

Hilltopper Sports News

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WOMEN'S SOCCER SETS A NEW SCHOOL RECORD FOR WINS

With their best start in school history the St. Edward's women's soccer team is currently 13-5. The 13 wins is a new school record breaking the old mark of 11 set in 1997.

After losing their first game to Angelo State University, St. Edward's redeemed themselves by going on a five game winning streak beating some tough quality opponents, including #19 West Texas A&M.



Sophomore forward Erin McIntyre picked up where she left off last season scoring a goal in each of the first four games. She was named Heartland Conference Offensive Player of the Week for the week ending September 7th. McIntyre is currently the team leader in goals, points, game-winning goals and shots on goal.

Freshman Monica Hernandez is second in goals scored and points while sophomore Cassandra Chapa is third in those categories.

The Hilltoppers' defensive line is the reason for St. Edward's success this season. The backfield led by seniors Laura Prendergast and Katie Baldwin and junior Jessica Browning held the opponents to just 10 goals and helped the team post nine shut-outs. In the net freshman Heather Koudelka has been a wall posting 0.43 goals against average and .872 save percentage.

MEN'S SOCCER READY FOR THE FINAL PUSH

The St. Edward's men's soccer team is off to a good start with a record of 9-7-1. The Hilltoppers are currently ranked second in conference behind nationally ranked Incarnate Word University.

The Hilltoppers defeated two nationally ranked teams this season. Senior, midfielder Shane Clark scored game-winning goals in both games and currently leads the team in scoring (15). St. Edward's has four players scoring in double figures this season. Junior Brent Hinze is second in scoring (11) while coming off the bench and freshman Colin Mayo and senior Dustin Michalak are tied for third (10).

On defense senior Drew Lockhart and sophomores Kyle Dudzinski and Jared Tostado have been steady all season. Sophomore goalie Scotty McNabb is first among Heartland Conference goalkeepers in saves, save percentage, and saves per game.



FRESHMAN CLASS ON THE MEN'S GOLF TEAM RANKED #1 IN COUNTRY

The freshmen class of the St. Edward's men's golf team was ranked No. 1 in the country in NCAA Division II by Golfstat on October 3rd. The Hilltoppers as a team ranked No. 22 nationally and finished their fall season eighth or better in five outings. Their best finish this season came at DePauw Small College Classic in Camby, IN, where they finished second out of 10 teams.

The Hilltoppers were led by freshman Brian Noonan who averaged 74.7 strokes this fall. Freshman Blake Slaughter placed second overall at DePauw Small College Classic and finished the season with a stroke average of 75.0 which is also good for second on the team. Sophomore Pablo Rosas had the best round on the team this season at Spartan Invitational in Tampa, FL, where he shot four under par (68) in the first round.

Overall the team finished with a stroke average of 75.8 in five tournaments this fall season.

VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES ITS SUCCESS

The volleyball team, which opened the season with a 4-4 record, currently stands at 23-6. The team opened the season at University of North Alabama's Ricatoni's Classic finishing the weekend with a 3-1 record, including the wins against #25 Augustan College and #13 Metro State. The following weekend the Hilltoppers played in finished in the silver bracket at the Colorado Premier Challenge losing to three top-25 teams in the nation. St. Edward's then turned things around winning 18 out the next 20 matches. The Hilltoppers are currently undefeated in the conference with a 9-0 record, including two wins against #17 Rockhurst.

Senior, outside hitter Leticia Campos is the team's leader in digs with 241, and second on the team in kills (283). Juniors, outside hitter Erika Figueredo has been named Heartland Conference Hitter of the Week three times, while setter Anne Brito has been selected Conference Setter of the Week four

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times so far this season. Figueredo leads the team in kills (363) and hitting percentage (.299) and is second in digs (239). She is second in the conference with kills and first in service aces. Brito is the leader in assists on the team as well as in the Conference averaging 11 per game.

Juniors, Jamie Shackelford and Bernadette Chavez are ranked one and two in blocks respectively for the Hilltoppers recording 56 and 50 blocks individually.



NEW SPORTS...

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In the fall of 2003 St. Edward's University added three new sports (men's and women's cross country and women's golf), making it 13 varsity sports that will compete in the Heartland Conference and NCAA Division II.

Men's and women's cross country competed in four races this fall and will participate in the Southwest Regional meet in Commerce, TX on November 8th.

Women's golf opened its inaugural season at the Lady Bulldog Fall Classic in Seguin, TX on Sept 22nd. The Hilltoppers were led by freshman Katie Williams this fall, who captured an individual title at Texas A&M Women's Invitational in Laredo, TX on Sept. 29th.

IN THE LAST TWO YEARS ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY ADDED A LOT OF NEW FACES TO THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT. THE HILLTOPPERS INTRODUCED 14 NEW COACHES AND THREE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS.

HILLTOPPER ATHLETIC STAFF DIRECTORY

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Athletic Director	Debbie Taylor
Administrative Assistant	Marilyn Wilke
Faculty Athletic Representative	Dr. Frank Smith
Compliance Coordinator	Mike Smith
Senior Women's Administrator	Amy Coulter
Academic Advisor	Erin Lynch
Sports Information Director	Naveen Boppana
Head Athletic Trainer	Diana Lichenstein
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Kris White

COACHING STAFF

Baseball - Head Coach	Jeremy Farber
Baseball - Assistant Coach	Kevin Felts
Basketball (M) - Head Coach	Mike Jones
Basketball (M) - Assistant Coach	Aaron Page
Basketball (W) - Head Coach	Jennifer White
Basketball (W) - Assistant Coach	J.J. Riehl
Cheerleading - Head Coach	Robert Torres
Cross Country (M & W) - Head Coach	Kevin Felts
Golf (M & W) - Head Coach	Mark McEntire
Golf (M & W) - Assistant Coach	Jennifer McNeil
Soccer (M) - Head Coach	Mike Smith
Soccer (M) - Assistant Coach	Brian Leto
Soccer (W) - Head Coach	Erin Lynch
Soccer (W) - Assistant Coach	Kiha Thomas
Softball - Head Coach	Amy Coulter
Softball - Assistant Coach	Heather Coghlan
Tennis (M & W) - Head Coach	Russell Sterns
Tennis (M & W) - Asst. Coach	Peter Saunders
Volleyball - Head Coach	Sean Donahue
Volleyball - Assistant Coach	Michael Brookens

SOFTBALL FINISHED STRONG IN THE FALL

St. Edward's University softball team posted a 4-4-1 record for the Fall 2003 season. The Hilltopper competed early in September against nationally ranked, Division I, Texas State and University of Texas. St. Edward's upset Texas State 6-1 on their home field, and tied with University of Texas-San Antonio 1-1. Later in the fall the Lady Hilltoppers traveled to Houston to play some of the top Junior Colleges in the Nation. The Hilltoppers posted a 3-1-1 record at the Spring Klein College Classic in front of over 1,000 spectators.

The Hilltoppers were led by seven seniors who made an immediate impact early this fall. Senior Marisa Hernandez leads St. Edward's on the mound by grapping an early win against Texas State. The Hilltoppers signed two strong freshman pitchers to help on the mound. Freshman Courtney Francis threw a no hitter against Alvin CC while freshman Jennifer Bishop worked towards her first perfect game against San Jacinto Junior College. Defensively the Hilltoppers finished the fall season holding strong, limiting their opponents to only eight runs in nine games.

ST. EDWARD'S BASEBALL TOOK ON JAPANESE ALL-STARS

For the second straight season the Hilltoppers had a chance to play the Nanshiki Japanese All-Star baseball team this fall.

The All-Star team made up of hand-picked players from colleges in Japan, spent four days (Sept. 7-10) on St. Edward's campus practicing and holding day camps. On September 10th both teams played a nine-inning exhibition game with the Nanshiki baseball (a hard rubber ball the size of a baseball). The All-Stars defeated the Hilltoppers, 7-3.



TENNIS TEAMS PICKED UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF IN THE SPRING

With the addition of junior transfer, Mario Quintero and Freshman Kenton Van Huizen, the St. Edward's men's tennis team is the strongest it has been in three years. With a solid 7-2 win against conference rival University of the Incarnate Word, the hilltoppers are extremely confident going into the spring semester. A challenging fall season saw the Hilltoppers compete in invitational tournaments sponsored by Division I programs, UT at San Antonio and UT at Austin. Also, the regional tournament in Missouri saw Kendall Smashey make a semi-final appearance in singles, while the number-two and number-three doubles teams also made it to the semi-finals. These encouraging results give the St. Edward's team confidence going into a very demanding spring season.

Two freshman recruits, Nicole Williams and Allison Paris have helped improve the depth in the women's squad. An inspiring win against rival, University of the Incarnate Word 5-4, has put the women's squad in a good position to defend its Heartland Conference title. Impressive doubles performances have been the highlight of the fall season, with all doubles teams bonding well together. High quality performances at the regional, by all players, has helped the women's team stay on track to maintain its impressive national ranking of 25 from last year.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The St. Edward's University men's basketball team is gearing up for a winning season. Head coach Mike Jones is looking forward to a successful year, and will use last year's season as a building block for re-establishing the program. With the addition of new Assistant Coach Aaron Page and nine returning players, the Hilltoppers are ready for a positive season. St. Edward's will be led by four seniors, Cyrus Russell, Chad Collins, Stan McCorkle and Jermaine Phillips.

Guards:

Phillips, who started in 23 games last year and finished second in assists, will be helped by sophomore guards Craig Gilson and Kyle Lancashire in the back court. Gilson saw limited action last season, while Lancashire appeared in 26 game averaging 12.8 minutes per game. These three guards will provide team leadership. Newcomer, Louis Martinez a junior transfer from New Mexico Junior College will add depth to the point guard position.



Forwards:

Russell, an All-Conference Honorable Mention selection last year, led the team in assists (59), free-throw percentage (77%) and three-point percentage (41%). He also was second on the team in scoring with 18.7 points per game. Other noted returners for St. Edward's at the forward position are Collins and James Gaskin. Collins appeared in every game last season and Gaskin saw action in 19 games. Freshmen forwards Kenneth Edwards, Anthony Felder, Jeff Obersteller and Andrew Nagel will all be looking for competitive minutes in the front court. These four forwards bring height and versatility to the front court for the Hilltoppers. A defensive MVP coming out of high school, Obersteller will play both the inside and outside positions for the Hilltoppers this season.

Centers:

Third-year center Mark Klemm returns for the Hilltoppers. He led the team in rebounding, averaging six per game and was the team leader for blocks. Klemm also finished third in scoring and steals. McCorkle and sophomore Joe Dinkins will be a strong physical presence, which will be important to the inside attack. McCorkle was second on the team last year in field goal percentage. Dinkins started 17 games last season for St. Edward's and looks to bring depth off the bench.

Schedule:

The Hilltoppers will be faced with a competitive schedule this season. St. Edward's will host a tournament to open the season and then have two more tough games against Abilene Christian and Division III opponent Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Before they travel to Abilene to participate in Abilene Christian University's Classic over the Christmas break, the Hilltoppers will host Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Western New Mexico University and travel to cross town rival Cocordia University. In January, conference play begins, where the University of Incarnate Word and St. Mary's University prove to be quality opponents year after year.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW

The St. Edward's University women's basketball team heads into the 2003-2004 season with a fresh perspective. With a new coach and a new attitude, the Hilltoppers are ready to face the challenges that lie ahead. The motto for the team, since preseason, has been "Serious Fun."

With 11 returning players, the Hilltoppers look to take advantage of their experience and teamwork. Four-time Hilltoppers Zsatasha Scott and Stacey Worrell lead a group of seniors that include Stormye Jackson, Star Loucks and Ada Powers.

Guards:

Sophomore Kristen Beauchamp and junior Tina Ybarra will return at the guard position. The playing experience they gained last season, playing in 26 and 20 games respectively should benefit the team. Newcomer Desiree Delcours, a transfer from High Point University in North Carolina, will add depth and give the team more quickness.

Forwards:

Scott will lead a talented front court this season for the Hilltoppers. She finished second last year in scoring with 12.1 points per game and in rebounding with 4.7 per game. Returning Honorable Mention All-Conference sophomore forward Jennifer Knight looks to be a key player for St. Edward's. Knight led the team in scoring with 14 points per game and also led the team in free throw percentage last season with 90%. Jackson, Loucks and sophomore Leah Foster will compete for playing time in the front court this season. These three forwards have a good balance of athleticism and talent to help the team succeed.

Centers:

Worrell will lead the Hilltoppers at center. She led the team in rebounding last season with 5.9 per game. Powers and sophomores Sara Baca and Jeanette Vlasek looking to make a difference with their offensive talents. Baca led the team in blocked shots last year with 1.2 blocks per game. Freshman Lauren Balon from Westlake High School in Austin was named a 2003 All-State Honorable Mention player. Her ability to block shots and her defensive assertiveness will be an asset to the Hilltoppers.

Schedule:

The Hilltoppers kick off the season facing Angelo State University and then return home a week later to host their tournament playing two tough opponents, East Central Oklahoma and Cameron University. Coach Jennifer White said, "We are playing a challenging schedule, and we have the utmost respect for every team". The Hilltoppers will face two Division I teams early in the season, UT- Pan American and Lamar University. Before Christmas break, the team will go to Las Vegas, Nevada to play in a tournament. In January, conference play begins and, as always, the Heartland Conference will be competitive.



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2003 MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 30	Central Arkansas	L, 2-4
Sept. 1	Christian Brothers Univ.	W, 3-2
Sept. 5	#12 Midwestern State Univ.	.....	W, 2-1
Sept. 7	vs. Oklahoma City Univ. 1	.....	T, 1-1
Sept. 12	at Southwestern State Univ.	.....	W, 3-1
Sept. 14	at Northeastern State Univ.	.....	L, 0-4
Sept. 21	West Texas A&M Univ.	.....	L, 1-2 (TOT)
Sept. 24	at St. Mary's University *	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 27	University of Texas-Tyler	.....	W, 3-1
Oct. 3	vs. Regis University 2	.....	W, 4-3
Oct. 5	vs. #12 Fort Lewis College 2	.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 10	at Colorado School of Mines	.....	W, 2-1 (OT)
Oct. 12	at Metropolitan State Univ.	.....	L, 0-1
Oct. 14	at CSU-Pueblo	.....	W, 2-1
Oct. 19	#4 Univ. of Incarnate Word *	.....	L, 2-5
Oct. 26	at #5 Univ. of Incarnate Word *	.....	L, 0-7
Oct. 29	St. Mary's University *	.....	L, 1-2 (TOT)
Nov. 1	Hardin-Simmons Univ.	.....	T, 1-1
Nov. 7&9	Heartland Conference Tour.	.....	TBA

2003 WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 28	at Angelo State University	.....	L, 1-2
Sept. 2	#19 West Texas A&M University	.....	W, 2-0
Sept. 4	at Texas A&M International	.....	W, 2-0
Sept. 7	Midwestern State University	.....	W, 1-0
Sept. 12	at Southwestern State University	.....	W, 1-0
Sept. 14	at East Central Oklahoma	.....	W, 2-1
Sept. 19	at Northeastern State University	.....	L, 0-1
Sept. 21	at St. Gregory's	.....	W, 2-1
Sept. 26	Texas Woman's University	.....	W, 4-2
Sept. 28	#9 Texas A&M-Commerce	.....	L, 0-1
Oct. 3	at Adams State	.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 5	at CSU-Pueblo	.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 9	at St. Mary's University *	.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 12	Central Arkansas	.....	W, 2-0
Oct. 16	University of Incarnate Word *	.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 19	#23 Central Oklahoma	.....	L, 1-2
Oct. 24	St. Mary's University *	.....	W, 1-0
Oct. 28	at University of Incarnate Word *	.....	L, 0-1
Nov. 6&8	Heartland Conference Tour.	.....	TBA

2003 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Aug. 29	vs. #25 Augustan College 3	.....	W, 3-1
Aug. 29	at #9 University of North Alabama 3	.....	L, 0-3
Aug. 30	vs. Henderson State University 3	.....	W, 3-0
Aug. 30	vs. #13 Metropolitan State College 3	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 5	vs. #21 University of North Colorado 4	.....	L, 0-3
Sept. 5	vs. Regis University 4	.....	W, 3-1
Sept. 6	vs. #22 Augustana College 4	.....	L, 1-3
Sept. 6	vs. #10 North Dakota State 4	.....	L, 0-3

Sept. 9	at Texas A&M-Kingsville	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 12	at Angelo State University	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 13	at Abilene Christian University	.....	L, 2-3
Sept. 18	at Midwestern State University	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 19	vs. Eastern New Mexico Univ. 5	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 20	vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville 5	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 20	vs. #21 West Texas A&M 5	.....	L, 0-3
Sept. 23	TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 26	vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State *	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 27	at Drury University *	.....	W, 3-0
Sept. 27	vs. #17 Rockhurst University *	.....	W, 3-1
Oct. 2	ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY	.....	W, 3-0
Oct. 7	at St. Mary's University *	.....	W, 3-1
Oct. 10	INCARNATE WORD *	.....	W, 3-0
Oct. 11	HUSTON-TILLOSTON COLLEGE	.....	W, 3-0
Oct. 14	at Incarnate Word *	.....	W, 3-1
Oct. 20	TEXAS A&M-KINGSVILLE	.....	W, 3-0
Oct. 24	vs. Drury University *	.....	W, 3-1
Oct. 25	vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State *	.....	W, 3-0
Oct. 25	vs. #22 Rockhurst University *	.....	W, 3-1
Oct. 28	ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIV.	.....	W, 3-2
Nov. 1	at Texas Woman's University	.....	W, 3-0
Nov. 5	HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY	.....	7:00 PM
Nov. 8	ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY *	.....	7:00 PM
Nov. 14	at Heartland Conference Tournament	.....	TBA
Nov. 15	at Heartland Conference Tournament	.....	TBA

2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 21	Harding 6	.....	8:00
Nov. 22	Consolation / Championship 6	.....	4/8:00
Nov. 25	Abilene Christian University	.....	7:30
Nov. 26	Southwestern University	.....	7:30
Nov. 28	at New Mexico Highlands University	.....	7:00 MT
Nov. 29	at New Mexico Highlands University	.....	6:00 MT
Dec. 6	at Paul Quinn College	.....	8:00
Dec. 8	Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.	.....	7:30
Dec. 15	at Concordia University (Austin)	.....	7:00
Dec. 17	Western New Mexico University	.....	7:30
Dec. 19	at Abilene Christian University 7	.....	6:00
Dec. 20	vs. Rochester College, MI 7	.....	2:00
Dec. 29	University of Texas-Permian Basin	.....	7:30
Jan. 2	at Ouachita Baptist University	.....	5:00
Jan. 10	at Drury University *	.....	7:00
Jan. 15	Rockhurst University *	.....	7:30
Jan. 17	Lincoln University *	.....	3:30
Jan. 22	University of Incarnate Word *	.....	7:30
Jan. 24	at St. Mary's University *	.....	8:00
Jan. 26	at Southeastern Oklahoma State Univ.	.....	8:00
Jan. 29	Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ. *	.....	7:30

Feb. 7	Drury University *	.....	7:30
Feb. 12	at Rockhurst University *	.....	7:30
Feb. 14	at Lincoln University *	.....	3:30
Feb. 19	at University of Incarnate Word *	.....	7:30
Feb. 21	St. Mary's University *	.....	7:30
Feb. 28	at Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ. *	.....	7:30
Mar. 1-5	Heartland Conference Tournament	.....	TBA

2003-04 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 15	at Angelo State University	.....	7:00
Nov. 21	East Central Oklahoma University 6	.....	6:00
Nov. 22	Cameron University 6	.....	6:00
Nov. 25	at Midwestern State University	.....	7:00
Nov. 29	at University of Texas-Pan American	.....	5:00
Dec. 1	at Lamar University	.....	7:00
Dec. 6	at Paul Quinn College	.....	6:00
Dec. 8	Southeastern Oklahoma University	.....	5:30
Dec. 16	vs. Cameron University #	.....	3:00
Dec. 17	vs. University of Central Oklahoma #	.....	1:00
Dec. 29	University of Texas-Permian Basin	.....	5:30
Dec. 30	Texas Woman's University	.....	3:00
Jan. 2	Harding University	.....	6:00
Jan. 5	Texas A&M-Kingsville	.....	6:00
Jan. 10	at Drury University *	.....	2:00
Jan. 15	Rockhurst University *	.....	5:30
Jan. 17	Lincoln University *	.....	1:30
Jan. 22	University of Incarnate Word *	.....	5:30
Jan. 24	at St. Mary's University *	.....	6:00
Jan. 26	at Southeastern Oklahoma St. Univ.	.....	6:00
Jan. 29	Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ.*	.....	5:30
Feb. 7	Drury University *	.....	5:30
Feb. 12	at Rockhurst University *	.....	5:30
Feb. 14	at Lincoln University *	.....	1:30
Feb. 19	at University of Incarnate Word *	.....	5:30
Feb. 21	St. Mary's University *	.....	5:30
Feb. 28	at Oklahoma Panhandle State Univ.*	.....	5:30
Mar. 1-5	Heartland Conference Tournament	.....	TBA

BOLD CAPS - Home Games

* - Conference Games

- 1 - at University of Texas-Dallas (Dallas, TX)
- 2 - at Incarnate Word Invitational (San Antonio, TX)
- 3 - Ricatoni's Volleyball Classic (Florence, AL)
- 4 - Colorado Premier Challenge (Denver, CO)
- 5 - Lone Star / Heartland Crossover (Lawton, OK)
- 6 - St. Edward's University Tournament (Austin, TX)
- 7 - Abilene Christian University Classic (Abilene, TX)



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