

Cal State Hayward Gears Up for Fall Sports

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The men's and women's soccer, cross country, golf, women's volleyball, and women's swimming teams will kick off the 2001 fall season at Cal State Hayward beginning in mid-August.

Practice play starts off first for the women's volleyball team on Aug. 13. Head Coach Jim Spagel begins his sixth season with a superb career win-loss record of 124-46.

Last season the lady Pioneers finished with a record of 25-7. Their success led them to NCAA Division III post-season play for the third straight year.

According to Spagel, seniors Bree Owczarski, Meagan Rachac, and Kimmy May are top prospects returning from last year's team.

Owczarski, a setter for the Pioneers, averaged 11.2 assists a game and had team highs with 48 service aces and 250 digs. Owczarski's performance won her a place on the NCAA Division III All-Region team.

Rachac is a middle hitter and was second for the Pioneers with

45 service aces and 223 digs. May is a returning starter and is an outside hitter.

The Pioneers will greet three newcomers this season. Junior transfers Ivone Aleman and Toniann Merendino come, respectively, from Cerritos Community College and Moorpark Community College.

Aleman is a right side player and was named to the All South Coast Athletic Conference team last season. Merendino is an outside hitter and earned all-state community college honors her freshman and sophomore years.

Jenni Howell, a sophomore transfer from Holy Names College, will play outside hitter for the Pioneers.

The Pioneers will open up their first-home season game against Cal Pac Conference opponent Bethany College on Sept. 1.

"I haven't talked to the entire team yet, but I'm looking forward to the season to win that national title," said Spagle. "We knocked on the door a few times, but nationals - that's our goal."

The men's and women's soccer team begins practice a day after volleyball practice, on Aug. 14. Both teams will leave the

NAIA Cal Pac Conference and join the NCAA's Division III independent member.

The men's soccer team, returning 14 players, finished last season with an overall record of 7-12 and was 5-2 in the Cal Pac Conference.

Adam Ivankovic, Marques Buck, Jeff Scoffern, Jared Wolf, and Ivan Juarez are top players returning to the team this year. Ivankovic led the Pioneers in scoring with 24 points on eight goals and eight assists.

Buck led the team with nine goals and was named to the All-Cal Pac Conference second team. Scoffern, a forward, added five goals for the Pioneers. Goalkeeper Jared Wolf had 78 saves and 3.5 shutouts. Ivankovic and Juarez were selected to the All-Cal Pac Conference first team.

The men's team will welcome nine new players. Junior transfers include Jeremy Swan, Elias Muncie, Joe Napoli, Alex Lozano, Lawrence Aguiar and David Cordova. Incoming freshman players include Adrian Valadez, Matthew Lopez, and Eric Pane. Jai Fory will enter in his 10th

season as head coach, having recovered from a serious leg injury that resulted his absence for most of the season last year.

During Fory's tenure the men's soccer team was co-champion in the Cal Pac Conference in 1998 and advanced to the regionals in 1999. It placed second in the Cal Pac for the past two years and has only lost six conference games in three years.

The women's soccer team will welcome former Chabot College coach and Cal State Hayward soccer player Amy Foreman as she enters her first year as interim head coach for the Pioneers.

Foreman was a Cal State Hayward player in 1996-1997 and was named All-Nor Cal Athletic Conference her junior season. She will have eight returning players, seven of whom are seniors.

Last season the women's team finished with a record of 10-9 and was 6-1 in the Cal Pac Conference.

Senior Nicole Lundberg is a top returnee. She was second in scoring last season with 17 points on eight goals and one assist.

According to Foreman, Lisa Wilson, Katie Flashberger, Adrien Peterson, Lindsey Ho, Jami Golden, and April Rodgers are some of the new players coming into the program.

Wilson is a junior from Ohlone College and will play forward for the Pioneers. Flashberger, Peterson, Ho, Golden, and Rodgers will enter the Pioneer program as freshmen. Ho and Golden are the only two out-of-state players, coming from Hawaii and Arizona, respectively.

Both men and women will play their first games against Linfield College on Sept. 1.

The women will play on their home turf at 2 p.m. while the men play Linfield at the UC Santa Cruz soccer field at 4:30 p.m.

The cross country teams will begin the fall season on Saturday,

Aug. 25 at the Mike Tapia Classic at 9 a.m. on Hayward's campus.

Newly named head coach Greg Ryan will direct the team. The New Jersey native and has coaching experience from Sacred Heart High School, East Los Angeles College, Cal State Los Angeles, and Division I Cal State Sacramento.

Last year the CSUH women's team was a runner up in the Cal Pac Conference and both the men's and women's team captured five invitational championships. Former runner Rubinder Virk was Cal Pac Conference champion.

The men's and women's golf team will re-institute the game as an intercollegiate sport this year. Cal State Hayward discontinued it in 1975.

Tim Tierney will serve as head coach and will be assisted by LPGA women's class A professional Cheryl Pastore. The golf team's schedule has not been finalized for this season.

The sixth team competing this fall will be the women's swim team, which begins practice on Oct. 1. Swimming is a two-quarter sport that starts in October and runs through February.

Last season the Cal State Hayward women's swim team placed 13th in the Pacific Collegiate Swimming Conference Championships and completed dual meet competition with a record of 5-2.

Top returnees this year will include Cindy Walton, Shelly Hilderbrand, Lynette Ferguson, and Jenny Hoerner. Walton and Ferguson were team captains last year.

Walton is most dominant in the 100 and 200 breast stroke and 100 and 200 free style. She is expected to be one of the top scorers for the Pioneers, filling the spot of Maggie Spehar, who led the Pioneers last year in the 200 free, 500 free, and 200 fly.

Hilderbrand will swim the 200 fly and 400 IM this season.

Head Coach Anthony Garcia says he will put a lot on her shoulders.

Junior swimmer, Lynette Ferguson was an outstanding performer last year in the 100 fly (1:03.77) and 200 IM (2:21.24). Ferguson will also fill lanes in the 100 and 200 freestyle and IM event spots.

Last season, Hoerner was the first freshman to make the championship finals in the 50 freestyle and qualified in all relay events.

The Pioneer team will welcome newcomers Catherine Kohs, Heather Van Hemmert and Andrea Nangle.

Kohs is a Vacaville native who will swim the 200 and 500 freestyle. Van Hemmert is from Sebastopol and will swim the 200 free and 500 backstroke.

Nangle is a Modesto Community College transfer from Tracy and will swim the freestyle sprints.

According to Garcia, Kohs, Van Hemmert, and Nangle will be great assets to the team.

"They just need to believe that they are good swimmers. They lack self confidence," he said.

Garcia said the Pioneers' first swim meet would be the University of Pacific Invitational during the second week of October. The team also has scheduled meets in Los Angeles in November, where the Pioneers will compete against NCAA Division III schools, and head out to Washington in January.

In February the team will wind up its season in Long Beach at the Swim Championships.

"I encourage all students from all swim backgrounds to try out for the team," said Garcia. "There are no cuts, but we limit the amount of swimmers we can take on the traveling squad."

All students interested in trying out for all fall sports may obtain information from the Athletic Office, (510) 885-3038.

CSUH Students To Perform in Greece

By Beverly Chu
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Professor Regina Cate of Cal State Hayward's Department of Theatre and Dance will take two alumni and one current CSUH student to the island of Cyprus to perform in the sixth annual Greek Symposium and Festival of Schools, Aug. 25 through 30.

"This is the third time I have been invited to the Symposium and Festival, each time either acting with CSUH students or costuming and directing them," said Cate.

Alumni Vera Jacobson, Dana Chohlis and senior Craig Marker, who is also in CSUH's "The Dining Room," will perform scenes from Euripides' "Electra." Frank McCourt, the translator, is an Irish playwright who is famous for his book "Angela's Ashes: A Memoir," which was turned into a film.

The Greek Symposium and

Festival of Schools is an annual event first organized in 1993 by Nicos Shafkalis.

It is an opportunity for drama students, young actors and directors to engage in in-depth study of performing methods and skills, enabling them to explore and promote ancient Greek drama for the benefit of contemporary audiences.

"It keeps the study of Greek theater alive and in the present," said Cate. "Greek scholars and directors from all over the world will meet in the Village of Droushia and students will perform in the Greco-Roman Theatre in the seacoast city of Pathos."

This year's participants include schools from Latvia, Hungary, Poland, Cameroon, Lebanon, the UK and many more.

The teachers and students will stay in apartments and hotels provided by the Symposium and Festival and only have to pay for their airline tickets, which ran about \$1,500 each.

The island of Cyprus was once owned by Egypt's queen Cleopatra and is also the birthplace of mythical Goddess Aphrodite, who rose from the sea, as depicted in the famous painting, "The Birth of Venus" by Sandro Botticelli.

Cate said she enjoys going to Cyprus because it looks like California. "It reminds me of home," she said. "The terrain is like Modesto, dry and hot, with lots of vineyards and good beer," she said with a smile.

Most of the older homes are built of stone and cooking is done in small, stone, dome-like outdoor ovens.

"I think this is a nice way to introduce students to someplace different," said Cate. "They're involved in what they want to do, they're not distracted by being a tourist and they really learn about the culture because they're in it."

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