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Not even favored to win their own league, the 1966 Linfield baseball team overachieved all the way to the NAIA national baseball championship.

Brosius, '66 baseball team inducted into Hall of Fame

Former Linfield baseball standout Scott Brosius '02 and the 1966 national championship baseball team were inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

Brosius of McMinnville spent 11 seasons in the major leagues, seven with Oakland and four with the New York Yankees. He was the most valuable player of the 1998 World Series and a Gold Glove winner in 1999.

The 1966 Linfield baseball team, coached by Roy Helser '41 (deceased), won the NAIA baseball title, the school's first national championship. Team members include Frank Bake '66 of Portland; Jay Bandonis '68

of Salem; Steve Colette '69 (deceased); Gary Cox '68 of Redmond; Bob Daggett '67 of Portland; Terry Durham '67 of Hillsboro; Jay Gustafson '66 of Portland; John Hart '68 of Victoria, B.C.; Art Larrance '66 of Portland; Val Lewis '68 of Brentwood, Calif.; John Lee '67 of Portland; Frank Molek '68 of Eden Prairie, Minn.; Wayne Petersen '66 of Tualatin; Rocco Reed '68 of Salem; Tom Rohlffs '69 of Hillsboro; Dennis Schweitzer '66 of Deer Park, Wash.; Barry Stenlund '72 of Woodburn; Alan Wells '67 of Salem; and Stu Young '67 of Sunriver.

Elliott continues to garner awards

Brett Elliott '05, Linfield College record-breaking quarterback and first team all-American, has received shelves of awards during the past two years.

His most recent additions are two prized NCAA Division III awards – the Melberger Award, given to the top individual player, and the Gagliardi Trophy, given annually to the outstanding football player in the division. For the second time, he was also named the Ad Rutschman Small College Male Athlete of the Year at the Oregon Sports Awards.

Elliott led the Wildcats to a 10-1

record and their fourth consecutive appearance in the West Regional final. He ended his Linfield career with 8,614 passing yards and 110 touchdowns.

Elliott, who earned a communication degree in December, displayed leadership on campus and in the community while a student at Linfield. He worked on the student newspaper, *The Linfield Review*, and radio station, KSLC. He served a summer internship with KFX radio in Portland, was a freshman colloquium speaker, and volunteered as a weekly tutor and mentor.



Brett Elliott '05 takes time to sign autographs following a game.

Athletes place academics, community first

They are as successful in the classroom and community as they are on the playing field.

A number of Linfield College athletes have recently been recognized for their academic achievement as well as their athletic accomplishment, earning the distinction of Academic All-American. Lindsay Harksen '06, volleyball, and Dwight Donaldson '06, football, have each been selected to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America teams. Harksen was also named Academic All-American of the Year for the college division, Runners Harrison Wilson '08 and Whitney Mentaberry '08 were both named Academic All-Americans by the NCAA Division III Cross Country Association. In addition, both the men's and women's cross country teams earned academic team awards.

More than just excelling as athletes, these students are set apart by their commitment, to scholarship and community. Many Linfield athletes can be found tutoring classmates, reading with youth and participating in a variety of community service projects.

"From their years of athletic commitment they have internalized the benefits of self-discipline, time management and teamwork," said Barbara Seidman, interim dean of faculty.

Over the years, Linfield has developed a reputation for consistently shaping strong student athletes. Fourteen have received Academic All-American status since 2002.

The intangibles that make a good football team are the same elements that make a good student and leader in whatever vocation they choose, said Jay Locey, head football coach since 1996.



Dwight Donaldson '06

"We develop the total person with a commitment to excellence," added Locey. "We help our players establish priorities of family, school and then football. We want them to excel academically, athletically and in their relationships with people."

Although she came to Linfield to study finance and mathematics, Harksen said her involvement in athletics has balanced her life and made her more well-rounded.

"Academics is my main priority," said Harksen, an intern at RV Kuhns Investment Firm in Portland who also finds time to tutor fellow math students. "It's why I chose Linfield, and it was an added benefit that I got to play volleyball as well."

The flexibility and understanding of both professors and coaches enable athletes to balance their commitments.

"If we have a big test or project coming up, our coach tells us academics is our number one priority," said Harksen of Shane Kimura,

Linfield volleyball coach. "He understands that's the main reason we chose to come to Linfield and if we have something to get done it's okay to miss a practice."

That support has been crucial for Donaldson, a physics major with hopes of pursuing a career in nuclear medicine. He participates in the Start Making a Reader Today program in the McMinnville School District and has interned at Aptech, a local company founded by Bill Mackie '71, professor of physics.

"Coaches and professors definitely worked with me when there was a conflict between the two," Donaldson said. "College athletics is one of the greatest classrooms you can find. And when you combine that with the academics we have here at Linfield, you have an incredible education."

— Laura Davis



Lindsay Harksen '06