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Mustangs finish strong in NIT; look ahead to next season

It was an enthusiastic SMU crowd that welcomed the Mustang Men’s Basketball team to Madison Square Garden on Thursday, April 3rd. After an exciting postseason run in the National Invitation Tournament, which included home victories over UC-Irvine, LSU, and a thrilling last-minute victory over Cal, the Mustangs found themselves en route to the NIT Final Four in New York City.

SMU handily beat Clemson in the semifinals on April 1, and geared up for a tough match in Big Ten opponent Minnesota. In the end, the Mustangs came up just short, falling to the Gophers 65-63.

However, the season was a truly historic one for SMU, tying the all-time win-loss record for the school and providing SMU with its first NIT appearance since 2000, along with a record nine consecutive home sellouts and four wins against ranked opponents during the season. With many news outlets already predicting an NCAA Tournament appearance for next year’s team, the Mustangs appear poised for success in a new era of SMU Basketball.

Current season ticket holders should expect renewal information in early May. Fans interested in new season tickets may fill out the Season Ticket Interest Form here and should consult the Season Ticket FAQs for further details on requesting season tickets.

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What a year it’s been so far, Mustang fans!

We have been celebrating the outstanding athletic and academic achievements of many of our teams and individual athletes this spring – too many to count here! I want to personally thank each of our Mustang Club donors who have given already in 2014. Your contributions make an impact on the young men and women who compete for SMU. If you have made your gift for the year, we encourage you to let us know on twitter (@SMUMustangClub) using the hashtag #MustangProud.

If you have not yet made your 2014 Mustang Club gift, please give us a call at (214) 768-2582 and Join Our Stampede! The annual campaign is in full swing, and we need your help to reach the ambitious goal of raising $3 million by May 31st. Mustang Club gifts help provide support for academic initiatives for student-athletes, as well as enhanced program operations for all 17 sports. Please help us continue to make the Hilltop an outstanding place for current and future student-athletes to compete.

In addition to benefitting our athletic programs, your contribution also helps you build your priority point status to enjoy benefits throughout the year – most importantly, seating priority and upgrade considerations for football and men’s basketball tickets. Yes, it’s hard to believe, but we are already gearing up for another exciting football season here on the Hilltop! Season tickets are on sale now and feature home contests against in-state foes Texas A&M and TCU, as well as conference opponents Cincinnati, USF, Memphis, and Houston. Contact the SMU ticket office (214-768-4263) today to reserve your seats at Ford Stadium. In addition, current basketball season ticket holders can expect renewal information in your mailbox this month. Those interested in new season tickets should contact the Mustang Club to make a gift and be placed on a waiting list. We anticipate a very limited supply of available seats, which will be allocated based on Mustang Club giving and priority points. Please consider a new annual donation or increasing your current giving to the Mustang Club this month.

With summer weather returning to campus and another class of seniors preparing to leave the Hilltop and make their way in the world, it’s truly a great time to be a Mustang. Congratulations to the class of 2014, in particular our student-athletes who will graduate this spring. We look forward to cheering as these men and women continue to change the world and bring pride to SMU!

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Swim Teams Cruise to Strong Finish in Inaugural AAC Conference Championship

The SMU Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Teams produced an outstanding finale to their conference seasons, each placing second in the inaugural American Athletic Conference championship in Louisville, KY this February.

Junior diver Devin Burnett claimed his third individual title in the platform dive, winning both the 1-meter and the 3-meter over the course of the championship meet. Burnett was named the 2014 Most Outstanding Diver, and Coach Jim Stillson received 2014 Men’s Diving Coach of the Year accolades for his team’s strong performance. Burnett finished third in NCAA Zone D Qualifications in March.

For the women, Freshman Tara-Lynn Nicholas set a pool record in the 200-yard breaststroke to win a conference championship in the event for the Mustangs. Teammate Rachel Nicol was a close second, only 0.23 seconds behind Nicholas to capture the silver. Freshman Marne Erasamus took home the gold in the 100-yard butterfly.

Both the men’s and women’s teams performed with strong finishes in many of the individual and relay events. Nine women and eleven men earned All-Conference honors.

The teams performed successfully at the American Short Course Championships in Austin on March 5-8. The men took home wins in the 200-yard and 400-yard medley relays. On the women’s team, Erasamus and Nicholas earned All-America honors for their performance at the NCAA Championships and the team finished 20th overall.

Congratulations on a great season, Mustangs!


Equestrian
Sylvia De Toledo—NCEA All-American 2nd Team
Juliana Fischer—NCEA All-Academic 1st Team
Ramsey Hanson—NCEA Honor Roll
Lauren Hogan—NCEA Honor Roll
Taylor McClung—NCEA Honor Roll
Erin Nelson—NCEA Honor Roll
Schafer Raposa—NCEA All-Academic Honorable Mention, NCEA All-American Honorable Mention
Rachel Reid—NCEA Honor Roll
Emma Roberts—NCEA All-Academic 1st Team
Renick Townsend—NCEA Honor Roll

Men’s Basketball
Markus Kennedy—All-AAC 2nd Team; NIT All-Tournament Team; NABC All-District 25 2nd Team
Nic Moore—All-AAC 1st Team; NIT All-Tournament Team; NABC All-District 25 1st Team; USWBC All-District VII 1st Team

Men’s Golf
Bryson Dechambeau—Ben Hogan Award semifinalist, Palmer Cup team selection (USA), AAC Golfer of the Week (March 26)

Men’s Swimming/Diving
Matas Andriekus—AAC All-Conference Team
Devin Burnett—AAC Most Outstanding Diver; AAC All-Conference Team
Ziga Cerkovnik—AAC All-Conference Team
Nicolai Hansen—AAC All-Conference Team
Hayden Hodges—AAC All-Conference Team
Eastman Holloway—AAC All-Conference Team
Bruce Klein—AAC All-Conference Team
Ryan Koops—AAC All-Conference Team
Ramon Melo—AAC All-Conference Team
Tyler Rauth—AAC All-Conference Team
Matt Roney—AAC All-Conference Team

Track & Field
Holly Archer—AAC All-Conference Team
Rayann Chin—AAC All-Conference Team, AAC Most Outstanding Field Athlete (Indoor)
Lucija Cvitanovic—AAC All-Conference Team, AAC Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week (Apr. 1)
Stephanie Kalu—USTFCCCA Second Team All-American, AAC All-Conference Team, AAC Indoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week (Mar. 25)
Helena Perez—AAC All-Conference Team, AAC Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week (Apr. 8, Apr. 15)
Agnes Sjöström—AAC All-Conference Team

Roving
Novice 8—AAC Boat of the Week (Apr. 9)
Brittany Courteau, Mackenzie Daly, Dominique Earland, Amanda Esposito, Lindsay Heyman, Meghan Klein, Savannah Moody, Molly O’Connell, Sydney Severson

Women’s Basketball
Keena Mays—All-AAC First Team; All-America Finalist
Akil Simpson—All-AAC Second Team
Kiara Perry—All-AAC Freshman Team

Congratulations to our ten Student-Athletes honored at the 2014 University Honors Convocation, which recognizes new Honors Society inductees, Departmental, School, and National fellowship awardees, various distinguished scholarship recipients, and graduating University Honors Program members.

Mallory Baum (Women’s Soccer)
University Honors Program

Caroline Daly (Volleyball)
Distinguished Marketing Major

Juliana Fischer (Equestrian)
Phi Beta Kappa

Trevor Hubbard (Men’s Soccer)
Tau Sigma

Ryan Koops (Men’s Swimming)
Hamilton Undergraduate Research Scholar

Nate Lammons (Men’s Tennis)
Tau Beta Pi

Jordan Newman (Women’s Swimming)
Phi Beta Kappa

Julianne Scheidler (Volleyball)
Mortar Board

Will Smith (Men’s Soccer)
Beta Gamma Sigma

Mitchell Towne (Men’s Swimming)
Philip H. Solomon Award in World Languages and Literatures: Latin

Women’s Swimming/Diving
Isabella Arcila—6 All-Conference Team Selections, 400 medley relay AAC champions, 400 medley relay All-America selection (NCAA Championships)
Monika Babok—3 All-Conference Team Selections, 200 freestyle relay AAC Champions
Urszula Bezanska—All-Conference Team Selection
Marine Erasmus—4 All-Conference Team Selections, 400 medley relay AAC champions, 200 freestyle relay AAC Champions, 400 medley relay All-America selection (NCAA Championships), 100 Butterfly All-America selection (NCAA Championships)
Kirsty McLauchlan—All Conference Team Selection
Nathalie Lindborg—4 All-Conference Team Selections, 200 freestyle relay AAC Champions
Tara-Lynn Nicholas—2 All-Conference Team Selections, 200 Breaststroke AAC Champion, 100 Breaststroke All-America selection (NCAA Championships)
Rachel Nicol—4 All-Conference Team Selections, 400 medley relay AAC champions, 400 medley relay All-America selection (NCAA Championships)
Nina Rangelova—6 All-Conference Team Selections, 400 medley relay AAC champions, 400 medley relay All-America selection (NCAA Championships)

Celebrate the achievements of SMU student-athletes this quarter!
Student-Athletes Honored at Annual Awards Banquet

On April 27th, the SMU Student-Athletes were honored at the annual awards banquet. The event, which included a special red carpet welcome, was held at Moody Coliseum on Sunday evening. A full listing of the 2014 student-athlete honorees is below:

**Athletic Director S.P.I.R.I.T. Awards**
Taylor Robinson (Women’s Soccer)
Jaime Ibarra (Men’s Soccer)

**Student-Athlete of the Year**
Keena Mays (Women’s Basketball)
Garrett Gilbert (Football)

**Newcomer of the Year**
Marne Erasmus (Women’s Swimming)
Ben Moore (Men’s Basketball)

**Perseverance Award**
Holly Archer (Cross Country/Track & Field)
Arturs Kazijevs (Men’s Tennis)

**Presidential Award of Excellence—Scholar-Athlete**
Maria Elena Villamil (Women’s Golf)

**Scholar Baller Award**
Alice McCall (Women’s Swimming)
Ryan Manuel (Men’s Basketball)

**Meyer Brothers Award (Highest Cumulative GPA)**
Jordan Newman (Women’s Swimming)
Mischa Nowicki (Men’s Tennis)

**Red and Blue Award**
Caitlin Keen (Cross Country/Track & Field)
Pablo Lara (Men’s Swimming)

**Sportsmanship Award**
Caroline Daly (Volleyball)
Shawn Williams (Men’s Basketball)

**FCA Faithful Service Award**
Courtney Smith (Women’s Soccer)
Ben Hughes (Football)

**Highest Team GPA**
Women’s Tennis
Men’s Tennis

**Most Improved Team GPA**
Rowing

**Mustang Cup**
Rowing

Your donations maximize the potential of SMU Athletics by providing for each of these critical needs:

- Academic support
- Recruiting
- Facility enhancements
- Operational expenses

Founded in 1935, the Mustang Club, SMU’s official athletics fundraising organization, provides the foundation for annual support for each of the 17 sports at SMU.

Thank you for your support!

Mustang Club Campaign Update: Join the Stampede

The month of May is a wonderful time on the Hilltop. With graduation just around the corner and the end of another school year coming to a close, we take some time to look back on an exciting year for all 17 of our official sports programs. As you can tell from flipping through this quarter's newsletter, we are celebrating outstanding achievements in basketball, swimming, golf, and track & field… along with many other great performances this spring!

May is also an exciting time in the Mustang Club offices as we begin the last push to meet our 2014 Campaign goals. The success of our student-athletes is truly a group effort, and by supporting SMU Athletics through gifts to the Mustang Club, you help support over 400 student-athletes on the field of competition and in the classroom. This year, the Mustang Club has set an ambitious fundraising goal of $3 million to support our athletic programs. In addition, we are excited to report 310 new donors to the Mustang Club this year! These generous Mustang fans have already committed toward this year's campaign, but there is still a long way to go!

In order to provide our student-athlete and all athletic programs maximum support next year, and to reach our goal of raising $3 million, we are asking you to consider making a gift to the Mustang Club before May 31, 2014. You can easily make a gift by clicking here. Remember, in addition to supporting our student-athletes, any gifts made before the end of May help towards priority points which are taken into consideration for new basketball tickets and relocation requests.

If you have already made your annual gift, thank you for your support. If you have any questions or need help making your gift, please contact the Mustang Club office at (214) 768-2582.

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Haglund Wins Inaugural AAC Individual Championship

Sophomore Jenny Haglund shot a one-under 71 for the second-consecutive day to claim the 2014 American Athletic Conference Women’s Golf Championship on April 22nd at the Hammock Beach Ocean Course. Haglund’s two-over 218 led the Mustangs to a 64-over 928, good for a third-place team finish at the first American Championship.

Haglund’s individual conference title is the first since Barbara Blackwell won for the second time in three years in 1992, claiming the Southwest Conference title in San Antonio. The tournament victory is the first of the sophomore’s collegiate career. Haglund finished the final two rounds of the tournament with six birdies and four bogeys on the final 36 holes.

The Karlstad, Sweden, native entered the final round with a three-stroke lead, but that cushion was erased by Louisville’s Emily Haas as the duo finished the 11th hole. Haglund would take a stroke advantage after birdieing the par-3 12th, and would pick up two more strokes by birdieing the par-4 13th to take back a three stroke lead. The Mustang sophomore would par out the final three holes, and would go onto win the tournament by five strokes. This was Haglund’s 11th round at par or better this season, and the 16th of her career.

“It was a lot of fun out there today,” Haglund said. “I stayed patient out there, and just played my game. It means a lot to me to win this; it meant a lot for me to celebrate with my teammates.”

Senior Maria Elena Villamil and sophomore Alexandra Rossi finished the tournament in a tie for 14th at 19-over. Villamil was second on the team on Tuesday, carding a five-over 77, while Rossi rounded out her second conference championship appearance with an eight-over 80.

Junior Jennifer Park turned in her best round of the tournament, recording a seven-over 79 on the final 18 holes. Park would go on to finish the week in 25th.

No. 38 Louisville erased a four-stroke deficit to win the team title by a stroke on the final day over No. 18 UCF.

The Mustangs next play in the 2014 NCAA Central Regional in Stillwater, OK, beginning on May 8th.

Interested in SMU Football Tickets?

Now is the time to purchase your season tickets for 2014! Call the SMU ticket office at (214) 768-4263 to learn more about availability and pricing! Home contests for the 2014 season include:

- Sept. 20: Texas A&M
- Sept. 27: TCU
- Oct. 18: Cincinnati
- Oct. 25: Memphis
- Nov. 15: USF (Homecoming)
- Nov. 28: Houston

Don’t miss out on an exciting season of Mustang Football!

Cast Your Vote now through May 11!

SMU Basketball (Best Sports Team), Moody Coliseum (Best Venue), and the Meadows Museum (Best Museum) have all been nominated for D Magazine’s Best of Big D 2014! You can vote daily here.

Did you know that the Mustang Club is on Facebook and Twitter? Follow us for updates on events, Hilltop happenings, and more!

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