

# GREEN WAVE ATHLETICS

**With four trips to NCAA Championships, six All-Americans and two Conference USA Players of the Year, Tulane Athletics made waves in 2001-02.**

One of the oldest and most storied programs in the Southeast, Tulane Athletics has been making waves on the national scene since 1893. A 14-sport program which competes in Conference USA in all sports, Tulane had another stellar year in 2001-02 as four teams advanced to NCAA Championships competition and another four student-athletes went on to represent the Green Wave in NCAA Championship action on an individual basis.

Along the way, Tulane student-athletes picked up 27 all-conference awards, 11 C-USA freshman team honors and 41 All-Louisiana accolades. In addition, three Green Wave standouts were named Freshman of the Year – Anastasia Kenon in volleyball, Maria Ivanov in women's tennis, and Alexis Wooster in women's golf – while Michael Kogan and James Jurries were named Conference USA Player of the Year in men's tennis and baseball, respectively.

On the national scene, kicker Seth Marler won the Lou Groza Award as the nation's top kicker in 2001, and became Tulane's first first-team All-American since 1987. Track standout Solomon Kandie earned All-America honors in the 3,000-meter steeplechase after finishing third in the event at the NCAA Outdoor Championships, and baseball's Jurries was named District VII Co-Player of the Year and claimed a spot on three All-America teams.

In the fall of 2002, the success continued, with the men's and women's tennis teams earning national rankings and the football team cruising to victory in the Hawai'i Bowl on ESPN on Christmas Day.

While the Green Wave stood out in the athletic arena, Tulane student-athletes were outstanding in the academic realm as well. Nearly one-third of all Tulane student-athletes earned C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll recognition for their work in the classroom in 2001-02.

#### Quarterback

Patrick Ramsey earned the prestigious National College

Scholar-Athlete Award from the National Football Foundation prior to being selected by the Washington Redskins in the first round of the 2002 NFL Draft. Women's basketball's Britt

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Seth Zaunbrecher and baseball's Jurries all earned All-District VI Academic honors, and Jurries

garnered third-team Verizon Academic All-America honors to become the second

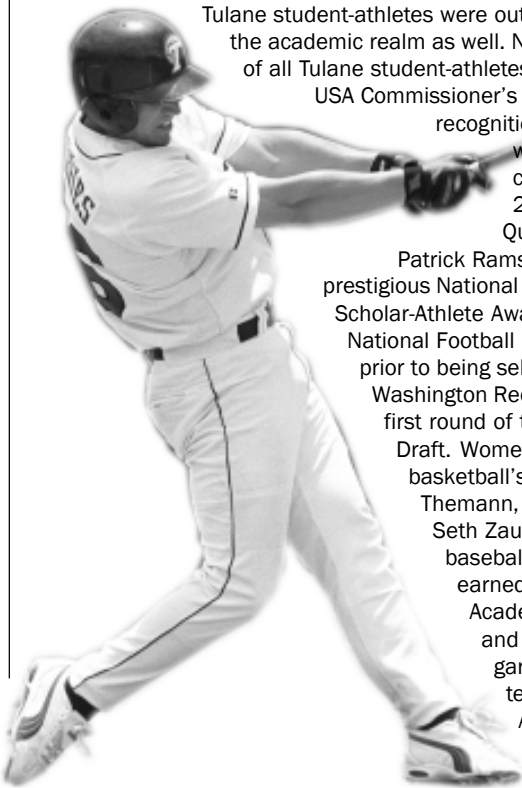
student-athlete in the history of Tulane Athletics to earn academic and athletic All-America recognition in the same season. In addition, Tulane was lauded as its graduation rate – the top mark in Conference USA and one of the leading marks in the nation at 75 percent, well ahead of the national average of 58 percent – was recognized as the top rate among all bowl teams in 2002-03. With superior graduation rates, bowl games, NCAA appearances, All-Americans and national award winners, Tulane offers the quintessential package of both athletic and academic success.

Changes are on the horizon for Tulane Athletics as well as the Wave will add women's swimming and diving to its sports line-up in 2003-04. In addition, the Green Wave welcomed new track and field and cross country coach Heather Van Norman to the Tulane fold for 2002-03

In all – from the four regional appearances and continued success by some young Green Wave teams, from All-Americans to the NFL and MLB – Tulane Athletics made waves in 2001-02 and the trend continues in 2002-03.



Senior Teana McKiver and the Tulane women's basketball team are looking for their ninth straight NCAA appearance in 2002-03.



James Jurries became the second student-athlete in the history of Tulane Athletics to earn academic and athletic All-America recognition in the same season.

## Tulane's C-USA Titles

2001-02 • 1	Men's Cross Country
2000-01 • 6	Women's Basketball (Tournament), Women's Outdoor Track & Field, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Baseball (Regular Season), Baseball (Tournament)
1999-2000 • 1	Women's Basketball (Tournament)
1998-99 • 6	Football, Women's Indoor Track & Field, Women's Basketball (Regular Season), Women's Basketball (Tournament), Baseball (Tournament), Women's Outdoor Track & Field
1997-98 • 2	Baseball (Regular Season), Baseball (Tournament)
1996-97 • 4	Women's Basketball (Regular Season), Women's Basketball (Tournament), Men's Tennis, Baseball (Regular Season)
1995-96 • 1	Baseball (Tournament)