



**Members of the Lady Bison volleyball team** gather in a huddle after a 3-0 win against John Brown University Sept. 9. The Lady Bisons went on to win the Gulf South Conference Championship Nov. 15. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



**T**hrough training and conditioning in practice sessions, athletes **established** the abilities and perseverance they exercised in competition.

In Hebrews 6:11-12, the author wrote, "We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

Athletic events lasted until the final blow of the whistle or the last out was made. However, athletes did not stop competing or performing until they achieved their goals and excited their fans.

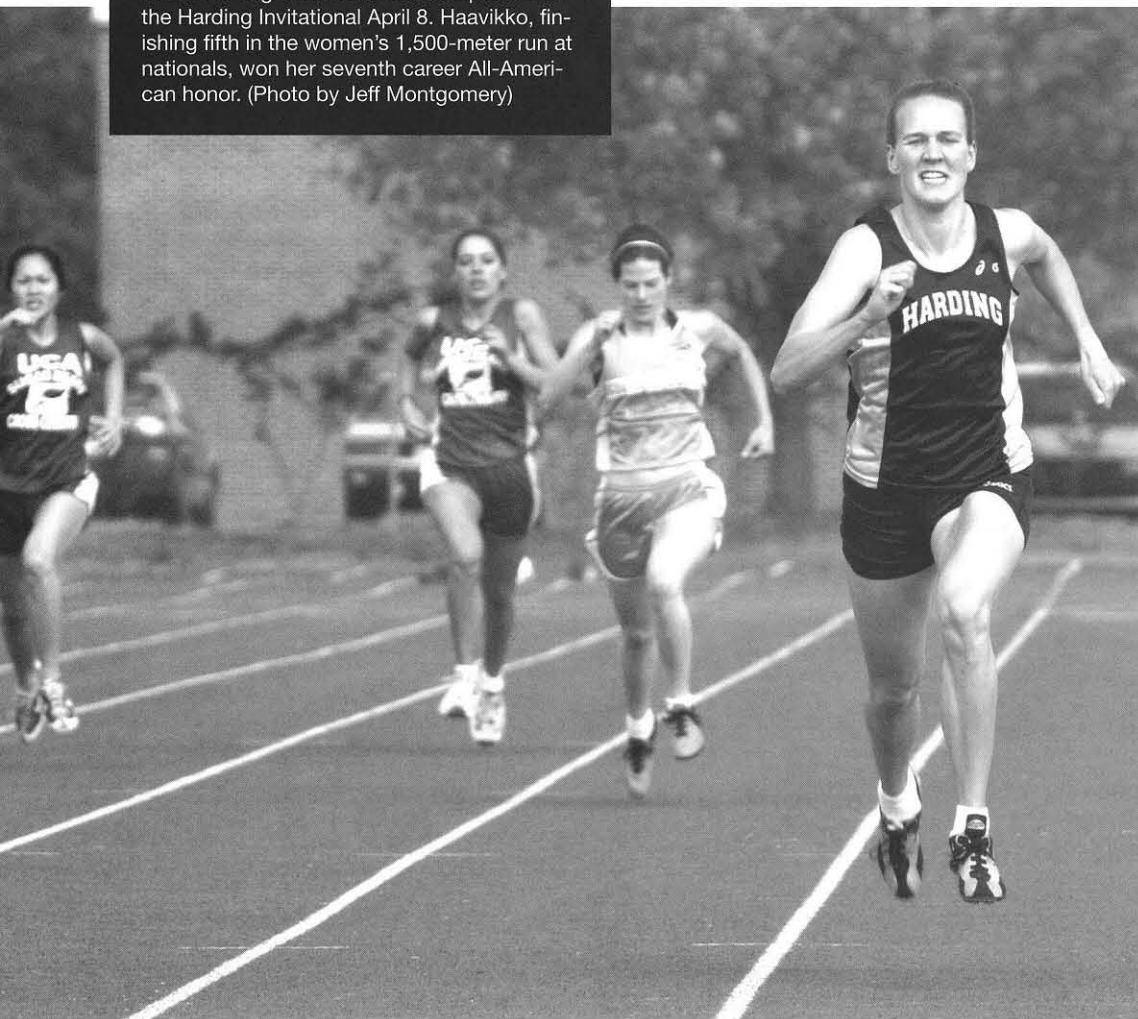
Although student-athletes enjoyed the cheers of Bison fans, many knew the thrills of earthly competition would not compare to the honor gained from playing for God's team of believers.

*" Emily Sane " athletics editor "*

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## Establishing Dominance

Focusing on the finish line, senior Hanna Haavikko forges ahead of her competition at the Harding Invitational April 8. Haavikko, finishing fifth in the women's 1,500-meter run at nationals, won her seventh career All-American honor. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



# running to break **RECORDS** at outdoor national championship

Completing their races at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Nationals in Edwardsville, Ill., May 24, 2003, track team members ran away with seven All-American honors.

Under first-year coach Steve Guymon, the track team placed as one of the top eight NCAA Division II schools in the nation. The seven All-American honors set a record for Harding since joining the NCAA in 1997, Guymon said.

On the men's side, the 1,600-meter relay team of senior Gary Luna, juniors Ryan Bond and Tyler Kemmerer, and sophomore James Mason placed fifth with a time of 3 minutes, 12.97 seconds. Junior Jacob Rotich placed fourth in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 29:49.54.

For the Lady Bisons, junior Janet Kogo placed sixth in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:03.66, despite falling down during the race. Senior Hanna Haavikko placed fifth in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:32.90.

The 2003 track season brought 18 school records and 10 All-Americans.

"I didn't know what to expect when coming into the season," Guymon said. "I didn't expect them to break 18 records, and I didn't expect to end up with 10 All-Americans. I took what was here when I came and did the best I could."

Holding five school records, Kemmerer placed high expectations on himself at the national championship.

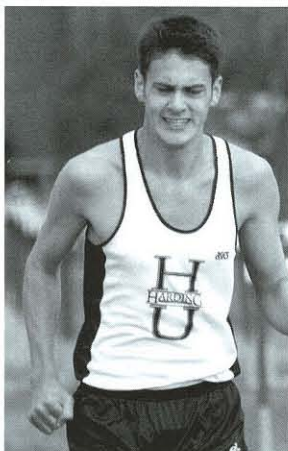
"My goal was to get in the top eight [individually]," Kemmerer said. "I ended ninth by a few hundredths of a second. You are always wanting more when you are competing to get first."

Although junior Scott Wietecha missed receiving an All-American honor in the steeplechase competition, he learned strength in the process.

"I was about to move into third place with only half a lap to go, but I died like a champ and finished ninth," Wietecha said. "The steeple is a guts race unlike any other, and next year I am going to train even harder."

— Gary Luna

Senior Tyler Kemmerer dashes ahead to pass the baton to the next member of the 1,600-meter relay team at the Harding Invitational April 8. The men's 1,600-meter relay team advanced to nationals and shattered the school record during the preliminaries with a time of 3 minutes, 11.17 seconds. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



"The team **prays** together  
before each meet.

As I **prepare** for a race  
I **clear** my mind.

Basically, each race is  
one, long prayer."

// Mark Jones, freshman



Concentrating on the timing of her jumps, freshman Synda Veitenheimer leaps over a hurdle in the 100-meter hurdles at the Harding Invitational April 8. Veitenheimer ranked fourth in hurdles at the University of Alabama-Huntsville Invitational April 19. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

## numbers on the track

**1928** marked the first year a track team competed on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**2** runners, senior Tyler Kemmerer and junior Ryan Bond, earned recognition on the 2003 Verizon Academic All-American Team.

**9** runners, seven Bisons and two Lady Bisons, competed in the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Nationals May 22-24.

## 2003 schedule

### Indoor meets

Arkansas State Invitational  
Missouri Southern Invitational  
Tyson Invitational  
Missouri All-Comers  
NCAA Division II Nationals

Jonesboro, Ark.  
Joplin, Mo.  
Fayetteville, Ark.  
Warrensburg, Mo.  
Boston, Mass.

### Outdoor meets

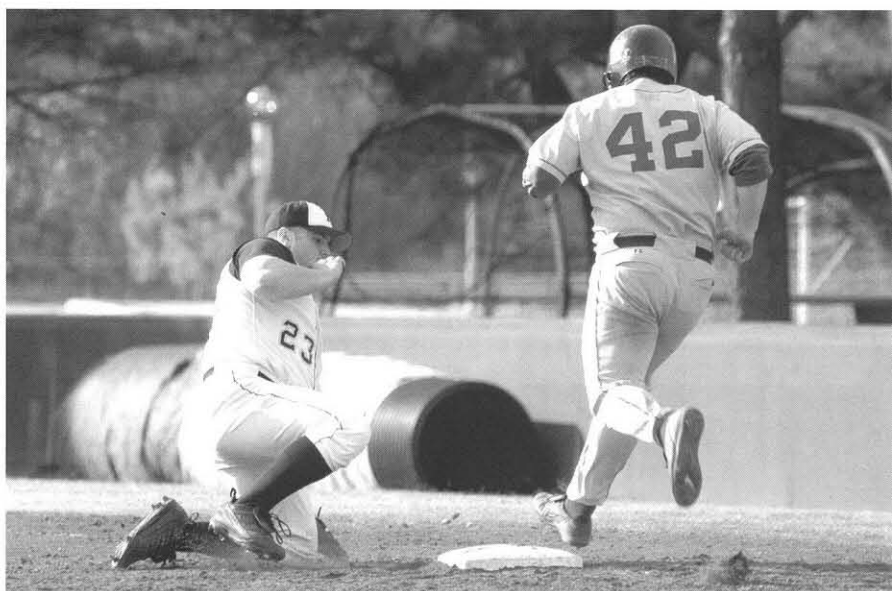
UALR Invitational  
Big Cat Classic  
Texas Relays  
Harding Invitational  
John McDonnell Invitational  
UAH Invitational  
Drake Relays  
UTA Open  
Emporia State  
NCAA Division II Nationals

Russellville, Ark.  
Memphis, Tenn.  
Austin, Texas  
Searcy, Ark.  
Fayetteville, Ark.  
Huntsville, Ala.  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Arlington, Texas  
Emporia, Kan.  
Edwardsville, Ill.

As the signal flares, members of the Bison and Lady Bison track teams set their watch timers and begin their preliminary run at the Harding Invitational April 8. The teams broke a combined 18 school records in 2003. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery).

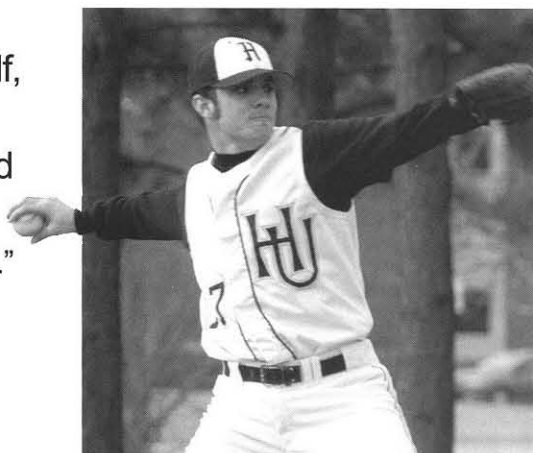
**Trapping the ball with his glove**, sophomore Justin Cone races to make a play at first base during the Bison's 1-0 victory over Williams Baptist Feb. 1. Cone played various positions throughout the season, including pitcher and infield positions. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

**Junior Ben Neely** swings his bat to send a baseball past the Williams Baptist infielders Feb. 1. With 55 hits in 184 at bats during the 2003 season, Neely finished second on the team in hits. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



"I knew that if I **prepared** myself, I'd go out there and pitch well. It was **comforting to know** I had a **good defense** behind me **to make** the plays."

// Matt Walters, senior



## numbers on the field

**1924** marked the first year that a baseball team to competed on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**4** players earned All-Gulf South Conference Baseball Team honors, including senior Matt Walter and sophomore Justin Cone on first team, and juniors Ben Neely and Justin Goodrich on second team.

**2** losses during an April 26 doubleheader with Delta State, the number one team in NCAA II, prevented the team from playing in its second straight Gulf South Conference Tournament.

## 2003 scoreboard

Williams Baptist	W 1-0, W 2-0
Univ. of W. Florida	W 4-2, W 3-1, L 5-10
Arkansas State	L 5-6
Southwest Baptist	W 5-1, W 2-1
Lyon	W 4-3
Central Baptist	W 5-1, W 9-0
Christian Brothers	W 4-0, W 6-3, W 5-4, W 3-2
Freed Hardeman	L 3-5
Arkansas-Monticello	W 2-0, W 7-1, L 12-13, W 9-2
Lyon	L 2-8
Southern Arkansas	L 2-4, L 2-4, W 4-3, L 5-8
Williams Baptist	W 13-2
Henderson State	L 1-2, W 8-2, W 4-1, L 3-4
Ozarks (Mo.)	W 10-1, W 10-2
Crichton	W 3-0, W 13-0
Lemoyne-Owen	W 6-0, W 14-4
Arkansas Tech	W 15-12, L 3-7, L 0-2, L 4-6
Quachita Baptist	W 4-1, W 7-4, W 5-3, W 3-1
Ozarks (Ark.)	W 6-5
Central Arkansas	L 2-8, L 6-7, L 11-13, L 1-8
Lyon	W 12-9
Delta State	L 0-7, L 2-7, W 5-4, L 5-12

# playoff dreams **CRUSHED** in final series

## Establishing Dominance

**Sliding into first base** to escape a pick off, sophomore Jake Kirby rolls on his back as he avoids a tag during the Bisons' season-opener against Williams Baptist Feb. 1. Kirby stole four bases in five attempts, an 80 percent average, during the 2003 season. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



The Bison baseball team experienced highs and lows during the 2003 season. The Bisons, led by head coach Shane Fullerton, established a preseason goal of earning a spot in the Gulf South Conference playoffs for the second straight season.

A sweep of Delta State in the Bisons' final conference series would have ensured a trip to the postseason for the Bisons. Instead, the team saw its season end early after failing to win both games in a doubleheader against the top-ranked Statesmen April 26. The Bisons finished the season 34-20 overall and 16-16 in the GSC.

"We were a good team that played well, but not well enough to get where we wanted to be," Fullerton said. "I wanted [the players] to leave feeling successful but still wanting more."

The Bisons began with a strong first half of the season, but injuries and a lack of depth prevented the hardballers from matching that success in the second half of the season.

Despite not reaching the playoffs, Fullerton said the Bisons completed a successful season.

The team ranked as high as 24th in the Division II National Baseball Poll, the highest a Bison baseball team has ever ranked.

With four of the team's five seniors on the pitching staff, the Bisons stacked the diamond with underclassmen.

"[The underclassmen] had to step up a lot," junior third baseman Morgan Trotter said. "The biggest thing was the underclassmen stepping into roles to help the senior pitchers."

Fullerton said the accomplishments of the younger players helped produce success.

"Offensively, [sophomore] Justin Cone, first baseman, was a guy who stayed pretty consistent. He did a great job in what could have been a frustrating year," Fullerton said. "Morgan Trotter had a good offensive year. We expect him to have a good senior year."

On the mound, senior pitcher Matt Walter finished the season with a record of 7-3 and a 3.01 ERA. Walter finished his career as Harding's all-time leader in victories with 34.

Junior pitcher Mark Connett led with a 2.97 ERA in 57.2 innings pitched. Junior hurler Justin Goodrich led the Bisons with 78 strikeouts.

At the plate, Cone led the Bisons with a .340 batting average, 44 runs scored, 14 home runs, 55 RBI and a .667 slugging percentage.

At the end of the season, Cone moved into second place on Harding's all-time career home run list with 25. Trotter became Harding's all-time RBI leader with 125 runs batted in.

Although the Bisons missed the post-season in 2003, Fullerton said the players maintained the three characteristics he tried to instill in his players — classiness, hard work and being fundamentally sound.

— Matt Price

## Establishing Dominance

Junior Matt Blansett watches his golf ball soar toward the hole during a practice session. Blansett and sophomore Adrian Morgan were the two upperclassmen on the golf team in the fall. (Photo by Russell Keck)



# playing to achieve **SUCCESS** in future collegiate competitions

Entering the spring portion of the golf season with seven underclassmen and only one senior, the golf team looked to develop fundamentals for future success.

The Bisons achieved success quickly when they placed first out of 10 teams at the Freed Hardeman Spring Invitational April 7-8, 2003, in Henderson, Tenn.

The win marked the first tournament victory for a golf team in Harding's history.

"The tournament win was quite the highlight of my year," coach Nicky Boyd said. "I have not had such a big win in my time as the golf coach at Harding. I was very excited and pleased with all of the guys on the team."

At the FHU Spring Invitational, senior Aaron Farley finished first individually. Farley became the second golfer in Harding's history to capture first place individually in a tournament.

In the fall, the Bisons hoped to continue success on the green as they sported an entire new cast of team members, except returning sophomore Adrian Morgan.

"By adding some of our freshmen, I planned to win a lot of matches in the future by allowing them to develop throughout their Harding careers," Boyd said. "We are a young team with potential to grow."

The team showcased its youthful abilities during the fall as it placed fifth out of 11 teams at the Christian Brothers University Invitational Sept. 8-9 in Memphis, Tenn.

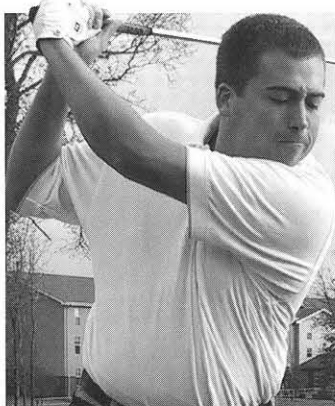
At the FHU Fall Invitational Oct. 6-7 the Bisons tied for second place out of eight teams. Freshman Drew Murphy, finishing in first place individually, became the third golfer in Harding's history to win a tournament.

Completing a solid year, the team remained optimistic about the future success of the golf program at Harding.

"I was so excited to come and play at a collegiate level," freshman Jay Paul Wade said. "Now that I am playing at Harding, I am excited about what is in store for us in upcoming seasons."

— Emily Sam

Following through on his swing, freshman Jordan Jay concentrates on the green at the Searcy Country Club. Jay ranked third on the golf team in individual scoring average with 81.38 strokes. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



(Photo by Russell Keck)

**"I *do* the same swings every time. Consistency *is* important. I *pay* attention to the courses that I am playing."**

// Matt Blansett, junior



**Freshman Jordan Jay** putts the golf ball toward a flag at the Searcy Country Club during a practice session. At the Freed Hardeman University Fall Invitational Oct. 6-7, Jay tied for 10th place individually. (Photo by Melissa Wilson)



**Practicing on the intramural field**, junior Matt Blansett calculates the range to his target. Blansett finished in 17th place at the Freed Hardeman University Fall Invitational Oct. 6-7. (Photo by Russell Keck)

## numbers on the green

**1967** marked the first year for a golf team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**3** players in Harding's history have placed first individually at a golf tournament, including freshman Drew Murphy this year, Aaron Farley in 2003 and Brad Williams in 1996.

### 2003 schedule

#### Spring Matches

Arkansas Tech University Collegiate Classic	Team: 10 of 14
University of Central Arkansas Spring Intercollegiate	Team: 11 of 15
Freed Hardeman University Spring Invitational	Team: 1 of 10
GSC Tournament	Team: 12 of 14

#### Fall Matches

Christian Brothers University Invitational	Team: 5 of 11
Ouachita Baptist University Invitational	Team: 8 of 12
University of Central Arkansas Invitational	Team: 10 of 12
Freed Hardeman University Fall Invitational	Team: t-2 of 8

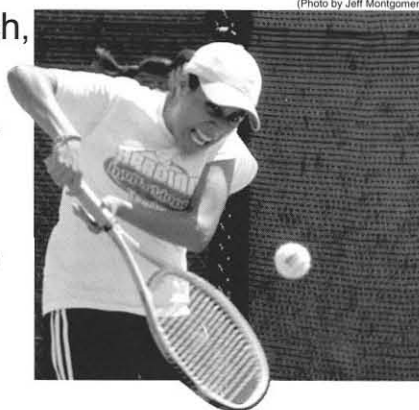
**Focused on making contact** with the tennis ball, freshman Margareta Dujmovic prepares to return a serve to her opponent in a home match against Ouachita Baptist April 4. In her first season, Dujmovic finished 2-2 while playing in the number three position and 10-8 overall. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

**Senior Carolina Banuelos** drives a ball across the net as her doubles partner, senior Laura Tolett, remains focused on the possible return from a Lady Tigers' player April 4. During the 2003 season, Banuelos and Tolett posted a doubles record of 2-2. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



"After I **play** in a tennis match, I like to **talk** with my **teammates** about **how to improve**. Encouragement **helps me establish myself** on the court."

// Carolina Banuelos, senior



## numbers on the court

**1991** marked the first year that a women's tennis team competed on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**69** career single wins landed senior Laura Tolett in the third highest position for career single wins in school history.

**200** wins for the Lady Bison tennis program became official after the 2003 team swept Hendrix 9-0 during its first match Feb. 7.

## 2003 scoreboard

Hendrix	W 9-0
Northeastern State	L 1-8
Texas-Tyler	W 9-0
John Brown	W 9-0
Arkansas Tech	W 9-0
Ouachita Baptist	L 0-9
Henderson State	W 8-1
Central Arkansas	W 5-4
Southern Arkansas	W 8-1
Arkansas-Monticello	W 9-0
John Brown	W 9-0
Harding Invitational	
Arkansas Tech	W 7-0
Freed Hardeman	W 5-1
Delta State	L 1-5
Arkansas-Little Rock	L 0-7
Henderson State	W 9-0
Christian Brothers	W 9-0
Delta State	L 1-5
Central Arkansas	L 3-6
Ouachita Baptist	L 2-7
GSC Tournament	
W. Florida	L 0-5
N. Alabama	W 5-0
NCAA Division II Nationals	L 0-5

### Establishing Dominance

**Seniors Sara Campbell** and Daniela Corrales congratulate each other after winning a doubles match against Ouachita Baptist April 4 at Harding. Playing as doubles partners for three seasons, Campbell and Corrales concluded their senior doubles season with a record of 12-6. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)

## team **INJURIES** to overcomes revisit nationals

After receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament in 2002, the Lady Bisons concluded their season ranked 28th nationally.

The Lady Bisons looked to revisit the national competition in 2003.

"From the beginning of the season, we desperately wanted to go back to nationals," senior Carolina Banuelos said. "We pushed ourselves to qualify for the third year in a row."

The team opened its spring season with a 9-0 victory over the Hendrix Lady Warriors.

The victory produced the 200th win for the women's tennis program, and it developed the winning pace to take the Lady Bisons to the 2003 NCAA Tournament.

The Lady Bisons posted a 15-8 record during the regular season, despite being plagued by injuries throughout the season.

"The injury of [junior] Marcella [Chisaca] placed the team in a difficult position," Banuelos said. "We were playing hard to make nationals so each player had to step up a position to help the team."

Based on their record, the Lady Bisons ended the regular season ranked as the fourth seed in the Gulf South Conference West Division.

At the GSC Tournament April 18-19, the Lady Bisons fell to West Florida, the nation's top-ranked team, 5-0 in the first round. They bounced back, however, with a 5-0 win against North Alabama in the consolation round.

The team's performance at the tournament, along with its winning season record, fostered its third consecutive bid to nationals.

The team participated in the South Regional in Pensacola, Fla., May 2. At the tournament, the Valdosta State Lady Blazers swept the Lady Bisons 5-0.

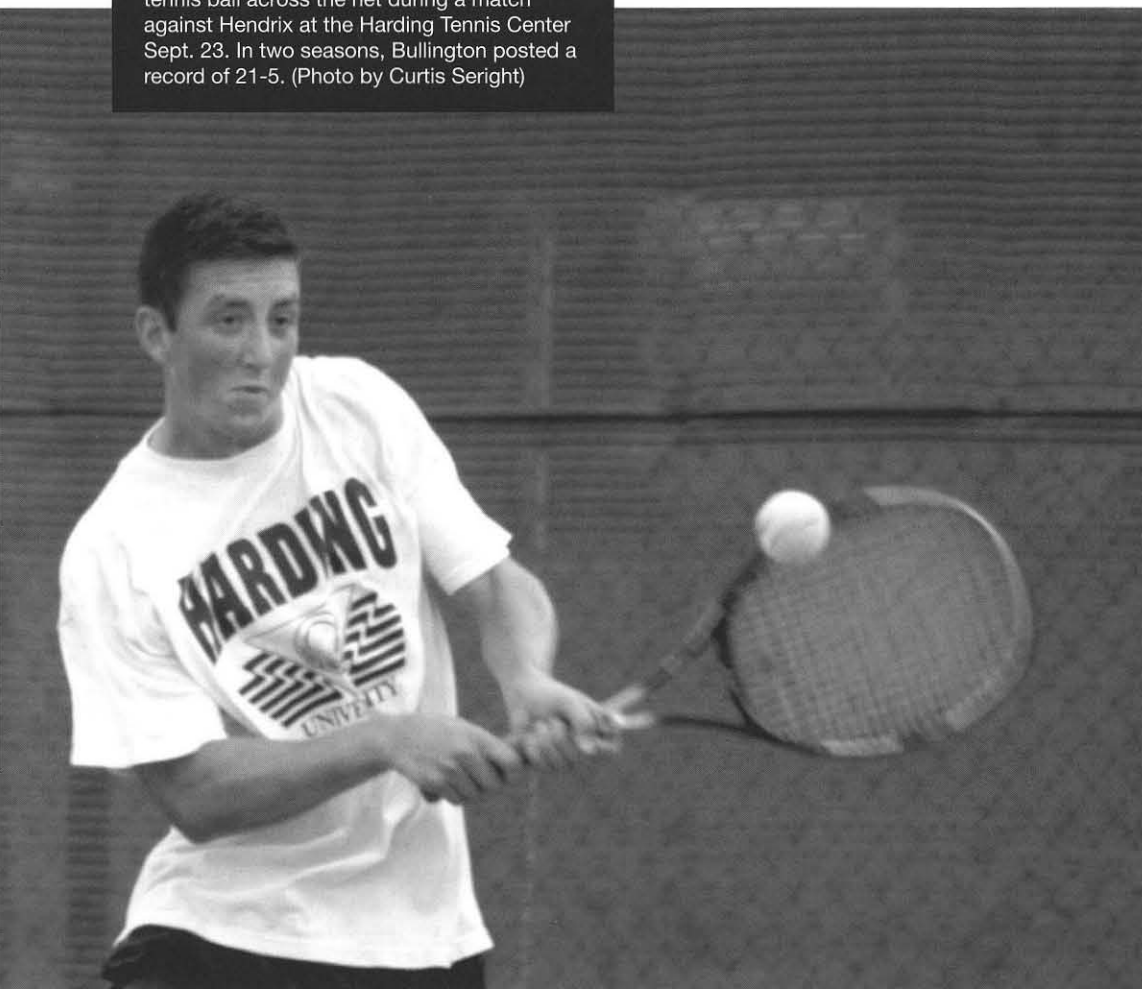
Although the Lady Bisons faced elimination in the first round at nationals, they achieved success as a team and as individuals.

"All season, we took time to get to know each other off the court so we could play better as a team on the court," Banuelos said. "This is a strength for our team and it led us to nationals again."

— Emily Sane

## Establishing Dominance

Sophomore **Derek Bullington** smashes a tennis ball across the net during a match against Hendrix at the Harding Tennis Center Sept. 23. In two seasons, Bullington posted a record of 21-5. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



# swinging into NCAA **TOURNAMENT** for third consecutive year

Although the Bisons were ousted in the NCAA Division II National Tournament in Pensacola, Fla., the team finished with four All-Gulf South Conference players.

The team made its fourth appearance at the South Regional Tournament May 2. The appearance marked the Bisons' third consecutive bid to nationals.

Harding, ranked as the No. 5 seed going into the tournament, matched up with the No. 4 seed Lincoln Memorial.

Losing 5-3, the Bisons racked up one double victory in the No. 2 seed with sophomores Andrew Giron and Stephen Paine defeating Linus Johansson and Francois Naude 8-6. Singles' victories came from senior Klaus Schmidt at No. 3 and Paine at No. 5.

Schmidt and senior Artur Sikora received second-team honors. Giron and sophomore David Ferreira were first-team honorees.

"It felt nice to be recognized as a part of the Harding tennis team, not just as a student," Giron said.

Giron also found his name on the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District VI At-Large

Team. He finished the year with a 15-4 singles record, including a win over the No. 3 singles player in the nation, Ouachita Baptist's Guillaume Coubard, April 14.

"I never really expected to beat that kind of a person [while at Harding]," Giron said. "I just tried my best. You can't do anything more than your best."

Joining Sikora, Schmidt, Giron, Paine and Ferreira on the courts were sophomore Derek Bullington and junior Taylor Tinsley.

Although the team lost the match against Ouachita Baptist 8-1, it finished the year 18-6. Despite the loss of a 2002 star, senior Jacobo Martinez, head coach David Elliot said the team did well.

"Everybody has improved despite the loss of Jacobo Martinez," Elliot said.

Bullington said he was pleased with the 2003 season.

"I think we did a really good job and we had one of the best teams we ever had," Bullington said. "This year [2004] is going to be even better."

— Renee Lewis

Sophomore Andrew Giron positions his racquet to slice a tennis ball across the court at the Harding Tennis Center Sept. 23. Although Giron lost his match, the Bisons defeated the Hendrix Warriors 7-2. (Photo by Curtis Seright).



Aligning his racquet with the tennis ball, sophomore Stephen Paine prepares to make a serve to his opponent in a home match against John Brown University March 27. Paine went undefeated while playing as the third and fourth seeds during his second season. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



**"I research the competition before each match.**

**A good night of rest, warm-up drills and practice gives me an edge over my opponents."**

//David Ferreira, sophomore



## numbers on the court

**1924** marked the first year for a men's tennis team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**1** player, sophomore Andrew Giron, received recognition as a member of the 2003 Verizon Academic All-District VI At-Large Team.

**4** players earned All-Gulf South Conference honors, including sophomores David Ferreira and Andrew Giron on first team and seniors Klaus Schmidt and Arthur Sikora on second team.

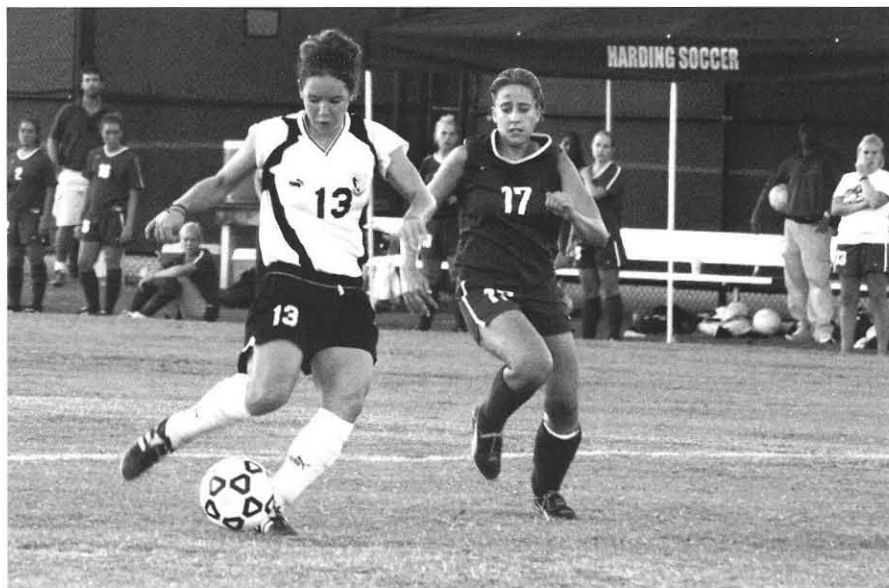
## 2003 schedule

Hendrix	W 7-2	John Brown	W 9-0
Oklahoma Christian	L 0-9	Harding Invitational	
Christian Brothers	W 9-0	Delta State	L 2-5
Texas-Tyler	W 7-0	Freed Hardeman	W 6-1
Rhodes	W 4-1	Christian Brothers	W 9-0
Ozarks (Ark.)	W 9-0	Delta State	W 5-4
Dallas Baptist	W 9-0	Missouri-Rolla	W 9-0
John Brown	W 9-0	Ouachita Baptist	L 1-8
East Central	W 8-1	Ozarks (Ark.)	W 9-0
Southeastern Oklahoma	W 5-4	GSC Tournament	
Missouri-Rolla	W 9-0	Lincoln Memorial	L 1-5
Arkansas-Little Rock	L 1-8	Christian Brothers	W 6-0
Rhema Bible College	W 9-0	NCAA Division II Nationals	L 3-5

After racing to prevent the tennis ball from bouncing out of bounds, sophomore Andrew Giron dives as he returns the ball to his opponent at the Harding Tennis Center Sept. 23. Giron completed the spring portion of the 2003 season with a record of 15-4, including a victory against the nation's third ranked player. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

**Dribbling down the field**, sophomore Hilary Rosenbaum drives past her Central Arkansas opponent as she attempts to score a goal Oct. 23. Rosenbaum scored six goals in 18 attempts during her second season as a Lady Bison. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

**Freshman Sarah Williamson** blocks two Central Arkansas players while preparing to kick the soccer ball to a teammate Oct. 23. The Lady Bisons' match against the Central Arkansas Sugar Bears resulted in the team's only tied game of the season. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



"Before each **game**,

the team **discusses** goals  
to **achieve** on the field.

We also **discuss** individual goals  
as we **stretch**."

// Meave Johnson, freshman



(Photo by Curtis Seright)

## numbers on the field

**1998** marked the first year for a women's soccer team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**6** players earned All-Gulf South Conference honors, including senior Lyndsey Garner, junior Lori Boren and sophomore Megan Hatcher on first team, and seniors Brooke Cockrell and Courtney Saul, and junior Becky Taylor on second team.

**11** points scored during a shutout against Delta State Nov. 4 set Harding's record for goals scored during a soccer game.

## 2003 scoreboard

Northeastern State	L 0-3
Lynn	W 10-1
Texas A&M-Commerce	L 0-1
Texas-Dallas	W 3-0
Lynn	W 3-0
Freed Hardeman	W 7-0
Midwestern State	W 3-0
Christian Brothers	L 0-6
North Alabama	W 4-1
Ouachita Baptist	W 5-0
Alabama-Huntsville	L 0-4
Lincoln Memorial	W 2-1
Montevallo	L 3-4
West Florida	W 2-1
Central Arkansas	T 2-2
Dallas Baptist	L 2-4
Delta State	W 11-0
GSC Tournament	
Christian Brothers	L 0-2

# exceeding expectations **RESULTED** in first conference tournament visit

## **Establishing Dominance**

Guarding against a Dallas Baptist player, freshman Laura Bullington provides an open area for senior Lyndsey Garner to pass the soccer ball. Bullington scored one of the Lady Bisons' two goals against Dallas Baptist Oct. 25. (Photo by Russell Keck)



Concluding the 2003 season with an overall record of 10-7-1, the Lady Bisons welcomed their first visit to the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

The team entered the season knowing a tournament visit would not be achieved without determination.

"We had to make a decision during the season to push through the rough games and try to earn a spot in the conference tournament," senior Lyndsey Garner said. "The amount of heart each girl had helped us achieve our goal. As a senior, I was thrilled to finally be able to go to conference."

After placing sixth out of nine teams in the GSC preseason poll, the Lady Bisons rallied with determination. They knew only the top four teams would qualify for the conference tournament.

"One thing I loved about the girls this season was our ability to find the positive in any situation," junior Becky Taylor said.

When the Lady Bisons faced seventh-ranked West Florida, the team did not lose its positive attitude. The Lady Bisons defeated the Lady Argos 2-1.

The win against West Florida, along with the team's nine other victories, earned the Lady Bisons the No. 3 seed in the conference tournament.

The team's ranking paired the Lady Bisons against Christian Brothers, the defending NCAA Division II national champions, in the semifinals Nov. 7 in Huntsville, Ala.

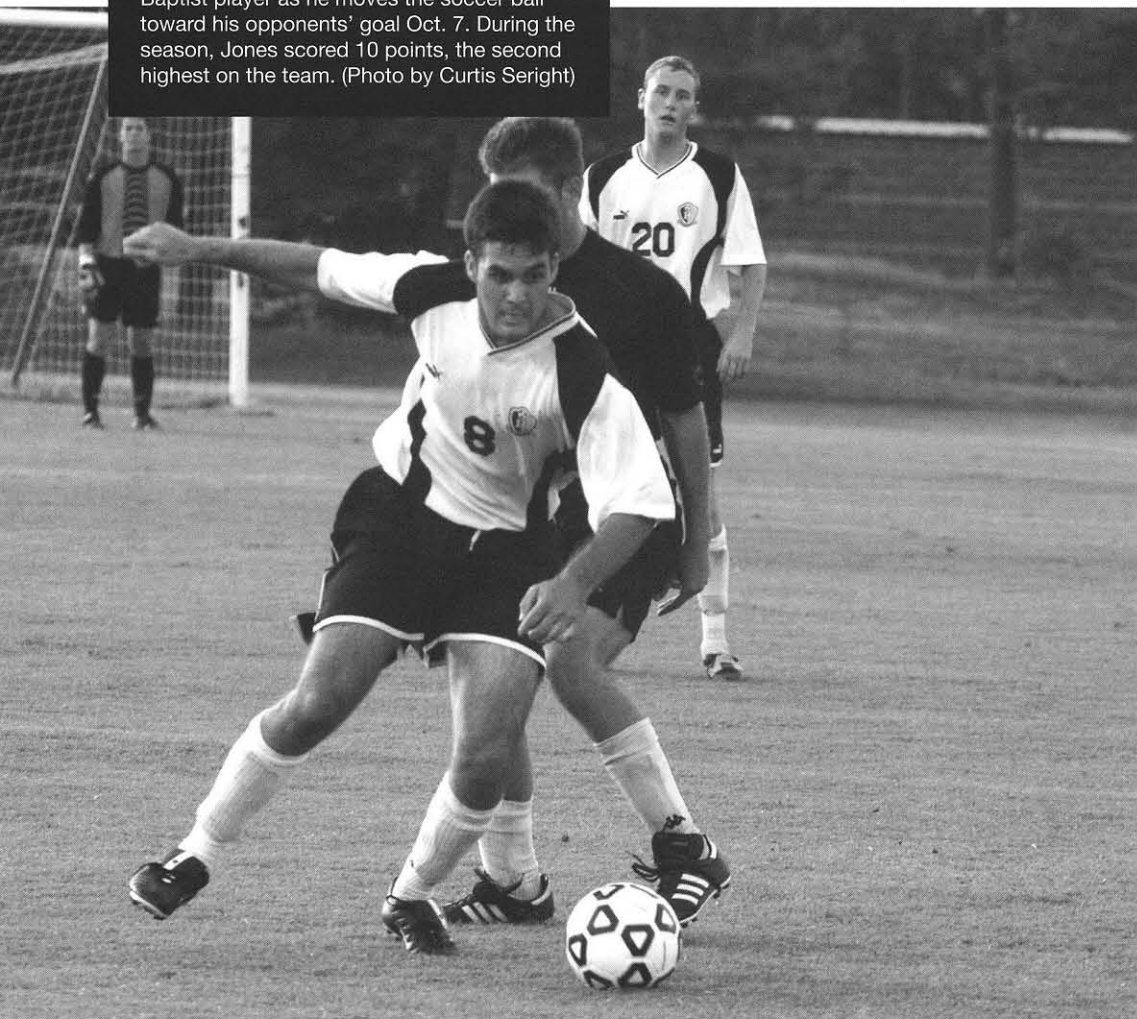
Although the Lady Bisons lost 0-2 in the semifinals of the conference tournament, they knew their determination during the season had been rewarded.

"I was happy we were able to receive a bid [to the conference tournament]," senior Gracey Mathis said. "This team had great chemistry. We were recognized as being in the top of the conference because each girl on the team played with determination."

— Emily Sane

## Establishing Dominance

Senior Mitch Jones charges past a Ouachita Baptist player as he moves the soccer ball toward his opponents' goal Oct. 7. During the season, Jones scored 10 points, the second highest on the team. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



# seniors provide **LEADERSHIP** for young intercollegiate team

Following the leadership of four senior players, the men's soccer program completed its fourth season of NCAA Division II intercollegiate competition.

Playing with the soccer program since its establishment in 2000, the team's four seniors were the first students to play intercollegiate soccer all four years at Harding.

The seniors, goalkeeper Michael Allen, defender Mitch Jones, midfielder Kyle Hinckley and midfielder/goalkeeper Jacobo Hernandez, led the team to a 7-9-2 overall record, which was the best record in the program's four-year history.

"The team did great this year, but as a coach, I always want to win more," head coach Greg Harris said. "The seniors provided positive leadership. I am glad these guys did not just come here to play soccer. They came here because they want to be at Harding and get a Christian education."

After Harding joined the Gulf South Conference in 2000, the university faced requirements to

expand its athletic program.

"With women's soccer already in existence at Harding, interest for a men's soccer team grew," Scott Goode, sports information director, said.

During the four years the team has competed, the seniors have watched the program develop.

"The program has definitely grown stronger in its four years," Hinckley said. "The team has had opportunities to mature. The team now has leadership from guys who have played as Bisons for four straight years."

Harris hoped the team's increasing stability would aid in producing successful seasons as the program continued to develop.

"Our team has awesome potential," Harris said. "It is amazing, even mind boggling, that this young program could win seven games against strong competition without having the ability to provide a lot of scholarships. I am pleased that the team displayed such great effort to help build a successful program."

— Emily Sane

Senior **Jacobo Hernandez** kicks the soccer ball away from a Ouachita Baptist defender Oct. 7. Hernandez served as the only Bison to play two positions, midfielder and goalkeeper. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



(Photo by Curtis Seright)

**"I *try* to focus mentally during warm-ups. When the first whistle *blows*, I am ready to play. I am completely into the game."**

// Jay Ellis, junior



As his opponent nears, sophomore **Ben Faris** switches the direction of the ball to dodge the Ouachita Baptist defender Oct. 7. Faris led the Bisons in goals scored during the season with 13. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

## numbers on the field

**2000** marked the first year for a men's soccer team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**7** games won during the 2003 season tied Harding's single-season wins record.

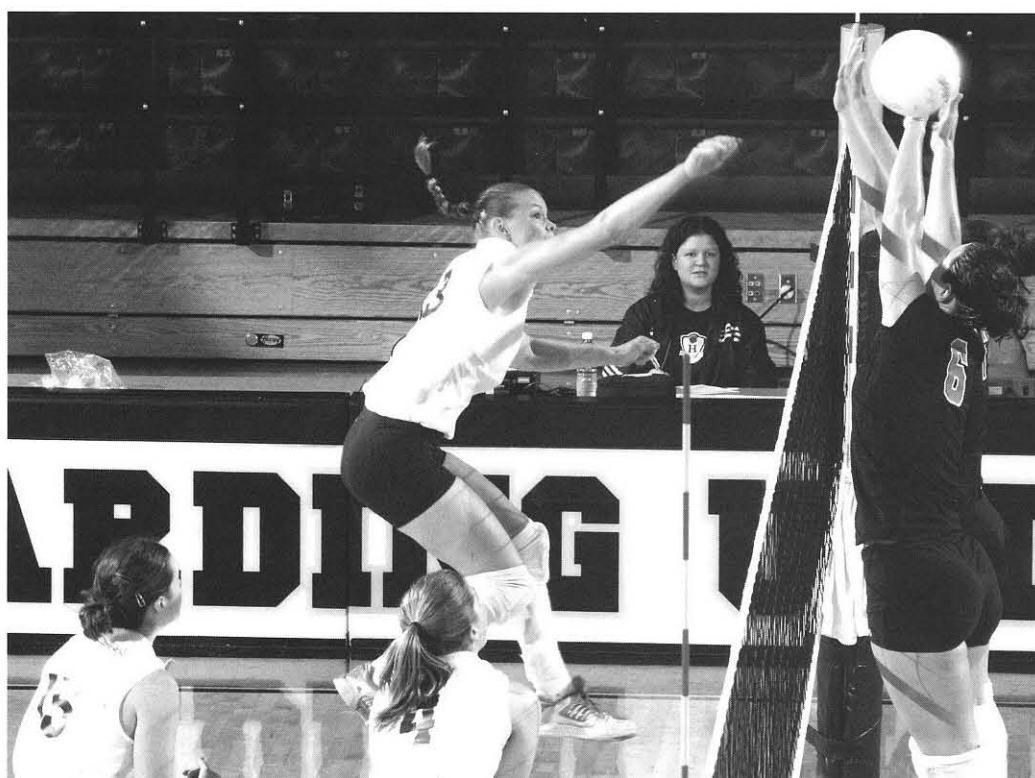
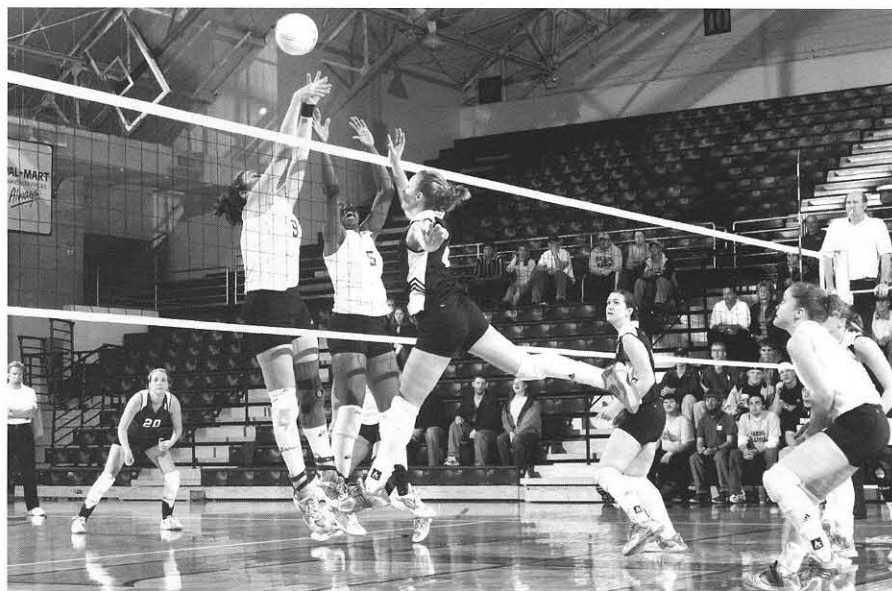
### 2003 scoreboard

Northeastern State	L 2-6
Lyon	L 2-3
John Brown	L 0-3
Belhaven	W 3-0
Freed Hardeman	W 5-2
Christian Brothers	L 0-3
Williams Baptist	W 7-1
Bethel	W 2-0
Ouachita Baptist	W 3-1
Alabama-Huntsville	T 0-0
Lincoln Memorial	L 0-3
Montevallo	W 5-0
West Florida	L 0-4
Central Arkansas	L 2-6
Union	T 2-2

Attempting to prevent his opponent from scoring, freshman **Cade Allen** leaps to block the ball against Ouachita Baptist Oct. 7. In his first season, Allen started in eight of the 14 games he played. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

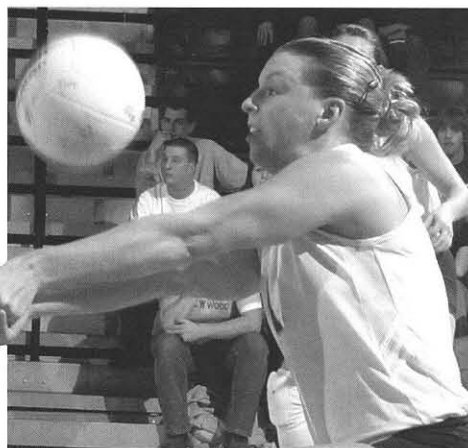
**Senior Shaila Farley** jumps while hitting the volleyball across the net as two North Alabama players attempt to return the ball. Farley ranked third for the Lady Bisons in digs per game and kills per game. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

**Junior Amie Morrison** pounds the volleyball over the net between two opponents in a game against Christian Brothers Sept. 23. Setting the school's single-season record for digs per game with an average of 5.36, Morrison led the Gulf South Conference and ranked seventh in the NCAA Division II. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



**"I mentally *walk* through each game. I *visualize* what I will do and what my opponents will do during a match."**

// Veronica Piech, senior



(Photo by Curtis Seright)

## numbers on the court

**1983** marked the first year for a volleyball team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**4** players earned All-Gulf South Conference Volleyball Team honors, including senior Veronica Piech and junior Kate Kennedy on first team, and senior Shaila Farley and junior Amie Morrison on second team.

**500** victories set a milestone for the Lady Bisons as they upset the University of North Alabama to win Harding's first Gulf South Conference Championship Nov. 15.

## 2003 scoreboard

Texas A&M-Kingsville	W 3-0
Texas Women's	W 3-0
SE Oklahoma	W 3-0
Incarnate Word	W 3-0
Southwest Baptist	W 3-0
Alabama-Huntsville	W 3-0
John Brown	W 3-0
Pittsburg State	L 1-3
Central Missouri State	L 1-3
Washburn	L 1-3
Truman State	L 0-3
Abilene Christian	W 3-2
Angelo State	W 3-0
SE Oklahoma	W 3-0
Texas A&M-Commerce	L 2-3
North Alabama	L 1-3
Christian Brothers	W 3-0
Southern Arkansas	L 2-3
Central Arkansas	W 3-0
Henderson State	W 3-0
Arkansas Tech	W 3-0
West Alabama	W 3-0
Northwest Missouri	W 3-0
Missouri Southern	W 3-0
Missouri Western	W 3-0
Ouachita Baptist	W 3-1
Christian Brothers	W 3-2
North Alabama	L 1-3
Southern Arkansas	W 3-0
Central Arkansas	W 3-0
Henderson State	W 3-0
East Texas Baptist	W 3-0
John Brown	W 3-0
Arkansas Tech	W 3-0
Ouachita Baptist	W 3-0
GSC Tournament	
West Florida	W 3-0
Montevallo	W 3-1
North Alabama	W 3-1
NCAA Tournament	
North Alabama	L 0-3

# upset sends **LADIES** to tournament

The 2003 Lady Bison volleyball campaign will be remembered among the best in the history of the program.

Five returning starters from the 2002 team, along with three freshmen, helped win the school's first Gulf South Conference championship in "team-play" and compiled a 30-8 record overall for the season.

The Lady Bisons opened the season with a seven-match winning streak. However, as the team prepared to open the conference schedule, it lost six of its last nine non-conference matches.

Despite the losses, the Lady Bisons never lost their confidence and compiled an 11-1 record in conference play and clinched the GSC West Division. The Lady Bisons went undefeated in home conference matches.

Because of the team's Western Division championship, it was able to host the GSC Tournament with the home-court advantage in the Rhodes Field House.

In tournament play, the Lady Bisons escaped the universities of West Florida and Montevallo in the quarterfinals and semifinals respectively. This set up a rematch between Harding and the University of North Alabama in the championship match. UNA beat the Lady Bisons twice in non-conference matches in the regular season and won seven straight conference championships.

In the championship match, the Lady Bisons had one of their strongest defensive performances of the season and shocked a frustrated UNA team by winning the conference championship 3-1.

"It's a David vs. Goliath story," head coach Keith Giboney said. "[UNA] had won seven years in a row. We set our sights on beating them and we knew we could do it."

In winning the championship, the Lady Bisons clinched a berth to play in the NCAA Division II National Tournament where they faced UNA once again.

The Lady Bisons were unable to regain the defensive stronghold possessed in the conference tournament and fell to the Lady Lions in three straight games.

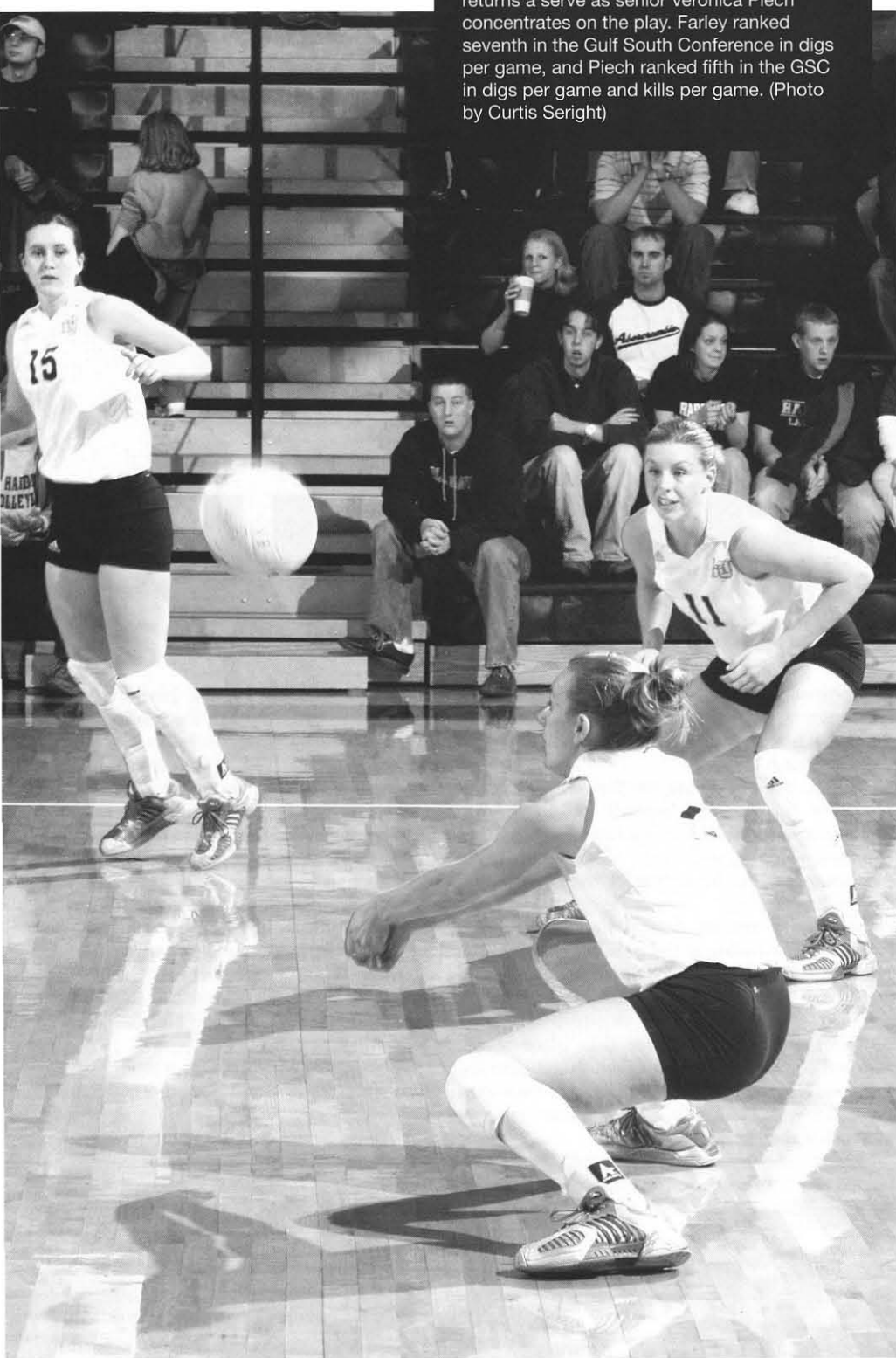
Despite a first-round loss, four-year starters Shaila Farley and Veronica Piech viewed the season as a success and winning the conference championship as their crowning achievement.

"This is by far my best volleyball moment," Farley said. "We love to play. We love this team."

— Matt Price

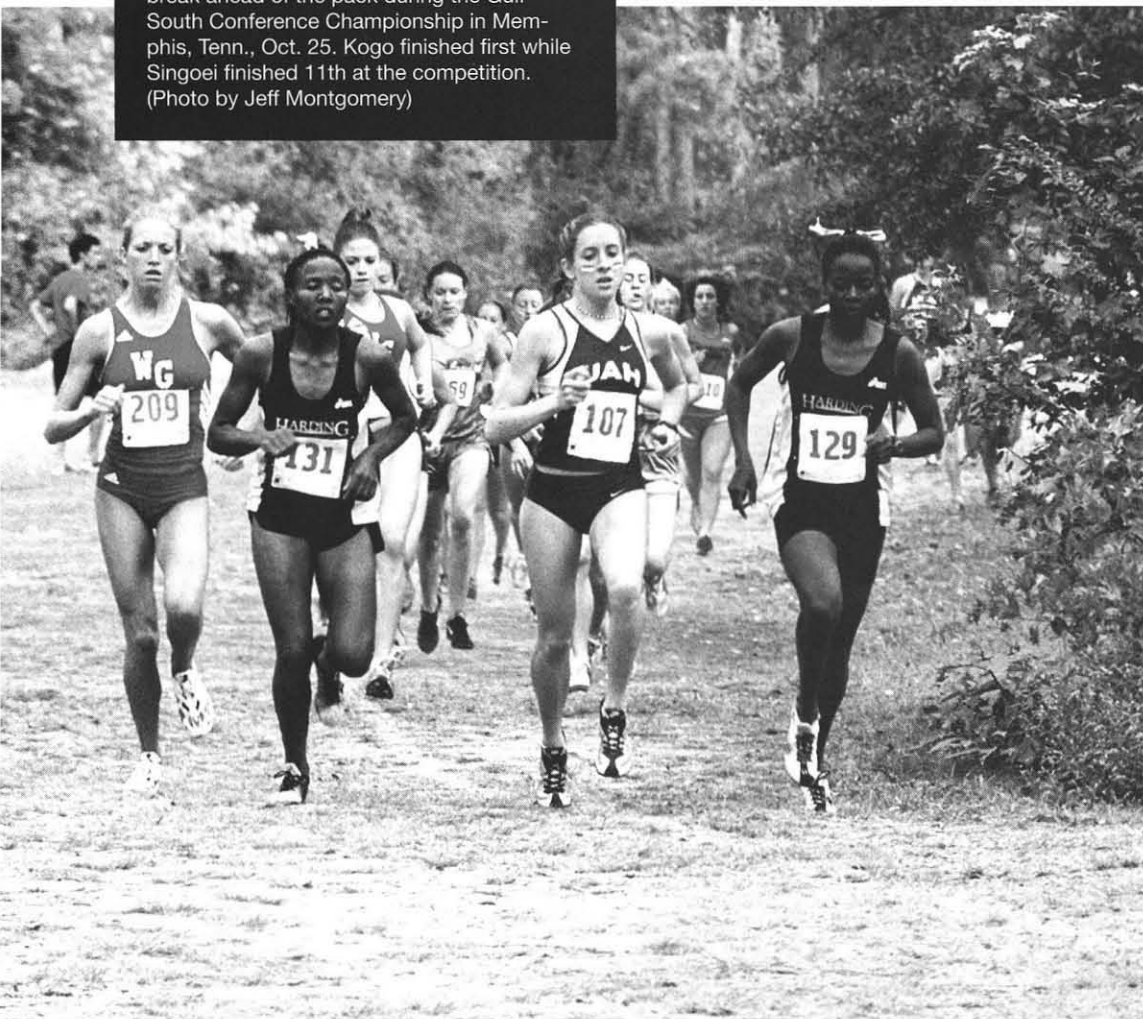
## Establishing Dominance

**Lowering to the court**, senior Shaila Farley returns a serve as senior Veronica Piech concentrates on the play. Farley ranked seventh in the Gulf South Conference in digs per game, and Piech ranked fifth in the GSC in digs per game and kills per game. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



## Establishing Dominance

Senior Janet Kogo and junior Helen Singoei break ahead of the pack during the Gulf South Conference Championship in Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 25. Kogo finished first while Singoei finished 11th at the competition. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



# crossing the ultimate **FINISH LINE** at cross country national competition

Competing in the NCAA Division II National Championship in Raleigh, N.C., Nov. 22, the Bison and Lady Bison cross country teams crossed their ultimate finish lines.

"From the beginning of the season, qualifying for the national competition in Raleigh ranked high as one of our priorities," coach Steve Guymon said. "Competition was fierce during the entire way, but in each meet, the teams never stopped competing."

The Bisons, placing third, achieved Harding's highest male ranking in the national competition. The men's team third-place finish broke a school record set in 2001 when the team tied for fifth place.

The Lady Bisons tied for fifth place at the national competition. Their finish dominated the previous high of 12th place in 1999 and provided the ladies with Harding's highest female ranking in a national competition.

Along the course to nationals, both teams supported one another during each race.

"I remember watching [senior] Sarah Reardon's face light up when the results for the guys' races were announced at nationals," sophomore Jessica Cornett said. "The entire ladies' team was sitting together on the bleachers, and we all started jumping and screaming."

Senior Jacob Rotich placed second individually at nationals for the Bisons. Completing the 10K race in 30 minutes and 39.9 seconds, Rotich set a Harding record by achieving the highest ranking and quickest time in a national competition for an individual male runner.

Slightly trailing Rotich in the competition, freshman Peter Kosgei finished third with a time of 31:44.1. Kosgei became Harding's first freshman All-American.

For the Lady Bisons, senior Janet Kogo coasted into sixth place with a time of 21:05.5 during the ladies' 6K race.

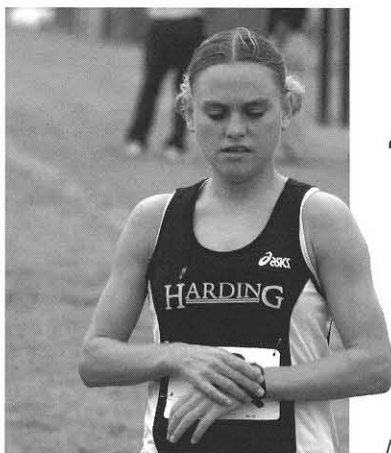
"The national championship was a perfect end to a perfect season," Reardon said.

— Emily Sane

Senior Jacob Rotich inches ahead of his teammates freshman Peter Kosgei and junior Reed Fisher at the South Regional Championship in Panthersville, Ga., Nov. 8. Rotich captured his second Mondo NCAA Division II Cross Country Men's Athlete of the Year award this year. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



Freshman Mary Brown attempts to pass one of her competitors during the South Regional Championship in Panthersville, Ga., Nov. 8. During the 6K race in Panthersville, Brown recorded a time of 24 minutes and 33 seconds. (Photo by Jeff Montgomery)



(Photo by Curtis Seright)

**"We *work* out together  
seven days a week,  
*doing* 12 to 16 400 reps.  
We *run* distance  
out in Kensett  
on the rice fields."**

// Sarah Reardon, senior



## numbers on the course

**1967** marked the first year for a cross country team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**4** consecutive Gulf South Conference championships placed Harding as only the second team to win at least four consecutive championships. Troy State, the first team to win at least four consecutive championships, won 15 from 1974-1988.

## 2003 schedule

### Bisons

Memphis Twilight	Team: 1 of 12
Gravett Invitational	Team: 1 of 5
Missouri Southern	Team: 2 of 24
Orange Crush	Team: 2 of 3
Stanford Invitational	Team: 3 of 22
Ted Lloyd Invitational	Team: 1 of 3
GSC Meet	Team: 1 of 9
South Regional	Team: 1 of 15
NCAA-II Nationals	Team: 3 of 24

### Lady Bisons

Gravett Invitational	Team: 1 of 7
MSSC Invitational	Team: 3 of 21
Orange Crush	No Score
Ted Lloyd Invitational	Team: 1 of 3
Chile Pepper	Team: 22 of 37
GSC Meet	Team: 2 of 14
South Regional	Team: 4 of 13
NCAA-II Nationals	Team: 5 of 24

Enduring the terrain of the course, members of the men's cross country team set their paces at the Ted Lloyd Invitational Oct. 11 at Harding University. Both the men's and women's teams placed first at the invitational. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

Waiting for the snap of the football, freshman defensive lineman Justin Currie and senior defensive tackle Philip King position themselves on the defensive line against the North Alabama offense Sept. 20. Senior linebacker Tim Polk led Harding's defense with nine tackles in the game against the Lions. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

Senior captains Santiago Collins, Philip King, Tim Polk and Marco Cole enter the field with clasped hands as they prepare for the opening coin toss Oct. 18. The Bison football team played with 12 seniors during the 2003 season. (Photo by Amy Beene)



**"I envision** what I want to do during a **game.** This **helps** to make those **things** happen during the actual **game.**"

// Adam Lybrand, sophomore



(Photo by Amy Beene)

## numbers on the field

**1924** marked the first year for a football team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**42** football games were started by senior Justin Beller at right guard during his four-year football career at Harding.

**47** touchdown passes completed during senior quarterback Freddy Langston's four-year career demolished the school touchdown record.

**86** consecutive football games have been completed without a shutout. This streak dates back to the 1995 season.

## 2003 scoreboard

East Central	W 28-27
North Alabama	L 3-38
Arkansas Tech	L 9-10
West Alabama	W 26-21
West Georgia	W 25-21
Henderson State	W 34-33
Arkansas-Monticello	L 21-35
Delta State	L 21-38
Southern Arkansas	L 19-24
Ouachita Baptist	L 18-26

## pair of victories **PROVIDED** a positive outlook

After concluding the 2002 season with Harding's best record in 30 years of 9-2, the Bisons stamped excitedly into the 2003 season.

However, posting a 4-6 record this year, the Bison football team finished with a losing season.

Although their stampeding did not produce a winning season, the football team won two noteworthy games.

The team won Harding's 500th football game Oct. 11 against West Georgia, and it won its 14th consecutive Homecoming game Oct. 18 against Henderson State.

In the game against West Georgia, the Bisons fell behind the Braves 21-10 at halftime. A fourth-quarter comeback, however, provided the Bisons with a 25-21 victory.

"The comeback victory in the 500th football game kept the crowd on their toes," junior offensive lineman Eric Foy said. "Fans were excited about the game, and I was honored to be a part of the landmark event in Harding's history."

The Bisons entered the Homecoming game aware of their winning streak. They also remembered how the Henderson State Reddies upset them 29-8 in last year's matchup of the two teams.

The winning streak gained prominence in the minds of the players as the team squeezed past the Reddies in a 34-33 victory.

"For me, I will probably always remember this year's Homecoming game," senior defensive tackle Philip King said. "It could've been easy for us to get distracted with all the activities and hype that comes along with Homecoming, but we managed to play as a team. This gave us a win."

Head coach Randy Tribble said this year did its job as a rebuilding season.

"From a coach's perspective, it is always disappointing to have a losing season," Tribble said. "We were unable to win close ball games, but the main goal of the season was to rebuild. I am extremely lucky to have a group of guys that desire to perform their best."

— Emily Sane

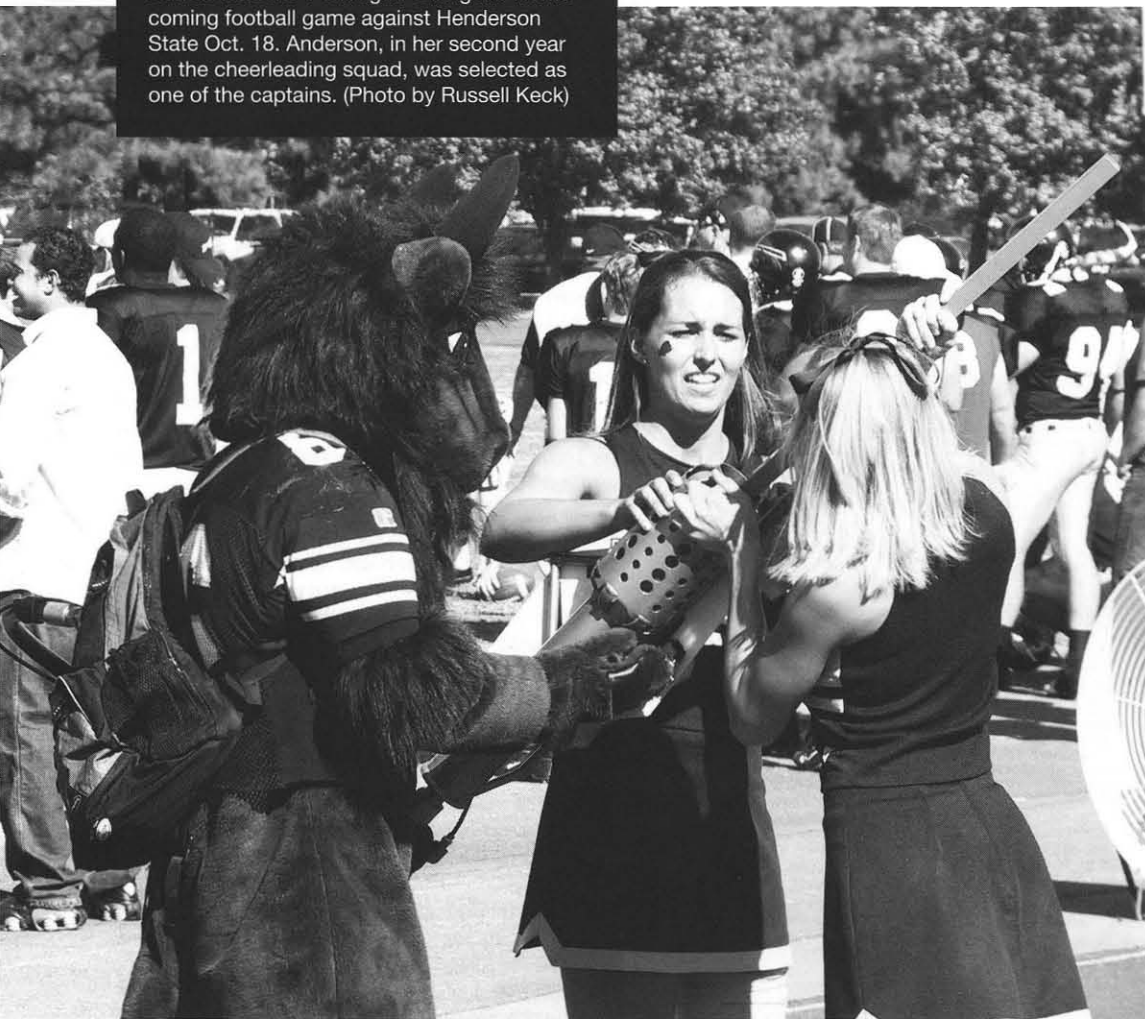
### **Establishing Dominance**

**Breaking through the pack of players,** sophomore running back Dejuan Patton sprints for a touchdown against Southern Arkansas Nov. 8. Patton ran for his only touchdown of the season against the Southern Arkansas Muleriders. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



## Establishing Dominance

Sophomores **Cali Anderson** and Emily Ann Dumas load the T-shirt gun during the Homecoming football game against Henderson State Oct. 18. Anderson, in her second year on the cheerleading squad, was selected as one of the captains. (Photo by Russell Keck)



# reviving the school **MASCOT** to increase fan enthusiasm

A new member joined the cheerleading squad on the sideline during football season.

Buff the Bison, Harding's new mascot, provided entertainment as he interacted with cheerleaders and fans in the stands.

"I love that we've brought the mascot back to the games," senior Jamie Hughes said. "I just hope that we can work together and come up with new things to do during games."

Sophomore Jonathan Freese presented the idea of reviving the school mascot this fall to the cheerleaders. The cheerleading squad, along with Buff, increased fan enthusiasm by performing cheers and stunts and providing T-shirts and plastic footballs.

"We want to keep crowds involved during games," Hughes said. "If we build enthusiasm and spirit off the field, the team will know we support them on the field. Buff helps create excitement during games."

To continue building fan enthusiasm into basketball season, the cheerleading squad worked

with the pep band to increase the possibilities of routines performed during games.

"We've really been working hard with the band to come up with more upbeat songs because sometimes some of the songs the band performs do not really cater to cheerleading routines well," cheerleading advisor Kellee Blickenstaff said.

"We've even picked some of the songs so that we can do more routines to keep the Rhodes Rowdies rowdy," she said.

The cheerleaders committed themselves to increasing support of school sporting events.

"Cheerleading is more difficult than some people think," Hughes said. "We commit more time to practice than some people realize."

The squad's dedication and commitment allowed the members to perform advanced stunts and routines.

"The skills of the girls this year have been more advanced technically than that of prior years," Blinkenstaff said.

— Emily Sane

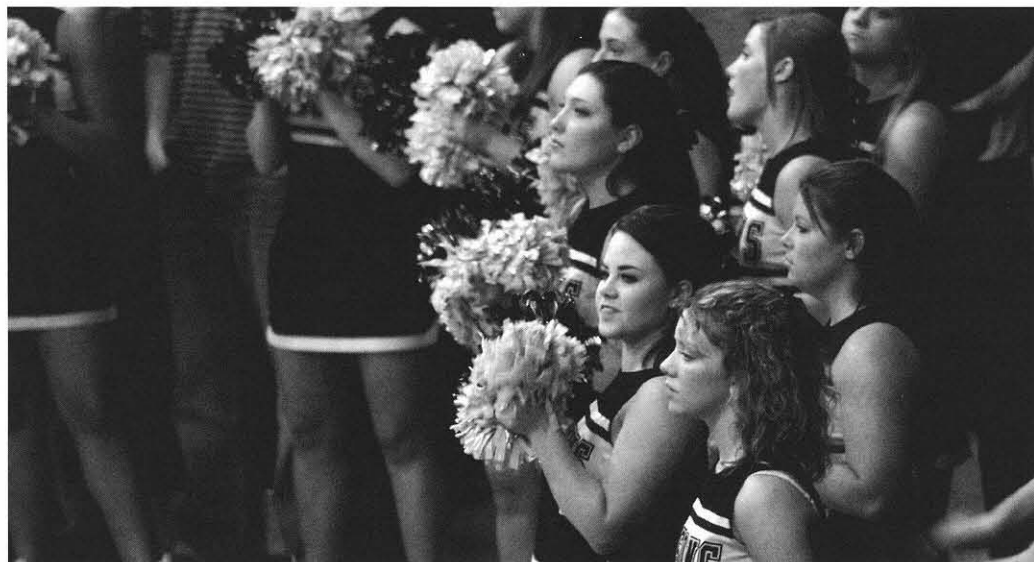
The cheerleading squad energizes the Rhodes Rowdies with a stunt during a timeout against Central Arkansas Jan. 19. "With the squad having an advanced level of skills, we've really been able to do a lot of stunts," Blickenstaff said. (Photo by Amy Beene)



(Photo by Amy Beene)

"During the **game**,  
I **make** eye contact  
with the **fans** in the crowd  
to **get** them as **excited**  
about the **game**  
as I am about it."

// Jamie Hughes, senior



Junior Kristen Carroll performs a cheer on the sideline Oct. 18 to encourage Bison fans during the Homecoming football game against Henderson State. The squad practiced 10 hours each week to learn cheers and stunts. (Photo by Amy Beene)

## numbers on the sideline

**1957** marked the first year for a cheerleading squad to cheer for an intercollegiate athletic event at Harding.

**16** members performed on the cheerleading squad, an addition of four members to Harding's traditional 12-member squad.

**2** seniors, Jamie Hughes and Tressa Tucker, cheered for four years at Harding.

**6** students served as Buff the Bison during athletic competitions, including senior Alicia Bright, juniors Logan Light and Aaron Miller, sophomore Jonathan Freese, and freshmen Brittney Abbott and Marshall Sexson.

Members of the cheerleading squad stand on the court sideline in anticipation of their next routine at the men's basketball game against Christian Brothers Feb. 19. "We want to keep crowds involved during games," senior Jamie Hughes said. (Photo by Renee Lewis)

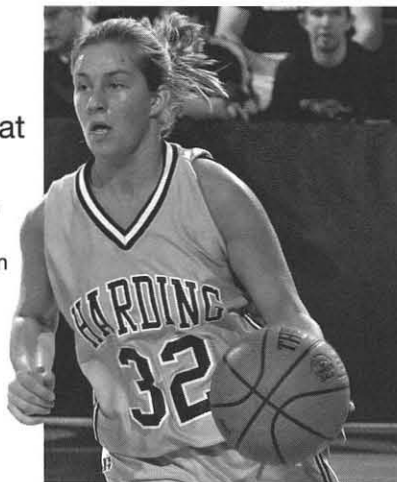
Playing as the Lady Bison's sole senior, forward Tiffany Phillips receives a standing ovation after her final game at the Rhodes Field House Feb. 26 against Arkansas Tech. Phillips became the third Lady Bison basketball player in history to be recognized as a Gulf South Conference West Division Player of the Week. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

Freshman guard Laura Broadwater sticks closely to her opponent to prevent a Christian Brothers' basket at the Rhodes Field House Feb. 19. Broadwater tied for first place in assists and steals for the Lady Bisons. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



"Before I go to a game,  
I look at scouting reports.  
I look at the players that  
I'll be guarding and  
their strengths and weaknesses."

// Angie Tackett, freshman



(Photo by Curtis Seright)

## numbers on the court

**1983** marked the first year for a women's basketball team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**345** free throws made out of 479 attempted by the Lady Bisons resulted in a season free throw percentage of .720. This percentage placed the team in third out of 17 teams in the Gulf South Conference for free throw percentage.

**27** games started by senior Tiffany Phillips, the only Lady Bison to start every game this season.

## 2003-2004 scoreboard

Incarnate Word	L 61-68
Lyon	W 87-59
Texas Women's	W 69-64
Midwestern State	L 40-64
Arkansas Baptist	W 82-67
St. Francis	L 56-73
Hannibal-LeGrange	W 71-65
Northwestern State	L 48-84
Southwest Baptist	L 54-62
St. Edwards	L 54-79
Incarnate Word	L 46-77
Delta State	L 43-77
Arkansas-Monticello	L 48-65
Southern Arkansas	L 61-75
Central Arkansas	L 61-87
Christian Brothers	L 46-61
Ouachita Baptist	L 55-67
Arkansas Tech	L 39-79
Henderson State	L 55-70
Delta State	L 44-67
Arkansas-Monticello	W 77-72
Southern Arkansas	L 47-63
Central Arkansas	L 65-91
Christian Brothers	L 48-71
Ouachita Baptist	L 62-75
Arkansas Tech	L 59-64
Henderson State	L 34-84

# losing streak **SNAPPED** in overtime victory

## Establishing Dominance

**Keeping the basketball in play**, sophomore Haley Hammond thrusts the ball around an Arkansas-Monticello defender Feb. 9 at the Rhodes Field House. Hammond scored the second highest number of points in a game for the Lady Bisons with 13 against the Cotton Blossoms. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



Instead of misfortune, the number 13 resulted in luck for the Lady Bisons this year.

The team snapped its 13-game losing streak Feb. 9 with a 77-72 overtime victory against the Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Blossoms.

The Lady Bisons tipped off their Gulf South Conference play Jan. 8 with a 77-43 loss to Delta State, and the team continued to battle for its first conference win of the season as they entered the Rhodes Field House to meet Arkansas-Monticello.

As the team faced its longest losing streak in the history of Lady Bison basketball, team members struggled for improvements on the court. The previous record of 10 consecutive losses occurred in the 1989-90 season.

"We tried to work as hard as we could to overcome the losses," freshman guard Angie Tackett said. "No one put down their heads, but it was uplifting to finally break the losing streak."

Three of the team's five wins this season were at home.

"The team would rather play at home in the Rhodes than away on the road," junior Jaime Simpkins said. "The site is familiar, and when a crowd shows up, the energy helps motivate us."

The team's determination led them to rank in the top 10 for free throw percentages and three-point field goals made in the Gulf South Conference.

Posting a .720 free throw percentage, the Lady Bisons ranked third out of the 17 GSC women's teams as they hit 345 of 479 free throws. The team ranked eighth in the conference in three-point field goals made by sending 133 through the basket.

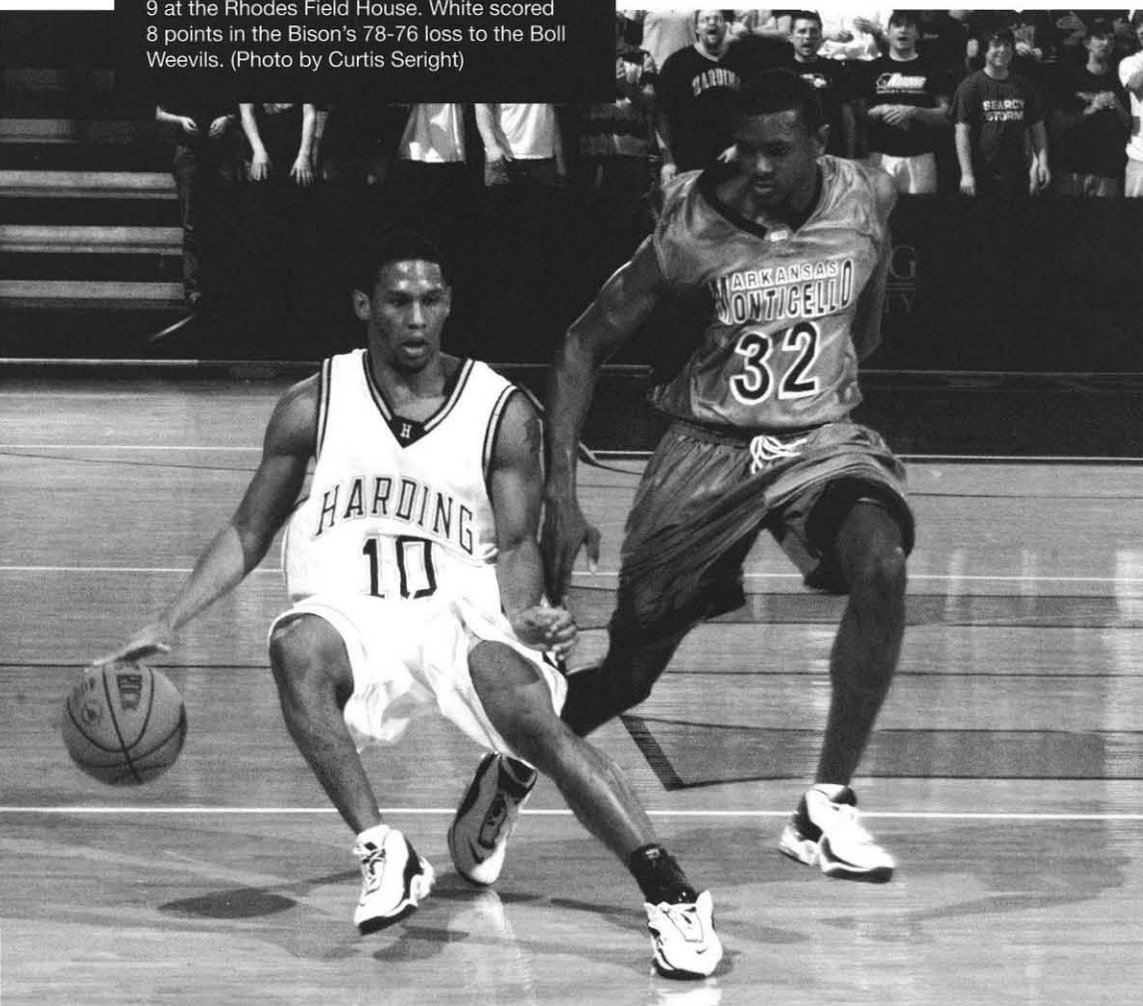
Although the loss column outweighed the win column, the team viewed the season as a time to learn and mature into a competitive force.

"Through our struggles, we have learned to keep our heads up," freshman guard Laura Broadwater said. "We may not post the highest numbers, but this season is a learning process to build numbers and carry our experiences into next season."

— Emily Sane

## Establishing Dominance

Junior guard Edward White shifts his feet to avoid an Arkansas-Monticello defender Feb. 9 at the Rhodes Field House. White scored 8 points in the Bison's 78-76 loss to the Boll Weevils. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



# winning campaign **CONCLUDES** with heartbreaking loss in Tupelo

The road to a 20-win season, a second-straight trip to the NCAA-II National Tournament and the careers of four Bisons hung in the balance as senior Darren McCrillis's 15-footer sailed toward the basket as time expired.

As the basketball rattled off the rim, the careers of McCrillis and three of his teammates ended faster than they began as the Bisons dropped a 78-77 heartbreaker to the University of West Georgia at the Gulf South Conference Tournament Quarterfinals in Tupelo, Miss., March 4.

Despite not making the national tournament field, the team was pleased with its campaign.

For the first time since joining the Gulf South Conference in 2000, the Bisons dropped three consecutive games in the confines of the Rhodes Field House. Ouachita Baptist, Henderson State and Arkansas-Monticello each downed the Bisons in Searcy.

Just when the season looked like it would collapse, the Bisons strung together a six-game

win streak, including victories over nationally-ranked Christian Brothers at home and Ouachita Baptist and Henderson State on the road.

Before this season, the Bisons had never defeated a nationally-ranked opponent.

The winning streak allowed the Bisons to earn the third seed at the GSC tournament and secure a ninth place ranking in the South Regional standings before the tournament.

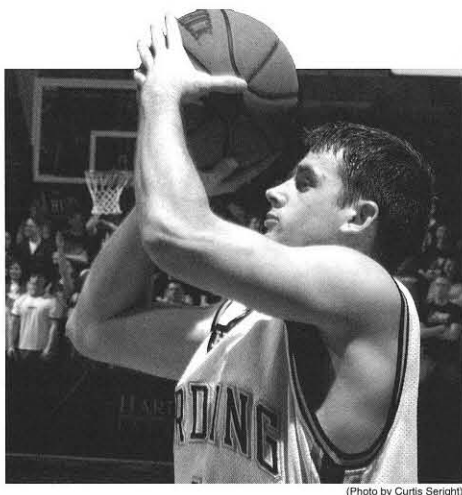
"We played well enough to get back into regional rankings," head coach Jeff Morgan said. "No one thought we could win the games we did. [The team] did a great job of getting itself into the position to make nationals."

As the curtain fell on the season, it also fell on the careers of four seniors: forward Jay Brogdon, center Yahaya Ibrihim, McCrillis and forward/center Chad Ware.

The team's 11 returning players for the 2004-05 season planned to take the Bisons to a fourth-straight visit to the conference tournament.

—Matt Price

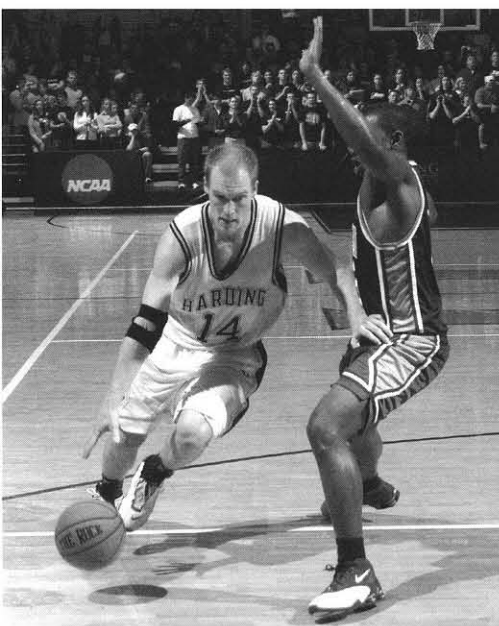
Red shirt freshman forward Matt Hall dunks the basketball Nov. 11 at the Rhodes Field House as an Arkansas Angels defender watches. The Bisons played the Angels, a traveling team, in an exhibition game. (Photo by Curtis Seright)



(Photo by Curtis Seright)

"I **try** to focus  
on our **matchups**.  
We **get** our **minds** right  
before our games so  
we will not be **distracted**  
on or off of the **court**."

// Darren McCrillis, senior



Senior forward/guard Chad Ware shields the ball from his Arkansas Tech defender as he works his way to the basket Feb. 26 at the Rhodes Field House. Ware ranked second in scoring in the Gulf South Conference, averaging 19.8 points per game. (Photo by Curtis Seright)

## numbers on the court

**1925** marked the first year for a men's basketball team to compete on an intercollegiate level at Harding.

**2** Bisons earned Gulf South Conference Players of the Year distinctions. Senior Chad Ware received West Division Player of the Year, and freshman Matt Hall received Freshman of the Year.

## 2003-2004 scoreboard

St. Edward's	W 83-58
Texas A&M-Commerce	W 74-71
Arkansas Baptist	W 87-75
Arkansas State	L 81-87
Science and Arts Oklahoma	W 81-74
Arkansas-Little Rock	L 56-90
Drury	W 93-87
Southwest Baptist	W 89-77
Montevallo	W 81-74
Alabama-Huntsville	L 81-85
Drury	L 68-71
Delta State	W 90-79
Arkansas-Monticello	W 53-51
Southern Arkansas	W 75-74
Central Arkansas	W 85-68
Christian Brothers	L 68-82
Ouachita Baptist	L 71-76
Arkansas Tech	W 98-73
Henderson State	L 68-72
Delta State	L 86-105
Arkansas-Monticello	L 76-78
Southern Arkansas	W 89-64
Central Arkansas	W 82-81
Christian Brothers	W 73-61
Ouachita Baptist	W 83-73
Arkansas Tech	W 88-76
Henderson State	W 78-66
GSC Tournament	
West Georgia	L 77-78

Men's head basketball coach Jeff Morgan reviews upcoming strategies with his players during a time-out at the Gulf South Conference tournament in Tupelo, Miss., March 4. During the Bisons' campaign to the tournament, Morgan surpassed his 200th career victory. (Photo by Curtis Seright)