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UPDATE FROM THE FIELD HOUSE

Academic honors, pre-season predictions, and more

FALL SEASON OPENS SOON

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FOOS EARNS PRE-SEASON HONORS



Defiance College's Tom Foos has been selected as one of the state's top returning punters for the 2010 season by OhioCollegeFootball.com. The website recognized seven punters and tabbed

Foos as one of two NCAA Division III student-athletes to be honored.

Foos will enter his senior season on the heels of a standout performance in 2009, which saw him named First-Team All-Ohio by OhioCollegeFootball.com. Foos also netted his second All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference nod with a Second-Team All-HCAC selection.

The Helena, Ohio, native planted 23 of his 71 punts inside the 20-yard line during his junior season, set a career high by averaging 38.9 yards per boot, sailed six of his punts over 50 yards and forced 14 fair catches to anchor the special teams unit for the Yellow Jackets one year ago.

FIVE JACKETS NAMED TO NFF HONOR SOCIETY



The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame recently announced its 2010 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, which is made up of collegiate football players from all divisions of play who maintained a grade-point average of 3.2 or higher.

Defiance College had five players recognized by the NFF as its 2010 Hampshire Honor Society honorees, as Joel Billings, Troy Huelskamp, Matt King, Andrew Kohls and Mike Szuma were among the total of 620 student-athletes from 246 schools to qualify for the honor.

KLEMAN EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

Graduating senior Austin Kleman was voted First-Team Academic All-District IV and recently named as an ESPN The Magazine's Third-Team



Academic All-America selection. The honor is voted on and announced by the College of Sports Information Directors of America.

The award recognizes student-athletes for outstanding achievements in the classroom, as well as on the field or court of competition.

Kleman earned his degree in molecular biology in May, after completing the program in three years. The Sidney, Ohio, native sported a 3.99 cumulative GPA en route to earning his second-straight Academic All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference award. Kleman also won Defiance College's 2009-2010 Gene Geren Award for having the highest cumulative grade-point average among all DC student-athletes and is a two-time ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District performer.



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TRACK & FIELD SUCCESS!



The men's track and field team began their season on a high note by claiming a team title in the first meet of the season – DC's 15th annual Dick Small Invitational. Home town product Austin Trivett was sensational at the meet, winning three events and placing second in a fourth before being honored as the HCAC Field Athlete of the Week for his efforts. Later in the season, Trivett joined DC's Tyler Anderson, Josh Beaverson and Thavez Jeter in receiving All-Ohio honors for their outstanding performances at the All-Ohio Championships.

Throughout the course of the season, the Yellow Jackets would set new school records in the 400-meter dash, 5,000-meter run, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 4x800-meter relay and the decathlon. The team finished third in the HCAC Championships, marking the third-consecutive season that the Yellow Jackets have finished among the top-three in the conference. Defiance also had two athletes provisionally qualify for the NCAA Div. III Championships, as Justin Perkins earned the honor in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and Austin Trivett posted qualifying marks in both the high jump and the decathlon. ♦



Tyler Anderson competes in the pole vault



Kaitlin Switzer runs in front of the pack

The women's track and field team started its season with a second-place finish at the Dick Small Invitational, and went on to place first among Div. III schools two weeks later at the Yellow Jacket Open. Freshman athlete, Ashlyn Howell, was honored as the HCAC Track Athlete of the Week following the Yellow Jacket Open, and received her second-straight conference award the following week, this time as the HCAC Field Athlete of the Week, after posting a conference-leading performance in the triple jump at the Adrian College All-American Invitational.

Kaitlin Switzer earned All-Ohio honors in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and shot to the top of the HCAC standings for the event with a time of 11:44.12. Switzer would set a new personal-record in the steeplechase one month later at the Dr. Keeler Invitational, as she turned in a time of 11:37.78, giving her an 18-second cushion over the rest of the field in the HCAC.

The team got stronger as the season progressed, peaking just in time for the HCAC Championships, where they finished second overall for the second-consecutive season. The Jackets saw six athletes claim conference crowns at the Championships, including Shavonda Price in the 400-meter dash, Marlea Rolander in the 100-meter hurdles and Kaitlin Switzer in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. The 4x400-meter relay team of Howell, Kristin Goldstein, Price and Courtney Swabb combined to take first place at the meet as well with a school-record time of 4:09.61. ♦

The women's track and field team has earned Division III All-Academic Team status for 2010 with the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The women held a 3.37 team GPA for the spring to solidify their position. This is the second year in a row for women's track to earn this distinction. Teams need at least a 3.1 cumulative GPA to qualify for the honor.

