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Great Falls Track & Field Adds Five Standouts

Great Falls, Mont. – The University of Great Falls head cross country and track and field coach Jim Brewer announced the signing of five standout student-athletes from around the region. The men's program will add Alec Bofinger, David Reinhardt, Kristian Slater, and Ryan Rosenau, who all signed Frontier Conference letter of intents recently. Transfer Addie Gallagher will also be joining the women's squad this fall.

Alec Bofinger will come to UGF from Broadview to study secondary education. At Broadview High he was ranked third in his class and was a three-time academic all-state recipient. Bofinger will participate in the jumping events for the Argos. He placed third in the high jump and sixth in the long jump at the State C meet last spring and has set personal bests of 6' 2" and 21' 3 ¼" in the respective events.

"Alec will add some great depth to our men's team in the field events," commented coach Brewer. "It's impressive that he excels in all three jumps. Alec is not only a very nice young man and good athlete, but he is also an excellent student."

"I'm really excited to improve myself as an athlete as well as competing at a higher level," said Bofinger.

David Reinhardt will join the Argos as a distance runner and high jumper. The Battle Ground, Washington native was first team all-league in the high jump in 2010 and ran a personal best of 17:32 in the 4A District Championship 5k race this past fall. Reinhardt will major in business administration at UGF.

"We are delighted to welcome David to our program. He has the perfect build for an excellent high jumper and middle distance runner. He had some great success in these events throughout high school and we look forward to seeing him improve even more in college," said coach Brewer.

"I'm extremely excited to be a part of the UGF campus and track team," stated Reinhardt.

Kristian Slater comes from Tacoma, Washington where he was a distance runner at Woodrow Wilson High. He placed 13th overall at the League Championships in the 800 meter run in 2010 and placed 10th in the League Championships for cross country this fall. Slater plans to major in mathematics at UGF.

“We are looking forward to having Kristian on our team,” commented Brewer. “He fit in really well with our athletes during his campus visit and he has a fun personality. Kristian also has a great work ethic and lots of versatility from the 800 meters to the 5,000 meters.”

Ryan Rosenau is a multi-event athlete from Cascade High in Leavenworth, Washington. Rosenau, who lives in Cashmere, won the league 110 and 300 meter hurdles in 2010 and holds the school record in each as well as the decathlon. He placed sixth in the 110 and 300 hurdles at the State 1A meet in 2010 and finished 12th in both the long and high jump. Rosenau intends to major in computer science while at UGF. Rosenau’s father, Robin, was assistant coach Rachel Brewer’s high school cross country coach.

“We are excited to have Ryan join our team,” said Brewer. “He is not only a gifted athlete with a great work ethic but an excellent student as well. Relatively new to decathlon events, he has posted some great marks and has done very well at the state level in both hurdle events. We are confident he will get stronger and make some big improvements in college.”

Addie Gallagher will join the women’s program after transferring from Clackamas Community College. Originally from Bonanza, Oregon, Gallagher is a sprinter and heptathlete who earned All-American honors in the 4x100 meter relay last year for the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC). She also placed seventh in the heptathlon at the NWAACC Championships last year and earned a second place finish this year. The 4,022 points that she garnered this year at the NWAACC Championships would have placed her 15th at the NAIA Championships last spring. Gallagher was also named team captain for Clackamas this spring.

“I am looking forward to helping build the new track and field team at Great Falls, meeting new people, and gaining a memorable experience,” stated Gallagher. “I liked the small class size and the community as well as the feel of the campus.”

“We are excited to welcome Addie to UGF,” said coach Brewer. “She will be a great addition to our women’s track and field team. She is a talented sprinter and gifted in the multi-events. She will add strong leadership as a transfer with experience as a captain.”