

Senior Spotlight

Volleyball senior Lauren Whitmer

Regional Update

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Lauren Whitmer is a senior volleyball player for the 20-6 (6-4) E&H volleyball team. Her in-class accomplishments are just as impressive as her on-court accomplishments.

CH: Lauren, the volleyball team finished the regular season 20-6 (6-4) Are you satisfied with that record?

LW: Yes, I'm very satisfied. We met our goal of 20 wins this season!

CH: Well even though you guys are 20-6 (6-4), the team is in the conference tournament. Is there work still left to be done?

LW: Of course! There's always room for improvement and we need to focus this week on our ODAC tournament weekend ahead.

CH: What do you think is the biggest accomplishment for this team to this point in the season?

LW: Beating VA Wesleyan (a top team last year) was a major accomplishment; it's also always great to win on your senior night.

CH: What do you think is the team's best attribute collectively?

LW: We have been successful based on the fact that we all get along on and off the court. It's easier and more fun when you work well with your teammates!

CH: Likewise, if you had to attribute the team's success to

this point to one thing, what would it be?

LW: It's hard to name one thing we have made it this far because we have an all-around great team. Every girl has been able to contribute to our success!

CH: You have had a stellar volleyball career here at E&H, but you've been just as impressive off the court, being named to the ODAC Honor Roll and the All-Academic team for the past three years. Do you value your classroom performance any more or less than your on-court performance?

LW: Of course I do; sports are great and volleyball at E&H has been wonderful, but my athletic career isn't going to get me far in life ahead. I've worked hard in the classroom so that my future will be a success.

CH: What is your favorite place to eat in the area?

LW: I love a bowl of baked potato soup from Allison's.

CH: What is your favorite food?

LW: Chocolate.

CH: What is your favorite TV show?

LW: Anything wedding-related. I love Who's Wedding is it Anyway. Haha.

CH: What is your favorite pro sports team?

LW: The Redskins!



Lauren Whitmer is a senior volleyball player and an accounting major.

CH: What is your fondest childhood memory?

LW: My sisters and I always had a great time playing in the woods and in the tree house our Dad built for us.

CH: What do you like to do in your spare time?

LW: Spend time out on the boat with my fiance and family.

CH: What is your favorite memory of your volleyball career (and if it was not here at E&H, what was your favorite E&H volleyball memory)?

LW: My favorite memory would have to be beating VA Wesleyan in five sets this year on their home court.

CH: What are your career plans after you graduate?

LW: I have already accepted a position at KPMG in Roanoke, VA. I will also be studying and taking the CPA exam.

Every issue of The Whitetopper for the remainder of the Fall 2008 semester will include a profile of an E&H senior athlete.



Tennessee: It was more bad news for Tennessee this weekend as the Vols fell to Steve Spurrier's South Carolina Gamecocks 27-6. The Vols struggled mightily on offense, accumulating a total of 207 yards. The loss drops the Vols to 3-6 (1-5) on the season. However the biggest news of the week came on Monday when it was announced that Phillip Fulmer, the Vols' head coach for 17 years, would step down at the end of the year.



Virginia Tech: The Hokies had an off week after losing to Florida State last weekend. Tech will host Maryland on a Thursday night contest in Blacksburg on Nov. 6. The biggest news from the Hokies' camp this week is that neither of the first- or second-string quarterbacks (Iyrod Taylor and Sean Glennon) may be ready to start against Maryland. If that's the case, red-shirt-Senior quarterback Cory Holt is expected to start.



Virginia: The Virginia Cavaliers had their four-game winning streak snapped by the young Miami Hurricanes this weekend, 24-17 in overtime. The Cavs now stand at 5-4 (3-2), and are still alive in the ACC. The Cavs travel to Wake Forest on Nov. 8 to play the struggling Demon Deacons. Kickoff is at 12 p.m.

Wasper 5K event big hit for E&H alumni and runners

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On Homecoming weekend, the Emory & Henry cross country team held the Annual Homecoming Wasper 5K on campus at 8 a.m.

The course was different than last year; it included a lot more road/pavement surfaces. The change was made in order to make the course more scenic.

The 5K not only served as an athletic event, but it also served as a way to show alumni around campus to see what has been happening.

If it had been like last year's course, it may have been too rough for alumni runners to take.

This was a good way to enter E&H's runners into another race and promote the campus and its new improvements.

Although this was meant for alumni, the race gave one last chance for the Wasp runners to tune up their engines for the ODAC Championship.

The finishing ranks for the Wasp runners only are:

Cameron Taylor (1st; 19:13), Will Gardner (3rd; 20:18), Chris Caruana (5th; 20:51), Will Garrison (9th; 21:49), Karen Archibald (14th; 25:14), Madison Worrell (15th; 25:32), Sam Hammer (18th; 25:58), A.J. Hagee (20th; 26:32), Katelyn Clark (27th; 30:02).



Wasps' Cross Country runner Karen Archibald runs towards the finish line.

Sports Opinion

2008-09 NBA Predictions

By Chris Hatcher

It was David Stern's dream ... an NBA Finals matchup that wouldn't cause his league to tank in the ratings another year.

It was an old-school rivalry that revitalized The Finals, brought in a new generation of NBA fans and drew the best ratings of any Finals matchup of the last decade. It was Celtics-Lakers, and in a picture-perfect win for Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and co., the Celtics showed that the better **TEAM** would prevail.

From David Stern's perspective, it was just nice to have two teams in The Finals that weren't anemic on offense. However, though the Celtics sank the Lakers ship with a 39-point win in

the last game in The Finals, they lost all-everything player James Posey to free agency, veteran journeyman P.J. Brown to retirement and have to face an Eastern Conference that has undergone a face-lift that might shift the balance of power in the conferences.

So will the Celtics repeat? Will someone else stake claim to the Eastern Conference? Will someone unseat the popular pick L.A. Lakers in the West? Only time will tell (sorry if that's cliché) but it's true. Here are my picks below.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

- 1 Celtics
- 2 Cavaliers
- 3 Magic
- 4 Raptors

- 5 76ers
- 6 Pistons
- 7 Heat
- 8 Hawks

WESTERN CONFERENCE

- 1 Lakers
- 2 Rockets
- 3 Jazz
- 4 Hornets
- 5 Suns
- 6 Spurs
- 7 Mavericks
- 8 Trailblazers

Rookie of the Year: Derrick Rose/Chris Douglas-Roberts

MVP: Elton Brand

Defensive Player of the Year: Josh Smith

Sixth Man: Andres Nocioni

Most Improved: Chris Duhon

NBA Finals: Lakers over 76ers

Upcoming Events

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues
6	7	8	9	10	11
Intramural Volleyball 6:00 p.m. Incident Report v. ABX Intramural Volleyball 7:00 p.m. The Undecided v. Incident Report Intramural Volleyball 8:00 p.m. Trailblazers v. AOPi	Volleyball 6:30 p.m. Away v. Virginia Wesleyan*	Football 1:00 p.m. Away v. Washington & Lee*			