



The Fighting Acorn

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Registration Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 2 2010

2:00 pm Game @ CSU Monterey Bay

Friday, Sept. 3 2010

8:00 am Practice

Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010

OFF

Sunday, Sept. 5, 2010

OFF

Monday, Sept. 6, 2010

1:00pm Practice

4:00 pm Team Dinner

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010

8:00 am Practice

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010

8:00am Practice

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ABOUT THE NAIA

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has 50,000 student athletes participating at nearly 300 member colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Divided into 25 conferences the NAIA offers 23 championships in 13 Sports.

Since 1937, the NAIA has continued a long tradition of pushing the envelope and making a positive difference in the lives of students, coaches and parents. The Champions of Character program is the latest addition to the NAIA's tradition of innovation. One of the main differences between NCAA and NAIA is that NAIA has clearly identified five aspects of personal growth for its member institutions, while NCAA generalized their sportsmanship. Another clear distinction between the two member organizations is in the past NAIA was known for having more international players due to the flexibility with eligibility rules. Another lesser known difference is that NAIA schools are often associated with a religious organization and tend to have academic requirements within the field of Theology or actually chapel service requirement.

The level of play does not always differ greatly between NAIA and NCAA II and III programs. Typically NCAA D1 is where most athletes strive to be at, but it is not always the best fit so athletes look for smaller schools where they can have a better balance between their athletics and academics. NAIA institutions place an emphasis on developing the entire student-athlete not just one part of them.

Through Champions of Character, the NAIA seeks to create an environment in which every student athlete, coach; official and spectator are committed to the true spirit of competition through the five core values: Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Servant Leadership and Sportsmanship. This commitment from the NAIA national office can be seen by several individual and team awards given out at the culmination of each sport season and then again at the end of the academic year.

NAIA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the eligibility of first-time NAIA student-athletes and will begin taking registrations on September 1, 2010 for any student interested in playing NAIA sports for the first time in 2011-2012 and thereafter. In the past the NAIA has left this process up to the member institutions. The

Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
18-Aug	Solano	A	3:30 PM
28-Aug	NDNU	A	2:00 PM
2-Sep	CSUMB	A	2:00 PM
9-Sep	Acad.Art	H	2:00 PM
12-Sep	CSU Sac	A	12:00 PM
15-Sep	Fresno Pac	A	6:00 PM
21-Sep	OIT	H	3:00 PM
25-Sep	Holy Names	H	3:00 PM
28-Sep	Mills	A	4:00 PM
2-Oct	Bethany	H	11:00 AM
3-Oct	Chapman	H	12:00 PM
10-Oct	Dominican	A	3:30 PM
12-Oct	William Jess	H	1:00 PM
16-Oct	Simpson	A	1:00 PM
20-Oct	Holy Names	A	1:00 PM
23-Oct	Mills	H	11:00 AM
26-Oct	Bethany	A	11:00 AM
6-Nov	William Jess	A	11:00 AM
9-Nov	Simpson	H	3:00 PM

Conference Standings

	Cal-Pac	Per	Points	Overall
Bethany				
Holy Names				
Menlo				
Mills				
Simpson				
William Jess.				

problem that has been occurring was one institution would find a player ineligible for their institution and then another would find them eligible. Loads of factors go into the determining of eligibility, but the most important one concerns most foreign players, level of professional play.

Many students who come from overseas typically have some sort of professional playing background and it can be tricky to identify the level of play they were at. If the level of play is higher than the NAIA a student may lose a year of eligibility. So the NAIA office has not set up standards for students to keep every player playing in the NAIA on a level field. This will greatly benefit the students and programs as everyone will now be abiding by the same set of rules.

Any student who plays in the NAIA for the first time must have their eligibility determined through the Eligibility Center. You can contact the Eligibility Center at NAIA.org and go to playnaia. This process is very similar to the NCAA clearing house that D1 athletes must go through as well. It was actually a combination of both NCAA and NAIA officials meeting to determine the best possible way of deciding eligibility.

The Eligibility Center also offers you a site to build your own customized personal profile and a way to connect to NAIA Coaches and Admissions Officers.

OAK OF THE WEEK: CHRISTIAN RUIZ



This year's first Oak of the Week is Christian Ruiz, Junior transfer from Cabrillo College. The first time I saw Christian play at Cabrillo I knew she was special, said Coach Trigg. "Not only was she a good player, but she had an incredible work rate and great attitude. I knew right away I wanted her here at Menlo!" Christian came into camp in shape and ready to play passing all three of her fitness tests the first time. This past week she did not disappoint as she continued a great work rate on the practice field as well as in both scrimmages. "She was everything I had hoped for and much more" Coach Trigg reported as Christian was named this week's Oak of the Week. Congratulations Christian!

Oaks Open Season with 2-0 Loss to the Otters

The Oaks begin their season yesterday away at NCAA DII Monterey Bay at 2:00 pm. While the Oaks were defeated they showed some great composure on the ball and had plenty of the possession throughout the game. An early goal set the Oaks on their heels from the start, but they showed great resilience and bounced back and created a couple good opportunities right away.

The next contest for Menlo will be Thursday, September 9th on the campus of Menlo College at 2 pm again Academy of the Art.