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Athletic Update

HOME OF THE COUGARS

NOVEMBER 16, 2011

Sixth Consecutive Championship for Lady Cougars



NCCAA National Tournament Team and Individual Awards:

Volleyball

6th Straight National Championship

National Player of the Year: Emma Kile

NCCAA 1st Team All-Americans: Richelle Bucklin, Emma Kile

NCCAA 2nd Team All-American: Sarah Wild

AVCA All-Americans: Richelle Bucklin, Emma Kile, Sarah Wild

Scholar Athletes: Richelle Bucklin, Amanda Ison, Emma Kile, and
Jessica Pisani

National All-Tournament Team: Richelle Bucklin, Emma Kile

Women's Soccer

Finished 7th Nationally

National All-Tournament Team: Whitney Redemann

Men's Soccer

Finished 3rd Nationally

National All-Tournament Team: Drew Custer, Matt Wells

* Scholar Athletes and All-Americans for soccer will be released at a
later date.

MISSION STATEMENT

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Volleyball Dominates, Wins 6th Straight Title

(11/12/11) Clearwater Christian College participated in the 2011 NCCAA II National Volleyball Championship this past weekend at the Kissimmee Civic Center. The team captured another national championship banner for the sixth straight season marking their 11th national title since 1995.

During the three-day event, Clearwater went undefeated in pool play without dropping a set, winning matches against West Coast Baptist College, Ozark Christian College, Providence College, and Grace University. On Saturday in the semi-final match, the Lady Cougars defeated Lincoln Christian University in three straight sets, placing them into the championship match against Ozark Christian College. Although the Cougars had already beaten OCC in pool play, Ozark came back to upset the #2 seed, Maranatha Baptist Bible College in three straight sets to secure a spot in the championship game. This was a rematch of last year's final between the same two squads.

The Cougars defeated Ozark in three straight sets to win the 2011 National Championship Title. Clearwater was led by Emma Kile playing her last match in a Cougar uniform as she led all hitters with 19 kills and put down the game winning point in set three. The Bucklin sisters made a big impact on the match as well with Amanda scoring 12 kills and Richelle putting down 10 during the championship match. According to Coach Denny, "The fact that we had a balanced attack helped us during the entire tournament. Every team was keying in on Kile so it was great to see the Bucklin crew step up and take charge. I also thought our serve/serve receive was solid during the



tournament with Ison, Ponce, and Medich being our three primary passers. We were able to run a lot of different plays on offense because of good passing and digging from these three players."

Clearwater's overall record this season was 42-7 with a .857 win percentage. The Lady Cougars went undefeated against NCCAA II colleges and also had several big wins over NCCAA I, NAIA, NJCAA, and NCAA III programs. Other highlights of the year were winning their own Labor Day tournament and beating Webber International University (NAIA) twice.

According to Coach Denny, "We are very thankful for the great year that the Lord gave us. After graduating three starters from last year's championship squad, we had some spots to fill. The sophomore class really stepped up big for us and made solid contributions. The amount of improvement seen on this year's squad from the start of our season to now was tremendous and I am excited to see what the Lord has for us next year with so many of these players returning."

Tournament honors include:
NCCAA Scholar Athlete: Emma Kile, Jessica Pisani, Amanda Ison, Richelle Bucklin
NCCAA II Second Team All-American: Sarah Wild
NCCAA II First Team All-American: Richelle Bucklin, Emma Kile
AVCA ALL American Team: Richelle Bucklin, Sarah Wild, Emma Kile
NCCAA Player of the Year: Emma Kile
NCCAA National All Tournament Team: Richelle Bucklin, Emma Kile
MVP of the National Tournament: Emma Kile



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Men's Soccer Finishes 3rd in the Nation

(11/12/11) Clearwater Christian College finished the season with a 2-1 win over Ohio Christian University in the 3rd place match of the NCCAA National Tournament in Kissimmee, Florida. It was a great day for the Cougar seniors as Mac Hildebrand and Matt Wells both scored and Drew Custer and Walter Scharf delivered assists.

Clearwater scored first in the 20th minute as Drew Custer got in behind the OCU defense and delivered a nifty assist to Mac Hildebrand who blasted the left-footed shot past the keeper to make it 1-0. The Trailblazers would answer minutes later as Dave Blamo got behind the Cougar defense to score on a breakaway to even the score at 1-1. Wells would score the game-winner off Scharf's corner kick, flicking the ball out of the air and into the OCU net to make it 2-1.

Clearwater would continue to create numerous chances in the 2nd half, outshooting Ohio 20-5 overall, but were unable to get the 3rd goal.

Coach Whitaker commented after the match, "We wanted to win this match today for our seniors so it was great to go out on top. I was really proud of the character our team displayed today under difficult circumstances. We were disappointed not to get back to the final, but we still had a great season. The way these guys improved and came together over the final month of the season was remarkable. We'll really miss these sen-

iors, but this young team has a very bright future."

For their outstanding play over the course of the national tournament, seniors Drew Custer and Matt Wells were named to the All-Tournament Team. The NCCAA Scholar Athletes and All-American teams will be announced at a later date.



(11/8/11) The Cougars played Florida College tough for 36 minutes only to fall on the road, 67-55. CCC came out very intense on defense and battled FC to a 30-29 halftime deficit. The 2nd half went back and forth and the Cougars took a 3 point lead 55-52, with 5 minutes to go. Florida College

turned the pressure up and held CCC scoreless the remainder of the way. Tristan Shore led the Cougars with 23 points. Todd Wahlberg added 10 for CCC.

(11/11/11) Five Cougars scored in double figures as the CCC men upended visiting Piedmont Baptist 105-61. Tristan Shore led the way with 30 points, C.J. Baxter had 16, Todd Wahlberg 15, Luke Brigham 12, and Brian Spears added 10 for the Cougars. The Cougars controlled the game from the start and were aided in the second half as PBC, at one point, went almost

7 minutes without scoring.

(11/12/11) The Cougars stayed with the bigger and stronger Warner team for 33 minutes, before falling 87-64 in a game played in Lake Wales. The game was tied at the half 32-32. With CCC leading 51-50, Todd Wahlberg and Bryan Spears fouled out and Warner's 6'9" and 6'10" posts took over and went on a big run over the next 7 minutes to end the game. Tristan Shore led the Cougars in scoring with 21 points. Todd Wahlberg added 15 and Luke Brigham chipped in 11 for CCC.

Men's Basketball