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TENNIS RECAP

The Dallas Baptist Women's Tennis Team capped off a remarkable 2013-2014 season with a trip to the National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament. The Lady Patriots finished with an overall record of 19-10 and claimed an NCCAA Regional Tournament title.

This year's squad consisted of a strong mix of senior leadership, combined with an influx of young talent. Seniors Leah Rutt and Leah Smith, along with junior Lyvia Gomes played a pivotal role as the team's upperclassmen, while sophomores Alexa Montesana and Amanda Richter along with freshmen Meredith Robinson and Cassandra Wennerstrom helped DBU return to the NCCAA National Tournament for the fifth time in the past six years.

After opening the season with a 3-5 record, the Women's Team rattled off six consecutive victories. DBU went on to close out the regular season on a four game win streak and carried their momentum into the NCCAA Regional Tournament.

In the team's first match versus McMurry University, the Lady Patriots pulled out a 5-4 win. Lyvia Gomes' win in singles action lifted DBU to the Opening Round win. The following day, DBU cruised to a 5-1 victory over Southern Nazarene University and then clinched the Regional Championship with a convincing 5-1 win against Colorado Christian University. Three members of the DBU Women's Tennis Team would be named to the NCCAA All-Regional Tournament Team

including Leah Smith, Amanda Richter, and Cassandra Wennerstrom.

DBU wrapped up the season with a trip to Mobile, Alabama, for the NCCAA National Tournament. Riding a seven game win streak, the Lady Patriots continued their winning ways with victories over Northwestern-St. Paul and Indiana Wesleyan, before eventually falling to Shorter University and then Azusa Pacific in the semi-finals.

"I am very proud of the class and dignity that our team played with through some adverse situations this spring," DBU Head Tennis Coach, Sarah Gray, said. "While we didn't make it past the semi-finals in Nationals, our team definitely took a step forward this year and is going in a positive direction."

At the conclusion of the season, Cassandra Wennerstrom was named to the All-Heartland Conference Team. In doubles action, Wennerstrom teamed up with Amanda Richter in the number one spot and posted a 17-7 record. In singles play, Wennerstrom competed in the number two



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line and compiled a 19-4 mark.

Along with Wennerstrom's accolades on the court, senior Leah Rutt was honored by the NCCAA with the Game Plan For Life Award, recognizing her for her outstanding character traits of love, integrity, faith, and excellence.

The 2013-2014 season for the Dallas Baptist Men's Tennis Team was a year built on developing young talent and laying the foundation for the future of the program. With a team comprised of just two returning players in junior Ty McAlister and sophomore Anthony Burch, this year's squad relied heavily on the play of a host of young players. While Cameron Longfellow joined McAlister as the only other junior on the team, sophomore Bryant Forshee and freshmen Matthew Chappell, Dean Dahlsten, Colby Milner, and Cameron Vose rounded out this year's team.

After suffering two losses to begin the 2014 season, DBU bounced back with a commanding 8-1 win over Southwestern Christian University. Following their victory, the Patriots went through a rough stretch of losses, before

earning a win over Central Christian College in early April.

"This season was tough for our men's team as far as results is concerned however, multiple guys stepped up and continued to work with as much diligence as they had from the beginning in the fall," DBU Head Tennis Coach, Sarah Gray, said following the season. "Due to the guys' attitudes and the nature of their personalities, the team moral was still great and they competed hard at every match. I am proud of their work ethic, fight, attitude and the way they represented Christ throughout this season."

GOLF RECAP

The 2013-2014 season for the Dallas Baptist Women's Golf Team was a historic one as the Lady Patriots advanced to the NCAA National Championships for the first time in DBU history. Coming off a year in which the Patriots won the Heartland Conference Tournament, the Women's Team entered the 2013-2014 campaign with high expectations.

Those expectations would begin to be fulfilled when the team opened the fall season with a first place team finish at the Southern Arkansas Invite. Over the course of five tournaments in the fall, DBU finished in the top two on three different occasions, including a second place finish at the NCCAA National Championship in Panama City Beach, Florida.

In the spring, the team began with a fifth place showing at the Lady Rattlers Invitational in San Antonio, Texas, and a third place finish at the Augustana Spring Fling in Palm Desert, California, before winning the Midwestern State Invitational.

Entering the Heartland Conference Tournament as the defend-



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ing league champions, DBU battled St. Edward's to a tie for first place and finished second in a playoff. Freshman, Kirsten Pike, led the Lady Patriots with a score of two-under par, 142. Pike's total tied her for first place individually and she claimed second place honors virtue of a playoff. Junior, Erin Barrington's two-over, 146 earned her a third place finish.

Following the Heartland Conference Tournament, DBU hosted the NCAA Division II Super Regional in Mansfield, Texas. Entering the post season as the No. 4 seed in the Super Regional, the Lady Patriots used a valiant effort on the third and final day to overcome a nine stroke deficit to overtake Cal State-East Bay and earn a third place finish. Pike's score of 73 in the final round led the way for the DBU comeback, while Barrington's 20-over, 236 was the top three-round scorecard for the Lady Patriots.

With their third place finish, DBU earned their first ever ticket to the NCAA Division II National Championships in Conover, North Carolina. In a field consisting of the top 12 teams in the nation, the Lady Patriots claimed a tenth place showing. DBU's Barrington claimed the lone top 20 individual finish for the team, after carding an 18-over, 302. Finishing just behind Barrington was graduating senior, Mercedes Rios, who recorded a 24-over, 308. Rios, who entered the 2014 season as the winningest active golfer among all NCAA divisions, capped off her career by finishing 39th at the NCAA Division II National Championship. Erin Barrington and Sydney Williams were each named First Team All-Heartland Conference, while Kirsten Pike earned Second Team honors.

"I can't say enough about how proud I am of this team as they have continued to grow and learn to prepare like champions," Head Golf Coach, Kenny Trapp said.

For the second consecutive season, the Dallas Baptist Men's Golf Team capped off a sensational season by advancing to the NCAA Super Regional Tournament. In a year that started with a solid fall season, including three top-three team finishes, the Patriots were primed to make another run at the Heartland Conference title.

After finishing the spring season with no better than a fourth place team finish, the Patriots put it all together at the Heartland Conference Tournament. In Marble Falls, Texas, DBU rode the performance of sophomore, Garrett Fey, who carded a three day total of two-under par, 214 and won a three-way playoff, to capture the first place individual medal.

Along with Fey's tremendous outing, freshman, Chase Brincat, fired a season-low five-over par, 221 to finish in a tie for sixth. Sophomore, Josh Aguilar, also found his way into the top 10, recording a seven-over, 223 placing him in a tie for eighth.



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The team of Fey, Brincat, Aguilar, Kyle Beard, and Johnny Antle, completed the Heartland Conference Tournament with a score of 882, earning them a second place finish behind St. Edward's University.

Following their run at the Heartland Conference Tournament, DBU advanced to the NCAA Division II Super Regional in Austin, Texas, as the No. 3 seed. Once again, Fey led the way for the Patriots, scoring a team-low five-over par, 221. The Patriots finished the three round event with a team total of 918 and tied for 14th place out of 20 teams.

"I am super proud of these young men, as they have bought into enjoying the journey of becoming great," DBU Head Golf Coach, Kenny Trapp said. "I can't say enough about the leadership that this team has on and off the course. I believe they are the best young men in the country to mentor and coach on a daily basis."

At the end of the 2014 season, two sophomores headlined the All-Heartland Conference selections for DBU. Garrett Fey earned First Team honors while Kyle Beard was tabbed to the Second Team.