

Hilltopper Sports News

Volume 2, Number 1 --- Fall 2004

LAURA PRENDERGAST NAMED 2003-04 HEARTLAND CONFERENCE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



St. Edward's University women's soccer player, Laura Prendergast, '04 was named the 2003-04 Heartland Conference Co-Women's Scholar-Athlete of the Year this past summer. Prendergast shares the award with Drury's Amanda Newton (Women's Basketball).

Prendergast, a four year member of the women's soccer team, started every game in her four year career. She scored three goals and three assists as a defender and was selected to the All-Conference Team all four years. This season she helped the Lady Hilltoppers post the best record in school history with a 14-6-0 overall record. Prendergast was the team leader on defense which set school records for most shutouts (11) and goals against average (0.59) in a season.

Prendergast appeared on the dean's list every semester and won the prestigious Presidential Award at St. Edward's. She has come through the Honors Program graduating Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Sociology and a grade point average of 4.00.

"Laura has been a pleasure to work with," said former women's soccer head coach Erin Lynch. "She exceeds my expectations of how a student-athlete should conduct themselves in the classroom, in the community and on the field."

MEN'S SOCCER OFF TO A SLOW START

St. Edward's University men's soccer team came into the 2004 season with a lot of changes.

First, longtime Hilltopper coach Mike Smith hung up the whistle after 17 seasons and 186 wins and now the present and future of the program has been handed over to Brian Young. Second, the Hilltoppers began play in the newly minted Southwest Soccer Conference with powerhouses Midwestern State, Northeastern State, Incarnate Word and West Texas A&M. Last but not least, graduation and injuries has robbed the Hilltoppers of their top three scorers in Shane Clark, Dustin Michalak and Colin Mayo. Clark and Michalak, who finished first and second in scoring, graduated last spring. Mayo, who was third in scoring last season as a freshman, missed this season due to injury.

The Hilltoppers started the season on Aug. 27th at home on their new soccer field against Central Arkansas. After 120 minutes of hard fought soccer both teams settled for a 0-0 tie. St. Edward's then hosted four straight conference games including top three teams in the conference. Number four nationally ranked Incarnate Word took on the Hilltoppers on Sept. 3rd for their first Southwest Soccer Conference game. St. Edward's played even with UIW in the first half allowing just one goal on a penalty kick with less than a minute to go in

See *Men's Soccer* on p. 2

WOMEN'S SOCCER PICKED UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF LAST SEASON

The St. Edward's University women's soccer team came into the 2004 season with every intention on matching the success they had last year when they posted a school record 14 wins. Despite graduating six seniors and the departure of five year head coach Erin Lynch the Hilltopper's showed no sign of a let down. Head coach Jon Clement joined the Hilltopper coaching staff, after a five year stint at New York University where he posted a school record for wins (13) in 2001 and lead his team to a NCAA Sweet-16 appearance in 2002.

The Hilltoppers started their season on Aug. 27th at Harding University. The Hilltoppers lost that meeting 3-1 but would bounce back with an overtime victory at Central Arkansas. The Hilltoppers played their first home game on Sept. 3rd and came away with a convincing 3-0 win against Adams State College. The Hilltoppers then took to the road again against #25 Texas A&M Commerce where they were blanked 3-0. The next two games against Central Oklahoma and Midwestern State needed double overtime to decide them. Against Central Oklahoma the Hilltopper's were defeated 2-1 and were able to force a tie

See *Women's Soccer* on p. 2

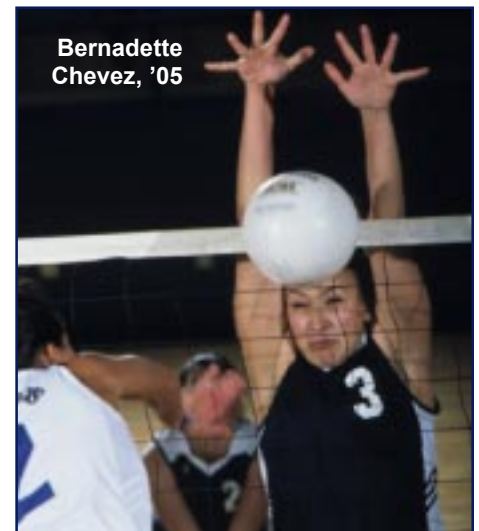
VOLLEYBALL GETTING READY TO DEFEND ITS HEARTLAND CONFERENCE TITLE

After capturing the Heartland Conference title and advancing to the second straight NCAA Tournament in 2003, the Hilltoppers appeared poised to make another run at the post season this year. Expectations were high for a team that has the majority of the talent returning from a squad that won 31 matches and ranked 23rd in the final AVCA Division II Coaches Poll.

Injuries and playing top-25 teams in the first four of six matches to open the season didn't help the Hilltoppers. After defeating Central Oklahoma in their first match St. Edward's faced #3 Nebraska-Kearney (currently #1). The Hilltoppers fell to the nationally ranked team 3-0 and then dropped their next four matches including three in five-game sets. St. Edward's then bounced back to win their next four out of five matches to improve their record to 5-6.

Injuries affected the Hilltoppers momentum as senior setter Anne Brito and fresh-

See *Volleyball* on p. 3



Bernadette Chevez, '05

MORE NEWS:

Athletic Staff Directory	2
Men's & Women's Golf	2
Men's & Women's Cross Country	3
Fall Schedules/Results	3
Winter Schedules	3
Men's & Women's Tennis	4

Hilltopper Sports News

MEN'S SOCCER

(continued from p. 1)



Alan Swearingen, '05

the half. Incarnate Word added an insurance goal in the second half to take a 2-0 win. Four days later the Hilltoppers hosted Midwestern State who was ranked number fourteen in the nation. St. Edward's once again fought hard but fell to MSU in a close 1-0 game. The Hilltopper then took on Northeastern State, who is currently first in the standing in the conference. With the game tied at one, NSU was able to score a late second half goal for a 2-1 win. On

September 12th St. Edward's University defeated Missouri Southern, 3-0, for their first victory of the season. The Hilltoppers then hit the road for the first time where they played six of the next seven game away from SEU Soccer Field. Unfortunately St. Edward's wasn't able to pick up a win as they faced three top-25 nationally ranked and two top-10 regionally ranked teams. After a long road trip the Hilltoppers returned home for their final two home games of the season. St. Edward's defeated West Texas A&M, 2-1, in overtime and then knocked off Eastern New Mexico 1-0 for the second straight win.

The Hilltoppers currently have a 3-10-1 overall record with four games remaining this season.

Senior Chris Steele leads the team in scoring with two goals and four assists for eight points. Junior Robert Descant and freshman Giovanni Barletta both tied for second with four points on two goals. Junior Scotty McNabb has team best 1.70 goals-against average and .750 save percentage this season.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF FINISHED THE FALL SEASON STRONG

Men's Golf

The Hilltoppers participated in four tournaments this fall and finished in the top-10 in all of them including top-four in three.

Sophomore Blake Slaughter is the team leader this fall with a stroke average of 71.5. He also scored the top place in the Rattler Invitational hosted by St. Mary's with a 204 (67, 69 and 68 on a par-72 course) over three rounds to lead the Hilltoppers to a third place finish. St. Edward's also finished third at the NSU Classic in Muskogee, OK where Slaughter finished third overall. Junior Pablo Rosas is second on the team with a stroke average of 72.7. Sophomore Nick Christea, freshman Jeff Howard and junior Tyler Duncan played in all four tournaments and have a stroke average of 74.4, 75.3 and 76.4 respectively.

Women's Golf

St. Edward's women's golf also participated in four tournaments this fall and placed in the top-five in all of them. The Hilltoppers won the Northwestern Oklahoma State Tournament while finishing second at the Rockhurst University Invitational.

Sophomore Katy Williams leads the team with a 83.6 stroke average while freshman Allison Kinser is second with a 83.9 stroke average. Freshman Jessica Groff played in only two tournaments and has an 81 stroke average. She finished first at the Northwestern Oklahoma State Tournament. Sophomore Ashley Chaffee and freshman Kailee Carver played in all four tournaments and have a stroke average of 84.1 and 85.1 respectively.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(continued from p. 1)

with Midwestern State. They returned to SEU Soccer Field for a three game home stand in which the Hilltoppers were able to post a 3-0 record while scoring seven goals while only giving up one. The lady's then returned to Commerce, Texas for two games against nationally ranked teams. It took overtime to decide the first game against #5 Barry University where the Hilltoppers lost 2-1. They then rebounded with a big victory against #18 Tampa winning by a score of 2-1.

The Hilltoppers currently have a record of 8-5-1 with four games remaining this season. Three of them will be at home against St. Mary's, Incarnate Word and Texas Woman's University. The Hilltoppers welcome any challenge while playing at home seeing how they are a perfect 6-0 in games played on their home field.

Senior Sarah Gallagher leads the team in scoring with two goals and six assists for 10 points. Freshmen Kristen Gascoyne and Sara Reeves are tied for second, Gascoyne with three goals and one assist for seven points and Reeves with two goals and three assists for seven points. Sophomore Heather Koudelka has a team best 0.91 goals-against average and .850 save percentage this season.



Cassandra Chapa, '06

2004-05 ATHLETIC STAFF DIRECTORY

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Athletic Director	Debbie Taylor
Associate Athletic Director	Scott Abel
Administrative Assistant	Marilyn Wilke
Faculty Athletic Representative	Dr. Frank Smith
Compliance Coordinator	Scott Abel
Senior Women's Administrator	Jennifer White
Sports Information Director	Naveen Boppana
Head Athletic Trainer	Melinda Terry
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Kris White
Champs Life Skills/Academic Advisor	Jon Clement
Student Athlete Mentor Advisor	Brian Young
SAAC Advisor	Jennifer White

COACHING STAFF

Baseball - Head Coach	Jeremy Farber
Baseball - Assistant Coach	Kevin Felts
Basketball (Men) - Head Coach	Ryan Marks
Basketball (Men) - Assistant Coach	Aaron Page
Basketball (Women) - Head Coach	Jennifer White
Basketball (Women) - Assistant Coach	J.J. Riehl
Cross Country (M & W) - Head Coach	Kevin Felts
Golf (Men & Women) - Head Coach	Jennifer McNeil
Golf (Men & Women) - Assistant Coach	Tyson Tidwell
Soccer (Men) - Head Coach	Brian Young
Soccer (Men) - Assistant Coach	Brian Leto
Soccer (Women) - Head Coach	Jon Clement
Soccer (Women) - Assistant Coach	Kiha Thomas
Softball - Head Coach	Amy Coulter
Softball - Assistant Coach	Heather Coghlan
Tennis (Men & Women) - Head Coach	Russell Sterns
Tennis (Men & Women) - Asst. Coach	TBA
Volleyball - Head Coach	Sean Donahue
Volleyball - Assistant Coach	Lesli Reimer
Cheerleading - Head Coach	John McCargo

Hilltopper Sports News

VOLLEYBALL

(continued from p. 1)

man outside hitter Angela Vorpahl both went down with ankle sprains. St. Edward's dropped three of the next four matches against Lone Star Conference opponents.

On September 25th St. Edward's returned all their players from injuries and opened their conference schedule. The Hilltopper won nine of the next 12 matches including wins against nationally ranked Rockhurst and regionally ranked St. Mary's and Angelo State.

St. Edward's currently has a 15-12 overall record and 5-1 in the Heartland Conference. The Hilltoppers have six matches remaining including four against conference foes. As the defending conference champions, St. Edward's earned the right to host the 2004 Heartland Conference Tournament on Nov. 12-13.

Senior Erika Figueiredo leads the team in kills (438), kills per game (4.56), service aces (47), digs (391) and digs per game (4.07). Senior Jamie Shackelford is second on the team in kills (278), kills per game (3.05) and digs per game (3.36) while fellow classmate Brito is the team leader in assists (867) and assists per game (11.56).

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The goal for men's cross country team this year was to go from a team that finished in the middle of the Heartland Conference last year and move into the top-four this year. On the women's side, while they lacked a performer with the first year splash in 2003, they believe this year's team can push into the upper half of the conference.

Both teams opened their 2004 season at Texas State University Invitational on September 11th. Sophomore Grant Glauser led the men's team (8K run) and finished 40th out of 59 runners with a time of 32:59. Freshman Brandon Dugo finished 47th with time of 34:06 and was the second Hilltopper to cross the line.

On the women's side (4800 meter run) it was junior Serenity Larson who led the Hilltoppers and finished 76th out of 92 runners with a time of 26:33. Senior Terez Rivera ran 27:24 and finished 78th.

Unfortunately the next two races were cancelled due to bad weather. The Hilltoppers will race next at the 2004 Heartland Conference Meet, which will be held in San Antonio, TX on October 23rd.

2004-05 FALL AND WINTER SCHEDULES

MEN'S SOCCER (3-10-1)			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug 27	Fri.	Central Arkansas	T, 0-0
Sep. 3	Fri.	#4 Incarnate Word*	L, 0-2
Sep. 7	Tue.	#13 Midwestern State*	L, 0-1
Sep. 10	Fri.	Northeastern State*	L, 1-2
Sep. 12	Sun.	Missouri Southern St. *	W, 3-0
Sep. 17	Fri.	at Eastern New Mexico *	L, 0-2
Sep. 19	Sun.	at West Texas A&M*	L, 0-3
Sep. 22	Wed.	St. Marys *	L, 1-2
Sep. 29	Wed.	at #22 Metro State College	L, 0-4
Oct. 1	Fri.	vs. #11 Fort Lewis 1	L, 0-4
Oct. 3	Sun.	at Regis 1	L, 1-2
Oct. 13	Wed.	at #23 Midwestern State*	L, 0-5
Oct. 15	Fri.	West Texas A&M*	W, 2-1 (ot)
Oct. 17	Sun.	Eastern New Mexico*	W, 1-0
Oct. 22	Fri.	at St. Marys *	4:00
Oct. 24	Sun.	at Incarnate Word*	7:00
Oct. 29	Fri.	at Northeastern State*	3:00
Oct. 31	Sun.	at Missouri Southern St. *	1:00
Nov. 5	Fri.	Conference Tour. Semi-Final	TBA
Nov. 7	Sun.	Conference Tour. Final	TBA

WOMEN'S SOCCER (9-5-2)			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 27	Fri.	at Harding	L, 1-2
Aug. 29	Sun.	at Central Arkansas	W, 2-1 (ot)
Sept. 3	Fri.	Adams State	W, 3-0
Sept. 5	Sun.	at #25 Texas A&M-Commerce	L, 0-3
Sept. 10	Fri.	at Central Oklahoma	L, 1-2 (2ot)
Sept. 12	Sun.	at Midwestern State	T, 0-0
Sept. 17	Fri.	Angelo State	W, 1-0 (ot)
Sept. 19	Sun.	East Central Oklahoma	W, 2-1
Sept. 22	Wed.	Texas A&M-International	W, 4-0
Oct. 1	Fri.	vs. #5 Barry 2	L, 1-2 (ot)
Oct. 3	Sun.	vs. #18 Tampa 2	W, 2-1
Oct. 8	Fri.	Ft. Lewis	W, 2-0
Oct. 10	Sun.	Mesa State	W, 1-0
Oct. 15	Fri.	at Incarnate Word	L, 0-2
Oct. 20	Wed.	St. Mary's	T, 0-0
Oct. 24	Sun.	Incarnate Word	W, 2-1 (OT)
Oct. 27	Wed.	at St. Mary's	3:00
Oct. 31	Sun.	Texas Woman's	12:00

VOLLEYBALL (16-12)			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 27	Fri.	vs. Central Oklahoma 3	W, 3-0
Aug. 27	Fri.	at #3 Nebraska-Kearney 3	L, 0-3
Aug. 28	Sat.	vs. Wayne State, NE 3	L, 2-3
Aug. 28	Sat.	vs. #15 Doane College (NAIA) 3	L, 2-3
Sept. 3	Fri.	vs. #17 Minnesota-Duluth 4	L, 0-3
Sept. 3	Fri.	vs. #13 Central Missouri St. 4	L, 2-3
Sept. 4	Sat.	vs. New Haven 4	W, 3-0
Sept. 4	Sat.	vs. Cameron 4	W, 3-0
Sept. 9	Thu.	at Angelo State	L, 0-3
Sept. 11	Sat.	at Tarleton State	W, 3-0
Sept. 14	Tue.	Texas A&M-Commerce	W, 3-0
Sept. 17	Fri.	vs. Eastern New Mexico 5	L, 1-3
Sept. 17	Fri.	vs. Cameron 5	L, 2-3
Sept. 18	Sat.	vs. West Texas A&M 5	W, 3-0
Sept. 21	Tue.	Abilene Christian	L, 0-3
Sept. 24	Fri.	vs. Drury*	W, 3-0
Sept. 25	Sat.	vs. #19 Rockhurst*	W, 3-2
Sept. 25	Sat.	vs. OK Panhandle*	W, 3-0
Sept. 28	Tue.	St. Mary's *	L, 1-3
Oct. 1	Fri.	Tarleton State	W, 3-0
Oct. 4	Mon.	at Texas Woman's	W, 3-2
Oct. 8	Fri.	Incarnate Word* 6	W, 3-0
Oct. 9	Sat.	Minnesota-Crookston 6	L, 2-3
Oct. 9	Sat.	Bentley, MA 6	W, 3-0
Oct. 12	Tue.	at Abilene Christian	L, 0-3
Oct. 15	Fri.	Angelo State	W, 3-2

MEN'S BASKETBALL			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 19	Fri.	Ouachita Baptist 7	8:00
Nov. 20	Sat.	TBA 7	4/8:00
Nov. 23	Tue.	at Texas State	7:00
Nov. 29	Mon.	Abilene Christian	7:30
Nov. 26	Fri.	vs. Missouri-Rolla 8	TBA
Nov. 27	Sat.	at Central Missouri 8	TBA
Nov. 29	Mon.	Abilene Christian	7:30
Dec. 2	Thu.	East Central OK	7:30
Dec. 6	Mon.	Huston Tillotson	7:30
Dec. 12	Sun.	at Western New Mexico	1:30
Dec. 17	Fri.	at Abilene Christian 9	8:00
Dec. 18	Sat.	vs. Rochester College 9	6:00
Dec. 30	Thu.	Concordia	7:30
Jan. 1	Sat.	at Texas A&M-Commerce	7:30
Jan. 6	Thu.	at Oklahoma Panhandle *	7:30
Jan. 9	Sun.	Rockhurst *	3:00
Jan. 15	Sat.	St. Mary's *	7:30
Jan. 20	Thu.	at Lincoln *	7:30
Jan. 22	Sat.	at Drury *	7:30
Jan. 27	Thu.	Incarnate Word *	7:30
Feb. 3	Thu.	Oklahoma Panhandle *	7:30
Feb. 5	Sat.	at Rockhurst *	7:30
Feb. 10	Thu.	Lincoln *	7:30
Feb. 12	Sat.	at St. Mary's *	7:30
Feb. 14	Sat.	at UT-Arlington	TBA
Feb. 19	Sat.	Drury *	7:30
Feb. 24	Thu.	at Incarnate Word *	7:30
Mar. 1-5	T-F	Heartland Conference Tour.	TBA

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL			
DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 15	Mon.	Midwestern State	7:00
Nov. 19	Fri.	Texas A&M-Kingsville 7	6:00
Nov. 20	Sat.	Abilene Christian 7	6:00
Nov. 25	Thu.	at Texas A&M-Kingsville 10	2:00
Nov. 26	Fri.	vs. North Dakota State 10	2:00
Nov. 27	Sat.	at Texas A&M-International 10	7:00
Nov. 30	Tue.	at Texas Woman's	7:00
Dec. 3	Fri.	vs. Ouachita Baptist 11	8:00
Dec. 4	Sat.	at Harding 11	2:00
Dec. 9	Thu.	Eastern New Mexico	6:00
Dec. 15	Wed.	at East Central	TBA
Dec. 18	Sat.	Ouachita Baptist	6:00
Dec. 20	Mon.	at Abilene Christian	6:00
Dec. 30	Thu.	Texas Woman's	5:30
Jan. 3	Mon.	Tarleton State	6:00
Jan. 6	Thu.	at Oklahoma Panhandle*	5:30
Jan. 9	Sun.	Rockhurst*	1:00
Jan. 15	Sat.	St. Mary's*	5:30
Jan. 20	Thu.	at Lincoln*	5:30
Jan. 22	Sat.	at Drury*	TBA
Jan. 27	Thu.	Incarnate Word*	5:30
Feb. 3	Thu.	Oklahoma Panhandle*	5:30
Feb. 5	Sat.	at Rockhurst*	5:30
Feb. 10	Thu.	Lincoln*	5:30
Feb. 12	Sat.	at St. Mary's*	5:30
Feb. 19	Sat.	Drury University, MO*	5:30
Feb. 24	Thu.	at Incarnate Word*	5:30
Mar. 1-5	T-F	Heartland Conference Tour.	TBA

Bold - Home games
 * - Conference Game
 1 - Regis Univ/Aersity Invitational
 2 - at Commerce, TX
 3 - Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney Fall Classic
 Colorado Premier Shootout
 the State League Shootout
 Edwards Univ. Invitational
 Edwards Univ. Shootout
 Central Missouri Invitational
 Abilene Christian Invitational
 Harding Invitational
 Texas A&M-Kingsville Key Day Shootout

Hilltoppers
on the web

www.wwards.edu at et / ic.htm

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAMS WERE PERFECT IN THE FALL SEASON

The St. Edward's University men's and women's tennis teams both finished their fall season with a 2-0 record.

The biggest win for both teams was defeating long time rival Incarnate Word on Oct. 1st. The Men's team dropped 2 out of the three doubles, but won 5 out of 6 singles to capture their win with an overall score of 6-3. Likewise, the Women dropped 2 of the three doubles, but again won 5 out of the 6 singles to solidify their victory 6-3.

Both the men's and women's team also defeated Temple Junior College, the men winning 8-1 and the women winning 9-0.

St. Edward's #1 men's doubles team of Kendall Smashey and Mario Quintero won the ITA Regional Tournament in Springfield, Missouri, thereby qualifying for the National Tournament in Fort Myers, Florida. At the National Tournament, Smashey and Quintero lost in the quarterfinals to the #1

seed from Southwest Baptist. In the consolation draw, Smashey and Quintero defeated UC-San Diego before falling to Southern Indiana.

They finished their fall season placing #6 in the nation, the highest ranking held by a St. Edward's doubles team since 1986.



Mario Quintero



Kendall Smashey



3001 South Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78704-6489