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KU Ski Team 30th Anniversary
Kutztown 1980 Allegheny Ski Conference Champions

KUTZTOWN, PA. --- You don't normally think of Kutztown University as a major force in college ski racing, but in the winter of 1980 they won the inaugural year of the Allegheny Collegiate Ski Conference (ACSC) Championships. (The year of the Lake Placid Winter Olympics.)

It was also the inaugural year of the KSC (then Kutztown State College) Ski Team. They were recognized by the college as a club sports team as is the now nationally recognized KU Rugby team.

In the ACSC conference they competed against such schools as Penn State, West Virginia and Indiana PA. As the Conference Champions they qualified for the NCSA (now USCSA) National Championships, where they competed against some of the top ski teams in the country; Colorado State, Utah State, Boston College, College of Idaho.

Chuck Creen (Clinton, NJ), Mark Hughes (Springfield, VT), Maryann Dwyre (NJ), Tim Longenecker (Shillington, PA) and Mike Rockmaker (Allentown, PA) competed in Giant Slalom and Slalom at the Nationals for the KSC Ski Team. Hughes and Rockmaker (team founder) also competed in the cross-country events.

The ski team disbanded in 1995 with a list of accomplishments:
1 Conference Championship (1980).
7 National athlete qualifiers; 1980 five, 1984 & 1985 Kathy Nugent (NJ).
11 USCSA Mid-Atlantic Regional athlete qualifiers.
21 ACSC All-Conference athlete honors.
2 NCSA/ACSC Coach of the Year awards 1985 & 1990 (Longenecker)
Overall record .638, Women- .650, Men- .625.

The team is trying to contact former members for a 30th year celebration.
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