



Monday, October 5, 2009

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



ADAM REYNOLDS, MEN'S BASEBALL

Adam Reynolds, a fourth-year pitcher from Guelph, Ont. led the Gryphons in a 4-0 win over the Toronto Varsity Blues on Saturday. In his final start as a Gryphon, he pitched a complete game shutout, striking out nine batters. Reynolds is widely regarded as the most dominant pitcher in the OUA and has been a great leader for the Gryphons pitching staff. The ace was scouted by the Toronto Blue Jays, Oakland Athletics and Milwaukee Brewers during the season and is expected to be drafted in the Major League Baseball draft.



BRIENNE STAIRS, FIELD HOCKEY

Brienne Stairs, a third-year Bio-Medical Student from Kitchener, Ont. had a sensational weekend for the Field Hockey Gryphons. She scored eight goals in three games, including two hat tricks. Guelph went 3-0 on the weekend defeating York (4-0), Carleton (11-2) and Queens (5-1). This was Stairs' fourth hat trick of the season. She leads the OUA and CIS in scoring with 23 total goals this season.

REGULAR SEASON ACTION

BASEBALL

2008-2009 Record: 4-14

Upcoming Games: N/A did not make the playoffs

Last Week Results: lost to Toronto 3-2, beat Toronto 4-0, beat Laurier 4-2



Gryphons finish season on winning note – For the third year in a row, the Gryphons did not qualify for the OUA playoffs in men's baseball, however the team capped off this weekend on a winning note. Against Toronto on Saturday the team split a pair of games, falling in game one 3-2 and then bouncing back to defeat the Varsity Blues 4-0. On Sunday in the teams last regular season stint the Gryphons continued their winning ways defeating the Golden Hawks 4-2. Guelph finished the season with the same record as last year, 4-14, but with a new coaching staff and young team, things are looking up for the baseball Gryph's.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Upcoming Meet: Penn State National Invitational (Oct. 16)

Last Week: Women 2nd; Men 5th @ Paul Short

Carson, Gryphon women second at Paul Short, as men finish fifth – With over 80 teams and nearly 5,000 athletes the Brooks Paul Short Run at Lehigh University is annually one of the largest cross country meets in North America. The race is so large that organizers have been forced to divide the field into four separate races per gender. Among the 80 teams were several of the top teams from all three divisions of the NCAA, as well as Canada's top ranked University of Guelph Gryphons. In the end the Gryphon women finished second and the men fifth.

Leading the women once again this week was powerhouse runner, third-year Lindsay Carson (Cambridge, Ont.) who finishing second. On the men's side it was Allen Brett (Ottawa, Ont.) and Kyle Boorsma (Guelph, Ont.) who lead the way finishing 16th and 19th respectively

The Gryphons will next be in action in two weeks at the Penn State National Invitational, this will be the team's final meet before the OUA Championships at the end of the month at Brock University.

FIELD HOCKEY

2008-2009 Record: 9-0

Upcoming Games: @ Toronto (Oct. 9 – 5pm)

Last Week Results: beat York 4-0; beat Carleton 11-2; beat Queens 5-1



Perfect record still intact & Brienne Stairs earns two hat trick performances in two days – Victories over York, Carleton and Queens helped the Gryphon women's field hockey team improve its record to 9-0 and maintain its solid grasp atop the OUA leaderboard in first place. The Gryphons had their hands full this past weekend with a trio of games, before ultimately prevailing in all three contests, outscoring the competition 20-3. On Saturday in a 11-2 win over Carleton, the Gryphons broke many team records including 11 goals in one game, 10 goals in one half and six goals in seven minutes. Brienne Stairs (Kitchener, Ont.) continued to shine for the Gryphons scoring eight goals this weekend including two hatricks and has tallied

23 goals this season.

The Gryphons will be tested this weekend when they travel play their rival, Toronto Varsity Blues on Friday (Oct. 9 – 5pm).

FOOTBALL

2008-2009 Record: 3-2

Upcoming Games: vs. Ottawa (Oct. 9 – 7pm)

Last Week Results: beat Waterloo 34-24



Two lightning delays can't stop the Gryphons, defeating Waterloo 34-24 - The Guelph Gryphons football team (3-2) defeated the Waterloo Warriors (1-4) with a final score of 34-24 in Guelph on Saturday afternoon in front of approximately 900 fans at Alumni Stadium. With two lightning delays, halting play for nearly an hour, the Gryphons managed to escape the bad weather with their third win of the season. Due to an early injury to running back Nick Fitzgibbon (Puslinch, ON) back-up Josh McCreight (Perth, ON) filled in admirably, striking gold twice to help Guelph to the win. The fifth year running back would finish the day with 124 yards on 15 carries.

While Guelph's regular starting quarterback Justin Dunk (Guelph, ON) had to sit the game out due to a suspension, back-ups Chris Rossetti (Mississauga,

ON) and Kurtis Dance (Guelph, ON) combined in a joined effort to spark their offence. Rossetti finished with 10-of-19 passes for 160 yards, while Dance was 3-of-8 for 23 yards.

Up next the Gryphons travel to the nations capital to play the Ottawa Gee Gees' (3-2) this Friday (Oct. 9 – 7pm). The Gee Gees are coming off a 27-25 win over Laurier this past weekend in WLU's homecoming game.

GOLF

Upcoming Tournament: Guelph Open (Oct. 5) @ Cutten Club

Last Week Results: Women 7th @ Waterloo Invitational

Gryphon Results from Waterloo Invitational - The Gryphon women's team finished last, out of seven teams on the weekend at the Waterloo Invitational. The Invitational was shortened because of inclement weather on day one to only nine holes. The team was led by Jessica Keating who shot a two-day score of 130 (44 & 86). Meanwhile Meg Whelan (46 & 91) and Grace Glofcheskie (51 & 100) finished second and third on the team while Kathryn Swierzewski shot a 44 on the first day and did not play in the second day.

MEN'S LACROSSE

2008-2009 Record: 3-3

Upcoming Games: @ Laurier (Oct. 9 – 7pm); vs. Western (Oct. 10 – 1pm)

Last Week Results: lost to McMaster 7-6; lost to Western 6-5-OT



Gryphons fall in triple-OT to Western & need to win next three-of-four to make playoffs – The men's lacrosse team slipped to 3-3 on the weekend, losing to Western 6-5 in the third and sudden death overtime on Sunday. The loss puts the Gryphons in a difficult position as the defending National Champions will need to win at least three of their remaining four games to insure a playoff spot in the quarter finals after also losing a close one to McMaster earlier in the week, 7-6.

Coach Kosakowski commented on Sunday's game, "our goal is to hold teams under 10 goals per game and we did that again. Our offence continues to struggle however and just isn't providing the support up front".

The Gryphons will have to regroup and in short order as they travel to Laurier Friday and then host Western in their rematch, Saturday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

2008-2009 Record: 0-4-1

Upcoming Games: vs. McMaster (Oct. 11 – 9am); vs. Western (Oct. 11 – 1pm) @ Guelph

Last Week Results: lost to Queens 20-11; tied McGill 11-11

Gryphons fall to Queens & bounce back to tie McGill – On Saturday the Gryphons fell to the Queens Gaels 20-11 and then bounced back to tie the McGill Martlets 11-11, with both games being played in Montreal.

Against McGill, the first half was full of action and left the Gryphons trailing 7 - 5. As the Gryphons put their ground ball game back on track they came out on the field in a fury, controlling the game and leading McGill 11-10 with a few minutes remaining. McGill finally tied the game at 11-11 with a minute left.

Leading the Gryphons in scoring this weekend was Stacey Pogue with seven goals and one assist, while Julie Howe chipped in four goals and Sarah Finbow added three goals and two assists.

MEN'S RUGBY

2008-2009 Record: 0-4

Upcoming Games: @ Queens (Oct. 9 – 1pm)

Last Week Results: lost to Waterloo 10-0



Gryphons struggle to get first win, fall to 0-4 in loss to Waterloo 10-0

The Guelph Gryphon men's rugby team lost a 10-0 game on Friday night at home to Waterloo and drop to 0-4 on the season.

The Gryphons hope for a reversal of fortunes this weekend when they travel to Queens to play the Gaels on Friday (Oct. 9 – 1pm)

WOMEN'S RUGBY

2008-2009 Record: 4-0

Upcoming Games: @ Western (Oct. 9 – 3pm)

Last Week Results: beat McMaster 34-0



Gryphons continue unbeaten streak defeating Maruaders 34-0

The Gryphon women's rugby team advanced to 4-0 on the season with a 34-0 victory over the McMaster Maruaders on Saturday in Hamilton. Brittany Sammut (Port Colborne, Ont.) led all scorers with three tries while Mimi Rahneva (Ottawa, Ont.) and Jacey Murphy (Alliston, Ont.) each scored a try, and Brittany Benn (Napanee, Ont.) chipped in with a try and two converts.

Guelph is back in action this week on Friday against arch rival Western in London at 3:00pm

ROWING

Upcoming Tournament: Brock Invitational (Oct. 10)

Last Week Results: Head of Trent



Rowers show Strong Results at Biggest Single Day Regatta in North America

Gryphon Crews raced to solid top three finishes against OUA Rowing powerhouses at this year's Head of the Trent Regatta. Two third place results capped off a great day of racing for Guelph. [Full Story.](#)

Leading the team was Mark Henry in the Lightweight Men's Singles raced down the narrow 5km course to capture third in a time of 19:04.33. Gryphon Men's Doubles of Adam Rabalski—Stroke and Ian Edwards—Bow also claimed third in their race with a time of 17:31.85.

Next weekend, the Gryphon Rowers will travel to St. Catharines to compete at the Brock University Invitational Regatta.

MEN'S SOCCER

2008-2009 Record: 5-2-1

Upcoming Games: vs. York (Oct. 7 – 12pm); @ York (Oct. 9 – 3:15pm)

Last Week Results: beat Brock 3-1; lost to McMaster 1-0



Gryphons split weekend – On Saturday the Gryphons opened the weekend off on the right foot defeating the Brock Badgers 3-1. Scoring twice for the Gryphons was rookie sensation Robbie Murphy (Ottawa, Ont.) while Jurgen Koehler (Guelph, Ont.) netted the other. Murphy leads the Gryphons in scoring with four goals in seven games this season. Goalie Adam Jovanovic (Kitchener, Ont.) earned the win with four saves.

However the next day, the Gryphons were held scoreless by the McMaster Marauders, with a 1-0 final. The Gryphons fell to 5-2-1 on the season. The Gryphons still hold a slim lead in the OUA West standings with 16 points, one point above second place Windsor.

The Gryphons return home this week and will play the defending CIS champion York Lions (4-2-2) on Wednesday (Oct. 7) at 12:00pm at Alumni Stadium.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

2008-2009 Record: 0-5-3

Upcoming Games: vs. York (Oct. 7 – 2:15pm); @ York (Oct. 9 – 1pm)

Last Week Results: lost to Brock 2-0; lost to McMaster 3-2



Gryphons drop two games, Ackerman scores pair of goals against McMaster – In the Gryphons first game on Saturday the team dropped a 2-0 final to the No. 7 CIS ranked Brock Badgers. The next day the Gryphons dropped a 3-2 final decision after McMaster scored three unanswered goals in the second half. Natalie Ackerman (Guelph, Ont.) scored Guelph's both goals. Her first in the 23rd minute and her second in the 29th minute after McMasters goalie ran out to play the ball and cleared it directly to Ackerman, giving her the 25yarder in the empty net. Late in the game, Ackerman had her chance at a hat trick and to tie the game after she beat her player on a one-on-one but Macs goalie made a huge save, denying her the chance.

Guelph drops to 0-5-3 on the season and sit at the bottom of the West Division outside of a playoff position.

Guelph returns home this week to play the York Lions on Wednesday (Oct. 7) at 2:15pm at Alumni Stadium.

SWIMMING

Upcoming Tournament: Oct. 16 vs. Queens & York @ Guelph

Last Week Results: Men 2nd; Women tied 2nd

Gryphons Get off to a running Start – The Gryphon men's and women's swimming team duelled the Toronto Varsity Blues and Waterloo Warriors on Sunday in Waterloo. The men finished second to Toronto and victorious over Waterloo, while the women tied Waterloo and were second to Toronto. This is the first time in three years the Gryphon men's team defeated Waterloo. Meanwhile, the women were competing with only 14 of their 18 member team, a very solid start for the season.

Individually, the Gryphon men were led by Ben Roberts and Andrew Ford. Roberts picked a gold medal and broke the pool record in the 50 back. Ford also broke a pool record and grabbed first place in the 200IM and just missed the pool record by less than a second winning the 200 freestyle. Fourth-year Alex Loh (Oakville, Ont.) and rookie Ben Roberts (Kingston, Ont.) placed 2nd in the 200 backstroke. Matthew Stephenson was third

in the 50 breast. Matthew and Tyler Richardson (Sudbury, Ont.), a first year swimmer, went one, three in the 200 breast.

On the women's side, Chantique Payne's won the 50 fly, and nearly broke the pool record, just short by a second. First year Carolyn Michon (Collingwood, Ont.) placed third in the 50 and 200 breaststroke. Bethany Flemington and Chantique Payne went one two in the 100 freestyle. Bethany also placed second in the 200 IM.

EXHIBITION RESULTS

MEN'S HOCKEY - Thunderwolves win two-game series over Guelph in Thunder Bay

Game 1 – On Friday night the Gryphons dropped the first game 7-3 in the first of the two-game series. Thomas Kiriakou led Guelph's offence with two goals while Matt Lyall added the Gryphons other marker. Fourth-year veteran Derek Knowles assisted on all three of Guelph's goals. In net, Kyle Moir stopped 30 of the 33 shots he faced. Head coach Shawn Camp split the Gryphons goaltending duties between starter Kevin Couture who made 15 saves on 19 shots, and Matt Smith who stopped 12 of 15 after entering the game midway through the second period.

Game 2 - The Gryphons dropped the second game 4-1, on Saturday night. Guelph notched the first marker of the night at 4:07 of the second period when a juicy rebound was deflected in off the skate of a charging Jake Lalonde. Thomas Kiriakou earned the assist.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – Gee Gees Invitational Tournament

Friday Results:

The Gryphons opened their pre-season schedule on Friday at the Gee-Gees Invitational in Ottawa with a close five set loss to an experienced squad from Sherbrooke. Set scores were 25-15, 21-25, 20-25, 25-23, 13-15. The Gryphons had a very up and down match, alternately playing very well, followed by strings of unforced errors.

In their second match the Gryphons lost a three set match to Queen's. The Gryphons came out flat and were outperformed in almost every facet of the game losing 22-25, 13-25, 18-25. In the pre-season tournament format, the teams also played a 4th and 5th set in which Guelph won both, 25-23 & 15-4.

Saturday Results:

On Saturday, Gryphons split a pair of matches on the second day of the Gee-Gees' Invitational tournament in Ottawa. The first match of the day saw the Gryphons triumph over Acadia University 3-1, with set scores of 25-22, 17-25, 25-18, 25-18. Guelph also took a pre-season format fifth set 15-7. In the night match versus league rival McMaster, the Gryphons fell in four sets with scores of 17-25, 20-25, 25-16, and 18-25. Guelph won a fifth set 15-9.

Sunday Results:

The women's volleyball team wrapped up the Gee-Gees' Invitational in Ottawa on Sunday with a 3-0 win over the Ryerson Rams. Set scores were 25-13, 25-18, & 25-9. The Gryphons were in control of the match right from the start as Ryerson had no answer to the middle attacking of Kylan Van Osch and Erinn Bickle. Guelph's next action is next Thursday at the McMaster Thanksgiving Invitational in Hamilton when they will take on the York Lions at 4pm.

THIS WEEK IN GRYPHON ATHLETICS

Monday, October 5

Golf: Guelph Invitational (M & W) @ Guelph - Cutten G.C. – 10AM

Wednesday, October 7

Soccer (M): York @ Guelph – 12PM

Soccer (W): York @ Guelph – 2:15PM

Thursday, October 8

Hockey (M): UOIT @ Guelph - 7:30 PM

Volleyball (W): McMaster Tournament

Friday, October 9

Field Hockey: Guelph @ Toronto – 5PM
Football: Guelph @ Ottawa – 7PM
Hockey (M): Laurier @ Guelph – 7PM
Lacrosse (M): Guelph @ Laurier – 7PM
Rugby (M): Guelph @ Queens – 1PM
Rugby (W): Guelph @ Western – 3PM
Soccer (M): Guelph @ York – 3:15pm
Soccer (W): Guelph @ York – 1PM
Volleyball (M): Guelph @ Laval (exhibition)
Volleyball (W): McMaster Tournament

Saturday, October 10

Hockey (W): Guelph @ Windsor – 4:10PM
Lacrosse (M): Western @ Guelph – 1PM
Rowing: Brock Invitational @ St. Catharine's
Volleyball (M): Guelph @ McGill (exhibition) time tba
Volleyball (W): McMaster Tournament

Sunday, October 11

Hockey (W): Guelph @ Western – 2PM
Lacrosse (W): McMaster @ Guelph – 9AM
Lacrosse (W): Western @ Guelph – 1PM

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