



Athletics Committee

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Information Item

ATH – 3 Spring and Fall 2024 Sports Update

Written Update

- **GENERAL:**
 - UNCG men's basketball retired Francis Alonso and Isaiah Miller's jersey numbers this summer.
 - Director of Athletics Brian Mackin was selected to the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Committee.
 - Cross country & track alum Paul Chelimo and women's soccer alumna Ali Lord were selected to the SoCon Hall of Fame.

- **MEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** Sam Barnard's times this season in the indoor 1000-meter and outdoor 800-meter runs are both third in UNCG program history. Two Spartans earned outdoor SoCon All-Freshman honors, while two earned indoor All-Freshman accolades.

- **WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD:** Vicky Sosa qualified for the Duke Invitational and finished sixth overall in the outdoor 5000-meter run. Her time of 17:21.45 is sixth overall in UNCG top performances. One Spartan earned outdoor SoCon All-Freshman honors.

- **SOFTBALL:** The Spartans finished their 21st season with 30 or more wins and made a great run in the SoCon Tournament for the ninth time in Head Coach Janelle Breneman's 12 years at the helm. Brooklynn Maxwell was named SoCon Player of the Year, the sixth Spartan to earn the honor and the first since 2014. The 2023-24 squad posted a 3.73 GPA for the academic year, which tied them at seventh among all Division I programs, as announced by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NCFA) and Easton.

- **BASEBALL:** Won its third SoCon Regular Season title and fifth in program history, while Cody Ellis won SoCon Coach of the Year and Caleb Cozart won SoCon Player of the Year, highlighting the 20 All-Conference honors UNCG earned this year. The Spartans defeated two ranked teams for the first time since 2021, including then-ranked No. 1 Wake Forest and No. 13 NC State.

- **MEN'S GOLF:** Concluded the season 42nd in the nation, earning its fifth NCAA Regional team appearance and eighth season with one or more Spartans competing in Regionals. After placing third in Regionals, Freshman Kelvin Hernandez made UNCG Division I program history by becoming the first Spartan to participate in the NCAA Championship.
- **WOMEN'S GOLF:** The women's golf team had four top-five team finishes this season, while Ava Romfo individually won the Puerto Rico Classic and later was the lone Spartan earning a SoCon All-Conference nod.
- **MEN'S TENNIS:** Men's tennis had two Spartans named to SoCon All-Conference teams, for the first time since the 2022 season.
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS:** Spartans won their first SoCon regular season match since the 2021-22 season and hired Mat Iandolo, former head coach at Butler, this August.
- **FALL SEASON** is just getting underway for Men's and Women's soccer, Men's and Women's track/cross country and volleyball.