

2006-07 GRIFFIN ATHLETICS TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academics:

3.4 fall semester GPA amongst all 154 student-athletes, 3.3 spring semester GPA amongst all 147 student-athletes. Plus a number of student-athletes were named academic all-conference for their perspective sports – see below.

Bandy Award Standings – Frontier Conference All-Sports Award:

Lewis-Clark State College of Lewiston, Idaho is the 2006-2007 winner of the George Bandy Memorial All-Sports Trophy. The announcement came from league commissioner Mike Walker. Lewis-Clark won league championships in men's and women's basketball and men's golf to win the Bandy Award. Rocky Mountain College finished second followed by Carroll College and Westminster College tied for third, then Montana Tech, Montana Western, MSU-Northern, University of Great Falls and Eastern Oregon.

The Bandy Award is presented each year to the conference school which has accumulated the most points based on its league finish in football, men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's and women's golf. The conference champion receives 17 points and the points decrease for each place after first. Teams receive 17 points for first, 12 points for second, 10 points for third, nine points for fourth, eight points for fifth, seven points for sixth, six points for seventh and three points for eighth.

The conference features eight members in all sports, including six from Montana – Carroll College in Helena; Montana Tech in Butte; Montana State-Northern in Havre; Rocky Mountain in Billings; Montana Western in Dillon and the University of Great Falls. Westminster College, located in Salt Lake City, Utah and Lewis-Clark are the non-Montana members. Eastern Oregon, located in La Grande, is a conference member in football only.

The All-Sports trophy is named in honor of the first Commissioner of the Frontier Conference, George Bandy, his wife Cheryl Ann and their 8-year-old son Michael, whom they had just adopted two weeks earlier. The family died tragically in a boating accident in the summer of 1982 when their 14-foot sailboat overturned in high winds on Canyon Ferry Reservoir of Helena.

US Sports Academy Directors Cup Standings: www.nacda.com

(National rankings of athletic program)

<i>Final fall standings</i> =	ranked 71 out of 189 NAIA institutions
<i>Final winter standings</i> =	ranked 68 out of 189 NAIA institutions
<i>Final spring standings</i> =	ranked 98 out of 212 NAIA institutions
Final overall standings =	ranked 105 out of 217 NAIA institutions – overall score 141.50



Team Accomplishments

FALL:

Men's Cross Country – 4th year of program

Finished 12th in NAIA Region I standings, with a number of personal record finishers

Women's Cross Country – 4th year of program

Finished 9th in NAIA Region I standings, with a number of personal record finishers

Men's Soccer – 22nd year of program

The NAIA released their 2006 NAIA Scholar-Athletes for men's soccer, a list which recognizes student-athletes for excellence on and off the field. Westminster College had three players named to the elite list as Tommy Mitchell, Dave Brough and Tim Harden were all honored. To qualify, athletes must appear in at least half of their team's contests, hold at least a junior class standing and maintain a minimum of a 3.5 GPA.

NAIA Region I runner-ups, missed out on advancing to the National Tournament for the first time in the program's history with a 2-1 loss to Concordia (Oregon). Hosted Region I Tournament.

Women's Volleyball - 6th year of program

The Frontier Conference released its 2006 Women's Volleyball Academic All-Conference Teams; six Griffins were honored. Angie Johnson, Bree Riet, Fa'alua Lobendahn, Brittany Traber, Brittani Barton and Moncia Shorts all qualified for the team as they each hold at least sophomore standing with a 3.0 GPA and appeared in at least half of the Griffins matches last season.

Finished the season 23-11 overall and 12-2 in conference and were named Frontier Conference Co-Champions. Advanced to Frontier Conference Tournament final and was defeated by Carroll. NAIA Region I Tournament and lost in semi-final match to Region Champion Albertson College.

WINTER:

Men's Basketball – 8th year of program

Westminster College had 12 members on the Frontier Academic All-Conference Team. All twelve Griffins eligible for the award were honored. To be named Academic All-Conference, student-athletes must appear in at least half of their team's contest, hold at least a sophomore standing and maintain no lower than a 3.0 GPA. Danny Reeder, Tyler Heugly, Rob Holcombe, Jared Roberts, Jordan Jacobs, James Thompson, Allen Schowengerdt, Danny Stosich, Lance Barton, Nate Sanchez, Nick Booth and Tanner Gregory were all part of this year's elite list. This year's mark of 12 is a single-season record for the Westminster Men's Basketball program that has now had 69 players named Academic All-Conference during Coach Connor's eight years at the college.

Finished the season 21-12 overall and 11-3 in conference play and placed 2nd overall in conference with a final national ranking of 29. Defeated in Frontier Conference tournament championship game by two to Lewis-Clark State. Advanced to NAIA national tournament (for the 8th consecutive year) were defeated in first-round by Southern Nazarene (Oklahoma). Danny Reeder was named NAIA All-American Honorable Mention for his efforts during his junior year. Reeder averaged 13.1 points and 4.3 assists as he led the Griffins to a 21-12 record and another National Tournament appearance. This marks the second-straight year Reeder has been honored as he was a second-teamer last season after he won the Frontier Conference Player of the Year Award. In all 30 players make up the three All-America squads, while 49 additional Men's Basketball student-athletes were named honorable mention. All-America selections are made by the NAIA-Men's Basketball Coaches Association All-America Selection Committee.

Women's Basketball – 8th year of program

Jordan Eckman named to the 2007 NAIA Scholar Athlete team. Over 100 women's basketball players from across the country have been named 2007 Daktronics-NAIA Division I Women's Basketball All-American Scholar-Athletes. Student-athletes must be nominated by their head

coach, have achieved junior academic status and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Finished the season 22-12 overall and 8-6 in conference play and placed 4th overall in conference with a final national ranking of 28. Defeated in Frontier Conference tournament semi-final game by Lewis-Clark State. Advanced to NAIA national tournament for the first time in the history of the program and advanced to the 2nd round before being defeated by Southern Nazarene (Oklahoma). The Frontier Conference announced their All-Conference 1st and 2nd Teams last weekend. Three Lady Griffins; Shannon Evans, Alicia Haberle and Elisa Leader; were named to the 2nd team for their efforts.

Evans, who was name Frontier Conference Freshman of the Year last year, averaged 11.3 points and 4.2 assists at the point while Leader led Westminster in scoring at 12.1 points per contest. Haberle hit big shot for the Griffins all season including a buzzer-beating three to upset #7 Carroll on Feb. 24, 2007; Haberle averaged 9.1 points and 4.7 rebounds.

SPRING:

Men's Golf –

Finished in 5th place at the NAIA Region I Championships, a tournament that featured 14 teams. Frontier Conference Commissioner Mike Walker announced the 2006-2007 All-Conference golf teams. The selections were made by a vote of the league's head coaches. Westminster's Gary Knight was honored as Second Team on the men's side for his performance this season.

Knight, a junior from Chicago, Ill., was the Griffins' No. 1 all season as Westminster turned its best golf season in school-history capped with a fifth-place finish at the NAIA Region I Championships.

Women's Golf –

4th, 4th, 3rd place finishes this past fall – spring season currently underway

Men's Lacrosse – 1st year of program

Finished regular season 15-2 and RMLC Division B Champions. Coach Mason Goodhand was named RMLC Coach of the Year as well as four All-Americans and several student-athletes were named to the All-Conference team. In the MCLA National Tournament semi-final No. 3 Montana and No. 2 Westminster combined for a Division B MCLA Tournament record 37 goals in Friday's semifinal at Pizza Hut Park as Montana squeaked by Westminster 19-18. Only one other game in Division B Tournament history has produced more than 30 goals with Eckerd and Utah Valley State recording 32 goals in last year's quarterfinals.