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### **ATHLETES OF THE WEEK FOR OCTOBER 3, 2011**

**UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION** Athlete of the Week selections are drawn from nominees submitted by member institution coaches and sports information directors. **UAA** Athletes of the Week are selected in each sport in which the **UAA** sponsors competition. They are selected on the basis of their individual performances and contributions to team efforts during the past week in both Association and non-Association competition.

#### **Women's Cross Country**

##### **Liz Phillips — Washington University — Homer Glen, IL (Lockport)**

Senior Liz Phillips led Washington University to a 13<sup>th</sup>-place finish out of 30 teams at the Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic on Saturday in Louisville, KY. In a field of 351 competitors representing primarily NCAA Division I schools, Phillips placed 40<sup>th</sup> overall with a 5,000-meter time of 17:52.48.

#### **Men's Cross Country**

##### **Michael Burnstein — Washington University — Brookline, MA (Brookline)**

Senior Michael Burnstein guided the Washington University team to a 14<sup>th</sup>-place finish at the Greater Louisville Cross Country Classic on Saturday. In a field of 240 predominantly NCAA Division I harriers, Burnstein came in 32<sup>nd</sup> overall with an 8,000-meter time of 24:44.13.

#### **Football – Offense**

##### **Erik Olson — Case Western Reserve University — Bethel Park, PA (Bethel Park)**

Case Western Reserve University junior quarterback Erik Olson completed 23 of 39 passes for 228 yards and a touchdown in a 17-10 victory at Allegheny College. Olson threw the game-winning pass with just 45 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

##### **Patrick Blanks — Carnegie Mellon University — Cincinnati, OH (Moeller)**

Junior Patrick Blanks helped Carnegie Mellon University to a 24-7 victory at Hiram College Saturday. He rushed for 116 yards on 20 carries for a 5.8-yard per carry average to tally his third 100-yard game of the season. Blanks leads the UAA with 503 yards rushing for an average of 7.1 yards per carry and 100.6 yards per game.

#### **Football – Defense**

##### **Nick Karabin — Carnegie Mellon University — Ruffs Dale, PA (Greensburg Central Catholic)**

Carnegie Mellon University junior Nick Karabin helped the Tartans to a 24-7 road win over Hiram College this Saturday. The outside linebacker tied a career-high 11 tackles and recorded a career-high eight solo tackles in the win. Three of his tackles were for a loss totaling five yards. Karabin also forced a fumble and tallied his second career interception at the Tartan 22-yard line to end the first half.

### ***Football – Special Teams***

#### **Patrick Garrett – Carnegie Mellon University – Glenshaw, PA (Fox Chapel)**

Senior punter Patrick Garrett of Carnegie Mellon University turned in a strong performance in the Tartans' 24-7 victory at Hiram College. He lofted five punts on the afternoon with an average of 43.6 yards per punt including a long of 53 yards. Garrett also placed two punts inside the Terriers' 20-yard line.

### ***Men's Golf***

#### **Ryan Dagerman – Emory University – Dallas, TX (Plano West)**

Emory University senior Ryan Dagerman was the top performer for the Eagles at the Gordin Classic Division III Preview tournament. Dagerman tied for 16<sup>th</sup> in a field of 92 golfers with a 54-hole score of 228 (72-77-79).

### ***Women's Soccer – Offense***

#### **Lauren Steimle – Washington University – St. Charles, IL (Elgin Academy)**

Sophomore forward Lauren Steimle scored four goals in three Washington University victories last week. Steimle scored two goals in a 3-0 win over Fontbonne University on Monday and added a goal in a 4-1 triumph over 11<sup>th</sup>-ranked Illinois Wesleyan University. She netted her fourth goal of the week in a 3-0 victory over Carnegie Mellon University on Sunday in the UAA opener.

### ***Women's Soccer – Defense***

#### **Clara Jaques – Washington University – Los Angeles, CA (Harvard-Westlake)**

Junior goalkeeper Clara Jaques of Washington University picked up three victories and allowed just one goal in 243 minutes of play last week. Jaques posted identical 3-0 shutout wins over Fontbonne University last Monday and Carnegie Mellon University on Sunday. She was also in goal for a 4-1 win over 11<sup>th</sup>-ranked Illinois Wesleyan University on Wednesday. Jaques picked up her 36<sup>th</sup> career victory on Sunday, tying the school record for career wins.

### ***Men's Soccer – Offense***

#### **Matt Newman – NYU – Leawood, KS (Rockhurst)**

Senior midfielder Matt Newman helped NYU to a 2-0 week with a game-winning goal and assisted on another game-winner. Newman scored the game-winner in overtime to lead the Violets to a 1-0 victory over Case Western Reserve University in the UAA opener on Saturday. In a 3-0 win over Hunter College on Monday, Newman helped set up the first goal of the game. His efforts helped extend the team's winning streak to four games and their UAA shutout series to eight consecutive games.

### ***Men's Soccer – Defense***

#### **Alex Wong – Emory University – San Francisco, CA (Marin Academy)**

Emory University junior Alex Wong made a season-high nine saves en route to his third shutout of the season, helping the Eagles to a 1-0 win at regionally fifth-ranked University of Chicago on Saturday. His nine saves rank first in UAA competition this season and lowered his goals-against average to 0.56 and raised his save percentage to 0.864. Wong improved his overall record to 5-1-0, and has not allowed a goal in five of the six games he has played this season.

#### **Niki Chow – NYU – Los Gatos, CA (Los Gatos)**

Junior defender Niki Chow helped NYU to a 2-0 week with his outstanding play in the backfield and assisted on a game-winning goal. In a 1-0 victory over regionally fourth-ranked Case Western Reserve University in the UAA opener on Saturday he helped keep the Spartans off the board and then assisted on the overtime winner. Chow also helped the Violets post a 3-0 shutout over Hunter College on Monday. NYU recorded its eighth consecutive UAA shutout and extended its streak of consecutive shutout minutes in UAA play to 787:49.

### **Women's Tennis**

**Laura Chen — Carnegie Mellon University — Port Washington, NY (Paul D. Schreiber)**

**Courtney Chin — Carnegie Mellon University — Cupertino, CA (Monta Vista)**

Seniors Laura Chen and Courtney Chin of Carnegie Mellon University won the doubles title at the USTA/ITA Southeast Region Women's Championship on Monday. The duo started with an 8-1 win over opponents from Washington and Lee University. They went on to defeat Albright College 8-0 and Johns Hopkins University 8-3 to reach the semifinals. In the semifinals they faced teammates Clare Dubrin and Cze-Ja Tam and won 8-3 before posting a 6-3, 6-3 victory in the finals over opponents from Johns Hopkins.

**Kendra Higgins — University of Chicago — Vero Beach, FL (Vero Beach)**

**Jennifer Kung — University of Chicago — Sunnyvale, CA (Homestead)**

University of Chicago senior Kendra Higgins won the singles title and paired with senior Jennifer Kung to capture the doubles crown at the USTA/ITA Central Region Women's Championships at Kalamazoo College. Higgins won six matches, all in straight sets, capped by a 6-1, 6-4 decision over her opponent from Case Western Reserve University in the championship match. Higgins and Kung won five doubles matches, including a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Denison University in the championship match.

### **Men's Tennis**

**Dillon Pottish — Emory University — East Quogue, NY (Westhampton Beach)**

Senior Dillon Pottish of Emory University captured his third straight USTA/ITA South Region Singles Championship over the weekend, topping the 64-player field with six victories. Pottish defeated opponents from Birmingham-Southern College and Millsaps College in his opening matches before topping sophomore teammate Nick Szczurek and his foe from North Carolina Wesleyan University in the third round and quarterfinals. On the final day of action, he defeated a pair of teammates en route to becoming the first player in school history to win three consecutive ITA regional singles titles.

### **Volleyball**

**Alena Ransom — Emory University — Tampa, FL (Tampa Prep)**

Junior right side Alena Ransom helped Emory University to a 3-0 mark at the first UAA Round Robin. Playing in 10 of the team's 12 sets, she posted a hitting percentage of .459 and registered a team-high 0.80 blocks per-set average. In the round robin finale against Case Western Reserve University, she hit .500 and contributed five block assists in a 3-1 victory. Against 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked University of Chicago, she totaled nine kills and chipped in a pair of block assists as the Eagles came away with a hard-fought 3-2 triumph.

### **Women's Swimming & Diving**

**Jen Tartavull — Washington University — Malibu, CA (Malibu)**

Freshman Jen Tartavull turned in three top-three finishes and won two events as Washington University fell to Division I Saint Louis University 152-87. She won the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 55.16 and was a member of the first-place 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished in a time of 1:42.75. Tartavull also placed third in the 200-yard freestyle with a 2:01.31 finish.

### **Men's Swimming & Diving**

**Zane Turpin — Washington University — Weddington, NC (Charlotte Country Day)**

Freshman Zane Turpin of Washington University won one race and was the runner-up in a second in a 143-96 loss to Division I Saint Louis University. He won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:49.96, and placed second in 53.21 in the 100-yard butterfly.