



**EWU ATHLETICS**

*ANNUAL*

*REPORT*

**2019-20**

# ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**MEN'S BASKETBALL** won its fourth Big Sky Conference regular season title in program history. The Eagles finished with the second-most amount of wins (23-8) in the Division I era, including a school-record 16-4 mark in conference play. They ended the season sixth in the nation in scoring offense (80.9/game) and fourth in assists (17.5).



**MADALYN ARDUESER** won three tournaments during her senior season, including shooting a three-round program record low 210 (-6). She averaged 72.46 strokes per round in 2020 and leaves the program with a career average of 74.77, both of which are school records. She earned three Big Sky Golfer of the Week awards and was named to the All-Big Sky first team.



**CATELYN LINKE** ranked third in single-season history with 4.62 digs per set. She currently averages 3.67/set in her career, which is fourth all-time at EWU. Linke enters her senior season just 57 digs away from being the ninth player to hit the 1,000 career digs mark.



**WOMEN'S TENNIS** started Big Sky Conference play 4-0 for the first time since 2010. The Eagles would finish 6-4 overall and 4-1 in the Big Sky before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.



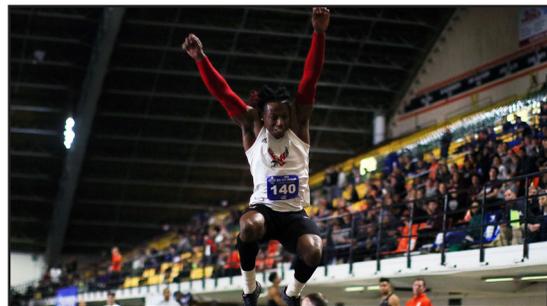
**MASON PEATLING** was named Big Sky Conference MVP after averaging a double-double in league play. He was named Player of the Week three times and set the conference single-game scoring record with 54 points against Multnomah. He ends his career in the top-12 in program history in games played, points (1,250), rebounds, blocks and field goal percentage.

**TRACK & FIELD** earned 10 All-Big Sky honors at the Indoor Track and Field Championships. The Eagles were led by **Keshun McGee**, who won his seventh-career title after a first-place finish in the triple jump, and **Grant**

**Shurtliff** who won the Big Sky title in the heptathlon with a school-record 5,285 points. **Parker Bowden** also finished third in the 60-meter hurdles with a school-record time of 7.94 seconds.



**WOMEN'S SOCCER** put together a seven-match unbeaten streak to finish 11-8-2 overall for the fifth-straight winning season. EWU only allowed five goals during conference play while scoring 17 to advance to the sixth-straight BSC tournament. The Eagles beat Sacramento State in double-overtime to advance to their third Big Sky Championship game in four years.



**FOOTBALL** won their last four games to finish 7-5 overall and 6-2 in Big Sky play for their 13th-straight winning season. The Eagles also went undefeated on 'The Inferno' for the second-straight year, bringing their home winning streak to 14-straight games. They finished first in the FCS for total offense, averaging 524.8 yards/game.



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** ended the season 31st nationally with 8.1 three-pointers/game. Against Montana State, the Eagles launched a school record 17. **Jenna Dick** made eight against Sac State, which is second all-time in EWU single-game history. She would go on to make 70 three-pointers in 2019-20, which is a freshman record and tied for fourth all-time in single-season history.

## ALL-BIG SKY HONORS

The Eagles combined for 25 All-Big Sky Honors and 17 Big Sky Player of the Week Awards.

Coach of the Year / **CHAD BODNAR** (soccer), **SHANTAY LEGANS** (basketball)

Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Year / **TAYLOR MATHENY**

Women's Soccer Newcomer of the Year / **MADISON KEM**

Men's Basketball MVP / **MASON PEATLING**

Individual Big Sky Champions / **KESHUN MCGEE** (triple jump), **GRANT SHURTLIFF** (heptathlon)

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

## ACADEMIC HONORS

- **GOLF** had the 15th-highest GPA across all of Division I, earning a WGCA All-Scholar Team Award. They also had five individual WGCA All-American Scholar selections.
- **FOOTBALL** had eight players selected to the NFF Honor Society.
- **WOMEN'S SOCCER, MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY** and **WOMEN'S TENNIS** earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards with perfect multi-year APR scores.
- **MASON PEATLING** earned CoSIDA All-District VIII Academic honors before moving on to the national ballot and was named First Team Academic All-America.
- **SPENCER BLACKBURN** and **DEHONTA HAYES** were named to both the FCS ADA Academic All-Star team and the CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 Team.
- **MADISON DOEPKER** and **MASON PEATLING** were Eastern Washington's recipients of the Big Sky Conference Scholar-Athlete award.
- **VOLLEYBALL** earned its eighth-straight AVCA Team Academic Award.
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL** earned its eighth-straight NABC Team Academic Excellence Award and had four players earn a spot on the NABC Honors Court.
- **SAMANTHA RAINES** earned an individual All-Academic honor from the USTFCCCA, while the women's **TRACK AND FIELD** team was honored with a team award.
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS** earned its fourth-straight ITA All-Academic Team Award, with five Eagles earning ITA Scholar-Athlete distinctions.
- A total of **206** student-athletes made their respective All-Big Sky Academic teams, the second-most in department history. There were 70 selections in the fall, 73 in the winter and 63 in the spring.



## SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

**SEPTEMBER:** MADALYN ARDUESER (golf) / JAYSON WILLIAMS (football)  
**OCTOBER:** KELSEE WINSTON (soccer) / SPENCER BLACKBURN (football)  
**NOVEMBER:** CATELYN LINKE (volleyball) / JIM TOWNSEND (football)  
**DECEMBER:** BELLA CRAVENS (basketball) / MASON PEATLING (basketball)  
**JANUARY:** LEYA DEPRIEST (basketball) / JACOB DAVISON (basketball)  
**FEBRUARY:** JENNA DICK (basketball) / KIM AIKEN JR. (basketball)

## "THE STREAK"

For 39-straight quarters, Eastern Washington University student-athletes have accumulated a collective GPA of 3.0 or better.

In 2019-20, the Eagles boasted a cumulative GPA of 3.38, with every program earning a GPA of at least 3.28.

# EAGLE HIGHLIGHTS



After guiding the Eagles to a winning record for the fifth-straight season, **CHAD BODNAR** was named Coach of the Year. He also coached the Defensive and Newcomer of the Year in addition to six other All-Big Sky selections.



Former EWU wide receiver and current LA Ram, **COOPER KUPP**, was named the STATS FCS Player of the Decade. Kupp broke 15 FCS, 11 Big Sky and 26 EWU records during his time at Eastern Washington.



Football center, **SPENCER BLACKBURN**, was named a finalist for the prestigious NFF Campbell Trophy. He was also named an All-American by three different organizations: AP, STATS and AFCA.



For the second-straight year and fourth time overall, Eastern Washington was represented in the Super Bowl, this time by **KENDRICK BOURNE** with the San Francisco 49ers.



After winning the program's fourth Big Sky Conference Regular Season title with a 23-8 overall record, **SHANTAY LEGANS** was named Coach of the Year. He also coached the Big Sky MVP and two other all-conference selections.



Volleyball libero **CATELYN LINKE** represented Eastern Washington at the USA Volleyball team tryouts in Fort Collins, Colo.



Spokane County recognized **MEN'S BASKETBALL** in a proclamation for their historic 23-8 season where they were crowned the Big Sky Regular Season Champions.



Women's Tennis player **MARTA HEINEN** was named the ITA Northwest Region Senior Player of the Year.



**MASON PEATLING** (first team) and **JACOB DAVISON** (second team) were named to the NABC District 6 team. The All-Big Sky duo each eclipsed the 1,000 point mark this season.



Men's basketball assistant coach, **BOBBY SUAREZ**, was named to the Under Armour 30-under-30 team by the NABC.



Men's basketball player **TANNER GROVES** threw down a windmill dunk that earned the number one spot on SportsCenter's 'Top-10 Plays'.



**SHANTAY LEGANS** was recognized by ESPN as one of the top 40-under-40 college basketball coaches.

# EAGLE ATHLETIC FUND

While heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 fiscal year was a success overall for the Eagle Athletic Fund. This year was on pace to set the all-time record for total giving before April 1, and despite being slowed by the pandemic the EAF still finished with the second-highest year in department history.

FISCAL YEAR	MEMBERS	GIFTS
2019-20	645	\$386,418.00
2018-19	811	\$647,434.00
2017-18	583	\$283,918.00
2016-17	573	\$298,804.00

## THIS YEAR IN THE EAF:

- The median gift of \$275 was the highest-ever for the Eagle Athletic Fund.
- Five months saw record giving for that respective month, with another three seeing the second-highest of all-time.
- Spokane area business owner, Jack Gillingham, donated the largest individual private gift in the history of Eastern Washington University of \$5 million that went towards the replacement of the iconic red 'Inferno' turf in July 2020.

# EAGLES IN THE COMMUNITY



## 2019-20 Service Opportunities

- Cheney Library / Cheney Care Center
- Northwest Down Syndrome Connections
  - Feed Cheney
  - Earth Day Trash Pick-Up
  - Inland Northwest Blood Center
- Adopt a Family Christmas Project
- Providence Children's Hospital Visits
  - Hutton Settlement
- Cheney School District Literacy Nights
  - Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
  - Cheney Special Recreation
- Windsor and Westview Elementary Visits



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