

USC Trojans receive All-Academic team honors

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Los Angeles, CA (U-WIRE) -- USC pole vaulter and business major Melissa Astete was named to the 2005 Pac-10 All-Academic first team for the third consecutive season, having earned a 3.90 grade-point average. Astete was honored with USC's 2005 Willis O. Hunter Award winner for highest cumulative GPA among graduating senior athletes this year.

Fellow pole vaulter Jacob Hamman, a junior architecture major with a 3.72 GPA, was also a first-team All-Academic selection.

Senior 800 meter runner Gina Clayton and senior javelin thrower Leslie Erickson were second-team selections. Clayton and Erickson were named to the second team in 2004, receiving honorable mentions in 2003. Erickson was also a 2002 All-Academic honorable mention.

Sophomore discus thrower Kate Hutchinson, sophomore hurdler Lindsay Oman, sophomore high jump and triple jump specialist Michelle Sanford received Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mentions.

Senior 800 meter runner Anthony Heckman also received his second honorable mention nod.

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Four USC women's rowing team members were named to the Pacific-10 Conference All-Academic Team.

Seniors Kate Kaso and Katie Weslow, political science and psychology majors, respectively, earned their second consecutive first team honors for the 2005 season.

Sophomore Kinga Marciszewska was a second team selection and sophomore Golden Broughton made the honorable mention list. Both are first time All-Academic recipients.

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Sophomore Anca Anastasiu of the USC women's tennis was named to the 2005 Pac-10 Women's Tennis All-Academic first team as the only player with a perfect GPA among the 51 Pac-10 honorees this season. Anastasiu has a 4.00 cumulative grade point average as a business major.

Anastasiu finished the season ranked No. 48 in singles play with a 29-11 record after making it to the NCAA singles tournament first round.

Sophomore Judy DeVera was also named to the All-Academic honorable mention team. She was 9-13 in singles play in 2005.

The Women of Troy ended their season ranked No. 7 in the nation, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship tournament.

For the men's team, sophomore All-American Jamil Al-Agba was named to the Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention squad.

Al-Agba finished the season as No. 20 nationally, and lead his team to a No. 21 ranking. Al-Agba, who played in the NCAA singles tournament as well as the doubles competition with partner Johan Berg, finished 17-17 in singles play.

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Ian Kennedy, the 2005 Pacific-10 Conference Pitcher of the Year, picked up another accolade as the 2005 District IX Player of the Year by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association among pitchers from California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Arizona and Alaska.

The sophomore right-hander is 12-3 this season with a 2.54 ERA. In 117 innings, Kennedy allowed only 85 hits, walked 38, and recorded 158 strikeouts, second-most in the nation. He also earned Collegiate Baseball All-America first team honors.

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Roy Engle, a halfback on USC's 1939 national championship football team and a three-year letterman in both football and baseball, died of a heart attack on June 7 in Poway, Calif. He was 87.

Services were held Monday at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma in San Diego, Calif.

With the Trojan football team he reached the 1939 and 1940 Rose Bowl games in which USC defeated previously untouchable Duke and Tennessee. Engle lettered three consecutive years from 1937-1939.

Engle was a multisport athlete, and served as the starting catcher on the 1938-1940 Trojan baseball teams. In 1939, Engle and the Trojans won the California Intercollegiate Baseball Association title.

Engle is survived by his wife, Anne and sons, and Roger.

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USC alumni Nick Jones, who played golf for USC from 1998-2001, and David Oh, who was on the team during the 2000-2003 seasons, both qualified for the 2005

U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina from June 16-19.

Jones and Oh were teammates on USC's 2001 team that won the Pac-10 championship.

Jones, the California State Amateur title-winner in 2000, won the U.S. Open Sectional at El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana, Calif. on June 6 with a combined 139 after two rounds. Oh, who reached the semifinals of the U.S. Amateur in 2003, qualified with a 134 score at Woodmont Country Club. in Rockville, Md.

Also in the El Caballero field was former U.S. Open champion and USC All-American Scott Simpson, whose 145 did not qualify. He will join the Champions Tour in September.

Senior Andy Fohrer also competed in Tarzana but did not qualify.

Former All-American Kevin Stadler, who made the cut in 2004 at his U.S. Open debut, also competed Rockville, and shot a 142.

Incoming freshman Tom Glissmeyer qualified in the Littleton, Colo. sectional at Columbine Country Club as an amateur, but did not advance after carding a 148.

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