

Year in Review

FOLLOWING ATHLETICS AT ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY

2008-2009

The Hilltopper Standard

The end of the Spring 2009 season capped off another banner year for St. Edward's University Athletics and set what has become a standard of excellence on the hilltop. Sixty-five student-athletes earned a 4.0 GPA, six teams advanced to the NCAA tournament and five of those teams were crowned Heartland Conference champions. Since 2006, the Hilltoppers have earned 19 Heartland Conference titles.

The Fall 2008 season included national rankings for both the men's and women's soccer teams, with both narrowly missing post-season berths as well as conference championships. The Hilltopper volleyball team returned to their familiar spot at the top of the Heartland Conference as they finished in a three-way tie for the conference title and men's cross country advanced to the NCAA regional meet.

During the Winter 2008-2009 season, both the men's and women's basketball teams advanced to the Heartland Conference tournament for the fourth-straight year.

By the Spring 2009 season, St. Edward's University Athletics was in full gear. The men's and women's tennis teams won the Heartland Conference and their respective regional tournaments before advancing to the NCAA Sweet 16 in Orlando, Fla. The men's squad was appearing for the third time in the last four years, while the women's squad made its first appearance in program history. In golf, the men's and women's teams qualified for the NCAA regional tournament with the women's team winning the Heartland Conference. The men's team has now made it to the tournament the last six seasons, while the women have qualified four out of the six years the team has been in existence. The softball team won its third conference title in the last four years and advanced to their fourth-straight NCAA tournament.

The success of the 2008-2009 season is a testament to the high standard that one can expect from St. Edward's University Athletics. With a solid group of coaches and a continued influx of talented student-athletes, the Hilltoppers strive to make national rankings, NCAA tournament appearances and academic excellence the standard for all of its teams.

AN EVENING OF CHAMPIONS

Hilltopper Athletics hosted its annual banquet in April honoring the accomplishments of teams and individuals from the 2008-2009 Athletics seasons. Major award winners include:

Outstanding Senior Athletes of the Year

Taylor Land, men's basketball
Aimee Langlinais, women's soccer

Student Athletic Trainer of the Year

Sam LaCroix

Vincent Powell Spirit Award

Vincent Powell

Outstanding Athletics Staff Member Award

Lisa Lowe, assistant athletic trainer

COACHES CORNER

TODD OHLMEYER • MEN'S GOLF

When men's golf coach **Todd Ohlmeyer** arrived at St.

Edward's from Coastal Carolina University in November 2008, he didn't waste any time getting his team ready for his first season. He led the team to the

doorsteps of the NCAA national tournament, where they fell short by just three strokes. The team (292-297-289=878) took sixth at the NCAA Midwest/South Central Super Regional tournament in Allendale, Mich. Riding a wave of renewed energy and hard-earned experience, Ohlmeyer looks to lead the Hilltoppers through that door and on to a national title in 2010.



What attracted you to St. Edward's?

I wanted a school that fit me personally and professionally. It's a smaller school in a bigger city with an equal commitment to athletics and academics, and a year-round climate for golf. I couldn't be happier.

What do you like about coaching?

Growing up, coaches had some of the biggest influences on me. Now I'm at a point where I can share the experiences I had as a player with my players. It's important for me to help get them prepared for life after school, and a round of golf is an easy way to get them to open up and talk.

Why is the men's golf program successful?

It's the same reason why everyone at St. Edward's is successful. We get good people. We have 11 standup guys on our team who give everything they can for the sport and have the same commitment in the classroom. We are returning two all-region and three academic All-Americans.

What are your goals for the 2010 season?

We need to literally take it one shot at a time. We just need to focus on playing well in our conference then go from there.

HILLTOPPER HONORS

- ▶ **Kelsey Yeatts** was named 2009 Heartland Conference Woman of the Year.
- ▶ **Taylor Land** and **Amiee Langlinais** were named 2008-2009 Heartland Conference Male and Female Scholar-Athletes, respectively.

Hilltopper Highlights

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

Men's Cross Country

Team

- Competed in the NCAA regional meet.

Individual

- **David Fuentes:** USATFCCA All-America, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Runner of the Year, Heartland Conference Runner of the Week (3); finished 26th at NCAA national meet

Men's Soccer

Team

- Finished the season ranked 14th in the nation, while compiling a 13-4-2 record and finishing second in the Heartland Conference.
- Received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award (team GPA of 3.0 or higher) for the fourth-consecutive year.

Individual

- **Kevin Brolan:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **John Calandro:** Daktronics first-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Dustin Cherry:** Daktronics honorable-mention All-America, Daktronics first-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (2)
- **Robert Georgiefski:** Daktronics first-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (2)
- **Kevin Klaus:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Patrick Miller:** Daktronics first-team all-region, second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Matt Moore:** Daktronics first-team all-region, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (2)
- **Josh Nannen:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Brandin Parras:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Jorge Vega:** Daktronics first-team all-region, second-team All-Heartland Conference

Women's Soccer

Team

- Finished the season with a 13-3-1 record and 11-1-1 conference record, just one game out of first place.
- Received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award (team GPA of 3.0 or higher) for the second-consecutive year.

Individual

- **Kim Abbott:** COSIDA first-team academic all-district
- **Janae Averett:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Bethany Bennett:** Daktronics honorable mention All-America, Daktronics first-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Kelly Boyd:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)

- **Stacey Copeland:** Daktronics first-team all-region, NSCAA third-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Korre Fairman:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Alex Podowski:** NSCAA third-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Claire Tilton:** NSCAA third-team all-region
- **Kelsey Yeatts:** Daktronics honorable mention All-America, Daktronics first-team all-region, COSIDA second-team academic all-district, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (2)

Volleyball

Team

- Continued its rise back to Heartland Conference supremacy this year as it finished in a three-way tie for the Heartland Conference Championship with a 16-13 record. It was their first title since 2004.

Individual

- **Chelsea Barsamian:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (2)
- **Sean Donahue:** Heartland Conference Coach of the Year
- **Lindsey Douglas:** COSIDA second-team all-district, Hilltopper Classic all-tournament team
- **Lindy Luleff:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Kelsey Teal:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Ashley Vander Hey:** Daktronics first-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference all-tournament team, Heartland Conference Freshman of the Year, Hilltopper Classic all-tournament team

WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

Men's Basketball

Team

- Finished the season with a 17-11 record and 11-5 in conference play, as they ended up fourth in the Heartland Conference.
- Upset #5 Arkansas-Monticello during the season.

Individual

- **Taylor Carr:** Heartland Conference all-tournament team
- **Taylor Mullenax:** First-team All-Heartland Conference, pre-season first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (2), St. Edward's Holiday Classic all-tournament team, SEU Shootout all-tournament team
- **Reggie Shanks:** Honorable mention All-Heartland Conference team, SEU Shootout all-tournament team
- **Kyle Wakefield:** Honorable Mention All-Heartland Conference team

Women's Basketball

Team

- Finished fourth in the Heartland Conference and advanced to the conference tournament.

Individual

- **Sara Head:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1), SEU Shootout all-tournament team most valuable player, second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference all-tournament team
- **Sophia Holguin:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1), honorable mention All-Heartland Conference
- **Jasmine Parr:** Hilltopper Christmas Classic all-tournament team
- **Kelli Payton:** Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1), SEU Shootout all-tournament team, second-team All-Heartland Conference

SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball

Team

- Compiled a 34-22 overall record and a 31-18 conference record to finish fourth in the Heartland Conference.

Individual

- **Drew Cross:** First-team All-Heartland Conference, Daktronics first-team all-region, ABCA second-team all-region, Daktronics third-team All-America, Baseball Writers third-team All-America, Heartland Conference Hitter of the Week (2)
- **Bret Friemel:** Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week (2)
- **Tim Laine:** Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week (1)
- **Dexter Moreno:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Dylan Schuch:** Heartland Conference Hitter of the Week (1)
- **Justin Shufelt:** First-team All-Heartland Conference

Men's Golf

Team

- Won three tournaments and finished in the Top-3 in eight tournaments.
- Advanced to the NCAA South Central Regional for the sixth-straight year.

Individual

- **Matthew Hatcher:** Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-American Scholar, first-team All-Heartland Conference, first-team all-region, Heartland Conference Golfer of the Week (1)
- **Collin Mayer:** Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-American Scholar, *ESPN The Magazine* third-team academic All-America, first-team academic all-district, first-team All-Heartland Conference, first-team all-region, Heartland Conference Golfer of the Week (1)
- **Matt Smith:** Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-American Scholar
- **Santiago Quintero:** Heartland Conference Golfer of the Week (1)
- **Andrew Workman:** Heartland Conference all-tournament team, second-team All-Heartland Conference



Women's Golf

Team

- Won its third-consecutive Heartland Conference title and advanced to the NCAA West Regional for the fourth-straight season.
- Won four tournaments and finished second in three tournaments.

Individual

- **Kirby Baker:** National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar, Heartland Conference all-tournament team, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Freshman of the Year, Heartland Conference Golfer of the Week (1)
- **April Fields:** National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar, second-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Emily Kvinta:** National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar, second-team All-America, Heartland Conference all-tournament team, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Year, Heartland Conference Golfer of the Week (7)
- **Jennifer McNeil:** Heartland Conference Coach of the Year, West Region Coach of the Year
- **Dina O'Brien:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Golfer of the Week (1)
- **Erin Redfield:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference

Softball

Team

- Won its third Heartland Conference title in four years and advanced to the NCAA South Central Regional for the fourth-straight season.
- Tallied a 41-21 record and also won the Heartland Conference tournament for the first time in program history.

Individual

- **Meagen Bailey:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Tournament Most Valuable Player
- **Diana Cezeaux:** First-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference all-tournament, Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week (1)
- **Amy Coulter:** Heartland Conference Coach of the Year
- **Lana Jo Hairston:** Heartland Conference all-tournament team, Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week (1)
- **Courtney Lavender:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference all-tournament team
- **Lisa Paul:** NFCA first-team all-region, Daktronics second-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, first-team academic all-district, Heartland Conference Hitter of the Week (2)
- **Paige Sandahl:** Daktronics second-team all-region, Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Year, Heartland Conference Freshman of the Year, first-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week (5)
- **Lexi Stephens:** Daktronics second-team all-region, first-team All-Heartland Conference, second-team academic all-district, Heartland Conference all-tournament team, Heartland Conference Hitter of the Week (4), Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division II National Player of the Week (1)
- **Miranda Yeager:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Jamie Zilverberg:** Second-team All-Heartland Conference

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Men's Tennis

Team

- Finished the season ranked 15th in the nation.
- Won the Heartland Conference Tournament and regional tournament.
- Advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the third time in the last four years.

Individual

- **Nick Arnold:** Heartland Conference Senior of the Year, first-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Boris Barrios:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Simon Boyce:** ITA South Central Regional Assistant Coach of the Year
- **Bernard Lancaster:** First-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Brett Powers:** Heartland Conference Player of the Year, first-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Justin Raiti:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Russell Sterns:** Heartland Conference Coach of the Year
- **Mick Walter:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Andrew Wilson:** First-team All-Heartland Conference

Women's Tennis

Team

- Finished the season ranked 14th in the nation, which is the highest ranking in team history.
- Advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time in school history.

Individual

- **Mary Bain:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Heather Brien:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Regina DelBosque:** First-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Senior of the Year, Heartland Conference Player of the Week (1)
- **Alex Henry:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Liz Jacobi:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Janelle Otero:** First-team All-Heartland Conference
- **Russell Sterns:** Heartland Conference Coach of the Year, South Central Region Coach of the Year
- **Audrey Tompkins:** First-team All-Heartland Conference, Heartland Conference Player of the Year, Heartland Conference Freshman of the Year, South Central Region Rookie of the Year



Academic Achievement

During the 2008–2009 academic year, 142 student-athletes received Heartland Conference academic awards. The overall GPA of student-athletes was 3.23, the second highest in the Heartland Conference. Five teams — baseball, men's cross country, women's soccer, women's tennis and volleyball — compiled the highest GPA in the conference for their respective sports.

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A Winning Tradition

Hilltopper Women's Athletics 1974–2009

Thirty-five years ago, the women of St. Edward's University first took to the courts with makeshift uniforms and borrowed equipment. Today, the Hilltopper women's athletics program is a dominating presence in the NCAA Division II Heartland Conference, fielding teams in six sports and competing for national titles.

Much has changed since 1974, but the strengths that defined those early grassroots teams still characterize Hilltopper women's athletics today: a thirst for competition, a love for the game and a commitment to excellence on and off the field.

In February during Homecoming, St. Edward's honored 21 student-athletes and coaches as part of the first-ever Women's All-Era Team.

Hilltopper Athletics

Champions in the Classroom

Champions on the Field

Champions for Life

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