



Monday, February 8, 2010

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



CHANTIQUE PAYNE, SWIMMING

Third-year Chantique Payne (Brantford, Ont.) was named an OUA all-star after winning two gold medals and a bronze at this past weekend's OUA Championships hosted by Brock University. Payne successfully defended her title in the 50 and 100m butterfly events and finished third in the 100m freestyle. She was the lone women's team member named as an OUA all-star. Payne will now prepare for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) swimming championships, hosted by the University of Toronto from Feb. 18-20.



ANDREW FORD, SWIMMING

Second-year swimmer Andrew Ford (Guelph, Ont.) won four individual gold medals and was named the male Dr. Jenő Tihanyi IM award winner and an OUA all-star at this past weekend's OUA Championships hosted by Brock University. He totaled four gold medals, winning the 100m back, 200m back, 200m individual medley and 400m individual medley. Ford was also a member of the bronze medal men's 200 and 400m medley relay teams. Ford will now prepare for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) swimming championships, hosted by the University of Toronto from Feb. 18-20.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

2009-2010 Record: 5-13 (8th place OUA West)

Upcoming Games: @ Laurier (Feb. 10 – 8pm); @ McMaster (Feb. 13 – 3pm)

Last Week Results: lost to Windsor 89-68; lost to Western 84-80

Gryphons drop two road games – The men's basketball team dropped a pair of road games this past weekend to Windsor and Western. The Gryphons drop to 5-13 on the season and sit at the bottom of the OUA West division with four games left in the regular season.

On Wednesday the Gryphons traveled to Windsor and couldn't keep up with the high scoring Lancers falling 89-68. Fourth-year guard Jonathan Moscatelli (Toronto) led the Gryphons with 20 points which included 15-first half points. The Gryphons looked like a different team on Saturday against the Mustangs in London. Guelph led most of the contest and by as many as 16 points in the third quarter until the Mustangs mounted their fourth quarter comeback to steal the victory. Guelph was led by Jay Mott's season high 33 points including 7-of-10 from three point range.

The Gryphons continue their road stint traveling to Waterloo to play the Laurier Golden Hawks next Wednesday (Feb. 10) at 8:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2009-2010 Record: 2-16 (8th place OUA West)

Upcoming Games: @ Laurier (Feb. 10 – 6pm); @ McMaster (Feb. 13 – 1pm)

Last Week Results: lost to Windsor 79-43; lost to Western 70-47

Gryphons struggle through 0-2 week – The women's basketball team dropped a pair of games this week on the road against some tough competition from the OUA West including CIS No. 3 ranked Windsor 79-43 and Western 70-47.

In the Gryphons first contest of the week the Gryphons played an excellent first half against the Lancers finishing tied 14-all after the first and 31-21 for the Lancers after the half. The third quarter proved to be a clinic by the Lancers, as they dominated the Gryphons 28-4. With the game out of reach, Windsor only outscored the Gryphons by two in the fourth (20-18), but easily sealed the victory. Alex Russell (Paradise Valley, AZ) led the Gryphons in scoring with 13 points followed closely by Samantha Russell (Paradise Valley, AZ) with 10.

On Saturday the team put forth a solid three quarters, but couldn't hold up the level and succumbed 70-47 to the Western Mustangs. Down only two at the half (32-30), and down nine with just over nine minutes to go (48-39), the Gryphons collapsed defensively in the fourth quarter, allowing seven quick transition points by the Mustangs. Alex Russell led the Gryphons once again with 12 points while Alex Yallin (Port Colborne, Ont.) contributed 11 points.

The Gryphons continue their road stint traveling to Waterloo to play the Laurier Golden Hawks next Wednesday (Feb. 10) at 6:00 p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

2009-2010 Record: 13-10-4 (5th OUA West)

Upcoming Games: @ York (Feb. 13 – 7:00pm) – *last regular season home game*

Last Week Results: beat Western 4-3; beat York 7-5



Four straight wins for Gryphons - The Gryphon men's hockey team wrapped up their five-game home-stretch on a high note this past Saturday, taking the 7-5 win over the York Lions. Four-straight wins, brings the Gryphons record to 13-10-4.

After putting away six goals in the first two periods, the Gryphons were brought back to reality as the Lions brought the game within reach after scoring four goals in the final period. The Gryphons were able to hold off the Lions though and walked away with their fourth-straight win.

Among the offensive powerhouse that was the Gryphons, some players that stood out for Guelph included Tim Priamo (Guelph, Ont.), Kris Belan (Florence, Ont.), and Alex Magera (Edmonton, Alta.), who each contributed a goal and an assist, while Nathan Martine (Port Colbourne, Ont.) chipped in two assists of his own. Scott Van Bommel (Norwich, Ont.) continues to showcase his stability in the role of starting goaltender for the Gryphons, picking up his fifth win in six games, after stopping 20 of York's shots.

Left winger Kris Belan had an outstanding week for the Gryphons. He scored two goals in a 4-3 win over nationally ranked Western including the game winner with just under two minutes left in the game and followed that up with a goal and an assist in a 7-5 win over York. Belan totalled two goals and two assists for a four point weekend.

The Gryphons finish off their regular season at York next week, where they hope to put another tally in the win column, as they go head-to-head with the Lions at 7:00pm on Saturday (Feb. 13). The Gryphons currently sit fifth in the OUA West and will wait to finish the regular season this week to see who their opponent is in the first round of the OUA playoffs.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

2009-2010 Record: 13-9-3 (4th OUA)

Upcoming Games: vs. York (Feb. 13 – 7:30pm); vs. Toronto (Feb. 14 – 7:30pm)

Last Week Results: lost to Brock 3-2



Gryphons split week – Women's hockey dropped their lone game of the week to the Brock Badgers on the road 3-2 on Saturday.

Jessica Zerafa (Mississauga, Ont.) would open the scoring midway through the first period as she netted her 11th goal of the season. In the first 10 minutes of the second period, Brock would answer twice taking a 2-1 lead after 40 minutes. With the man-advantage, the Badgers would make it a two goal game 7:44 into the third period. With less than five minutes left in regulation, Guelph's Erin Small would cut the lead to one but the Gryphons couldn't find the equalizer. Netminder, Danielle Skoufranis tallied 13 saves in the loss.

Guelph wraps up their regular season this weekend at home hosting the York Lions (Feb. 13 – 7:30pm) and Toronto Varsity Blues (Feb. 14 – 7:30pm) at the Gryphon Centre.

NORDIC SKIING

Last Week Results: Suntrail Source for Adventure @ Georgian Bay Nordic

Upcoming Tournament: OUA Championships @ Mono Nordic in Orangeville hosted by Guelph



Gryphons haul the hardware in Hepworth – The Nordic ski team was at Georgian Bay Nordic (GBN) in Hepworth, ON, for the annual Suntrail Source for Adventure skate race this past Sunday. The race attracts a high volume of local racers from the Owen Sound region, especially those from GBN, which is renowned as one of the top racing clubs in the province.

The women's race was a 7km thriller, with the Gryphon team continuing to vie for gold. Laura Hewitt (Orillia, ON) finished the race in first, with a blistering time of 19:50. Joining her on the podium were teammates Vesta Mather (Wahnapiatae, ON) and Lindsey Chapman (Aurora, ON). The junior women also demonstrated their great racing talent over the 7km course. Jennie Hissa (Kenora, ON) and Gillian Rockwell (Parry Sound, ON) finished with silver and bronze, respectively.

On the men's side, the Gryphon team continued to impress, and that they will be among the top competitors at the OUA Championships. The men's team set out on a mission, and completed the race in the fastest times of the season thus far. Matti Little (Sudbury, ON) won the 14km race in a time of 34:58. Joining him on the podium was Ian Ritchie (Penetanguishene, ON), who finished a close second. Other Gryphons atop the standings were Erin Purdon (Owen Sound, ON) and Patrick Twohig (Mississauga, ON) who finished fourth and fifth, respectively. The only Gryphon competitor in the junior men category, Scott Weersink (St. Mary's, ON) continues to shine in his rookie campaign by claiming gold at Suntrail.

The team will now look forward to building on these results on February 20-21st at the OUA Championships at Mono Nordic in Orangeville.

SWIMMING

Last Week Results: Men 4th; Women 7th @ OUA Championships

Upcoming Tournament: CIS Championships @ Toronto (Feb. 18-20)

Ford & Payne win big at OUA Championships – Andrew Ford (Guelph, Ont.) completed the awards quartet at the OUA Championships this past weekend. The Guelph second-year was named the male Dr. Jenő Tihanyi IM award winner and an OUA all-star after totaling four gold medals, winning the 100m back, 200m back, 200m individual medley and 400m individual medley, and picked up bronze medals in the men's 200 and 400m medley relays.

On the women's side, third-year Chantique Payne (Brantford, Ont.) led the Gryphons successfully defending her titles in the 50 and 100m butterfly and winning a bronze in the 100m freestyle event. She was the only women's team member named as an OUA all-star.



The Gryphon men's team managed to squeak by McMaster and finish fourth, up one spot from last year while the women's team finished seventh overall. In terms of individual medals, the team won a combined six gold, one silver and seven bronze.

OUA swimmers will now prepare for the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) swimming championships, hosted by the University of Toronto from Feb. 18-20.

Gryphon Medal Winners at OUA Championships:

GOLD: Chantique Payne, 100m Butterfly (1:02.02)

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GOLD: Andrew Ford, 100m Backstroke (55.10)

GOLD: Andrew Ford, 200m Backstroke (1:59.17)

GOLD: Andrew Ford, 200m IM (2:02.21)

GOLD: Andrew Ford, 400m IM (4:24.33)

SILVER: Benjamin Roberts, 50m Backstroke (26.26)

BRONZE: Chantique Payne, 100m Freestyle (56.73)

BRONZE: Bethany Flemington, 50m Backstroke (29.73)

BRONZE: Wil Wright, 50m Butterfly (25.79)

BRONZE: Matthew Stephenson, 200m Breaststroke (2:17.81)

BRONZE: Men's 400m Medley Relay – Benjamin Roberts, Matthew Stephenson, Andrew Ford, Wil Wright (3:48.03)

BRONZE: Men's 200m Freestyle Relay - Chad Johnson, Wil Wright, Chris Miller & Jordan Duggan (1:34.76)

BRONZE: Men's 200m Medley Relay - Benjamin Roberts, Matthew Stephenson, Andrew Ford, Chad Johnson (1:43.66)

TRACK & FIELD

Upcoming Tournament: Gryphon Throws Summit (Feb. 12) & Windsor Team Challenge (Feb. 13)

Last Week Results: Meyo Invitational @ Notre Dame; York Open @ York University

Boorsma & Peirce Lead Gryphon Track Teams At Notre Dame & York – Kyle Boorsma (Guelph, Ont.) and Sarah Peirce (Aurora, Ont.) led the Gryphon men's and women's track and field teams on multiple fronts this past weekend. The team was divided in two with Boorsma leading a small but strong contingent at the Meyo Invitational at Notre Dame University with an outstanding performance in the highlight Meyo Mile event, while Peirce led the other half at the York Open with her stunning 7.54 60 metre performance.

Annually the Meyo Mile is one of the top collegiate mile races on the continent, it is believed that Boorsma was the first CIS athlete ever granted the opportunity to participate in the race. Boorsma made the most of his opportunity placing fourth overall in the field with a time of 4 minutes 01.79 seconds, falling just short of becoming the first CIS athlete to break four minutes indoors.

Meanwhile at York, Peirce was in full flight as she sliced 5 one hundredths of a second off her personal best performance with her 7.54 clocking. Peirce's time maintains her number two ranking in the CIS as she continues to inch closer to defending champion Genevieve Thibault of Laval. Peirce's time also bettered the CIS automatic qualifying mark.

Dustin Gamble was also impressive this past weekend for the Gryphons. He continued his incredible season adding a school record in the 800 metres to his 600 metre school record from last weekend. Gamble clocked a time of 1 minute 49.71 seconds to place fourth overall at the Meyo Invitational at Notre Dame. Gamble's performance is believed to be the fastest time in the CIS in the last ten years over the 800 metre distance.

For full results [click here](#)

The Gryphons will be back in action this weekend at the Team Challenge meet in Windsor, their last major competition before the OUA Championships, which will be held February 26th at York. Also, this week the

Gryphons will be hosting The Gryphon Throws Summit, one of the country's only throws only meets. The competition will get started at 4:30 pm on Friday February 12th in the Gryphon Dome.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2009-2010 Record: 10-7 (T-4th in OUA)

Upcoming Games: @ Ryerson (Feb. 10 – 8pm); @ York (Feb. 12 – 8pm)

Last Week Results: beat McMaster 3-0 (27-25, 25-17, 25-18)



Gryphons defeat first place Marauders – The Guelph Gryphon men's volleyball team dominated the OUA leading and CIS No. 5 ranked, McMaster Marauders in a quick 3-0 match on Friday at home. Set scores were 27-25, 25, 17, and 25-18. The Gryphons move to 10-7 and sit tied for fourth in the OUA with the Windsor Lancers with 20 points.

Winston Rosser led the Gryphons with 15 points (14 kills, 1 ace). Middle hitter Andrew Revie was named the player of the match after a tremendous performance helping shut down a very potent McMaster attack racking up seven stuff blocks and seven kills while adding a huge dig to seal the win over the nationally ranked Maraduer team.

Pictured above are this year's graduating players from left to right Jonathan Whitton, Gabriel DeGroot and Andrew Bartram. The three were honoured on Friday for their dedication to the Gryphon program.

The Gryphons hit the road this week and travel to play Ryerson (Feb. 10 – 8pm) and York (Feb. 12 – 8pm).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2009-2010 Record: 11-6 (5th OUA West)

Upcoming Games: @ Ryerson (Feb. 10 – 6pm); @ York (Feb. 12 – 6pm)

Last Week Results: lost to McMaster 3-0 (25-18, 25-20, 25-12)



Gryphons lose in 3 sets to McMaster – The women's volleyball team ran into a red hot McMaster team on Friday night losing in three sets at home. Set scores were 25-18, 25-20, & 25-12.

Guelph's offense was led by Kylan Van Osch with 9 points (7 kills, 2 aces) followed by followed by Claire Sandor (4 kills, 1 block, 1 ace) and Erinn Bickle (4 kills, 1 block, 1 ace) with 6 each. "McMaster served extremely tough against us and limited our options on offense. We were not able to deal effectively with their serving and that dictated the entire flow of the match in their favor," said head coach Paul Funk.

Pictured above is graduating player Jenny Vance who was honoured for her dedication to the Gryphon program for the past four years.

Guelph now faces two must-win matches next week to close out the regular season on Wednesday at Ryerson and Friday night at York.

THIS WEEK IN GRYPHON ATHLETICS

Wednesday, February 10

Basketball (W): Guelph @ Laurier – 6PM (LIVE webcast on <http://www.laurierathletics.com/live/>)

Basketball (M): Guelph @ Laurier – 8PM (LIVE webcast on <http://www.laurierathletics.com/live/>)

Volleyball (W): Guelph @ Ryerson – 6PM

Volleyball (M): Guelph @ Ryerson – 8PM

Friday, February 12

Track @ Field: Gryphon Throws Summit @ Guelph Dome

Volleyball (W): Guelph @ York – 6PM

Volleyball (M): Guelph @ York – 8PM

Saturday, February 13

Basketball (W): Guelph @ McMaster – 1PM

Basketball (M): Guelph @ McMaster – 3PM

Hockey (M): Guelph @ York – 7PM

Hockey (W): York @ Guelph – 7:30PM (LIVE webcast on www.ssncanada.ca)

Track & Field: Windsor Team Challenge @ Windsor

Wrestling: OUA Championships @ Western

Sunday, February 14

Hockey (W): Toronto @ Guelph – 7:30PM

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