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NSU adds women's golf to sports mix

Team will begin in 1999-2000 school year; to be headed by men's coach Dustin Phillips

By the NSU Sports Information Office

The Nova Southeastern University Department of Athletics announced last week (December 28, 1998) that women's golf will be added to its intercollegiate sports mix, becoming the University's 6th (and 11th overall) team sport. "This is definitely an exciting move for Nova Southeastern's athletics," said coach Dustin Phillips, the second-year coach who will oversee both the men's and women's programs at NSU. "It was really a natural decision to add the sport, as South Florida is a hotbed for women's golfers coming out of high school. This will give local women another avenue to choose from when deciding upon colleges."

Women's golf joins soccer, volleyball, cross country, softball and basketball as NSU's other female sports. It takes the place of women's tennis, which was discontinued due to the difficulty in filling the part-time head coaching position, as well as a lack of athletes in the program. (There are plans, however, to reinstate the women's tennis program in time for the 2001-2002 school year.) Nova Southeastern's men's sports include soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball and golf.

The move to add women's golf was made, in part, in looking ahead to NSU's move towards National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II status. The Knights are currently in their first year of provisional membership with the NCAA, with one more year remaining under the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Florida Sun Conference banner, and three more completely under the NAIA. Nova Southeastern University will join such NCAA Division II programs as Miami's Barry University and Boca's Lynn University, as well as NCAA Division I University of Miami, which will offer women's golf locally on the intercollegiate level.

"I'm really looking forward to this," added Phillips, a former Zion Lutheran and Florida State University standout golfer who resides in Coral Springs. "We've already gone far with the men's team (from finishing in sixth place at the FSC Championship Tournament this past April, to having a solid Fall season and being ranked No. 17 in the NAIA's Top-25 Pre-Season Rating) in just a couple seasons. I think there's enough talent out there to do the same with a women's team here at Nova Southeastern University."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 p.m. Baseball @ Florida Southern College 7 p.m. "NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition," on 88.5 FM		NOTE: Home basketball games played at Broward Community College Central Campus Bldg. 10 Baseball at NSU Baseball Complex Softball at A.D. Griffin Sports Complex				1 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. Trinity Christian 3 p.m. Women's Basketball VS. Lindenwood
7:30 p.m. "NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition," on 88.5 FM	7 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. Dominican College	3 p.m. Women's Basketball VS. Dominican College		6 7 p.m. Women's Basketball VS. Nyack College	7 5 p.m. Women's Basketball VS. Transylvania 7 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. Webber College	8 3 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. Warner Southern
7 p.m. "NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition," on 88.5 FM		7:30 Men's Basketball @ Florida Memorial College	7 p.m. Softball VS Baseball in 2 nd Annual NSU Softball Challenge @ NSU Baseball Complex (subject to change)			1 p.m. NSU Alumni Baseball Game 5 p.m. Women's Basketball VS. Webber College 7 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. St. Thomas University
7 p.m. "NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition," on 88.5 FM					7 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. Flagler University	1 p.m. Softball Alumni Game 3 p.m. Men's Basketball VS. Embry- Riddle University
7 p.m. "NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition," on 88.5 FM		3 p.m. Baseball @ Broward Community College (exhib.) 5 p.m. Women's Basketball @ Palm Beach Atlantic College 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball @ Palm Beach Atlantic College	7 p.m. Baseball VS. Broward Community College (exhibition, subject to change)			1 p.m. Softball VS. Trinity International 1 p.m. Baseball @ FIT 3 p.m. Men's Basketball @ St. Thomas University 5 p.m. Women's Basketball VS. Flagler College

NSU notes, quotes and anecdotes...

*MEN'S SOCCER

NSU names former Embry-Riddle assistant DePalo head coach of squad

Giuseppe "Joe" DePalo, assistant coach at Daytona's Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University the past two years, has been named Nova Southeastern University's new head men's soccer coach, it was announced in mid-December. He succeeds Frankie Delgado, who left the Knights' program after two years last month to take an assistant's position with NCAA Division I Radford University. "I'm excited about this opportunity," DePalo said. "Of course, I'm going to want to maintain the tradition that's been set up here in the soccer program. But I'm also going to try to develop my own niche and bring my own style, my own personality, to the Nova Southeastern University program."

DePalo was crucial to the success of Embry-Riddle in the time he was there, helping to recruit the athletes that shocked the Florida Sun Conference and NAIA Southeast Region this past year by winning the FSC crown (upsetting favorites NSU and St. Thomas University along the way) and advancing to the region championship match for the first time in ERAU's history. A veteran of both the outdoor and indoor game of soccer, DePalo has an extensive playing resume. He played outdoor ball for the Connecticut Wolves (1995, 96), Albany Alleycats (1996), New Hampshire Phantoms (1996) and Daytona Tigers (1997), and indoor with the Tampa Bay Terror (1995) and Canton Invaders (1996) of the National Professional Soccer League. He played his college ball at Franklin Pierce College, helping the squad to the NCAA quarterfinals in 1994, and a first-round berth in 1993. While there, DePalo was named to the New Hampshire All-Collegiate Team. He graduated with a degree in International Business in 1995.

*COMPLIANCE/ELIGIBILITY

Cain named school's first-ever women's athletic administrator

The Department of Athletics has named Shannon Cain its Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Women's Administrator, effective January 1, 1999. Cain most recently worked as the University's Assistant Director of Student Life for Campus Sports and Recreation (1997-98), coming to the Knights from Georgia Southern University, where she was Graduate Assistant for the Department of Health and Kinesiology (1995-97), earning a master's of science degree, majoring in Sports Management. She earned her bachelor's (majoring in Physical Education) from Florida State University (1997). Her duties at NSU will include: overseeing the department's compliance with National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) rules and regulations; eligibility; and liaison of all six women's sports (soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, softball, tennis). Cain's hiring is the third major announcement that the department has made in recent weeks, following the news of DePalo (see above) and Mike Goodrich taking over the women's soccer head coaching duties.

*BASEBALL

Lights go up at NSU Baseball Complex

The NSU Baseball Complex, already considered one of the top baseball facilities in South Florida since being built in the early 1990's, can now lay claim to being one of the few facilities with lights. That's because state-of-the-art poles went up last month, putting NSU's field in the same company as the University of Miami, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, Miami Dade CC and St. Thomas University—the only five other intercollegiate programs with lit baseball diamonds in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Counties. "I can't tell you how good it looks out there," said head baseball coach Sonny Hansley, who has guided the team since its inception in 1987-88. "This will put us on the map even more so. We already had a top-quality field, which has played host to some big-time local events as well as some very big college games. Now we're able to do so much more, while getting to play baseball under the lights." The first NSU event "under the lights" is scheduled to be Wednesday, January 13, at 7 p.m. when the Knights' baseball and softball teams face each other in the 2nd Annual Nova Southeastern Softball Challenge. The first regular-season night game is slated to be 7 p.m. against Barry University on Wednesday, February 10.

*NSU SPORTSBEAT...THE RADIO EDITION

Show moves to 7 p.m. time slot in January

"NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition" will be moving to a new time slot (7 p.m.) beginning Sunday, January 10. Thus, January 3rd's show will be the last it will air at 7:30 p.m. Derived from its television show (which is currently on hiatus), "NSU SportsBeat...The Radio Edition" airs throughout south Palm Beach, north Miami-Dade, and all of Broward County on 88.5 FM live each Sunday. The show is hosted by NSU sports information director Mike Laderman and assistant athletic director Patrick Feely.