

ATHLETICS

WOMEN'S SOCCER CAPTURES GLVC CROWN

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside had a superb fall sports season, headed by the women's soccer team. The squad won its fourth Great Lakes Valley Conference championship since 2003 and advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament before bowing to the eventual national champion, Grand Valley State. Women's Soccer Coach Troy Fabiano was named NCAA Midwest Region coach of the year and Shannon Becker was the NCAA Midwest Region player of the year and a third team All-American. In addition, Becker was tabbed the GLVC's scholar athlete of the year. The Rangers posted a sparkling 16-3-2 overall record.

KILPS EARNS SOCCER COACHES HALL OF FAME HONOR

The men's soccer team saw its streak of 30 consecutive winning seasons come to an end. The club narrowly missed the mark with a 7-8-2 overall record. Men's Soccer Coach Rick Kilps was inducted into the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Legend's Room in Lambeau Field on March 19.

VOLLEYBALL PRODUCES ANOTHER WINNING SEASON

Under second year head coach Michele Benoit, the Rangers put together another winning season. The team followed up a 21-12 record in Benoit's first year with a 19-11 record in 2010. Addie Kramer and Tami Gleason were named third team all-conference players.

ORVOLD QUALIFIES FOR NCAA DII NATIONALS IN CROSS COUNTRY

Ben Orvold qualified for NCAA Division II nationals and was an all-region and all-conference performer for the men's cross country team. Teammate Alex Mena made the grade as an all-conference harrier. The Rangers won the UW-Parkside Invitational for the first time in history. The squad took fourth place at the GLVC meet.



Hope Christie earned all-region and all-conference honors in women's cross country. Heidi Ertl joined Christie in picking up an all-conference award. The Rangers finished in third place at the GLVC meet.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ADVANCES TO THE "SWEET 16"

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside women's basketball team recorded the greatest season in school history. The Rangers finished the year 24-7; the most wins in school history. The squad became the first basketball team at UW-Parkside to win an NCAA tournament game, beating Missouri S&T and then 16th-ranked Quincy University to advance to the NCAA Division II "Sweet 16."

The Rangers also set a program mark for best Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) season going 15-3 despite playing in a division that placed three teams into the NCAA Tournament. Junior guard Jadee Rooney was named first team All-GLVC and second team All-Midwest Region. Rooney was also named to NCAA Tournament's All-Midwest Region team. Junior Brittany Beyer and senior Brittany Hogen were both selected to the All-GLVC third team. All three players surpassed the 1,000 career point mark at UW-Parkside this season within seven games of one another; an extremely rare feat that may have never been matched. The Rangers also ranked among the top 10 teams in the country in team field goal percentage and three-point percentage.

Women's Basketball Coach Jenny Kenesie also became the school's all-time winningest coach with her 137th career victory on Jan. 6 against St. Joseph's College. Her win against Quincy in the NCAA tournament turned out to be her 150th career victory. The women are 97-48 over the last five seasons.

WRESTLING FINISHES NINTH AT NATIONALS ... TWO NATIONAL RUNNERS-UP AND FOUR ALL-AMERICANS

The wrestling team continued its strong run over the past few years sending four grapplers to the 2011 NCAA Division II Championships. The Rangers finished ninth overall.

Luke Rynish was the national runner-up at 174 pounds for the second straight year. He finished his season at 24-4 overall and will return next year in search of his first national title.

Dillon Bera also returned to the national meet for the second straight year and earned a second place finish. The sophomore, who wrestled at 157 pounds, went 26-8 on the season and will be one of the favorites for the national championship next year.



Cody Zimmerman and Matthew Gille also earned All-American honors with both finishing eighth at the national meet. Zimmerman tied the school's all-time career wins record as he leaves UW-Parkside with 146 career victories. Gille will return for his junior season as a two-time All-American at 165 pounds.

JORDAN MACH NAMED FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR IN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Men's basketball had an injury-ravaged season with a squad that was already young and inexperienced at the Division II level. Heading into the season, just three players had been with the program for more than one year.

Despite the adversity, the men were able to go 6-12 in the GLVC, arguably the best NCAA Division II men's basketball conference in the country. UW-Parkside played nine games against teams that eventually were selected for the NCAA Tournament.

Even with the ups and downs, freshman guard Jordan Mach was voted the conference's Freshman of the Year, becoming the first UW-Parkside player to be honored with that award. Mach was second in the GLVC in three-pointers made and averaged 14.0 points per game.

The men are set to return four starters next season as they look to continue their upward climb in the GLVC.

INDOOR TRACK REPRESENTS WELL AT GLVC MEET

The UW-Parkside track teams had a strong finish to their indoor season with five athletes earning All-GLVC honors and one runner heading to the national meet.

Ben Orvold, Whitney Olson, and Heidi Ertl were honored on the first team while Jesus Escareno and Hope Christie were second team members. The GLVC Indoor Championship was held at UW-Parkside.

Orvold claimed the 5,000-meter run with a time of 15:01.88. He also scored with a fourth place finish in the 3,000 meters.

Olson was the champion of the 800 meters with a time of 2:15.35, just over a second better than the next finisher. She was also a part of two relay teams that recorded third place spots.

Ertl earned her way onto the first team by winning the 5,000 meters. She then came away with a second place in the 3,000-meter run.

Escareno completed a busy weekend with places in multiple events. His best showing was second place as part of the men's distance medley. He also came away with a third in the 3,000 meters and a sixth place spot in the 4x400 meter relay.

Christie placed second in the mile run which also earned her a trip to the national meet where she recorded the 10th-best time.

The UW-Parkside women finished fifth in the conference while the men ended up sixth despite being a predominantly distance-competing squad.