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West Region Championship, a scintillating 2-1 overtime victory over then-No. 5 ranked Seattle Pacific, and an NCAA quarterfinal contest against undefeated and eventual NCAA DII Men's Soccer Champion Fort Lewis College.

The Toros, who posted a 17-5-2 overall and 9-3-2 CCAA record, reached the NCAA playoffs for the sixth-consecutive season and seventh time overall.

In addition to the first All-American honor of his career, Kamara has earned two First-Team All-West Region accolades, two First-Team All-CCAA nods and a 2004 CCAA MVP selection in his two seasons as a Toro.

Says CSUDH men's & women's soccer head coach Joe Flanagan, "It was a little surprising that he went in the first round, but it was great to see him up there. He's going to a great coach in Sigi Schmid, and it's an awesome opportunity. We're hoping for the best for him."

Flanagan Named Coach of the Year...



Toros men's and women's soccer head coach Joe Flanagan was named the CCAA Men's Soccer Coach of the Year by his fellow CCAA soccer coaches, his fourth men's coaching award in 12 years at the helm of the men's soccer program. "It's nice to be recognized by your peers for a job well done and for a year of good work," Flanagan says of his accolade, his first in four years. "I appreciate the honor."

Flanagan also captured CCAA Men's Soccer Coach of the Year honors in 1995, 2000 and 2001, winning National Coach of the Year honors in 2000 after leading the Toros to a National Championship in a 2-1 four-overtime classic over host Barry University. Overall, Flanagan holds a career 172-66-16 (.709) record as men's head coach, and a 56-22-10 (.678) ledger as women's head coach.

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Current Toros men's soccer goalkeeper Kyle Polak, former men's soccer player and current Toro assistant coach Sean Lockhart and former women's basketball player Trimeka Jackson shared their stories with the contingent, and were followed by Deb Ruiz, the National Account Manager for the South Bay Daily Breeze, and Eric Roiko, the General Manager for the DoubleTree, two current partners of Toros Athletics.



"I was very pleased with the turnout of our local business community," begins Patrick Guillen, CSUDH Director of Athletics. "We will continue to become a more consistent presence to our area business partners as we strive to be the 'communiiversity' for the South Bay and create mutually beneficial partnerships."

"We cannot continue to be one of the top level NCAA collegiate programs without their help, and it is their investment that is the key ingredient to the development and future success of our student-athletes as they graduate and become productive members of our society."

Amongst the current and hopeful future partners attending the luncheon included: BTX Air Express, Busy Lady Fitness Center, Carson Chamber of Commerce, Civic Travel, Commerce West Bank, Contractors' Warehouse, Daily Breeze, DoubleTree Hotel, El-Com System Solutions, Island Wireless, Myers-Stevens & Toohey, New Century Properties and Investments, Inc., Pinnacle Financial Corporation, RD Tax Services, Sam's Club, Trusperity Acquisition Corporation, Venturi Staffing, Subway, Watson Land Company and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

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giving golfers four opportunities for four great JetBlue golfing vacation packages.

After the morning's four-person best-ball scramble concluded, participants were treated to a buffet lunch, mixed in between the silent and live auctions, with CSUDH baseball assistant coach Murphy Su'a again entertaining the golfers with his live auctioneering talents.

"As co-chair, my biggest reward was feeling the energy of the packed banquet room that was the result of all the months of hard work leading up to the event by not only our Golf Classic committee, but by our CSUDH Athletics staff and our campus community who all went above and beyond to make it a huge success," beamed Lamel Harris, CSUDH Assistant Athletics Director.

Dr. Shakib came to CSUDH from the University of Southern California, where she had been a Senior Research Associate for the Keck School of Medicine since 2003.



Welcome From a FAR...

Cal State Dominguez Hills has named Dr. Sohaila Shakib as its new Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR).

"I'm very excited to be the Faculty Athletic Representative for the California State University Dominguez Hills Athletics Department," Shakib begins. "I look forward to working with all of the talented student-athletes, faculty and staff at this outstanding University."

As an Associate Professor in Sport Sociology, Shakib will develop curriculum in sport sociology at Cal State Dominguez Hills, drawing from her knowledge of sport sociology, physical activity and substance abuse.

Shakib (So-HAY-luh sha-KEEB) completed a National Cancer Institute (NCI) post-doctoral fellowship in cancer prevention at USC in 2002, after receiving her Ph.D. in sociology from USC in 1999. Prior to her doctorate, Shakib earned a master's

degree in sociology from USC after completing her bachelor's degree in psychology from Tulane University in 1990.

NEWS AND NOTES

CSUDH Athletics welcomes you to the inaugural issue of the Toro Quarterly, where you can catch up with what's happening in the department.

Toros Ace Golf Classic...

A sold out golf contingent made winners of present and future Cal State Dominguez Hills student-athletes at the 16th Annual Toros Scholarship Golf Classic held on Friday, June 9, at the regal Meadowlark Golf Club in Huntington Beach, California.

"This was our most successful fund-raising event ever," began CSUDH Athletics Director Patrick Guillen. "We sold out our event for the first time in the tournament's history, were treated to a great golf course and venue by Meadowlark, and had the commitment of our sponsors, community leaders, University and staff, evidenced by both our auction item donations as well as the capacity-filled ballroom. I couldn't have been happier."

The Golf Classic, which serves as the major fund-raiser for the Toros athletics program, featured Jim Dear, Mayor, City of Carson, as its Honorary Chairman, who welcomed the hungry golfers as they settled into their seats for the early afternoon buffet lunch. This year's event also featured a first in the Golf Classic's history, a JetBlue Hole-In-One Challenge



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On Our Way Up... Twenty businesses from the Carson and surrounding areas attended the Cal State Dominguez Hills Athletics Inaugural Business Luncheon on April 7 in an effort geared towards partnering Toros Athletics with businesses surrounding the CSUDH campus.



"The luncheon was an excellent opportunity for us to acquaint the local business community with our outstanding Athletics Program and the value it brings to the lives of our student-athletes, the University and the community at large," began Boice Bowman, CSUDH Vice President of Student Affairs. "Their ongoing support for our program is an excellent investment that will continue to pay dividends both now and for years to come."

Hosted by new Toros Athletics corporate sponsor the DoubleTree Hotel, Carson Civic Plaza, the businesses, members of CSUDH Athletics, along with Dr. Bowman and CSUDH President James E. Lyons, Sr. were treated to lunch, speeches and presentations on CSUDH Athletics, highlighting both the athletic and academic successes of its student-athletes and the benefits all businesses would garner as partners of CSUDH Athletics.

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Cline Named VB Head Coach...

Cal State Dominguez Hills has named Randy Cline the new Toros volleyball head coach. Cline, who had served on the volleyball staff since January, begins his new position immediately.

Cline brings nearly 10 years of coaching experience to the Toros program, including stints as the men's volleyball assistant coach at alma mater Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, Florida) and prep head coaching appointments at the Academy Prep Center for Education, Lawndale High School and Cardinal Mooney High School, where he was selected the 3A Coach of the Year in 1997, and the 3A Co-Coach of the Year in 1998.

"I'm very thankful for the opportunity to lead the Toros to the top of the CCAA Conference," predicts Cline. "I think we can eventually be a force to be reckoned with in Division II volleyball."



Moving On Up...



CSUDH named Patrick Guillen the University's Director of Intercollegiate Athletics on January 11, it was announced by Dr. Boice Bowman, CSUDH Vice President of Student Affairs.

"I look forward with great anticipation to working closely with Patrick to take Toros Athletics to expanded levels of success while continuing to provide a great academic experience for our student-athletes," said Bowman.

As the Athletics Director, Guillen already has secured several new corporate partners including the DoubleTree Hotel Carson Civic Plaza, updated CSUDH's corporate sponsorship with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, has overseen the appointment of a new Faculty Athletics Representative, raised necessary funds for new baseball and softball bleachers, helped secure a title sponsorship from AEG for the recently concluded 2006 Toros Scholarship Golf Classic, sold venue advertising, centralized and updated concessions, initiated the inaugural CSUDH business luncheon, and formulated future fund-raising ideas, efforts which will substantially increase CSUDH Athletics funding in 2006 and beyond.

"I am thrilled to be appointed as the new Director of Athletics, and couldn't ask for a better situation than working for a University that is a vital component to the community in which I was born and raised," Guillen says. "I look forward to continue working with a very talented group of individuals in the Athletics Department, and am excited about rolling up my sleeves and working tirelessly on behalf of our students here at CSUDH."

Drafted...

Sophomore All-American forward Kei Kamara was chosen as the 9th pick overall at the 2006 Major League Soccer (MLS) SuperDraft on January 20, joining the Columbus Crew, coached by Sigi Schmid, former coach of the L.A. Galaxy and UCLA Bruins.



"I was surprised a little bit about going in the first round, but that's what everybody prays for, to go high," said an ecstatic Kamara about his 1st-round selection. "I'm really excited to finally have a team to go to. I just want to again say thanks to all my teammates, coaches, trainers and everyone at CSUDH who's helped me get to this point."

Kamara was the first Division II player to be chosen in the draft, and followed UCLA's Marvell Wynne, Santa Clara's Mehdi Ballouchy and Maryland's Jason Garey, who went as the top three respective selections.

This past season, Kamara led the Toros with 15 goals, six assists, 36 points and nine game-winning goals, and was named a Third-Team All-American after leading CSUDH to the 2005 Far

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Baseball

After a rocky 6-10 start in the month of February, it looked as though CSUDH baseball head coach George Wing was in for another long season.

The 2006 baseball team had other plans, however, and turned their fortunes around quickly. In March, they picked up eight victories in 11 games before winning nine of 13 in April and grabbing the No. 1 seed heading into the CCAA tournament.

In the tournament the Toros got off to a slow start, falling 13-3 to eventual NCAA Championship runner-up Chico State in the double elimination tournament.

CSUDH would respond with a 9-0 shutout over host Cal State L.A. on the arm of Chris Borchers to knock the host team out of the tournament, and continue to roll via its 11-9 win over UC San Diego, sending the Tritons home and advancing to the finals against those same Wildcats from Chico. The peaking northern California squad, however, would prove itself the better team this season, besting the Toros 10-4 to claim the CCAA Title.

Unfortunately, CSUDH was overlooked by the NCAA and left out of the West Region playoffs despite its year-long success.

San Bernardino Valley College transfer Jason Klug (above) would have one of the best seasons in Toro history. The first baseman was named an ABCA 2nd-Team All-American, an NCBWA 3rd-Team All-American, the ABCA West Region Player of the Year, the NCBWA West Region Player of the Year, and CCAA Player of the Year.

On April 20, Klug established a new CSUDH record for hitting safely in 23-consecutive games, and received two Wilson CCAA Player of the Week awards on the year.

Borchers (below) also had a stellar season on the mound as he was named CCAA Pitcher of the Year, earning both ABCA and NCBWA 1st-Team All-Region honors, while Toros skipper George Wing picked up his second CCAA Coach of the Year honor in his 18 years at the helm of the program.

Freshman Cody Puckett would grab 1st-Team All-CCAA honors while Ryan Owen, who was drafted by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on the day one of Major League Baseball's amateur draft, took home 2nd-Team All-CCAA accolades to cap his four-year career in Cardinal & Gold.



Softball

The Toros finished the 2006 season with a 46-11 record, winning four games in the NCAA Far West Region playoffs, the deepest post-season run the program has enjoyed in its existence. That string of victories included a thrilling 3-2 victory over then No. 1-ranked Humboldt State in the region's semi-final match-up as Araceli Martinez (right) blasted a 2-0 pitch over the left field wall to break a 2-2 deadlock, sending the top-seeded Lumberjacks packing and the Toros to the finals against eventual Far West Champion Cal State Bakersfield.

The 46 wins tied the program record for most wins set just last season while the 11 losses was the fewest amount of games lost in one season. Overall, the Toros set 24 individual and team records and tied three others to cap yet another record-breaking year.

With 2006 completed, however, the Toros bade a fond farewell to eight seniors, including Cindy Perry-Brown, who ended her stellar four-year career with 17 CSUDH records in hand, Jackie Miller (2 Toro records) and Kate Groden (6 Toro records).

Perry-Brown (right) set single-season records this season for runs scored, consecutive stolen bases, base on balls and hitting streak, and established seven career marks to conclude an exceptional four-year career in Cardinal & Gold (at-bats, batting average, hits, runs, base on balls, hitting streak and stolen bases). As a team, CSUDH established seven single-season records including those for highest batting average, most runs scored, hits, doubles, runs batted in, base on balls and best post-season finish.

Perry-Brown and Miller (below) both were named to the 2nd-Team All-West Region and 1st-team All-CCAA teams, while the duo and Martinez all were selected to the All-West Region Tournament team.

Seniors Groden, Lori Moreno and Jennifer Wilson, and sophomore Amy Thomas each garnered a 2nd-team All-CCAA honor, while junior transfer Kristine Minter picked up a 3rd-team All-CCAA accolade after posting a 14-2 record, including her first-career no-hitter at Cal State San Bernardino on April 20 in her first season in Cardinal and Gold.

Head coach Jim Maier, who also reached a milestone with his 200th victory at CSUDH on February 28, welcomes 10 freshman into the mix next season, looking towards the Toros' fifth-consecutive post-season appearance.



Women's Track & Field

During the indoor season, Meia Tezeno (left) and Grace Fitchett both qualified for the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, with Tezeno advancing to the finals and earning All-America honors with a fourth-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles.

The indoor success would transfer and multiply over to the outdoor season as the Toros took home a pair of CCAA titles, one by April Panteau in the 200-meter dash and the other by Evelyn Graham in the 400-meter hurdles. Overall, CSUDH would post 10 top-five finishes at the CCAA Championships.

The Toros would then send four individuals and one relay team to the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships the weekend of May 25-27, where sophomore Alexandria Anderson picked up her first-career All-America nod by placing 6th in the 100-meter hurdles.

Anderson (right, at the CCAA Championships) matched her personal best effort of 13.90 in the 100-meter hurdle finals to take home an All-America honor, giving the Track and Field teams a total of two on the year.

"It feels great," said Anderson of her accomplishment. "I've been training hard and I was just excited and happy. There were things that could've been better, but I put my best foot forward today. I'm happy, but I'm not satisfied," she concluded, looking ahead to next year's nationals.



Men's Soccer



The Toros again made noise on the national scale as CSUDH claimed the 2005 NCAA DII Far West Region Title behind the foot of sophomore Kei Kamara, who intercepted a miscue deep inside the Seattle Pacific zone and left-footed a blast through the hands of Falcon goalkeeper Kellen Rosten to the back of the net for a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory.

After the Falcons took a 1-0 lead 26 minutes into the contest, freshman Nick Rippetto connected near post for the equalizer 15 minutes into the second half, taking a cross from Francisco Corona, eventually sending the game into overtime. In the extra frame, Kamara cut off an attempted outlet near the mouth of the goal and, in one motion, sent a rocket past Rosten's right at 93:49 to ignite the Toro celebration.

Kamara led the way for the men with four accolades (3rd-team All-America honor, 1st-team All-Region, 1st-team All-CCAA, POW), and was followed by seniors Francisco Corona (1st-team All-Region, 1st-team All-CCAA) and Jaret Minami (1st-team All-Region, 2nd-team All-CCAA) with two individual awards each, and Jason Koza, Jesse Graham and Kyle Polak, who each received one 2nd-team All-CCAA honor.

Men's Basketball

The 2005-06 men's basketball team made great strides last season. Incorporating 10 newcomers with just three returning players, head coach Damaine Powell and his coaching staff posted an 11-16 overall and 8-12 CCAA record, garnering two more conference wins than last season, and four more wins total.

Juniors Carlos Rivers and Shamont Brown (pictured right), who was named 2nd-Team All-CCAA, led the Toro offense, averaging 13.4 and 12.0 points per game, respectively, while fellow junior Trevon Bryant anchored a revamped defense that held opponents to just 46% shooting from the field. Bryant, in fact, established the CSUDH record for blocks in a single-season with 52, and his 2.36 blocks per game average, placing him 15th in the NCAA.

After posting just four wins in their first 14 contests, the Toros reeled off seven wins over their final 13 games, including two to end the regular season.

CSUDH returns nine letter winners and two redshirt freshmen in 2006-07, and will look to crack the upper echelon of the always tough CCAA Conference in hopes of making its first postseason appearance since 1986-87.

Volleyball



This year was another struggle as CSUDH dropped its first five CCAA matches of the year before picking up its first win against CS Monterey Bay, which saw a monumental effort by newcomer Courtney Spainhour, who recorded 21 kills and 21 digs in the win.

Sylvia Bonilla (left) etched her name in the CSUDH record books with 915 career digs to place her 3rd all-time, while Spainhour's 1,031 attack attempts placed her 7th in the CSUDH record books for attack attempts in a season.

Additionally, Timary More's .783 hitting percentage against the University of Bridgeport would garner her the top spot in the CSUDH record books for hitting percentage in a match.

With only one senior departing, the Toros hope that a year of experience, in addition to new head coach Randy Cline (see story on Page 1), will produce positive changes in 2006.

Women's Soccer

The Toros qualified for their third-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance in 2005, where they fell to CCAA champion UC San Diego, 1-0.

After winning its first four games to kick off the season, including a thrilling 2-1 victory over then No. 2-ranked Seattle University on September 8, CSUDH posted a 3-1-1 record over its first five conference games, setting the tone for what would prove to be another successful year. Beginning with a win against CS Stanislaus on October 9, CSUDH reeled off a 7-game unbeaten streak that finally ended 20 days later in a 2-0 loss at CS Bakersfield to close out the regular season.

Undaunted, the Toros upset host CS Stanislaus, 3-2, in the first round of the CCAA playoffs, before falling 4-3 to the Tritons in the conference championship game.

Rachele McDonald (pictured) led CSUDH with nine goals and 30 points, while Tara Senff's 8 and Katie Roche's 7 goals provided a balanced attack for the forward-heavy Toros. Freshman goalkeeper Lisa Agramonte was superb between the pipes in her first collegiate season, posting 5 shutouts and 11 wins.

McDonald (1st-team All-Region, 1st-team All-CCAA), Elizabeth Arreola (1st-team All-Region, 2nd-team All-CCAA) and Senff (2nd-team All-Region, 1st-team All-CCAA) paced CSUDH with two accolades apiece, and were followed by single honorees Roche (1st-team All-CCAA), Corrie Hirokawa (2nd-team All-CCAA), Sandy Lloyd (3rd-team All-CCAA) and Kristen Boskovich (3rd-Team All-CCAA).



Women's Basketball

It was a bit of a roller coaster season for the Toros who, after getting off to a quick 6-2 start, stumbled over their next five contests, winning just once.

CSUDH would recapture its winning formula over the next five games, winning all five to put themselves back in the playoff hunt.

However, just as last season's CCAA championship slipped away at the end of the season, the Toros' playoff hopes were dashed by losses towards the finish as CSUDH dropped five of its last eight games.

Last season's sensational freshman class of Alana Bailey, Brittney Blankenship, Jessica Liang and Michelle Kribell all stepped up to avoid the dreaded "sophomore jinx."

Individually, the season would be about senior point guard Tameka Blue (pictured) as she finished out her record-setting four-year career.

After the final horn sounded at the end of the 2005-06 season in front of friends and family in Seaside, CA, Blue ended her career with CSUDH career records for points, assists, made free-throws, free-throw percentage, and game marks for free throws attempted, free throws made, and assists. The Watsonville native also was named a 1st-Team All-CCAA selection for the third time, and a 2nd-Team All-Region honoree for the second time in her storied career.

In addition to Blue, sophomore Alana Bailey would garner 2nd-Team All-CCAA honors for the first time in her career, while the 2005-06 season marked the final season in the Torodome for seniors Celeste Haueter, Adiana Vega-Howard and Brandi McGinest.

Cross Country

Freshman Kristin Glen (second from left) led a revamped cross-country squad to three top-10 finishes over the course of five invitations, and an overall 10th place finish at the CCAA Championships in late October.

On the year, Glen posted the fastest Toro time in all seven races in which CSUDH has competed.

The Toros, which welcomed six newcomers to this year's squad, should have both experience and depth as they look forward to a successful 2006 season.



Men's Golf

The 2006 golf team fielded a team of three juniors and two freshmen, all looking to make their mark on the links.

Junior Matt Giamberdino led the Toros at the Cal State Bakersfield Spring Invitational, CSUDH's first tournament of the season, as the Toros posted a 15th-place team finish, while freshmen Niraj Dhruv found his groove at the 56th Annual Southern California Intercollegiate one week later, leading the Toro contingent to a 14th-place finish at the UCSD-hosted event. Fellow freshman Miguel Saucedo then took his turn over the final two tournaments, giving the Toros' golf team hopes for a promising 2006-07.

Saucedo led the Toros at the CS Stanislaus-hosted Buzzini Invitational on April 11, and followed that performance with a top 50 finish at the CCAA Championships one week later as the Toros placed 8th in the tournament.

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