

Athletics at Southeastern Louisiana University

Notable Highlights 2000 - 2001

- ❑ Southeastern announced a \$5 million extension of the university's highly successful \$15 million Commitment to Excellence Campaign. The \$5 million goal would allow Southeastern to improve gender equity in the athletic program, make improvements to facilities, and reinstate football. If successful, Southeastern would be able to field a football team in 2003, with a goal of playing a Southland league schedule in 2005.
- ❑ An exciting new website, www.LionSports.net, was unveiled at the start of the new athletic season. Southeastern athletics also developed a fresh identity with a striking new logo and a new line of apparel.
- ❑ In January, 2001, the Southeastern Athletics Department unveiled the new organization, Southeastern Athletics Association, whose mission is to raise funds for and increase awareness of Southeastern's Athletic Program. Nicknamed "The Pride," the Southeastern Athletics Association will incorporate the operations of the former SLU Booster Club.
- ❑ Cross country's Michael Sang became the first Southeastern runner to earn Southland Conference Athlete-of-the-Year after he captured the SLC Championship. Sang also captured individual titles at the SLC Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and 5,000-meter run. Freshman Janice Ezeibunam established a new school record in the high jump, one of six new records set by the Lady Lions in 2001.
- ❑ The Lady Lion softball team tied a school-record for victories in a season (31) and their 18 wins in Southland Conference play set a new record. The team broke or tied 12 school records in 2001 and advanced to the semifinals of the SLC Tournament in San Marcos, Texas.
- ❑ Women's basketball coach Frank Schneider recorded his 200th career victory at Southeastern on November 17th against Loyola. Junior Ann Webster led the Southland Conference and finished eighth in the nation in steals with 3.6 per game.
- ❑ Women's soccer made its fourth straight appearance in the Southland Conference Championship Match, making it the only school to achieve that feat since soccer was first sponsored in 1997. The Lady Lions established new records for wins (13), goals (46), assists (36) and points (128). Cory Cochrane was named Freshman-of-the-Year by both the Southland Conference and the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, giving Southeastern the last three recipients. Becca Weingartner surpassed former Lady Lion Ashley Strine as the school's most prolific goal and point scorer.
- ❑ Track and field standout Christine Amertil capped off a brilliant Southeastern career as she competed in the women's 400-meter dash at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Running for the Bahamas, Amertil became the third Southeastern athlete -- and first female -- to compete in the Olympic Games.

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