



The Hurricane Report

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

What a year it has been! The opening of the newly renovated H.A. Chapman Stadium in September 2008 kicked-off the year in grand fashion however there was no "let-up" as we moved into 2009.

On the field of competition, TU teams claimed seven Conference USA championships this past year - bringing TU's four-year total to a league-best 25 C-USA crowns. However, TU student-athletes were getting it done in the classroom as well, as 178 student-athletes, representing all 18 sports, were named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll; while 39 student-athletes were named Commissioner's Academic Medal Winners.

On behalf of The University of Tulsa and Golden Hurricane Athletics, I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year. This past year your generosity and commitment has helped more than 350 talented young people succeed as athletes and scholars.

Many special thanks and very best wishes for a wonderful and relaxing summer. Go TU!

Brian Scislo

A Golden Hurricane in the Big Easy!

Travel with the Golden Hurricane to Tulane

September 3-6, 2009

**Sponsored by the Golden Hurricane Club and
the TU Alumni Association**

**Todd Graham's squad is off to New Orleans for a
showdown with Conference USA rival Tulane.**

**Spend Labor Day weekend with TU
in the Crescent City!**

**For Travel Package information, please call Tom Reynolds
with Spears Travel at (918) 254-1608 or (800) 688-8033.**



TU Athletics on Twitter

TULSA, Oklahoma - In an effort to keep fans updated with the latest information on the happenings around Golden Hurricane Athletics, The University of Tulsa athletics department made it's debut on Twitter on May 15th.

Twitter pages are updated with "Tweets" (messages sent via Twitter) that contain up-to-the-minute official breaking news from the TU athletic department.

You can receive Tulsa Hurricane updates via Twitter through the Web, on your mobile phone or through e-mail. Whichever way you choose, you will always stay up-to-date with the Golden Hurricane.

Tulsa fans can add the Twitter pages to their own blog, Facebook page or other social networking sites.

"This is another way to reach out to our Tulsa fans, and even those who are just sports fans in general," said TU Athletics Director **Bubba Cunningham**. "We want to be able to inform our 'followers' with breaking news and special events more efficiently and quickly."

In August, Tulsa athletics will also unveil a Facebook page for all Tulsa fans. TU Athletics has had a Facebook page for TU students the past two years, but will expand that social networking outlet to include a page for all TU fans.

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upcoming year, call (918) 631-2342
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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

TU teams brought home seven Conference USA titles this year

TULSA, Oklahoma - What a year it has been for The University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane! This past year, TU teams claimed seven Conference USA team championships.

During the fall sports season, our men's soccer team won both the regular-season and tournament championships, the men's cross country team took home top honors at the conference tournament and the football team won the C-USA West Division crown.

This past spring season, the TU softball team claimed the conference regular-season and tournament crowns and for the fourth year in a row the TU men's tennis team struck gold at the conference tournament.

MEN'S SOCCER

For the second consecutive year, the TU Men's Soccer team posted an undefeated conference season and claimed the Conference USA regular-season and tournament championships.

The Golden Hurricane defeated Kentucky in the championship game. After regulation, the score remained tied at 1-1, but TU outscored the Wildcats, 4-2, in the shootout to claim their second consecutive C-USA men's soccer title.

In addition to the outstanding team performance, head coach **Tom McIntosh** was named the C-USA Coach of the Year for the second year in a row, **Ashley McInnes** garnered Player of the Year honors, and **Austin Neil** was recognized as the conference's Freshman of the Year.



Men's Soccer

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Tulsa won its first-ever Conference USA Championship in men's cross country this past year by edging out three-time defending champion, UTEP. Junior, **John Beattie** led the way by winning the men's individual title while four other TU runners placed in the top eight. Head coach, **Steve Gulley**, was named C-USA Coach of the Year after guiding the Golden Hurricane to its first conference crown.

MEN'S TENNIS

Some may call it a dynasty as the



Men's Cross Country

TU men's tennis team became the first school in league history to win four consecutive conference titles. The Golden Hurricane, led by the nation's top-ranked singles player, **Arnau Brugues**, cruised to a 4-1 victory over second-seeded Rice. Brugues was named the C-USA Player of the Year for the fourth time and head coach, **Vince Westbrook** was recognized as the conference's Coach of the Year - also the fourth time that he has received this honor.



Softball

SOFTBALL

This past May, the TU Softball team won both the regular-season and conference tournament titles. The Golden Hurricane rattled-off 13 straight C-USA victories to finish the season and completed the league schedule undefeated at home at - a perfect 9-0. As the top seed in the conference tournament, TU defeated UAB (7-3), Marshall (6-4) and in the championship game, host team, UTEP (11-3).

*Excerpts taken from
TulsaHurricane.com

Tulsa Reigns in Hunt for Conference USA Championships

The Hurricane has totaled 25 C-USA titles in four years



TULSA, Oklahoma - After four years as a member of Conference USA, the Tulsa Golden Hurricane has captured a league-best 25 conference championships since the league restructured in the fall of 2005. Tulsa has won 16 post-season titles and nine regular season conference crowns, including three Western Division titles (2005, 2007 and 2008) in football.

Rice is second with 16 championships, including 13 post-season crowns and three regular season titles, while SMU has 14 league championships (nine post-season and five regular season).

This year Tulsa won a total of seven titles, including four post-season conference crowns coming in the sports of men's soccer, men's cross country, men's tennis and softball. The regular season championships came in men's soccer, softball and a Western Division title in football.

"It is a credit to the extraordinary

efforts of our student-athletes and the coaching staffs that we have won this many league titles in a brief period of time," said Director of Athletics **Bubba Cunningham**.

"From the time that students are recruited through the day they receive their diploma, winning championships and graduating are the goals that they strive to achieve through hard work and dedication. We have been very fortunate that these student-athletes have been able to reach these goals," added Cunningham.

The Tulsa men's tennis team has won a postseason conference title in all four years as a C-USA member to lead the Hurricane title chase. Men's Soccer, Women's Tennis and Softball have each won two postseason titles. Other league postseason crowns for the Hurricane have come in women's basketball, football, men's cross country, men's golf, women's golf and volleyball.

Tulsa's Post-season C-USA Championships (16)

2005-06 - (4) Women's Basketball, Football, Softball, Men's Tennis

2006-07 - (3) Men's Golf, Men's Tennis, Women's Golf

2007-08 - (5) Men's Golf, Men's Soccer, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Volleyball

2008-09 - (4) Men's Cross Country, Men's Soccer, Softball, Men's Tennis

Tulsa's Regular Season C-USA Championships (9)

2005-06 - (3) Football (Western Div.), Women's Basketball, Softball

2006-07 - (1) Volleyball

2007-08 - (2) Football (Western Div.), Men's Soccer

2008-09 - (3) Football (Western Div.), Men's Soccer, Softball

**Report from TulsaHurricane.com*

Student-Athlete Spotlight: Rob Laird



we are **Tulsa**

AT A GLANCE...
Class: Junior
Hometown: Tulsa, OK
Height: 6'2"
Major: Finance

Regional held at Karsten Creek Golf Course in Stillwater, OK, Laird led the team with a 13th-place finish.

Rob earned all-state honors for Jenks High School. His parents and sister all graduated from TU, where his father was a football player from 1979-81.

Rob Laird, a Tulsa native and returning letterwinner, earned second-team all-Conference USA honors after finishing among the top-20 in five tournaments this year. At the NCAA South Central

Brugues concludes TU career

Tennis standout earns school's first #1 ranking

Tulsa, Okla. - Tulsa men's tennis senior, **Arnau Brugues**, was ranked No. 2 in the final national men's singles poll released by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association on May 29th. It is the highest final ranking in Brugues' career and of any player in Tulsa history.

This season, Brugues was ranked No. 1 in the country five times and spent a total of 11 weeks in the top spot. The Barcelona,

Spain, native finished the season with a 44-4 record and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Men's Singles Championships.

Brugues finishes his career as a four-time All-American, four-time C-USA Player of the Year, the 2009 ITA National Senior Player of the Year, and a three-time C-USA All-Academic honoree.

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