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WOMEN'S SOCCER A SEASON TO REMEMBER

Talent. Perseverance. Cohesiveness. Fight. Belief. Relentlessness. Those are a few words that describe the 2010 Otterbein women's soccer team.

Entering the season with high expectations the team embarked on the path of its regular season schedule. The season opened with four wins and a tie at Denison. The team had 12 more victories to finish

advance to the title match. A header from senior Tara Smith in overtime landed the women a spot in the NCAA tournament.

The team fell to seventh in the regional rankings. Despite receiving the opportunity to host the first and second rounds, they found themselves in what many referred to as the "Group of Death." Calvin College from Michigan, Allegheny



The women's soccer team made the NCAA Final Four for the first time in history, finishing with a stellar 20-0-4 record.

out the season. Of the wins, two came on goals scored within the final ten minutes of regulation, and one in overtime.

Ranked fifth in the regional rankings and third nationally, the team went into the OAC Tournament. They needed to win the tournament to guarantee a spot in the NCAAAs.

The team did just that. Scoring a second-half goal in the semi-final to

College from Pennsylvania, and the 2009 national runner-up, Washington University in St. Louis from Missouri, were coming to town.

Keeping fans on the edge of their seats, the team saw All-American Jenny Knox convert a header in the 86th minute off a corner kick to push the Cards into round two.

The team struck early the next day as Lindsey Rudibaugh and Adrienne

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Message from Athletic Director Dick Reynolds

Welcome all to the winter edition of the Otterbein University Athletics Department newsletter.



Hello again from the 'Bein. Seems these quarterly notes to you come faster and faster. As you can see from our lead article, our Women's

Soccer team had a great season. All our fall teams competed well and were successful.

This is the last year for our quarter system; consequently our newsletter will be by semester and then a summer note. Due to making the switch of the academic calendar this will be a short summer.

We have hired a women's lacrosse coach and will start competition in Spring 2012. We now have 20 sports and serve over 550 athletes.

Please enjoy reading about our soccer teams' success, continue to submit nominations for our Hall of Fame and complete your athletic history profile.

~ Coach Reynolds

Dick Reynolds

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Novak each scored goals within the first 15 minutes, propelling Otterbein to its third-straight Sweet-16 appearance.

Taking on host and #4 Loras, the Cards saw Rudibaugh ejected late in regulation after a second yellow card,



and battled down a player for the final 22 minutes of action to force penalty kicks. The group, having never been in a shootout before, rose to the occasion and advanced 3-1.

Otterbein's leading scorer was out the following day, and with the Final Four on the line, the team saw themselves trailing for the first time all season. Then, sophomore Rachel Denz charged to a ball to even the score. The match headed for PK's again, and the Cards rallied behind two saves from Tara Carter and earned a spot in the Final Four.

Making their first Final Four appearance, the team prepared to take on second-ranked Hardin-Simmons University from Texas, a team that had scored over 100 goals in the season. The Cards stood strong in back-and-forth action. The tournament ended with a 4-2 defeat in a shootout, closing the fall campaign with a 20-0-4 record.

HSU scored twice in the first five minutes the following day defeating Messiah College from Pennsylvania for the national title. Otterbein ended the season atop the country in both goals-against average (0.16) and shutout-percentage (.875). Knox and Rudibaugh were selected to the All-Tournament team for the Cardinals, and Otterbein and HSU ended the season as the only two teams among the rankings to finish unbeaten.

The team's ability to push through one match at a time, in a variety of environments and under unique circumstances, makes 2010 a season to remember.

*Article submitted by: Adam Prescott,
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2010 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S AWARDS

Assistant Equipment and Facilities Managers Barry Fry and Terry Fry were presented the 2010 Athletic

Director's Award of Distinction during the pregame activities of the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 23.

This award was created over 12 years ago by Athletic Director Dick Reynolds to publically recognize an individual or individuals who work behind the scene and may not get the recognition they deserve.

Berry and Terry were recognized for their dedication to the Athletics Department and their service to all student-athletes.



photo by Annette Boose

Barry Fry and wife ,Sherri; Terry Fry and wife, Sara.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SETS RECORD FOR NUMBER OF WINS

The Lady Cards, under fourth year head coach Monica McDonald, set their hopes on a conference championship followed by an appearance in the NCAA Tournament. While having accomplished a record setting season of 26 wins and six losses, the Cards placed second in the OAC with 8-1 in league play. The team was selected in an at-large bid to participate in the tournament making it the first ever appearance by an Otterbein volleyball team in the NCAA Championship Tournament.

Wittenberg University hosted the first round of play as the Lady Cards traveled to Springfield to take on 10th

ranked Calvin College from Michigan. The Cards came out strong with a 6-3 lead but a string of rebounds placed Calvin in the lead. Calvin turned on the heat and began their domination of the second set. The Cardinals battled back in set three only to succumb to the more experienced Calvin Knights. While disappointed at the loss in round one, the Lady Cards should be very proud of their accomplishments and look forward to another successful season and possible NCAA appearance in 2011!

In recognition of her accomplishments, Coach McDonald was selected OAC Coach of the Year.



Lizzy Flynn (13) celebrates a victory with teammates.

OTTERBEIN EQUESTRIAN NEWS

The start of the IHSA show season was filled with anticipation as we competed for the first time in a new region. The first two day show was held at Miami University, Oct. 23-24. The first day of competition we came in second with 32 points placing two points behind Ohio University. Senior, Rebecca Gross received Reserve High Point Rider with 14 points. The second day of competition we also received the Reserve Ribbon with an impressive 40 points. The next two-day show was hosted by The Ohio State University on Nov. 20-21. The equestrian team had a second place finish both days behind Miami University of Ohio. The highlight of the two day show was freshmen, Julia Spatt, receiving the High Point Rider award with 12 points.

The season has been full of excitement and luck. Four riders qualified for the Regional Championship Horse Show. Sophomore Jacqueline Farrell in Advanced walk trot canter, sophomore Jillian Blades pointed in Novice Flat, junior Annie Garrett in Intermediate

Flat, and senior Rebecca Gross in Intermediate Flat. The next horse show is at Ohio University on Feb. 12-13 and we invite everybody to come and watch. If you can't make it to Ohio University just wait two weeks and come watch the team compete at the Otterbein Center for Equine Studies on Feb. 26-27.



Senior Rebecca Gross was the Reserve Champion at the Miami University IHSA Horse Show

NEWS BITS...

Otterbein Softball Team finished sixth place in the National Fast-pitch Coaching Association Division III for the team's outstanding academic performance in the 2009-10 school year. Otterbein's team GPA was 3.465.

Otterbein set to offer **Women's Lacrosse** with first season of competition in spring 2012. Look for details in the Spring Issue!

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SMOKEY BALLENGER CLASSIC WRAP-UP

Crowds came out for the 31st Annual Smokey Ballenger Classic during the holiday weekend. The Lady Cards improved their record with two victories at its annual classic defeating both Carnegie Mellon University from Pennsylvania and Albion College from Michigan. The Otterbein men's team played to a split at its annual tournament defeating Saint Vincent College from Pennsylvania on day one and falling to Maryville College from Tennessee in the title game.



The men's team huddles up in preparation for the 31st Annual Smokey Ballenger Classic this past December.

Admission to the games was through cash donation for the Coaches vs. Cancer campaign or canned food donation to stock the shelves of the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.), formally known as Paul's Pantry. Since 1999, the tournament has raised \$9,113 for the American Cancer Society. Overall donations to W.A.R.M total 14,516 pounds, providing over 15,778 meals for Westerville families in need.

Special thanks to Berwick Party House and Tony Susi for the catered buffet which fed members of all teams as well as staff working the two-day event.



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