



# WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

## Athletics

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### ANNUAL RESULTS AS OF JUNE 2008

#### ACADEMICS

3.3 fall semester GPA amongst all 176 student-athletes competing amongst ten teams

3.3 spring semester GPA amongst all 160 student-athletes competing amongst ten teams

#### 2007-08 BANDY AWARD STANDINGS – FRONTIER CONFERENCE ALL-SPORTS AWARD

Place	School	FB	VB	SOC	WCC	MCC	MBB	WBB	MG	WG	TOTAL
1	Carroll College	17	6	17	12	12	17	12	8	10	111
2	Lewis-Clark State	0	17	0	17	17	17	17	12	12	109
3	Westminster College	0	12	12	10	9	17	10	9	8	87
4	Rocky Mountain	8	9	10	8	0	8	7	17	17	84
5	Great Falls	0	8	9	10	10	6	3	7	0	53
6	MSU-Northern	10	7	0	0	0	17	9	0	9	52
7	Montana Tech	12	10	0	0	0	6	7	10	0	45
8	UM-Western	10	3	0	0	0	7	8	6	0	34
9	Eastern Oregon	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

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](http://www.nacda.com)

(National rankings of athletic program)

*Final fall standings* = ranked 50 out of 151 NAIA institutions  
*Final winter standings* = ranked 76 out of 191 NAIA institutions  
*Final spring standings* = ranked 113 out of 219 NAIA institutions  
Final overall standings = ranked 120 out 232 NAIA institutions – overall score of 131.50

## **MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY – 5<sup>th</sup> year of program**

### **NAIA Regional – Region I Meet hosted by Evergreen State in Olympia, WA**

**Race:** 8k run

**Men:** Finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 15 teams with a total time of 2:25:20 and average time of 29:04

**Women:** Finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams with a total time of 1:48:32.

**Race:** 5k run

### **Men and Women Break Top-10 at Lewiston Invitational**

Hard work paid off for the Westminster Cross Country team. Both teams had athletes break into the top ten overall at the Lewiston Invitational, running against all the teams in our conference. Every athlete ran a new personal best at the meet.

### **Men Place Eighth, Women 12th at Montana State Invitational**

Top finishers for the Griffin men's team included Gray Augustus finishing 31<sup>st</sup> with a time of 26:07:00, followed by teammate Grant Rotunda at 47<sup>th</sup> with a time of 27:02:00. Overall the men's team finished 8<sup>th</sup> with a time of 2:19:59 for an average of 27:59:80.

On the women's side Beth Nielsen finished 63<sup>rd</sup> with a time of 20:18:00, coming in a close second finishing 64<sup>th</sup> was teammate Amanda Theobald with a time of 20:23:00. Overall the women's team finished 12<sup>th</sup> with a time 1:47:20.

The Westminster Griffins placed two men and one woman on the All-Conference Team. Men: Grant Rotunda, Gray Augustus. Women: Amanda Theobald

NAIA Scholar-Athletes: Gray Augustus, Grant Rotunda and Lauren Fuller

The following men's and women's cross country team members were named Frontier Conference Academic All-Conference: Men: Grant Rotunda, Jordan Hendersen, David Bonomi, Gray Augustus, Niels Tietze Women: Amanda Theobald, Beth Nielsen, Helen Ho

## **MEN'S SOCCER – 23<sup>RD</sup> year of program**

The Westminster men's soccer team completed another successful season in 2007. The Griffins went 14-5 overall and earned a trip to the Region I playoffs. They twice put together winning streaks of six or more games, playing against some of the toughest competition in the nation. They were an impressive 7-2 at Dumke Field, including wins in the last six games they played at home. The Griffins ended the season with a NAIA national rating of #31 and achieved a rating as high as #23 at mid-season.

Dave Rogers led the Griffins with 11 goals during the season. He was also the team leader with 10 assists, giving him another team-high 32 points. Sean Aslett found the back of the net nine times, and was the team leader with five game winning goals. In net, Kimball Parker had an impressive 1.28 goals against average, allowing just 23 goals in 19 games. Parker also recorded six shutouts.

Rogers and Devin Herrin were named to the All-Region I First Team. Dave Rogers, Dave Brough, Rick Rogers, Jose Huerta, Rue Van Dyke and Tim Harden were also named to the NAIA Academic All-American team.

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER – 1<sup>st</sup> year of program**

The Westminster women's soccer team completed a nine win season during its first year of competition. The Griffins went 9-7-1 and finished second in the Frontier Conference with a 3-3 record. They opened the season with four straight wins, and were 5-0-1 through the first six games. On Dumke Field they were an impressive 4-2-1, with one of the losses coming against a ranked opponent.

Jennifer Pirente led the Griffins attack. Pirente compiled 13 goals and two assists, finishing with a team-best 28 points. Kate Stoner and Carley Empey each scored five goals on the season. Stoner and Pirente also tied with three game winning goals apiece. Kelsey Allen was terrific in net, recording a stellar 1.58 goals against average. Allen allowed just 27 goals and recorded six shutouts.

The following women's soccer players were named Frontier Conference Academic All-Conference: Carlie Burton, Katie Connor, Joselyn Londer, Maddie Moldanado and Jennifer Pirente.

### **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – 13<sup>th</sup> year of program**

The Westminster volleyball team put together the best season in school history in 2007. The Griffins went 25-12 overall and advanced to the NAIA National Championships for the first time in school history. Along the way they picked up wins over six teams that were ranked in the top-25. In Frontier Conference action, the Griffins were 11-3 and finished in second place during the regular season.

The post season was also full of school firsts. They advanced to the Region I championship match for the first time ever. Although they only went 1-2 at the national championships, the one win was the first-ever win at the end of season tournament. The Griffins also advanced to the championship match of the Frontier Conference tournament. The Griffins ended the season with a NAIA national rating of #22 and achieved a rating as high as #8 early in the season.

Individually they took home several awards. Angie Johnson was named the Frontier Conference co-Player of the Year and the Region I Player of the Year. She was also named a Second Team All-American, the first All-American in Westminster history. Johnson was also named First Team All-Frontier Conference along with Bree Riet. Riet was named the Frontier Conference Libero of the Year and Leigha Dangerfield was the Frontier Conference Freshman of the Year.

The following women's volleyball players were named Frontier Conference Academic All-Conference: Brittani Barton, Alison Culp, Ericka Evans, Deseret Humphreys, Ananda Lopes, Bree Ann Riet, Kelsey Schauffler and Monica Shorts.

### **WINTER 2007-08**

#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL – 9<sup>th</sup> year of program**

The Westminster men's basketball team completed its sixth straight 20-win season this year. They were co-champions of the Frontier Conference with a 10-4 record. At 20-7, the Griffins also recorded a winning season for the eighth straight time.

Danny Reeder was named to the NAIA All-American Third Team for his performance during the 2007-08 season. This marks the third time the 5-10 senior guard from Sandy has been named an All-American by the NAIA. Senior Danny Reeder led the NAIA in assists, averaging 6.9 assists per game. He was also fifth nationally in free throw percentage at 87 percent. As a team the Griffins ranked second in the nation in field goal percentage, making shots at a 52.5 percent clip.

The Westminster Griffins placed three players on the All-Conference First Team. Senior Danny Reeder, junior Danny Stosich, and sophomore Blair Prowse were all named to the top team by the Frontier Conference.

For Reeder this is the third straight year he has been named to the first team. This season he leads the NAIA in assists and is fifth in foul shooting. He was second on the team in scoring at 13.4 points per game and shot 55 percent from the floor.

Stosich is the Griffins leading scorer at 16.9 points per game. He scored a school record 42 earlier this year against Point Loma Nazarene and ranks 13th nationally in field goal percentage, shooting 58 percent. He is also 36th in scoring and 37th in defensive rebounds nationally. This is the first All-Conference award for Stosich.

Prowse was named to the first team in just his first year in the conference. Prowse led all Griffins in steals averaging 1.85 per game. He ranks 11th nationally making 44.5 percent of his three-pointers. Prowse averaged 12.9 points per game this season, which was third best on the team.

The following men's basketball players were named Frontier Conference Academic All-Conference: Wes Anderson, Les Brown, Conner Nielsen, Blair Prowse, James Thompson, Jordan Jacobs, Danny Reeder, Nate Sanchez, Allen Schowengerdt and Danny Stosich.

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – 9<sup>th</sup> year of program**

The Griffins concluded the most successful season in school history with a record of 24-9. This was the second straight trip to the national tournament for the team. The Westminster Griffins dropped a 73-64 decision to Loyola (La.) in the opening round of the NAIA National Tournament in Jackson, TN. The Westminster women's basketball team finished the regular season with a 23-7 record. The 23 wins set a school record for victories in a season and gives them a second straight 20-win season. This year was also the third straight winning season for the program.

Westminster junior Shannon Evans was named a Third Team All-American by the NAIA. Junior Shannon Evans led the Frontier Conference in assists and was named a finalist for an NAIA All-American. She also became the school's all-time leader in assists and along with Elisa Leader became just the third and fourth Griffins to score 1,000 career points. Leader was also named to the Frontier Conference All-Tournament Team.

The Westminster Griffins placed three players on the All-Conference Teams. Junior Shannon Evans was named to the first team, while teammates Elisa Leader and Alexis Tucker were named to the second team.

Evans leads the Griffins in scoring, assists, and steals this season. She also led the Frontier Conference in assists during the regular season. Evans has also been named a finalist for the NAIA All-American Team. This is her first All-Conference award.

Junior Elisa Leader averaged 13.1 points per game this season while shooting 43 percent from the floor. She leads the team with 59 three-pointers, and is the team leader in free throw percentage at 86 percent. This is Leader's first All-Conference Award.

Junior Alexis Tucker averaged 11.5 points per game this season, led the Griffins in rebound average with 6.0 per game and free throws made with 2.7 per game. This is Tucker's first All-Conference Award.

The following women's basketball players were named Frontier Conference Academic All-Conference: Kelsi Olsen, Rachel Shippee, Janae Hirschi, Shannon Evans, Elisa Leader, Mara Hoskins and Alexis Tucker.

## **SPRING 2008**

### **MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF – 4th year of program**

The Westminster golf team's put together a solid year in 2007-08. The men finished in the top half of the field in all but one event they entered. The team finished a school-best second place at the Montana Tech Invitational in August. As a team, they broke a round score of 300 five times during the year, anchored by a season-best 290 at the Rocky Mountain Invitational.

Gary Knight, Christopher Ames, Zachary Mathews, Spencer Romney, Andrew Masuda, Chad Moffat, Tyler Wiscomb, and Patrick Roeder were all named to the Academic All-Frontier Conference team. Knight was also named second team all-conference.

The women continued its progression again in 2007-08. Twice they put together team scores in the 1,200 range, including a season-best 1,270 at the Rocky Mountain College Invite. They put four rounds on the board of 425 or lower, led by a 415 at the Carroll Invitational in September.

Nicassia Gabiola-Harris led all players with her 92.5 per round average. She put six rounds together that were sub-90 and had five top-20 finishes. The Frontier Conference put five Griffins on the Academic All-Conference squad. Those players were: Gabiola-Harris, Kelsey Schaufler, Alexandria Southworth, Elizabeth Tippy, and Suzanne Young.

### **MEN'S LACROSSE – 2<sup>ND</sup> year of program**

The Westminster College lacrosse team started the 2008 season with a chip on their shoulder after falling in the National Championship semi-finals in their 2007 inaugural season. They wanted to prove they were the best team in the country and worthy of the preseason number one ranking they received. The Griffins stayed number one all season and on May 17 the team won the MCLA Division II National Championship. The title came in just the second year of the program at Westminster.

The Griffins compete in the small college division of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA D-II), but opened their 2008 campaign with a tough 12-11 loss at home to a D-I powerhouse, Simon Fraser of Victoria, BC. In fact, the 2008 season looked like it was going to be a challenging year as the team was just 4-3 through the first seven games of the year and just 2-2 at home. However, all three of the Griffins losses were to D-I programs who were all ranked in the national Top 25 this season. Once passed these "character tests" the Griffins then ran off 13 consecutive D-II wins en route to their second consecutive Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Conference (RMLC) Championship and their first MCLA D-II National Championship.

In the RMLC playoffs, held at Dumke Field, the Griffins defeated the Colorado School of Mines 22-5 in the semi-finals and followed with an exciting 12-11 win against seventh-ranked Fort Lewis College in the championship game. Westminster finished the season 8-2 on Dumke Field, winning the final eight times they stepped on the friendly confines.

Throughout the season the Griffins earned some big wins. They went 2-0 early in the season on a trip to Texas, picking up wins over number 12 Southwestern University and St. Edwards University. The Griffins cruised through RMLC action with a perfect 6-0 record in division matches. That includes three wins in four days on the road against Western State, seventh-ranked Fort Lewis, and Northern Arizona.

Westminster also claimed the first Baggataway Trophy with wins against Grand Canyon University (NCAA, D-II) and Dominican University. The Griffins went 2-0 in the tournament to claim the title. Westminster outscored the opposition 38-5 in the two tournament matches.

Offensively the Griffins were a powerhouse in 2008. They scored double-digit goals 14 times and reached 20 goals six times. On the defensive side they were just as dominant. In 20 matches, Griffin opponents only scored 10-or-more goals three times and twice Westminster shut-out its opponent. In total the Griffins outscored the opposition 320-111 on the season.

Roman Schoewe was the Griffins top scorer in 2008. Schoewe tallied 55 goals on the year while teammates James Brand and Jake Barnes each topped 40 goals. Brand also went for 30 assists to lead the team with 71 points.

In net, Dallas McLellan anchored the Griffins defense. McLellan allowed posted an impressive 4.46 goals against average while saving 68.5 percent of the shots he faced. Trevor Taylor saved 85.4 percent of the shots he faced in the back-up role.

Several Griffins were rewarded for their performance during the season with post season accolades. Brand, Schoewe, and McLellan were all named MCLA First Team All-Americans. Zach Kessler was a Second Team All-American and Chad Dunsmore made the third team. Brand was also named the RMLC Offensive Player of the Year and along with Schoewe, Kessler, and Bradford Watkins was named First Team All-RMLC.

Five players received Academic All-American status for their work in the classroom along with on the field. Barnes, Schoewe, Kessler, Chris Morin, and Josh Ramirez all made the Academic All-American team. In total 68 players were named to the team, and the five Griffins on the team tied for the most of any team.