



DBU GOLF AND TENNIS

With tournament wins, top finishes, and national championships, the DBU Golf and Tennis teams have continued the tradition of high-caliber athletics. Beginning with last year's teams, and continuing to this new year, the future remains bright for Patriots on the course and the court.

PATRIOT GOLF 2008-09 AND FALL 2009 REVIEW

The Patriot Men's and Women's Golf Teams had unprecedented success during the 2008-09 season and have continued their winning ways into Fall 2009.

The Men's Golf Team finished their historic 2008-2009 season with a berth to the NCAA Division II Super-Regional Tournament. This marked the first ever selection into postseason play for the Patriots as they finished the tournament in 14th place. The team achieved numerous DBU records during the 2008-2009 season, including a first place finish at the St. Edward's Invitational, which was the first team victory in DBU Golf history, as well as breaking tournament team low scores numerous times during the year and nine top 10 team finishes.

Current Senior Bennett Smith was honored by the Heartland Conference for his play during the season being named All-Conference Second Team.



Members of the Patriot Men's Golf Team took home the National Championship at the Fall 2009 National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament.

"These young men are beginning to reap the rewards of years of hard work. Their determination was amazing to watch during their run to regionals. I cannot tell you how proud I am to be able to coach young men of their character," Head Coach Kenny Trapp said.

The Lady Patriots Golf Team, in its fourth year of existence, competed as true contenders at the NCAA Division II level and in the Heartland Conference. They finished the 2008-2009 season with eight top 10 finishes, including a fifth place finish in both the DBU Classic and Oklahoma Intercollegiate Golf Tournament.

The Lady Patriots were led throughout last season by current Senior Heather Wilbur, who finished the season with three top five individual finishes and represented the Lady Patriots in the NCAA Division II Super-Regional. She was the first ever DBU female golfer to do so and finished 11th in the tournament.

Wilbur and Junior Kristen Tucker were both honored by the Heartland Conference for their play during the season, with Wilbur being named All-Conference First Team, and Tucker being named All-Conference Second Team.

"Although we came up short and did not make it to regionals as a team, I cannot say enough about how tough our young women are. They continue to get better every year and finished the 2008-2009 season ranked 38th in the country in NCAA Division II. Heather and Kristen have been great leaders for this young program. I am so proud of Heather for being the first DBU female golfer to make it to NCAA Regionals as an individual. We pride ourselves in being the hardest working team in the country, and Heather definitely fits this theme. If we continue to work hard as a program, we can be a really special team in the years to come," Trapp said.

The Patriot Men's Golf Team started their 2009-2010 season in dramatic fashion with two first place finishes and one second place finish in their last three tournaments, with one being a NCCAA National Title, during the fall semester. This marks the first NCCAA National Title in DBU Patriot Golf history.

Freshmen Will Dusenbury and Calvin Clyde have proven their talent in their first semester as collegiate athletes, finishing second place and ninth place respectively in the NCCAA National Tournament individual standings.



SEASON REVIEW

BY TYLER KNOX



The Patriot veterans have continued their success from the record breaking 2008 season as Bennett Smith finished the fall season with two top three finishes and Junior Nic Tacher had one second place finish.

The Lady Patriots also saw success during the fall season, as they were able to grab three top ten finishes in their first three tournaments.

Sophomore Christa Williams turned in a ninth place finish to mark the Lady Patriots' second highest finish for the fall season. The top performance belonged to veteran Senior Heather Wilbur, who, coming off an individual regional-qualifying 2008 season, placed eighth.

The Lady Patriots have seen Freshmen Courtney Burris, Julia Daneshfar, and Whitney Novak played significant roles in the team's success through the fall season.

DBU Head Coach Kenny Trapp was named NCCAA National Coach of the Year as he led the Patriots to their first NCCAA National Title.

The Patriots look to continue their success in the coming spring season, set to begin in late January.

PATRIOT TENNIS 2008-09 REVIEW

The Men's and Women's Tennis Teams finished the 2009 season with records of 6-11 and 16-5 respectively. The Lady Patriots also received their first ever NCAA regional ranking during the 2009 season.

The Patriot Men's Team played a very tough schedule throughout the 2009 season but managed to win four out of the last seven regular season matches. Their momentum pushed them through to the Heartland Conference Tournament, where they reached the Semi-Finals but were unable to move on to the championship.

Senior Brett Sticker was honored by the Heartland Conference for his play during the season, receiving an All-Heartland Conference At-Large selection.

"I am proud of the way the guys played this year and by the way they were able to fight through some difficult times during the season. I have seen great improvements this year, and I cannot wait to see what the team's determination and commitment will bring them in the future," Head Coach Jennifer Curran said.

The Lady Patriots made an historical march through the 2009 season, finishing as the NCCAA National Champions. The Lady Patriots were led all season by Junior



Members of the Lady Patriots Tennis Team took home the National Championship at the Spring 2009 National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament.

Jeanelle Stines and Sophomore Natalie Holmes, with both being honored as All-Heartland Conference At-Large selections. Stines, Holmes, and Sophomore Lisa Olian received NCCAA All-American honors, with all three being named NCCAA All-Americans. Lady Patriot doubles teams Stines and Olian and Holmes and Freshman Hannah Innes were named NCCAA All-Americans. Head Coach Jennifer Curran was recognized as the NCCAA Coach of the Year.

Along with claiming their first NCCAA National Championship, the Lady Patriot Tennis Team saw many other record setting firsts throughout last season. The Lady Patriots were recognized in both the NCAA regional and national rankings, both a first for the Patriot Tennis program. In the South Central Region, DBU was ranked as high as seventh at one time and was 32nd in the NCAA Division II National Rankings at the end of the season.

"DBU Women's Tennis had a great season. The girls played a tough schedule, but they really came together as a team to accomplish a lot. We held our first national ranking and ended as the NCCAA National Champions in May. This team is young, so I am very excited to see what the future holds," Curran said.