

Hot Saucers Ultimate: Spring 2018



Spring Season: Men's Team

The spring season began in February in Philadelphia at Bring the Huckus 9. The team finished 3-1 on Saturday, beating the likes of Ithaca (13-11), Edinboro (13-4), and Yale (13-10), with their lone loss coming at the hands of an efficient Princeton team, 7-13. However, their championship run was halted due to torrential rain on Sunday, cancelling all games. The Hot Saucers then picked up at Conferences (aka Sectionals), garnering an impressive 4-0 record in pool play.



Highlights from Saturday included 13-5 and 13-6 wins over St. Lawrence and Ithaca, respectively; a 13-1 win over Canisius; and a

(s)nail biting 11-10 win over SUNY Geneseo on universe to clinch a spot in Sunday's final. Facing tough weather, the team dismantled rival Colgate's zone to take the game 14-8 and win the Conference with a perfect record, as well as a three-peat as the Western NY Conference champions. Two weeks later, they travelled back to Oneonta for Metro East Regionals where they finished second in their pool at 3-1. The team bounced back from a tough opening round loss to NESCAC foe Wesleyan (8-13) to win their next three games versus Marist (13-11), TCNJ (13-7), and SUNY Geneseo (13-9). Championship Sunday started with a brutal 8:00AM quarterfinal versus Hartford. The Hot Saucers found themselves down 13-11, but were able to rattle off four consecutive breaks to take the game 15-13. Riding the emotional high of that game, the team played well for the first half of the semifinals; however, their season fell short with a 8-12 loss to a tough RPI team, who "trudged" on to eventually advance to Nationals. With another successful year behind them, the returning Hot Saucers are eager for the upcoming fall season.

Spring Season: Women's Team

After a long, cold winter, the Women's team was ready to bring the heat at Conferences and Regionals this year, both hosted by SUNY Oneonta. Day one of the Conference Championships included 4 games of pool play where they went 3-1 with an easy win over Colgate (11-6), followed by a universe point win against Oneonta (10-9), a win against Ithaca (11-8), and a hard-fought loss to SUNY Fredonia (9-11). Due to icy road conditions, the victory over SUNY Cortland (13-6) on Sunday began with Hamilton fielding only five players for the first few points—the Saucers managing to break and score the first point. The Saucers proceeded to beat SUNY Geneseo on universe point (9-8) in an intense showing of skill from both teams. The wins put the team in the number one spot in the pool and a guaranteed bid to regionals. Bracket play included an immediate loss to Geneseo (5-8) and a forfeit to Oneonta, and the Hot Saucers went to regionals as the third seed. At Regionals, two early losses to Rensselaer Polytech (6-13) and Geneseo (5-11) but a win against Vassar (11-7) gave the Saucers a backdoor to Nationals. The first game of bracket play was a

rematch and win over Fredonia (10-3). Day two began with a universe point win against Oneonta (10-9). Next, despite a 20-minute universe point



including the weather of all four seasons, the Hot Saucers took the win against Geneseo (8-7). In the playoff game for second place, the Hot Saucers faced RPI again. The final score was 2-15 but lines of seniors and sophomores demonstrated the depth of the roster and gave the team excitement for the future. Though the season didn't end exactly as the team wanted, the Hot Saucers never gave up and the love for the team and the sport was clear for all players.



Ultimate Abroad

The spring semester began with some familiar faces returning from abroad, while others left on their own adventures. The Saucers had a total of seven teammates travelling abroad from the men's and women's team, all from the junior class.

Women's team captain Taylor Coursey had a whirlwind semester abroad as she travelled to Vietnam, Morocco, and Bolivia.

Taylor Coursey '19 in Vietnam with (left to right) alums Curt Lyon '17, Logan Yu '17, and Jon Shapiro '17



Jessie Kravet spent her semester abroad in Italy where she experienced all the wonders the boot has to offer. While the Saucers at home contended with Commons and norovirus (aka the apocalypse), Jessie was living the life with pasta and gelato. In between meals, classes and adventure, she found the time to toss frisbees with new friends, introducing them to the frisbee culture.

Jumping across the globe, Kevin Strong brought the Saucers legacy to New Zealand, where he taught his flatmate Cher from China to throw a frisbee. He also advertised the team across the country, sporting his official Hamilton Ultimate jerseys on many of the spectacular hikes/adventures that he embarked upon.



Kevin Strong '19, second from left, with friends

Ben Stoloff finished out a full year abroad at the London School of Economics, where he played for the LSE's team in the fall, the Hot Sweaty Beavers, and continued his stint as a Beaver in the spring. The spring season took him on trips across the UK, as far as Glasgow Scotland for indoor men's nationals, and closer to home in Manchester for mixed outdoor nationals.

Dan Wall attended Hamilton international, going to Madrid for the semester, where he held up the Hot Saucers legacy of playing with the club team The Quijotes + Dulcineas, following Tyler Spector (fall '17) and Kuhan Mahendraraj (spring '17). Dan came close to leaving a piece of the Saucers in Spain forever when he (almost) lost a frisbee in the fortress La Alhambra, which dates back to 889 AD, but fortunately for the team's reputation he managed to recover the errant disc.

The closest abroad junior was Allie Gale who did the Hamilton in D.C. program where she had an internship with a NGO, the Council on Hemispheric Affairs. While Allie didn't spend much time frolicking with a frisbee on the National Mall, she is now home in Clinton, NY working to teach her dog (Mo) how to catch a frisbee.

Alanna Gushue spent her semester in a small city in Northern Chile, where she introduced frisbee to her host family, teaching her host sister how to throw a disc. Despite claims that nobody knew what frisbee was, she found some friends to throw with, and one can only hope that Alanna and her frisbee friends have left a lasting mark on their Chilean home.



Alanna Gushue '19, right, with friends



Graduating Class

Congratulations to the Class of 2018! We can't wait to see the places you go! (one of those places better be Hamilton when you come to visit!). Graduates are doing everything from leading Over-land trips in Spain, attending graduate school, working, researching and traveling for a Watson Fellowship, and doing AmeriCorps programs.

Back row: Thomas Morris (Capt), Eric Walborn

Second Row: Julia Dailey, Emma Karsten, Cori Crisfield, Catherine Lynamaker, Alison "Buggie" Kingston (Capt), Natalie Poremba, Sam "Skippy" Pastore

First Row: Jack Anderson, Justin Sonberg, Ku Mahendraraj (Capt), Mackenzie "Z" Morshead, Vi Pham, and Mo McDermott (Capt)

Not featured: Hannah Meisels, Isabel O'Malley, and Annabel Sangree

Other Fun Stuff

A big thank you to all the alums that came for alumni weekend this spring! Unfortunately we did not get any pictures of the whole team, but your continuous generosity, support, and enthusiasm means the world to us!

We now have an instagram! Toss the team a follow [@hchotsaucers](https://www.instagram.com/hchotsaucers)

Also check out the [Men's Team Highlight Video](#) and the [Women's Team Highlight](#) and [Lowlight Videos!](#)



Anna Tinker '21, Meg Manning '21, and Meghan Walls '21



Ku Mahendraraj '18 (Capt) at Regionals