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Cooke Named Student-Athlete of the Week



MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (April 18, 2016) - Following his record-setting performance at the Rutherford Intercollegiate at Penn State on Sunday, junior Alan Cooke of the West Virginia University men's golf team has been named the WVU Student-Athlete of the Week, presented by University Apartments.

Cooke posted a number of season bests in leading the WVU golf team to the runner-up finish at the Rutherford Intercollegiate. The Parkersburg, West Virginia, native set a new school record with a score of 70-70-67=207, finishing as the individual runner-up at six under par. He fired a 67 in the final round, tying not only his personal low round but the lowest round by a Mountaineer this season.

The tournament was Cooke's best finish of the season and ties the best finish of any WVU golfer this year, as Max Sear was previously the runner-up at the Wolfpack Intercollegiate in October. Their second-place finish is the Mountaineers' best of the season, while their team score of 859 was their lowest three-round team score in their return as a varsity sport.

Picture of the Week



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Kids run the bases following WVU's 5-4 win over Kansas State on Sunday, April 17 at Monongalia County Ballpark. Every Sunday Big 12 home games is Kids' Day, where kids can run the bases and get autographs from the WVU baseball team.

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
- Week 15: Alan Cooke, men's golf



HEAD COACH:
RANDY MAZEY

WEST VIRGINIA BASEBALL

This Week in Baseball: WVU's nine game homestand concludes on Tuesday, April 16 vs. Youngstown State at 6:30 p.m. ET ... it will be Dollar Day at Monongalia County Ballpark, where all tickets and select concession items are just \$1 ... tickets remain available for the game and can be purchased at the gate or online at WVUGAME.com ... WVU then takes to the road for a Big 12 series at Oklahoma from April 22-24 ... first pitch in the opener is set for 7 p.m. ET, while the final two games in Norman will begin at 1 p.m.

Last Week in Baseball: West Virginia went 1-3 last week, capped by a comeback victory against Kansas State on Sunday ... WVU rallied with four two-out runs in the eighth inning to beat the Wildcats, 5-4 ... in the series opener against K-State, WVU rallied with four runs to tie the game in the seventh, but it was not enough in an 8-6 loss. K-State won on Saturday, 15-2 ... to begin the week, WVU lost to Pitt, 4-1 ... in Sunday's comeback win, the Mountaineers trailed 4-1 before a four-run eighth inning ... all five of WVU's runs came with two outs against the Wildcats ... with the bases loaded, the eighth-inning rally was highlighted by a two-run single to tie the game by freshman pinch hitter Braden Zarbnisky ... freshman right fielder Darius Hill then hit an infield single to the K-State shortstop that scored the go-ahead run ... on the mound for the Mountaineers, sophomore right-hander BJ Myers (4-3) turned pitched 8.0 strong innings to earn his fourth win of the season and second in as many weeks ... senior righty Blake Smith pitched a perfect ninth inning, with two strikeouts, to pick up his fourth save of the year.

Notes: West Virginia improved to 18-16 on the season after Sunday's comeback win against Kansas State ... a total of 5,744 fans filled Monongalia County Ballpark for the weekend series against Kansas State, the third-largest total attendance for a series in the ballpark's history ... Saturday's crowd of 2,304 was the eighth-largest home crowd in program history and fourth-best at Monongalia County Ballpark ... freshman Darius Hill recorded his team-best fourth game-winning RBI and continues to lead the team with 46 hits and 26 RBIs ... freshman Ivan Vera extended his hitting streak to 10 games and his reached base streak to 13 games, both the longest active streak on the team and career-high totals ... sophomore BJ Myers earned his fourth win of the season, pitching 8.0 innings and allowing four runs on eight hits in Sunday's win ... senior Blake Smith pitched a perfect ninth inning and earned his fourth save of the season on Sunday ... junior Jackson Cramer's on-base streak was snapped at 50 games, which was the longest active streak in the Big 12 ... Friday, sophomore Kyle Davis hit his fourth home run of the season.



HEAD COACH:
MIHA LISAC

WEST VIRGINIA TENNIS

This Week in Women's Tennis: The Mountaineers (6-12, 0-7) return home to host their final pair of Big 12 matches this season ... West Virginia welcomes TCU on Friday, April 22, followed by Texas Tech on Sunday, April 24 ... Friday's contest is set to begin at 4 p.m., while Sunday's match is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. ... Sunday's match is Senior Day, as the Mountaineers will honor their lone senior Hailey Barrett.

Last Week in Women's Tennis: WVU dropped a pair of Big 12 road matches on April 16 on April 17, respectively ... the Mountaineers dropped a 5-0 decision to No. 25 Texas on April 16, followed by a 4-0 loss to No. 45 Baylor on April 17.

Notes: Sophomore Habiba Shaker leads the team in singles play with an overall record of 12-3, 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, while the duo of junior Kaja Mrgole and Choo hold a perfect 5-0 record at the No. 3 slot this season.

Coach Miha Lisac after the match at No. 45 Baylor: "Score wise, it was a tough day on the courts. Baylor played well. However, there is progress that we can take away from this weekend and apply it to our upcoming week of work in order to prepare for TCU and Texas Tech. We are focusing on playing our best tennis when we go into the conference tournament. We will take lessons from the matches this weekend, and we will work on being better prepared."



HEAD COACH:
SEAN CLEARY

WEST VIRGINIA

TRACK & FIELD

This week in Track and Field: The Mountaineers will split to compete at the Virginia Challenge in Charlottesville, Virginia, at Lannigan Field and at the Jesse Owens Classic in Columbus, Ohio, at Jesse Owens Memorial Track from April 22-23.

Last Week in Track and Field: The Mountaineers completed the two-day Bison Outdoor Classic from April 16-17, with a pole vault victory and multiple career-best and season-best times, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania ... with perfect weather over the weekend, the event was highlighted by senior Tori Bertrand's victory in the pole vault and six top-five finishes ... for the second weekend in a row, Bertrand won the pole vault, marking 3.75 meters ... sophomore Sara Finrock placed third, vaulting a personal-best mark, tying 3.60 meters ... senior Hannah Stone tied for second place in the high jump with a season-best mark of 1.70 meters ... sophomore Shamoya McNeil placed third in the long jump, leaping a career-best 5.80 meters ... McNeil improved .81 meters from her previous best set in the 2015 indoor season ... freshman Danique Bryan notched a top-five finish, placing fifth with a season-best mark of 5.78 meters ... in the 100-meter hurdles, sophomore Meghan Jean-Baptiste took fourth place with a time of 14.86 ... sophomore Bria Welker ran in the 400-meter dash, placing fifth with a personal-best time of 56.61 ... Welker shed .59 seconds off her previous best, set during the 2014 indoor season.

Coach Sean Cleary after the Bison Outdoor Classic: "We had a very good weekend. The weather was perfect, and with that came the many performances that we were looking for. The vast majority of our group had either lifetime or season-best marks. If we can get a few more weekends like this, we will be setting ourselves up for a very successful season. For those that did compete up to the standards that have been set for them, it's very simple. Go home, take care of business in practice and in the classroom. Time management is imperative as we draw closer to the postseason and final exams. Only those that can manage both aspects of their lives will be standing when the last important meet arrives."



HEAD COACH:
SEAN COVICH

WEST VIRGINIA

GOLF

This Week in Golf: West Virginia takes the week off before heading to the Big 12 Championships in Trinity, Texas, on April 29.

Last Week in Golf: The Mountaineers capped their first regular season in three decades with a runner-up finish at the Rutherford Intercollegiate on Sunday at Penn State ... it marked WVU's top finish of the season... the team shot 284-284-285=853 to finish one over ... only No. 31 Penn State (843) finished ahead ... Alan Cooke and Max Sear both posted top-10 finishes ... Cooke was the individual runner-up with a score of 207 for six under ... Sear shot a 208 to finish fourth ... Tristan Nicholls also finished in the top 25, shooting a 219 for 22nd.

Notes: WVU posted its lowest team score of the season with an 853 at Penn State, besting its previous low by six strokes ... Alan Cooke set a new record with a 207 ... Cooke and Max Sear each fired a 67 in the final round, tying the lowest individual round of the season ... it marked the second time this year Cooke has shot a 67 in tournament play ... Sear's fourth-place finish was his third top-10 finish of the year ... both Tristan Nicholls (219) and Chris Williams (223) posted their lowest three-round scores of the season as well.

Coach Sean Covich after the Rutherford Intercollegiate: "I'm very proud of the guys this week. We showed we can compete and, more importantly, our guys now believe in themselves. We have some validation for our hard work. This will provide some momentum for our young program."



HEAD COACH:
JIMMY KING

WEST VIRGINIA

ROWING

This Week in Rowing: The Mountaineers return to the water this week 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: The Mountaineers were idle last week.

Notes: WVU last competed 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 ... the novice four crew placed sixth out of 30 entries with a Grand Final time of 8:11.70 ... the second varsity eight boat 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.

Baseball

Overall Record: 18-16

Big 12 Record: 5-6

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	L, 4-1
Apr 15	Kansas State*	L, 8-6
Apr 16	Kansas State*	L, 15-2
Apr 17	Kansas State*	W, 5-4
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: 6-12

Big 12 Record: 0-7

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*	L, 0-5
Apr 17	at Baylor*	L, 0-4
Apr 22	TCU*	4:00 p.m.
Apr 24	Texas Tech*	10:00 a.m.
Apr 28	Big 12 Championship	TBA

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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)	No Team Results
Apr 17	Bison Outdoor Challenge (Lewisburg, Pa)	No Team Results
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	2nd place
Apr 17	Rutherford Intercollegiate	2nd place
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.