



McCUBBIN REPEATS AS NATIONAL CHAMPION, MEN'S TEAM PLACES FIFTH AT NAIA INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. - For the second year in a row, Embry-Riddle's Beth McCubbin raced across the finish line at the 2009 NAIA Indoor Nationals to claim the honors of a National Champion. Along with her title as national champion, McCubbin marked her fourth-straight title as an All-American as she earned All-America status at indoor nationals in 2006, 2007, and 2008. McCubbin is the first woman in Embry-Riddle history to earn back-to-back national champion titles.

Nathalie Hildingsson earned All-America honors for the second year in a row with her third-place finish in the 400m, as she bested her own school record, clocking in at 56.39. Hildingsson finished behind two runners from Oklahoma Baptist, including the two-time national champion Marissa Moseley and the second place finisher, Verone Chambers.

Alex Salinas, Hildingsson, Baleigh Hyatt and McCubbin combined for a seventh place finish in the women's DMR, helping guide the Eagles to a 13th place finish, to match their overall finish at last year's national championship.

The Embry-Riddle men's track and field team placed fifth overall at the 2009 NAIA Indoor Nationals, highlighted by six All-American performances, including two second place finishers.

Sam Vazquez earned All-America honors in his debut at nationals, taking the silver in the mile event and earning eight points for the men's team. Vazquez crossed the finish line in an ERAU record-

time of 4:08.82, five seconds behind the 2009 national champion, Aron Rono of Azusa Pacific.

Howard Walls notched his third All-America status with his third-place finish in the 60m hurdles in 8.15. Walls finished behind Virgil Mitchell from Doane and LaMarcus Hunter from Evangel, who each broke the previous championship time. Walls entered the event as the third seed, after besting his school record in 8.08 during the semi-final round.

Embry-Riddle's Chris Chidgey earned his first title as an All-American, as his performance in the 600m was good for a third place finish and a new ERAU school-record of 1:19.50, just one second behind Mario McCottrell from Langston. He also earned All-America status as a member of the sixth place men's DMR team. Chidgey teamed with up Kevin Bray, Jarrett Woodbury and Vazquez, who all earned All-America status for their performance in the event.

Senior Rafael Patrick also earned All-America honors for his performance in Friday's long jump finals, finishing just one inch behind the national champion. Russell Snyder marked his debut on the national stage in the 3000m with a tenth place finish in 8:44.55.

The men brought home a total of six All-Americans and a fifth place finish, the best in the history of the men's program, from the 2009 NAIA Indoor Nationals in Johnson City, Tenn.

March 2009 Athletes of the Month

BETH McCUBBIN

Women's Track - Senior - Palm Harbor, Fla.



McCubbin repeated her 2008 NAIA Indoor National Championship title in the 1000 meter run in Johnson City, Tenn. She crossed the finish line in a time of 2:55.81 just .16 seconds in front of her nearest competitor. With her second consecutive title, she earned her fourth straight title as an All-American at the Indoor Nationals. She is the first woman in ERAU history to earn back-to-back national titles.

RAFAEL PATRICK

Men's Track - Senior - Brooklyn, N.Y.



Patrick jumped to a second place finish in the long jump at the NAIA Indoor Championships in Johnson City, Tenn. earlier this month. He leaped 7.31 meters to finish one inch short of taking the title. He was among the Eagles leaders to help the men's team to finish fifth in the nation at the meet. Patrick also holds the ERAU record in the long jump with his leap at the NAIA Championships.

GOOLSBY NAMED NAIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Austin Goolsby of Embry-Riddle (Fla.) was selected as the NAIA Baseball Player of the Week, for the week of March 23-29.

Goolsby, a 6-3 junior catcher from Coppell, Texas hit .625 and knocked three home runs on a 3-0 week for the ERAU Eagles. In the first game of the series with Northwood (Fla.), Austin was a double shy of the cycle, going 3-for-4 with a triple, a homer and four RBI. One day later, Austin then bashed two round trippers becoming just the 21st player in school history to hit two homers in the same game. Northwood proceeded to intentionally

walk Austin two more times in that game and once more in the following game.

For the week, Austin went 5-for-8 including a 2.000 slugging percentage, with three runs scored, three homers, eight RBI and four walks. On the year, he has a team-best seven homers and is batting .308 overall.

March Conference Honorees Baseball Player of the Week

Aaron Tea (3/2)
Branden Roper-Hubbart (3/16)
Austin Goolsby (3/30)

Pitcher of the Week

Justin Zinkovich (3/16 & 3/30)

Men's Tennis Wins Fifth Straight Conference Title



DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The Embry-Riddle men's tennis team secured its fifth consecutive regular season title in The Sun Conference, downing Warner 9-0, Monday at the Crotty Tennis Complex. The Eagles (13-2) closed out the conference slate with a 5-0 record, extending their unbeaten streak in conference play to five straight seasons.

The Embry-Riddle men experimented with a new line-up as two new doubles pairings took the court, along with a new trio in the top half of the line-up. The tandem of Istvan Bolgar and Charlie Rice represented the only constant in the doubles line-up

and they made quick work of Leandro Palaceus and Josh Schutts, winning 8-0. Alex Perez and Charlie Rice paired up for the first time this season and recorded an 8-0 win of their own over LJ Lopez and Kevin Joyner at No. 1. Sean de la Bastide and Zander Woodford-Smith, another first-time pairing, topped Kyle Mahlan and Andres Palaceus 8-1 to complete the ERAU doubles sweep.

The Eagles dropped only one game in singles play as five of the six ERAU singles players earned shutouts. Woodford-Smith was the first to notch a win, downing Mahlan 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3. Francis, Rice and Bolgar each registered shutouts at the fourth, fifth and sixth positions, respectively with Francis scoring the clincher.

Monday was a day of career firsts for Perez who registered his first dual match shutout in his first appearance at the top spot, besting Lopez 6-0, 6-0.

De la Bastide also made a significant jump in the line-up topping Joyner 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2.

TEAM UPDATES...

Baseball (27-10, 13-2 conf.)

The month of March was good to the Eagles as they were 16-4 after starting the season 11-6. The Eagles ended the month ranked 11th in the NAIA Top-25 Coaches poll after moving from 11th to 13th earlier in the month but moved back up after sweeping Northwood in conference play.

Three Eagles were named the conference Players of the Week as well as Justin Zinkovich being named the Pitcher of the Week twice. The Players of the Week included: Branden Roper-Hubbert, Aaron Tea and Austin Goolsby. The end of the month was highlighted by Goolsby being named the NAIA Player of the Week.

Bryan Aldridge led all batters hitting .400 on the month moving his season average to .356. Tea led the Eagles with 29 hits, 17 runs, 16 RBI and eight stolen bases. Goolsby led the team in homeruns with five in the month.

Men's Golf

The men's golf team wrapped up March finishing ninth in the Eagle Invite at Pelican Bay Golf Club in Daytona Beach. They scored 928 in the three round event. The team was led by freshman Jackson Koert who finished seventh overall.

The Eagles will start out April at the Buccaneer Invitational in Miami Shores, Fla. before taking part in The Sun Conference Tournament on April 19-20 in Lake Wales, Fla.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team opened up March ranked No.3 in the NAIA Top-25 coaches poll, but dropped to fifth in the most recent poll. They took third in the SCAD Invite before taking third at the Eagle Invitational in mid-March.

Most recently, they moved up three slots in the final day of the University of Cincinnati Spring Invitational to take seventh, topping four NCAA DI institutions.

The Eagles will host the Bash at the Beach at the Daytona Beach Golf Club before traveling to the conference tournament on April 19-20 at the Lake Wales Golf Club.

Men's Tennis (13-2, 5-0 conf.)

The Eagles wrapped up their fifth consecutive conference title in March, as they downed Warner 9-0. They closed the conference slate going 5-0. The Eagles suffered only two losses throughout the season, getting edged by the No. 1 and No. 2 NCAA Division II programs in March. They topped NCAA DI Jacksonville and Eastern Kentucky.

Women's Tennis (8-7, 4-1 conf.)

The women's team ended the month of March as the second place team in the conference with a 4-1 record in conference action. After falling to the SCAD Bees at the end of February, the team rebounded with huge wins over No.14 Northwood and Warner to end the month.

In March, the team also picked up wins over Northern Illinois and Georgetown (Ky.). The team will compete against NCAA DII top ranked Lynn at the beginning of April before hosting the conference tournament on April 17-18 in Daytona Beach.

Men's Track

The men's track and field team began March with a fifth place team finish at the NAIA Indoor National Championships where the event was highlighted by Rafael Patrick's second place finish in the long jump and Sam Vazquez's second place finish in the mile. The program had six All-Americans including: Patrick (long jump), Vazquez (mile & DMR, 6th), Howard Walls (3rd, 60m hurdles), Chris Chidgey (3rd, 600m & DMR, 6th), Kevin Bray (DMR, 6th), Jarrett Woodbury (DMR, 6th).

The team opened the outdoor season at the Spikes Classic with six athletes qualifying for the National Championships and set seven new school records.

The team will wrap up the outdoor season with a meet at home in early April and travel to Miami, before hosting The Sun Conference Championships on April 19-20.

Women's Track


The women's track and field team's month of March was highlighted by All-American, Beth McCubbin's repeat championship at the NAIA Indoor National Championships in the 1000m. Nathalie Hindingsson also earned All-American honors for her third place finish in the 400m. The women's distance medley relay took seventh place to match their overall finish at last year's national championships.

The outdoor season opened in mid-March with the Spikes classic where the women's 4x100m relay team of Keshia Richardson, Nathalia Hildingsson, Birjette Preston and Toshiba Cobb met the only "A" standard in the meet in a time of 48.61.

The Eagles will open April with a home meet and travel to Miami to finish the regular season before competing in the conference championship on April 19-20 in Daytona Beach.

ERAU Eagles vs. Daytona Cubs

Jackie Robinson Stadium



Wednesday April 8 7 p.m.

YOUTH BASEBALL DAY

SATURDAY APRIL 11



EAGLES vs. EDWARD WATERS 1 P.M. SLIWA STADIUM

April 2009 Upcoming Events

Baseball

- Apr. 7 Flagler, 7 p.m.
- Apr. 8 Daytona Cubs, 7 p.m.
- Apr. 10 Edward Waters, 6 p.m.**
- Apr. 11 Edward Waters, 1 p.m. (DH)**
- Apr. 14 Florida Southern, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Thomas (Ga.), 3 p.m.
- Apr. 17 St. Thomas, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 18 St. Thomas, 1 p.m. (DH)
- Apr. 21 Florida Tech, 6 p.m.**

Men's Golf

- Apr. 6-7 Buccaneer Invitational
- Apr. 19-20 Conference Championship

Men's Tennis

- Apr. 17-18 Conference Championship

Men's Track

- Apr. 11 Miami Elite
- Apr. 19-20 Conference Championship

Women's Golf

- Apr. 19-20 Conference Championship

Women's Tennis

- Apr. 8 Rollins, 3:30 p.m.
- Apr. 17-18 Conference Championship

Women's Track

- Apr. 11 Miami Elite
- Apr. 19-20 Conference Championship

Home Games Denoted in Bold

***Denotes Conference Game**

ERAU ANNOUNCES 2009 BLUE & GOLD GALA



The Embry-Riddle Intercollegiate Athletics program is proud to present the 2009 "Blue & Gold Gala" on Saturday, June 6 at the ICI Center.

This community event, which features a silent and live auction, musical entertainment and delicious cuisine, will raise resources to enhance Embry-Riddle's 16 sports programs and the Eagle student-athlete experience.

If you have any questions regarding the "Blue & Gold Gala", becoming a Gala sponsor, or donating an auction item, please contact John Mark Adkison, Director of Athletic Development at 386.323.5033 or via email, john.adkison@erau.edu.