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 Freed-Hardeman University - fhu.edu
 Lyon College - lyon.edu
 Martin Methodist College - martinmethodist.edu
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TRANSOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKLY UPDATE - JANUARY 5, 2005 Vol. I; Issue 13

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Four TranSouth Conference teams once again find themselves in the NAIA Top 25 Rankings to start the second half of the basketball season. The Union University Lady Bulldogs (14-0) remain in the No. 1 spot for the third week in a row. Freed-Hardeman University (14-4) is ranked No. 10, Trevecca Nazarene University (8-4) is up two spots to No. 18, and Cumberland University (14-3) moves up three spots to No. 22.

The first of the weekly honors were announced for the conference this week. Jessica Ezell of Martin Methodist was named the TranSouth Conference Player of the Week.

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Women's BKB Standings (NAIA Rank)

Blue Mountain 3-6
 Cumberland 14-3 (#22)
 Freed-Hardeman 13-4 (#10)
 Lyon 8-4
 Martin Methodist 3-11
 Trevecca Naz. 8-4 (#18)
 Union 14-0 (#1)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

In the first NAIA men's basketball polls of the second half of the season, the TranSouth Conference boasts three teams named in the rankings. Trevecca Nazarene University (13-2) is up two spots to No. 8, Union University (10-3) moved up three spots to No. 12, and Cumberland University (6-4) is receiving votes at No. 35.

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Men's BKB Standings (NAIA Rank)

Cumberland 6-4 (RV)
 Freed-Hardeman 5-10
 Lyon 6-4
 Martin Methodist 5-10
 Trevecca Naz. 13-2 (#8)
 Union 10-3 (#12)

BASEBALL

For the second time in four seasons, the NAIA Baseball National Champion hails from the TranSouth Conference (Birmingham-Southern 2001, Cumberland 2004). And as expected, Cumberland is returning in 2005 as the preseason No. 1 team in the TranSouth Conference and also the No. 1 team in the NAIA preseason polls. Currently, the TranSouth Conference has two teams ranked No. 1 in the NAIA in their respective rankings (Cumberland University - Baseball, Union University - Women's Basketball).

(right) 2005 TranSouth Preseason Baseball Rankings.

2005 TRANSOUTH PRESEASON BASEBALL POLL (NAIA Rank)

1. Cumberland (5) (#1)
 2. Trevecca Nazarene (1) (#26)
 3. Union (RV)
 4. Martin Methodist
 5. Lyon
 6. Freed-Hardeman

GOLF

The NAIA Preseason Golf Rankings are out with two TranSouth teams finding themselves in the women's rankings. Lyon College is ranked No. 22 and Trevecca Nazarene University received votes. On the men's side, Union University is receiving votes in the national polls.

FALL ATHLETES HONORED BY NAIA

Several TranSouth Conference athletes have been honored on the national level by the NAIA for their efforts as student athletes. Here is a list of these athletes by their respective sports. Congrats to each of these TranSouth athletes.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

All-American

Asuka Kubota, Martin Methodist (first team)
 Harumi Someya, Martin Methodist (second team)
 Chiaki Ishihara, Martin Methodist (hm)
 Johanna Botold, Martin Methodist (hm)
 Ciara Kinsella, Cumberland (hm)
 Clare Sykes, Martin Methodist (hm)
 Kelly Lewicki, Martin Methodist (hm)

Academic All-American

Brittnea Dye, Freed-Hardeman
 Christina Lipscomb, Freed-Hardeman
 Leslie Tiensvold, Freed-Hardeman
 Lauren Collins, Trevecca Nazarene
 Kelsey Shockey, Trevecca Nazarene
 Rebeca Tuche, Trevecca Nazarene

MEN'S SOCCER

All-American

Paul Musoke, Martin Methodist (third team)
 Craig Wright, Cumberland (hm)
 Euan Wilson, Cumberland (hm)
 Benny Crozier, Union (hm)
 Richard Askey, Martin Methodist (hm)
Academic All-American
 Mariano Saenz, Freed-Hardeman
 Matthew Taylor, Freed-Hardeman
 Andrew Williams, Freed-Hardeman
 Paul Musoke, Martin Methodist

CROSS COUNTRY

No national honorees.

VOLLEYBALL

All-American

Gladys Wandera, Union (first team)
 Phyllis Anyengo, Union (hm)
 Fabiola Nepomuceno, Martin Methodist (hm)
 Karina Souza, Freed-Hardeman (hm)

Academic All-American

Debbie Perry, Cumberland
 Cheri Kull, Freed-Hardeman
 Erin Nickelson, Freed-Hardeman
 Allison Shein, Union
 Nicole Garber, Union

National Player of the Week

Gladys Wandera, Union (player - Sept 4)
 Ceca Brekalo, Lyon (player - Oct. 26)
 Cheri Kull, Freed-Hardeman (setter - Nov. 2)