

athletic tradition

Since embarking on its first athletic competition in 1892, Washington State University has compiled a rich tradition of athletic excellence over the ensuing 112 years.

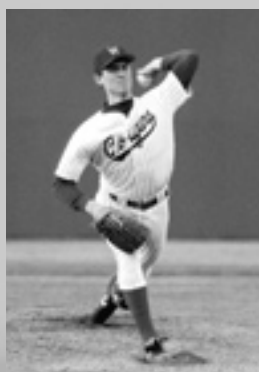
The school has won two NCAA national team titles, in addition to nearly 70 NCAA individual titles.

WSU teams have reached NCAA postseason play nearly 40 times. The football team has made nine Bowl appearances (including four Rose Bowls), winning five times. In addition, the school has garnered over 350 individual All-America selections in its history.

As recently, as the 2002-03 season, WSU was represented by 10 of its 17 sports programs in NCAA postseason competition.



Whitney Evans
2003 NCAA high jump champion; eight-time All-American.



John Olerud
1988 NCAA Player of the Year, only pitcher in NCAA history to win 15 games and hit 20 or more home runs (15-0, 23 homers in 1988) in the same season.



Bernard Lagat
2000 (Bronze medal) & 2004 (Silver Medal) Olympian, NCAA Indoor and Outdoor champion, NCAA Indoor Male Athlete of the Year, Pac-10 Athlete of the Year.



Sarah Silvernail
Two-time All-American, 1996 Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Year, Pac-10 Player of the Week honors six times in her career.



1941 basketball team (NCAA runner up)



2003 Rose Bowl team

1998 Rose Bowl team



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Over the past three years, the Washington State Cougars have placed themselves as one of the top football programs in the nation.

Since 2001, WSU has posted a 30-8 record, tying it for the eighth best mark among Division I-A teams over the period. The Cougars have registered three consecutive 10-win seasons (not to mention four in the last seven seasons) to be one of only four teams in the nation to achieve such a feat over the past three years.

In his first season at the helm of the Cougars, **Bill Doba** led WSU to a 10-3 mark, which was capped by a 28-20 victory over No. 5 Texas at the Holiday Bowl. The Cougars finished the year ninth in both major polls (Associated Press, ESPN/USA Today).

On the hardwood, first-year coach **Dick Bennett** led the men's basketball team to a berth in the Pacific-10 Conference Tournament for the first time since 1990 (when all 10 schools advanced). WSU won 13 games in 2003-04, a six-win improvement over the previous season.

In track & field, eight Cougars competed in six events at the NCAA Championships. Seniors **Curt Borland** and **Anthony Buchanan** earned All-America honors with their performances in the javelin and 100m dash.

In addition, three Cougars earned All-America status at the NCAA Indoor Championships. **Matt Mason** finished sixth in the long jump, **Danny Wolf** was 10th in the 3000m and **Tim Gehring** took 13th in the shot put.

The baseball team capped off its most successful season since 1994 by finishing the year 29-26. The 29 wins were the most for the program since the team won 34 in 1994.

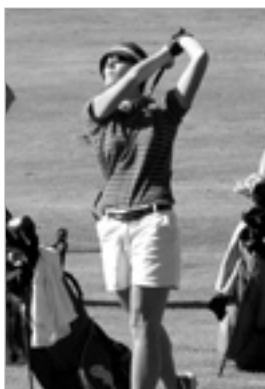
In golf, **David Fern** and **Ben Bryson** made a presence on the national stage qualifying for the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship, respectively over the summer. In addition, Fern captured the Pacific Northwest Amateur Championship, a tournament previously won by Tiger Woods in 1994.



Traditionally, Cougar women's athletics is a focal point of any season at Washington State University.

The 2003-04 campaign proved to be no different.

A year after making history by becoming the school's first golf All-American, **Kim Welch** added another chapter to her WSU legacy in 2003-04.



Kim Welch

Welch led the nation with five tournament wins and garnered three national player of the week honors from two magazines. Welch also rated No. 8 in the Golfstat Cup standings from April 7-May 5, the highest any WSU golfer has been ranked. Welch concluded the season earning a first team All-American accolade and a first team All-Pac-10 selection.

Welch helped lead the Cougars to the NCAA West Regional, where they just missed earning a repeat trip to the NCAA Championships, falling short in a three-team playoff.

The rowing team also built upon the historic achievements set the previous year.



Erin Patterson

Coming off their first team berth to the NCAA Championships in 2003, the Cougars earned a second consecutive team selection to the NAAs.

The team made the most of its appearance. Propelled by a third place finish from the second varsity eight crew, the Cougars recorded a ninth place finish at the championships.

Individually, rowing was recognized on the national scale as **Erin Patterson** garnered All-America accolades from the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association.



Bianca McCall

Bianca McCall earned a conference honorable mention selection in basketball while **Kate Benz** was named an all-freshman honorable mention. The Cougars' season was highlighted by a come from behind 64-59 win at California, Jan. 29. WSU rallied from 12 points down to capture the win. The deficit the Cougars overcame tied for the seventh greatest comeback in school history.

Volleyball saw **Zanda Bautre** named to the Academic All-District Third Team for District VIII as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Bautre was also named to the Pac-10 team.



Zanda Bautre

Anna Blue earned a spot as an at-large qualifier for the NCAA National Cross Country Championships, finishing 78th. Blue was the top Cougar finisher in all six races of the season. In track, **Ana Cabrera** was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII Women's Track & Field/Cross Country All-America First Team.

In soccer, the Cougars faced one of the tougher schedules in the nation, which included a season-opening clash against No. 1 North Carolina. The team posted its first win over Stanford since 1993 with a 1-0 win over the Cardinal in the Golden State. **Nicole Wilcox** was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII University Women's Soccer First Team.



Nicole Wilcox

In tennis, **Lorena Arias** and **Chris Martinez** proved to be a formidable doubles tandem. The duo recorded nine victories ending the season sharing the No. 1 spot on the school's career doubles victories list with 46.



Lorena Arias



Chris Martinez

Swimming was fourth in the nation academically for the fall 2003 term according to the College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA). In addition, **Lindsey Henahan** qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 100 meter butterfly.