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Double decathletes are top national finishers

Twin brothers Josh and Jeremy Lovell, both '10, finished first and second respectively in the men's decathlon at the NCAA Division III Championships in Marietta, Ohio, headlining a seven-person Linfield delegation to the NCAA championships. This is the first time Linfield has had a national champion decathlete.



Jeremy Lovell '10

3.2

Finance

Decathlon, relays

Decathlon - I love competing in the two-day competition and the atmosphere is so unreal; I have been hooked since my freshman year.

Placing eighth at nationals in the decathlon my freshman year and being an All-American.

American Sign Language is really laid back with only seven students. I like the stories professor Fred Farior tells about when he was growing up.

Hometown:
Vancouver, Wash.

GPA

Major

Events

Favorite event

Favorite Linfield sports
moment

Favorite class

Josh Lovell '10

3.3

Physics

Decathlon

High jump - it was my first passion in track and I love to jump.

Nationals with my twin brother and winning the conference as a team my freshman year.

Classical Mechanics is a course that is not like any other physics class and all of the physics staff is willing to help with whatever you need.



Linfield hosts NCAA playoffs

Jessica Goergen '12, a Linfield College music major, sang the national anthem to kick off competition at the NCAA Division III West Regional. Linfield's Roy Helsler Field was one of eight regional host sites for the tournament May 14-17. It marks the first time Linfield has hosted a baseball regional since joining the NCAA in 1998. Linfield welcomed more than 600 visitors, including players, coaches and fans of six college baseball teams, bring-

ing economic benefits estimated at more than \$12,000 a day to the McMinnville area. Team members and fans stayed at local motels, ate at local restaurants, bought souvenirs and supplies from local stores and used local transportation providers. Chapman University of Orange, Calif., defeated George Fox University of Newberg in the championship game of the regional tournament. Ultimately, the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., earned the DIII title.

Wildcat track athletes, coach find success

Members of the Linfield track and field program were recognized by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Wildcats assistant coach Travis Olson '98 was honored as the USTFCCA's West Region Assistant Outdoor Field Coach of the Year for the 2009 outdoor season. Decathlete Josh Lovell '10 was recognized as the West Region Field Athlete of the Year.

For the indoor track season, Marci Klimek '10 and Catherine Street '12 were among 48 regional

honorees. Klimek was named West Region Indoor Track Athlete of the Year while Street was cited as the West Region Indoor Field Athlete of the Year. Linfield coach Garry Killgore was singled out as West Region Indoor Women's Coach of the Year.

Student athletes honored

Seven Linfield student athletes were recently recognized for their academic success as well as athletic prowess by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Headlining the group was softball pitcher Brittany Miller '09, who received third team *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors. Voted to the CoSIDA all-District 8 Academic Team were Sarah Click '11 and Sophie Larson '11, both of women's tennis; Brynn Hurdus '11, women's golf; swimmer Dominic Rieniets '10; and baseball players Cole Bixenman '11 and Reese McCulley '10.



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