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UWO setter Izzy Coon sets the ball over the net in Oshkosh's 3-1 win over UW-Eau Claire Oct. 11 at the Kolf Sports Center.

Titans one win from record

By Nolan Andler
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The nationally ranked UW Oshkosh women's volleyball remained unbeaten with a tough win at UW-River Falls and a sweep over nationally ranked North Park University (Illinois) on Oct. 20 and Oct. 21, respectively.

With the victories, UWO improves to 28-0 on the season and the Titans are one win away from tying the program record for most wins to begin a season.

The Titans, ranked No. 2 in the nation by the American Volleyball Coaches Association, edged out the Falcons in a 3-2 win with set scores of 25-22, 25-18, 24-26, 11-25 and 15-8. Sami Perlberg and Riley Kindt led the team in kills on the night, as Perlberg recorded 13 kills and Kindt recorded 12. Kalli Mau and Izzy Coon led the team in assists, both recording 20 each. Abby Fregien and Amelia Hust led the team in digs, with Fregien recording 13

and Hust recording 11.

In the first set the Titans never trailed. UWO jumped out to a 9-5 lead to start the set, thanks to two kills each from Perlberg, Kirsch and Kindt. However the Falcons never allowed the Titans to pull away as UWRF had an answer for every UWO run. Thankfully for the Titans, the Falcons were never able to reel them in completely and UWO won set one 25-22.

Set two was an easier win for the Titans. UWO jumped out to another 9-5 lead behind two kills from Perlberg and four Falcon attack errors. However unlike set one, the Titans never allowed the Falcons to get the score closer than five points, as UWO won 25-18.

Set three was a back and forth set, as neither team could build a lead higher than two points. UWO was in position for the match win with a 24-23 lead. Unfortunately the Titans were not able to get that 25th point first as the Falcons were able to tie it

back up and then score the last two points to win a wild set three 24-26. Then in set four it was all Falcons as UWRF cruised to an 11-25 set four win and sent the game into set five.

Much like the rest of the season, the Titans once again did not let adversity get the best of them. Coach Jon Ellmann said that the team was not fazed by the pressure they were faced with.

"There was real pressure prior to the fifth set and we acknowledged that," he said. "Those are the moments we look forward to. They are a sign of opportunity."

The Falcons tried their best to upset the Titans as the set started out with a 6-5 UWO lead. After that UWO pulled away on a 9-2 run to win the set 15-8 and the match 3-2. Riley Dalquist scored the match winning point with a service ace.

The Titans traveled to Stevens Point the next day to play in the UW-Stevens Point Papa John's invite against the No. 18 ranked North Park University. It was a

much better showing for the Titans as they swept the Vikings 3-0.

Kirsch and Kindt were the leaders in kills for the team as both recorded 10. Mau and Coon were once again the leaders in assists, both recording 15. Fregien recorded 11 digs on the night leading the team.

UWO started the first set trailing to the Vikings until they were able to tie the set up at 9-9.

After that it remained close all the way until two kills by Dalquist sealed up a 25-23 set one win.

The second set was dominated by the Titans. UWO went on 6-2 run to open up the second set behind three kills from Kindt. As that was all UWO needed to win set two and go up 2-0.

In the third set, it started out close as both teams leveled the score at 6-6. After that it was all Titans, as UWO went on a 6-1 run behind three kills from Kirsch to open the score at 12-7.

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Titans XC places first

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The UW Oshkosh cross-country team ran its final regular season race at the UW-Whitewater Warhawk Open. In the women's 6,000-meter, the Titans placed first out of four teams, with Oshkosh runners taking up seven out of the top 10 spots at the finish line. In the men's 8,000-meter race, the Titans placed third out of five teams, with four Oshkosh runners placing in the top-20 on Oct. 20.

In the women's race, UWO was led by senior Meygan Benzing who set the pace with a season-best 25:19 finish for third place. Junior Paige Hagner followed directly behind with a time of 26:08 for fourth place and Olivia Schwarm finished with a time of 26:11 for fifth place.

Five more Titans filled out the top 10 in this race, with freshman Kate Haffner in sixth with a season-best time of 26:12, freshman Allison Van Der Wegen in seventh with a time of 26:17, freshman Dana Valdez-Berber in eighth with a time of 26:26, junior Katelyn Puetz in ninth with a time of 26:46 and sophomore Ella Galaszewski in 10th with a time of 26:55.

In the men's race, UWO was led by freshman Jason Skinkis who ran a time of 27:53 for eighth place. Sophomore Owen Bostwick placed 11th with a time of 28:11, Nate Gindt placed 19th with a time of 28:32 and freshman Brady Lewis took 20th with a time of 28:45.

Skinkis said the course was difficult, although he managed to keep pace despite the terrain.

"Whitewater was definitely the hardest course we've seen this year," he said. "There was a big hill on the backside of the course which made the finish a little challenging. I just found a group of people that I was able to run with, which made the first few miles easier than expected."

The Titans will head to Prescott High School in River Falls for the WIAC Championships on Saturday, Oct. 28. The men's race is at 12 p.m., followed by the women's race at 1 p.m.

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Senior looks to cement legacy

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Football falls to La Crosse 31-28

By Jacob Link
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Quarterback Kobe Berghammer threw for 337 passing yards and three touchdowns, but the UW Oshkosh football team fell to nationally ranked UW-La Crosse 31-28 at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Oct. 21.

Berghammer, who is three touchdown passes away from breaking the school record for most touchdown passes in program history, leads Division III with 29 touchdown passes on the year and has the third-most touchdown passes in the nation at any level.

Berghammer finished the game against UWL, ranked fourth in the nation by d3football.com, 32-45 for his fourth game of the season, throwing for more than 400 yards. He was also UWO's leading rusher for the fourth straight week, scoring a touchdown and gaining 23 yards on the ground on nine carries.

UWO wide receiver Dan



Courtesy of Jim Flood

UW-La Crosse quarterback Keyser Helterbrand runs for a touchdown against the Titans Oct. 21 at Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field.

Fynaardt had a career-high six catches for 96 yards and a touchdown in the loss. Oshkosh's Trae Tetzlaff, who leads the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with 47 receptions, recorded nine catches

for 85 yards and a score.

As a team, Oshkosh outgained UWL through the air 337 yards to 203 yards, but the Titans were outgained on the ground 275 yards to 48 yards.

UWO senior defensive back

Chris Doherty said it was a very disappointing loss for the team.

"If we would have won, then we would have been tied for first atop the conference," Doherty said.

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Volleyball: Win streak up to 28 games

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The Titans were able to ride the lead to a 25-14 set three win and a sweep over the Vikings. Oliva Breunig hit the game-winning kill for the Titans.

Ellmann said that he was happy with the energy the team showed after playing a 5-set game the night before.

"Both teams played a five set match the night prior," he said. "Our resolve and consistent level of energy and execution was something that we were very happy with."

Two players reached personal accomplishments in the sweep over North Park. Kindt joined the 1,000 kills club and Kalli Mau joined the 2,000 assists club.

Ellmann said he credited their work ethic as the reason for what they accomplished on Saturday.

"Both Riley and Kalli set the bar for work ethic and leadership. They are a testament to what is possible when you go all in," he said.

The Titans took on UW-Platte-

WIAC Standings

UW Oshkosh	5-0
UW-Whitewater	4-1
UW-Platteville	4-1
UW-Stevens Point	3-2
UW-River Falls	2-3
UW-Eau Claire	2-3
UW-Stout	0-5
UW-La Crosse	0-5

Up next for Volleyball:



Oct. 31
VS Alverno
College



Nov. 3
at UW-La
Crosse

ville at the Kolf Sports Center on Oct. 25. You can find the results of the game on the UWO Athletics website.

UWO will take on Alverno College at home Oct. 31 for Senior Night.



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UWO took down UW-River Falls and North Park University on Oct. 20 and 21, respectively to remain undefeated on the season.

UWO swim competes in Brown Deer

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The UW Oshkosh swim and dive Titans traveled to Brown Deer for the annual Wisconsin Showcase taking place at the Walter Schroeder Aquatic Center last Saturday. The meet began at 1 p.m and results were posted at 5:33 p.m.

This meet was a non-scoring one, so there are no team scores posted, only individual placing in each separate event.

On the women's team, Francesca Schiro finished her 200 freestyle with 1:56.94 taking second overall in that event. She said that she was proud of her performance.

"I was very proud of my 200 freestyle performance this past weekend," Schiro said. "I feel more prepared this season than last year.

My time was about three seconds off my best time which is currently on the record board. I placed second to a Division I swimmer so I'm super proud of how I raced. I'm looking forward to seeing how far I'll go this year as well as the team."

Schiro also placed third overall in the 50 freestyle out of 80 swimmers and tied for second in the 100 freestyle with McKenna Metropulos from UW-Green Bay, for a time of 54.23.

Amanda Richards also placed well in her 100 backstroke with a time of 1:04.74 taking 21 out of 48 swimmers. She said she worked hard on techniques she learned in practice.

"I am most proud of my 100 back because I applied the underwater work (we focused on) in practice into the race and I felt strong and

good in the water," Richards said.

Some other top 15 place finishers in their events were Bella Cichon who went a 2:36.20 in the 200 breaststroke, Sienna Della-Pe-ruta, who went a 2:16.77 in the 200 backstroke, and Mara Amley who went a 5:54.25 in the 500 freestyle.

On the men's team Damen Seremet went a 22.42 in the 50 freestyle coming in 14th out of 78 swimmers. Seremet also swam a 51.35 in the 100 freestyle taking 24th out of 59 swimmers and took 9th in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:00.93.

Leo Ramirez-Gutierrez went a 1:54.44 in the 200 freestyle and 56.38 in the 100 fly respectively.

Seremet and Ramirez-Gutierrez were in both of the men's relays, the 200 medley relay placed 6th and the 200 freestyle relay was 7th.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Francesca Schiro finished her 200-yard freestyle in second place.

Overall the meet went well and the season will continue with a home meet this Saturday (Oct. 28) against Carroll University. The first event is scheduled for 1 p.m.



Scoreboard

Friday, Oct. 20

Volleyball
UWO - 3
UW-River Falls - 2
Cross-Country
Men's - 3/5, 79 pts.
Women's - 1/4, 25 pts.

Saturday, Oct. 21

Football
UWO - 28
UW-La Crosse - 31
Soccer
UWO - 2
UW-River Falls - 1
Volleyball
UWO - 3
North Park University - 0

Sunday, Oct. 22

Tennis
UWO - 4/7

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Soccer
UWO - 2
Concordia University - 1

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 26

Wrestling
Black and Gold Classic at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28

Football
vs. UW-Stevens Point at 1:30 p.m.
Soccer
at UW-Platteville at 6 p.m.
Swimming and Diving
vs Carroll University at 1 p.m.
Cross-Country
WIAC Championship at River Falls
Mens at 12 p.m. & Womens at 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Volleyball
vs. Alverno College at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Basketball
Black vs. Gold Scrimmage at 7:30 p.m.

A-Trivia

What is the UWO football team's all-time record against UW-Stevens Point?

Answer: 50-61, winning ten of the last 11.

A-Trivia

How many kills does Riley Kindt have in her UWO volleyball career?

Answer: She reached 1008 kills during this weekend's game against North Park University.

Titan coach committed to success

By Kelly Hueckman
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UW Oshkosh men's basketball head coach Matt Lewis has transformed the Titans into a Division III powerhouse after his fourth NCAA tournament-qualifying team in five years, according to his players and coworkers.

"When I was a freshman, I learned real quick why Oshkosh won a national tournament [in 2019], because coach Lewis is an unbelievable coach," senior guard Will Mahoney said.

Lewis took over the men's team in 2019 as interim head coach before accepting the position the following season.

Lewis closed his fifth season as head coach March 11 after the Titans fell to Mount Union 78-67 in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

The game marked the program's fifth appearance in the Elite Eight. It was Lewis' second Elite Eight appearance as a UWO head coach, the first of which resulted in the 2019 NCAA Championship victory.

Lewis and the Titans began their quest for a third straight regular season Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference last week with their first practices of the 2023-24 season.

Mahoney said he attributes the team's success to Lewis' dedication to the school and the university.

"I mean, that man lives and breathes Oshkosh basketball," he said. "He cares so much about his players and winning and it shows."

UWO Athletic Director Darryl Sims said Lewis' commitment and drive made him a clear option for the head coach position when he was hired in 2019.



Morgan Feltz / Advance-Titan
UWO head basketball coach Matt Lewis watches the team on the floor during a game last season.

"It was clear to me that he was a hard worker, had a passion for the job and maintained a relentless pursuit to win," Sims said.

On top of his work ethic, Lewis has proven he has the ability to curate a skilled and well-rounded team during his time with the Titans, Sims said.

"[Lewis is] a staunch recruiter and [has] a sharp eye for recognizing talented student athletes," he said. "That has not changed since he was the interim head coach in 2019 until today."

It's Lewis' in-depth research and analytic skills that ensure the team is prepared for upcoming obstacles, Mahoney said.

"I guarantee no coach does the recruiting he does at the level he does it and I know for sure no coach scouts our opponents like he does," he said. "He has stayed up almost the whole night scouting

the team we're gonna play on days we have to play back to back."

According to Lewis, the feeling is mutual. Lewis said Titan success in the past several years was earned by students' talent.

"The success we have had is directly attributed to the student-athletes and assistant coaches," he said. "Our assistant coaches work very hard to recruit high character, great teammates into our program and then develop them while they are here."

Lewis said he built off the work of the previous head coach, Pat Juckem, who revitalized the team after a nearly decade-long dry spell with no NCAA tournament qualifications.

"Pat has a gift for connecting with people," Lewis said. "I spent a ton of time learning how he interacted with those around him in many different settings."

Learning to communicate effectively with players and coaches has allowed Lewis to form his coaching philosophy, he said.

"I believe in bringing energy and passion to our program," Lewis said. "Providing confidence and self-belief, while challenging us all to raise our standards."

After spearheading Titan success for the past five years, Lewis said he has gained a deep appreciation for the program.

"UW Oshkosh is a special place that allows you to recruit high character, great teammates who are also really talented at basketball," he said. "It was easy to fall in love with this place and our program as we were building it."

The Titans will kick off their season with a matchup against the Illinois Institute of Technology Nov. 8 at the Kolf Sports Center.

Oshkosh wins third straight match

By Owen Larsen
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The UW Oshkosh women's soccer team extended its season-high win streak to three games after defeating UW-Stevens Point 4-1 on Oct. 18, taking down UW-River Falls 2-1 on Oct. 21 and besting Concordia University (Wisconsin) 2-1 on the road Oct. 24.

UWO (5-9-3, 3-3-0 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) entered its home game against the Pointers (6-7-1, 3-1-0 WIAC) Oct. 18 with only one win in the Titans' previous nine matches.

After a fairly quiet first 35 minutes of action at Titan Stadium, the matchup between the Titans and Pointers heated up when in the 37th minute, freshman Gabriella Mattio scored her second goal of the season. Mattio's goal put the Titans up 1-0 and UWO went into halftime with a one goal advantage.

It would not take long for the Titans to pick things back up after the break, scoring goals in the 51st and 57th minutes by Alayna Clark and Brynn Higgins, respectively, putting the Titans up 3-0 with 33 minutes remaining.

The Pointers responded with a goal in the 61st minute. However, the Titans would put the game away with another goal in the 79th minute.

The two teams combined for 39

shots taken in the game, with the Titans accounting for 23 of them.

For Senior Day, the Titans hosted the Falcons (6-6-3, 1-2-1 WIAC) on Oct. 21 in the final home game of the season.

The match did not start ideally for the Titans, as it only took until the 14th minute for the Falcons to find the back of the net. However, UWO was able to close the first half by answering with a goal of their own in the 35th minute, scored by Molly Jackson, deadlocking the match at 1-1.

The second half would see 11 Titan shots, and luckily for the Titans one of those shots on goal ended up in the net courtesy of a shot from Ariana Gonzalez in the 73rd minute, pushing UWO to a 2-1 victory.

The Titans took the lead early and went on to claim their third straight win over Concordia 2-1 on the road Oct. 24.

UWO took the lead in the 24th minute when Gabby Born scored on an assist from Alayna Clark.

The Falcons responded with a goal in the 41st minute, but the Titans were able to take the lead once again after a goal from Brianna Kehl in the 62nd minute to help the Titans to their fifth win of the season.

The Titans will finish off the season on the road at UW-Platteville Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. If UWO defeats the Pioneers, the Titans are guaranteed a spot in the WIAC Tournament.

Up next for UWO soccer:



Oct. 28
at UW-Platteville



Oct. 31
at WIAC
Tournament



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Oshkosh's Maris Heun evades a UWRF player at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

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Football: Titans drop to 4-3 on the season

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“Losing by three points to the No. 4 team in the nation is nothing to be sad about though. We definitely put up a good fight and we put forth our best effort. I think it was the most physical that we’ve been in any game this season. We just need to clean up some small errors, that way we can become much better as a team for the last few games of the season.”

The Titans (4-3, 2-2 WIAC) drove deep into UWL territory on their first possession of the game but were unable to walk away with points after a failed fourth down attempt. The Eagles (6-1, 4-0 WIAC) took possession and marched 75 yards for their first touchdown of the game after quarterback Keyser Helterbrand tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jack Studer to give UWL a 7-0 lead.

Oshkosh missed a field goal on their next drive and La Crosse scored another touchdown six plays later when Gabe Lynch ran for a 5-yard score.

The Titans finally found the endzone early in the second quarter when Berghammer threw a short pass to running back Doug Burson, who ran 11 yards for the touchdown. UWO missed the ensuing extra point and the Titans trailed UWL 14-6.

La Crosse scored on their third straight drive of the game to jump out to a 21-6 advantage after Helterbrand threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Bowman with just under 10 minutes remaining in the half.

UWO was able to cut the lead to seven points on their next possession when the Titans put together a 12-play drive that was capped off by a 2-yard touchdown pass from Berghammer to Fynaardt. Berghammer also found Fynaardt on a two-point conversion to try

to cut the deficit to 21-14.

Just before halftime, UWL marched into the red zone and looked poised to score once again until Oshkosh linebacker Kyle Dietzen picked off Helterbrand to finish off the half.

The Titans converted on a surprise onside kick to begin the second half, but UWO was unable to take advantage of prime field possession and turned the ball over on downs.

With just over four minutes to play in the third quarter, the Eagles took a 24-14 advantage after kicker Michael Stack drilled a 40-yard field goal.

UWO opened the fourth quarter with a touchdown to cut the deficit to just three points after Berghammer broke outside the pocket and ran for a 10-yard touchdown.

The Titans could not hold the Eagle offense on their next possession, and UWL took a 31-21 lead when Helterbrand ran for a 21-yard touchdown.

Oshkosh made things interesting late in the fourth quarter after Berghammer connected with Tetzlaff for a 16-yard touchdown to cut the Eagle lead to three points, but the Titans were unable to get a stop on the defensive side. UWL earned three straight first downs on the final possession to run out the clock and claim their sixth win of the season.

Doherty said he was most impressed by the team’s resilience against La Crosse.

“Even though we have gotten down on ourselves after falling behind in other games, sometimes it felt we would maybe point fingers and stuff like that, that was not the case in this game,” Doherty said. “In this game we tried to stay as a cohesive unit, and we didn’t get the end result we wanted, but we really put forth our best effort.”



Courtesy of Jim Flood

UWO’s Dan Fynaardt runs with the ball against UW-La Crosse at Veterans Memorial Field Oct. 21.

WIAC Standings	
UW-La Crosse -----	4-0
UW-River Falls -----	3-1
UW-Whitewater -----	3-1
UW Oshkosh -----	2-2
UW-Platteville -----	2-2
UW-Stout -----	1-3
UW-Eau Claire -----	1-3
UW-Stevens Point -----	0-4

Doherty said the team needs more leadership from everyone.

“We need everyone to be on the same page at all times, cheering on each other and picking each other up when we’re down,” he said. “We need to continue to come together as a team going into the last stretch of the season.”

UWO will take on UW-Stevens Point (1-6, 0-4 WIAC) for Homecoming at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium Oct. 28 at 1:35 p.m.

By the numbers

Passing leaders

Kobe Berghammer (UWO): 32-45, 337 yards, 3 TDs
Keyser Helterbrand (UWL): 13-20, 203 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT

Rushing Leaders

Keyser Helterbrand (UWL): 17 ATT, 145 yards, 1 TD
Gabe Lynch (UWL): 19 ATT, 102 yards, 1 TD
Kobe Berghammer (UWO): 9 ATT, 23 yards, 1 TD

Receiving Leaders

Dan Fynaardt (UWO): 6 REC, 96 yards, 1 TD
Jack Studer (UWL): 5 REC, 87 yards, 1 TD
Trae Tetzlaff (UWO): 9 REC, 85 yards, 1 TD
Jon Mathieu (UWO): 6 REC, 63 yards

Up next for UWO football:



Oct. 28
VS UW-Stevens Point



Nov. 4
at UW-Platteville



Nov. 11
VS UW-River Falls

UWO Homecoming 1968
Titans win conference in season finale 55 years ago



Courtesy of UWO Archives
Left: Fans attempt to stay warm during a cold and windy homecoming game at Jackson Field. Top: UWO running back Ron Cardo breaks a long run against UWW. Right: Head coach Russ Young looks on as the Titans take down Whitewater 21-14.



By Jacob Link
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The UW Oshkosh football team, then known as Wisconsin State College Oshkosh, won its first conference championship in 33 years after taking down Wisconsin State College Whitewater 21-14 in the Homecoming game in 1968 at Jackson Field.

It would be the first of three Wisconsin State University Conference championships for legendary Titans head coach Russ Young, who led Oshkosh to conference titles in 1972 and 1976.

Over 10,000 people attended the game at Jackson Field, where Oshkosh played until Titan Stadium opened in 1970, to see UWO take down Whitewater for the first time in 11 years.

The Titans drew first blood in a cold and windy game early November, but by halftime Whitewater had tied the contest 7-7.

In the third quarter, a short punt into the wind gave the Titans the ball inside Whitewater’s half of the field. On the first play from scrimmage, halfback Carl Alberti broke off a 29-yard run to set up a 3-yard rushing touchdown from Brain Burbey to put Oshkosh up 14-7.

Late in the fourth quarter with the Titans

backed up inside their own half on third down, Alberti exploded for a 73-yard rushing touchdown to put UWO up 14 points.

Just three plays later, Whitewater cut the lead back to seven points after Dennis Zander connected on a 33-yard passing touchdown to Steve Hanaman.

With less than five minutes to play, the Warhawks looked poised to score once again but Zander was picked off by Oshkosh defensive back Al Wilcox. Whitewater got one more chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, but Wilcox intercepted Zander once again to seal the game for the Titans.

Alberti finished the game with a career-high 125 rushing yards and a touchdown while also catching four passes for 48 yards.

Running back Ron Cardo, a UWO Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, finished the game with 68 rushing yards, giving him 998 rushing yards on the season and breaking UWO’s single-season rushing record.

The Titans would have to wait to celebrate their conference title until the next week when they completed the fourth quarter of a game against Wisconsin State College Platteville that was postponed in October due to power failure at Jackson Field during the contest.

Sports

UWO ends season at WIAC championship

By Emily Buffington
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Kayla Gibbs and Jameson Gregory led the UW Oshkosh women’s tennis team at the 2023 WIAC Tennis Championship on Sunday in the No. 2 doubles competition.

The Titans, who finished fourth in the regular season standings with four points from their six league dual matches (3-3), added another eight points in the final rounds of play on Sunday in Madison for 12 overall championship points.

UW-Whitewater won its 17th-straight conference title with 21 points. UW-Eau Claire followed in second with 18 and UW-La Crosse took third with 15. Finishing behind Oshkosh was UW-Stevens Point with nine points, UW-River Falls with five points and UW-Stout with four points.

Gibbs and Gregory started on a bye in the first round before defeating Grace Henes and Brooklyn Steier from Stevens Point 8-7 in the second round. They then went on to face Anna Lee and Liv Herzog of Eau Claire in the championship round, however were defeated 8-1.

Olivia Pethan and Alysa Pattee both placed fifth in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches. Pethan was defeated by Tristin Jantz in the first round and received a



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Doubles partners Ella Nguyen and Carpenter took home fifth place at the WIAC Championship.

bye in the second round. Pethan went on to win against UWRF’s Chloe Struss 6-0, 6-1 for fifth place. Pattee fell in the first round to UWSP’s Quinlyn Mack 6-4, 6-2, and received a bye in the second round. Pattee defeated UWRF’s Sydney Wiener 6-4, 6-3 in the fifth-place match.

In the doubles matches, both Pattee and Pethan and Court-

ney Carpenter and Nguyen took home fifth place in the No. 1 and No. 2 positions.

Pattee and Pethan fell to UWSP’s Jantz and Scharf 8-6 in the first round and received a bye in the second round. They then defeated Grace Aerts and Wiener 8-0 for the fifth-place position.

Carpenter and Nguyen fell to

UWSP’s Mack and Leithhold 8-6 in the first round and also received a bye in the second round. Winning fifth place, the pair defeated Ashlyn Dellemann and Lexie Stein 8-0.

Pattee was named to the All-Sportsmanship Team at the event.

The Titans will own the No. 4 seed at the 2023-24 WIAC team

tournament, hosted by No. 1 seed UW-Whitewater. UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse will join the Titans and Warhawks in Whitewater on April 27, 2024. The winner of the team tournament will earn the conference’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship.

UWO senior looks to leave legacy on pitch

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This fall is the conclusion of UW Oshkosh’s soccer senior Rylie Kaufmann’s career as an athlete and Titan, leaving a legacy of leadership and love of the sport.

Kaufmann said that as long as she can remember, she’s played soccer and that it’s come to her naturally through friends and family.

“I have been playing soccer all of my life; I couldn’t even tell you when I started,” she said. “My older sister also played, so we’ve always been a soccer family... I stuck with soccer because it felt the best and I gained a lot of friends by being there.”

Kaufmann’s career leading to collegiate level involved two different clubs and playing in high school. While in high school, she had conflicts with a coach that led to her joining a men’s club in order to continue playing the sport giving her a more competitive experience.

“My senior year, I practiced in the boy’s club and that ended up helping me in the long run as it was a faster paced game,” Kaufmann said.

She said that while observing her older sister search for schools, Kaufmann had seen what different schools required of athletes, leading Kaufmann to choose a lower division.

“When it came to looking at colleges, I had already seen

Kaufmann’s Career Stats

- 2019-2020 Season:**
16 Games, 3 goals, 1 assist, 7 points
- 2020-2021 Season:**
20 Games, 10 goals, 7 assist, 23 points
- 2021-2022 Season:**
19 Games, 19 goals, 1 assist, 13 points
- 2022-2023 Season (so far):**
17 Games, 8 goals, 1 assist, 7 points



Rylie Kaufmann

where my brother and sister looked,” she said. “My sister had gone Division I at Northern Illinois University, so I saw the different levels of play. I came to a realization that as much as I love soccer and I want to go to a high level, it would be best for me to go to a Division III school.”

During her junior year of highschool, Kaufmann began talking to UWO’s head soccer coach, Erin Coppernoll about opportunities to play at UWO and Kaufmann later committed at the beginning of her senior year.

While looking into Oshkosh, Kaufmann described her connection to UWO as “automatic” due to campus and its proximity to family.

“It was an automatic feeling of this was home, and that’s something I wanted from college,” she said. “I see my grandma every week and my aunt and uncle every other week. I also

just have a big group of supporters to come and watch me.”

Kaufmann said that one of the attractions of campus is the size and the amenities it offered for her.

“I love the campus not being super big,” she said. “The fact that I can walk while living on or off of campus ... It’s a beautiful campus and the benefits and amenities are really helpful. It was the right fit and it’s exactly what I wanted.”

This season, UWO has a 5-9-3 record and the Titans are currently in fourth place in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Oshkosh has won their last three matches and the Titans are one win away from securing a spot in the WIAC Tournament next weekend.

After graduation, Kaufmann said that she plans on teaching in Wisconsin. She said that she also hopes that her teaching career includes coaching in order to share her love of the sport.



Courtesy of Rylie Kaufman

Rylie Kaufmann prepares to shoot while being pursued by a UW-Stevens Point player in a game earlier this season.

“The hope is to find a teaching job in Wisconsin either in the middle or high school level,” she said. “I don’t have a preference as to where. I’m going to be a new teacher out of college and I don’t have the ground to stand on to say no to a job. Where I find a job that suits me is where I’ll go. I also hope to coach soccer and extend my love of it.”

UWO will take on UW-Platteville on the road Oct. 28 at 6 p.m.

WIAC Standings

UW-La Crosse	-----	6-0
UW-Plattevill	-----	4-1-1
UW-Eau Claire	-----	3-2-1
UW Oshkosh	-----	3-3
UW-Stevens Point	-----	3-3
UW-River Falls	-----	1-4-1
UW-Whitewater	-----	1-4-1
UW-Stout	-----	1-5