

# **WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

## **2010-11 ATHLETICS REVIEW**

Ryan Brown named GNAC Male Athlete of the Year  
Sarah Porter named GNAC Female Athlete of the Year

Sarah Porter named WWU Female Athlete of the Year  
Ryan Brown named WWU Male Athlete of the Year

Xavier Dailly named WWU Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year  
Katie Sharpe named WWU Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Placed first in Great Northwest Athletic Conference combined sports team  
championship - also finished first in both men's and women's divisions  
Had GNAC Athletes of the Year for nine different sports

Ranked 7th nationally among 310 schools in final Sports Directors' Cup Division II  
All-Sports standings, second among West Region institutions - third straight top  
10 ranking

Thirty-nine WWU student-athletes named recipients of DII Athletics Directors  
Association Academic Achievement Awards

## **FALL**

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Coach: Diane Flick

20-4

Tied for No.16 in final AVCA Top 25 Poll

Tied for 1st (16-2) in Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Reached semifinals at NCAA II West Regional, defeating Alaska Anchorage (3-1) and losing to  
Seattle Pacific (3-2)

Received AVCA Team Academic Award

Named AVCA first-team All-American was L Allison Gotz, MB Emily Jepsen received  
honorable mention

Named Daktronics West Region first-team all-star was Jepsen and second-team was  
Gotz

Jepsen named GNAC Player of the Year

Named to West Region All-Tournament team were S Kari Rice and OH Megan Amundson

Named GNAC first-team all-stars were Jepsen (unanimous), Gotz and Rice. OH Marlayna Geary  
was a second-team pick

Named second-team ESPN Academic All-District was OH Kathryn Mertens

Named GNAC Academic all-stars were Mertens, Jepsen, MB Bailey Jones, DS Haleigh Adkins,  
S Laurie Yearout, Amundson, OH Breanne Graham, Gotz and OH Jordyn Bailey

Rice ranked No.16 nationally in assists per set (10.89), Gotz No.17 in digs per set (5.52) and  
Jepsen No.24 in service aces (0.55) and No. 29 in points (4.40)

WWU ranked No.23 nationally in assists (12.63) and No.30 in service aces (2.05)

Named GNAC co-Coach of the Year was Flick

## **MEN'S SOCCER**

Coach: Travis Connell

10-6-2

Placed 3rd (5-4-1) in Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Named first-team Daktronics All-American was F Gibson Bardsley and M Kellan Brown received honorable mention

Named first-team Daktronics West Region all-stars were Bardsley, Brown and M Oscar Jimenez

Named GNAC Player of the Year was Bardsley

Named first-team GNAC all-star (all unanimous) were Bardsley, Brown and Jimenez, Picked to second team were M Brendan Quilici and D Thomas Kauffman

Named GNAC academic all-stars were D Bryan Hall and M Darragh Simm

WWU ranked No.5 nationally in scoring offense (2.78) and No.13 in goals (50)

Bardsley ranked No.2 nationally in goals per game (1.06), No.3 in points per game (2.53), No.5 in goals (18) and No.7 in points (43.0)

Bardsley led team in points (43) and goals (18), and tied for assist lead (7) with Jimenez

Leo Cohen led team with 1.08 goals against average and 4 shutouts

## **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Coach: Travis Connell

10-4-4

Placed 4th (7-4-3) in Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Named second-team NSCAA West Region all-star was F Claire Morgan, with D Alicia Patten picked to third team

Named second-team Daktronics West Region all-star was Patten

Named first-team GNAC all-stars were Morgan and Patten. Earning second-team honors were M Justina MacDowell and GK Jamie Arthurs

Named GNAC Academic all-star was M Kelly Cates

Arthurs led GNAC in shutouts

Arthurs ranked No.13 nationally in save percentage (.886) and No.16 in goals against average (0.52)

WWU ranked No.8 nationally in save percentage (.889), and No.11 in both goals against (0.52) and shutout percentage (.611)

Morgan led team in points (24), goals (8) and assists (8)

Arthurs had 0.52 goals against average and 11 shutouts

## **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Coach: Pee Wee Halsell

Placed 9th among 24 teams at NCAA Division II National Championships

Ranked No.10 in final regular season U.S. Cross Country Coaches Association Top 25

At nationals, Jordan Welling placed eighth and Bennett Grimes 13th to earn USTFCCCA All-America honors, Blake Medhaug 66th, Eric Brill 80th, Nick Abraham 131st, Chip Jackson 138th, Kyle Johnson 173rd

Placed 3rd among 19 teams at West Regional to earn trip to nationals

Placed 2nd among nine teams at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

At regionals, Welling placed 2nd, Grimes 3rd and Medhaug 13th to earn all-star honors.

Receiving GNAC all-star honors were Welling (5th), Grimes (6th) and Medhaug (8th)

Named USTFCCCA national scholar athletes were Brill, Jackson and Welling

Named GNAC Academic all-stars were Eric Brill, Travis Peters and Welling

## **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Coach: Pee Wee Halsell

Placed 10th among 24 teams at NCAA II National Championships

Ranked No.12 in final regular season U.S. Cross Country Coaches Association Top 25

Placed 3rd among 24 teams at West Regional to earn trip to nationals

Placed 2nd among nine teams at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

Sarah Porter placed 2nd at nationals to earn USTFCCCA All-America honors, Lauren Breihof 49th, Rachael Johnson 89th, Jessica Boyer 108th, Phoebe Hartnett 111th, Lacey Nation 146th and Sierra Brisky 146th

At West Regional, Porter placed 1st and Breihof 6th to earn all-star honors.

Porter named USTFCCCA West Region Athlete of the Year

Porter named GNAC Athlete of the Year

Earning GNAC all-star honors were Porter and Breihof, who placed 1st and 7th, respectively, at league meet

Named USTFCCCA national scholar athletes were Breihof, Brisky, Hartnett and Johnson

Named GNAC Academic all-stars were Breihof, Brisky, Chandler Dennison, Kristi Fairbanks, Hartnett, Johnson, Gaby Krevat, Mary Rogers and Cheryl Watson

## **WINTER**

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Coach: Carmen Dolfo

26-4

Reached first round of NCAA II West Regional, losing 55-48 to Alaska Anchorage

Ranked No.18 in final ESPN/USA Today/WBCA Coaches Poll

Reached final of GNAC Tournament, losing 68-67 to Alaska Anchorage after defeating Simon Fraser, 73-60, in opening round and Montana State Billings, 76-49, in semifinals

Placed 1st (17-1) in Great Northwest Athletic Conference regular-season standings

G Amanda Dunbar named second-team DII Bulletin All-American

Dunbar receives WBCA All-America honorable mention

Dunbar named first-team WBCA West Region all-star

Dunbar named GNAC Player of the Year

Dunbar, guard Megan Pinske and center Lauren Hefflin named first-team GNAC all-stars

G Megan Pinske and Corinn Waltrip named GNAC academic all-star

Had 19-game winning streak, tied for second longest in school history

13-1 in home games, having 26-game home court victory string snapped

Carmen Dolfo named WBCA West Region Coach of the Year

Dolfo named GNAC Coach of the Year

Hefflin ranked No.17 nationally in field-goal percentage (55.0)

Ranked No.10 nationally in scoring defense (55.1), No.14 in scoring margin (14.3) and No.20 in 3-point percentage defense (27.3)

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Coach: Brad Jackson

16-11

Lost in first round of GNAC Tournament, 77-75, to Northwest Nazarene

Placed 4th (11-7) in Great Northwest Athletic Conference

F Michael Duty named first-team GNAC all-star, G John Allen is second-team pick

Blanche named CoSIDA/Capital One second-team College Division District 8

Academic All-Star

F Rory Blanche, guard Anthony Wiederkehr and C Chris Mitchell named GNAC academic all-stars

Duty led team in points (16.4, 443) and Blanche in rebounds (6.8, 178)

Allen ranked No.2 nationally in free throw percentage (91.5) and Blanche No.14 in field-goal percentage (62.8)

Ranked No.10 nationally in 3-point FG Pct. (39.5), No.15 in field-goal percentage (49.3) and No.17 in scoring offense (83.2)

## **MEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Coach: Pee Wee Halsell

Placed 21st at NCAA II National Championships with 12 points

Ranked No.21 in final USTFCCCA National Top 25 Poll

Placed 2nd among eight teams at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

Ryan Brown placed first at nationals in pole vault (17-2 3/4) and Jordan Welling finished seventh in 5,000 (14:58.85) to earn USTFCCCA All-America honors

Ryan Brown named USTFCCCA National Field Athlete of the Year

Brown named USTFCCCA West Region Field Athlete of the Year

Brown named GNAC Male Athlete of the Year

Named USTFCCCA West Region all-stars were Nick Abraham in distance medley relay, Brown, Tim Clendaniel in pole vault and triple jump, Toby David in DMR, Ben Elder in shot put, Jacob Gilbert in shot put, Alex Harrison in 60 hurdles, Michael Hoffman in weight throw, Dylan Hopper in DMR, Josh Larson in high jump, Blake Medhaug in 5,000, Cal Rosenberg in pole vault, Karsten Shick in high jump, Alex Tilley in 60 and 200 and Jordan Welling in 5,000 and DMR

Brown placed first in pole vault (15-9 1/4) at GNAC Championships for fourth straight year. Other event winners were Jordan Welling in 5,000 meters (15:15.07), Tim Clendaniel in triple jump, (46-11), Alex Tilley in 60 (7.05)

School records set by Tilley in 60 (6.91), Welling in 5,000 (14:11.10), 4x400 relay of Tilley, Phillip Villanueva, Levi Grudzinski and Toby David (3:22.68); Brown in pole vault (17-5), Clendaniel in triple jump (46-11) and Michael Hoffman in 35-lb. weight throw (57-2)

## **WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Coach: Pee Wee Halsell

Placed 31st at NCAA II National Championships with six points

Sarah Porter placed third in women's 5,000 (16:44.04) to earn USTFCCCA All-America honors. Distance medley relay of Rachael Johnson, Eleanor Siler, Megan O'Connell and Lauren Breihof placed ninth (12:15.45). Siler finished 11th in 400 prelim.

Placed 6th among eight teams at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

Porter named USTFCCCA West Region Track Athlete of the Year

Porter named GNAC co-Female Athlete of the Year

Named USTFCCCA West Region all-stars were Tanya Bjornsson in 60 hurdles and long jump, Breihof in mile and 5,000, Johnson in 800, mile and distance medley relay, O'Connell in DMR, Porter in 5,000 and DMR and Siler in 400 and DMR

Placing first at GNAC meet were Sarah Porter in 5,000 (17:18.68) and Tanya Bjornsson in 60 hurdles (8.98)

School records set by Siler in 400 (56.22), Porter in 5,000 (16:11.98), Lindsay Wells in 20 lb. weight throw (48-1 1/4) and Brooklyn Holton in pentathlon (2011)

## **SPRING**

### **WOMEN'S GOLF**

Coach: Bo Stephan

Placed 11th among 12 teams at NCAA II National Championships

At nationals, Sophie Elstrott tied for 31st, Katie Sharpe tied for 38th, Kara Zitzman tied for 49th, Claire Rachor tied to 53rd and Christa Goldie tied for 58th

Placed 3rd among nine teams at NCAA II Super West Regional

Tied for No.8 in final Golf World/NGCA Coaches Poll

Elstrott named NGCA honorable mention All-American

Elstrott named NGCA West Region all-star

Placed 1st among four teams at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

Elstrott named GNAC Player of the Year

Named first-team GNAC all-stars were Elstrott, who was GNAC medalist, Zitzman, Sharpe, and Rachor. Named to second team were Taylor and Goldie

Named CoSIDA/Capital One first-team College Division District 8 Academic All-Star was Sharpe

Named GNAC Academic all-stars were Sharpe, Taylor, Goldie and Rachor

Elstrott led team in scoring average at 76.6

Stephan named GNAC Coach of the Year

### **MEN'S GOLF**

Coach: Steve Card

Placed 6th among 20 teams at NCAA Division II Central/West Super Regional

No.11 in final Golf Coaches Association of America Top 25 poll

Placed 1st among five teams at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

Dylan Goodwin named third-team GCAA PING All-American

Goodwin named GCAA West Region all-star

Goodwin named GNAC Player of the Year

Goodwin named GNAC Newcomer of the Year  
Named CoSIDA/Capital One second-team College Division Academic All-America  
was Dailly  
Named CoSIDA/Capital One first-team College Division District 8 Academic All-Star  
was Dailly  
Named GCAA Cleveland Scholar Athlete were Brian Barhanovich and Dailly  
Named first-team GNAC all-stars were Goodwin, Dailly and Nick Varelia, who was  
GNAC medalist. Named to second team were Sandy Vaughan and Barhanovich  
Named GNAC Academic all-stars were Dailly and Barhanovich  
Goodwin led team in scoring average at 72.9  
Card named GNAC Coach of the Year

## **SOFTBALL**

Coach: Amy Suiter

36-16

Reached NCAA II West Sub Regional - lost 3-1 to Chico State, lost 8-4 to Central  
Washington

Placed second (24-11) in Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Erika Quint named GNAC Pitcher of the Year

Opened season with 12 straight wins

Ranked school-best No.6 in NFCA Coaches Poll during regular season, and No.1 in  
NCAA II West Region Rating

Named first-team Daktronics West Region all-star was Quint. Second-team honors  
went to OF Michelle Wrigley.

Named second-team NFCA West Region all-star was Quint

Named first-team GNAC all-stars were Quint and Wrigley. Second-team  
honors went to C Jackie Rothenberger and OF Meghan Carrillo

Named GNAC academic all-stars were UT Melissa Becker, 1B Rachele Berry, SS  
Caitlin Dotlich, 3B Kelsey Anderson and Wrigley

Quint ranked 10th nationally in both wins and strikeouts

WWU ranked 18th nationally in fielding percentage (.970)

Rothenberger led team with .344 batting average

Quint led team with 28-7 record and 2.09 earned run average, striking out 290 in 234-2/3  
innings

Suiter named GNAC Coach of the Year

## **MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Coach: Pee Wee Halsell

Placed 28th (10 points) in team standings at NCAA II National Championships

At nationals, Ryan Brown won pole vault (17-1 3/4) to earn USTFCCCA All-America  
recognition. Michael Hoffman placed 14th in hammer (185-5), Jordan Welling  
was 11th in both 10,000 (30:13.87) and 5,000 (14:29.59) and Bennett Grimes 14th\  
10,000 (30:40.71) and 12th in 5,000 (14:30.08)

Named GNAC Athlete of the Year was Brown

Placed second at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships

USTFCCCA West Region all-stars were Brown in pole vault, Tim Clendaniel in triple  
jump, Ben Elder in shot put and discus, Bennett Grimes in 5,000 and 10,000, Alex  
Harrison in the javelin, Michael Hoffman in hammer and discus, Cory Okazaki  
in 110 hurdles, and Welling in the 5,000 and 10,000

GNAC all-stars were Welling in 10,000 (meet record), Clendaniel in triple jump,

Hoffman in hammer and Elder in discus  
Named CoSIDA/Capital One first-team College Division District 8 Academic All-Star was Welling  
Named USTFCCCA Academic all-stars were Clendaniel and Welling  
Named GNAC academic all-stars Eric Brill, Clendaniel, Welling, Andrew Gray, Tyler Nichols, Jacob Gilbert, Logan Darling, Travis Peters and Colby Mayberry  
School records set by Welling in 5,000 (14:10.43) and Hoffman in hammer (206-3)

## **WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Coach: Pee Wee Halsell

Tied for 6th (29-1/2 points) in team standings at NCAA II National Championships  
At nationals, Sarah Porter placed first in 10,000 (33:17.39) and second in 5,000 (16:23.08), Monika Gruszecki won the women's javelin (163-6), and Karis Anderson tied for seventh in the women's pole vault (12-1/2) to earn USTFCCCA All-America honors. Rachael Johnson finished 13th in 800 (2:13.23), placing fourth in prelim heat  
Placed second at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championships  
Porter named USTFCCCA West Region Track Athlete of the Year  
Porter named GNAC Co-Athlete of the Year  
USTFCCCA West Region all-stars were Karis Anderson in pole vault, Lauren Breihof in 10,000, Monika Gruszecki in javelin, Rachael Johnson in 800, Porter in 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000; Eleanor Siler in 400, and Lindsay Wells in hammer  
Named USTFCCCA Academic all-stars were Breihof, Gruszecki, Johnson and Siler  
GNAC all-stars were Gruszecki in javelin (meet record) and Porter in 10,000  
Named GNAC academic all-stars were Phoebe Hartnett, Mary Rogers, Kristin Fairbanks, Diana DeMarco, Callie Reff, Johnson, Sierra Brisky, Breihof, Valle Ledtke, Alex McDonald, Gruszecki, Megan Zukowski, Amanda Overdick, Haida Ikeda, Cheryl Watson, Eleanor Siler  
School records set by Rachael Johnson in 800 (2:11.45), Porter in 1500 (4:30.32), 3000 (9:35.75), 5,000 (15:57.02) and 10,000 (33:17.39); and Lindsay Wells in hammer (164-0)

## **WOMEN'S ROWING**

Coach: John Fuchs

Won NCAA II National Championship - WWU 20, Mercyhurst 13, Humboldt State 12, Nova Southeastern 5  
At nationals, varsity 8 placed first in grand final and first in qualifying heat. Seated in eight were coxswain Samantha Oberholzer, stroke Casey Mapes, No.7 Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, No.6 Jean Piette, No.5 Siri Carlson, No.4 Megan Northey, No.3 Stephanie Bluhm, No.2 Katie Woolsey and bow Kate Berni  
At nationals, varsity 4 placed first in grand final and first in qualifying heat. Seated in four were coxswain Kelsey McFarland, stroke Kelsey Baker, No.3 Mariana Cains, No.2 Alyssa Dewey, bow Lauren Fleming.  
Named first-team Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association All-Americans were Oberholzer and Carlson, second-team was Mapes  
Named Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar-Athletes were Cains, Hannah Gallagher, MacPherson-Krutsky, Mapes, Northey and Miranda Steward  
Varsity 8, junior varsity 8, varsity 4 and novice 4 placed first in grand finals at Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship Regatta.  
Named first-team all-WIRA were V8 Cox Oberholzer, V8 stroke Mapes and V8 No.5 seat Carlson and second-team were V4 Cox McFarland and JV 8 bow Steward

Won Northwest Collegiate Rowing Conference Championship

Varsity 8, junior varsity 8, and 2nd varsity 4 were victorious at NCRC Championships

Named NCRC all-star was Carlson

Named CoSIDA/Capital One first-team College Division District 8 Academic All-Star was  
Mapes

Named Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar-Athletes were Cains,  
Gallagher, MacPherson-Krutzky, Mapes, Northey and Steward

Named GNAC At-Large academic all-stars were Carlson, Cains, Dewey, Fleming, Gallagher,  
Maddy Hillier, Mapes, MacPherson-Krutzky, Northey, Steward and Woolsey

Named NCRC academic all-stars were Cains, Gallagher, Christine Henie, Hillier,  
MacPherson-Krutzky, Mapes, Claire Marine, Northey and Steward

Fuchs named WIRA Coach of the Year