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First Novice Four Crew Named Student-Athletes of the Week



Left to right: Bender, Garn, Sullivan, Ehrenberger and Stepp

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (April 11, 2016) - Following its performance at the 2016 Knecht Cup Regatta, the Mountaineers' first novice four crew of Nicole Bender, Kara Ehrenberger, Amanda Garn, Madison Stepp and coxswain Kaitlin Sullivan have been named the WVU Student-Athletes of the Week, presented by University Apartments.

On Saturday, the Mountaineers recorded a pair of runner-up finishes in order to advance to the Grand Final in the Women's Frosh/Novice Four event at the Knecht Cup, held on April 9-10, in West Windsor, New Jersey.

In its respective heat, WVU crossed the finish line in second place with a time of 9:02.55. The Mountaineers then earned a spot in the Grand Final with another second-place finish in a semifinal time of 8:45.74.

The first novice four boat of Bender, Ehrenberger, Garn, Stepp and Sullivan was the only West Virginia crew to advance to the Grand Finals on Sunday. The Mountaineers competed against Boston College, Pitt, Massachusetts, Lafayette 'A' and Holy Cross in the Grand Final, finishing sixth with a time of 8:11.70. Overall, the crew placed sixth out of 30 entries in the Women's Frosh/Novice Four event.

Picture of the Week



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Sophomore pitcher Shane Ennis takes the "rally cap" to its extreme late in the game against Furman on Friday night, April 8, at Monongalia County Ballpark.

WVU Athletes of the Week Winter/Spring 2016

- Week 1: Zeke Moisey, wrestling
- Week 2: Ginny Thrasher, rifle
- Week 3: Zaakira Muhammad, gymnastics
- Week 4: Shamoya McNeil, track and field
- Week 5: Tony DeAngelo, wrestling
- Week 6: Jacob A. Smith, wrestling
- Week 7: Ray Guerrini, baseball
- Week 8: Andrew Marsh, men's swimming
- Week 9: Alexa Goldberg, gymnastics
- Week 10: Ginny Thrasher, rifle
- Week 11: Kirah Koshinski, gymnastics
- Week 12: Jeff Hardy, baseball
- Week 13: Jackson Cramer, baseball
- Week 14: First Novice Four Boat, rowing



HEAD COACH:
RANDY MAZEY

WEST VIRGINIA BASEBALL

This Week in Baseball: Next up for the Mountaineers, the Backyard Brawl resumes on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. when WVU hosts Pitt at Monongalia County Ballpark ... the game is a Gold Rush, and all fans are encouraged to wear gold ... the first 1,000 fans through the gate will receive a gold shaker, courtesy of Coke Zero ... the matchup will be the 191st meeting between WVU and Pitt on the diamond, marking the most games played among any WVU opponent ... the Mountaineers are an even 3-3 against the Panthers since 2013 ... West Virginia then welcomes Big 12 foe Kansas State to Morgantown from April 15-17 as part of WVU Family Weekend ... the series begins on Friday at 6:30 p.m. ET, and there will be a postgame fireworks show, courtesy of WVU Medicine ... Saturday's contest, which begins at 4 p.m., is Family Day, and fans can purchase four tickets and receive a \$10 concession voucher for just \$25 ... the series concludes on Sunday, April 17 at 1 p.m. ... Sunday is Kids' Day, and fans can get autographs from the Mountaineers and run the bases after the game.

Last Week in Baseball: West Virginia played five games for the second consecutive week ... WVU opened the week with a 5-4 win at in-state rival Marshall in 10 innings, followed by a 5-1 home victory against Eastern Michigan the following night ... on the weekend, WVU won the series finale in a doubleheader to Furman, 8-5 on Sunday after losing the series-opener, 7-3, and the first game of Sunday's doubleheader, 8-6.

Notes: West Virginia improved to 17-13 on the season after Sunday's win over Furman in the second game of a doubleheader ... junior Jackson Cramer, the reigning Big 12 Player of the Week has reached base safely in 49 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the Big 12 ... with a 5-4, 10-inning victory at in-state rival Marshall, WVU improved to 3-2 in extra-inning games and 2-1 in the past week ... senior pitcher Jeff Hardy made his first career plate appearance on Wednesday and grounded out in the eighth inning and then earned his second save of the season in the ninth ... with a team-high-tying six hits and a team-best six RBIs last week, freshman Darius Hill continues to lead the team in hits, with 38, RBIs, with 23, and in batting average, at .330 ... juniors Shaun Wood and Ray Guerrini hit home runs over the weekend, Wood's was his first of the season and 12th of the year, while Guerrini's was his third in 2016 and sixth in his career.



HEAD COACH:
MIHA LISAC

WEST VIRGINIA TENNIS

This Week in Women's Tennis: The Mountaineers will swing through Texas for a pair of Big 12 matches this week ... West Virginia faces Texas on Saturday, April 16, followed by a match against Baylor on Sunday, April 17 ... Saturday's match against the Longhorns will begin at 1 p.m. ET, while Sunday's match against the Lady Bears will start at 10 a.m. ET. ... Baylor and Texas Tech each old a 3-0 all-time series edge over West Virginia.

Last Week in Women's Tennis: WVU dropped a pair of Big 12 matches at Ridgeview Racquet Club on April 8 and April 10 ... the Mountaineers dropped a 4-1 decision to No. 34 Kansas on April 8, followed by a 4-2 loss to Kansas State on April 10 ... the Mountaineers claimed their lone win against the Jayhawks with a forfeit at the No. 6 singles position ... WVU claimed one doubles win and two singles victories against the Wildcats on Sunday ... sophomore Lyn Yuen Choo and freshman Paula Goetz made quick work of K-State's Carolina Costamagna and Iva Bago to claim the first victory of the day on court two (6-2) ... the Mountaineers then recorded two straight singles victories on court three and court one, respectively, to cut their overall deficit to a one-point match ... Goetz tallied her first Big 12 victory of her career, as she bested K-State's Costamagna in straight sets (6-4, 6-3) ... sophomore Habiba Shaker defeated Wildcat Ana Garcia Navas in a three-set battle to cut the Mountaineers deficit to one point ... she captured the first set, but dropped the second ... Shaker then prevailed in set three to capture the match by a score of 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

Notes: Sophomore Habiba Shaker leads the team in singles play with an overall record of 12-2, followed by freshman Paula Goetz with seven singles victories ... sophomores Lyn Yuen Choo and Carolina Lewis each own six singles wins apiece ... the doubles tandem of senior Hailey Barrett and Shaker holds a team-best 7-3 mark at the No. 1 slot this season ... the doubles tandem of junior Kaja Mrgole and Choo also hold a perfect 5-0 record at the No. 3 slot this season.

Coach Miha Lisac after the Kansas State match: "Lyn Yuen (Choo) and Paula (Goetz) stepped up and executed well in doubles today. Overall, we played with more conviction today and that was a good step forward. Habiba (Shaker) and Paula (Goetz) also had good performances and competed well in singles. We are making progress, but we also see how much work still needs to be done."



HEAD COACH:
SEAN CLEARY

WEST VIRGINIA

TRACK & FIELD

This week in Track and Field: The Mountaineers will compete at the Bison Outdoor Classic in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, from April 16-17 at Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium.

Last Week in Track and Field: WVU senior Tori Bertrand posted a victory in the pole vault to highlight Saturday's competition at the Mason Spring Invitational in Fairfax, Virginia, on April 9 ... WVU posted six top-five finishes, highlighted by Bertrand's pole vault victory, the third best mark on WVU's outdoor performance list ... three of West Virginia's pole vaulters placed in the top five ... Bertrand won the event with a career-best mark of 3.91 meters ... sophomore Madelin Gardner finished in third place, vaulting 3.81 meters, followed by sophomore Sara Finrock in fifth place with a 3.55 meter vault ... junior Megan Yuan competed in the 1,500 meters, posting a third-place finish with a time of 4:40.31 ... the Mountaineers placed fourth in the 4x400 meter relay ... the team of junior Brianna Kerekes, senior Kelly Williams and sophomores Rebecca Wendt and Bria Welker crossed the finish line in 4:10.18 ... freshman Faith Penny placed fifth in the high jump, leaping 1.65 meters, followed by senior Hannah Stone in sixth (1.60 meters), and sophomore Meghan Jean-Baptiste in seventh (1.60 meters) ... while battling cold temperatures and high winds, West Virginia placed ninth overall out of 15 teams, scoring 42 points ... Dartmouth won with 119.5 points, followed by Bucknell in second (109.75) ... WVU finished just 1.75 points shy of a top-six finish and 10.5 points away from a place in the top five.

Coach Sean Cleary after the Mason Spring Invite: "This was an interesting day. Temperatures in the 30s with winds up to 25-30 miles per hour at times. One of these weekends we are bound to get good track weather. I was pleased for the most part with those who stayed mentally strong throughout the day. Our pole vaulters had a very good competition after having last week's meet cancelled due to hazardous weather. Tori (Bertrand) earns our performance of the week, after jumping her lifetime best."



HEAD COACH:
SEAN COVICH

WEST VIRGINIA

GOLF

This Week in Golf: The Mountaineers compete in their final tournament before heading to the Big 12 Championship ... the team travels to rival Penn State for the Rutherford Intercollegiate on Saturday and Sunday.

Last Week in Golf: WVU played in a pair of tournaments last week ... the Mountaineers traveled to the Old Waverly Collegiate Championship in West Point Mississippi on Monday and Tuesday ... the squad took 14th with a score of 295-303-314=912 for 21 to finish 48 over par ... Chris Williams was the team's top finisher in 37th place ... he carded a score of 71-76-78=225 for nine over ... WVU competed in the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate at the Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday and Sunday ... freshman Tristan Nicholls ended the first round in the top 10, but dropped to 44th place after struggling in the final round ... he shot 73-79=152 to finish 10 over par.

Notes: Freshman Max Sear leads the team with a 74.14 scoring average ... he is also a team-best 2.50 vs. par... five Mountaineers have recorded tournament rounds in the 60s: Sear, Alan Cooke, Easton Renwick, Chris Williams and Mason Short ... Cook and Renwick are tied for the low round, each shooting a 67 this season ... Williams leads the team in subpar holes (seven).

Coach Sean Covich after Sunday's tournament: "It was a rough day for us on the Scarlet Course. We just flat-out struggled today. It was not our best golf."



HEAD COACH:
JIMMY KING

WEST VIRGINIA

ROWING

This Week in Rowing: West Virginia is idle this week ... the Mountaineers return to the water for a scrimmage against Duquesne on Saturday, April 23, in Pittsburgh ... competition is set to begin at 8 a.m. on the Allegheny River.

Last Week in Rowing: WVU raced at the prestigious Knecht Cup Regatta from April 9-10, in West Windsor Township, New Jersey ... the two-day event featured crews from 70 schools across the country, including more than a dozen Division I women's programs ... Big 12 foes Alabama, Kansas and Old Dominion competed on Mercer Lake as well.

Notes: During the first day of competition, the Mountaineers' novice four crew advanced to the Grand Final with a pair of runner-up finishes, while WVU's first and second varsity eight boats earned semifinal appearances before competition was suspended due to weather ... in the Women's Frosh/Novice Four heat, the Mountaineers' first boat crossed the line in second place in 9:02.55 ... next in the semifinals, the crew earned a spot in the Grand Final with another second-place finish (8:45.74) ... the women's first varsity eight crew recorded a time of 7:45.90 to place third in its heat, while the second varsity eight boat posted a time of 7:45.63 to place fourth in its heat ... West Virginia's first and second varsity eight boats advanced to the semifinals for a chance to compete in the Grand Final on Sunday ... on Sunday, the novice four crew of Nicole Bender, Kara Ehrenberger, Amanda Garn, Madison Stepp and coxswain Kaitlin Sullivan placed sixth out of 30 entries with a Grand Final time of 8:11.70 ... the women's first varsity eight boat recorded a seventh-place finish with a semifinal time of 7:00.79 to conclude its run at the Knecht Cup Regatta ... the second varsity eight boat crossed the finish line with a semifinal time of 7:12.77 to place third behind Connecticut (7:10.02) and Big 12 foe Kansas (7:07.40) ... with a third-place finish, the second varsity eight crew of Abbigail Rees, Jacqueline Spiropoulos, Elizabeth Hooper, Grace Dever, Carly Ledbetter, Janae Hurst, Lillian Westerman, Alisha Brownfield and coxswain Brittany James earned themselves a spot in the Petite Final ... the Mountaineers finished in fourth place with a Petite Final time of 7:01.00 ... overall, WVU placed 10th out of 27 entries in the Second Varsity Eight event.

Coach Jimmy King following the Knecht Cup Regatta: "Our second varsity eight and novice four gained a lot of valuable racing experience this weekend, which will serve them well in races to come. I'm very pleased with how the second varsity eight raced this weekend. They didn't let a bad stroke here or there affect them, and they raced with poise in tight contests during the semifinals and final."

Novice coach Amanda Merritt following the Knecht Cup Regatta: "I'm proud of the first novice four for making it to the Grand Final. Although we came in sixth, I'm happy with how they battled with the other crews today. Leading into the Grand Final, we knew that it was going to be a tough race with the strong teams that we were facing. The big positive in the final was that we closed the gap on teams that were faster than us in the heats and semifinals."

Baseball

Overall Record: 17-13

Big 12 Record: 4-4

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Feb 19	at Charleston Southern	L, 4-3
Feb 20	at Charleston Southern	W, 5-0
Feb 21	at Charleston Southern	W, 3-0
Feb 26	at UNLV	W, 9-6
Feb 27	at UNLV	W, 13-1
Feb 28	at UNLV	W, 9-4
Feb 29	at Arizona Diamondbacks	L, 7-4 (Exh.)
Mar 03	at Hawaii	L, 4-1
Mar 04	at Hawaii	W, 4-1
Mar 05	at Hawaii	L, 6-2
Mar 06	at Hawaii	W, 9-2
Mar 11	Old Dominion	W, 4-3
Mar 12	Old Dominion	L, 5-4 (10 inn.)
Mar 13	Old Dominion	W, 6-5 (12 inn.)
Mar 15	Radford	W, 6-2
Mar 18	at TCU*	L, 10-6
Mar 19	at TCU*	L, 7-1
Mar 20	at TCU*	L, 14-2
Mar 22	at Penn State	L, 5-4
Mar 25	at Kansas*	W, 1-0
Mar 26	at Kansas*	W, 11-6
Mar 27	at Kansas*	Cancelled
Mar 29	Canisius	L, 7-5 (10 inn.)
Mar 30	Canisius	L, 9-0
Apr 01	Oklahoma State*	W, 5-4 (10 inn.)
Apr 02	Oklahoma State*	W, 4-3
Apr 03	Oklahoma State*	L, 8-1
Apr 05	at Marshall	W, 5-4 (10 inn.)
Apr 06	Eastern Michigan	W, 5-1
Apr 08	Furman	L, 7-3
Apr 10	Furman	L, 8-6
Apr 10	Furman	W, 8-5
Apr 12	Pitt	6:30 p.m.
Apr 15	Kansas State*	6:30 p.m.
Apr 16	Kansas State*	4:00 p.m.
Apr 17	Kansas State*	1:00 p.m.
Apr 19	Youngstown State	6:30 p.m.
Apr 22	at Oklahoma*	7:00 p.m.
Apr 23	at Oklahoma*	3:00 p.m.
Apr 24	at Oklahoma*	2:00 p.m.
Apr 26	Marshall	6:30 p.m.
Apr 29	Baylor*	6:30 p.m.
Apr 30	Baylor*	4:00 p.m.
May 01	Baylor*	1:00 p.m.
May 03	Virginia Tech	6:30 p.m.
May 06	Texas*	6:30 p.m.
May 07	Texas*	4:00 p.m.
May 08	Texas*	1:00 p.m.
May 10	Maryland	6:30 p.m.
May 13	William & Mary	4:00 p.m.
May 13	William & Mary	7:00 p.m.
May 15	William & Mary	1:00 p.m.
May 17	at Pitt	6:00 p.m.
May 19	at Texas Tech*	7:30 p.m.
May 20	at Texas Tech*	3:00 p.m.
May 21	at Texas Tech*	2:00 p.m.

Big 12 Conference*

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Women's Tennis

Overall Record: 6-10

Big 12 Record: 0-5

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Sep 18	at William and Mary Invitational	No Team Results
Sep 19	at William and Mary Invitational	No Team Results
Sep 20	at William and Mary Invitational	No Team Results
Sep 25	WVU Pink Invitational	No Team Results
Sep 26	WVU Pink Invitational	No Team Results
Sep 27	WVU Pink Invitational	No Team Results
Oct 02	at Akron Invitational	No Team Results
Oct 03	at Akron Invitational	No Team Results
Oct 04	at Akron Invitational	No Team Results
Oct 15	ITA Regionals (Lynchburg, Va.)	No Team Results
Oct 16	ITA Regionals (Lynchburg, Va.)	No Team Results
Oct 17	ITA Regionals (Lynchburg, Va.)	No Team Results
Oct 23	WVU Martha Thorn Invite	No Team Results
Oct 24	WVU Martha Thorn Invite	No Team Results
Jan 23	at Pitt	L, 1-6
Jan 29	Toledo	W, 6-1
Jan 29	Cleveland State	W, 6-1
Feb 07	at Akron	W, 5-2
Feb 12	at Liberty	L, 3-4
Feb 14	at No. 4 Virginia Tech	L, 0-7
Feb 19	Buffalo	W, 4-3
Feb 21	vs. James Madison (The Greenbrier)	W, 6-1
Feb 27	at Cornell	W, 4-3
Mar 05	at Maryland	L, 2-5
Mar 11	at Marshall	L, 3-4
Mar 19	at Oklahoma State*	L, 0-4
Mar 20	at Oklahoma*	L, 0-4
Mar 26	Iowa State*	L, 2-4
Apr 08	No. 34 Kansas*	L, 1-4
Apr 10	Kansas State*	L, 2-4
Apr 16	at Texas*	1:00 p.m.
Apr 17	at Baylor*	2:00 p.m.
Apr 22	TCU*	4:00 p.m.
Apr 24	Texas Tech*	10:00 a.m.
Apr 28	Big 12 Championship	TBA

Big 12 Conference*

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Track and Field

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Dec 04	WVU Inter-Squad	No Team Results
Jan 16	Nittany Lion Challenge	No Team Results
Jan 29	Penn State National Invite	No Team Results
Jan 30	Penn State National Invite	No Team Results
Feb 05	Akron Invitational	No Team Results
Feb 06	Akron Invitational	No Team Results
Feb 11	High Point Team Challenge	6-1
Feb 20	Penn State Tune Up	No Team Results
Feb 26	Big 12 Championship (Ames, Iowa)	9th place
Feb 27	Big 12 Championship (Ames, Iowa)	9th place
Mar 18-19	Wake Forest (Winston-Salem, N.C.)	No Team Results
Apr 1	Texas Relays (Austin, Texas)	No Team Results
Apr 1	Stanford Invitational (Stanford, Calif.)	No Team Results
Apr 9	Mason Spring Invitational (Fairfax, Va.)	9th place
Apr 16	Bison Outdoor Challenge (Lewisburg, Pa)	9:00 a.m.
Apr 17	Bison Outdoor Challenge (Lewisburg, Pa)	9:00 a.m.
Apr 22	Virginia Challenge (Charlottesville, Va.)	9:00 a.m.
Apr 22	Jesse Owens Classic (Columbus, Ohio)	3:00 p.m.
Apr 23	Jesse Owens Classic (Columbus, Ohio)	3:00 p.m.
Apr 23	Virginia Challenge (Charlottesville, Va.)	9:00 a.m.
Apr 28	Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.)	4:00 p.m.
Apr 29	Penn Relays (Philadelphia, Pa.)	9:00 a.m.
May 7	TBA	TBA
May 13	Big 12 Outdoor Championship (Fort Worth, Texas)	4:00 p.m.
May 14	Big 12 Outdoor Championship (Fort Worth, Texas)	9:00 a.m.
May 15	Big 12 Outdoor Championship (Fort Worth, Texas)	9:00 a.m.
May 27	NCAA Preliminary Round (Jacksonville, Fla.)	3:00 p.m.
June 8	NCAA Outdoor Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	12:30 p.m.
June 9	NCAA Outdoor Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	10:30 a.m.
June 10	NCAA Outdoor Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	12:30 p.m.
June 11	NCAA Outdoor Championships (Eugene, Ore.)	11:30 a.m.
June 24	USATF Junior Outdoor Championships (Clovis, Calif.)	12:30 p.m.
June 25	USATF Junior Outdoor Championships (Clovis, Calif.)	9:00 a.m.
June 26	USATF Junior Outdoor Championships (Clovis, Calif.)	9:00 a.m.
June 30	JAAA National Championships (Kingston, Jamaica)	10:00 a.m.
July 1	JAAA National Championships (Kingston, Jamaica)	10:00 a.m.
July 2	JAAA National Championships (Kingston, Jamaica)	10:00 a.m.
July 3	JAAA National Championships (Kingston, Jamaica)	10:00 a.m.

Golf

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Sep 06	Tiger Turning Stone Invitational	T-7th place
Sep 07	Tiger Turning Stone Invitational	10th place
Sep 14	Joe Feaganes Marshall Invitational	12th place
Sep 15	Joe Feaganes Marshall Invitational	13th place
Sep 28	Graeme McDowell/Shoal Creek Invitational	12th place
Sep 29	Graeme McDowell/Shoal Creek Invitational	12th place
Oct 05	Wolfpack Intercollegiate	1st place
Oct 06	Wolfpack Intercollegiate	6th place
Oct 19	Mountaineer Intercollegiate	11th place
Oct 20	Mountaineer Intercollegiate	10th place
Oct 26	Quail Valley Intercollegiate	14th place
Oct 27	Quail Valley Intercollegiate	11th place
Feb 15	President's Day Challenge	3rd place
Mar 11	Seminole Intercollegiate	12th place
Mar 12	Seminole Intercollegiate	14th place
Apr 02	Mason Rudolph Championship	12th place
Apr 03	Mason Rudolph Championship	t-11th place
Apr 04	Old Waverly Collegiate Championship	13th place
Apr 05	Old Waverly Collegiate Championship	14th place
Apr 09	Robert Kepler Invitational	t-8th place
Apr 10	Robert Kepler Invitational	15th place
Apr 16	Rutherford Intercollegiate	8:00 a.m.
Apr 17	Rutherford Intercollegiate	8:00 a.m.
Apr 29	Big 12 Championship	9:00 a.m.
Apr 30	Big 12 Championship	9:00 a.m.
May 01	Big 12 Championship	9:00 a.m.

Rowing

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Mar 12	Oak Ridge Cardinal Invite (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	No Team Results
Mar 13	Oak Ridge Cardinal Invite (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	No Team Results
Mar 25	North Carolina Duals (Raleigh, N.C.)	No Team Results
Apr 09	Knecht Cup (West Windsor, N.J.)	No Team Results
Apr 10	Knecht Cup (West Windsor, N.J.)	No Team Results
Apr 23	at Duquesne (Pittsburgh, Pa.)	8:00 a.m.
May 01	EAWRC Sprints (Worcester, Mass.)	8:00 a.m.
May 14	Big 12 Championship (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	8:00 a.m.
May 15	Big 12 Championship (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)	8:00 a.m.