

Athletics

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team (11-7-1) finished its 19th consecutive winning season under head coach Rick Kilps and its 23rd consecutive winning season overall. The Rangers also broke into the national top 25 for the 19th straight season, placing as high as No. 21 in the country. The team advanced to the Great Lakes Valley Conference Final Four for the eighth consecutive season, which is as many years as UW-Parkside has been a member of the league. The season highlight came at Missouri-St. Louis, where the Rangers beat the Rivermen, 5-0, in the league's quarterfinals. This came just 10 days after the Rangers lost a 1-0 decision at Missouri-St. Louis in the regular season. Arne Barez was named first-team all-GLVC.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team, coached by Troy Fabiano, followed its 17-2 record in 2001 with a 10-2-3 mark. The Rangers began the season on fire with a 6-0-1 record. The season ended at Quincy in the GLVC quarterfinals. Tied 1-1 with Quincy at the end of double overtime, penalty kicks determined which team advanced to the GLVC Final Four. Quincy emerged victorious. For the second consecutive season, UW-Parkside had a player earn GLVC Freshman of the Year honors. The 2002 award went to Erica Kollatz. Sam Sosnay, a senior, was named first-team all-GLVC.

Volleyball

Ranger volleyball saw another season of improvement under third-year head coach Melissa Wolter. The team posted a 16-11 overall record, the best mark since the 1997 season. The season highlight came in the DeSimone Gymnasium versus Lewis University. The Flyers came in with the nation's longest winning streak and a record of 21-0. All that changed when the Rangers posted an exciting five-game victory. The Rangers advanced to the GLVC tournament and were beaten in quarterfinal play by Northern Kentucky for the second consecutive season. Katie Raasch, a senior outside hitter, was named first-team all-GLVC.

Women's Cross Country

The UW-Parkside women's cross country team successfully defended its Great Lakes Valley Conference championship by winning the annual meet on its home course. Once again, head coach Mike DeWitt was named the GLVC coach of the year. Sophomore Robyn Stevens, senior Erin Enright and junior Jessica Krantz earned all-GLVC honors. The team qualified for NCAA II nationals and finished 15th.

Men's Cross Country

The best is yet to come for the UW-Parkside men's cross country team. Head coach Lucian Rosa has his team on a plan that will make it a league contender in 2003. The team finished fifth at the GLVC meet on UW-Parkside's Wayne E. Dannehl National Cross Country Course. Four sophomores and seven freshmen ran in the meet for the Rangers, giving hope for a bright future.

By the Way... How'd They Do That?

A number of PERSPECTIVE readers called to ask how we managed to make Rick Kilps and Rick Lechusz look so young in the last issue (Summer 2002, page 11) as the two were pictured with their sons Derek Kilps and Jared Lechusz. Actually, Laura Mason, UW-Parkside's graphic design director and the person in charge of designing PERSPECTIVE created the photo illustration from past and current photographs.

