Whetts Sets Career Scoring Mark

As Brittany Whetts’ basketball career at Neumann came to an end, she leaves holding the all-time scoring record for men and women as one of her many accomplishments. Whetts, who averaged 20.7 points per game, scored 39 points as the team defeated Immaculata University on February 18, to surpass Tim McKee’s mark of 1,691 that he set in 1993. She finished her career with 1,817 points.

“I was a little overwhelmed when I scored the basket. A reporter from KYW told me I was going to break it right before I did. They stopped the game and everyone was cheering.” McKee was in attendance that night and posed for a picture with Whetts.

Coming out of high school, she had 13 Division I scholarship offers, 10 Division II offers and interest from one Division III school. Whetts, an international business and marketing major, chose Neumann because she felt like the other coaches approached it as a business. “I fell in love with the coaching staff here,” she said.

All-time scorer isn’t the only milestone she has achieved in her career. This season alone she was named the ECAC Division III South Women’s Basketball Player of the Year, Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) Player of the Year and received first-team All-Conference honors. She was also named the CSAC MVP for the championship game and was named to the d3hoops.com All-Region second team. In addition to basketball, she was also a resident assistant and a student ambassador.

She has looked into playing basketball overseas, possibly in Israel, Switzerland, or Denmark. “If I have the opportunity to play, I am definitely going to play,” she said. If she doesn’t play overseas, Whetts wants to attend law school.

The women’s basketball team won the CSAC championship with a 75-58 win over Gwynedd-Mercy in February. With the win the team earned a trip to the NCAA Championship Tournament, where they fell to Messiah College in the first round.

“I had a great time at Neumann, and if I had to do it all over again, I would still come here,” she said.

Teams Conclude Successful Seasons

Women’s Basketball

The women’s basketball team celebrated not only a conference championship but also its first trip to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament this season. Led by senior Brittany Whetts’ 26 points, Neumann defeated Gwynedd-Mercy for a bid to the NCAA Tourney to face Messiah College. The Knights fell to the Falcons 64-55 but were led by Whetts’ 15 points and Katie Young’s double-double with 11 points and ten rebounds.

The women’s team finished at 20-7 on the season, while winning its first conference championship in more than 20 seasons. Whetts averaged 20.7 points and 9.5 boards per game. This season’s success was a team effort with more than five players averaging six points per game, including Nicole Feby with 9.4, Young with 8.3 and 9.3 boards, Bethany Humeniak and Krista DiRomualdo with 6.3 each, and Sami Boroky with 6.

Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team finished the season at 16-13 (12-6 in conference play). The team advanced to the Colonial States Athletic Conference playoffs, its first trip since 2002-03. Despite a second place finish in the championship game, the team earned an invitation to participate in the ECAC South Region Tournament.

Neumann was led by senior Na’Sheed Linton, who averaged 16.6 points per game and had a team-high 141 assists, setting a Neumann record. He netted his 1,000th career point in the conference championship against Cabrini this season. Junior Marquise Boggis is right behind Linton, averaging 11.9 points per game.

Linton was named to the CSAC second team All-Conference and Boggis received an honorable mention. Toure’ Wright received the Sportsmanship Award.

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Men’s Ice Hockey
The men’s ice hockey team concluded the season at 15-9-3 after falling to number one seed Elmira in the semifinals of the ECAC West playoffs. Neumann, the number four seed, advanced to the game after defeating Utica College. Ten members of the team were named to the ECAC West All-Academic team for the 2009-10 season. To be named to the team, the student-athlete must have completed at least one academic year, and have a cumulative G.P.A. of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Students named include Sean Bianchini, Bill Foster, Jeremy Gates, Jonathan Keating, William Lacasse, Ross Mackinnon, Cory Park, Brent Tamane, Matt Tendler, and Mat Valois.

Senior Matt Ward also signed an amateur tryout agreement with the Reading Royals in Reading, Pennsylvania. The Royals are the affiliate of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League and the Toronto Marlies of the American Hockey League. Sophomore Williams Lacasse was named to the ECAC Men’s West All-Conference first team, while Ward earned second team honors. Sophomore Valois was named to the Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area At-Large Team in May. He led the Knights with 14 goals this season and was fourth on the team with 22 points.

Women’s Ice Hockey
The women’s ice hockey team ended its season 12-12-1 after a loss to Utica College in the first round of the ECAC West playoffs. Two members of the women’s team were named to the ECAC Women’s West All-Conference team. Junior Jessica Schroeder earned second team honors and sophomore Kayla Dubowski received an honorable mention. Schroeder led the nation in assists per game, dishing out 1.12. She ended the season with 28 total assists and netted 12 goals for a team-leading 40 points. Schroeder also hit 100 career points during the season and currently has 102. Dubowski played in 24 games and netted six goals and nine assists. Schroeder was also named to the Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area At-Large Team for the second consecutive season.

Men’s Tennis
The men’s tennis team finished with a conference record of 6-1 and was the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) runner-up. Junior Chris Brown was named the CSAC Player of the Year, along with being named First Team All-Conference in singles. Brown was 10-6 overall in the No. 1 singles slot and went 7-0 in CSAC play.

Men’s Lacrosse
The men’s lacrosse team wrapped up the 2010 season 3-11 overall and 2-4 in the conference. Senior Matt Toth and junior Justin Mailloux were named to the CSAC Second Team All-Conference team.

Mailloux led the Knights with 31 goals and 42 points during the season. Toth was second on the team with 28 goals. Sophomore Tom Hedrick dished out a team-leading 17 assists.

Women’s Lacrosse
Women’s lacrosse wrapped-up the 2010 season going 3-13 overall and 2-6 in the CSAC. Senior Colleen Finnegan and sophomore Alex Bohen were Second Team All-Conference honorees.

Bohen led the team with 49 goals and 13 assists for 62 points. The sophomore scored nine goals in a win over Cedar Crest to tie the school’s record for goals in a game. Finnegan was second on the team with 31 goals, 12 assists for 43 points.

Senior Tiffany Baker and freshman Erica Crabtree each scored 18 goals.
Track & Field
Track & Field competed in its inaugural season at Neumann this spring. The Knights competed in six meets.

Jeffrey Best placed second in the long jump at The College of New Jersey Invitational with a jump of 20-0 1/2.

Softball
Softball won its third straight conference title with a thrilling 6-5 win in extra innings over Cabrini in the CSAC Tournament. Neumann also hosted the tournament for the second consecutive season.

Senior Jennifer Goslin was named the CSAC Player of the Year and was named to First Team All-Conference. Joining Goslin on the first team were Junior Kim Kirkpatrick and Sophomore Lauren Strack. Juniors Deanna Christy and Brittany Campbell earned Second Team honors. Lauren Castiello, Jacki Herrington, Gabrielle Lulias, Rachel Purpuro and Stephanie Marrone all earned honorable mention status for the 2010 season.

The Knights competed in the NCAA Tournament, finishing with a record of 27-18.

Baseball
Baseball finished the 2010 season 20-18-1 overall and earned a bid in the ECAC South Region Tournament for the second straight season.

The Knights had four players named to the CSAC All-Conference team. Juniors Gary Mitchell and Mathieu Vallières earned First Team Honors while junior Josh Krautwald and freshman Joe Armata were named to the second team.

Mitchell led the Knights this season with 46 runs, 55 hits, nine homeruns and 51 RBI. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels in the 21st round. He was the 654th pick overall in the Major League Baseball draft and is believed to be the first player drafted from Neumann University.

Russell Gilliam went 6-2 from the mound this season with an ERA of 3.76 in 55.0 innings. The freshman struck out a team-high 60 batters.

Golf
Men’s Golf placed third at the CSAC Championship in 2010. Junior Thomas Moran and Sophomore Chris Donahue earned Season Team All-Conference Honors for the season.

Donahue consistently finished well in the seven matches in the spring and in the CSAC Championship to earn himself conference honors. He led the Knights in the two-day CSAC tournament, placing eighth overall with a total of 165 (82-83).

Moran’s best finish was in a tie for first in a match against Philadelphia University and University of the Sciences.