

OCTOBER REDHAWK REVIEW

Miami Memories Unveiled – RedHawk Review:

The Miami Memories vignettes that have been appearing on MURedHawks.com since August 1st and that will continue through February 16th—200 in all—are a result of this work. In an effort to secure oral histories with our greatest coaches and former student-athletes, please contact media relations when you know that one of our Miami legends is returning to campus. In recent days, media relations facilitated a group interview with basketball coaches Dick Shrider, Darrell Hedric and Charlie Coles, and with football coaches Bill Mallory and Dick Crum. Expect to see snippets from these interviews on future Miami Memories.

Jessica Reading – Field Hockey Senior Athlete

Jessica Reading was not touted as the next All-American Field Hockey star. However, Jess embodies what we truly strive for in our athletic department. Now a senior leader on the Field Hockey team, Jess has experienced and taken advantage of many 'Life Experiences' that most of us never thought of doing while we were in college. Jess saw limited action as a freshmen and sophomore on the Field Hockey team, but has worked her into a starting role on as a defender for the RedHawks, competing in every contest in 2007 and on her way to competing in every contest in 2008.



However, there is so much more to Jess that makes her a special student-athlete at Miami. She carries a 3.71 GPA, while double majoring in management and operations with a minor in American Studies. She is a member of the prestigious Wilkes Leadership Institute and University Honors program, only reserved for some of the brightest students at Miami.

She has participated in study abroad programs in China and the Dominican, helping with projects to fuel local cultures in each country. She was selected one of eleven students at Miami University to receive the most prestigious academic award, the Provost's Student Achievement Award. Most recently she has applied for a Full Bright Scholarship, which is considered one of the most recognizable scholarships awarded to those wanting to further their education beyond what they have already completed.

Jess has accomplished this all, while being an active participant with our Field Hockey program. Our athletic department should be very proud of the type of student-athletes that develop while at Miami University.

Men's Cross Country Leading the Way

The Miami University men's cross country team has gotten off to a very strong start by winning its first three meets of the season. As has been common in the last two years, Pat Sovacool has taken the individual crown in each of those three meets, winning the Dayton 5K Classic and Purdue Great American Legends Race each for the second-straight season. The RedHawks and Sovacool followed up those two performances with an even more impressive win at the Tennessee Invitational where the RedHawks defeated the host Volunteers, Georgia Tech, and South Region contender Belmont. Most recently, Miami placed 13th at the tough Notre Dame Invitational and will look to bounce back from a when the RedHawks travel to the Pre-NCAA Invitational at Indiana State on Oct. 18.



Taryn Nye Lends Helping Hand

Former student-athlete, Taryn Nye, is the recipient of a 2007-08 National Honor Award from the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS). Taryn received this award for designing a home for six-year-old Lianna Leap, daughter of Utawna Leap (Miami '93),



residents of Middletown. Lianna has quadriplegic mixed type cerebral palsy and though she cannot sit up, crawl, walk or talk she understands everything that goes on around her. Nye worked closely with the Leaps to design not only a fully accessible structure but also a space that would feel like home, "not an institution or retrofit home," says Utawna. Requirements included an oversized garage to accommodate a special van, bathroom sink with motion activated faucet, no steps anywhere and a separate therapy room. In addition to design, Nye worked with contractors on construction details.

Development Highlights

Terry Hoepfner and Randy Walker joined other Miami legends in the Cradle of Coaches on Saturday, October 4th. During the induction reception, Jane Hoepfner and Tammy Walker spoke eloquently about the impact their husbands had on student-athletes.

Saturday's football game against Temple featured a celebration of the great Miami Football coach, Bill Mallory. In addition to just being honored at the game, over 70 former players made the trip back to Oxford to join in the celebration to commemorate their former coach. Bill's former student-athletes felt so strongly about the lasting impact he had on their lives that they gathered enough support together to announce that there will be a football scholarship in Coach Mallory's name.

