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**Magic News**

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### **Four Magic Athletes Named NJCAA Academic All-Americans**

Four Meramec student/athletes have earned NJCAA All-American honors, and two of those have tacked on the prestigious title of Distinguished All-American.

Soccer player **Sam Strelau** (St. Mary's) and baseball player **Corey Whitesides** (Hallsville, MO) are the Distinguished Academic All-Americans. Under national guidelines, the two achieved a 3.8 or high GPA for 45 semester hours over three semesters.

Earning Academic All-American status is softball player **Jeanna Streiler** (Pacific) and soccer player **Bridget Holmes** (Rosati Kain.) The pair accomplished a 3.6 or higher GPA through 45 credit hours over three semesters.

### **Baseball Squad Bows Out Of Tourney; Earns Winning Season**

The baseball Magic, under fifth year head coach **Tony Dattoli**, bowed out of the Region XVI Tournament in Kansas City following a 6-1 loss to Mineral Area May 12, but the loss didn't diminish the team's third straight winning season. The Magic finished the year at 32-23-1.

Freshman hurler **Jake Morgan** (Mehlville) got the team off to a good start in the seven team tourney May 10 when he pitched a 2-1 win. Morgan, the team's top pitcher with a 7-4 record, threw a complete game three-hitter, only needing 68 pitches to dispatch Three Rivers.

The nail-biter was tied at 1-1 in the sixth inning when Three Rivers loaded the bases with none out. Morgan worked out of the game situation with a strike out and two ground balls. The momentum swing was obvious - in the seventh **Larry Von Dracek** (Hazelwood West) walked and was bunted to second by outfielder **Dan Healey** (CBC). Infielder **Jon Myers** (Ft. Zumwalt S.) who had singled in the first run of the game in the first inning, singled again, this time to win the game.

However, the next day, in the tourney's winner's bracket, Meramec would face one seed Jefferson College and lefthanded ace Kyle Boschert. It would be a battle of St. Charles, as Meramec starter **Brad Bichel** (St. Charles) and Boschert were teammates as prep players. Boschert and Jefferson (who would go on to win the tourney) prevailed 4-0, setting up the elimination game the next day at the hands of Mineral Area.

### **New Assistant Coaches Join Basketball, Volleyball Squads**

The 2007-'08 seasons will see several new assistant coaches on the sidelines. On the women's basketball bench, **Ed Feibig** joins coach Steve Jarvis. He has coached both boys and girls high school basketball. Feibig has been a head coach at Mehlville, Ursuline Academy, and St. Mary's.

Meanwhile, two former players return to the bench in volleyball to assist Coach Lee Clauss, Jr. **Kandice Berkel** and **Sara Templeton**, who both played for the Magic just a season ago, make the transition to mentors.

In men's soccer, **Tim Abeln** will assist Coach Brian Smugala and assistant coaches Mike Cucchi and John Kargacin. Abeln is a master of strategy with a track record of success in soccer.

### **Volleyball Team Captures Spring Presidents Cup**

The grades are in from the spring semester, and the winner is . . . the volleyball team! The spikers won the academic competition, the President's Cup, for the semester, unseating the men's basketball team, who won it first semester. The men's soccer team came in second.

Sixteen student/athletes earned their way onto the Coaches Honor Roll with a 3.00-3.49 GPA for the semester. Another 18 student/athletes earned a spot on the prestigious Athletic Director's Honor Roll with a 3.50-4.00 GPA. Five of them had a perfect 4.00.

Twenty four percent of the student/athletes posted at least a 3.0 GPA.

The volleyball squad's photo will be in a special display in the gym lobby through the fall semester in recognition of their academic accomplishment. Congratulations!

### **Summer Physical Dates Scheduled For Orthopedic Office**

Summer physicals for returning and prospective Meramec athletes will be offered free of charge at the Orthopedic and Sports Medicine office at the corner of Big Bend and Lindbergh. Go to the Meramec Athletics website and click on the Athletic Trainer link for more information. Players may not begin practices without a physical.

### **Baseball Magic To Hold Open Tryouts in June, July**

Coach Tony Dattoli and the baseball squad will hold an open tryout for prospective players on several dates: June 1 (9:00), June 8 (9:00), and July 20 (10:00.) For further information contact Coach Dattoli at 314-984-7785.