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Enders takes lacrosse reins

Kat Enders has been named women's lacrosse coach at Linfield College. Enders is the fifth coach to head the program since the college launched women's lacrosse as a varsity sport in 1997. Enders spent the last two years as an assistant women's lacrosse coach at the University of Findlay in Ohio. She was a four-year lacrosse letter winner and two-year captain at Ohio Wesleyan University, graduating in 2012.

Volleyball seniors rewrite record books



Kailana Ritte-Camara '15



Victoria Thompson '15

Kailana Ritte-Camara '15, a left-handed outside hitter, earned first team all-NWC honors, averaging a team best 2.81 kills per set, while also totaling 25 blocks and 286 digs. She became the fourth player in Linfield history to surpass 1,000 career digs, ending with 1,038. Victoria Thompson '15 moved to number four on Linfield's career block assists list.

Six named to all-NWC soccer squad

First team all-Northwest Conference honorees Emily Fellows '15, Lindzee

Baker '15 and Ellie Schmidt '15 highlighted six Wildcat selections to the all-league squad after Linfield tied for second place in the conference standings. Emma Vukic '16 was named to the second team and Kendra McSheridan '17 and Marisa Specht '16 received honorable mention consideration.

Wildcat Open set for August

The annual Wildcat Open will be held Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha. Build your own team of four players or be assigned to a group. Lunch, drinks and dinner are provided, as well as range balls, motorized cart, prize bag and a few surprises. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. A shotgun start is set for 1 p.m.

For more information go to:
linfield.edu/sports/wildcatopen

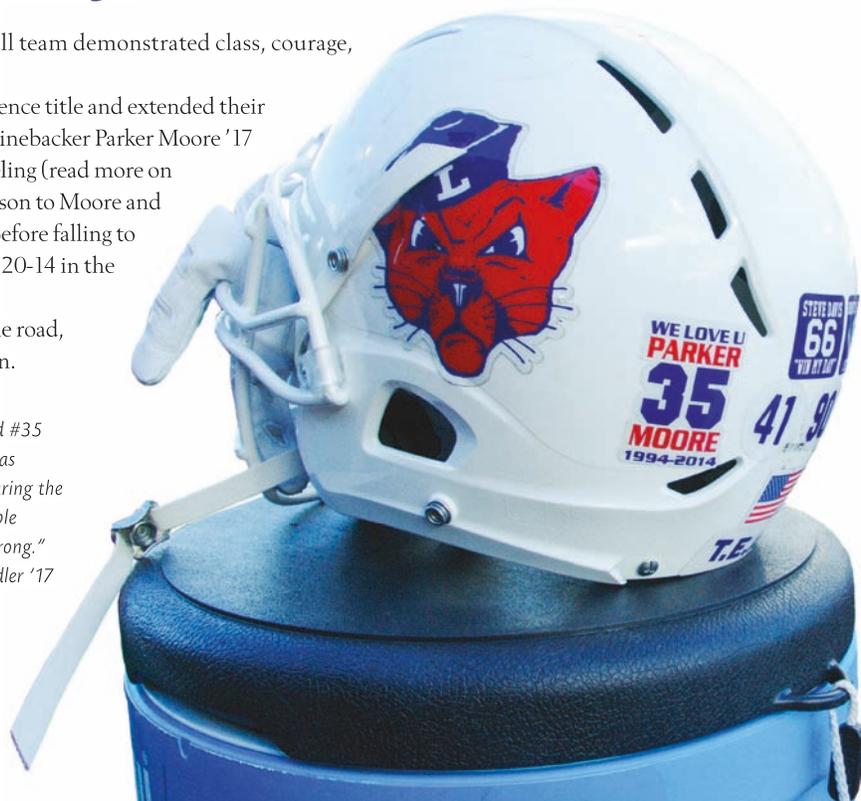
Triumph and tragedy

In a season marred by tragedy, the Linfield Wildcats football team demonstrated class, courage, resilience and determination.

The 'Cats clinched their sixth consecutive Northwest Conference title and extended their winning streak to 59 seasons. But shortly after, the tragic death of linebacker Parker Moore '17 on Nov. 16 sent the team and the rest of the college community reeling (read more on page 13). The team overcame its shock and grief to dedicate the season to Moore and then won three decisive playoff games including two on the road, before falling to eventual national champions University of Wisconsin Whitewater 20-14 in the semi-finals of Division III football.

The team traveled a record 15,672 miles for eight games on the road, including three playoff games in Texas, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Following the tragic death of Parker Moore '17, Wildcat football helmets featured #35 stickers throughout all the playoff games. A moment of silence in his memory was observed at all 16 Division III first-round playoff games around the country. During the game against Chapman on Nov. 22, Maxwell Field was full of hundreds of purple shirts with slogans reading "Linfield Family," "Play for Parker" and "Linfield Strong." As Linfield readied to snap the ball on its first play against Chapman, Kyle Chandler '17 trotted off the field, pointing skyward. To honor Moore, Linfield ran a "missing man" formation on its first play.



Although somewhat bittersweet, the accolades for the team have piled up. Coach Joseph Smith '93 was named D3football.com's national Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year award.

Defensive Coordinator Jackson Vaughan '97 was selected as the NCAA Division III Defensive Coordinator of the Year by website FootballScoop.

Three Linfield defensive players earned All-America recognition this fall. Linfield defensive end Alex Hoff '16 was a consensus All-American by American Football Coaches Association, D3football.com and the Associated Press. Defensive tackle Jeremy Girod '15 and safety Jordan Giza '15 were second-team All-America on D3football.com. Wildcats center Jeremy Patrick '15 received third team All-America honors from D3football.com. Drawing honorable mention All-America acclaim was offensive tackle Steven Schultz '15.

Moore's memory will live on at Linfield and his No. 35 jersey will continue to see playing time. Beginning next season, the defensive player who best exemplifies Moore's ideals and work ethic will be selected to wear Moore's jersey.

"From here on out," Smith said, "it will be an honor to wear 35."



Chris Haddeland '15

Sport: Baseball

Hometown: McMinnville

Major: Mass communication and business management

Final season: It's exciting heading into my senior season. It's great to see how far my teammates and I have come over the course of our Linfield careers, and hopefully we'll see continued success.

Favorite achievement? Winning the National Championship in 2013. There's nothing like earning the title of best team in the nation.

Why Linfield? Growing up in McMinnville with my Mom (Patty Haddeland, director of student health, wellness and counseling) working on campus, I was exposed throughout my life to the Linfield community. The closeness of the Linfield students and faculty helped make my decision, along with a great baseball program and caring professors.

Favorite aspect of Linfield? This school has helped me succeed not only on the field and in the classroom, but has allowed me to make great friendships that I will have for the rest of my life.

Secret to balancing sports and academics? Time management. Being able to stay organized and come up with a schedule that accommodates for the time needed to be successful in both arenas has helped me learn and develop into a better student, baseball player and person.

Learned from baseball? Baseball is the sport that I believe relates to life more than any other game. Baseball has taught me to work hard, and deal with success and failure. Doing everything right doesn't necessarily mean success, but putting in the work and continuing to battle despite the results is something every baseball player learns and can use throughout their life.

Future plans? My dream is to play professional baseball. If I am unable to make this dream a reality I would like to work in the communications field through journalism or public relations with a sports focus.

