

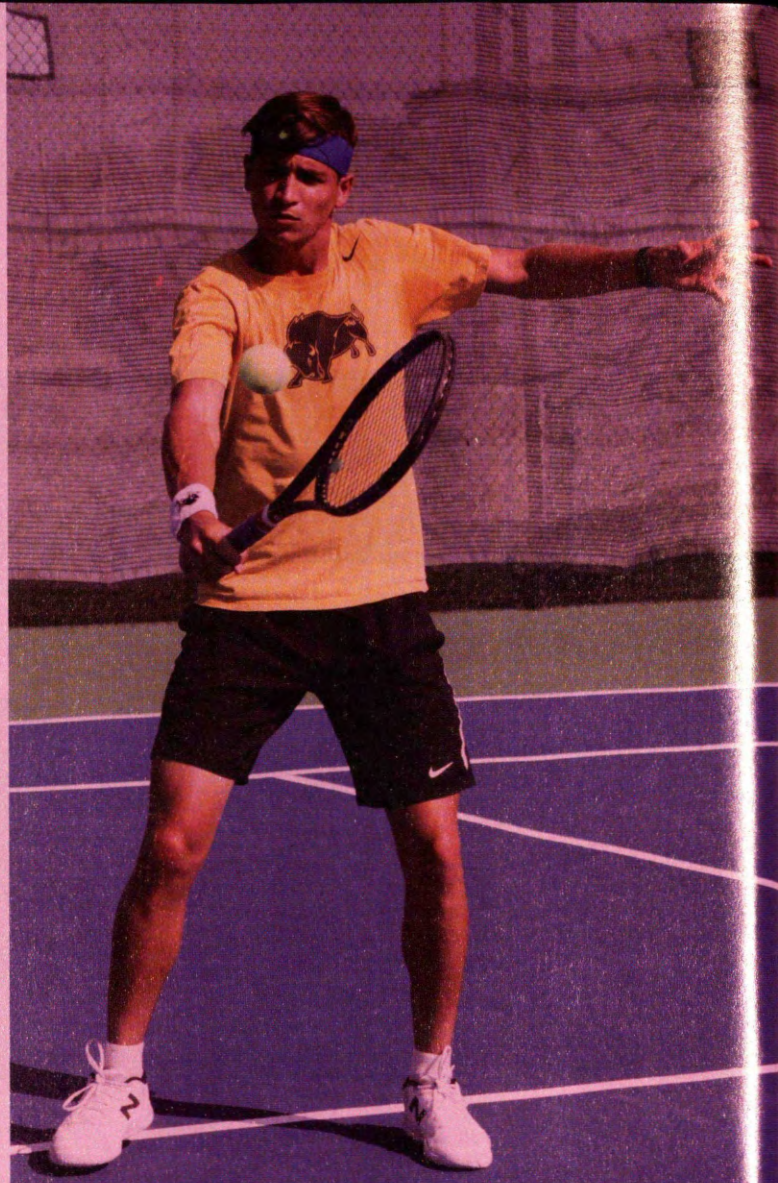
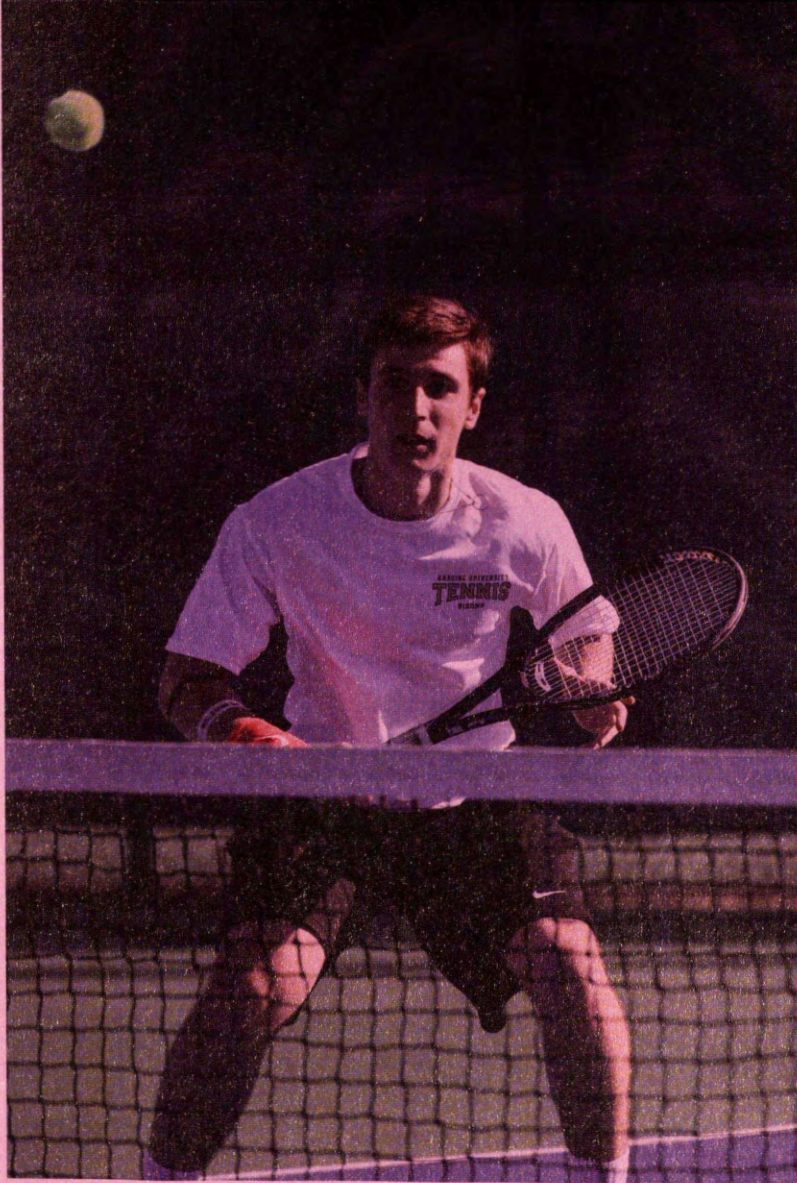
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## **WORDS & SECTION** *by Megan Lee*

We all had something we were passionate about, something we strove for and something we dedicated our lives to. For some students, it was athletics. There were several different types of sports, with multiple rules and regulations. At the end of it all, after the long practices, hours of traveling and every win and loss, one thing remained the same: you were an athlete. You pushed yourself to become the best at what you do because you loved it. You worked harder to play harder. You alone were just one individual, but, when you came together with others, you made up a team of people who built themselves up to do great things, to become athletes, to become champions.



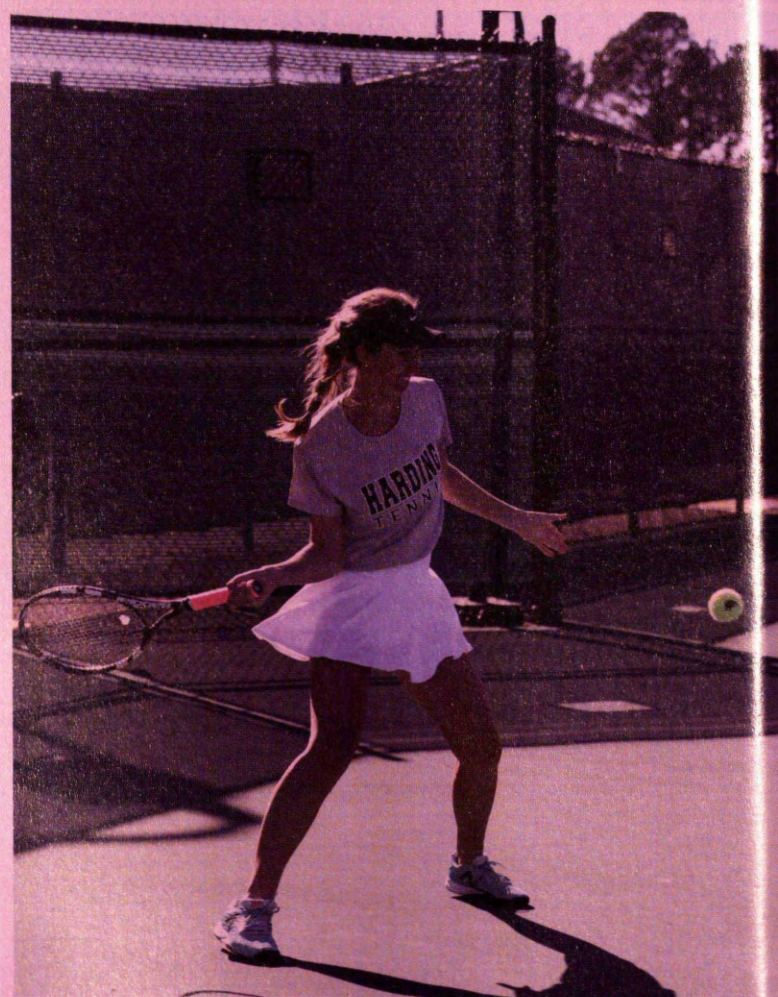


## MEN'S SCOREBOARD:

Seward County Community College // 1-8, L  
 McMurry University // 9-0, W  
 Collin College // 6-3, W  
 Hendrix College // 9-0, W  
 Southwest Baptist University // 0-9, L  
 Mississippi College // 7-2, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 1-8, L  
 University of Arkansas Fort Smith // 8-1, W  
 University of Nebraska at Kearney // 0-9, L  
 Drury University // 1-8, L  
 Northwest Missouri State University // 0-9, L  
 Emporia State University // 5-1, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 3-6, L  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 5-4, W  
 University of Arkansas Pine Bluff // 6-1, W  
 University of Arkansas Fort Smith // 7-2, W  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 6-3, L  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 1-5, L

## WOMEN'S SCOREBOARD:

McMurry University // 9-0, W  
 Collin College // 8-1, W  
 Hendrix College // 9-0, W  
 Northeastern State University // 0-9, L  
 University of Arkansas Fort Smith // 5-4, W  
 University of Nebraska at Kearney // 2-7, L  
 Drury University // 2-7, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 9-0, W  
 Northwest Missouri State University // 5-4, W  
 Rhodes College // 9-0, W  
 Emporia State University // 8-1, W  
 University of Central Oklahoma // 3-5, L  
 Southern Nazarene University // 8-1, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 9-0, W  
 Henderson State University // 7-2, W  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 3-6, L  
 University of Arkansas Pine Bluff // 7-0, W  
 University of Arkansas Fort Smith // 7-2, W  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 7-2, L  
 Arkansas Tech University // 8-1, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 5-3, W  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 1-5, L





# AT HOME AND ABROAD

## TENNIS TEAM CELEBRATES DIVERSITY

WORDS *Cayleigh Thomas* // PHOTOS *Jeff Montgomery & Ryann Heim*

**I**n 2018, the men and women's tennis teams collectively had 15 team members, ten of whom were international students. Men's tennis coach David Redding said they were more successful because of the diversity of the teams.

"I received thousands of emails for recruitment," Redding said. "It took a long time to decide [on] and interview [candidates]."

Redding emailed and Skyped with many international students whom he considered to be a good fit for Harding.

"I asked a lot of questions to determine what kind of environment they grew up in," Redding said. "Many international students come from cultures that are highly different from Harding, so it was challenging to attempt to sign a player based on only a few emails and Skype conversations."

Junior Carlos Crisostomo, from Santiago, Chile, started playing tennis when he was 6 years old, and started training and playing competitively when he was 12.

In the 2017-18 season, Crisostomo made the quarter finals of singles in regionals and won the doubles fall conference tournament with his doubles partner, sophomore Luis Tirado, from La Paz, Bolivia.

Crisostomo said that the tennis team's diversity was one of the things he liked the most about his time at Harding.

"We are about 10 people from many different countries, and I considered them my second family," Crisostomo said. "They made things easier especially when things weren't good for one of us. We knew we always had someone with us."

Crisostomo chose Harding with the help of former head coach Marco Ruiz.

"Ruiz was very interested in bringing me to Harding," Crisostomo said. "He made me feel like Harding was a great fit for me as a player and a great school to get my degree."

Junior Gabriella Alves joined the team from São Paulo, Brazil. She started playing tennis when she was 5 years old because her parents played tennis.

In the 2016-17 season, she only lost five matches in singles, and in the 2017-18 season, she was the runner-up in the Great American Conference tournament and made it to the finals in her bracket.

Because of the family dynamic of the team, Alves felt supported to do her best.

"The team was mostly from different countries, but for most of us, our culture was similar," Alves said. "I enjoyed it especially in situations where we all saw something differently and had different opinions."

Senior Adria Abella prepares to swing at a ball served to him on Feb. 25, 2017, at the Harding University tennis courts. Abella comes to Harding from Lleida, Spain and was named a Great American Conference Distinguished Scholar in 2016 and 2017. // Courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

Senior Neto Cacace practices his swing at the Harding University tennis courts on April 19, 2017. Cacace came to Harding from Sao Paulo, Brazil. // Photo by Ryann Heim

Alumna Piper Huey swings at the ball the opponent served her on Feb. 25, 2017, at the Harding University tennis courts. Harding defeated the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith with a final score of 5-4. // Courtesy of Jeff Montgomery



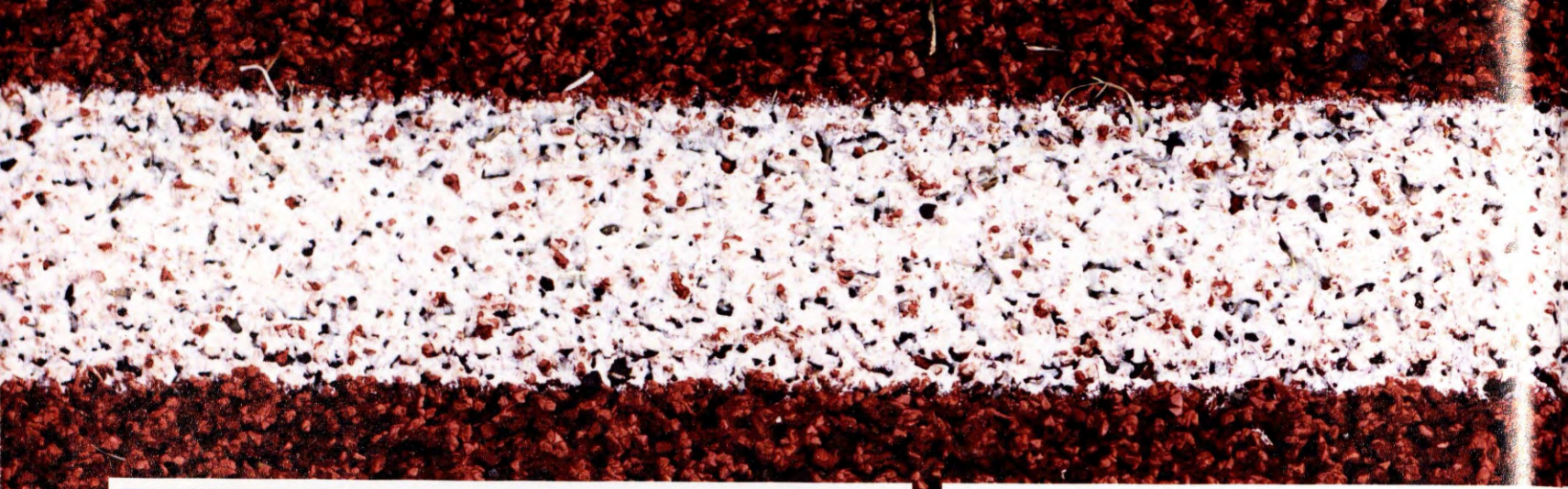






Photo by Abigail Cooper

# BACK-TO-BACK IN THE GAC

TRACK & FIELD WINS SUCCESSIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WORDS *Caitlin Denton* // PHOTOS *Abigail Cooper, Evan Swearingen & Amanda Floyd*

**A**t the end of the 2016-17 school year, Harding athletics won the Great American Conference (GAC) All-Sports trophy due in part to having three athletic teams ranked in the top 10.

The track team was one of these three teams, retaining the GAC championship title for the second year in a row. Harding's track team hosted the GAC conference tournament in 2016 and 2017, winning on their home turf at Ted Lloyd track. Coach Steve Guymon praised his team on their accomplishments.

"It was exciting and rewarding watching the 2017 team win the title," Guymon said. "We had lost 22 seniors from the 2016 team and to watch this [new] group accomplish it again was special."

Senior Raianne Mason was a part of both seasons and was excited at the beginning of the 2016-17 season, knowing that, although the team changed, they were still a strong roster.

"We got a lot of new members on the team, and that is really exciting because it means more events, more points," Mason said. "It is really cool to see these [new teammates] grow."

Not only did the team win the 2017 GAC championship title, but

many individual team members won other awards as well. Senior Josh Syrotchen earned the Most Outstanding Athlete honor for the second-straight year and won three of the throwing events: hammer, discus and shot put. Harding coaches also received honors. Guymon won both Coach of the Year awards.

"Coach of the Year is a nice honor, but we, as the coaches, only receive these due to the hard work, the efforts and [the] accomplishments [of] the team," Guymon said.

During this time, Harding athletes set new school records. The women's team set two new indoor records, one of which being the 4x400 relay team. The team included Mason, alumna Ashley Reinhert, sophomore Chelsea Howard and junior Kaylin Turley, who all helped to shave more than five seconds off the previous record.

Even in the midst of championship titles and awards, the team recognized their purpose, which was encouraging one another.

"Our team is like a family," Turley said. "It's honestly one of the biggest blessings I could have asked for. We are constantly pushing each other to do better and be better on and off the track."

Senior Kirstie Smith runs for the Harding women's track team in the Great American Conference Track and Field Championship on April 22, 2017, at Ted Lloyd Track. She placed second in the 10,000-meter race. // Photo by Amanda Floyd

Senior Josh Syrotchen practices his shotput technique on March 28, 2017, at First Security Stadium. He was named the Most Outstanding Athlete for his performance on the men's track team for the second year in a row. // Photo by Evan Swearingen







# PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE

## BASEBALL TEAM COMBINES MISSION WORK AND TEAM WORK

WORDS *Luke Theisen* // PHOTOS *Jeff Montgomery*

**I**n summer 2017, the Nicaraguan little league baseball team was able to visit the United States because of Dr. Andrew Baker, assistant professor of Bible and director of the Mitchell Center, and team coach Colette Price, through the sponsorship of Misión para Cristo, a missionary organization directed by Baker's parents.

"We've established a relationship with those kids that will last a lifetime," Baker said. "We're facilitating that relationship."

During December, the Harding baseball team helped by taking a mission trip to Nicaragua. Forty-one players, coaches and family members made the trip, which lasted Dec. 16-Dec. 23.

According to head coach Patrick McGaha, the trip was a great opportunity for the team to learn more about how to help others.

"As a coaching staff, we're always trying to find ways for our guys to be able to have some kind of outreach and be able to do what they can as far as giving back," McGaha said. "I thought it would be a great chance for us to do mission work and be able to help, hopefully, the community there and also a chance for us to bond as a team and really to take some of the lessons that we learn as athletes

and put them into practice."

On top of working with the little league team, the Bisons also facilitated a Vacation Bible School event, built houses, helped with demolition, put on baseball clinics and played some baseball games against Nicaraguan teams.

For senior infielder Grant Guest, the team's trip to Nicaragua was a great way to gain perspective.

"This trip means more to our team than winning a national [championship]," Guest said. "[If] we could go this whole season and not win a game but go down there and maybe win some hearts for the Lord, [in] the end that's going to be the most important thing."

According to McGaha, NCAA rules stated that a team could take one international trip every four years, which was usually used to get some extra practice. McGaha knew that the Bisons could do that while also helping people.

"We want [the team] to be able to put some principles into practice that we talk about all the time in athletics," McGaha said. "The principles of hard work and all the time you put in as an athlete [carries] over into being able to work for the Lord."

**I** Several players from the Nicaraguan little league team sit on the sideline and wait for the game to begin on at the Harding Intramural Fields on July 17, 2017. The Nicaraguan team traveled to the U.S. as a result of careful planning by Dr. Andrew Baker and team coach Colette Price. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

### SCOREBOARD:

Delta State University // 7-9, L  
Delta State University // 4-5, L  
Delta State University // 0-1, L  
St. Edward's University // 6-3, W  
St. Edward's University // 3-10, L  
St. Edward's University // 0-16, L  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 9-1, W  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 5-6, L  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 5-3, W  
Union University // 5-6, L  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 1-6, L  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 1-7, L  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 3-0, W  
University of Arkansas at Monticello // 1-8, L  
Henderson State University // 3-5, L  
Henderson State University // 0-2, L  
Henderson State University // 0-3, L  
Hendrix College 4-7, L

Ouachita Baptist University // 5-2, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 4-3, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 11-8, W  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 0-10, L  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 0-6, L  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 3-12, L  
Union University // 5-3, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 6-3, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 6-4, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 5-8, L  
Arkansas Tech University // 5-4, W  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 1-9, L  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 4-5, L  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 1-11, L  
Lane College // 13-3, W  
East Central University // 5-2, W  
East Central University // 5-3, W  
East Central University // 2-0, W

Hendrix College // 11-7, W  
Southern Arkansas University // 9-12, L  
Southern Arkansas University // 6-9, L  
Southern Arkansas University // 0-7, L  
Ouachita Baptist University // 7-6, W  
University of Arkansas at Monticello // 9-4, W  
University of Arkansas at Monticello // 14-7, W  
University of Arkansas at Monticello // 2-3, L  
Williams Baptist College // 10-2, W  
Williams Baptist College // 6-2, W  
Arkansas Tech University // 3-19, L  
Arkansas Tech University // 6-2, L  
Arkansas Tech University // 5-14, L  
Arkansas Tech University // 6-4, W  
Arkansas Tech University // 4-8, L  
Arkansas Tech University // 6-10, L



# DOMINATING THE DIAMOND

## SOFTBALL CELEBRATES BEST YEAR YET

WORDS *Garrett White* // PHOTOS *Jeff Montgomery*

**T**hough the program had only been around for four years, the Harding softball team continued to challenge itself to improve with each new season. The Lady Bisons found great success in the 2017 season with a conference record of 40-4 and overall record of 58-9. Beginning on May 18, 2017, Harding, ranked No. 2 in the country, hosted the NCAA Division II Central Regional and played against Minnesota State (MSU), ranked sixth, in a best-of-three-game series. The Lady Bisons fell to MSU in the third game of the series.

Lady Bisons head softball coach Phil Berry was pleased with his team and how well they competed. He said the team continued to rise and succeed since the program's inception in fall 2013.

"We had laid the foundation with the team that started four years ago," Berry said. "That group of freshmen were seniors, and we supplemented their talents with additional talents for [successive] years, so the maturity of those seniors and an exceptionally talented pitching staff last year all came together to enable us to have a pretty special year."

Senior Madison Wickline, a manager for the Lady Bisons and also a former player, was a part of the program's start in 2013. According to Wickline, no one expected the Lady Bisons to be such a success at the start of the first season.

"[There were] no expectations, and no other team was really expecting us to do much," Wickline said. "We ended up with a winning record and made it to the conference tournament."

The same amount of dedication was carried into the 2017 season, as the Lady Bisons played passionately until the very end.

"Last season was so special because everyone who had come in for the first year of the program was in their senior year," Wickline said. "It was so cool to see the team grow and evolve from a team who knew nothing my freshman year to an elite ball club that won the conference and was one of the top ten teams in the nation last year."

Junior Peyton Mills agreed with Wickline, noting that the Lady Bisons' performance was something she was thrilled to have experienced.

"Last year was an amazing season," Mills said. "I couldn't have asked for anything better. I'm glad I got to experience it with such a hardworking and dynamic team and coaching staff."

With only six returning players and nine new freshman for the next season, Berry looked forward to the challenge that came with a reset team.

"We believe in the talent we've brought in," Berry said. "And we look forward to the opportunity to see what we can do this year. But, I know already in the short two weeks that we've been out there working, they're prepared to compete effectively in our conference."

Sophomore Autumn Humes pitches to the Henderson State University (HSU) player at bat on March 4, 2017, at Jerry Moore Field. Harding won both games against HSU. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

Alumni Mackenzie Jones catches the ball at the NCAA Super Regional Tournament against Minnesota State University (MSU) on May 19, 2017, at Jerry Moore Field. MSU took home the victory against Harding. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

Junior Alexis Lawellin swings at the ball at the NCAA Super Regional Tournament against Minnesota State University (MSU) on May 19, 2017, at the Jerry Moore Field. MSU defeated Harding, eliminating the Lady Bisons from the tournament. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

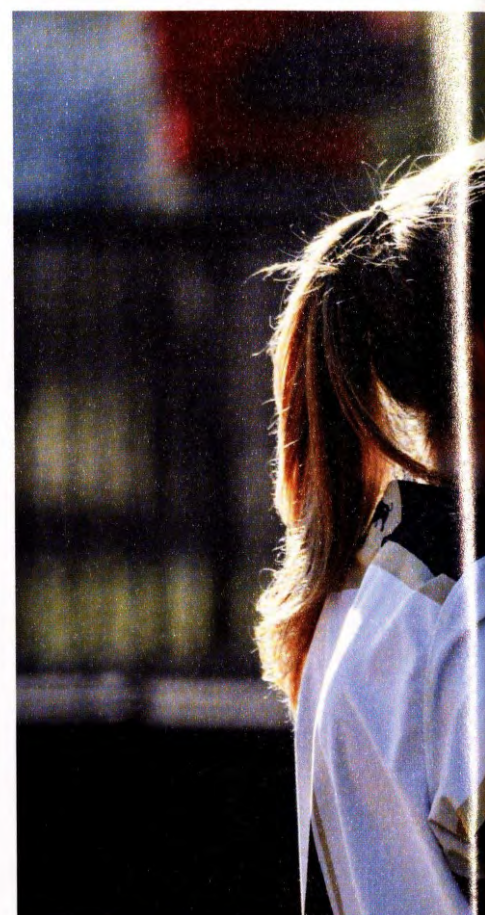
Alumni Mackenzie Jones and Amanda Berdon and sophomore Kimberly Slaughter stop to encourage each other before the next play begins on March 4, 2017, at the Jerry Moore Field. The win over HSU was the first series sweep since Harding won all four games at Northwestern Oklahoma University last season. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

### SCOREBOARD:

Missouri University of Science and Technology // 7-6, W  
Missouri University of Science and Technology // 11-4, W  
University Of Missouri - St. Louis // 2-1, W  
Missouri Western State University // 8-0, W  
Northwest Missouri State University // 1-0, W  
Pittsburg State University // 3-0, W  
Minnesota State University - Mankato // 0-1, L  
University Of Central Missouri // 7-0, W  
Emporia State University // 5-3, W  
University Of Nebraska At Kearney // 4-7, L  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 4-5, L  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 6-4, W

Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 2-0, W  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 9-1, W  
Henderson State University // 6-2, W  
Henderson State University // 3-2, W  
Henderson State University // 12-1, W  
Henderson State University // 3-0, W  
Christian Brothers University // 8-0, W  
Christian Brothers University // 8-4, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 5-3, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 5-4, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 7-0, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 11-0, W

Oklahoma Baptist University // 2-0, W  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 8-0, W  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 8-0, W  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 3-0, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 10-6, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 20-3, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 6-2, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 17-5, W  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 2-1, W  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 7-2, W  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 4-3, W  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 8-0, W





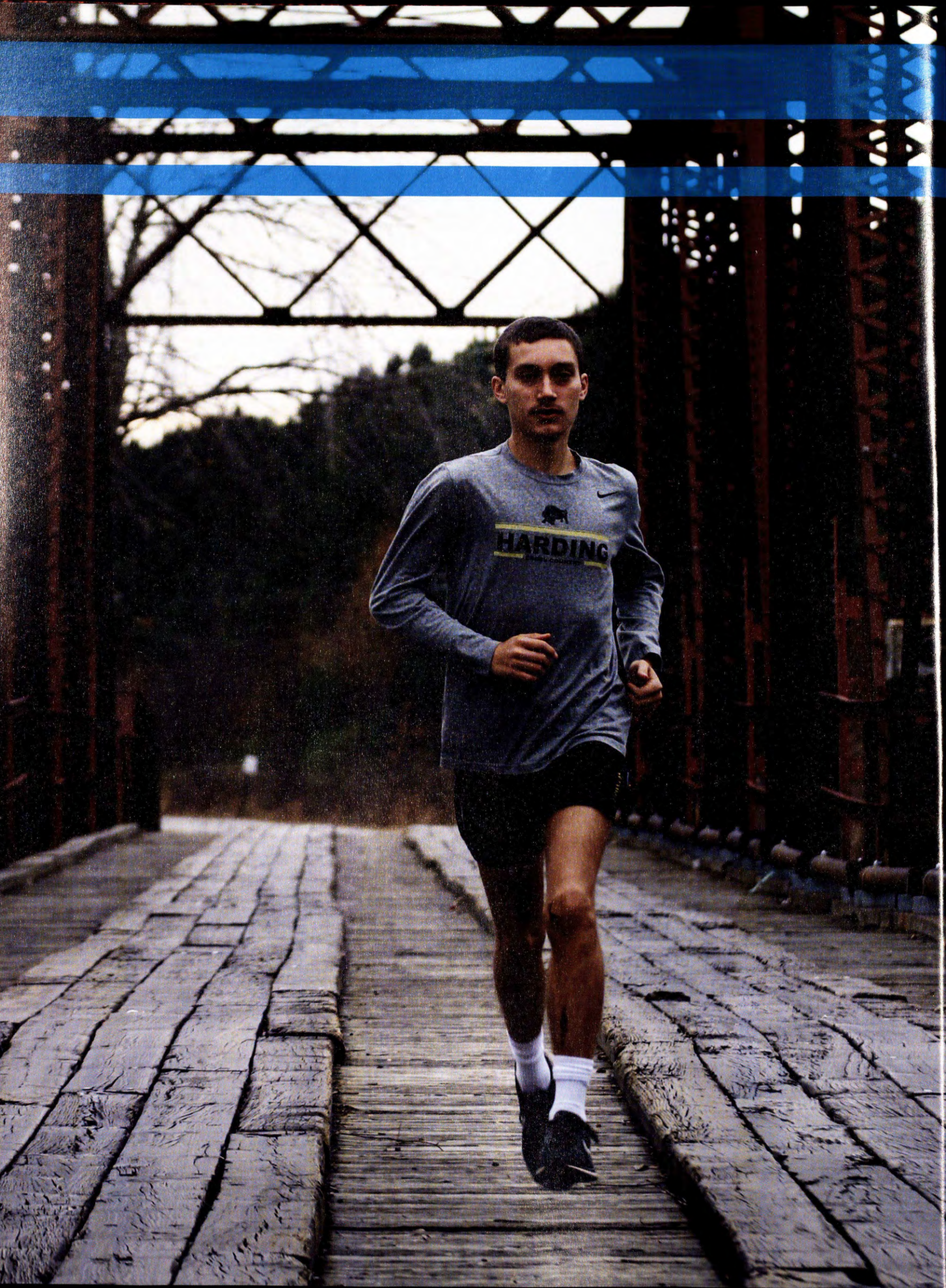


Arkansas Tech University // 4-3, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 1-0, W  
 East Central University // 0-1, L  
 East Central University // 11-1, W  
 East Central University // 8-0, W  
 East Central University // 10-0, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 4-0, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 2-1, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 3-1, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 1-0, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 1-2, L  
 Arkansas Tech University // 2-1, W

University Of Arkansas At Monticello // 7-5, W  
 University Of Arkansas At Monticello // 3-0, W  
 University Of Arkansas At Monticello // 0-4, L  
 University Of Arkansas At Monticello // 12-3, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 7-2, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 3-0, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 4-2, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 8-0, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 3-1, W  
 University Of Arkansas At Monticello // 2-0, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 4-0, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 9-2, W

Missouri Western State University // 8-0, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 7-2, W  
 Winona State University // 2-3, L  
 Winona State University // 4-3, W  
 Minnesota State University // 0-1, L  
 Minnesota State University // 3-2, W  
 Minnesota State University // 6-7, W









# GOODSPEED'S GOT SPEED

## SENIOR SAW SUCCESS IN CROSS COUNTRY CAREER

WORDS *Matthew King* // PHOTOS *Kazu Fujisawa*

**S**enior Lucas Goodspeed had been part of the men's cross country and track team for the four years he was at Harding. His running career had seen many victories, including earning 10th overall at Memphis Twilight, the first race of the season, on Sept. 2, 2017, which placed him second among the non-Division 1 runners. For Goodspeed's second race of the 2017 season, Southern Stampede, on Sept. 16, he was also Harding's best runner, making him Harding's top runner for the seventh time in his career.

Goodspeed said, looking back on his success in college, it was interesting to think back on his time in high school where he did not even run competitively.

"Distance running is a weird thing," Goodspeed said. "It's not something that's for everybody."

This was once true for Goodspeed, because the sport he was most passionate about early in high school was not running, but baseball. However, once he reevaluated his skillset, he switched to running.

"[The] summer after junior year I just gave up on baseball," Goodspeed said. "Senior year was the first-time running was a priority."

After switching sports, Goodspeed continued to run because of the sports' laidback feel.

"It didn't feel cutthroat," Goodspeed said. "I just really enjoyed it. [It] was [one] of those things that came naturally."

Though Goodspeed felt relaxed while running, he still worked hard for his successful results, according to senior Devon Hulse.

"He is one of the hardest workers on the team," Hulse said. "[He gets] up at [five-o'clock], runs with the team, [eats] breakfast and does homework before anybody else wakes up."

Fellow runner junior Camden Barrett also appreciated Goodspeed's skill and noted that it contributed to the overall team's success.

"He's extremely competitive," Barrett said. "He helps form and mold a team that we need to have to be able to win championships."

Goodspeed was thankful for the encouraging relationships he made with like-minded people on his team.

"Any success I've had to this point is a byproduct of [the] work ethic I've developed from being on this team," Goodspeed said. "The upperclassmen before me set a great example for me to follow and hopefully I'm doing the same thing."

Senior Lucas Goodspeed placed 10th place overall at the first cross country race of the season in Memphis, Tennessee, on Sept. 2, 2017. He has been on the cross country team at Harding for four years. // Photo by Kazu Fujisawa



# SUCCESSFUL SUCCESSOR

## FIRST YEAR AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH FOR PAUL SIMMONS

WORDS *Katherine West* // PHOTOS *Evan Swearingen*

**F**or the fall 2017 season, the football team had a new leader.

Paul Simmons took over as head coach for the Bisons, succeeding Ronnie Huckeba, who served as head coach for 11 years and was part of the coaching staff for 31 years.

Simmons, although new to the head coach position, had a long history with Harding University. He went to school at Harding and played for the football team under Huckeba. Simmons began his coaching career at Harding Academy in Memphis, Tennessee, but he decided to move his family back to Searcy 11 years ago.

"The decision to come back to Searcy and coach at Harding [was] really driven by my family," Simmons said.

For Simmons, the return felt a lot like coming home. Being a student and a player at Harding was an influence on the man he wanted to become.

"I have played for coaches who gave me a very clear example of what I didn't want to be, but I've also played for men that have absolutely changed my life as far as an example of how to be a Christian father and a Christian servant," Simmons said.

Senior running back Colby Webb said that Simmons' transition into

becoming head coach was easy because Simmons had been an important part of the team for so long. The dynamic of the team was the same as it had always been.

"We still have the same philosophies," Webb said. "Our slogan is 'Honor God,' and we've had that since Coach [Huckeba was] here."

Webb said the practices had become difficult because Simmons was intense, but only because he wanted his players to be the best they could become.

"If we're [going to] put in these kinds of hours and we're not having fun, we've got to get out of the business," Simmons said. "I think that this is a fantastic game, but it's too hard for it not to be fun."

Junior quarterback Terrence Dingle played for Harding for three years and agreed with Webb on the solidarity of the team.

"It's pretty much the same program," Dingle said. "It's the same feeling around the locker room. It's just [that] coach Simmons is the head coach now."

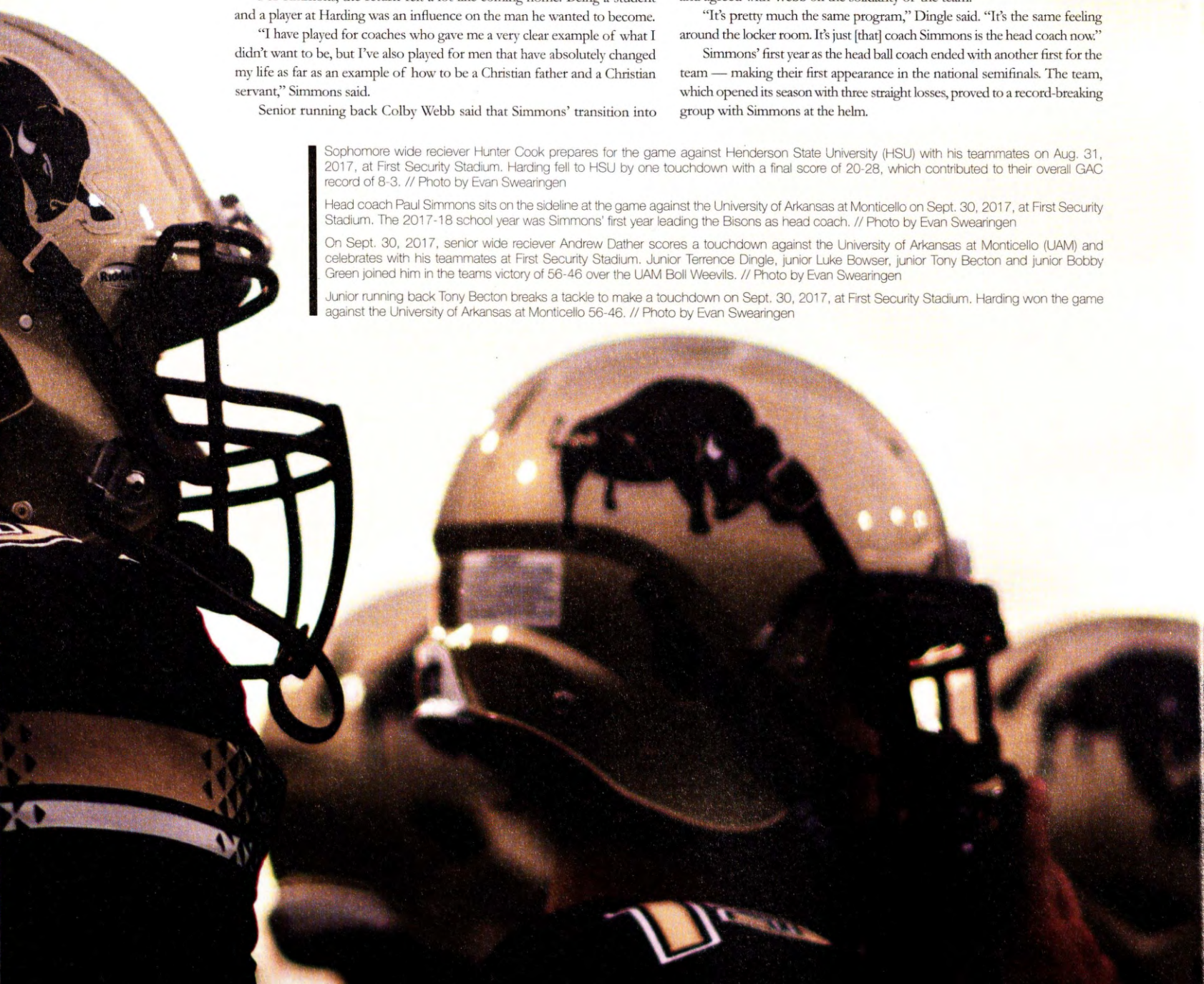
Simmons' first year as the head ball coach ended with another first for the team — making their first appearance in the national semifinals. The team, which opened its season with three straight losses, proved to a record-breaking group with Simmons at the helm.

Sophomore wide receiver Hunter Cook prepares for the game against Henderson State University (HSU) with his teammates on Aug. 31, 2017, at First Security Stadium. Harding fell to HSU by one touchdown with a final score of 20-28, which contributed to their overall GAC record of 8-3. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

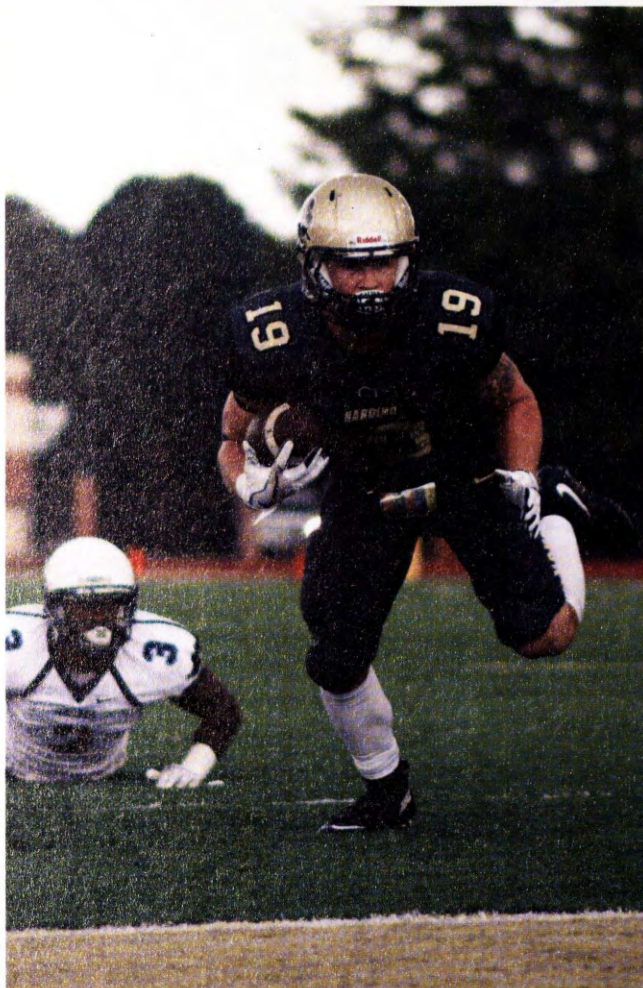
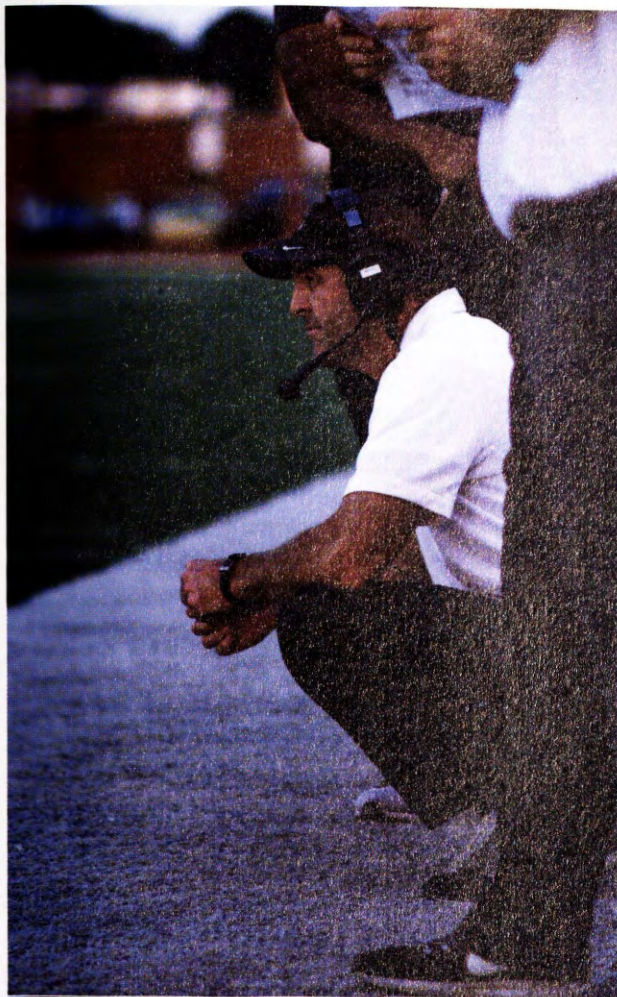
Head coach Paul Simmons sits on the sideline at the game against the University of Arkansas at Monticello on Sept. 30, 2017, at First Security Stadium. The 2017-18 school year was Simmons' first year leading the Bisons as head coach. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

On Sept. 30, 2017, senior wide receiver Andrew Dather scores a touchdown against the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) and celebrates with his teammates at First Security Stadium. Junior Terrence Dingle, junior Luke Bowser, junior Tony Becton and junior Bobby Green joined him in the team's victory of 56-46 over the UAM Boll Weevils. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

Junior running back Tony Becton breaks a tackle to make a touchdown on Sept. 30, 2017, at First Security Stadium. Harding won the game against the University of Arkansas at Monticello 56-46. // Photo by Evan Swearingen







## SCOREBOARD:

Henderson State University // 20-28, L  
 Southern Arkansas University // 24-35, L  
 Southern Nazarene University // 27-28, L  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 45-14, W  
 University of Arkansas at Monticello // 56-46, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 31-28, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 34-0, W  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 42-0, W

Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 42-3, W  
 East Central University // 44-13, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 24-17, W  
 University of Indianapolis // 27-24, W  
 Ashland University // 34-24, W  
 Ferris State University // 16-14, W  
 Texas A&M University-Commerce // 17-31, L



# BISONS SPIKE BACK

## VOLLEYBALL TEAM CELEBRATES BEST SEASON YET

WORDS *Katherine West* // PHOTOS *Jeff Montgomery*

**H**ead volleyball coach Meredith Fear had been coaching for over 10 years, but she said the 2017 volleyball season would forever hold a special place in her heart. In 2017, the women's volleyball team finished their season at 27-6. They were runners-up in both the regular season and tournament, but played at a higher level than previous seasons, according to Fear.

"They worked so hard all year and stayed motivated and united the entire way through," Fear said.

Junior Emily Clayton first started playing volleyball when she was nine years old. She said the bar for this season was set high and her expectations were right up there with it.

"The girls on this team are my family," Clayton said. "It really doesn't get any better than this team. We even exceeded my expectations by making it to the championships at the conference tournament."

Senior Taylor Mounts fell in love with volleyball when she was 10 and had been playing ever since. Because of her life-long love for the game, Mounts was thankful for her senior season.

"Record-wise, it's hard to beat 27-6," Mounts said. "I have been playing with this junior class for three years now and over that time we have developed a team chemistry that made us a tough competition. We fought harder, played tougher and used our experience to make smarter decisions on the court, and you can see the difference it made."

Through her time playing Harding volleyball, Mounts had made lasting friendships.

"If you ask me 10 years from now, I probably won't be able to tell you our record, but I'll still be able to tell you about every memory, laugh or inside joke," Mounts said. "My teammates are more than just friends; they are my family, and you don't ever forget family."

Fear said this team was a great group of women, and she was extremely proud of how they handled themselves both in big wins and in hard-fought losses.

"They represented [Harding] with incredible heart, work ethic and class," Fear said. "I will miss this combination of players but am looking forward to the future as well."

Junior middle blocker Zoe Hardin serves the ball in the match against Lyon College on Aug. 21, 2017, at the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. This was an exhibition game, Hardin's first game of the season. // Photo by Jeff Montgomery

On Sept. 26, 2017, senior defensive specialist Taylor Lake sets the ball for senior outside hitter Selena Foster against Ouachita Baptist University (OBU) at the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. Harding won all three matches they played against OBU. // Photo by Jeff Montgomery

Head Coach Meredith Fear and Assistant Coach Robert Fear gather with the team for a timeout during the exhibition game against Lyon College on Aug. 21, 2017, at the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. Meredith was in her fifth year as the head coach at Harding, and it was the first year for Robert to take the role of assistant coach. // Photo by Jeff Montgomery

### SCOREBOARD:

LeMoyne-Owen College // 3-0, W  
Tuskegee University // 3-0, W  
University of Alabama at Huntsville // 3-1, W  
Trevecca Nazarene University // 3-1, W  
Auburn University at Montgomery // 3-0, W  
Western New Mexico University // 3-0, W  
Malone University // 3-0, W  
University of West Alabama // 3-1, W  
Westminster College // 3-0, W  
Henderson State University // 3-0, W  
Washburn University // 3-2, W

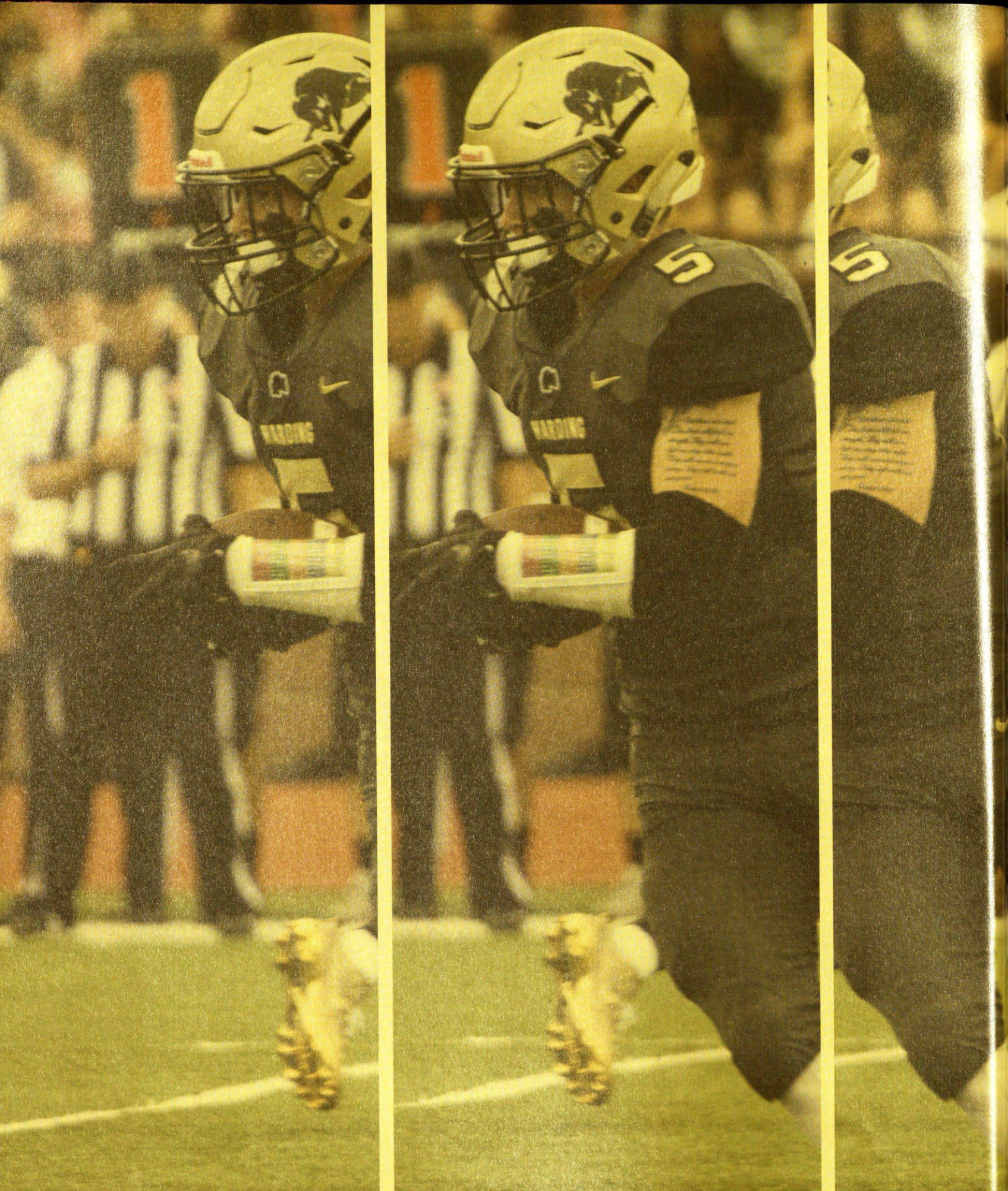
University of Central Missouri // 0-3, L  
St. Edwards University // 3-0, W  
Arkansas Tech University // 0-3, L  
University of Arkansas at Monticello // 3-0, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 3-0, W  
Southern Arkansas University // 3-1, W  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 3-1, W  
East Central University // 3-1, W  
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith // 1-3, L  
Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 3-0, W  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 3-0, W

Lyon College // 3-0, W  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 3-2, W  
Southern Nazarene University // 3-0, W  
Ouachita Baptist University // 3-2, W  
Southern Arkansas University // 3-0, W  
Henderson State University // 1-3, L  
Arkansas Tech University // 2-3, L  
University of Arkansas at Monticello // 3-0, W  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 3-1, W  
Oklahoma Baptist University // 3-0, W  
Arkansas Tech University // 2-3, L









Senior running back Grant Kimberlin receives the ball and makes his way down the field to attempt a touchdown. Harding won the Homecoming game against Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a final score of 42-0 on Oct. 21, 2017. The Harding football team finished their season at the national semifinals with a record of 11-4. // Photo by Abigail Cooper







# PUTT PAST THE COMPETITION

## GOLF TEAMS BUILDS COMMUNITY BY BREAKING RECORDS

WORDS *Luke Theisen* // PHOTOS *Jeff Montgomery*

**F**reshman Kiera Smith started her college golf career at Northeastern State University Women's Classic on Sept. 11-12, 2017. Smith finished 12th overall out of 89 athletes and played a major part in securing Harding's ninth place finish out of 17 teams.

"As I'm playing in more tournaments, I'm finding out more of what my expectation is, and this is the next step up how I can push myself to get better," Smith said. "Because I don't want to just [achieve] the expectation, I want to exceed [it]. I think it's taking me time to figure out, 'If this is what I'm shooting, then I really want to push to get this score.'"

For Smith, however, this type of success was familiar territory. Since joining the golf team at Heritage Christian Academy in seventh grade, Smith competed in six state championships, claimed two state championships her sophomore and junior year and finished sixth her senior year.

Harding golf coach Dustin Howell said that each year the Great American Conference awarded a freshman of the year, and his hope for Kiera Smith was that she challenged for that award.

"I love having freshmen contributing to the team's success in their first year," Howell said. "Kiera is a practice warrior and has brought an amazing focus and dedication to her game and it has challenged and elevated the other ladies on the team to get better. She will be a four-year contributor to the Lady Bisons and continue to build up our women's golf program."

For Smith, the difference between the Lady Bisons and other golf teams was the relationships they built together.

"On a lot of teams, because it's an individual and team sport, when the girls are qualifying, they're hoping the other girls don't play well because they want to qualify and beat them in tournaments," Smith said. "So coming here and seeing [other] girls are genuinely happy for me and proud of me for [playing well is] just a really nice feeling compared to what a lot of other teams are like."

Lady Bisons assistant coach Loren Cheatham felt Smith added to the dynamic of the team.

"She has made great friendships with the girls, and it is always great to see her being included in the upperclassmen's social lives," Cheatham said. "On the course, because of her great attitude, she has been a great encourager to her teammates and always wanting to know how they are doing throughout a tournament. [This] team of girls has been one of the best for Harding in the last few years, and they are here to challenge each other and those in our conference."

On May 8, 2017, sophomore Cooper Dunn prepares to putt the ball at the Awarii Dunes Golf Course in Axtell, Nebraska. Harding finished in 15th place at the NCAA Central/Midwest Regional Tournament. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

Senior Juan Luis Sanchez places his golf ball carefully on the grass before he swings at the Awarii Dunes Golf Course in Axtell, Nebraska. He tied for 90th place overall at the NCAA Central/Midwest Regional Tournament.

// Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

Freshman Kiera Smith works to improve her swing at a golf practice at the Searcy Country Club Golf Course on Aug. 28, 2017. Her best ranking this season was when she placed fifth at the Lady Panther Fall Tournament in Bolivar, Missouri.

// Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery











# INJURY PRONE

## SCOREBOARD:

Emporia State // 0-2, L  
 Missouri Western State University // 0-3, L  
 Northeastern State University // 0-2, L  
 Missouri Southern State University // 1-1 T  
 Texas A&M University - Commerce // 1-1, T  
 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff // 2-1, W  
 Southern Nazarene University // 3-2, W  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 1-2, L  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 3-2, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 1-2, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 0-1, L  
 East Central University // 1-1, T  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 1-3, L  
 Southern Nazarene University // 1-0, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 4-0, W  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 1-6, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 6-3, W  
 East Central University // 1-0, W  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 0-3, L





## WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM OVERCOMES ADVERSITY DESPITE MULTIPLE INJURIES

**WORDS** Garrett White // **PHOTOS** Abigail Cooper & Evan Swearingen

**S**port seasons were challenging for any team, but the Harding women's soccer team faced a harder situation when they sustained several injuries at the beginning of the 2017-18 season. Despite the challenges, the team continued to compete.

The injuries included problems with hamstrings, quadriceps, ankles, feet, several concussions, staph infections, complications with an ACL and a broken clavicle. Head Coach Greg Harris, who worked as the men and women's coach for 10 years before becoming the women's coach in 2010, said that the amount of injuries came as a great surprise.

"It's just been one of those years," Harris said. "We went into our first couple games hurt, and it's kind of been a domino effect of people going in and out, but you have to take that and work from there. We've been through a lot this year."

Even though his team had a rough start to the season, Harris explained how they continued to compete.

"We've been through adversity, and we've come out on the other side of it," Harris said. "We're where we need to be. We've fought through and done the work they needed to do while injured. We've grown from it, those aches and pains, and that's been important too."

Harris said he was proud of his team's positive response to their situation.

"They've responded great," Harris said. "The ladies that are injured worked

hard to get back, [and those] that weren't injured worked hard to pick up the pieces they needed to for the time being. A lot of ladies have stepped up, and we've played a lot of people this year because we've had to. That's been good for the overall growth of this team."

Junior midfielder Bethany Sutherland was grateful for the amount of unity that team experienced due to their trials.

"The team's injuries brought us closer as a team because we have to rely on each other and work together to get the job done," Sutherland said.

Harris explained that he was thankful for his team and that the injuries they saw made them all more appreciative to play the game.

"The fun part of it is that we love this game so much that we're willing to endure the times that are tough," Harris said. "It's like being married, [being] a parent [or] like being anything: it's not always fun. You love what you do, love the people you've been connected with and you love them enough to go through whatever adversity it is."

According to sophomore midfielder Melanie Matkins, she truly felt the team's unity when a player was able to rejoin the team.

"[When] a player returns, everyone is excited and does what they can to help them get back on their [feet]," Matkins said. "It is super encouraging, and I am so blessed to be on a team with a group of girls with such big hearts."

Junior midfielder Asia Hollingsworth kicks the ball back into the game after it went out of bounds on Sept. 23, 2017, at Stevens Soccer Complex. Harding played Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) and lost 1-2 but they beat OBU 3-0 in 2016. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

On Sept. 23, 2017, at Stephens Soccer Field, sophomore defender Avery Underwood blocks her opponent to keep the ball. Harding was defeated in this game with a final score of 1-2 against Oklahoma Baptist University. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

Sophomore defender Holland Heinz tackles the ball away from her opponent on Sept. 10, 2017, at the Stevens Soccer Complex. Harding tied with Missouri Southern State University 1-1 after going into their second overtime. // Photo by Abigail Cooper





## SCOREBOARD:

Oklahoma Christian University // 2-3, W  
 Williams Baptist College // 1-1, T  
 Delta State University // 0-0 T, 2OT  
 Mississippi College // 0-2, L  
 Northeastern State University // 1-3, L  
 Southwest Baptist University // 3-0, W

Southern Nazarene University // 5-1, W  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 3-2, W  
 William Jewell College // 0-2, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 1-0, W  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 2-1, W  
 Southern Nazarene University // 4-1, W

Lindenwood University // 4-2, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 1-2, L  
 Christian Brothers University // 1-1, T  
 Union University // 1-2, L  
 Southern Nazarene University // 2-2, T  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 1-3, L





# FÚTBOL

BRAZILIAN STUDENTS SHARE A HOME  
ON & OFF THE FIELD

WORDS *Braden Bowman* // PHOTO *Evan Swearingen*

**T**hree men's soccer team players from Brazil, juniors Julio Martins, Matheus Ribeiro and Andre Cunha, were united by their common past and strengthened through their shared vision of the future.

"I was pursuing soccer in Brazil, but I also was looking for another plan if soccer did not work out," Martins said.

Martins discovered a company in Brazil that would sponsor him to obtain a degree in the U.S. He initially went to a junior college in Arkansas City, Kansas, where he met Cunha.

A similar opportunity presented itself to Ribeiro in Brazil that same year, after being asked if he had a desire to earn a degree in the U.S. while also playing soccer at the same time.

"I have played soccer since I was a child," Ribeiro said. "And at a certain time in my life I dreamed of playing as a career. After I [sustained] a pretty serious injury, I thought to myself, 'Soccer can bring [me] a lot of happiness, but if I don't have soccer, what will I do?'"

Ribeiro accepted the scholarship offer and began his education at a community college in Coffeyville, Kansas.

The students admitted that their experiences at each junior college were not quite what they were expecting.

"You know when you interview for a job you believe is your dream job?" Martins said. "Sometimes after you are hired, you realize that the position is not as satisfying as you had hoped."

Martins, Ribeiro and Cunha transferred to Harding at the end of their first year, which gave all three the opportunity to play for the men's soccer team.

Cunha reflected on their group decision to come to Harding with appreciation and determination.

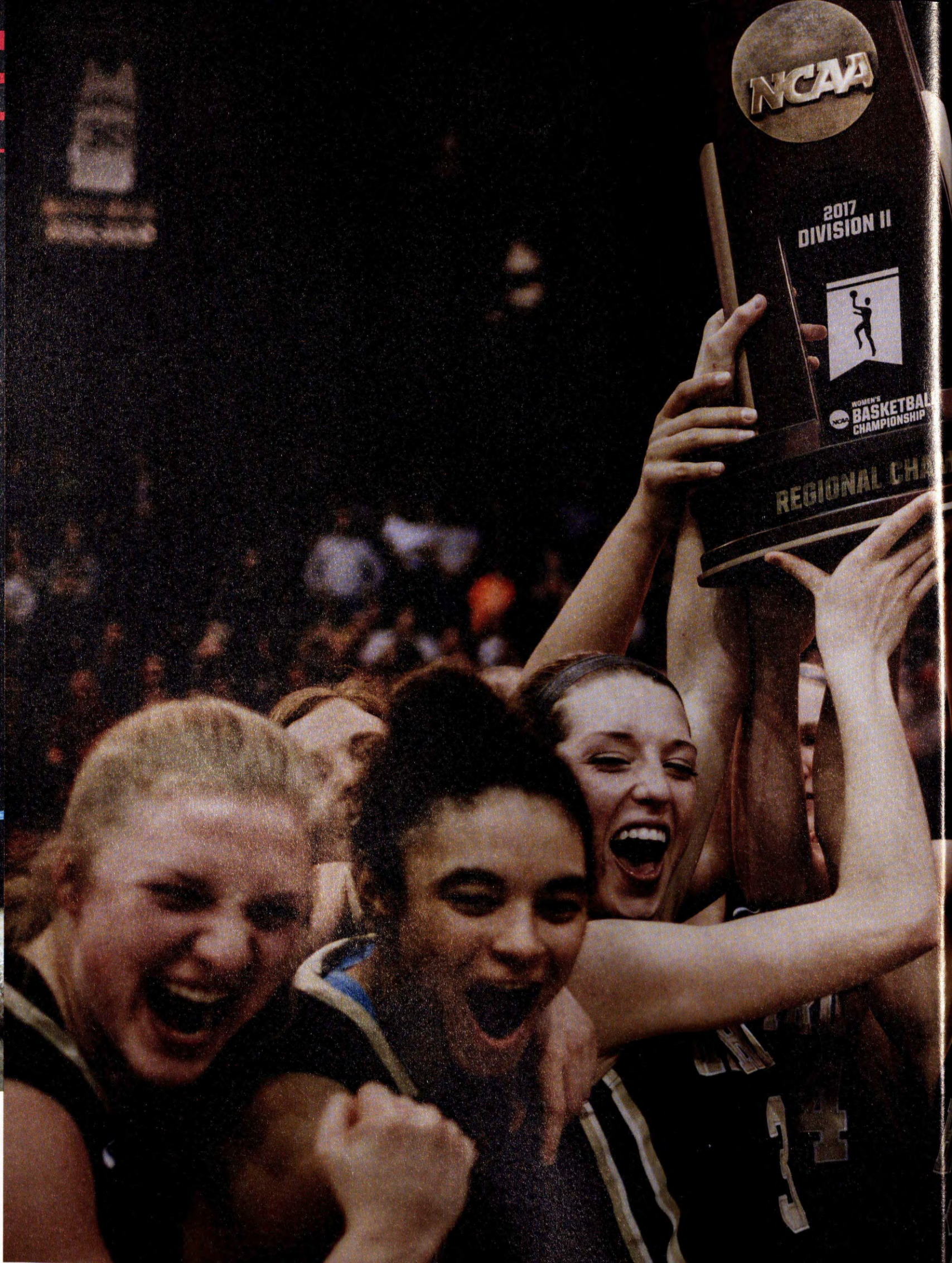
"Here at Harding, with this level of competition in the NCAA, we are able to prove ourselves," Cunha said.

Head Coach Jon Ireland said the players were an exceptional asset to the men's soccer team.

"They are very good soccer players, exceptional students and great young men," Ireland said. "I am so blessed to have them here at Harding and apart of the men's soccer team."

Juniors Julio Martins, Matheus Ribeiro and Andre Cunha all play midfielder on the men's soccer team. After coming to the U.S. from Brazil, they transferred from community colleges to Harding to play soccer and earn a degree. // Photo by Evan Swearingen





2017  
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WOMEN'S  
BASKETBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP





Sophomore Jenni Nadeau, junior Riley Rose, senior Falan Miller, sophomore Chelsea Heidebrecht and alumna A'ndi Haney, along with the rest of the Lady Bisons basketball team, celebrate with their regional champion trophy on March 13, 2017, in the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. The Lady Bisons took home the victory over Emporia State University to advance to the Final Four in Columbus, Ohio, where they were defeated by Ashland University. The Lady Bisons finished out their season with 31 victories and four losses, which made for the team's best year in program history. // Photo by Amanda Floyd





# LADY BISONS TAKE FINAL FOUR

ROAD TO SEMIFINALS LEAVES TEAM  
WITH RECORD-BREAKING YEAR

WORDS *Cayleigh Thomas* // PHOTOS *Jeff Montgomery*

**A**s a team, each new season meant another chance to be the best, another chance to play together and another chance to win. As the women's basketball team consistently succeeded, their goals and mentality in the 2016-17 season did not change.

For the Lady Bisons, their biggest goal, according to head coach Tim Kirby, was to be a team first, making success all the more rewarding.

"You just think about the next game," Kirby said. "There were games that no one would have been able to guess halfway through that we would make it out having won. It's hard to explain, but it didn't surprise me."

Throughout the season, the Lady Bisons went on to achieve a 21-1 record in the Great American Conference (GAC) and played to the NCAA Tournament semifinals of the Final Four. The team stuck it out, even achieving comeback victories from deficits as high as 20 points.

According to senior guard Falan Miller, the Lady Bisons made it through because there was something special about their team.

"We had great senior leadership and great coaches that worked extremely hard to properly prepare us for each game," Miller said. "We followed their plan and left every thing on the floor when we played."

Senior forward Sydney Layrock agreed, explaining the team received support from fellow students and fans too, especially earlier in the season during the regional tournament in the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. The home court advantage the team received overwhelmed Layrock.

"The games at Rhodes in the regional [tournament] were unforgettable," Layrock said. "We had so much support. We had students and cheerleaders coming back early from their spring break just for us. We could never have pulled through games without them being there and making it a great atmosphere to play in."

The Lady Bisons won the regional championship and headed into the Elite Eight Tournament. The Elite Eight was held in Columbus, Ohio, and the team played Queens College from Queens, New York, winning 73-69. Following a quick turnaround, the Lady Bisons made it as far as the semifinals, ultimately losing 90-77 to Ashland University.

"At the time, we knew that what we were doing was special," Kirby said. "We were just taking it one game at a time."

Senior forward Sydney Layrock jumps for a layup to score for the Lady Bisons on March 22, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, at Alumni Hall. Harding played in the Final Four, but the Ashland Eagles defeated the Lady Bisons 90-77 in the semifinals. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery

Sophomore Emma Vaughn and senior Taylor Curran celebrate with the crowd as the Lady Bisons win the game by blocking Emporia State University's shot on March 13, 2017, in the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. The Lady Bisons defeated Emporia State to continue on to the Final Four. // Photo courtesy of Jeff Montgomery





## SCOREBOARD:

Northern State University // 78-83, L  
 Concordia University, St. Paul // 67-78, L  
 Missouri Southern State University // 65-63, W  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 65-75, L  
 East Central University // 73-76, L  
 Cameron University // 77-55, W  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 93-63, W  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 73-84, L  
 Drury University // 57-65, L  
 Christian Brothers University // 61-37, W

Hawaii Pacific University // 69-78, L  
 Montana State University at Billings // 87-72, W  
 Southern Nazarene University // 76-77, L  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 76-86, L  
 Southern Arkansas University // 58-65, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 84-56, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 64-77, L  
 Henderson State University // 64-79, L  
 University of Arkansas at Monticello // 70-53, W  
 East Central University // 51-42, W

Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 63-46, W  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 77-103, L  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 79-78, W  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 70-66, W  
 Southern Nazarene University // 62-44, W  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 75-41, W  
 Southern Arkansas University // 63-54, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 54-56, L  
 University of Arkansas at Monticello // 73-56, W  
 Henderson State University // 64-62, W



# BASKETBALL ON THE BIG ISLAND

## HAWAII HOSTS MEN'S HOOPS OVER WINTER BREAK

WORDS *Rachel VanCuren* // PHOTOS *Evan Swearingen*

**I**n December 2017, the men's basketball team journeyed all the way to Hawaii to play two games against Western Washington University and Hawaii Pacific University. Most on the basketball team had never been to Hawaii before, so being able to venture to another part of the country was a great opportunity.

However, for junior forward Braden Eggleston, he had been previously to Hawaii, but this time was different.

"My favorite part about going to Hawaii [was] just the experience of going there with the team," Eggleston said.

Senior guard Zac Ward commented on the trip as well, saying that the places the team visited together were exciting and eye-opening.

"My favorite part of the trip was getting to explore the island with my teammates and experience it all with them," Ward said. "We went and saw a lot of the sights on the island like Pearl Harbor, Waikiki Beach and the North Shore. We also were able to try out a lot of different authentic Hawaiian food."

Junior guard Reggie Anthony said that traveling was a great way for the Bisons to be united after a frustrating start to the season.

"Being able to get away with teammates is always a good thing, especially during a rough start like we had, and the fact that we were blessed enough to get away to a beautiful place like Hawaii brought us a lot closer," Anthony said.

For the 2017 part of the 2017-18 season, the Bisons unfortunately lost their games; however, they were able to pull some wins in the 2018 part of their season.

According to Ward, along with the new players' growth on the court, the team's experiences in Hawaii helped give them encouragement for the rest of the season when they returned for the spring semester.

"It gave everyone a chance who maybe hadn't gotten to know some of the new guys a chance to know one another a little better," Ward said. "Being able to have that kind of relationship off the court transfers onto the court in feeling more comfortable with one another. So, I think it helped on both ends."

Junior forward Braden Eggleston jumps up to block an Arkansas Tech University Wonder Boy from scoring on Jan. 16, 2017, at the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. Harding defeated the rival team with a final score of 92-85. // Photo by Evan Swearingen

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— senior Zac Ward





## MEN'S SCOREBOARD:

Arkansas State University // 65-93, L  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 60-70, L  
 East Central University // 54-59, L  
 Christian Brothers University // 71-79, L  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 57-79, L  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 70-71, L  
 Lemoyne-Owen College // 67-81, L  
 Christian Brothers University // 59-74, L  
 Western Washington University // 76-80, L  
 Hawaii Pacific University // 72-79, L

Southern Nazarene University // 67-89, L  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 93-100, L  
 Southern Arkansas University // 55-88, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 77-73, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 94-98, L  
 Henderson State University // 81-85, L  
 University of Arkansas at Monticello // 62-90, L  
 East Central University // 69-94, L  
 Southeastern Oklahoma State University // 73-67, W  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University // 90-89, W

Northwestern Oklahoma State University // 73-82, L  
 Oklahoma Baptist University // 72-69, W  
 Southern Nazarene University // 60-82, L  
 Ouachita Baptist University // 67-91, L  
 Southern Arkansas University // 67-61, W  
 Arkansas Tech University // 63-70, L  
 University of Arkansas at Monticello // 71-75, L  
 Henderson State University // 83-91, L





On March 21, 2017, President Bruce McLarty celebrates with the rest of the crowd as the Lady Bisons basketball team makes the winning shot against Queens College at Alumni Hall in Columbus, Ohio, to advance to the Final Four. The Lady Bisons defeated Queens 73-69 and went on to the National Semifinal where they fell to Ashland University 90-77. // Photo by Evan Swearingen







# ATHLETICS

## GROUP PHOTOS

### BASEBALL:

**Row 1:** W. St. Leger, B. Quesinberry, C. Smith, L. Smith, M. Hendry, S. White, P. Ravencraft, B. Perrett, N. Bowers, D. Butterfield, H. Childress

**Row 2:** W. Powell (graduate assistant), Z. Beasley, J. Thomas, M. Humphreys, J. Ward, K. Giefer, G. Guest, T. Mohr, E. Hansen, B. Pitaniello, B. Tims, B. Brauss, C. Taylor, L. Van Dover, A. Schatzley (assistant coach)

**Row 3:** R. Smith (graduate assistant), L. McCall, H. Walraven, C. Kelly, C. McVay, N. Fertig, T. Smith, R. Roberts, A. Allen, W. Francis, M. Faulkner, M. Sherry, J. Cox, N. Thomas, P. McGaha (head coach)



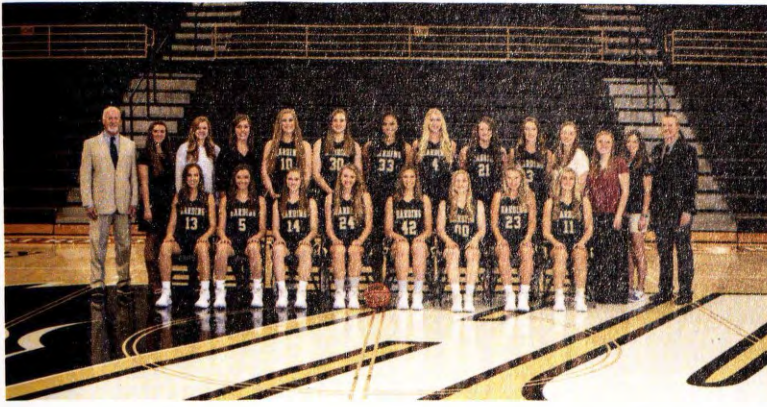
### MEN'S BASKETBALL:

**Row 1:** T. Roth, A. Francis, Z. Ward, R. Martin, F. Medjo, R. Anthony, M. Kirby, G. Sanderson

**Row 2:** J. Morgan (head coach), J. Duke (assistant coach) R. Pace, B. Eggleston, A. Horn, P. Anderson, G. Djokovic, T. Moore, B. Reeves, J.P. Brandon, T. Wagner, M. Thomas (manager), M. Morgan, R. Woods (assistant coach)







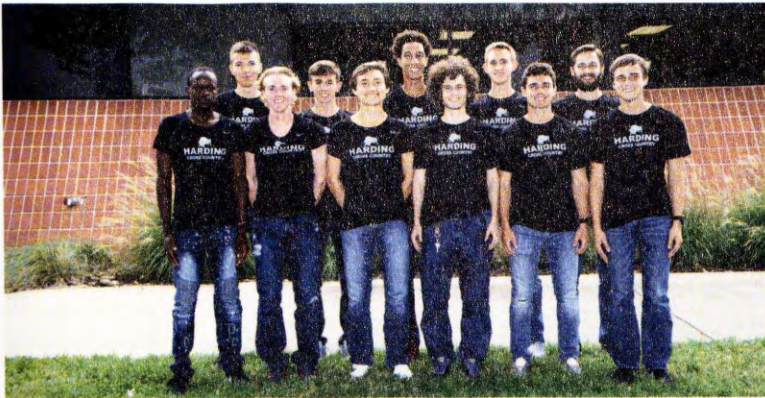
## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

**Row 1:** P. Padgett, S. Thornton, C. Caples, A. Kearney, K. Cooper, J. Nadeau, C. Heidebrecht, A. Brown **Row 2:** T. Kirby (head coach), A. Shearmire (manager), H. Jameson (manager), E. Smith (manager), K. Lampo, C. Hogue, S. Jones, M. McNamara, S. Layrock, F. Miller, S. Gillispie (manager), M. Mullin (manager), B. Grymes (trainer), W. Jameson (assistant coach)



## CHEERLEADING:

**Row 1:** K. Varner, B. Blickenstaff, K. Ashford, C. Key, B. Buterbaugh **Row 2:** C. Nestor, E. Arnett, C. Arnett, L. Dillard, S. Belue, J. Mason **Row 3:** R. Frost, C. Ceaser, K. Mason, A. Shields, A. McDuffie, A. Fuller



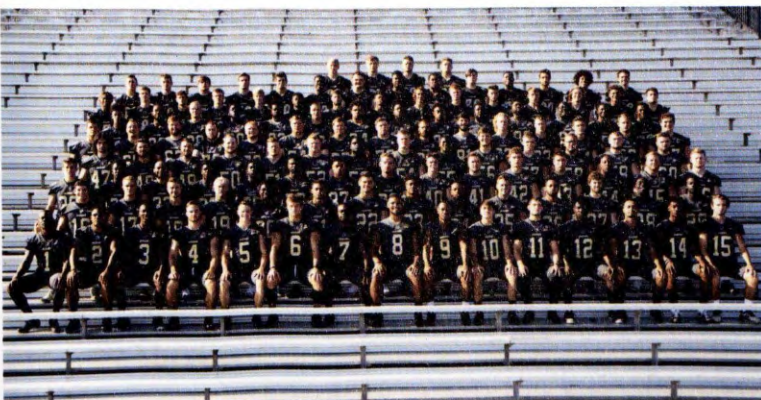
## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

**Row 1:** K. Chehelgo, C. Barrett, L. Goodspeed, B. Davis, B. Cain, G. McCoy **Row 2:** B. Kwiecinski, L. Lopez, M. Langat, L. Thomas, J. Turney



## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

**Row 1:** H. Baca, K. Smith, A. Minczuk, S. Sanders, S. Chepseba, K. Rice **Row 2:** M. Sutherland, M. Drennan, K. Vance, P. Fane, V. Hood, C. Williams, K. Szarynska



## FOOTBALL:

**Row 1:** T. Dingle, D. Smith, T. Becton, B. Gates, G. Kimberlin, Z. Neary, J. Nichols, T. Winslow, V. Williams, D. Endsley, P. Paden, C. Batie, D. Thompson, B. Green, G. Fitzhugh **Row 2:** J. Howell, K. Blickenstaff, A. Dather, T. Tucker, M. Fuller, F. Herbert, D. Cardwell, T. Streeter, I. Jefferson, C. Webb, T. Plaia-Bissell, B. Cohu, Z. Shelley, R. Knox **Row 3:** C. Witt, B. Brice, D. Markham, R. Readles, T. Allen, S. Robinson, J. Robinson, C. Scott, L. Buchanan, S. Blankenship, D. Hendricks, W. Nash, B. Weddle, T. Green **Row 4:** D. Gonzalez, J. Cain, H. Ryan, M. Gragg, B. Hood, T. Mason, J. Bailey, S. Wilson, G. De Los Santos, T. McCallister, M. Bryant, A. Jarrett, M. Hutto **Row 5:** M. Lewis, B. Drew, J. Crider, C. Summers, B. Bray, H. Pledger, K. Pledger, S. Sibert, T. Parsley, L. Rodgers, T. Thompson, L. Dixon, H. Cook, E. Williams, L. Bowser **Row 6:** S. Moore, J. Allison, B. Trotter, D. Harry, S. Bowens, D. Hampton, D. Johnson, M. Gant, T. Montez, T. Thomas, T. Brock, D. Bigby, J. Stanfield, D. Cross **Row 7:** C. Smith, G. Fitzhugh, L. Sorrow, H. VanLue, K. Citty, M. Mathews, R. Turley, K. Matthews, R. Robertson, J. Madding, C. Pugh, I. Little, J. Honnas, R. Leach, C. Chancey **Row 8:** J. Clark, B. Cooper, C. Stang, C. Overstreet, J. Bethea, D. Allen, C. Arnold, N. Andrews, D. Anderson, S. Byrd, E. Wilbanks, M. Cendrick, J. Townsden, T. McCalip **Row 9:** C. Sipe, C. Clift, M. Swets, J. Lewis



## MEN'S GOLF:

**Row 1:** D. Howell (head coach), A. Anderson, C. Dunn, J. Sanchez, N. Depriest, J. Hefley, M. Banger, C. Nichols, N. Jackson (graduate assistant) **Row 2:** E. Axland, R. Williamson, L. Handy, C. Murry, N. Minton, C. Benson, T. Mellott, G. MacIntosh



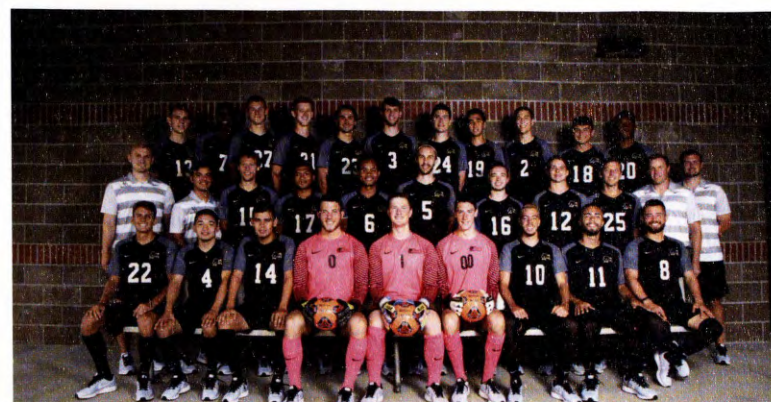
## WOMEN'S GOLF:

**Row 1:** C. Hall, K. Walker, K. Ramey, B. Alcorn, K. Smith, L. Cheatham  
**Row 2:** D. Howell (head coach), B. Terry, T. Billington, S. Williamson



## MEN'S SOCCER:

**Row 1:** I. Spradlin, J. Diaz, C. Ramos, A. McKinney, M. Wasson, N. Riggs, M. Ribeiro, A. Cunha, J. Martins **Row 2:** P. White, J. Rector, J. Kucera, P. Hmung, V. Thang, A. Craig, T. Roberts, B. Young, C. Mosley, J. Ireland (head coach) **Row 3:** B. Patterson, J. Nwonumah, C. Moore, S. Heckart, B. Grundy, M. Hollingsworth, S. Hockett, A. McMaster, J. Curnutt, A. Lopez, B. Wilson



## WOMEN'S SOCCER:

**Row 1:** G. Webster, E. Grogan, S. Jay, E. Chilton, C. Stevens, M. Springborn, A. Underwood, K. Staten, M. Parks **Row 2:** G. Harris (head coach), L. Hatcher, K. Winn, M. Matkins, M. Morgan, J. Woessner, A. Lewis, A. Reed, R. Reed, M. Proffitt, T. Syrotchen **Row 3:** M. Reeder, B. Sutherland, M. Ogburn, H. Heinz, A. Strong, N. Morgan, S. Phillips, A. Hollingsworth, A. Grizzell, Y. Richardson, E. Welch



## SOFTBALL:

**Row 1:** M. McCord, L. Duncan, M. Springborn, M. Trump, K. Gordon, B. Feringa **Row 2:** K. Carney, A. Fields, H. Fisher, A. Berry, K. Pirtle, E. Garrett **Row 3:** P. Berry (head coach), A. Nichols, P. Mills, M. Leggett, K. Anderson, E. Dwyer, C. Clark-Alberius (graduate assistant), J. Romine (graduate assistant)







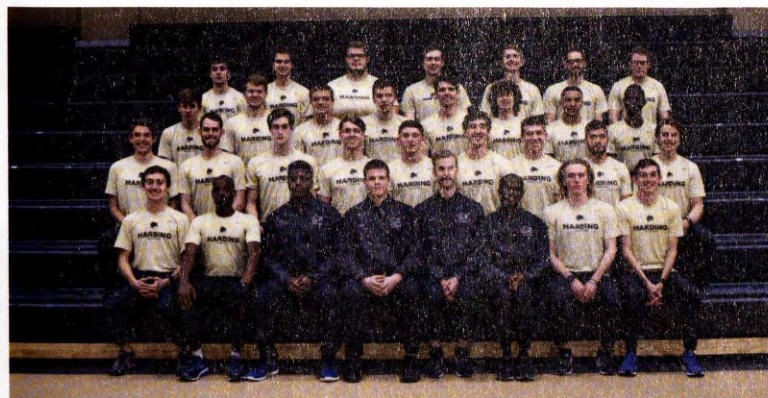
#### MEN'S TENNIS:

**Row 1:** D. Redding (head coach), L. Tirado, P. Trevino, A. Abella, N. Cacace **Row 2:** A. Sendra, M. Salvan, A.J. Barrington, C. Crisostomo



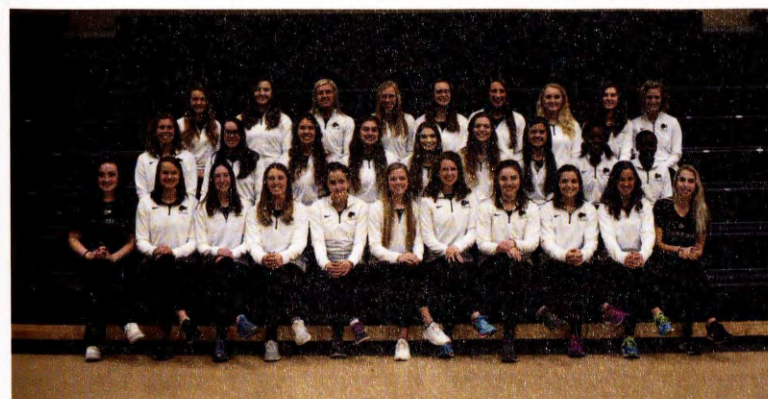
#### WOMEN'S TENNIS:

**Row 1:** D. Redding (head coach), A. Takanashi, E. Young, G. Alves, H. Folse, E. Faulkner, L. Golubic, J. Shaw, B. Hogland (graduate assistant)



#### MEN'S TRACK & FIELD:

**Row 1:** L. Goodspeed, N. Too, A. Beneby, L. Denbraber, L. Belcher, K. Chelelgo, C. Barrett, T. Windley **Row 2:** J. Baker, J. Bowie, J. Doak, W. Clark, C. Olsen, S. Copeland, R. Taylor, K. Naceanceno, A. Nelson **Row 3:** L. Lopez, J. Howard, G. McCoy, B. Kwiecinski, C. Bienz, B. Davis, D. Hulse, H. Kiptoo **Row 4:** B. Cain, A. Roberts, T. Pierce, B. Wiedower, J. Ogle, J. Turney, C. Covington



#### WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD:

**Row 1:** A. Konwent, E. Shell, R. Mason, K. Turley, S. Sanders, A. Reinert, C. Williams, S. Russell, H. Baca, D. Atkins, K. Szarzynska **Row 2:** M. Sutherland, C. Mason, L. Fouts, V. Hood, K. Miller, D. Davis, S. Shuttleworth, C. Howard, S. Chepseba **Row 3:** H. Tobias, V. Shields, A. Syrotchen, A. Bristo, O. Ness, D. Sanford, K. Smith, P. Fane, M. Drennan



#### VOLLEYBALL:

**Row 1:** L. Perkins, K. Cowart, H. Bradfute, M. Poen, T. Eubank, R. Heussner, K. Dather, T. Lake **Row 2:** H. O'Hearn (manager), M. Howard (graduate assistant), S. Foster, T. Mounts, E. Clayton, Z. Hardin, E. Smith, E. Reeves, A. Young, M. Fear (head coach), R. Fear (assistant coach), E. O'Hearn (manager)