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Cross-Country Men's and Women's Teams:

The Seattle University cross-country teams swiftly rose to the top at the Charles Bowles Invitational in Salem, Ore.. The Redhawk women's team took third place in the 5k with 87 points. The men's team placed fourth in the 8k earning 136 points.

The women's cross-country team had two top-10 finishers in Redshirt-Sophomore Rowan Cuadrado (18:27.7) and Junior Emily Harris (18:28.2). Sophomore Fiona O'Leary also had a strong showing with a time of 18:52.4.

Seattle U men's cross-country team's top finisher was first-year Giuliano Scasso (24:52.5) placing seventh. The other top finishers were Sophomore Jay Grant (25:23.2), and Senior Ansel Pendley-Griffin who came across the finish line in 25:56.1.

The Redhawk cross country teams will run again, Oct. 16, at a location TBD.

Golf:

Men's Golf

The Seattle U men's golf team competed in the Nick Watney Invitational hosted by Fresno State University in Fresno, Calif.. The Redhawks placed eighth out of 14 teams at the San Joaquin Country Club. Seniors Federico Gutierrez (72-73-72) and Nathan Cogswell (71-74-73) led the team finishing 19th and 25th. Sophomore Blake Kukula (77-73-73) finished 40th to round out the team's top three golfers.

The Redhawks men's team travels to Oregon State to compete at the Beaver Invitational in Beaverton, Ore. Oct. 11-12.

Women's Golf

The Redhawks women's team will travel to New Mexico for the New Mexico State Aggie Invitational, Oct. 4-6.

Soccer:

Men's Soccer

The Seattle U men's soccer team was ranked No. 1 in the Preseason Coaches Poll for the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) entering the 2021 season. The team is off to a promising start with a non-conference record of (4-4-0). The non-conference portion of their schedule recently came to an end with the team suffering an exciting overtime loss against the third-ranked crosstown rivals Washington Huskies, Sept. 20.

The Redhawks kicked off their WAC conference play at home on Oct. 1 against UNLV, winning by a score of 2-0. Senior Redhawk goalkeeper Akili Kasim had a standout game, tying his career-high with nine saves. Senior Hal Uderitz scored on a penalty kick 31 minutes into play and Sophomore Levonte Johnson scored in the final minute of the game.

The Redhawks followed up their first conference victory with another home triumph, defeating Dixie State Oct. 3, 4-0. Junior James Morris led the scoring with 2 goals. Junior Habib Barry and Sophomore Tom Fielding contributed a goal apiece in another shutout.

The Redhawks men's soccer team will travel to Riverside, Calif. Oct. 7 to face California Baptist University.

#### Women's Soccer

The Seattle U women's soccer team was voted No. 2 in the WAC Preseason Coaches' Poll. The Redhawks opened their WAC season on the road, falling to California Baptist 1-0, Sept. 25. They traveled to New Mexico State Oct. 1, barely losing after conceding a winning goal in the final minutes with a final score of 2-1. Senior star forward Sydney Carr had tied it up late in the game, but her contribution was not enough to inspire the Redhawks to victory.

The Redhawk women's soccer team concluded their WAC road trip against Grand Canyon University, Oct. 3. After out-shooting GCU 14-5, Seattle U unfortunately conceded a goal in overtime, dropping the contest 1-0.

Seattle U kicks off their WAC home stretch against Dixie State on Friday, Oct. 8 at 7 pm.

#### Tennis:

##### Women's Tennis

The Seattle U women's tennis team had a strong showing in the Cougar Classic, in Pullman, Wash., with underclassmen leading the way. In singles play, first-year's Mireia Fehr and Elena Kraveva earned a spot in the championship matches of the Red and Crimson brackets respectively. Fehr (6-2, 6-2) won the singles bracket against Portland State's Mariajose Hernandez Coronado, finishing 3-0 overall in the tournament. Kraveva [1-6, 6-4, (8-10)], fell in the championship in a super tiebreaker, finishing 3-1 overall. First-year Jade Quintana (3-6, 6-7) lost to Montana's Aili Hietala in the third-place game of the Red bracket.

In doubles play, Kraveva and Quintana (8-6) took third place. The duo won against Utah State's Lisa Kung and Gabrielle Dekkers in the Crimson doubles draw. The second pairing of first-year Liliya Dimova and Fehr fell to Eastern Washington's Isabella Foshee, and Jennifer Kida in the Gray doubles draw.

The Redhawks look to wrap up their season on a high note Oct. 22-26 at the ITA Regional Championship in Palo Alto, Calif.

##### Men's Tennis

The Seattle U men's tennis team played Oct. 1-3 at the Pacific Northwest Invitational hosted by George Fox University in Newberg, Ore.

On the opening day of play, the Redhawks underclassman took home wins in both the A and B brackets. The A bracket was won by first-year Veselin Kiselkov (6-7, 6-4, 10-8), and first-year Filip Stipic won his match with a score of (4-6, 6-4, 10-3). Also, winning in the B bracket were Sophomore Mats Krause (6-7, 6-4, 10-1) and first-year Michael Frank (6-2, 6-2).

The Redhawks continued their victorious run with wins in the doubles bracket B by Senior Billy Givens-Jensen paired with first-year Oliver Hall. Senior Juan Pablo Jaramillo and Junior Lars Schmassmann came up with a 6-4 win over Portland State before falling to the University of Idaho, 2-6.

The second day of tournament play was more challenging for the Redhawks. Stipic was defeated by Idaho's Matteo Masala but came back with a win against George Fox's Luke Lemaitre. Coming out with wins in consolation matches of the B Bracket were Schmassmann, Sophomore Julian Worn, and Frank.

Doubles play continued with wins for Krause and first-year Jayden Harrison (6-3) in the A bracket. Kiselkov and Worn teamed up for a win against George Fox, 6-4, but then fell to Idaho 3-6.

On the final day of the tournament, Stipic and Frank defeated George Fox's Vahag Pashayan and Rogers, 6-3. The other pairings of Krause and Harrison, and Worn and Kiselkov fell in their matches. In singles play, Schmassmann lost to Pacific's Joey Hu in a match that went into a superset (0-6, 6-4, 8-10).

The Redhawks men's team head to the ITA Regionals Championship, in Eugene, Ore., Oct. 13-17.

Volleyball:

The Seattle U volleyball team played away from home this week. They fell in a close game to New Mexico State, Sept. 30, dropping the sets by the respective scores of 22-25, 18-25, and 20-25. However, there were some bright spots for the team as Seniors Julia Queiroz and Eve Kerschenbaum combined for a total of 18 kills.

The Redhawks then lost in three sets to Grand Canyon University with scores of 21-25, 25-27, 20-25. Senior Sofia Sanchez rallied with ten kills and seven digs and Junior Ezgi Ozkan totaled 11 assists and 3 blocks. Additionally, first-year Katlyn Sipes contributed 16 digs, while graduate student Darian Goins had 19 assists. Yet it was not enough to secure victory.

Seattle U's next match is at home against Utah Valley University, Oct. 7.