



Screaming Eagles Baseball Notes (May 11, 2009)

- **Archuleta through the years.** USI Head Coach Tracy Archuleta has a USI record of 116-60 (.659) in two-plus seasons and is 264-186 (.587) in seven-plus seasons as a head coach.
- **USI wins second straight GLVC West.** The Screaming Eagles won their second straight GLVC West Division crown with their victory over Quincy University two-weeks ago. This is only the second time in the history of the program that USI has won back-to-back regular season conference titles.
- **USI in the NCAA II Tournament.** USI is in the NCAA Division II Tournament for the eighth time in the history of the program and the second time in three seasons. The Eagles won the regional in their last appearance in the tournament in 2007, advancing to the semifinals of the NCAA Division II Championship Series. Overall, USI has an NCAA II Tournament record of 10-14 in seven previous trips.
- **Last trip to the NCAA II Regional and Ohio.** The Eagles were a perfect 4-0 and won the programs first regional crown in 2007 in Akron, Ohio. USI had to defeat top-10 ranked Grand Valley State University twice during the tournament.
- **At the GLVC Tournament last week.** USI was 2-2 in the GLVC Tournament last week, finishing third. The Eagles have tied for third overall in the GLVC each of the last two seasons.
- **USI vs. NCAA II Midwest Regional field in 2009.** The Eagles are 5-3 this season against the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional field. USI was 1-1 against the University of Indianapolis; 2-0 against Northern Kentucky University; and 2-2 against Rockhurst University. The Eagles have not played Ashland University and Grand Valley State this season.
- **USI all-time versus the regional field.** USI is 97-96 all-time against the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional field. The Eagles are 11-6 against Ashland University; 3-2 against Grand Valley State University; 33-42 against the University of Indianapolis; 43-37 against Northern Kentucky University; and 7-9 against Rockhurst University.
- **Archuleta against the Midwest Regional field.** Head Coach Tracy Archuleta has a USI record of 20-14 against the 2009 Midwest Regional teams. Archuleta is 1-0 versus Ashland University; 3-2 versus Grand Valley State University; 5-3 versus the University of Indianapolis; 5-4 versus Northern Kentucky University; and 6-5 versus Rockhurst University.
- **USI in the region.** The Eagles are third in the final NCAA Division II Midwest Region ranking, trailing only Ashland University and Grand Valley State University.
- **USI nationally.** USI is ranked 23rd in the latest National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Top 25 poll (as of May 5). The Eagles also are third in the NCBWA Midwest Region ranking (as of May 11).
- **Werry having career season.** Senior outfielder Chad Werry is having a career-season in his fourth year with the Eagles. Werry is posting career-bests in batting average (.393), runs scored (49), hits (81), doubles (25), home runs (7), and stolen bases (19). He also has tied a career-best with two triples.
- **In the GLVC Tournament.** Sophomore catcher Dylan Mooney led the Eagles during GLVC Tournament, hitting .444 with five runs scored, four home runs, and 10 RBIs. Three of the home runs came during USI's victory over Quincy University in the second round of the tournament. Junior pitcher/infielder Tyler Choate followed Mooney by hitting .429, while senior outfielder Chad Werry had five hits in the last two games to end the tournament batting .368.
- **Other shots in the GLVC Tournament.** Joining in the home run parade during the GLVC Tournament was senior outfielder Chad Werry, who hit a walk-off home run to lead-off the 11th inning against Bellarmine University, and senior outfielder Chad Bruce, who hit a solo shot in the loss to the University of Indianapolis.
- **USI sets home run record.** The Eagles have set a single-season team record with 44 home runs.
- **Thieroff in search of triples records.** Senior third baseman/pitcher Alex Thieroff needs three triples to tie the single-season mark and two more triples to tie the all-time record at USI. Thieroff also is posting a career-best in batting average (.327), runs scored (48), RBIs (47), doubles (15), triples (5), and home runs (8).

- **Bruce hitting well above career average.** Senior outfielder **Chad Bruce** is hitting nearly 100 points above his career average, batting .301 as a senior. Bruce came into the season with a career-batting average of .207. He also has tripled his home run total from one to four and his 24 RBIs this year is close to equaling his three-year total of 27.
- **Last 10 games.** The Eagles are led in the last 10 games by senior outfielder **Chad Werry**, who is hitting .419 with nine runs scored, seven doubles, two home runs, and eight RBIs, and sophomore catcher **Dylan Mooney**, who is batting .385 with nine runs scored, two doubles, four home runs, and 13 RBIs.
- **Dewig has best outing in the GLVC Tournament.** Senior right-handed pitcher **Michael Dewig** had his best start of the year and his career despite getting a no decision against Bellarmine University Saturday evening in the GLVC Tournament. The senior posted a career-best eight innings and chalked up a career-high nine strike outs.
- **Larsen on top.** Senior right-handed closer **Shaun Larsen** leads the NCAA Division II with 16 saves (as of 5/5/09) and is the first USI pitcher to post double-digits in saves in back-to-back seasons. Larsen was third-team All-American last year after leading Division II with a USI single-season and career-record 17 saves.
- **Larsen sets new appearance record.** Senior right-hander **Shaun Larsen** tied USI single-season record for appearances when he made his 30th of the year in the second game against Bellarmine University in the GLVC Tournament. Larsen tied the record set by Casey Geiger in 2008.
- **Leach sets wins record.** Sophomore right-hander **Trevor Leach** has set the USI single-season record and leads the team with a 10-0 record this year. The old record of 8-0 was set in 1989 and was matched 12 times before Leach broke the mark.
- **USI players named All-GLVC.** USI had five players named All-GLVC at the GLVC Tournament last week. Senior third baseman **Alex Thieroff**, senior outfielder **Chad Werry**, right-handed pitcher **Trevor Leach**, and right-handed pitcher **Shaun Larsen** were named to the first team, while junior pitcher/infielder **Tyler Choate** was named to the second team as a utility player.
- **USI Players of the Week in 2009.** USI has had two pitchers and two players earn a GLVC weekly award. Junior right-hander **Tyler Choate** and senior right-hander **Shaun Larsen** were named GLVC Pitcher of the Week, while senior third baseman **Alex Thieroff** and senior outfielder **Chad Werry** received Player of the Week awards.