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UPDATE ON YOUR YELLOW JACKETS

Basketball, indoor track and field, swimming, and lacrosse



Logan Wolfrum

The Yellow Jackets men's basketball team finished in fourth place in the Heartland with a conference record of 11-7 and an overall mark of 16-11. The 2012-13 campaign was the seventh-consecutive season the Purple and Gold finished the season with a record of .500 or better. DC qualified for the HCAC Tournament and hosted Franklin in the quarterfinals. The Jackets won the game by a final of 85-66 to advance to the semifinals for the first time since 2010.

Defiance was led by senior guard Logan Wolfrum, who became the all-time leading scorer for the Jackets at the Division III level. The Ayersville product ranks second in program history with 1,813 career points. Wolfrum earned DIII News Honorable Mention All-American, All-HCAC, D3hoops.com All-Midwest and NABC All-Midwest honors for his standout play. The guard ranked first among all eligible HCAC players with 18.7 points per game and a 45.2-percent rating from beyond the arc, while also ranking second with a 1.4 assist-to-turnover ratio, third with 3.5 assists per game and fourth with 4.7 defensive rebounds per showing.



Kim Comden

The Defiance College women's basketball team enjoyed a successful season on the court and finished in fourth place in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference. This was the first season for the Jackets' new head coach Jessica Morris, who guided the Purple and Gold to a 14-12 overall record and a mark of 11-7 in conference play.

The Jackets were led by two All-HCAC performers in senior center Kim Comden and junior guard Erica King. Comden was first on the team and fourth in the conference with 14.1 points per game. The product of Ayersville High ranked fifth in the HCAC in rebounds with 7.2 boards per contest and first in blocks (49). King was second on the team in scoring at 13.3 points per game. She finished fifth in the conference in scoring and led the league with 70 three-point shots made on her way to becoming the all-time three-point leader in DC history.

Defiance made it to the HCAC Tournament for the fourth time in five years. The Yellow Jackets performed well off the court, as the team placed seven student-athletes on the Academic All-HCAC list, the most of any women's basketball program in the conference.



One of the highlights of the season for the track program was hosting the HCAC Indoor Championships for the first time in program history at the George M. Smart Athletic Center. The DC men's team placed second overall at the HCAC Indoor Championships for the second-consecutive year, and the women's side claimed a fourth place finish, an improvement from sixth a season ago. The men's squad broke eight all-time Defiance records, and eight records fell on the women's side.

The teams combined for ten All-HCAC selections, three All-Ohio selections and the male HCAC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year and USTFCCA Great Lakes Region Field Athlete of the Year in senior Tom Postema. The senior set the DC, HCAC Championships and All-Ohio Indoor record in the weight throw and set the DC record in the shot put event. The weight throw mark of 20.72 meters gave Postema the second-best mark in the event in Division III history. The Defiance native also was ranked first in the nation in the weight throw and 11th in the shot put, which led to an invite to the NCAA DIII Indoor Track and Field Championships for both events. The senior finished third at nationals in the weight throw, and took 12th in the shot put at DIII Indoor Championships.

Other conference winners on the men's side included Joe Davis in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs and Troy Parrett in the 800-meter run. Kali George, Katie Heitkamp and Brooke Lime all had notable seasons on the women's side. George broke four individual DC records in the 300-meter dash, the pentathlon, the high jump and the 400-meter dash. Heitkamp broke her own DC all-time record in the pole vault and set a new school record in the 500-meter run. The sophomore Lime set the DC record for the 60-meter hurdles. The women's squad also performed admirably in the classroom, as seven members of the team received HCAC Academic All-Conference Honors.



HCAC All-Academic Team

Defiance College ranked second in the HCAC with 17 Academic All-Conference student-athletes from the winter seasons. Only Rose-Hulman (22) placed more on the list, as DC improved on its total of the previous season for the third consecutive year.



The 2012-13 year was the second season for Defiance College's swimming and diving teams. Athena Miller took the reins of the program as the new head coach. The program showed development from year one to year two, as DC recorded three wins over the course of the season, an improvement of two wins over last year. The Yellow Jackets hosted two home meets in October, defeating Ursuline by a final of 45-34 on October 27. The DC swimmers set 13 new records in the pool during the season. The Purple and Gold finished fourth in the HCAC Meet with 50 points and finished the season with a sixth place finish in the OAC Championships with 133 total points over the three-day event.



The men's lacrosse program played its first game in school history on Feb. 23, as the team traveled to Pontiac, Mich., to take on Albion College, where the squad was defeated. The Yellow Jackets had its home-opener on Saturday, March 2, against Calvin College. Defiance held a ceremony before the game for the first-year program. The game was also the first of any sport to be played on the newly-turfed Justin F. Coressel Stadium field.

NEW, IMPROVED, AND READY!



The installation of a brand new synthetic turf playing surface at DC's Justin F. Coressel Stadium was completed on December 3.

The UBU turf was installed by Maumee Bay Turf Center and got its first taste of action on March 2 of 2013, when the DC men's lacrosse program played Calvin College. Along with hosting home football and lacrosse contests, the field will also be capable of hosting soccer and field hockey events.

The improvements inside Coressel Stadium did not stop with the new playing surface, as the facility also now boasts a resurfaced javelin, shot put and high jump area for the outdoor track and field programs at Defiance College.

The completion of the turf project at Justin F. Coressel Stadium comes on the heels of the installation of new bleachers and a refinished floor inside the Karl H. Weaner Community Center in October. Those two projects are the latest in a series of significant upgrades to the athletics facilities for DC in the past 16 months, joining the opening of the George M. Smart Athletic Center and the resurfacing of the E. Stevens Dix Tennis Facility. ♦

