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Matt Price, Sports & Opinion Editor

Women and Men's Cross Country:

The Seattle University cross country team capped off their season at the NCAA West regional tournament in Sacramento, Calif. Nov 12. The team finished in 29th place overall.

The women's team raced in the 6k at Haggin Golf Course in Sacramento, Calif.. Sophomore Emily Harris finished first for the Redhawks while Redshirt Sophomore Rowan Cuadrado came in second. Rounding out the top-three, Redshirt Sophomore Fiona O'Leary ended the race only one second behind Cuadrado.

The men's team was headlined by Freshman Giuliano Scasso, who finished first for the team for the fifth time this season. Redshirt Junior James Parker and Freshman Logan Miller made up the rest of the Redhawks top-three runners.

Men's Golf:

The Seattle U men's golf team ended their fall season at the St. Mary's Invitational at Poppy Hills Golf Club in Pebble Beach, Calif. The event took place from Nov. 8 to 10 and saw the Redhawks finish 18th out of 19 teams.

Sophomore Blake Kukula scored highest for Seattle U due to his impressive performance on par fours. Senior Jack Rahon finished third overall in par-five scoring, while Senior Federico Guterrez closed off his season just two strokes behind Rahon.

The Redhawks will resume tournament play Feb. 7-8 at the Orange Country Invitational in Coto de Caza, Calif.

Men's Soccer:

The Seattle U men's soccer team entered the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) tournament in Phoenix, Ariz.. The Redhawks earned the two seed after a win on Senior night against San Jose State University Nov. 6.

The Redhawks faced Air Force Friday, Nov. 12 in the WAC tournament semi-finals. In an exciting back and forth match that saw Seattle U go up 2-0 in the first half thanks to goals from Senior Hal Uderitz in the 24th minute and Graduate Student Noe Meza in the 34th. Air Force came out strong in the second half by scoring three unanswered goals. Sophomore Levonte Johnson fired the Redhawks back into the game in the 87th minute. In 90 minutes plus extra time, Junior James Morris scored a last-minute goal with seven seconds left to take the Redhawks to the WAC final.

Seattle U took on Grand Canyon University Sunday, Nov. 14 in the WAC tournament final. The game started off relatively one-sided as the Redhawks went down 2-0 until the 87th minute. Senior Sam Tessler rocketed the team back into the game with a goal assisted by Morris and Sophomore Peter Kingston. In the 88th minute, Meza shot a missile of a free-kick yards outside the penalty box to tie the match at 2-2. After no goals in overtime, the game went into penalties. Superstar keeper Senior Akili Kasim sealed Seattle U's Championship hopes with the final save in penalties to win 4-3.

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The Redhawks head to Portland Nov. 18 to face the University of Portland in the first round of the NCAA tournament. If Seattle U wins, they go on to face the University of Washington in the second round which would make for a great revenge story.

#### Men's Basketball:

The Seattle U men's basketball team started their season amid controversy. Former coach Jim Hayford resigned Nov. 11 amid allegations of using racially disparaging language against his players during an exhibition game Nov. 5. The team will be run by interim head coach Chris Victor until the school finds a full-time replacement.

The first game of the season saw the team take on Alcorn State University Nov. 10 at the Redhawk Center. Redshirt Sophomore Cameron Tyson won the game with a buzzer-beating three-point shot to win the game 69-66.

The men's team headed to Pullman, Wash. Nov. 12 to face Washington State University. The first half saw the Redhawks in contention to win with a score of 35-32 to end the first half. However, the Cougs pulled away in the second half to beat Seattle U 79-61.

The Redhawks took on Idaho State University Nov. 13 at Climate Pledge Arena to cap off Homecoming week. Junior Riley Grigsby led the team in scoring with 30 points in a blowout 77-51 win for Seattle U.

The team will next play Morgan State University at the Redhawk Center Thursday, Nov. 18.

#### Swimming:

The Seattle U men and women's swim teams won both their meets Nov. 13 at home against the University of Puget Sound. The men's team won 175-84 and the women's team won 176-78. The Redhawks won three out of four relays and won 20 events. Two of the event wins were taken by Freshman Cole Lanting, who took the title in the 100m Free (46.68) and the title for the 200m Individual Mendeley (1:58.63). Two titles were also taken by Sophomore Michael Luna: the 200m Freestyle (1:45.18) and the 500m Freestyle (4:49.06).

Junior Danika Himes took home two titles in the 100m Breastroke (1:08.03) and 200m Backstroke (2:10.33). Himes just beat teammate Freshman Kalie Bui (1:08.71) for first place and was followed closely by teammate Tess Oliver who took third.

The Redhawks will return home to host Simon Fraser University for a three-day meet beginning Dec. 3.

#### Women's Basketball:

The Seattle U women's basketball team was defeated Nov. 13 by the University of California at San Diego 44-60. This loss puts the Redhawks at 1-1 after their first week of play.

The defense was active as Junior Georgia Kehoe and Senior Bree Calhoun recorded multiple steals while the team forced 15 turnovers. However, without transferring those turnovers into points, the Redhawks lost the game by a fair margin.

Seattle U's women's basketball team next plays Thursday, Nov. 18 at Long Beach State University.

#### Volleyball:

The Seattle U volleyball team fell to Utah Valley in three sets Nov. 13. Graduate Student Sierra Bartley and Seniors Julia Queiroz and Eve Kerschenbaum all had seven kills in the game, tying for the team lead in kills. However, the Redhawks could not come back from their early leads to lose the match 3-0.

The game against Utah Valley ends the 2021 season for the women's volleyball team.