

# SPORTS UPDATE

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team achieved its highest win total since the 1986-87 season with a 19-13 record. The Rangers finished third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Eastern Division at 10-9. The squad picked up its first-ever NCAA Division II post-season bid, gaining a No. 8 seed in the Great Lakes Region. In addition to an exhibition win at Division I UW-Milwaukee, the Rangers defeated nationally ranked South Dakota, Northern Kentucky and Southern Indiana. The team was 12-1 on its home court and 4-0 on a neutral court. The Rangers averaged more than 1,600 fans for the last four home games. LaVontay Fenderson picked up second team All-GLVC honors. The squad started the season by winning the Disney Classic with a 3-0 record. Fenderson and Brad Ferstenou were named tournament co-MVPs.

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Rangers finished second at the NCAA Division II regional meet on the Wayne E. Dannehl National Cross Country Course. That performance qualified the team for the NCAA Division II national meet, where the Rangers finished eighth. The team won the GLVC championship for the third consecutive year and six of the last seven. Finishing in the top 10 and earning all-conference honors were Valerie Kelly (2nd), Naomi Fulton (3rd), Jessica Lamp (7th) and Jill Winkler (8th). Kelly and Lamp also picked up All-American honors. Head coach Mike DeWitt was named the GLVC coach of the year for the third consecutive season.

## MEN'S SOCCER

For the fourth time in the program's history, the Rangers (13-4-4) qualified for the NCAA tournament. They were nationally ranked during the season, reaching as high as No. 7. It was the 23rd consecutive winning season under head coach Rick Kilps. Greg Walasek was named the GLVC scholar athlete of the year. Walasek and Bojan Jovicic earned All-American honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for NCAA Division II. Each was named first team all-region, while Bill Haga

earned second team honors and Mike Ruffolo grabbed a third team award.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

UW-Parkside, which had no seniors on its roster, logged two, five-game win streaks during the 2006 campaign and compiled a 10-6-1 record. This marked the seventh consecutive season the team has posted double-digit wins under head coach Troy Fabiano. Laura Eide, who was a GLVC first team selection, earned second team all-region honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UW-Parkside more than doubled its win total from the previous season finishing at 15-12. Back-to-back victories over Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky, both of which were nationally ranked, highlighted the season. Senior Ashley Ferguson earned honorable mention all-conference honors. She finished as the Rangers' 16th leading scorer with 864 career points.

## BASEBALL

Jarvis Brown, a World Series ring-holder, took over as head coach. The Rangers finished with a 19-29 overall record and a 14-21 mark in the GLVC. Junior outfielder Andy Heller was tabbed for GLVC first team honors and second team all-region. Right fielder Casey Garms ended a storied career with school records in career runs scored (174), hits (271) and walks (123). Shortstop Mike Umscheid carved his way into the record book, finishing fourth in career runs scored (113), career hits (173), career walks (81) and career RBI (107).

## SOFTBALL

The Rangers finished with a 26-20 record and 13-11 in the GLVC. The team won its first GLVC tournament game before losing its next two. Third baseman Michelle Racine and pitcher Meagan Shimkus picked up second team all-conference honors. Freshman Amanda Miller burst onto the scene, hitting .357.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Rangers finished 10th in the GLVC. Jackie Nehls was third in the league in

digs per game at 5.27. The team started out fast, winning five of its first six matches, all away from home, and finished 8-17 overall, improving from its 6-25 record in 2005.

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Ranger men's cross country team finished ninth at the GLVC meet. In that contest, four of the five Ranger runners were freshmen. Anthony Holguin was the top UW-Parkside finisher in 26:25 over the 10K course, good for 13th place.

## GOLF

Senior Corey Sell and freshman Ben Bendtsen were selected by the NCAA National Committee to compete as individuals in the Central/Great Lakes Super Regional.

## WBCA HONORS REIGEL

UW-Parkside men's basketball head coach Luke Reigel has been selected as the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) coach of the year for NCAA Divisions II, III and NAIA.



"It doesn't surprise me at all that a person with Luke's basketball IQ has received the first of what I am sure will be many coaching awards," said University of Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan, who Reigel played for and coached under at UW-Platteville.

The Rangers have seen consistent improvement under Reigel. Last season, they were 19-13, picking up the school's first NCAA tournament bid in men's basketball. Reigel has built the program with a host of players from Wisconsin including Kyle Clark (Kenosha/St. Joseph), LaVontay Fenderson (Racine/St. Catherine's), Brad Ferstenou (Burlington), Tyrone Deacon (Green Bay/Bay Port) and Dave Keane (Greenfield) – all of whom return for the 2007-08 season.

"This is great recognition for our university and how we are building our basketball program," Reigel said. "My assistants and players have worked extremely hard and this is an award I most definitely share with them."