



PROVIDENCE ATHLETICS

" I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." ~ Philippians 3:14

PROJECTS UPDATE

Last year, I sent out an email update about some of the projects that the Athletic Department had completed (new Fitness Centre, renovations to the gym, purchasing a 21-seater mini-bus), along with a few new projects that we were hoping to undertake this past year. I am happy to report that we were able to complete 2 phases of the 3 phase project. All phases of this project are estimated to cost \$100,000. These projects are only possible because of the generous donations we have received from those who believe in the value of what Providence Athletics is doing. **To date we have raised \$66,500.**

We completed the renovation of the 2 change rooms that are located in the gym. We also completely renovated the old coat room and converted it into a varsity locker room for our varsity athletes (see picture). These two changes have made a significant improvement to the services for our students, staff, visiting teams, and community fitness centre members, as well as our varsity athletes.

The last phase of this project is to renovate the area just outside the gym into a reception area / student lounge. It will have an information desk where we will also be able to sell concessions and clothing during our home games.



I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to get brought up to speed with what is going on in Providence Athletics. I am very excited about the growth that has taken place over the last few years and I am looking forward to seeing where Providence Athletics will be five years from now!

As I am sure you experienced when you were an athlete here, being a varsity athlete takes a lot of time, commitment and sacrifice. Every year I am amazed at how hard our athletes work, both in their sport and in the classroom! We have created a culture here where every athlete learns how to take pride in doing the best they can in everything they do. Hopefully you will get a sense of that culture by reading our newsletters.

Scott Masterson
Director of Athletics



The new Providence College Varsity Team Room



Information Desk



Student Lounge Area





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TEAM UPDATES

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Our women's soccer team finished their season runner's up in the NCCAA Regional Championships where they lost to North Central University. They also finished second in the MCAC Championships, losing to league newcomers, University of Winnipeg. The team finished with a final record of 7 - 6 - 0. Obviously, the team was disappointed that they were not able to win the NCCAA Regionals and get the opportunity to go to the National Tournament in Florida. Head Coach Emily Janke (in her 2nd year) was happy with how the team competed all season and felt as though they played some of their best soccer at the end.

MEN'S SOCCER

The men's team had a successful season in their MCAC conference, battling hard to earn a spot in the final against University of Winnipeg. In an exciting, high scoring affair, the men eventually lost 4-6 to a very talented team.

However, the men's team continued its dominance of their NCCAA Region, easily winning the Regional Championship for the 5th year in a row and 7th time since 2001. This earned them the 4th seed at the national tournament in Florida. They won an intense first round match against Philadelphia Biblical University that went to penalty kicks (3-3 after regulation and 5-3 PK's). They then faced off against the #1 seed, and reigning National Champions Clearwater Christian University (Florida). This game also went the distance (0-0 after regulation) but this time, we came out on the losing end of the penalty kicks (3-5 PK's). In their 3rd place game, the guys had finally hit the wall after playing two emotional games to the end of overtime. They ended up losing to Northland International University (Wisconsin) 0-3.

Just recently, the men's soccer team was recognized by being voted as the recipients of the NISOA Sportsmanship Award (as voted on by the NISOA referees at the 2010 NCCAA National Championships). This is a huge honor for Martin Ward (Head Coach - 17th year), the team, the department, and the school as it characterizes what we strive for as an institution: to grow in knowledge and character for leadership and service!

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Women's Soccer



Men's Soccer



Would you consider supporting Providence Athletics through a reoccurring, monthly gift?

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team re-joined the MCAC this year, after an absence of 5 years from the Manitoba league. This means that their season will last until the last week of February. The team has been fairly successful in their return, posting a 8 - 6 record in league play to date, currently placing them in 2nd place.

The women's team continued their fine form in NCCAA Regional play as they earned their 3rd consecutive NCCAA Regional Championship. Traveling to Florida for Nationals, the young squad struggled with their consistency in each game as their inexperience showed, and they finished the tournament with a 1-3 record. Head Coach Scott Masterson (1st year) was pleased with the team's quick improvement throughout the first half of the season and is looking forward to working towards the goal of winning the MCAC Championship.



Women's Volleyball

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The men's volleyball program is still part of the NCVF league (essentially the same league as NIRSA) in the U.S. All of their league competition takes place during the second semester and they are looking forward to making a deep run at the National Tournament which is taking place in Houston, TX this year.

During the fall semester, the team is able to play exhibition matches against all the MCAC teams. So far this season, the men's team has overpowered each of their opponents and have an undefeated record (8-0) against Manitoba teams. Head Coach, Jason Peters (8th season), has been very pleased with his team this year as he has a solid core of returning, experienced players.



Men's Volleyball

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's & women's basketball teams are coached by Juan Larios (2nd season) and Patti Parker (2nd season) respectively. Both teams remain in the NCCAA and MCAC leagues and started their league play in early October. The men's team has enjoyed the arrival of four players from the Bahamas who have come in and added a major dose of athleticism and charisma. They currently are half-way through their season and have a 2 - 8 record.

The women's team is enjoying a stronger start to their season and have enjoyed the return of point guard, Sonia Radi, who has earned 2 NCCAA & MCAC Player of the Week awards in this first half of the season. Head Coach, Patti Parker, is excited about her teams potential this year as they currently have a 4 - 8 record.



Men's Basketball



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HOW CAN YOU STAY INVOLVED?

There are many ways in which you can become involved, and stay involved and connected. I would like to list some of these for you and if any of these are something that you feel you are able to do, please let us know!

RECRUITMENT

We are always looking for athletes who can play at the next level and who are a good fit for Providence College as a student. Our coaches put in a lot of time building a network of high school coaches to contact every year but we definitely do not find out about every potential student athlete. If you know of any student athletes that might be a good fit, feel free to contact us and send us their name and contact info!

COACHES

We currently have a great group of coaches who are very dedicated to their team's improvement. However, the reality of our current setup (most of our coaches do not work at Providence as their full-time job) is that we usually have turnover with our coaches every 2-5 years. We prefer to hire coaches who are alumni of the programs but sometimes need to look elsewhere. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being contacted when a coaching position opens up, please let me know and I will add the name to my list of potential candidates.

FINANCIAL

The Athletic Department is committed to continuously improving everything that we do and offer. As you can imagine, this almost always requires money to accomplish. The last 3 years, we made a decision to improve our athletic facilities so that our athletes could be proud of where they played, receive services that helped them become better athletes, and be in an environment that made them feel like they are playing at the next level – which they are! We are almost done with our planned facility upgrades (as outlined above) but still have many areas that need improvement. Unfortunately, we currently are not able to count on an increase in budget funds received from the school, so we need to develop other areas of revenue to reach our goals.

One of the ways we envision doing this is to build a network of people who can commit to supporting Providence Athletics through a reoccurring, monthly gift. Even if most of our athletic alumni committed to giving a small monthly donation, it would make a huge difference in what we could do in athletics. Please follow the link below to see a list of some of the areas that your monthly donation would go towards. In brackets is the goal amount to be raised for that item (not necessarily the total cost to cover all the expenses).

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METHODS OF GIVING FINANCIALLY

ONLINE

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MAIL

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Otterburne, MB
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PHONE

1-800-668-7768 or
204-433-7488 ext. 226

* If you are mailing in a cheque, please be sure to write "Athletic Alumni" on the memo line.