



LINDENWOOD ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB BULLETIN

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LINDENWOOD WRAPS UP 2014-15 SEASON AS ONE OF THE FINEST IN SCHOOL HISTORY

The Lindenwood Athletics Department wrapped up a successful 2014-15 campaign with a 32nd place finish in the Learfield Directors' Cup Standings. The Lions' finish was the 2nd highest of all MIAA member institutions. The Directors' Cup ranks all 315 NCAA Division II schools and honors institutions maintaining a broad-based athletics program, achieving success in many men's and women's sports.

The 2014-15 season featured several team and individual success stories for Lindenwood athletics.

The women's lacrosse team went 6-0 in the RMAC to win its fourth straight conference title. Under the direction of Head Coach Jack Cribbin, the team advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the second consecutive year and finished the season 19-2 overall.

Lindenwood has started to make the Midwest a hotbed for lacrosse as the men's team advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history. Lindenwood was one of only three schools in the nation to have both

its men's and women's teams qualify for the national tournament.

Third-year Head Coach Jason Owen has continued to rocket the swimming and diving programs to national

13 TEAMS REPRESENTED IN NCAA POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT ACTION

INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 5

35 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ALL-AMERICAN WINNERS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 4

success at the NCAA level. This year, both swimming teams earned top-10 finishes at the NCAA National Championships, including a third-place finish for the RMAC champion men's team. Both programs had swimmers earn individual NCAA national championships for the first time in school history.

Gymnastics (MIC) and wrestling (MIAA) joined women's lacrosse and men's swimming as the top teams in their respective conferences.

There were several successful individual performances this year as well, including football's Connor Harris.

Harris is well known throughout the nation as one of the best linebackers in the country and was named second-team All-American by Daktronics, but his versatility showed in the team's final game of the season. The nation's fourth-leading tackler was Lindenwood's top offensive threat against Northeastern State, running the ball 11 times for 188 yards and four touchdowns.



LIONS INTRODUCE LANCE RANDALL AS NEW MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

Lindenwood University announced earlier this spring the hiring of Lance Randall as the new head coach of the men's basketball team. Randall is the program's 19th head coach and takes over for previous head coach Brad Soderberg who left to become an assistant coach at the University of Virginia.

"I would like to thank (former) President Evans, John Creer, and the

entire committee for allowing me the opportunity to take the next phase of leadership for the Lindenwood men's basketball program," Randall said. "My wife and I are looking forward to our family becoming a part of the St. Charles community. It is easy to see that Lindenwood is a special place with amazing things taking place in all facets of the campus."

Randall comes to Lindenwood after

spending the last four years as head coach at St. Leo University. He compiled a record of 78-44 at Saint Leo, which also included three trips to the NCAA Division II Tournament. Randall brings over 20 years of coaching experience at various levels to Lindenwood. He is also very familiar with the region, previously serving as an assistant coach at Saint Louis University and as head coach at Webster University.





THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR WAS A TERRIFIC YEAR FOR LINDENWOOD ATHLETICS. THE LIONS REPRESENTED THE UNIVERSITY WELL ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM AS WELL. SEVERAL STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED NATIONAL ACCLAIM THIS YEAR. WITH A BEVY OF TALENTED STUDENT-ATHLETES RETURNING AND A NEW CROP OF LIONS COMING TO ST. CHARLES IN THE FALL, THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR WILL DEFINITELY BE ONE YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS!

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!!!

The Lindenwood swimming and diving teams both had top-10 finishes at the NCAA Division II National Championships with the men finishing third and the women's team finishing tenth. Individually, 21 swimmers and divers earned All-American honors, including sophomore **ALECIA MCGILLIVRAY** who won the first NCAA title in school history for any sport after winning the women's 1000 free and then the 1650 free. **KRZYSZTOF JANKIEWICZ** also made quite a splash during his first NCAA National Championship. The freshman from Poland earned the first men's national title by coming in first in the 100 back.



Freshman **KIERSTIN SOKOLOWSKI** vaulted onto the Lindenwood gymnastics team as a freshman and made an immediate impact. In April, the Forked River New Jersey native advanced to the NCAA Division I Regionals and won the 2015 USA Gymnastics National All-Around title and the USAG National Championship on vault.



Sokolowski's performance and that of the entire team in Philadelphia was indicative of their motto "Built for Battle." During nationals, the team recorded its second-highest team score in school history (195.55) and dethroned Bridgeport, the winner of six straight national championships. The win capped an

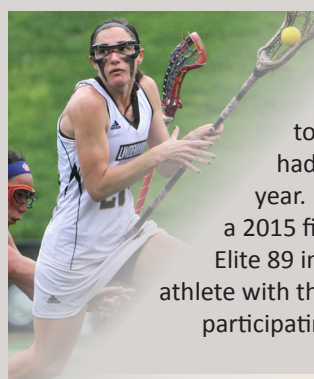


outstanding season for the Lindenwood gymnastics program, which in only its third year as a program won the USA Gymnastics National Championship and its first MIC Conference Championship and had the MIC Gymnast of the Year, MIC co-Newcomer of the Year, MIC Coach of the Year, and MIC Assistant Coach of the Year.

STUDENT-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Each spring, Lindenwood University acknowledges its top male and female student-athletes during the annual Honors Convocation ceremony. This year, the awards went to baseball's Austin Klein and women's lacrosse's Melissa Menchella.

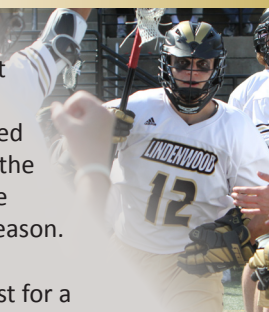
Pitcher **AUSTIN KLEIN** was a four-year starter for Lindenwood and compiled 16 career wins for the Lions. More importantly, Klein excelled in the classroom as well. The business major had a cumulative GPA of 3.89 and upon graduation had plans of pursuing an MBA.



MELISSA MENCHELLA was the top scorer on the Lindenwood women's lacrosse team. She helped lead the team to back-to-back Final Four appearances and had 67 goals, 22 assists, and 89 points on the year. The physical education major was named a 2015 first-team All-American and won the NCAA Elite 89 in 2014, which is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships.

ANOTHER LACROSSE FIRST!

After posting a 5-7 record in 2014, the men's lacrosse team had one of the biggest turnarounds in NCAA history as it finished the 2015 season 14-4. The Lions also earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament, marking the first time a men's lacrosse team west of the Mississippi River earned a bid to the postseason. Along the way, senior **GRAEME HOSSACK** earned first-team All-American status, a first for a Lindenwood men's lacrosse player.



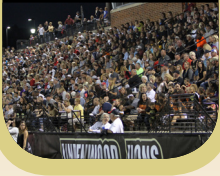
2014-15 YEAR IN REVIEW

More than 600 NCAA student-athletes begin the 2014-15 school year with a little "Back to School BBQ."



AUGUST

LU students and community come out in full force for the nationally televised Thursday Night Lights football game, kicking off Family Weekend.



SEPTEMBER

Lindenwood alumni come back for Homecoming to watch the Lions take on the defending NCAA D2 National Champions.



OCTOBER

Over 400 wrestlers from across the nation compete in the 4th Annual Joe Parisi Wrestling Open.



NOVEMBER

Lindenwood junior goalie Nicole Hensley is named to USA Hockey National Team training camp roster.



DECEMBER

Junior Vanessa Zailo grabbed 27 rebounds, setting a new MIAA single-game record, in a thrilling 92-85 overtime victory over UCM.



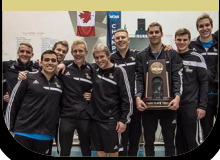
JANUARY

Men's wrestling finishes the 2014-15 MIAA dual season undefeated and wins the MIAA Championship.



FEBRUARY

The men's swimming and diving team finishes third at the 2015 NCAA Division II National Championships.



MARCH

Men's volleyball upsets 15th ranked IPFW in a five-set gut wrencher, advancing to the semi-finals of the MIVA Tournament for first time in history.



APRIL

The women's lacrosse team earns another berth in the NCAA Tournament and advances to Final Four for the second consecutive year.



MAY

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

As a proud alumnus, former student-athlete, or supporter of the University, you have been touched by Lindenwood Athletics in some form or another. As we look to continue making an impact on student-athletes and the surrounding communities, as well as continuing to operate at a high level, we now ask if you would please give back and help provide additional opportunities for more student-athletes to experience the gratification of a high-quality Lindenwood education and the excitement of NCAA athletics.

We have created a scholarship fund to do just that. So, **JOIN TODAY** and help support the Lions of the future, or make a donation to help support your favorite sports program. Visit www.lindenwoodlions.com/blackandgold or call 636-949-4533 for more details and information.

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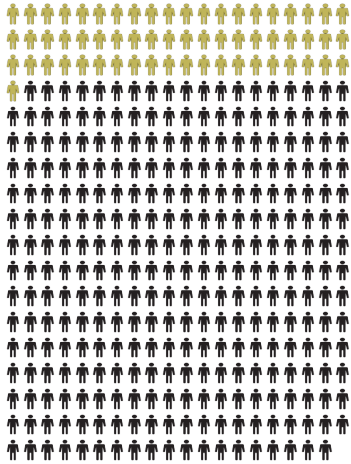
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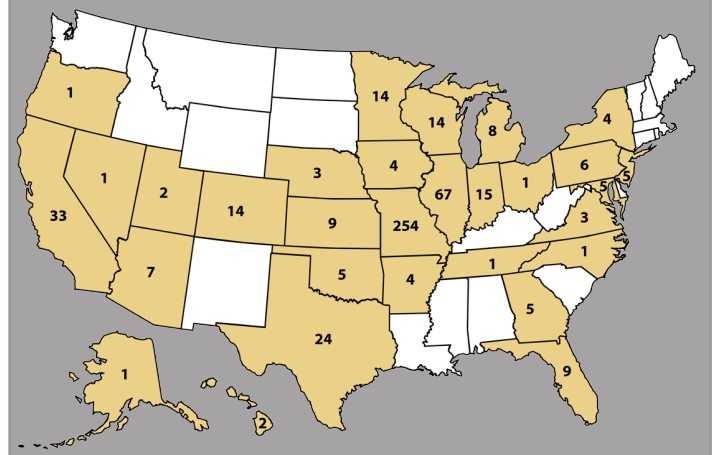
614 **TOTAL**
NCAA
STUDENT-ATHLETES



359
TOTAL MALES
61
ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

255
TOTAL FEMALES
57
ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

WHERE ARE THEY FROM?
30 **STATES REPRESENTED BY**
LINDENWOOD
STUDENT-ATHLETES



58% **OF ALL LINDENWOOD**
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