

Numbers game

The athletic year in review

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Another athletic year is quickly coming to a close. Some teams fare better than others in any given season, but a number of Grove City athletes always seem to step up and post some notable numbers. As The Collegian takes a look at some of the most interesting numbers from this athletic year, here's to the statistician in you.

Men's club lacrosse defeated then-No. 1 St. John's a month ago and has not dropped out of the top 10 in the polls all year. After defeating No. 10 ranked Indiana Tech last Saturday, Grove City faced No. 1 Dayton in the conference semifinal yesterday morning.

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Coach Roberts, retiring this year, has won 750 games as a coach for Grove City, including 635 volleyball games (583 at the College) and 863 overall.

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COURTESY ED MAILLIARD

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Junior Esther Durling has been player of the year for women's golf in each of her three seasons. She has medaled at each of the five PAC events in her career (the spring 2012 season was scrapped due to rain). The team won its ninth PAC title.

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Men's club volleyball entered nationals ranked 14th before being knocked out by eventual winner Messiah College in the first round of the championship bracket.



COURTESY PAC ATHLETICS

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Women's cross-country earned its 25th straight title this fall. Sophomore Emily Rabenold qualified for nationals with a six kilometer time of 21:45.



TIM SOFRANKO FOR GROVE CITY ATHLETICS

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774/17 – Senior Anthony Ritchie posted the fourth-most receiving yards in one season and tied with Rick Sems '92 for the program's career touchdown reception record.

Sophomore Megan Bilko has achieved five All-American awards, including last year's 800 free relay. She also set four individual school records this year in the 500 free, 1000 free, 1650 free and 400 IM.

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The men reclaimed the swimming & diving title as the women won for a 6th consecutive year and placed 27th at nationals in March.

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Senior Arleigh McRae set the school eight kilometer record and made nationals.

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Junior Kelsey Shirey has 16 career triples, good for the program record. After setting the career home run record with five home runs in 2012, Shirey has the record of over 200 total bases and is in position to set a record or two more in her senior year.

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Men's soccer played 11 overtime games this year. With that total, the team set a D-III record and tied the NCAA All-Division record. That's a lot of free soccer.

The women had the largest margin of victory at women's track & field championships since 2005, which was the last time Grove City won, by a total of 61 points.

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Sarah Cessar became the first player in the history of the women's soccer program to be named First-Team All-Region twice.

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Junior Jocelyn Hinkle scored the second-most goals by an individual in a season. She has 176 goals in her career.

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Men's track & field won its 18th title by the slimmest of margins – 3.4 points – over host Westminster. It was the first title in five years.

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Junior Brian Giesler set a school record with 76 three-point field goals. The previous record was 75, set by Shawn Carr in the 2007-2008 season.



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Men's tennis has won 24 straight PAC titles. This victory was achieved with a perfect score of 54 (winning all nine matches) in the championship tournament last Saturday.