

Griewisch Named Finalist For Division II CCA National Scholar-Athlete Award

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Lenoir-Rhyne University's Kate Griewisch has been named one of the eight finalists for the 2011 women's National Scholar-Athlete Of The Year.

Griewisch, a senior from Banner Elk, N.C., was also named the Southeast Region Scholar-Athlete Of The Year and is one of the eight region winners.

The announcement was made this week by the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner's Association (CCA).

Griewisch earned NCAA Division II All-American honors in women's cross country twice (2009 and 2010) and outdoor track and field once (2011).

Griewisch became the first athlete in Lenoir-Rhyne's storied history to earn All-America honors in two different sports.

In women's cross country, Griewisch won the 2009 South Atlantic Conference Championship race and finished first in the past two NCAA Division II Southeast Regional meets (2009 and 2010).

Griewisch, a three-time All-SAC First-Team honoree (2008-10), also led L-R to back-to-back league championships in 2008 and 2009.

In outdoor track and field, Griewisch finished sixth in this year's NCAA Division II National Championship women's 10,000-meter race with a school-record time of 34:21 in Turlock, Calif. Griewisch has been named a USTFCCA Southeast Region Women's Athlete Of The Year in cross country (2009 and 2010) and indoor track and field (2011).

An outstanding student as well, Griewisch earned CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-America Second-Team honors last year for women's cross country and track and field and is a two-time SAC Women's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete Of The Year (2009 and 2010).

Finally, Griewisch was the 2010-11 female recipient of the South Atlantic Conference Presidents Award, the most prestigious honor given by the league annually.

Griewisch carries a 3.81 grade point average while majoring in biology.

The award program provides the opportunity for Division II to highlight the extraordinary achievements of its student-athletes. To be nominated for consideration, a student-athlete must have attained a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and possess outstanding athletic credentials.

The national Division II Conference Commissioner's Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award winners will be announced later this month.

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Women's Regional Winners (Cumulative GPA)

Shannon Gagne – University of New Haven – Track & Field – Criminal Justice (3.93U/3.95GR)

Neely Spence – Shippensburg – Cross Country/Track & Field – Human Communications Studies (3.87)

Kate Griewisch– Lenoir-Rhyne – Cross Country/Track & Field – Biology (3.81)

Barbi Pocza – Barry University – Women's Tennis – Finance (3.71)

Lindsay Lettow – University of Central Missouri – Track & Field – Psychology/Spanish minor (3.73)

Samantha Murphy – Grand Canyon – Basketball – Pre-Physical Therapy (3.97)

Rebecca Anderson – University of Minnesota Duluth – Soccer – Biochemistry/Molecular Biology (3.939)

Monica Kinney – Grand Valley State – Track & Field – Nursing (3.78)

Men's Regional Winners (Cumulative GPA)

Vladimir Milosavljevic – Dowling College – Soccer – Accounting and Finance (4.0)

Ian Wild – Mercyhurst – Football/Lacrosse – Business (3.905)

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Carter Capps – Mount Olive – Baseball – Environmental Science (3.46)

Daniel Stapff – Barry University – Golf – Finance (3.917)

Kirk Jewasko – Incarnate Word – Baseball – Business Administration (3.83)

Kyle Ciliento – Grand Canyon – Soccer – Business Administration (3.98)

Matt Braithwaite – Augustana – Cross Country/Track & Field – Biology (4.0)

Matthew Laschuk – Wayne State University – Swimming – Chemistry/Pre-Med (3.99)

No. 19 Falcons edge Bobcats in season opener

No. 19 University of Montevallo tallied the lone goal of the match in the eighth minute on Thursday night en route to a narrow 1-0 win over Lees-McRae College in men's soccer action at Tate Field.

Lees-McRae (0-1) outshot the Falcons (1-0) by a 14-9 margin, including a 7-4 edge in the first half, while holding a narrow 5-4 advantage in corners. The Falcons took the lead at the end of the eighth minute, when an attempted clear fell directly to Rickey Davey at the top of the area, putting Davey in perfect position to smash the finish inside the far post to put Montevallo up 1-0. The Bobcats held their own for the remainder of the first half, outshooting the Falcons by a 5-0 margin over the final 10 minutes of the period. Lees-McRae continued to push the tempo early in the second half, dictating proceedings throughout the opening moments of the period while outshooting the Falcons by a 5-0 margin in the first 12 minutes.

Freshman James Smith (Eastbourne, England) had perhaps the Bobcats' best chance at an equalizer in the 81st minute, when a loose ball fell to the midfielder at the top of the area. Smith did not even let the ball touch the pitch, sending a purely struck volley towards goal, which was parried over the bar by the Montevallo keeper.

Lees-McRae returns to the pitch on Saturday when the Bobcats host No. 22 Flagler College at Tate Field to close out the second annual Michael Shope Memorial Tournament. Kickoff is slated for 3 p.m. following a special ceremony to honor the Shope family.

Limestone Men's Soccer Shuts Out Lenoir-Rhyne, 1-0, In 2011 Season Opener

The Limestone College Men's Soccer Team (1-0) opened the 2011 season by shutting out Lenoir-Rhyne University (0-1), 1-0, Thursday afternoon at Saints Field.

The Saints' Thomas Metzemaekers (Groningen, NETHERLANDS) scored the lone goal of the match in the 66th minute of the second half to help Limestone prevail.

Metzemaekers connected in the upper left corner of the net on a pass from Bryce Ziada (Melbourne, AUSTRALIA), who was credited with the assist.

Limestone's H.B. Lockwood (Anderson, S.C.) picked up the shutout victory in goal after stopping seven Lenoir-Rhyne shots including the possible game-tying goal with less than three minutes remaining in the match.

Limestone held a 15-11 advantage in shots taken while Lenoir-Rhyne sophomore goalkeeper Stefan Dill (Southampton, BERMUDA) suffered the loss despite allowing just one goal to go along with three saves.

Lenoir-Rhyne remains on the road Saturday when it travels to Wilson, N.C., to face Barton beginning at 7:30 p.m. Limestone next plays at Lander Saturday at 7 p.m.

Lenoir-Rhyne's first home contest will take place on Wednesday, September 7, against Lees-McRae at the Moretz Sports - Athletic Complex at 7:30 p.m.