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Look at*

LEHMAN ATHLETICS

New Coach, New Attitude Improves Lehman Volleyball

As the Fall 2006 semester has begun on the campus of Lehman College, a familiar sense of excitement has engulfed the campus, as the start of the women's volleyball season has returned to the Bronx campus. A new head coach, and a cast of returning players have expectations high at Lehman.

Former Lightning standout performer Divina Arroyo takes over the team which finished last season at 11-18, and lost in the CUNY quarter-finals. Arroyo, who began her coaching career last season as the men's volleyball head coach will look to bring her level of energy and excitement to this year's. With the season just underway her enthusiasm has already propelled Lehman as a force to be reckoned with. Lehman has jumped out a 4-2 overall start, with quality wins against Skyline conference opponents, Mt. St. Mary's, College of Mount St. Vincent, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

"I think that we have the making of a very special season," said Arroyo. "Having played in the CUNY conference, my experience as a player, and now a coach will be helpful in my transition of taking over the program."

Arroyo's transition has been

made easier with the return of CUNY conference 2nd team all-star Lidabel Moronta. Moronta was a key member of last year's squad which advanced to the CUNY tournament. Lehman has also received strong play from 2004 CUNY conference Rookie of the Year Yaniza De Los Santos, and 2004 CUNY 2nd team all-star Isabel Lorenzo, both who return from a year off due to injury. Sophomores Carry and Chanda Em have also shown promise.

"The addition of Yaniza, and Isabel will be great for our team," Arroyo added. "When you return two players of their caliber, and place them with a great group of returning players like we have, the possibilities are endless."

If Lehman is to compete for the prestigious CUNY championship, the conference schedule will be a factor. Conference powers CCNY, Baruch and Hunter College will all be a factor for the Lightning. If Lehman is to prevail in the CUNY tournament in October, the Lightning will make the school's first ever appearance in the NCAA Division III volleyball championships.

"We are very excited about the CUNY season," said Moronta. "After last season, we have been anticipating getting back to the tournament, and hopefully this will be the year we make history."



The Lehman College athletic department would like to acknowledge the hiring of several new members to its coaching and athletic department staff. Features on these individuals will come in future editions of the Bronx Times.

John Quirk, Head Coach Men's Baseball

Ray Cornish, Asst. Men's Baseball Coach

Zack Davis, Head Coach, M&W Tennis

Gary Greaves, Asst. Men's Basketball Coach

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