychology
Hometown - Milford, Conn.



Debbie Fisk will play a key role in SHU's fortunes this season as she will be asked to fill the number two slot in the pitching rotation behind Carol Ball in addition to holding down a spot as a regular in the outfield . . . The junior righty has not hurled an inning of regular season ball for SHU despite an outstanding scholastic career . . . She did pitch during the fall season her sophomore year and compiled a sparkling 10-0 mark . . . An outstanding fielder, she has made only one error in 119 outfield chances.

#9

Elizabeth 'Bippy' Luckie

Height - 5'6" Weight - 150
Class - Sophomore Position - P/IF
High School - Ogdensburg Academy
Major - Criminal Justice
Hometown - Ogdensburg, NY



"Probably the best female athlete that we've ever had at Sacred Heart," are the words coach DiOrio describes this highly-touted transfer from Jefferson CC, who gained All-American honors in both softball and basketball at the Watertown, N.Y. school . . . A Dean's List student majoring in Criminal Justice, 'Bippy' was the leading scorer in the New England College Conference for Pedro Tagatac's Lady Pioneer hoop combine, averaging close to 20 ppg . . . Will provide SHU with power while also hitting for average as she sported close to a .400 mark during a 19-1 fall season . . . Bippy will see plenty of action either in the infield, as the DH or might even be called upon to provide some depth to the mound corps with a good rise ball and an effective drop.



#28

Traci Morris

Height - 5'5" Weight - 150
Class - Sophomore Position - IF
High School - Monroe Woodbury
Major - Accounting
Hometown - Monroe, N.Y.



A Dean's List student in accounting, Traci figured to be one of last year's prize recruits before having to go through both a cartilage and a quadracept muscle operation that sidelined her for the entire season after proving herself with an excellent fall campaign . . . She appears to be fully recovered and, if healthy, will provide the SHU lineup with a tremendous long-ball threat while handling the duties at first base . . . Traci graduated 12th in a class of 460 at Monroe Woodbury while a member of the National Honor Society and received the Award of Excellence in Physics . . . Also an indoor and outdoor track standout, she holds the New York State shotput record . . . During the summer she worked for the Tax Assessor's office in Norwalk and played for the Conn. Coeds.



#5

Donna Radakovits

Height - 5'0" Weight - 110
Class - Freshman Position - OF
High School - Monroe Woodbury
Major - Undecided
Hometown - Chester, N.Y.



A product of the same school as Traci Morris in Monroe Woodbury where Donna played four years of soccer and basketball and three of softball, excelling in all three sports . . . Was named the outstanding senior in softball, soccer and basketball her senior season . . . A small but speedy outfielder who posseses good softball sense, Donna can become a fine player on the collegiate level with some needed experience . . . Also a pitcher in high school, she will now concentrate on playing the outfield while at SHU . . . Possesses good speed and a threat to steal bases while sporting a strong arm . . . A spray hitter, Donna could end up seeing plenty of action as she makes the adjustment to college ball.





#4

Sue Teoli

Height - 5'7" Weight - 135
Class - Freshman Position - IF/OF
High School - St. Mark's
Major - Computer Science
Hometown - Wilmington, Del.



Sue Teoli is a welcomed addition to the Sacred Heart program as she comes to the Park Avenue campus with outstanding credentials out of St. Mark's High in Wilmington, Del., where she was a National Honor Society student and a two-time All-State selection in softball . . . Sue is a complete player who is a strong hitter with a great eye at the plate and a lot of range in the field . . . She could very easily find herself as the starting shortstop . . . A pepper pot who is always hustling, she played four years of scholastic softball, basketball and field hockey . . . An all-conference selection in the infield all four years as she compiled a .450 career batting average and .950 fielding mark . . . She helped lead St. Mark's to a perfect 19-0 record and the Delaware state title her junior season.



#6

Diane Zalewski

Height - 5'7" Weight - 140
Class - Junior Position - IF
High School - Central
Major - Legal Admin.
Hometown - Bridgeport, Conn.



A transfer from a solid softball program at Housatonic Community College where she earned All-CCCAA honors last year . . . An excellent hitter and a good defensive player, Diane is the leading candidate for a spot in the starting lineup at third base after turning in a productive fall season . . . Diane is a smart player who might also be called upon to see some action behind the plate as she possesses a strong throwing arm and a quick release . . . She was a four-year veteran in both basketball and softball at Central High in Bridgeport where she was voted to the All-MBIAC softball contingent during the 1979 campaign.





Post Season Honors & Season Records

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Offensive Categories

Highest Batting Average:

Season: Pat Suchower, .508, 1980

Career: Pat Suchower, .403, 1980-82

Most At-Bats:

Game: MaryHelen McCarthy, 8 vs Providence Col. 4/16/82

Season: Pat Suchower, 125 AB 1982

Career: Pat Suchower, 273 AB 1980-82

Most Runs Scored:

Game: Teal Whitaker, 5 vs Bentley 4/12/81

Season: MaryHelen McCarthy, 37, 1981

Career: MaryHelen McCarthy, 83, 1980-82

Most Hits:

Game: Sue Huot 4 vs West. Conn. 4/11/80; Alice Coursen 4 vs. St. Peter's 5/7/80; Debbie Fisk 4 vs. Hartford 4/4/81; MH McCarthy 4 vs. Vermont 4/11/81;

Pat Suchower 4 vs. LaSalle 4/26/81; Teal Whitaker 4 vs. Yale 4/28/81; Donna DiMuzio 4 vs. Franklin Pierce 5/4/82; P. Suchower 4 vs. Franklin Pierce 5/4/82

Season: Pat Suchower 41, 1982

Career: Pat Suchower 110, 1980-82

Most Doubles:

Game: Pat Suchower 2 vs Lowell 4/12/80; 2 vs Bridgeport 4/8/81; 2 vs Yale

4/27/82; Tracey Shackett 2 vs Franklin Pierce 4/18/81; Julie Farina 2 vs

Franklin Pierce 4/18/81; Donna DiMuzio 2 vs Providence 4/16/82

Season: Tracey Shackett 8, 1981; Pat Suchower 8, 1981

Career: Pat Suchower 17, 1980-82

Most Triples:

Game: Teal Whitaker 2 vs Coast Guard 4/1/81

Season: Teal Whitaker 8, 1981

Career: Pat Suchower 11, 1980-82

Most Home Runs:

Game: Three tied with 1

Season: Pat Suchower 2, 1981

Career: Pat Suchower 4, 1980-82

Most RBI:

Game: Pat Suchower 4 vs Roger Williams 3/29/80; Lois Consiglio 4 vs WNE

4/23/80; Maria Morris 4 vs Coast Guard 4/1/81; Tracey Shackett 4 vs Hartford

4/4/81; Shackett, Suchower, Sue Huot, 4 vs Bentley 4/12/81; Teal Whitaker 4 vs Franklin Pierce 4/18/81

Season: Teal Whitaker 31, 1981

Career: Pat Suchower 65, 1980-82

Most Total Bases:

Game: Pat Suchower 8 vs Franklin Pierce 5/4/82

Season: Teal Whitaker 60, 1981

Career: Pat Suchower 161, 1980-82





Most Stolen Bases:

Game: Sue Huot, Lois Consiglio, 2 vs Roger Williams 3/29/80
Season: Donna Dimuzio 11, 1982
Career: Pat Suchower 12, 1980-82

Most Walks:

Game: MaryHelen McCarthy 4 vs Keene State 3/28/81; Maria Morris 4 vs New York Tech 4/14/82
Season: MaryHelen McCarthy 31, 1981
Career: MaryHelen McCarthy 69, 1980-82

Most Strikeouts:

Game: MaryHelen McCarthy 4 vs Cal. State Northridge 5/29/82
Season: MaryHelen McCarthy 17, 1982
Career: Pat Suchower 26, 1980-82

Most Sacrifices:

Season: MaryHelen McCarthy, Sue Huot 8, 1981
Career: MaryHelen McCarthy, 16, 1980-82

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most Appearances:

Season: Carol Ball, 24, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 57, 1980-82

Most Innings Pitched:

Game: Maria Morris, 15, vs Providence College 4/16/82
Season: Carol Ball, 167, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 372 1/3 1980-82

Most Starts:

Season: Carol Ball, 22, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 53, 1982

Lowest ERA:

Season: Carol Ball, 0.19ERA (3ER-106IP) 1981
Career: Carol Ball, 0.41ERA (22ER-3721/3 IP) 1980-82

Most Complete Games:

Season: Carol Ball, 22, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 49, 1980-82

Most Wins:

Season: Carol Ball, 20, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 45, 1980-82

Most Strikeouts:

Game: Carol Ball, 13 vs Mercy College, 4/29/82
Season: Carol Ball, 234, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 270, 1980-82

Most Losses:

Season: Carol Ball, 4, 1983, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 9, 1980-82

Most Shutouts:

Season: Carol Ball, 13, 1982
Career: Carol Ball, 21, 1980-82

POST SEASON HONORS

1980: First Team All New England:

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

1981: First Team All New England:

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

First Team All East: Carol Ball (P), Pat Suchower (C)

1982: First Team Converse All American:

Carol Ball (P)

First Team All New England:

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

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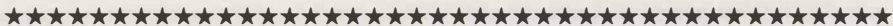
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|-----|----------------------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| 24 | Carol Ball ** | P | L-R | 5'11" | 140 | SR | Branford | Branford, CT |
| 15 | Sue Brksa | OF | R-R | 5'3" | 130 | JR | Norwalk | Norwalk, CT |
| 7 | Tracey Brown | IF | RR | 5'5" | 135 | FR | St. Mary's | Nahant, MA |
| 19 | Debbie Fisk * | P-OF | R-R | 5'5" | 140 | JR | St. Joseph's | Milford, CT |
| 2 | Pam Lawry * | IF | R-R | 5'3" | 130 | SR | Hamden | Hamden, CT |
| 9 | Elizabeth Luckie | P-IF | R-R | 5'6" | 150 | SO | Ogdensburg Adad. | Ogdensburg, NY |
| 3 | MaryHelen McCarthy * | OF | L-L | 5'5" | 133 | SR | Andrew Warde | Fairfield, CT |
| 28 | Traci Morris | 1B | RR | 5'5" | 150 | SO | Monroe Woodbury | Monroe, NY |
| 5 | Donna Radakovits | OF | R-R | 5'0" | 110 | FR | Monroe Woodbury | Chester, NY |
| 26 | Janine Sesa | C | R-R | 5'4" | 150 | FR | Burke Catholic | Middletown, NY |
| 30 | Nancy Stanton | P-1B | R-R | 5'9" | 160 | FR | Durfee | Fall River, MA |
| 14 | Pat Suchower * | C | R-R | 5'5" | 145 | SR | St. Joseph's | Ansonia, CT |
| 4 | Sue Teoli | IF-OF | RR | 5'7" | 135 | FR | St. Mark's | Wilmington, DEL |
| 6 | Diane Zalewski | IF | R-R | 5'7" | 140 | JR | Central | Bridgeport, CT |

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Southern Trip — Orlando, Florida

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|----------|--------------------|----------|
| March 14 | Texas Tech | 2:30 PM |
| 15 | Mercyhurst College | 10:00 AM |
| 16 | Texas Tech | 7:00 PM |
| 18 | Univ. of Virginia | 4:00 PM |
| 18 | Army | 7:00 PM |
| 19 | Akron Univ. | 7:00 PM |
| 21 | Akron Univ. | 2:00 PM |

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Northern Schedule

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|--|--|-----|------|---------|
| Mar 26 | Princeton | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 27 | Pace Univ. | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 29 | Fairfield Univ. | | HOME | 3:00 PM |
| Lady Lion Invitational Tour. at Penn State | | | | |
| Apr 1 | Penn State, Univ. of Rhode Island, Ver- | | | |
| 2 | mont University | | | |
| 3 | Adelphi, Charleston Univ., Liberty Baptist | | | |
| | Colgate Univ., Sacred Heart | | | |
| 6 | Quinnipiac College | (2) | Away | 2:00 PM |
| 9 | Hofstra Univ. | (2) | Away | 1:00 PM |
| 10 | Keene State | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 13 | New York Tech | (2) | HOME | 2:00 PM |
| 16 | Lowell Univ. | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 17 | Franklin Pierce | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 19 | Central Conn. St. | (2) | HOME | 2:00 PM |
| 22 | Maine Univ. (Orono) | (2) | HOME | 2:00 PM |
| 23 | Molloy College | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 25 | Mercy College | (2) | HOME | 2:00 PM |
| 30 | New Haven Univ. | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| May 1 | Vermont Univ. | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |
| 5 | Queens College | | HOME | 3:00 PM |
| 7 | So. Conn. State | (2) | HOME | 1:00 PM |