

## NCCAA North Central Region 2009-10 in Review

The 2009-10 academic year was a strong one for North Central Region Division 1 members. A total of five NCCAA national titles were captured by team from the region and there were seven additional top four finishes. Bethel College and Olivet Nazarene University placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, respectively, in the President's Cup competition.

Six of the seven team sports held regional tournaments, with men's basketball being the exception. Several schools instituted stricter requirements for postseason participation, primarily due to the economy and extremely tight budgets. However, the Declaration of Intent process has helped sports chairs have a better of idea of who might participate.

Going forward, the loss of Bethel in the North Central Region will have an effect on postseason plans. With one less school, it may be even more difficult to have enough teams to host regional tournaments in some sports.

Dues were set at \$225 last year and will be the same in 2010-11. However, with one less school in the region, a raise in the dues might have to be considered in the future.

Tentative dates for 2010-11 regional playoffs will be the corresponding dates to last year. They are:

- Men's Soccer – Nov. 12-13, 2010
- Women's Soccer – Nov. 12-13, 2010
- Volleyball – November 19-20, 2010
- Men's Basketball – March 4-5, 2011
- Women's Basketball – March 4-5, 2011
- Softball – April 22-23, 2011
- Baseball – May 9-11, 2011

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### **Following is a look back at North Central Region results and awards for 2009-10.**

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

Region Champion: Northwestern College

National Tournament Participants: Northwestern College

Region Coach of the Year: Beth Wilmeth, Northwestern

All-Region Team:

- Kelsey Korporal, Northwestern
- Carly Yattaw, Trinity International
- Sara Ooms, Trinity Christian
- Taylor Arseneau, Trinity International
- Emily Henry, Bethel
- Steph Koth, Northwestern
- Chelsea Koth, Northwestern
- Debra Leganski, Judson
- Cherilee Stoddard, Trinity International
- Ashley Wagner, Bethel
- Hillary Slagter, Northwestern
- Elissa Sandtrom, Northwestern

## **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Region Champion: Olivet Nazarene University

National Tournament Participants: Olivet Nazarene University (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

Region Coach of the Year: Josh Lenarz, Trinity Christian

All-Region Team: Claire Comerouski, Trinity Christian (Player of the Year)  
Janel Schmitt, Olivet Nazarene  
Carly Comerouski, Trinity Christian  
Christina Thornton, Judson  
Allison Doyle, Trinity Christian  
Danielle Johnston, Olivet Nazarene  
Rebekah Niedermayer, Trinity International  
Jackie Sievert, Greenville  
Mindy Siebert, Greenville  
Alyssa Lee, Trinity Christian  
Brittany Hengesh, Olivet Nazarene  
Kamila Marchi, Judson  
Samantha VanDenack, Trinity International  
Lynsey McFarland, Judson  
Courtney Ensz, Trinity International  
Megan Pipal, Olivet Nazarene

## **MEN'S SOCCER**

Region Champion: Judson University

National Tournament Participants: Judson University (National Champions!!)

Region Coach of the Year: Justin Crew, Olivet Nazarene  
Thiago Pinto, Bethel

All-Region Team: Vincent Mhkwanazi, Olivet Nazarene (Player of the Year)  
Raphael Correa, Olivet Nazarene  
Humberto Trejo, Bethel  
Matt Reeb, Greenville  
Josh Ayers, Olivet Nazarene  
Romulo Nobrega, Bethel  
Aaron Patrick, Bethel  
Alex Tyton, Judson  
David Dunlop, Greenville  
Sven Moeller, Judson  
Martin Ruiz, Bethel  
Joel Robinson, Greenville  
Vasily Giannakopoulos, Trinity International  
Terrance Cosby, Greenville  
Mark Waller, Trinity Christian  
Rafa Heck, Judson

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Region Champion: Bethel College

National Tournament Participants: Bethel College (National Champions!!)

Region Coach of the Year: Jody Martinez, Bethel

All-Region Team: Katie DeWitt, Northwestern (Player of the Year)  
Heather Seyfred, Bethel  
Melanie Duplessis, Trinity International  
Mandy Yoder, Bethel  
Katelyn Wise, Greenville  
Bekah Basinger, Bethel  
Reanna Perera, Trinity International  
Alicia Rovertoni, Judson  
Ariel Liesch, Northwestern  
Aubrey Parson, Judson

### **Honorable Mention**

Christine Iwema, Trinity Christian  
Georgia Boisse, Bethel  
Laura Hobbie, Greenville  
Tiffany Deckinga, Trinity Christian  
Kirsten Johns, Judson  
Kaelee Kendrick, Northwestern  
Vivianne Kindt, Trinity International

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Region Champion: --No Tournament--

National Tournament Participants: Northwestern College (MN) (National Champions!!)

Region Coach of the Year: Mike Lightfoot, Bethel

All-Region Team: Ryne Lightfoot, Bethel (Player of the Year)  
Will Bruinsma, Trinity Christian  
LaPhonso, Ellis, Greenville  
Landon Skinner  
Reid Berens, Northwestern  
Ignas Verbus, Trinity International  
Tyler Brown, Bethel  
Josh Edwards, Judson  
Patrick Atkins, Trinity International  
Matt Buren, Trinity Christian

### **Honorable Mention**

Wes Laidig, Bethel  
Stephen Hanson, Northwestern  
Tony Benford, Bethel  
Jim Kuban, Judson  
Ben Rayhorn, Judson

## **SOFTBALL**

Region Champion: Olivet Nazarene University

National Tournament Participants: Olivet Nazarene University (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Judson University

Region Coach of the Year: Ritchie Richardson, Olivet Nazarene

All-Region Team: Katie Booher, Bethel (Player of the Year)  
Jordan Reynolds, Olivet Nazarene  
Brittney Fisher, Bethel  
Nicole Dimiceli, Judson  
Marisa Baker, Olivet Nazarene  
Kelli Zache, Bethel  
Caitlin Gidcumb, Olivet Nazarene  
Rachel Comoglio, Olivet Nazarene  
Liz Jacobson, Judson  
Rachel Brewer, Greenville  
Briana Rodgers, Northwestern  
Whitney Folven, Trinity International  
Mary Jones, Trinity Christian  
Kaitlyn Dubois, Bethel  
Concetta Lampugnano, Judson

## **BASEBALL**

Region Champion: Judson University

National Tournament Participants: Olivet Nazarene University (t-3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Judson University

Region Coach of the Year: Rich Benjamin, Judson / Lynn Carlson, Greenville

All-Region Team: Pitchers  
Nick Krisman, Judson  
Matt Leefers, Greenville  
Elijah Smurthwaite, Olivet Nazarene  
Owen Leflar, Trinity International  
Relief Pitcher  
Ed Draper, Judson  
Catchers  
Matt Kamp, Trinity Christian  
Infielders  
Stafan Neece, Greenville (Player of the Year)  
Johnny Amann, Judson  
Pete Smidt, Olivet Nazarene  
Pete Miller, Trinity International  
Outfielders  
David Massengill, Greenville  
Ryan Long, Northwestern  
Reid Spitaels, Bethel  
DH / Utility Player  
Garret Curless, Bethel  
Kyle Winters, Greenville

## **OTHER SPORTS (Top 10 Finishes)**

### **Men's Cross Country**

5<sup>th</sup> – Olivet Nazarene

6<sup>th</sup> – Bethel

7<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Christian

### **Men's Indoor Track & Field**

4<sup>th</sup> – Bethel

6<sup>th</sup> – Olivet Nazarene

8<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Christian

### **Men's Outdoor Track & Field**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Bethel

8<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Christian

### **Men's Tennis**

t-3<sup>rd</sup> – Olivet Nazarene

### **Women's Cross Country**

4<sup>th</sup> – Bethel

7<sup>th</sup> – Olivet Nazarene

### **Women's Indoor Track & Field**

1<sup>st</sup> – Bethel

10<sup>th</sup> – Judson

### **Women's Outdoor Track & Field**

1<sup>st</sup> – Bethel

9<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Christian

10<sup>th</sup> – Judson

### **Women's Tennis**

t-3<sup>rd</sup> – Olivet Nazarene