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Women's Sports Newsletter

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The heat is here in Razorback Country, just in time for our Fall sports to begin! All of the women's sports finished up summer workouts last week and the Razorback Foundation helped coaches serve watermelons to the student-athletes as they finished their Friday morning workout.

We are proud of the student-athletes who chose to stay in Fayetteville for the summer to stay in shape and most importantly, get one step closer to earning their degrees. Just a reminder, we are having our annual Welcome Back Picnic for all of our female student-athletes on August 24. The details are below. We would love for you to come out and support women's athletics! Here are some highlights in women's sports over the last two weeks:

- **Soccer** begins preseason training this morning! This will be Coach Erin Aubry's second year as head coach. The staff has been hard at work all summer, as the team has 12 newcomers this season. Of the returners, Senior Kelly O'Connor and Junior Kailey Anders were second team All-SEC last season, and Sophomore Allie Chandler made the SEC All-Freshman team. The first home game is Sunday, August 22 @ 1:00pm.

In addition, work is underway on the expansion and addition to the soccer locker room facility at Razorback Field. The visiting locker room, concession stand and public restrooms will remain. The additions include an expanded and re-modeled training room with a rehab area, a new locker room for the Razorbacks, a team lounge connected to a team meeting area, two private meeting rooms and a storage area.

- Also reporting for preseason camp is **Volleyball**, who will be reporting on Sunday. This is the team's third year under the leadership of Head Coach Robert Pulliza. Expectations are higher this year with 5 returning starters. Sophomores Jasmine Norton and Amanda Anderson earned All-SEC honors last season, as Norton was SEC Freshman of the Year and Anderson made the SEC All-Freshman team. The team recently made one more addition to the roster with incoming freshman Brooke Fournier from Torrance, Calif., which gives the team 6 incoming freshmen. The first home game is Friday, August 27 @ 7:00pm to kick-off the Arkansas Invitational.

- Six members of the **Swimming and Diving** team are competing at the 2010 CONOCOPHILLIPS National Championships in Irvin, Calif., August 3-7. The meet features more than 30 Olympians including Olympic gold medalists Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, Aaron Peirsol, Natalie Coughlin and Rebecca Soni. Sophomore Chelsea Franklin and junior Alison Templin are representing the Razorbacks in the 800 free and Franklin is also competing in the 400 free. Haley Smith, Dannica Brennan, Katie Whitbeck and Jillienne Schilling are also competing on the national stage, but representing their respective home club.
- The University of Arkansas **Women's Golf** duo of Victoria Vela and Meagan Roberts tied for 22nd at the National Golf Coaches Association Hooters Women's Collegiate Team Championship at Achasta, By Reynolds in Dahlonega, Ga., Thursday. The two-player team event was a four-day tournament opening with alternate shot. Vela and Roberts shot a78 on Tuesday, 65 on Wednesday, and finished with a 157 in team stroke play.
- **Swimming and Diving, Women's Golf, and Cross Country** schedules are now available online at www.arkansasrazorbacks.com.
- Members of the **Women's Track and Field** team Miranda Walker and recently graduated Katie Stripling were named to the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association All-Academic Teams last week.

Regina George anchored the Team USA 4x400 meter relay team to a gold medal on the final day of the 13th IAAF World Junior Championships in Moncton, Canada. The soon-to-be sophomore, who took sixth place in the 400 meter dash, helped Team USA to a winning time of 3:31.20.

Pole vaulter Tina Sutej has continued to find success this summer competing in Europe. The Slovenia native recently placed 7th at the 2010 European Championships with a clearance of 14-3.25. Sutej finished first at the Slovenian National Championships in July, while improving her own Slovenian national record and setting a new Arkansas school record, with a height of 14-9.

- Including two Razorbacks, the Southeastern Conference had 15 of its student-athletes earn first-team *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-America status in 2009-10, more than any other Division I conference in the nation. The Big 12 had 14 while the Big Ten and Pac-10 had 13 student-athletes each earn the honor.

A kinesiology major with a 3.95 GPA and a minor in psychology, former Razorback Katie Stripling was a four-time NCAA All-American, a three-time SEC champion and three-time All-SEC honoree. Stripling is now a two-time *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American, also receiving the honor in 2009, and she has been a member of the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches' Association All-Academic team four times.

As a kinesiology and biomechanics major, former Razorback softball player Jessica Bachkora carried a 3.94 cumulative GPA. On the field this season, Bachkora's totals for runs and bases represent new Arkansas records. Her home run on May 8 against Auburn, gave her 15 home runs for the season, setting a new single-season record for home runs in a season.

- Special Event: You are invited to attend the annual Welcome Back Picnic for Women's Sports on Tuesday, August 24th @ 6:30pm in Barnhill Arena. Come visit with all coaches, student-athletes, and meet the new freshmen from the Razorback Women's Sports. Tickets are \$10 per person. You can also sponsor a student-athlete or an entire team for the evening by purchasing their dinner. For tickets and more information, call Jessica Dorrell at 479-575-7141.

Razorback Foundation Spotlight

For the ninth issue of our e-newsletter, we would like to recognize and thank Julian Stewart of San Antonio, Texas for his continued dedication and support for women's athletics. Mr. Stewart graduated from the U of A in 1957 with a degree in Civil Engineering, and is the former Chairman of the Board of Advisors for the Fayetteville campus. He and his wife Nana have made a difference in the lives of numerous male and female student-athletes for over 30 years, and his generosity continues to grow. Not only has he shown wonderful support for Razorback Athletics, but also the University of Arkansas. He has contributed to the Bev Lewis Center for Women's Athletics, Pat Walker Health Center, Honors College, College of Engineering, and scholarships for Civil Engineering. In 2006, he was awarded the Bill Franklin Volunteer of the Year Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, District III for his leadership during the Twenty-First Century Campaign. We are proud and privileged to have such a passionate leader as an advocate for women's athletics.

Remember, you can read about and follow all of our sports at www.arkansasrazorbacks.com for the most up to date information. You can also follow us on Twitter @*RazorFoundation* and on Facebook at *Razorback Foundation*.

Please make a difference by encouraging friends to join the Razorback Foundation to support the annual fund for women's sports by contacting Jessica Dorrell at jdorrell@razorbackfoundation.com or 479-575-7141. If you have any questions, or would like to make sure your friends are added to this mailing list, please contact Jessica as well.

Thank you and go Hogs!!!