Lehman Named Most Improved Women’s Basketball Program In NCAA Division III

Bronx, NY - After a stellar season in which the Lehman College women’s basketball team amassed 18 wins, the Lady Lightning were honored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), as the most improved team in Division III women’s basketball.

Lehman (18-8 overall, 10-3 CUNY) improved from a dismal 2003-04 season in which they finished the season with a 5-21 overall record. City Tech and Baruch College were also CUNY conference representatives on the final list.

“The turnaround in the program is a testament to the commitment of our coaching staff and the great group of young ladies who make-up our basketball program,” said CUNY conference Coach of the Year Eric Harrison. “The entire program was focused on returning the Lightning to the upper echelon of the basketball world.”

Lehman Splits Doubleheader With Baruch In Men’s Baseball

The Lehman College men’s baseball team continued their strong play with a doubleheader split with Baruch College, losing the first game 10-7, while pulling out the nightcap 16-6.

In the first game, Lehman staked out to a commanding 6-0 lead, before Baruch (1-4, 1-1 CUNYAC) took the lead in the top of the sixth inning with five runs on five hits.

Adam Hoyle batted 3-for-4 with a triple, RBI, and stolen base, while Thomas Russo batted 2-for-3 with a walk, two RBI, and two runs scored for the Bearcats. Tristan Cetto pitched the complete game victory and struck out five batters over the last four innings, while Steve Ortiz picked up the loss for Lehman in the opener.

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"This is a good win for our club," said first year head coach John Mehling. "Our guys worked hard in the second game to assure that we would at least gain a split of the two games."

Lehman goes to 4-3 overall, 2-1 in the CUNY conference.

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