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college report

A. SHORES GRAD CLIMBS SOONERS' ALL-TIME 3s LIST

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oklahoma senior guard Steven Pledger, an Atlantic Shores grad, continues to climb the Sooners' all-time 3-pointers list.

Pledger made his 242nd 3-pointer March 2 against Iowa State to claim second place on the Sooners' all-time list.

Pledger had 14 points on 4-for-9 shooting, all 3-point attempts, in the 86-69 win.

Pledger finished the regular season with 247 3-pointers – 13 shy of besting the all-time mark set by Terry Evans.

Pledger has seen significant playing time since enrolling at Oklahoma. He led the team in scoring (16.2 ppg) his junior year, but that pace has dropped to 12 ppg this season.

ESPN and CBS Sports predict Oklahoma (20-10, 11-7 Big 12) will receive an at-large bid as a No. 10 seed in the NCAA tournament, which would be Pledger's first action in March Madness.

VCU's Briante Weber (Great Bridge), a sophomore guard, was named Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year. Weber finished the regular season among the nation's leaders in steals at 2.8 per game.

BASEBALL

Gettysburg College senior outfielder Pat Cody (Great Bridge) was named one of the team's four captains, coach John Campo announced recently.

Cody batted .380 last season and finished with 43 RBIs, good for 30th in Division III and one shy of the school record. He made the All-Centennial Conference second team.

Campbell senior Ryan Mattes (Cox) was named Big South Pitcher of the Week last month.

Making the transition from reliever to starter, Mattes threw a career-best eight innings in a win over Eastern Michigan on Feb. 15. He allowed two earned runs, five hits and a walk while striking out six.

VMI senior John Garrett (Maury) was named to the NCBWA Stopper of the Year watch list, joining 74 other relief pitchers.

In 2012, Garrett posted a 2.03 ERA with six saves and a 5-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

FIELD HOCKEY

James Madison sophomore Kristen Reitano (Princess Anne) was named to the Gladiator SGI/NFHCA National Academic Squad. The organization recognizes student-athletes who achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher through the first semester.

Old Dominion sophomore Megan Hept (Hickory), junior Kelsey Smither (Lakeland) and senior Maartje van Rijswijk (Princess Anne) also made the squad.

SOFTBALL

Wingate sophomore shortstop Alexis Burrell (Great Bridge) was named the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Week on Feb. 12.

Burrell went 7 for 14 in six games for the Bulldogs with three doubles, a triple and a home run. Wingate won 4-2 in those games.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Virginia Wesleyan junior Randy Lott (Cox) won the 60-meter dash at the Mason-Dixon Indoor Championships last month. His time of 6.98 seconds tied the season's top ODAC time he previously set.

He also finished fifth in the 200 (22.86), breaking a four-year-old school record.

SWIMMING

Virginia sophomore Sarah White (Maury) qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 200 individual medley. It will be her second NCAA appearance.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Christopher Newport freshman Jackie Gaine (Hickory) earned USA South Rookie of the Week honors for Feb. 25 following victories at the No. 5 singles and No. 3 doubles positions against St. Mary's (Md.).

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