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Trojans enjoy successful final season in Atlantic Sun

Troy University eclipsed the competition on its final pass through the Atlantic Sun Conference with the Trojans winning regular season championships in both baseball and softball and sweeping Coach of the Year honors in both sports.

Beginning in the fall, all TROY teams will join the football program in competing in the Sun Belt Conference.

In baseball, Bobby Pierce led the Trojans to a 37-21 record on the season, including a 24-9 mark in conference play. The performance earned Pierce, who is in his third year at the helm of the Trojans baseball program, the Atlantic Sun Coach of the Year award.



Godwin

Senior outfielder Adam Godwin became the first Trojan to earn the Atlantic Sun Baseball Player of the Year award. The Enterprise native led the nation with 81 stolen bases during the regular season, along with a batting average of .371 with 64 runs scored and 41 RBI.

Senior pitcher Brett Adcock earned Atlantic Sun Pitcher of the Year honors after going 11-2 this season with a 3.24 ERA. Adcock struck out 97 batters in 108.1 innings pitched, while holding the opposition to a .236 batting average.

Godwin and Adcock earned first-team, all-conference honors, along with catcher Henry Gutierrez and designated hitter Nick Smith. Two other Trojans, pitchers Steven

Morelock and Pete Van Horn, were named to the conference's All-Freshman Team.

In softball, the Trojans enjoyed a banner year with a 47-21 record, which included wins over softball powers Florida State and Georgia Tech. In addition to Coach of the Year honors, head coach Melanie Davis also reached a milestone during the season, collecting her 500th win since coming to TROY 12 years ago.

Like their baseball counterparts, the softball team also boasted the Atlantic Sun Pitcher of the Year. Sophomore Jocelyn McCallum earned those honors in her first year in the league, while posting a 20-9 record. McCallum, who also was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's South All-Region 2nd Team, set a single-season strikeout record at TROY with 304 and after just one season, is already second on the Trojans' career strikeout list. Her average of 11 strikeouts per game was the eighth best in the nation.



McCallum

Catcher Tamra Howren, a native of White Rock, British Columbia, joined McCallum on the All-Region 2nd Team and on the All Conference First Team. Howren, a senior, led the Trojans with 23 home runs, 64 runs batted in, 17 doubles and a .775 slugging percentage. She holds the career record for home runs at TROY with 52.

Senior outfielder Jenny Boyd joined McCallum and Howren on the All Conference, First Team. Boyd led the team with a .385 batting average, while her 84 hits, 10 triples and 31 stolen bases were tops in the Atlantic Sun.

Senior pitcher Kacie Flinn was named second team all-conference and shortstop Caurie Miller was named to the all-freshman team.

Flinn finished the year with a 20-9 record, while posting a 1.48 earned run average. She was second on the team in innings pitched (189.1), complete games (15), strikeouts (188) and batting average against (.187).

Miller was second on the team in home runs with seven and finished the year with 22 runs batted in.

Acree, Harris become first two Trojans to advance to D-I track finals

Two members of the Troy University track and field team qualified for the NCAA Championships thanks to their performances at the NCAA Mi-East Regionals in Bloomington, IN.

Juniors Michael Acree and Louis Harris became the first two Trojans to qualify for the NCAA Final Championships since TROY moved to Division I.

Acree placed third in the long jump at regionals with a

leap of 25 feet 3/4 inches.

Harris placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.47 seconds to advance to the championships.

"It was the meet of a lifetime for Louis and Mike. They both knew what they had to do and went out and did it," TROY Sprints and Jumps Coach Andy McCampbell said.

Thirteen TROY athletes made the trip to the Mid-East Regionals.