

An Inside Look at



LIGHTNING MAKE IT BACK TO BACK CUNYAC SWIM TITLES

Lightning does strike twice, as for the second consecutive year, the Lehman Lightning captured their second consecutive CUNYAC Men's Swimming & Diving Championship at the Apex at Lehman College. Lehman (602 points) was followed by Staten Island (538), Baruch (487) and York (74). The Lightning defeated runners-up Staten Island for the second year by the score of 602-538.

The Lehman-College of Staten Island rivalry is one for the ages. These two squads have been battling for the championship since their introduction of swimming & diving as a men's championship sport in the CUNY Conference in 2002. Staten Island leads in championship's won 4-2 as Lehman has finished third, second three times, and first the last two years.

Junior Darnell James was named Most Valuable Swimmer as he and Eros Qama (SR) of Staten Island each won two events while establishing two

conference meet records respectively. Their only losses occurred to each other in their third and final events.

Other outstanding performers for Lehman were Juniors Joseph Bodden, Hector Pena, and Sophomore Johan Lopez. Bodden won the 100 Breaststroke and finished 2nd in the 50 and 100 Freestyle Events; Pena finished third in three events, the 500 Freestyle, the 50 Freestyle, and 100 Butterfly Events, while Lopez took second place in both the 1m and 3m Diving Events.

Every championship squad has athletes that are expected to lead the team. However, a team cannot be successful without the outstanding contribution of all its swimmers.

The Lehman Squad with Senior Jordan Kalus, Juniors Jose Centeno and Oscar Ramos, Sophomores Miguel Delgado and Matt DeTiberiis returned from last year's

championship team and all placed in the top eight in their events.

Newcomers scoring big points at the meet include Butterflyer Michael Toro, Breaststroker Vadim Banshchikov, Divers David Turay, Jason Santana, and Genc Hasangjekaj, as well as Jose Toval and Matthew Martinez in Freestyle.

Particular reference must be made to Senior Walter Lugo, 7th in the 200 IM, 4th in the 100 Butterfly, and 9th in the 100 Backstroke whose efforts over the past four seasons has been instrumental in bringing the program to this point.

The following swimmers have qualified for the Metropolitan Collegiate Conference Championships at Rutgers University in two weeks in swimming:

Joseph Bodden, Jose Centeno, Miguel Delgado, Darnell James, Jordan Kalus, Johan Lopez, Walter Lugo, Hector Pena, as well as Yudelka Espinal, and Luisa Garcia for the women.



#11 Kyle Lockett



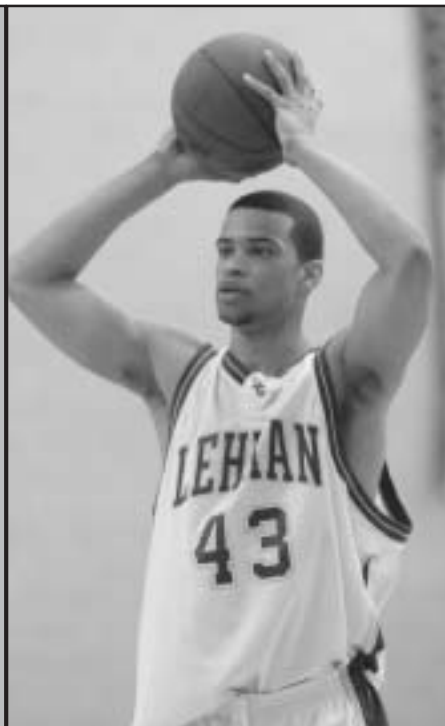
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Upcoming Event
SENIOR NIGHT
Sat., February 10, 2007

LAST REGULAR SEASON HOME DOUBLEHEADER BASKETBALL GAME VS. CITY COLLEGE & WILL BE SHOWN LIVE ON BRONXNET, CH.67

Women's Game: 12 pm
Men's Game: 2:30 pm

ADMISSION IS FREE!!!



#43 Chris Diplan



#4 Shirley Arrieta



#44 Lenny Gonzalez