

Table 2.3.3
ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS
2003-04

It doesn't get any better than a NAIA National Championship, and the men's Division II crown was the highlight in a banner year for Oregon Tech athletics for 2003-04. OIT had 21 Academic All-Americans and numerous on the field honorees.

The men's basketball team went 30-9 and became the lowest seed (16) in history to win the championship. Kevin Baker was the tournament MVP while Todd Matthews and Florian Houguet were selected to the all-tournament squad. Coach Dan Miles was National Coach of the Year and Tech won the sportsmanship award. In conference awards, Alex Carlson and Todd Matthews were all-conference selections. Matthews, Houguet and Dave Michaelis were Academic All-Americans.

The women's basketball team won 20 games for the second straight year under the leadership of Tom Loney. Nikki McElligott was conference Player of the Year and an All-American selection. Three of McElligott's teammates were named to the Academic All-America squad including Katya Spiecker, Pam Frei and Lois Shoemaker.

The soccer team under 2nd year head coach Kevin Sims was 7-11 overall. Dena Young was a 1st team All-Conference while Becky Ernstrom was named to the 2nd squad. The soccer team was represented by three Academic All-Americans including Heather Jones, Devin Scrimsher and Dena Young.

The volleyball team under 2nd year head coach Amanda Mitzner had another outstanding campaign. The Owls were 20-12 overall and missed the regional tournament by one game. Cristina Merrill was an All-Cascade Conference selection while Julie Dancer was an Academic All-American.

Ken Coffman's cross country squad sent two ladies to the national meet in Louisville, Kentucky. Amy Bricco and Andrea Nations represented OIT at the meet. Nations was also an Academic All-American.

Spring started early at the Indoor Track and Field Championships in Johnsonville, Texas with OIT pole vault star Bryan Quinn winning the National Championship. Quinn is the third national track winner in school history.

Once again, the softball team made the playoffs and along the way broke the existing NAIA record for homeruns as the gals stroked 45 round-trippers including 12 by Cascade Conference Player of the Year Amanda Doherty. She was the first freshman in women's sports at OIT to be named to the All-American squad. Tech finished 34-23 in the final season of coaching softball for Mary Bradford and Dan Miles. Lisa Erwert and Kelsi Haylett joined Doherty as All-Conference selections while Lois Shoemaker, Grace Fagan and Kelly Palmateer were named to the Academic All-America team.

For the first time since baseball returned to OIT three years ago Pete Whisler's club made the playoffs. Ryan Wilson was the league MVP and along with Kellen Stevens, was an All-Region 1 selection. Trevor Mauch and Charlie Jensen were named to the Academic All-American squad.

Completing his 8th year as track guru, Ken Coffman's women won their second straight conference championship. The women and men won the combined team totals as well. Kasey Jones was, again, the Cascade Conference Female Athlete of the Year. Jones won six events including the multi-events and as a member of the 4x100 relay team. Bryan Quinn became the first five-time All-American in Tech history when he finished 4th in the pole vault at Louisville, Kentucky. Academic All-Americans include Mallory Swan, Deveny West, Samantha Gilbert, Kyle Hill and Nick Bakke.

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