

Sports

Track hosts Tri-Meet at Gesling Stadium

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The Carnegie Mellon track and field teams had a busy week competing in three meets.

Last Tuesday, the Tartans hosted a tri-meet that included California University of Pennsylvania, Franciscan University, and Duquesne University.

Over the weekend, the distance runners participated in Bucknell University's Bison Outdoor Classic, while the rest of the team traveled to Robert Morris University for the Bennie Benson Memorial Invitational.

The weekend results were somewhat disappointing, but the team saw many personal bests at the meet.

At Tuesday's unscored meet,

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Elizabeth Haldane/Sports Editor
Carnegie Mellon dominates the 800-meter run with Brian Harvey leading the Tartans with a time of 1:53.40.

Tartans golf takes second

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Carnegie Mellon men's golf competed in two events this week, taking fifth place on the road and second place at home.

The team finished fifth out of 15 teams in the two-day Mid-Atlantic Regional last Monday with a team score of 631 (313–318). The two-day event was held at Hershey Country Club in Hershey, Pa.

The Tartans finished behind first-place St. John Fisher College (607), second-place Wesley College (608), and Washington & Jefferson College and Allegheny College, which tied for third with a two-day total of 613.

Carnegie Mellon junior Alex Timmons and Brad Cieslinski from W&J tied for 13th. Both shot a 161 (73–81) during the two-day event. Junior Joshua Chen and sophomore Chris Lee tied for 25th, carding 159 for a two-day total.

Senior Howard Smith and sophomore Brett Cannaday rounded out the Tartans' scoring with a 162 (80–82) and 166 (79–87), respectively.

"With Hershey, overall we were pretty inconsistent. We were not pleased with the result because we didn't play to the best of our abil-

ity," Cannaday said.

Last Thursday, the Tartans hosted their annual invitational at the Longue Vue Club with St. Vincent College (298), Davis & Elkins College (309), Westminster College (318), and Waynesburg University (335) in attendance.

Carnegie Mellon took second at the home invite with a team score of 308, just 10 strokes behind St. Vincent.

Smith and Chen tied for fifth overall, leading the Tartans with scores of 74. Timmons and Lee both carded an 80, and Cannaday shot an 86.

Four individual players entered the invitational for the Tartans: Senior Denver Faulk carded an 84, first-year Brent Driscoll and senior Blake Darby shot 84 and 86, respectively, and sophomore Nick Burkholder scored a 92.

"There is a lot of potential within the team. We are finally playing well and bringing it together," Cannaday said. "We have a pretty good shot at making nationals. This is the time of the season when big tournaments come up so we are looking forward to tomorrow."

The golf team will compete at the University Athletic Association championships today in Orlando, Fla.

Tennis wins the GLCA

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With their high levels of play this week, the Carnegie Mellon men's and women's tennis teams showed that they could be major threats at the University Athletic Association (UAA) championships and the NCAA tournament, which are scheduled for the last few weeks of April.

On the campus tennis courts on Monday, the 17th-ranked men rebounded from Sunday's painful loss to 22nd-ranked John Hopkins by crushing Grove City College 9–0. More importantly, the men won the Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) tournament over the weekend, upsetting number-14 Depauw University and spoiling the perfect season of seventh-ranked Kenyon College.

The women, not to be outdone, beat Division II West Liberty College 9–0. Yesterday was a different story, however, as the seventh-ranked team got blown away 8–1 by ninth-ranked Denison University.

For the team, Carnegie Mellon's victory over Grove City was never in doubt as the men raced to a 9–0 victory.

"Beating Grove City was nice," said senior Andrew Clearfield, "especially since we've been on a losing streak. But we really need to beat the top 15 to 20 teams, so I wouldn't say it was really a great win for us. Hopkins was the match we really needed."

Clearfield and the rest of the players got their chance to take a crack at top teams at the GLCA tournament. On Friday, after steamrolling Wabash College 5–2, Clearfield and the men found themselves in a dogfight with Depauw. In the early stages of the Depauw match, the men had a 2–1 deficit after doubles; this signaled back to the Hopkins match where the men started with a 3–0 deficit after doubles that they were unable to surmount. However, against Depauw, the Tartans rallied in singles with sophomores James Muliawan, Jon Spero, Ravi Raghavan, and first-year Alex Nemerov winning. Spero and Nemerov had earlier claimed Carnegie Mellon's only doubles victory.

"I don't view our doubles as a liability," said head coach Andrew Girard. "Even the matches where

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ATHLETE PROFILE: Alex Nemerov



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Being an integral part of Carnegie Mellon's nationally ranked (number 17) men's tennis team, first-year Alex Nemerov had a strong showing in this weekend's Great Lakes Colleges Association (GLCA) tournament in Gambier, Ohio. The team took the championship by defeating Kenyon College, which was ranked seventh in the country.

As a recipient of the University Athletic Association (UAA) Athlete of the Week honor, Nemerov shows signs of a promising future in his athletic career at Carnegie Mellon.

Demonstrating his more comedic side, Nemerov chatted with The Tartan last week about his thoughts on Carnegie Mellon, athletics, and other miscellaneous categories.

The Tartan: What was your main reason for deciding to come to school at Carnegie Mellon?

Alex Nemerov: For the good-looking girls in the engineering program.

T: Where would you like your academic experience at Carnegie Mellon to take you for a career?

N: I want to be like Lester Burnham in *American Beauty* because he has the best life ever.

T: Was tennis always your favorite sport to play growing up? What is your most memorable tennis experience?

N: Yes, tennis has always been my favorite sport. Saturday was memorable for me when we beat Kenyon.

T: Who would you pick to play in an ultimate doubles match with you?

M: Amy Staloch because she is amazing.

T: What are some goals you have for finishing out the season or looking toward next season?

N: I hope we can get to the finals of UAAs and win a couple of rounds at NCAAs. With the way we have been playing recently, I feel we can definitely accomplish this.

T: What is your favorite movie and why? Do you have a favorite movie about tennis (or another sport)?

N: *Glitter*, because it shows me that anyone can be an actor. And my favorite sports movie is definitely *Caddyshack*. Bill Murray's hilarious in it.

T: As a first-year, what aspect of academics at Carnegie Mellon do you think is the most positive?

N: Learning about protons.

Nemerov and his teammates next compete April 25–27 in the UAA championships at Emory University in Atlanta.

Baseball falls to West Virginia 5–4



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The Carnegie Mellon club baseball team traveled to West Virginia University on Saturday to challenge the Mountaineers to a doubleheader, but fell short in both games. The Tartans were coming off a 9–6 loss against Kent State on Thursday and were hoping to redeem themselves this weekend. In Thursday's game, the Tartans started out strong with a 3–0 lead after three innings, but could not sustain their performance.

The Tartan's goal for Saturday's doubleheader was consistency. The team knew Saturday's games would be a challenge with several players out due to injuries, including senior first baseman Ryan Comes, who was unable to travel due to a dislocated shoulder. While both teams played well at the plate, the Tartans struggled on the defensive end of both games.

"We are missing two of our starters in senior Ryan Comes who had a shoulder separation and will be out for the rest of the year. Ryan is one of our best and most consistent hitters, as is Jim Stedman who has shoulder problems as well. With those two out, other players such as Keith Menchin, Adam Young and Yoshi Kim will have to turn it up," head coach Claudio Reilsono said.

The first inning of game one set the tone for the rest of the day, and it was not looking good for Carnegie Mellon. Following several defensive mistakes by the Tartans, the Mountaineers claimed seven unearned runs in the first inning. Senior Tim Sandy, the starting pitcher for Carnegie Mellon, was able to regain his composure after the first inning and threw well for the next three, but this was not enough for the Tartans to get back in the game. The Mountaineers earned three more runs off Sandy as well as a final run against relief pitcher

junior Jim Spagnola.

The Tartans fared better in game two, with first-year Zach Cohen making the start and pitching the entire game. The game was evenly matched, with the score difference never exceeding one run, but in the end the Mountaineers edged out Carnegie Mellon 5–4.

The Tartans cleaned up their act defensively, with junior third baseman Aaron Hernley leading the team with two double plays in consecutive innings. After a regulation of seven innings, the Tartans and Mountaineers were tied at four. The game went into extra innings, and the Mountaineers rounded home plate with two outs to win the game in the bottom of the eighth inning. The teams were scheduled to continue the series with a third game on Sunday, but the game was postponed due to weather.

"Our entire team is going to

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Lacrosse travels for season finale

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The Carnegie Mellon men's lacrosse team concluded its season with two tough games against the Taylor University Trojans and the Tri-State University Thunder. On Saturday, the Tartans played their last league game against the Trojans in muddy, swamp-like conditions. Similar to the rest of their season, the Tartans struggled to overcome injuries. With only 12 healthy players, Carnegie Mellon was left with only two substitutions and was unable to keep up with the Trojans, eventually losing 9–2. The loss did not stop the Tartans from making the most of the conditions and getting a little mud on their uniforms.

On Sunday, the Tartans played their final game against Tri-State University Thunder, which is a Division III varsity squad. Carnegie Mellon prepared for this weekend's games by focusing on three key components of the game: transition, faceoffs, and

communication on defense.

While the varsity Thunder team lived up to its name with a victory against the Tartans 22–4, Carnegie Mellon was happy with the opportunity to play at such a high level. "It was a great experience to see how a team of that caliber plays," sophomore midfielder Nadir Sidi said. "They are a young team and it was a good challenge for us."

Sunday's game concluded the Tartans' season, bringing their overall record to 1–8. Still, they are not disappointed with the season and are looking ahead to next year. The team is young and a bit inexperienced, but many players are happy with the improvement throughout the season.

"We got better every day, and so many guys have never played before, so we are happy with how it [the season] ended," Sidi said.

The coaches are also already focused on next season but admit that this was a challenging season. The past two years, Carnegie Mellon has been ranked as one

of the top 25 teams in the nation and had high expectations for the 2007–2008 season.

After a preseason poll, the Tartans were ranked in the top 15 nationally but were unfortunately weakened by injuries. While the losses were frustrating, head coach Anthony Stamatopoulos could see a benefit in the experience.

"It was a challenging situation, but I think we had been too successful too fast in the past, and we needed to learn how to lose," he said. "It really opened our eyes to what it takes to be successful."

Carnegie Mellon is ready to move on to next season, and the coaches plan on recruiting nationally at camps, high schools, and tournaments, while the players will recruit locally on campus.

"We need to build numbers up and get back to where we used to be," Stamatopoulos said.

Any student interested in joining the team should contact Stamatopoulos at astamatopoulos@ibacos.com.



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Women's soccer hosts off-season matches at Gesling Stadium on Saturday

Carnegie Mellon women's varsity soccer team hosted an off-season round robin with Grove City College and Edinboro University last Saturday. The team defeated Grove City 1–0 and tied Edinboro 1–1.