



2010-11 WKU CHAMPIONSHIP EFFORT **100 – 85 - 74**

In last 10 years: \$100 million in new facilities or renovations to athletics facilities, 85 percent of student-athletes who have completed their eligibility have graduated, 74 Sun Belt Conference championships (32 more than the next closest school)!

- WKU's athletic teams have won 74 Sun Belt Conference championships (regular season or tournament) since 2000, 32 more than the next closest school.
- WKU has won a Sun Belt Conference team title in 28 of the 65 sports it has competed in since the 2007-08 season. The 43% conference title success streak is the highest percentage in the nation during this period.

Sun Belt Conference Championships Since 2000 (Regular Season and Tournament)

WKU	74	UALR	18
Middle Tennessee	42	Florida International	14
South Alabama	33	Arkansas State	11
Louisiana-Lafayette	32	Troy	7
Denver	27	Florida Atlantic	6
North Texas	21	Louisiana-Monroe/UNO	3

CROSS COUNTRY

- WKU's women have now won 16-consecutive league titles in cross country, indoor and outdoor dating back to 2006 – the longest such streak in the nation.
- Michelle Scott was named conference coach of the year, and women's cross country captured their fifth consecutive Sun Belt title and 16th overall league title.
- WKU has now won 16 of the 26 overall Sun Belt women's cross country titles (61.5%).
- Men's and women's teams earned 2010 Division I All-Academic Cross Country status by the USTFCCCA, and Shadrack Kipchirchir and Vasily Chemweno were named to the All-Academic NCAA Division I teams.

- Shadrack Kipchirchir and Deus Rwaheru were named all-conference and All-Southeast Region on the men's side, and Kipchirchir earned All-American honors after finishing 27th in the nation and posting the highest finish by a freshman.
- Marion Kandie, Vasily Chemweno and Michelle Finn earned all-conference honors for the women, Kandie and Chemweno were named All-Southeast Region and Kandie was also an NCAA qualifier and finished 70th in the nation. Kandie (9/7 and 9/21) and Kipchirchir (9/21 and 10/5) each earned conference Performer of the Week honors twice.

VOLLEYBALL

- Entered the NCAA Tournament with a final regular-season RPI of 31 and returns 10 of 12 players from the 2010 team back in 2011 – ranked seventh in the nation with a team hitting percentage of .294
- Jordyn Skinner (first-team), Tiffany Elmore (first-team), Lindsay Williams (second-team) and Melanie Stutsman (second-team) earned all-conference honors.
- Stutsman was also named Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year, First-Team All-South Region, South Region Freshman of the Year, and Honorable Mention All-American.
- Tiffany Elmore was named conference player of the week twice (Sept. 30 and Oct. 18) and Honorable Mention All-South Region.
- Jordyn Skinner and Paige Wesel were named to the Sun Belt All-Tournament team.

SOCCER

- WKU reached the semi-finals of the conference tournament for the seventh time in the program's 10-year history.
- Mallory Outerbridge was named first-team all-conference, and Libby Stout and Kaylyn Pratt earned second-team honors. Outerbridge was also named to the conference all-tournament team and conference player of the week (9/7/10).

FOOTBALL

- Bobby Rainey was named Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year and Honorable Mention All-America by *Sports Illustrated*.
- Rainey (first-team), Thomas Majors (second-team), Mychal Patterson (honorable mention) and Orlando Misaalefua (honorable mention) earned all-conference honors.
- Willie McNeal has been named to the Football Writers Association of America Freshman All-America team as a kickoff returner.
- Three players were named Sun Belt Conference player of the week: Kawaun Jakes (Offensive – 10/25); Casey Tinius (Special Teams – 10/25) and Bar'ee Boyd (Special Teams – 11/22).

- Eric Mathies was recognized as one of the top 10 recruiters in the nation from non-BCS Automatic Qualifying schools by *Rivals.com*.

SWIMMING/DIVING

- Claire Donahue finished 2nd in the nation in the 100 yard butterfly and 14th in the nation in the 200 yard butterfly at the 2011 NCAA Championships. Her 100 yard butterfly finish was the highest by a female or male swimmer in the history of WKU's swimming and diving program.
- WKU finished 27th in the nation, ahead of state rivals Kentucky (28th) and Louisville (40th).
- Men and women finished second in Sun Belt Conference. Head coach Bruce Marchionda was named the Men's Swimming Coach of the Year and senior Claire Donahue earned Women's Swimmer of the Year honors for the second consecutive season.
- Marchionda was recognized by the American Swimming Coaches Association as a Coach of Excellence for 2010, awarded to coaches who guide a swimmer(s) to a top-8 finish at a USA Swimming national-level meet or a USA collegiate championship.
- Both men's and women's teams are ranked eighth in the College Swimming Coaches Association of American's first Mid-Major Division I poll, announced Feb. 15
- At the three-day Hilltopper Invitational, the WKU swimming and diving teams combined to break 16 pool records in 11 different events, including the 50 free, 400 IM, 100 fly, 100 breast, 100 back, 200 fly, 200 back and four different relays.
- Sun Belt Weekly Honors-
Male Swimmer of the Week: Billy Kunkel (Oct. 20), Nick Slattery (Nov. 5), David Menchinger (2/1); Male Diver of the Week: Vincent Rominger (Nov. 30 and Dec. 7); Female Swimmer of the Week: Claire Alexandre (2/1); Female Diver of the Week - Kylie Ruiz (Dec. 7)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Juan Pattillo has been named player of the week twice this season (11/16 and 11/30). Sergio Kerusch was also named player of the week (1/31).

INDOOR TRACK

- Women's team captured Sun Belt title while men placed second overall. WKU's women have now won 16-consecutive league titles in cross country, indoor and outdoor dating back to 2006 – the longest such streak in the nation.
- Sharika Smith was named second-team all-America in the long jump and honorable mention in the triple jump for her efforts at the NCAA Indoor Championships this past weekend. Smith's accolades are the 75th and 76th such honors in WKU's storied track and field history. More impressively, she becomes only the sixth female to earn all-America status, and joins Jonathan Brown (2004) as the only WKU athletes to earn multiple all-America honors in the same meet.

- David Mokone was named men's Freshman of the Year by league coaches, and Monteka Flowers was named women's Field Performer of the Year.
- Dante Sales (1/12), Sharika Smith (1/19) and Shadrack Kipchirchir (1/19) named conference male track athlete of the week.

BASEBALL

- Rye Davis was been named to the preseason watch list for the 2011 Stopper of the Year Award, an honor given annually to the nation's best relief pitcher by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA).
- Logan Robbins named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week (3/21).

SOFTBALL

- Shannon Smith was awarded the prestigious Ogden Foundation Scholar Award, after graduating with a 4.0 GPA in the College of Business. The Ogden Foundation Scholar is WKU's top academic honor presented to one graduating baccalaureate degree senior who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and outstanding university and civic engagement. Smith is employed by Ernst & Young, LLP in Nashville, Tenn.
- Mallorie Sulaski named pre-season all-conference as a designated player.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Men's Basketball

Visited the Salvation Army over Thanksgiving to serve meals – total time was three hours.

Visited Camp Courageous for around four hours.

The team also visited Village Manor Senior Living Home for about two hours in mid-July.

Men's Golf – nothing so far this year

Women's Golf – Gave golf lessons and played miniature golf with members of Boy Scout Troop 705. The total time was about two hours.

Soccer

In the fall we hosted TopSoccer, an event physically and mentally handicapped kids. Our players run the game and act as buddies to help guide the players around the field. It was a blast. Big Red was there and taking video and pictures. May want to contact Paula Davids to see if she has anything you can use. That was basically two hours actually on the field with some prep work first. We will likely participate in a few more TopSoccer dates this spring.

Chris Tinius and a couple of the girls went to Potter Gray Elementary School in the fall to read to kids. I forget the exact name of the program, it was something like Read Across America but that's not it. That was about an hour a piece.

We also had a group of kids go to the Kelly Autism Center for a couple of hours. I could not attend that one so I am not certain what the activities were. However it was supposed to incorporate soccer, talking about life skills, time management, etc. That was the only organized effort there but I believe a few of the girls went back on their own afterward.

Torrie Lange has also just returned from Nicaragua participating in Soccer Without Borders. We hope to have her do some type of write-up or journal entry on her trip.

Baseball

Baseball did an afternoon with Kelly Austin Group at the field and helped with the Humane Society Telethon at Bowling Green Ball Park.

Softball

Participated in two events in the fall. Both of which I put a release up on, Habitat For Humanity event, where they helped paint and other tasks to a new house, which they said was a half-day event. The other event was the Veteran's Day Run they participated in as a team, which I also did a release on (half-day event). They said they had a couple other events coming up in the spring that they would get me information on as soon as they had it.

Volleyball

Hosted a free clinic for local kids; did Toys for Tots; raised over \$9,000 this year alone for Kela's Crew (goes to the James Graham Brown Cancer Center).

Swimming/Diving

In September, continued a very long tradition of providing swim lessons to the community, and we will do the same over the course of the first four Saturdays in April. Our swimmers instruct the kids (and occasional adult) one-on-one throughout the four weeks. The program has been a valuable connection to Bowling Green and continues to be a point of pride for our athletes. In addition to the lesson program, in which every swimmer participates, Nick Slattery and Claire Donahue took part in "Christmas in Kentucky" at the Kentucky Museum on campus.

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Cross Country

Track

Women's Basketball

Football

Men and Women's Tennis