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NSU joins NCAA ranks

Knights become 1 of 26 schools nationwide to enter first year of provisional membership this fall

By the NSU Public Affairs Office

Nova Southeastern University President Ray Ferrero, Jr. has announced that The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Management Council has elected Nova Southeastern University to provisional membership in NCAA Division II effective September 1, 1998.

In moving from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division to NCAA, Nova Southeastern University will be identified with over 1,200 other participating universities including the Ivy League and the Big 10. Corey Johnson, Nova Southeastern's Director of Athletics, said, "The NCAA gives us the opportunity to examine the different levels of intercollegiate athletics. We're excited about the possibility. It is an opportunity with the campus making unbelievable strides and evaluating the level of competition over the next five years."

Nova Southeastern University will be required to

complete several activities as part of the "Educational Assessment Program for Division II Provisional Members. NCAA staff and members of the Division II President's Council will conduct these orientation sessions.

"We are very excited to take this step to the NCAA," President Ferrero said. "It's a logical move for Nova Southeastern University, when we consider the growth of our institution, in terms of student body size, academic offerings and success of our athletes. This [the NCAA] will be a great benefit for all of our student-athletes in our 11 men's and women's athletic programs."

Among the benefits to NSU in achieving NCAA status is assurance of stronger compliance with Title IX for both men and women, national exposure for recruitment of student-athletes, structured policies and procedure for recruitment, opportunity to participate in funded and sponsored championships and grant opportunities for academic support and minority recruitment.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Life College 7 p.m. Volleyball @ Embry-Riddle University	2 12 p.m. Volleyball @ Flagler College 3 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Berry College
7:30 a.m. Cross Country @ Second Dunn's Run 2 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Eckerd College TBA Men's Golf @ St. Thomas Invitational	4 3 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Florida Southern College TBA Men's Golf @ St. Thomas Invitational 4:30 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Palm Beach Atlantic	5 TBA Men's Golf @ St. Thomas Invitational	6 4 p.m. Men's Soccer @ St. Thomas University	7	8 TBA Volleyball Southeast Midseason Region Invitational @ Embry- Riddle University	9 1 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Webber College 4 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Flagler College TBA Volleyball Southeast Midseason Region Invitational @ Embry-Riddle University
TBA Men's Golf @ Jacaranda Golf Club	11 TBA Men's Golf @ Jacaranda Golf Club	12 7 p.m. Volleyball @ St. Thomas University TBA Men's Golf @ Jacaranda Golf Club	13 4 p.m. Women's Soccer @ Lynn University	14	15 4 p.m. Volleyball @ Georgia Southwestern 5 p.m. Cross Country @ University of South Florida 7 p.m. Men's Soccer VS. Lindsey Wilson 8 p.m. Volleyball VS. Webber College	16 11 a.m. Women's Soccer VS. Flagler College 12 p.m. Volleyball VS. Warner Southern TBA Men's Golf @ Webber College
5 p.m. Men's Soccer VS. University of Tampa TBA Men's Golf @ Webber College	18 TBA Men's Golf @ Webber College	19 7 p.m. Volleyball VS. Palm Beach Atlantic College TBA Men's Golf @ Webber College	20 4 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Webber College 7 p.m. Women's Soccer VS. St. Thomas University	21 7 p.m. Volleyball VS. Florida Memorial College	22 3 p.m. Baseball VS. Palm Beach Community College 3:30 p.m. Women's Soccer @ University of Miami	23 7 p.m. Men's Soccer VS. Embry- Riddle University
8 a.m. Cross Country @ New Times 10K Run/ 5K Run	25	26 3 p.m. Baseball @ Broward Community College 4 p.m. Volleyball @ Northwood University	27 5 p.m. Men's Soccer VS. Northwood University	28 3 p.m. Baseball VS Broward Community College 6 p.m. Volleyball @ Miami- Dade Wolfson	29 5 p.m. Women's Soccer VS. Palm Beach Atlantic College 7 p.m. Men's Soccer VS St. Thomas University	30 5 p.m. Women's Soccer VS. Northwood University 7 p.m. Men's Soccer VS. Palm Beach Atlantic College

NSU notes, quotes and anecdotes...

*MEN'S SOCCER

Rivera, Goffi getting personal with record books

What a week of records it's been for the Nova Southeastern University men's soccer team. First, senior goalkeeper Michael Rivera (Coral Springs, FL, Coral Springs High) rewrote the school's career shutouts mark in a 4-0 win past Northwood University in September, and then senior forward Christian Goffi (Davie, FL, Western High) moved even closer to putting his moniker on another two records with a combined four goals and one assist against Northwood and Embry-Riddle (a 4-2 win). "It's definitely exciting around here," second-year NSU head coach Frankie Delgado said. "The guys are playing well, are giving the fans something to be a part of, and are rewriting the record books at the same time."

First, let's start with Rivera's mark. Since he first arrived at Nova Southeastern in 1995, it was evident that he would be a definite challenger to the school's mark of 19 career shutouts (originally set by Rohan Jackson from 1990-93). Yet where it took Jackson four years to get to 19, Rivera tied it with a 1-0 win past St. Thomas University in last year's Florida Sun Conference championship match—the end of his third season with the Knights. He picked up No. 20 when he stopped three shots on goal against Northwood. "I feel great for Michael," Delgado said last week. "He continuously proves that he is, perhaps, the top goalkeeper in the [FSC] on a day-to-day basis. He's definitely earned this distinction."

As for "The Christian Goffi Watch," that is moving right along to a few spots in the record book itself. For, after somewhat of a slow start (at least "slow" compared to Goffi's usual standards), Goffi has stepped up amazingly, recording 2 goals and 1 assist against Northwood, and 2 goals—including the game-winner with just 10 minutes remaining in regulation—against Embry-Riddle. The goals scored now give Goffi 48 in just two-and-a-half seasons with the Knights, moving him to within just 2 of NSU's career mark of 50 (set by Richard Carlsson from 1986-89). He is also now just 23 points away from tying NSU's career points mark of 136, also set by Carlsson.

*WOMEN'S SOCCER

Knights set records in 11-0 rout

The Nova Southeastern University women's soccer team set new team records with most goals, assists and shots in a game, along with largest winning margin, as the Knights rolled past host Northwood University, 11-0, on Monday, September 29. Sophomore Mandi Adams (Coconut Creek, FL, Coconut Creek High) paced the high-tech attack, scoring 3 goals and assisting on 2 others to lead the Knights. The hat-trick-Adams' second in as many weeks-- gave her a team-best 8 goals in NSU's 8 games played. Freshmen Suzanne Mastrogiovanni (Wyckoff, NJ, Ramapo High) and Jessica Narvaez (Royal Palm Beach, FL, Wellington High) also had 2 goals and 1 assist each, while juniors Jessica Goody (Cooper City, FL, Cooper City High) and Jen Jenkins (Cooper City, FL, Cooper City High), sophomore Elisabeth Conforti (Dix Hills, NY, Half Hollow Hills High-West) and freshman Danielle DeGregorio (Downington, PA, Downingtown High) scored the other goals.

NSU outshot the Seahawks, 42-2, with 22 of the Knights' shots being on goal, forcing Northwood keeper Amanda Hopkins to make 11 saves. In contrast, NSU sophomore keeper Jennifer Wiggins (Hauppauge, NY, Hauppauge High), who received her third shutout of the season, saw just 2 shots come near her net. The last time NSU was so dominant was September 4, 1996, when they scored 8 goals, had 6 assists, and took 36 shots in an 8-0 win past Webber College. Today was much easier for them.

*WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Chorzelewski named league's 'Setter of the Week'

Junior setter Beth Chorzelewski (Deerfield Beach, FL, Cardinal Gibbons High) was honored as the Florida Sun Conference's Setter of the Week for the week of September 10-16. Chorzelewski had her best week yet with the Knights, recording 40-plus set assists in each of NSU's three Florida Sun Conference games that week. In a 5-set loss to Embry-Riddle, she tallied 44 assists (.324 set percentage) with 9 digs, 2 service aces and 1 block assist. The following day, in a four-set win past Flagler, she recorded 46 assists (.343) and added 10 digs, 4 kills, 3 service aces and 2 block assists. Finally, in a four-set win past Florida Memorial, she had 50 assists (.342) with 4 kills, 2 digs and 1 service ace. But it didn't stop there for her. This following weekend, she helped NSU to its third and fourth consecutive wins, respectively, recording 43 set assists (.426) in the Knights' four-set win at Warner Southern College, and 66 assists (.346) in NSU's five-set win at Webber College.

*CROSS COUNTRY

Ward named new coach of Knights

Ken Ward, an assistant coach at South Plantation High School, was named the Knights' coach last week, and already had an impact on the squad. In his first meet with the men's and women's teams, he helped NSU's men to a sixth place finish (out of 12 teams) and the ladies to ninth (out of 14) at Friday night's University of Central Florida Invitational. "I'm very excited, just thrilled to be given the opportunity to coach at Nova Southeastern," Ward, a ninth grade science teacher at South Plantation, said last week.