



YOTE NOTES – October 29, 2009

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SPORTS RELEASE

This Week's Event Schedule

10/30	Volleyball vs. E. Oregon	7 p.m.
10/31	WSOC vs. Oregon Tech	Noon
	MSOC vs. Corban	3 p.m.

Upcoming Events

11/6	MSOC at Northwest	3 p.m. PT
	WBB at NW Nazarene	7 p.m.
	Volleyball vs. Concordia	7 p.m.
11/7	MSOC at Evergreen State	2 p.m. PT
	Volleyball vs. NW Christian	7 p.m.
11/8	San Francisco Alumni Event	
11/10	MBB vs. NW Nazarene	7 p.m.
12/11-13	Catchers Only Camp	

Live Video

Throughout the 2009-10 season, a Live Video feed of all C of I volleyball, men's basketball, and women's basketball home games will be available for free through Penn Atlantic.

Access the games online via www.pennatlantic.com.

Live Stats

Throughout the 2009-10 season, Live Statistics of all C of I volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, and softball games will be available live via the C of I athletic website. Click on the Live Stats icon on the respective team's homepage to keep up with the action.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

LOOK OUT, HERE COME THE ORANGES: Next week, the Coyote baseball team will be embarking on their annual Orange Drive, to support their endeavors during the 2010 season. The Yotes will be throughout Canyon County selling boxes of oranges, apples, and grapefruits. For more information, contact head coach Shawn Humberger at 459-5861 or by email at shumberger@collegeofidaho.edu.

BASKETBALL SEASON TICKETS ON SALE: College of Idaho men's and women's basketball season ticket renewal mailings arrived in local mailboxes last week, according to Director of Athletic Marketing, Dave Hahn. Season ticket prices have remained the same this season, \$110 for reserved seats, \$80 for general admission seats – which secure a ticket to all home games, including both men's basketball tournaments and the 2009 Lady Yote Classic. For more information, contact Hahn at 459-5835.

R.C. OWENS AND FRIENDS TO HOST EVENT IN SAN FRANCISCO: The C of I Alumni Office will be hosting a Bay Area event in conjunction with the San Francisco 49ers-Tennessee Titans football game at Candlestick Park in San Francisco, Calif., on Nov. 8. The day will begin with a Tailgate Party, hosted by FedEx – which will include a meet-and-greet with C of I Hall of Famer and former 49er, R.C. Owens, followed by the game. For more information on tickets for both the Tailgate Party and the football game, contact The C of I alumni office at 459-5770.

ALUMNI DEPARTMENT TO HOST TAILGATE PARTY: The C of I Alumni Office will be holding a Tailgate Party prior to the United Heritage Tip-Off Series opener between the Coyotes and Northwest Nazarene in the J.A. Albertson Activities Center on Nov. 10. The pre-game festivities will be held in Baltchley Parlour from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost for a general admission ticket and tailgate is \$20; reserved seating and tailgate is \$25; while a family pack – four general admission tickets and tailgate is \$50. For those who are season ticket holders, the price for the tailgate is \$10. The event will include deli sandwiches, house potato chips, dessert, and a beverage of your choice. There will be a no-host bar for those who would like additional beverages. For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 459-5300.

IDAHO PRESS TRIBUNE FEATURES C OF I/NUU SPORTS BLOG: Fans of C of I athletics can share their thoughts on the Yotes as part of the Idaho Press Tribune's College of Idaho/Northwest Nazarene Sports Blog. Beat writer Mike Stetson shares his thoughts and stories, along with pictures and videos, on both the Yotes and Crusaders, with fans having the ability to leave their thoughts on their favorite team. The blog is linked on the front of The C of I athletic website or can be visited at <http://www.idahopress.com/blogs/?blogid=6>.

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VOLLEYBALL: Lady Yotes begin final three-game homestand on Friday, hosting Eastern Oregon in I-84 tussle

2009 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/28	! Concordia-Irvine	L 3-2
	! Lewis-Clark State	W 3-2
8/29	! Northwest	W 3-0
	! Great Falls	W 3-0
9/4	* Northwest Christian	W 3-0
9/5	* Corban	W 3-0
9/11	* Oregon Tech	W 3-0
9/12	* Southern Oregon	W 3-2
9/18	* Warner Pacific	W 3-0
9/19	* Concordia	W 3-0
9/25	* Eastern Oregon	W 3-2
9/29	Northwest Nazarene	W 3-1
10/2	* Northwest	W 3-0
10/3	* Evergreen State	W 3-0
10/9	* Southern Oregon	L 3-2
10/10	* Oregon Tech	W 3-0
10/16	* Corban	W 3-0
10/17	* Northwest Christian	W 3-0
10/20	Northwest Nazarene	W 3-1
10/23	* Evergreen State	W 3-0
10/24	* Northwest	W 3-0
10/30	* Eastern Oregon	7 p.m.
11/6	* Concordia	7 p.m.
11/7	* Warner Pacific	7 p.m.
11/13-14	CCC Tournament	TBA
11/21	NAIA Opening Round	TBA
12/1-5	NAIA Championships	TBA

Home Games in Bold

* Cascade Conference Game

! Comfort Inn Tournament (Lewiston, ID)

PT Pacific Time

Cascade Conference Standings

School	CCC	Overall
College of Idaho	14- 1	19- 2
Southern Oregon	13- 1	19- 2
Concordia	11- 3	14- 7
Eastern Oregon	11- 4	13- 7
Corban	7- 8	9-15
Northwest	6- 8	7-16
Warner Pacific	5- 9	9-11
Oregon Tech	3-11	4-18
Evergreen State	1-13	1-22
Northwest Christian	1-14	6-18

LAST WEEK: at Evergreen State (W 3-0), at Northwest (W 3-0)

COMING UP: vs. Eastern Oregon, Friday, 7 p.m.

LIVE STATS / LIVE VIDEO: The C of I-Eastern Oregon match will have live video and live statistics available for fans at home. The live video stream will be available free of charge at www.pennatlantic.com, while the live stats can be accessed at <http://yotestats.i8.com/vball/xlive.htm>.

LADY YOTES REMAIN AT NO. 8 IN NAIA POLL: The College of Idaho remained at No. 8 in the latest NAIA Top-25 Coaches Poll, released Tuesday afternoon by the national office in Kansas City, Mo. It marks the third-straight week that the Lady Yotes have been ranked at No. 8 - earning 521 voter points, two fewer points than they received a week ago. It is the 42nd time that The C of I has been ranked in the Top-25 and the 53rd-straight week that the team has received votes in the poll. Each of the Top-15 teams remained intact this week - as Fresno Pacific (Calif.) continued their dominance in the No. 1 spot, followed by Cal Baptist, Northwestern (Iowa), Concordia (Calif.), Azusa Pacific (Calif.), Georgetown (Ky.), Columbia (Mo.), and the Coyotes. The University of Texas at Brownsville was ranked ninth, Vanguard (Calif.) was tenth, with Southern Oregon ranked No. 12, while Lewis-Clark State dropped three spots to No. 23. In the weekly Cascade Conference poll, the Lady Yotes and SOU remain at the top, followed by Eastern Oregon, Concordia, and Corban. The CCC poll is released each Monday, the NAIA poll on Tuesday's.

C OF I HOLDS TITLE DESTINY IN THEIR HANDS: Following the weekend, The C of I currently holds a one-half game lead on Southern Oregon in the CCC standings - with the Yotes having three matches remaining, SOU with four. If the two teams win out, the Lady Yotes would win the tiebreaker - as long as they do not lose more than four sets along the way. Tiebreaker scenarios are even (head-to-head, sets won vs. lost head to head, record vs. teams in descending order) up until the fourth tie-break, sets won percentage - as the Lady Yotes are 44-7 this season in CCC sets (.863), while SOU is 44-12 (.786). The CCC regular-season champion plays host to the CCC Postseason Tournament, Nov. 13-14.

PLAYOFF BOUND FOR 11TH-STRAIGHT YEAR: With their win over Evergreen State on Friday, the Coyotes clinched their 11th-straight postseason appearance. The Lady Yotes have qualified for the playoffs each year **Liz Mendiola** has been at the helm of the Coyote ship - including regional tournament berths in 2001, 2003, 2005, 2006, and 2007, and national tournament appearances in 2005, 2006, and 2008. With the conference-direct model in place, the winner of the four-team CCC Tournament will receive an automatic berth to the NAIA Tournament. The Coyotes have won each of the past three CCC Tournaments - in 2005 at Southern Oregon, and in 2006 and 2008 in Caldwell. In 2007 - a CCC Tournament was not held.

TOURNAMENT FIELD SET: The four teams for the CCC Tournament have been determined - as the Lady Yotes, Southern Oregon, Concordia, and Eastern Oregon have all secured their ticket to the four-team event. However, seeding for the tournament will come down to the wire - as EOU and Concordia meet on the final day of the regular-season, possibly to determine the No. 3 and No. 4 seed.

NATIONAL PICTURE: If the Lady Yotes can maintain their Top-10 ranking, they will be in position to qualify for the NAIA National Tournament for the fourth time in five years - regardless if they win the CCC Tournament title. In fact, if they remain in the Top-10, The C of I would be in position to earn automatic seeding at the NAIA Final Site in Sioux City, Iowa, avoiding an Opening Round play-in game on Nov. 21.

REIMER NAMED SETTER OF THE WEEK: C of I's **Naomi Reimer** (Killarney, Man. / Killarney SS) was honored as this week's CCC Setter of the Week, as the league office released the weekly awards Monday in Portland, Ore. The junior helped the Lady Yotes to three wins - including a key four-set victory over NCAA Division II Northwest Nazarene. Reimer had nine kills, 28 assists, and 17 digs in the win over the Crusaders. For the week, Reimer recorded 22 kills, 64 assists, 27 digs, and six service aces. It marks the third time this year that she has been honored by the league.

DIG FOR THE CURE NIGHT COMING UP ON NOV. 6: If you are planning to come out to the Coyote volleyball match on Friday, Nov. 6 vs. Concordia - "Think Pink." It will mark the annual Dig For The Cure Night, as the Lady Yotes look to raise money to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. The team will be wearing pink t-shirts that night, along with selling pink t-shirts to help the cause.

LOOKING TO EXTEND HOME STREAK: Friday night, the Lady Yotes will look to add to their school record 41-match home win streak in CCC play. The squad has not lost a league tilt at home since September of 2005, recording an undefeated mark at home each of the last three seasons (9-0 in 2006 and 10-0 in both 2007 and 2008). Overall, the Yotes have won 56 of their last 57 home matches - and have an all-time record of 149-37 in the facility, including a 97-13 record in the Activities Center under head coach Liz Mendiola.

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I-84 BATTLE SHOULD BE A GOOD ONE: The Yotes open up their final homestand of the 2009 season on Friday, hosting rival **Eastern Oregon**. The Mountaineers (13-7, 11-4 CCC) are having one of the finer seasons in program history and bring a four-match win streak to Caldwell. In fact, of EOU's seven losses this season, six of the defeats have come to teams ranked in the NAIA Top-25. The Mounties are led by All-CCC middle Grace Deboodt (3.28 k/s, 2.82 d/s, 0.90 b/s, 25 aces), one of the premier all-around players in the loop, along with Jessica Lea (2.54 k/s, 5.73 a/s, 2.33 d/s, 0.61 b/s), who is one of two setters in Eastern's 6-2 attack. It is the 80th meeting all-time between the teams, with C of I holding a 59-20 series edge.

CAN EOU END THE STREAK?: The big question mark surrounding the match is – can Eastern Oregon finally end their losing streak to the Yotes? The Mountaineers have dropped 30-consecutive matches to The C of I – dating back to Oct. 8, 1996. EOU has come close during that time, taking the Coyote to five sets three times – including in the earlier match-up this season, but have not been able to get in the win column.

RECORD BOOK: Four players currently are in the Top-10 in the Coyote career record book. Leading the way is **Kristin Henning** (Boise, Idaho / Boise HS), who is No. 2 all-time with 475 blocks and No. 8 in kills (925), while **Kathryn Ely** (La Grande, Ore. / La Grande HS) ranks third all-time in kills (1,343). Rounding out the list are the two setters, as **Madie Machurek** (Eagle, Idaho / Eagle HS) is No. 5 (1,733) in assists and Naomi Reimer is No. 7 (1,294) in assists and No. 10 in aces (105).

CCC LEADERS: As a team, the Lady Yotes lead the CCC in digs per set (16.63) kills per set (12.95), assists per set (12.04), and lowest opponent attack percentage (.062), ranking second in the league in attack percentage (.236) and blocks per set (2.44). Individually, four different C of I players are among the CCC's top-five, including **Whitney Owen** (Caldwell, Idaho / Vallivue HS), who leads the loop in digs per set (5.43). **Marcella Hernandez** (Torrance, Calif. / El Camino CC) ranks second in the loop in aces per set (0.50), while ranking No. 4 in blocks per set (0.97). Kristin Henning ranks second in the loop in blocks per set (1.24) and is third in hitting percentage (.316). Rounding out the group is Madie Machurek, who is second in the league in assists per set (7.10).

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS:

##	STATS	SUMMARY	ATTACK				SET		SERVE			DIG			BLOCKING							
			G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct	A	A/G	SA	SE	SA/G	RE	DIG	D/G	BS	BA	Total	B/G	BE	BHE
5	ELY, Kathryn		51	144	2.82	55	392	.227	1	0.02	0	0	0.00	11	31	0.61	1	24	25	0.49	1	1
9	REIMER, Naomi		54	135	2.50	54	343	.236	274	5.07	18	31	0.33	9	121	2.24	2	19	21	0.39	4	10
3	FOX, Ciciley		54	129	2.39	46	329	.252	7	0.13	9	4	0.17	7	67	1.24	1	17	18	0.33	2	1
15	LINK, Jessie		74	166	2.24	59	437	.245	1	0.01	0	0	0.00	0	24	0.32	8	54	62	0.84	4	0
11	HENNING, Kristin		74	164	2.22	40	392	.316	9	0.12	0	3	0.00	0	25	0.34	19	73	92	1.24	3	0
10	HERNANDEZ, Marcella		64	124	1.94	53	287	.247	12	0.19	32	14	0.50	0	38	0.59	12	50	62	0.97	11	0
7	BOURGEAU, Lauren		49	56	1.14	37	188	.101	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	19	0.39	1	20	21	0.43	5	0
20	CURTIS, Madison		20	14	0.70	6	42	.190	3	0.15	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.15	0	12	12	0.60	2	0
1	MACHUREK, Madie		67	30	0.45	3	57	.474	476	7.10	13	26	0.19	0	170	2.54	0	7	7	0.10	1	7
4	LOW, Cassie		3	1	0.33	4	7	-.429	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.33	0	0
13	NERES, Nathy		25	2	0.08	2	12	.000	1	0.04	6	6	0.24	9	52	2.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	1
8	COMBE, Courtney		74	4	0.05	3	29	.034	11	0.15	12	13	0.16	13	154	2.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
6	DRUMM, Stacie		63	2	0.03	0	18	.111	5	0.08	10	7	0.16	10	109	1.73	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
18	STIEG, Melanie		10	0	0.00	2	5	-.400	2	0.20	2	3	0.20	0	16	1.60	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
12	OWEN, Whitney		75	0	0.00	0	34	.000	67	0.89	21	17	0.28	19	407	5.43	0	0	0	0.00	0	2
2	PALMER, Melanie		13	0	0.00	0	1	.000	34	2.62	3	1	0.23	0	11	0.85	0	1	1	0.08	0	1
	TEAM													20								
	COLLEGE OF IDAHO....		75	971	12.95	364	2573	.236	903	12.04	126	125	1.68	98	1247	16.63	44	278	183.0	2.44	33	23
	Opponents.....		75	686	9.15	522	2643	.062	634	8.45	98	121	1.31	126	1082	14.43	20	193	116.5	1.55	37	39

GAME RECAP – C OF I 3, EVERGREEN STATE 0: Ciciley Fox (Challis, Idaho / Challis HS) led all players with ten kills and The C of I combined for nine team blocks, as the Lady Yotes secured their 11th-straight postseason berth with a 25-14, 25-11, 25-19 victory over Evergreen State Friday night inside the CRC Gymnasium in Olympia, Wash. Set 1 belonged to Fox, who had five spikes in the frame, as the Yotes jumped out to a 15-7 lead and rolled to the win. Set 2 saw the Coyote middles get involved, as Kristin Henning had four kills and Marcella Hernandez add three in the victory. The finale was tighter, as the Geoducks played the Yotes to a 14-14 tie, before a Hernandez kill gave The C of I the lead for good - as she and **Madison Curtis** (Meridian, Idaho / Mountain View HS) each had four kills in the set. Hernandez finished the night with nine kills in ten swings, while **Jessie Link** (Tonopah, Nev. / Nicholls State U.) added seven kills and five blocks. Naomi Reimer had 25 assists, with Whitney Owen recording a game-high nine digs - the first time this season she has failed to reach double-digit digs. Evergreen got seven kills from Jazzmin Garcia, 18 assists from Meghan De La Rosa, and 13 digs from Chantal Petkus.

GAME RECAP – C OF I 3 NORTHWEST 0: Ciciley Fox led the way with 11 kills as The C of I made quick work of Northwest University, defeating the Eagles 25-12, 25-10, 26-24, Saturday in Kirkland, Wash. The opening set saw the host Eagles remain close early, trailing just 11-10, but Fox had three spikes in a 14-2 spurt to end the frame for the Yotes. The middle set saw the Coyotes force NU into ten hitting errors to roll to the easy win. The finale was tight, with 12 ties and seven lead changes, with the Eagles taking a 24-23 lead on a Fox hitting error. However, the Coyotes got a Fox kill, a NU hitting error, and a **Stacie Drumm** ace to earn the win. Naomi Reimer had nine kills, 18 assists, six digs, and two aces in the win, with Marcella Hernandez and Kristin Henning each recording five kills and four blocks. Jessie Link had six kills and four blocks, back-up setter **Melanie Palmer** (El Segundo, Calif. / El Sagundo HS) had ten assists and five digs, with Whitney Owen recording a team-high 11 digs. Anu Akamine had six kills to lead the Eagles, while setter Lauryn Ernster had 20 assists.

ABOUT THE COACH: Liz Mendiola is in her ninth season as The C of I head volleyball coach. During her first eight seasons at the helm, the Coyotes have advanced to seven consecutive CCC tournaments, four NAIA regional tournaments, and trips to the NAIA National Championships in 2005, 2006, and 2008. Last season, the squad won their third-straight CCC title, claimed their third-straight CCC Tournament title, won their NAIA Tournament Opening Round match, and advanced to the NAIA Tournament Final Site in Sioux City, Iowa – with Mendiola earning her third-straight CCC Coach of the Year honors, while being ranked as high as No. 9 in the national poll. During her career, she has amassed a record of 204-76, the most wins and highest winning percentage in school history. In 2006, she led the Lady Yotes to their best season in program history, compiling a 35-4 record - earning CCC and NAIA Region I Coach of the Year honors. The Yotes won their first CCC championship in 24 years, becoming just the second school to complete the league schedule without a loss. The Coyotes also captured their second-straight CCC Tournament title, along with their second-straight NAIA Region I Tournament title, before placing ninth at the NAIA Championships – with that team setting a school-record with 22 straight wins. Her 2009 club will take a 35-match CCC home win streak into the season. Mendiola was an assistant for the Coyotes on two separate occasions – from 1995-96 and from 1999-2000, before elevating to head coach. She has also coached club volleyball at Emmett High, for the Treasure Valley Volleyball Club, the Boise River Volleyball Club, and various camps in the Northwest. A native of Jerome, Mendiola graduated from The C of I in 1996 with a degree in elementary education, and taught kindergarten in Nampa before becoming head coach in 2001. A two-year member of the Coyotes, Mendiola set school records for kills per game (4.86) in 1994, and holds the school mark for kills per game in a career (4.46). She earned All-CCC honors following her senior season with the Yotes. Mendiola is married to former Coyote baseball standout and current C of I softball coach Al Mendiola. The Mendiola's have two children, Aleah and Micah.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information on the Coyote volleyball program, head to the official homepage of the Lady Yotes, www.collegeofidaho.edu/athlete/vball.htm.

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Home Games in Bold (at Simplot Stadium)

- * Cascade Conference Game
- + Cascade Conference Tournament

Cascade Conference Standings

School	CCC	Pts.	Overall
Concordia	8-1-0	24	16- 2-0
College of Idaho	8-1-0	24	13- 2-0
Corban	6-2-1	19	9- 6-3
Oregon Tech	6-3-0	18	13- 5-0
Southern Oregon	5-3-1	16	7- 8-2
Eastern Oregon	4-5-0	12	4- 9-0
Northwest	2-6-1	7	3-10-2
Warner Pacific	2-6-1	7	2-11-3
Northwest Christian	2-7-0	6	3-14-0
Evergreen	0-9-0	0	1-10-4

WOMEN'S SOCCER: Cascade Conference co-champions set to host semifinal playoff game vs. OIT on Saturday

LAST WEEK: at No. 4 Concordia (W 2-1 OT), at Warner Pacific (W 1-0)

COMING UP: vs. Oregon Tech (Cascade Conference Tournament semifinal), Saturday, Noon.

PLAYOFF GAME INFORMATION: The CCC Tournament semifinal match will be held at Simplot Stadium on Saturday. To get to the stadium take Exit 29 off I-84 and head south. Turn left on Cleveland Blvd., then left at Indiana Ave. (next signal), and the stadium will sit just ahead of you across Blaine Ave. Since this is a CCC event, no season passes will be accepted (except NAIA Membership Cards) – admission prices, set by the CCC, are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 17-and-under.

LIVE STATS: If a wireless internet signal is available, the Lady Yote-Oregon Tech women's soccer match will have Live Stats available online at <http://yotestats.i8.com/soccer/xlive.htm>.

NAIA WELCOMES LADY YOTES TO TOP-25: With their two wins over the weekend, including the upset of then No. 4 ranked Concordia, the Lady Yotes jumped onto the national scene, earning a No. 22 ranking in this week's NAIA Top-25 Coaches Poll. The squad received 159 voter points in the poll – 68 more than they received on Sept. 15, and ended a string of five consecutive polling periods that they had lost points in the balloting. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) sits atop the poll, followed by defending national champion, Lee (Tenn.), Azusa Pacific (Calif.), William Carey (Miss.), and Martin Methodist (Tenn.). With their loss to The C of I, Concordia dropped three spots to No. 7, while Carroll College, which handed the Lady Yotes one of their two losses, received votes. In the latest CCC poll, Concordia remained in the No. 1 slot, followed by the Lady Yotes, Corban, and Oregon Tech. The CCC poll will be released each Monday, the national poll each Tuesday, through Nov. 10.

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?: It was a long time coming for the Lady Yotes to finally crack the Top-25 – 21 years in the making. The C of I did not receive a vote in the poll until midway through last season – but have now received votes in 15-consecutive polling periods. However, it took the squad 314 games played, battling through 174 losses during that time, to finally see their name on the ranking chart.

LADY YOTES END CONCORDIA JINX: During the tenure of head coach **Niki Taylor**, the Lady Yotes have ended their two longest losing streaks to CCC opponents. In 2006, The C of I ended a 15-match losing streak to Corban College, then Friday, ended a 22-game losing streak to Concordia that dated back to a 2-2 tie during the 1997 season. During the past ten seasons, CU had outscored the Lady Yotes 110-9 in those matches, with The C of I holding a lead only once, a 1-0 margin during the 2007 CCC Tournament semifinals. The victory ended Concordia's CCC-record 41 match win streak in league play, while the Coyotes became the first team since 2004 to score multiple goals on the Cavaliers in a CCC tilt.

CO-CHAMPIONS: The win helped the Lady Yotes secure their first-ever CCC Championship in women's soccer, albeit a co-championship with Concordia – their tenth-consecutive title. Because of the head-to-head win, The C of I earned the No. 1 seed in the upcoming CCC Tournament – and home field advantage throughout.

LOOKING AT THE CCC TOURNAMENT: The conference has decided to cut the number of teams in the CCC Tournament down this year, paring the playoffs to a four-team event. The No. 1 seeded Coyotes will host No. 4 Oregon Tech, while No. 3 Corban will travel to No. 2 Concordia. The winners will meet on Nov. 7 at the highest remaining seed to determine the CCC's automatic berth to the NAIA Tournament – which will begin on Nov. 21 with 16 Opening Round matches across the country.

IN THE PLAYOFFS: It is the seventh time in the 21 years of the program that the Lady Yotes have advanced to the postseason – losing opening round games in 1991, 1993, 2002, and 2006. In 2007, the squad advanced to the CCC Tournament semifinals, while reaching the CCC Championship game last season. All-time, The C of I has a 2-6 record during the playoffs – 2-3 under head coach Niki Taylor, winning their first postseason match each of the last two seasons and are 2-0 all-time at home during the playoffs.

ABOUT OREGON TECH: It will not be easy for the Lady Yotes to advance to the CCC title game, as they will meet quite possibly the hottest team in the loop – **Oregon Tech**. The Owls (13-5) are in the midst of their best season in program history, having won three in a row and are 10-2 away from Klamath Falls, including a 2-1 win at Corban on Saturday to secure a playoff spot. OIT is led by three solid scorers in Crystal Foster (7 goals, 2 assists), Katie O'Brien (5 goals, 2 assists), and Kaila Dillon (5 goals, 1 assist), playmaker Brooke Cole (2 goals, 7 assists), and keeper Megan Ross (0.68 GAA, 8 ShO). The two teams met earlier in the season, with the Lady Yotes claiming a 2-0 road decision and it marks the first time the two teams have met in the playoffs. It is the 14th meeting between the teams all-time, with the Lady Yotes holding a 7-3-3 series edge.

SMITH NAMED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK: For her efforts in the Lady Yotes two wins last week, **Colleen Smith** (Boise, Idaho / Boise HS) was named CCC Defensive Player of the Week, released Monday by the league office in Portland, Ore. The junior was instrumental in the back-third, limiting the top scoring offense in the CCC to just one goal – then heading home the game-winner in the 2-1 win over Concordia. She followed it up with a stellar performance in a shutout win over Warner Pacific – the Lady Yotes tenth shutout of the season. It marked the second time this year that Smith has won the award.

NEW GOALS RECORD: With the two goals scored vs. Concordia, the Lady Yotes established a new single-season record for goals scored, ending the weekend with 42 – in just 15 matches. What is impressive about the total is that it took The C of I 21 matches in 2002 to set the original record of 39 – while last season, it took the Coyotes 20 games to score 38 goals. A total of 12 different players have recorded at least one goal this season, while 17 different players have recorded at least a point – both new records. The team is seven assists off the school record of 42 set in 2002, and one point off of the record for total points in a season of 120, also set in 2002.

MOST WINS IN A SEASON: With 13 wins this year, the Lady Yotes have established a new record for wins in a season – breaking the mark set last season when The C of I had a 12-6-2 record. The team is also on pace to break the single-season win percentage record of .727 set back in 1989.

MOURITSEN CLIMBING THE GOALS SCORED LADDER: Striker **Erika Mouritsen** (*Wellsville, Utah / Dixie State Coll.*) has had a stellar rookie season with the Coyotes after a pair of great years at the Division II level. The junior currently ranks second in the CCC with 11 goals this year – the fourth-highest goals scored total in program history. Kristine Halter holds the record with 18 goals scored in 1993, while Becky Robertson scored 16 goals in 2001, and Alyssa Latham tallied 12 goals in 2002.

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS:

##	Name	GP-GS	SHOTS							YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT
			G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%			
15	MOURITSEN, Erika	15-15	11	2	24	45	.244	26	.578	1-0	5	0-0
9	HEFFNER, Chelsea	15-15	6	4	16	36	.167	23	.639	0-0	3	0-0
17	AYALA, Jessica	15-15	5	6	16	23	.217	15	.652	0-0	0	0-0
22	CULVER, Taylor	15-15	5	0	10	16	.312	8	.500	0-0	2	0-0
23	SMITH, Colleen	15-15	4	1	9	16	.250	7	.438	0-0	1	0-0
8	WINTERHOLLER, Lauren	15-15	1	6	8	8	.125	4	.500	0-0	0	0-0
2	BIGELOW, Kayla	13-13	3	1	7	9	.333	5	.556	0-0	1	0-0
16	REICHEL, Jamie	12-7	1	4	6	13	.077	8	.615	0-0	1	0-0
12	GREIF, Mandy	15-5	2	1	5	20	.100	11	.550	0-0	0	0-0
10	HARDEGREE-ULLMAN, K.	15-10	2	0	4	8	.250	5	.625	0-0	0	0-0
3	EGERMAN, Macy	8-3	1	2	4	11	.091	7	.636	0-0	0	0-0
20	HAWKINS, Justine	15-15	0	3	3	3	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0
7	HUTTASH, Jordan	11-0	1	0	2	6	.167	1	.167	0-0	0	0-0
11	HULIN, Brittney	15-2	0	2	2	6	.000	2	.333	0-0	0	0-0
5	MOON, Jessica	12-0	0	1	1	4	.000	2	.500	0-0	0	0-0
18	BALL, Anne	10-0	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
4	OLSON, Kirsten	12-0	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
25	PATTON, Jessica	15-15	0	0	0	4	.000	2	.500	0-0	0	0-0
13	SMITH, Kaitlyn	3-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
26	MARCH, Maggie	4-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
24	HUGHES, Sadie	6-6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0
6	ROONEY, Natasha	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
	Total.....	15	42	35	119	231	.182	127	.550	3-0	13	0-0
	Opponents.....	15	10	6	26	125	.080	59	.472	3-0	2	1-1

##	Name	GP-GS	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD			Shots	
			Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	Faced
22	CULVER, Taylor	3-0	135:00	0	0.00	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	6
10	HARDEGREE-ULLMAN, K.	9-9	677:47	4	0.53	27	.871	8	1	0	4	64
24	HUGHES, Sadie	6-6	483:00	4	0.75	18	.818	5	1	0	3	47
1	DIAZ, Tracy	2-0	57:00	2	3.16	2	.500	0	0	0	0	8
	Total.....	15	1352:47	10	0.67	49	.831	13	2	0	10	125
	Opponents.....	15	1352:47	42	2.79	85	.669	2	13	0	0	228

GAME RECAP: C OF I 2, CONCORDIA 1 (OT): Colleen Smith headed home a **Lauren Winterholler** (*Idaho Falls, Idaho / North Idaho CC*) corner kick three minutes into overtime, lifting The C of I to their biggest win in the 21-year history of the program, topping No. 4 ranked Concordia University, 2-1, at Delta Park in Portland, Ore. The C of I made the most of their three shots on the afternoon - as **Taylor Culver** (*Nampa, Idaho / Skyview HS*) roped a 20-yard free kick three minutes into the second half into the upper left corner of the goal, just out of the reach of keeper Georgie Christensen, for a 1-0 lead. The Cavs sent a flurry at the Lady Yotes goal, finally cracking the net in the 78th minute on an Alex Thomas 15-yard drive off a Jessica Ramback feed. Concordia had two quality chances late in the match - but **Kelly Hardegree-Ullman** (*Boise, Idaho / Mountain View HS*) came up big with a pair of saves to send the match to overtime. Early in the extra period, the Yotes earned a corner kick - with the first attempt cleared out of play by the Cavaliers. On their second try, Winterholler served a ball to the back post, finding Smith's head - with the volley eluding Christensen and a second CU defender to send the visitors in a frenzy. The Cavs held a commanding 16-3 edge in shots and a 7-3 edge in corner kicks - but Hardegree-Ullman, the Yotes back-up keeper, that notched seven saves to earn the win.

GAME RECAP: C OF I 1, WARNER PACIFIC 0: A late goal by **Chelsea Heffner** (*Meridian, Idaho / Mountain View HS*) proved to be the difference, as The C of I clinched their first-ever CCC championship, defeating Warner Pacific, 1-0, at David Douglas High in Portland, Ore. The Yotes controlled the play for the majority of the game, but struggled in cracking the Knights defense - nearly scoring on a pair of corner kicks in the second half. However, Colleen Smith saw one header sail over the crossbar, another was blocked. C of I got the winner with ten minutes remaining, as Erika Mouritsen played a ball down the right side, crossing it into the box to reserve Anne Ball. The sophomore slotted a ball to the waiting Heffner, who touched home her sixth goal of the season. It was enough for Kelly Hardegree-Ullman and the Yote defense, who limited WP to just four shots on the afternoon - just two on goal.

ABOUT THE COACH: Niki Taylor is in her fourth season as head coach of The C of I women's soccer program. In her three seasons with the Coyotes, she has completely rebuilt the team into a contender, registering three-consecutive postseason appearances, an appearance in the 2007 CCC Tournament semifinals, and a spot in the 2008 CCC Tournament championship match. For her efforts, Taylor was named 2008 CCC Coach of the Year. She has an all-time record of 40-25-7, with the 40 wins the most by a women's soccer coach at The C of I. A graduate of Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., Taylor was an honorable mention all-conference player for the Bulldogs in 1999 and 2000, helping the squad to an NCAA Division II regional championships. She went on to assist coach Mike Cannon during the 2001 season, helping TSU to the regional finals, then moved West, where she was an assistant for Steve Lucas at Boise State for three seasons. She has also been involved with the Les Bois United Soccer Club for the past six years, while serving as a head coach in the Idaho Olympic Development Program – receiving her USSF "B" Coaching License. She is single and lives in Boise.

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2009 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/31	Whitman	L 2-1
9/12	* + Northwest Christian	W 5-1
9/16	+ Northwest Nazarene	L 1-0
9/19	* Oregon Tech	W 3-2
9/25	* Evergreen State	T 1-1
9/26	* Northwest	W 3-0
10/2	* Oregon Tech	W 2-1
10/3	* Northwest Christian	W 2-1
10/9	* Warner Pacific	L 1-0
10/11	* Concordia	L 3-2
10/23	* Corban	W 3-0
10/24	* Warner Pacific	L 3-1
10/26	* Concordia	L 2-0
10/31	* Corban	3 p.m.
11/6	* Northwest	3 p.m. PT
11/7	* Evergreen State	2 p.m. PT
11/10	CCC Semifinals	TBA
11/14	CCC Championship	TBA
11/21	NAIA Opening Round	TBA
11/30-12/5	NAIA Championships	TBA

Home Games in Bold (at Simplot Stadium)

* Cascade Conference Game
 + at Syringa Middle School
 PT Pacific Time

Cascade Conference Standings

School	CCC	Pts.	Overall
Warner Pacific	9-2-0	27	10- 4-0
Concordia	9-3-0	27	10- 4-1
College of Idaho	6-4-1	19	6- 6-1
Northwest	6-5-0	18	8- 5-2
Oregon Tech	5-3-1	16	8- 4-1
Evergreen State	4-5-2	14	4- 6-3
Corban	1-9-0	3	2-10-1
Northwest Christian	0-9-2	2	1-12-2

MEN'S SOCCER: Coyotes go 1-2 in Oregon, face must-win match on Halloween at home vs. Corban

COMING UP: vs. Corban, Saturday, 3 p.m.

LAST WEEK: at Corban (W 3-0), at Warner Pacific (L 3-1), at Concordia (L 2-0)

NOTE – GAME TIME CHANGE FOR SATURDAY: The game time for Saturday's home match between The College of Idaho and Corban College has been pushed back one hour to 3 p.m. The change was deemed necessary as Simplot Stadium will be hosting a women's Cascade Conference Tournament semifinal game between the Lady Yotes and Oregon Tech at Noon. The change will allow the men's teams to have ample warm-up time on the pitch.

SIMPLOT STADIUM INFORMATION: To get to Simplot Stadium, the home of C of I soccer, take Exit 29 off I-84 and head south. Turn left on Cleveland Blvd., then left at Indiana Ave. (next signal), and the stadium will sit just ahead of you across Blaine Ave. For non-C of I soccer season pass holders, admission prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

PLAYOFF PICTURE A MESS: With two weeks to go in the regular-season, the playoff picture for the three slots in the CCC Tournament can be defined as a mess. Both Warner Pacific and Concordia can secure a spot in the playoffs with a win – while a group of four teams (C of I, Northwest, Oregon Tech, Evergreen State) are all in a tussle for the final slot. The teams will get an opportunity to play things out – as both Evergreen and Northwest have C of I and OIT on their schedules, while OIT still has a trip to Portland to meet Concordia and Warner Pacific. The Coyotes can clinch a spot by winning their final three matches and OIT losing one of their final five games.

CONFERENCE/NAIA POLL: The weekly CCC Coaches Poll was released on Monday, remaining the same for the second-straight week. Warner Pacific remained at the top, followed by Concordia, the Coyotes, and Oregon Tech. In last week's NAIA Top-25 poll, WP earned a season-high 15 voter points. The CCC poll is released each Monday morning, while the NAIA poll is released late Tuesday afternoons.

CCC ROAD WIN STREAK ENDED: The Yotes loss to Warner Pacific on Saturday ended an 11-match win streak on the road in CCC play. The last time The C of I dropped a league tilt away from Caldwell was Sept. 29, 2007 – also at Warner Pacific.

A WILD FRIDAY: It was a unique day for head coach **Brian Smith** and the Coyotes on Friday – as their venue for their match vs. Corban changed during game-day. Originally scheduled for 4 p.m. on Corban's campus, it became evident to administrators that if the preceding women's soccer match were to go to overtime (which it eventually did), there would not be ample time to get 90 minutes of play in due to darkness. With the Yotes staying in Portland, the match was relocated to the Delta Park complex typically used by Concordia University – with the teams starting at 5:45 p.m.

THANK YOU SENIORS: Saturday will mark the final home match for a trio of C of I senior student-athletes. Playing their last game at Simplot Stadium are **Brian Griffiths** (Boise, Idaho / Walla Walla CC), **Jesus Lopez** (Nampa, Idaho / Skyview HS), and **Kazuki Murata** (Tokyo, Japan / International Secondary Inst.). Griffiths is in his second year with the Yotes – seeing action in all 30 games in the Purple and Gold, while Lopez looks to add to his career totals of 12 goals and 16 assists. Murata, a three-time All-CCC selection, looks to add to his 12 career goals and 23 career assists – the latter ranking seventh all-time in C of I history.

REMATCH WITH CORBAN: For the second time in eight days, the Coyotes will meet **Corban** on the pitch. The Warriors (2-10-1, 1-9 CCC) have been unlucky this season – having lost ten of their last 11 matches, including five by one-goal margins. They are led by athletic forward Ayoub Moussa (5 goals, 2 assists) – who has scored half of Corban's goals this season, while keeper Aaron Franklin (2.03 GAA) keeps the Warriors in every game. The C of I has won the past four meetings, including the 3-0 decision last Friday, and holds the all-time series lead, 23-17-1.

CCC STATISTICS: As a team, the Yotes do not find themselves in the Top-3 in any statistical category. Individually, four players are ranked in the Top-5 – with Jesus Lopez among the leaders in four categories – No. 3 in assists (6) and assists per game (0.55), No. 4 in shots per game (3.0), and No. 5 in points per game (1.27). Kazuki Murata is third in the loop in assists (6), fourth in assists per game (0.46), and fifth in total shots (37). Also in the Top-5 is **Aaron Reynolds** (Boise, Idaho / Capital HS), who ranks third in total saves (55), fourth in save percentage (.753) and saves per game (4.23), and fifth in goals against average (1.40) while **Matt Kelly** (Klamath Falls, Ore. / Henley HS) is fourth in game-winning goals (2).

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CUMULATIVE STATISTICS:

##	Name	GP-GS	SHOTS							YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT
			G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%			
10	LOPEZ, Jesus	11-10	4	6	14	33	.121	16	.485	2-1	1	0-1
25	KELLY, Matt	12-8	5	1	11	19	.263	12	.632	0-0	2	0-0
7	MURATA, Kazuki	13-13	2	6	10	37	.054	12	.324	0-0	0	0-1
11	GOMEZ, Carlos	9-1	3	0	6	4	.750	3	.750	0-0	0	0-0
16	SMITH, Drew	10-6	2	1	5	13	.154	6	.462	0-0	0	0-0
12	AGUIRRE, Cesar	6-6	2	0	4	15	.133	8	.533	1-0	1	0-0
13	VEASY, Zach	13-13	1	2	4	17	.059	8	.471	2-0	0	0-0
21	BUCKINGHAM, Brian	6-6	1	1	3	9	.111	6	.667	0-0	0	0-0
22	BOEHNKE, Mats	12-11	1	0	2	9	.111	3	.333	4-0	1	0-0
20	WARD, Spencer	12-10	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	3-0	0	0-0
14	FRANDEN, Stephen	8-1	1	0	2	3	.333	2	.667	1-0	1	0-0
2	BYERS, Brad	7-1	0	1	1	3	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
19	RADA, Cristian	6-0	0	1	1	2	.000	2	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
4	KOBIC, Emir	4-2	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
9	GRIFFITHS, Brian	13-11	0	0	0	6	.000	5	.833	4-0	0	0-0
23	PULKINEN, Zach	5-5	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0
18	NEWBOLD, Travis	12-12	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
17	COLLET, James	9-5	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0
15	WADDELL, Parker	13-8	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
6	COLEMAN, Theodore	3-0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0
3	LATORRE, Jon	3-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	2-0	0	0-0
00	SPIELMAN, Trevor	1-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
0	REYNOLDS, Aaron	13-13	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0
Total.....		13	23	20	66	180	.128	89	.494	20-1	6	0-2
Opponents.....		13	18	14	50	156	.115	78	.500	19-0	6	3-3

##	Name	GP-GS	GOAL AVERAGE			SAVES		RECORD			Shots	
			Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	Faced
00	SPIELMAN, Trevor	1-0	35:59	0	0.00	3	1.000	0	0	0	0	4
0	REYNOLDS, Aaron	13-13	1154:01	18	1.40	56	.757	6	6	1	1	150
TM	TEAM		0:00	0	0.00	1	1.000	0	0	0	1	0
Total.....		13	1190:00	18	1.36	60	.769	6	6	1	2	154
Opponents.....		13	1190:00	23	1.74	66	.742	6	6	1	3	178

GAME RECAP – C OF I 3, CORBAN 0: Matt Kelly scored a pair of goals, while keepers Aaron Reynolds and Trevor Spielman (*Idaho Falls, Idaho / Idaho Falls HS*) kept Corban College at bay, as The C of I opened a crucial three-game road trip in the Willamette Valley with a 3-0 Friday evening in Portland, Ore. The C of I jumped on top in the 12th minute, as Jesus Lopez crossed a ball to the left side of the goal, finding a sliding left foot of **Cesar Aguirre** (*Carson, Calif. / North Idaho CC*) to make it 1-0. The Yotes would make it 2-0 just before halftime, as Kelly pounced on a rebound of a **Brian Buckingham** (*Boise, Idaho / Walla Walla CC*) shot and flicked home the score from just outside the six-yard box. The freshman would cap the scoring in the 50th minute, touching home a pass from Kazuki Murata. Reynolds turned away one shot on goal in 55 minutes of action, while Spielman, in his first stint in goal this season, made three saves in 35 minutes to notch the Coyotes second shutout of the year. The Warriors had a quality opportunity late in the match, but Spielman turned away a Mark Mendenhall header off a corner. The Yotes held a 17-8 edge in shots, while the two teams combined for six cautions and 32 total fouls.

GAME RECAP – WARNER PACIFIC 3, C OF I 1: The C of I dropped a tough 3-1 decision to Cascade Conference leading Warner Pacific on Saturday at David Douglas High in Portland, Ore. The first-place Knights used a pair of goals separated by four minutes in the first half to take a 2-0 lead to the break. Cody St. John used a nice give-and-go feed to Juan Castillo, with St. John blasting home WP's first goal in the 20th minute from the top of the six-yard box. Minutes later, Elija Sacriovic crossed a ball to St. John, who touched a pass to Evan Lehner at the far post for an easy goal, giving the hosts a two-goal edge. The Yotes would score quickly in the second half to make it a game, as Kazuki Murata corralled a **Zach Veasy** (*Boise, Idaho / Mountain View HS*) throw-in and laced a shot into the net in the 50th minute, closing the gap to 2-1. However, Julian Esquivel put the match away in the 79th minute, heading home a Titus Palmquist throw in to cap the scoring. WP held a 16-8 edge in total shots and did not allow a Coyote corner kick in the match.

GAME RECAP – CONCORDIA 2, C OF I 0: After a scoreless opening 45 minutes, Concordia University tallied a pair of goals in a 48-second span midway through the second to defeat The C of I 2-0 on Monday afternoon at Delta Park. The two teams combined to fire off 14 shots in the first half but were unsuccessful in generating a goal. The Cavaliers created the best scoring chance of the half with Jared Brace unleashing a breakaway shot 23 seconds into the match in a 1-on-1 showdown with C of I keeper Aaron Reynolds, which Reynolds prevailed with the successful scoop. Concordia stepped up its offensive pressure in the second half by taking 14 shots, finally breaking through in the 65th minute with Facundo Dipascuale firing a 14-yard dart above Reynolds head after a feed from teammate Tyler Camp. Forty-eight seconds later, Brace would capitalize on another chance with a 16-yard drive into the lower right side of the net after receiving the ball from teammate Mirza Ramic to quickly give the Cavs a 2-0 lead where the score would hold through the final 25 minutes of action. Reynolds came through throughout the match for the Yotes, picking up nine saves on the day while taking the loss. Claudio Lazar snared two saves for the shutout win in goal for the Cavaliers. CU outshot C of I 22-to-10 in the contest with Brace leading the way with six attempts, four of which counted as being on goal. Kazuki Murata and Zach Veasy each tallied three shots for the visiting side. Both teams created four corner kick opportunities in the match.

ABOUT THE COACH: Brian Smith is in his sixth season as head coach of The C of I men's soccer team. During his tenure, the Coyotes have posted a 61-34-5 overall record, including CCC co-championships in 2006 and 2008, earning CCC Coach of the Year honors on both occasions. His clubs have won at least nine games in each of his five years, while his 2008 squad became just the second CCC school to complete an unbeaten, untied conference slate and set a school record with 13 consecutive wins. For his efforts, the Coyote skipper was named CCC Coach of the Year. Smith, who helped the Coyotes to a 35-21-1 record as a player for longtime coach, John Calpin, from 1990-93, returned to his alma mater in 2004 after a successful high school coaching career in the Treasure Valley. He coached the Timberline High School boys' team for three years, before taking over the THS girls' program in 2002 – earning Idaho State Coach-of-the-Year honors in 2001 and Southern Idaho Conference Coach-of-the-Year honors in 2003. After earning All-District honors as a player and graduating from The C of I with a degree in political science in 1994, Smith has assisted the Coyote program along with serving as a coach with the Boise National Soccer Club, the Les Bois United Soccer Club, and with the Idaho Olympic Development Program - currently serving as a team coach with Les Bois. Smith is single and resides in Meridian.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more information on the Coyote men's soccer program, head to the official homepage of The C of I, www.collegeofidaho.edu/athlete/menssoccer.htm.



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2009 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
9/12	Roger Curran Invite	Men 2nd Women 1st
9/26	Bob Firman Invite	Men 3rd Women DNR
10/3	Montana Invite	Men 3rd Women 3rd
10/17	Idaho State (Dual Meet)	Men 2nd Women 3rd
10/22	Coyote Twilight	Men 1st Women 1st
11/7	CCC Championships	Eugene, OR
11/21	NAIA Championships	Vancouver, WA

CROSS COUNTRY: C of I sweeps Coyote Twilight, a week to prepare for CCC Championships

LAST WEEK: Hosted Coyote Twilight (Men 1st of 6 teams, Women 1st of 3 teams)

COMING UP: Idle until Cascade Conference Championships, Nov. 7 – Dorris Ranch, Springfield, Ore.

COYOTES WIN TITLE AT OWN TWILIGHT MEET: An absolutely perfect afternoon at Fairview Golf Course was capped by a solid performance by The College of Idaho men's cross country team, as the Yotes captured their fourth team title in program history, winning the Coyote Twilight on Thursday afternoon. The Coyotes went out too fast, according to head coach **Pat McCurry**, with a pack of five runners holding the lead for the first two loops on the course. However, Eastern Oregon runners began to close the gap – with the two teams eventually flip-flopping final positions – the Yotes claiming the No. 1, 3, 5, and 7th-place spots, EOU the No. 2, 4, 6, and 8th-place spots. The Coyotes won the race by virtue of having two racers finish ahead of the Mountaineers fifth-scoring runner. The Coyotes had six runners in the Top-11, and nine runners in the Top-20.

MONTGOMERY CLAIMS FIRST TITLE: The Yotes got a monster run by **Greg Montgomery** (Boise, Idaho / Boise HS), becoming the first C of I men's runner to claim an individual title in program history. Montgomery was the leader of the Coyotes early pack and never gave up the lead, traversing the course in 23:55.70 – among the top times in the Cascade Conference this season. Two others were in the Top-5, as **Paul Sartin** (Meridian, Idaho / Bishop Kelly HS) took third in 24:03.40 and **J.J. Burk** (Bliss, Idaho / Bliss HS) placed fifth in 24:07.40.

SICKNESS DOES NOT STOP LADY YOTES: Putting the top spot in the CCC and a Top-10 national ranking on the line short-handed is not the way a team likes to battle – but that is what the Lady Yotes did at the Coyote Twilight. With multiple members of the team battling illness, the squad trudged through, fighting off talented Eastern Oregon and Boise State teams for their second team championship of the season. Running without two-time CCC Runner of the Year **Stephanie Helm** (Challis, Idaho / Challis HS), the Yotes got phenomenal runs from junior **Kristine Smith** (New Meadows, Idaho / Meadows Valley HS), who finished third (17:53.20), sophomore **Kayloni Jones** (Nine Mile Falls, Wash. / Lakeside HS), who finished fourth (17:58.50), and senior **Molli Lee-Painter** (Moscow, Idaho / Moscow HS), who finished fifth (17:59.90) – taking the top three scoring slots. However, it was gutsy performances by **Maggie Miller** (Anchorage, Alaska / Lane CC) and **Tegan Troutner** (Lake Fork, Idaho / McCall-Donnelly HS) – who passed EOU's No. 5 scoring runner in the final 400-meters, despite struggling with illness, to claim the win. The C of I defeated BSU for the second time this season – and have now toppled four different NCAA Division I teams this year.

WAS IT THE RIGHT DISTANCE?: With the times so fast – the coaching staff returned to the course on Friday to re-measure the 2,000-meter loop – and found the loop to be 44-meters short, so the women's race was actually 4,912-meters, while the men's race was 7,824. The problem occurred when laying out one of the sweeping 180-degree turns in the middle of the course. Despite the flaw, the course proved to be one of the fastest loops in the Northwest this season – with adjusted times for the top runners much faster than any time this season.

LADIES #6, MEN #12 IN NAIA POLL: Both C of I cross country teams were ranked among the Top-12 in the nation, as the NAIA released last week's Top-25 Coaches Polls from their national office in Kansas City, Mo. on Wednesday. After a one-week hiatus (due to an administrative error), the Lady Yotes returned to their perch in the Top-10 - re-entering the poll at No. 6. It is one spot down from their highest point this season - at No. 5, which they attained on Oct. 7. Azusa Pacific (Calif.) holds the top spot, followed by Cal State-San Marcos, Biola (Calif.), Simon Fraser (B.C.), and Malone (Ohio). Eastern Oregon checks in at No. 23, with Concordia and Northwest Christian each receiving votes. On the men's side, the Yotes jumped one spot to No. 12 - their highest ranking of the season and their highest ranking since last October. Two CCC teams are also in the poll - No. 2 Southern Oregon and No. 22 Eastern Oregon.

A WEEK TO PREPARE: All CCC teams will take this weekend off, going through the final training sessions leading up to the CCC Championships, presented by the Eugene Marathon, at Dorris Ranch in Springfield, Ore. The winner of both the men's and women's team events will earn an automatic berth to the NAIA Championships – this year in Vancouver, Wash.

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SPORTS RELEASE

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Season Preview

COMING UP: vs. Northwest Nazarene (United Heritage Tip-Off Series), Nov. 10, 7:05 p.m.

2009-10 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
11/10	Northwest Nazarene	7:05 p.m.
11/20	! Lewis-Clark State	8 p.m.
11/21	! Westminster	8 p.m.
11/27	# Westminster	7:30 p.m.
11/28	# Carroll	5:30 p.m.
12/4	* Northwest	7:30 p.m. PT
12/5	* Evergreen State	7:30 p.m. PT
12/8	+ Northwest Nazarene	7:05 p.m.
12/11	\$ Portland Bible	8 p.m.
12/12	* Montana Western	8 p.m.
12/18	* Oregon Tech	7:30 p.m.
12/19	* Southern Oregon	7:30 p.m.
12/30	* Warner Pacific	7:30 p.m. PT
12/31	* Concordia	7:30 p.m. PT
1/8	* Eastern Oregon	7:30 p.m. PT
1/15	* Corban	7:30 p.m.
1/16	* Northwest Christian	7:30 p.m.
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2/20	* Northwest	7:30 p.m.
2/24	CCC Quarterfinals	TBA
2/27	CCC Semifinals	TBA
3/2	CCC Championship	TBA
3/10-16	NAIA National Tournament	TBA

Home Games in Bold

- * Cascade Conference Game
- ! Golden Rule Shoot-Out
- # Westminster Holiday Classic
- \$ C of I/NUU Holiday Classic
- + Exhibition Game
- PT Pacific Time

Cascade Conference Standings

School	CCC	Overall
Eastern Oregon	0- 0	1- 0
College of Idaho	0- 0	0- 0
Concordia	0- 0	0- 0
Corban	0- 0	0- 0
Evergreen State	0- 0	0- 0
Northwest	0- 0	0- 0
Northwest Christian	0- 0	0- 0
Oregon Tech	0- 0	0- 0
Southern Oregon	0- 0	0- 0
Warner Pacific	0- 0	0- 0

QUICK 2009-10 SYNOPSIS: With a good nucleus returning and one of the better recruiting classes in recent memory, The College of Idaho men's basketball team is poised to make a return to the upper echelon of the Cascade Conference. The Yotes, who have advanced to the NAIA Division II National Tournament five times during the last nine years, are searching for their first 20-win season since 2005 and their first postseason victory since 2006.

CCC PRESEASON POLL: The ten CCC coaches seemed to have done their homework, as the Coyotes received six first-place votes, earning the top spot in the balloting. It marked the highest preseason ranking in the league under head coach **Mark Owen** (10th year, 180-110) – as the Yotes were ranked second in the preseason poll in both 2002-03 and 2003-04, and haven't been ranked higher than fourth since 2005-06. Defending champion, Oregon Tech, claimed two first-place votes and were second, followed by Warner Pacific, Evergreen State, and Eastern Oregon – each teams that advanced to the NAIA Tournament (with EOU reaching the quarterfinals and OIT and ESC reaching the second-round). The preseason No. 1 team in the league has been a good place to be – as during the seven years the CCC has conducted the poll, the favorite has advanced to the NAIA Tournament each year, while winning the league title four of the seven seasons.

NAIA TOP-25 PRESEASON POLL: For the first time since the 2005-06 season, the Coyotes will begin the season ranked in the Top-25, earning a No. 8 ranked in the NAIA Division II Preseason Top-25 Coaches Poll, released on Oct. 26. It marks the first time since the 2006-07 season that the Yotes have been in the Top-25, while the squad has received at least one vote in the poll every season since the NAIA split into two divisions in 1991. It is the highest ranking for the Coyotes since they ascended to No. 5 during the 2004-05 season and is the highest preseason ranking since opening the 1999-00 season at No. 2. Three other CCC teams were in the Top-25 – No. 11 Oregon Tech, No. 18 Warner Pacific, and No. 22 Evergreen State.

LAST SEASON / PLAYERS LOST: The 2008-09 season was an up-and-down year for the Coyotes, but finished just as the previous eleven seasons had – with a postseason berth. The Yotes ran through a gauntlet of an opening schedule, starting 1-5 – before hitting their stride after Christmas, rattling off six wins in a row, including a home upset of nationally-ranked Eastern Oregon and a buzzer-beater upset of nationally-ranked Evergreen State. The C of I would earn the No. 5 seed in the league tournament – facing that same Evergreen team on the road, but falling in a tight 70-57 decision. From that squad, the Coyotes lost three seniors – including two-time CCC Defensive Player of the Year Bryan Champ and forwards Kurt Nielson and Ryan Sinfield, all four-year members of the team. Five other players decided not to return this year – as Steffen Spinks (U. of Illinois-Springfield), Tucker Long (Mesa State), Jordan Stokes (Cal State-Stanislaus), and Terriel Thomas (Treasure Valley CC) have all transferred to other programs, while Kyle Redman decided not to return to the team this season.

POSITION BY POSITION –GUARDS: The Yotes will have a talented backcourt this season, as a pair of proven guards will help run the show. Returning senior point-guard **Kelvin Potts** (Oakland, Calif. / Chabot CC) dedicated himself during the offseason and is in tremendous shape, hoping to improve on a 2008-09 season that saw him average ten points and four assists per night. He will be joined by senior transfer **Noah Gottlieb** (Los Angeles, Calif. / Chaminade U.), who had an outstanding junior season at NCAA Division II Chaminade University, where he was named to the All-Pacific West Conference Team. Gottlieb averaged ten points and five assists a game, while connecting on 47-percent of his three-point attempts. Three others – sophomore **Jordan Taylor** (Emmett, Idaho / Emmett HS), and freshmen **Gavin Gaskill** (Nampa, Idaho / Vallivue HS) and **J.J. Baisch** (Keizer, Ore. / McNary HS) will be reserves, working hard in practice to improve day in and day out. Two others – sophomore **Duncan Koga** (Caldwell, Idaho / Caldwell HS), and freshman **Miguel Rodriguez** (Wilder, Idaho / Wilder HS) will use this season as a redshirt year.

POSITION BY POSITION – WINGS: The Coyotes will be really long at the wing position this year – and very deep. Six-foot six-inch senior **Brian Bergerson** (Modesto, Calif. / Modesto CC) returns, looking to rebound from a tough 2008-09 season that saw him average just seven points per game – despite leading the team with 52 made three-point attempts. Three transfers will play big minutes for the Yotes – juniors **Steve Peres** (Palos Verdes, Calif. / El Camino CC) and **Kelly McCarty** (Salinas, Calif. / U. of Hawaii-Hilo), and sophomore **Matt Ballenger** (Nampa, Idaho / U. of Colorado). The 6-4 Peres is a steady player, earning All-Conference honors at El Camino College after averaging 15 points and six rebounds per game last year, while the 6-3 McCarty will see action for the first time since 2007-08 (redshirted last year at Hawaii-Hilo),

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when he averaged 18 points a game at Hartnell CC. Ballenger, a strong 6-5, returns to the hardwood after a two-year hiatus (played quarterback at the University of Colorado), hoping to rekindle the magic that saw him average 27 points a game as a senior at Skyview High, where he led his team to the 2005 and 2006 4A state championships. Also back for the Yotes is senior **Calen Blessinger** (*Blackfoot, Idaho / Columbia Basin CC*), who missed all of last season due to injury.

POSITION BY POSITION – POSTS: The Yotes return one of the best low-post tandems in the CCC this season, as seniors **Craig McGee** (*Boise, Idaho / Centennial HS*) and **Jabari McIntosh** (*Union City, Calif. / West Valley CC*) will roam the paint. The 6-8 McGee earned All-CCC and honorable mention NAIA All-America honors after last season, leading the Coyotes in scoring and rebounding, averaging 16 points and nine rebounds a game – including a string of seven consecutive double-doubles, and enters his final season having scored 1,023 points in his college career. The 6-8 McIntosh came on strong during the second half of last season, leading the team with 48 blocked shots – averaging over two blocks a game in CCC play, while averaging six points and four rebounds a night. The heir apparent to the position, 6-6 freshman **Bryden Benke** (*Caldwell, Idaho / Vallivue HS*), an 5A All-State player out of Vallivue High, looks to use the season as a redshirt year.

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: Once again this season, the Coyotes will play one of the more progressive non-conference schedules in the NAIA Division II – although this season, five of the seven games will be in the J.A. Albertson Activities Center. The Yotes will open at home against Canyon County rival, Division II Northwest Nazarene – on Nov. 10, in the first of two games as part of the United Heritage Tip-Off Series (with the teams playing a return game in Nampa on Dec. 8 – which will be an exhibition tilt for the Yotes). A week later, the 23rd Annual Duane Wolfe Memorial Golden Rule Shoot-Out will feature an outstanding cast - pitting The C of I and Northwest University of the CCC against Frontier Conference stalwarts Lewis-Clark State and Westminster. Thanksgiving weekend, the Yotes make their lone preseason road trip, making the annual trek to Salt Lake City for a rematch with Westminster, ranked No. 9 in the NAIA Division I preseason poll, and Carroll College. They will close out their non-conference slate in early December, hosting a second tournament (Holiday Classic) – facing Montana Western and Portland Bible. Once again, the Coyotes will not play an NAIA Division II team during the preseason (playing five games against NAIA Division I opponents, one against an NCAA Division II team, and one against a NCCAA squad).

CASCADE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: Year in and year out, the CCC proves to be one of the premier conferences in the NAIA Division II – as last season, four teams advanced to the NAIA National Tournament. Oregon Tech looks to win their fifth regular-season title in the last six years – returning All-CCC guard Justin Parnell and outstanding newcomer Joseph Foster. Evergreen State will be dangerous every time they take the floor – led by CCC Player of the Year Nate Menefee, while Warner Pacific returns the NAIA's leading shot-blocker, Kaylone Riley, along with a pair of NCAA Division I transfers. Eastern Oregon must replace a pair of All-CCC guards, but returns a quality post in Jordan Gregg, while Northwest Christian expects big things from Ben Voogd, who transfers from Louisiana State. The four other schools – Concordia, Southern Oregon, Northwest, and Corban all had quality recruiting classes – which makes every night during the 18-game slate an arduous task.

RETURNING PLAYER STATISTICS:

P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN	T O T A L			3-POINTERS			R E B O U N D S			PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS - AVG									
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30 MCGEE, Craig	31	30	962	31.0	182	325	.560	2	5	.400	130	223	.583	68	213	281	9.1	84	1	72	93	37	30	496	16.0	
05 POTTS, Kelvin	31	31	939	30.3	108	255	.424	36	100	.360	65	90	.722	16	56	72	2.3	91	4	116	86	0	25	317	10.2	
22 BERGERSON, Brian	31	10	674	21.7	80	234	.342	52	166	.313	14	21	.667	16	50	66	2.1	39	0	31	33	12	14	226	7.3	
32 MCINTOSH, Jabari	31	17	599	19.3	68	122	.557	0	2	.000	40	75	.533	48	69	117	3.8	81	3	14	46	48	9	176	5.7	
12 KOGA, Duncan	26	0	108	4.2	8	25	.320	1	12	.083	3	7	.429	3	10	13	0.5	11	0	7	15	1	4	20	0.8	
10 TAYLOR, Jordan	5	0	6	1.2	1	2	.500	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.6	
21 BLESSINGER, Calen	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														42	40	82										
College of Idaho	31		6250		809	1750	.462	185	559	.331	455	696	.654	315	806	1121	36.2	612	14	395	450	129	222	2258	72.8	
Opponents	31		6250		774	1825	.424	227	629	.361	454	661	.687	353	748	1101	35.5	621		424	429	62	198	2229	71.9	

NEW LOOK HOME FLOOR: Fans will notice a new look to the J.A. Albertson Activities Center when they arrive for the home opener, as the surface received a facelift over the summer. Gone is the painted three-point arc, along with the cursive Yotes at center-court, replaced by a large "CI" logo – while the keys and inside the arc remained unpainted.

RADIO BROADCASTS UNCERTAIN: For the first time in over 50 years, C of I basketball will not be carried live on 1490 KCID-AM, as the parent company, Journal Broadcast Group, has sold the AM frequency. There are efforts, however, being made to find a new flagship station for Coyote basketball – hopefully in time for the 2009-10 season.

LIVE STATS/VIDEO: All C of I home games in 2009-10 will have Live Stats available, via The C of I athletic website at <http://yotestats.i8.com/basketball/xlive.htm>, while every home game will have free Live Video available online via www.pennatlantic.com.

ABOUT THE COACH: Mark Owen begins his tenth season as head men's basketball coach at The C of I. After serving for nine seasons as an assistant to NAIA Hall-of-Fame coach Marty Holly with the Coyotes, Owen took over the reins during the 2000-01 season - and has directed the school to five 20-win seasons, three Cascade Conference Tournament championships, and five NAIA National Tournament appearances. Under his direction, The C of I has been ranked or received votes in the NAIA Top-25 in all nine of his seasons as coach. The Yotes have been ranked as high as No. 3 in the NAIA Division II national poll, with his 2003-04 club winning the first CCC regular-season championship since 1996 - earning Owen CCC Coach of the Year honors. While an assistant to Holly, Owen was primarily responsible for running the Coyote offense, which averaged over 78 points per game - including the 1995-96 NAIA Division II National Championship team that averaged 85.4 points per game. Prior to joining the Coyote coaching staff, Owen coached at Marsing High School for four seasons, leading the Huskies to a 21-4 record and a fifth-place finish in the 1990 Idaho State 'A-4' basketball tournament. Owen, the Coyotes' all-time assist leader, competed for the College of Idaho from 1982-1985, leading the school to back-to-back NAIA District II championships and its first appearance at the NAIA National Basketball Tournament in 22 years. As a senior, Owen was a third-team NAIA All-America pick, NAIA District II Player of the Year, and first-team Little All-Northwest. He was also selected as the NAIA's National Player of the Week during his senior season. During his three-year career, Owen dished out 631 assists (7.1 per game), while scoring 1,242 career points (14.0 per game). Owen holds the single-season C of I record with 244 assists and also holds the school's second-highest single-game scoring mark with 47 points. For his endeavors, he was inducted into The C of I Athletic Hall-of-Fame in 1996. Following his collegiate career, Owen was drafted by the Portland Trailblazers in the seventh-round of the 1985 NBA Draft. He is a graduate of Boise High, where he helped the Braves to the 1980 A-I basketball championship. Owen has three children - daughters Amanda and Whitney, and son Josh - who was an NAIA All-American for the Yotes in 2008.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more on The C of I men's basketball program, head to the official homepage of the Coyotes, www.collegeofidaho.edu/athlete/mensbasketball.asp.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Season Preview

2009-10 Schedule and Results

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11/12	! Carroll	4 p.m.
11/13	! Westminster	6 p.m.
11/14	! Montana Western	2 p.m.
11/16	+ Utah Valley	7:05 p.m.
11/20	Willamette (at EOU)	7 p.m. PT
11/27	# Whitman	7 p.m.
11/28	# Puget Sound	5 p.m.
12/4	* Northwest	5:30 p.m. PT
12/5	* Evergreen State	5:30 p.m. PT
12/11	Whitworth	5 p.m. PT
12/18	* Oregon Tech	5:30 p.m.
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- # Best Western Lady Yote Classic
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Cascade Conference Standings

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Concordia	0- 0	0- 0
Corban	0- 0	0- 0
Evergreen State	0- 0	0- 0
Northwest	0- 0	0- 0
Northwest Christian	0- 0	0- 0
Oregon Tech	0- 0	0- 0
Southern Oregon	0- 0	0- 0
Warner Pacific	0- 0	0- 0

COMING UP: at Northwest Nazarene (exhibition), Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

QUICK 2009-10 SYNOPSIS: It will be hard for the Lady Yotes to repeat what they did a year ago – smashing school records, winning 29 games, and advancing to the NAIA Division II National Tournament. However, with a bevy of returning talent and a solid recruiting class, The C of I looks to maintain their perch as one of the premier teams in the Cascade Conference.

CCC PRESEASON POLL: For the first time in program history, the Lady Yotes were picked to win the 2009-10 CCC championship, as the league's preseason poll was released on Oct. 19. The past two seasons, The C of I was picked second by the coaches in the loop (after four-consecutive years of being picked either fifth or sixth in the league), but the new crew received 93 voter points and four first-place votes to claim the top slot in the ten-team league. Southern Oregon received four first-place votes and finished two points behind the Coyotes, while Concordia, who shared last season's title with the Yotes, received the remaining two first-place votes and 81 total points. Warner Pacific finished fourth in the polling, followed by Eastern Oregon.

NAIA TOP-25 PRESEASON POLL: A year after elevating to No. 8 in the NAIA Top-25 Coaches Poll, the Lady Yotes will begin the new season among the nation's elite, earning a No. 12 ranking in the initial national poll, released Oct. 26 by the NAIA. It is the 12th-straight time that the Lady Yotes have been ranked in the Top-25, dating back to last December. It marks the first time that The C of I has begun the season in the Top-25 since 2001 and is the highest preseason ranking for the Lady Yotes since they were No. 6 to start the 2000-01 season – when they advanced to the NAIA Division II national title game. Two other teams from the CCC are in the poll – No. 18 Southern Oregon and No. 21 Concordia, while two non-conference opponents, No. 23 Carroll and receiving votes Westminster, are in the NAIA Division I poll.

LAST SEASON / PLAYERS LOST: The 2008-09 season was a magical run for the Lady Yotes – beginning with an upset of NCAA Division I Weber State, which started a streak of 21-consecutive victories. The squad hung 102 points on Cal Baptist and 98 points at Southern Oregon – both Top-25 teams, while recording nine victories by 20-or-more points. The Coyotes would lose just two league counters – a four-point decision to SOU and an 11-point loss to Concordia, both teams who would join the Lady Yotes at the NAIA Tournament, after The C of I fell to CU, 75-66, in the CCC title game. In Sioux City, Iowa, the Purple and Gold received a No. 4 seed, but were matched up against defending national runners-up Hastings (Neb.) – losing a hard-fought 76-64 contest, as Hastings rolled on to the national championship game. The Lady Yotes will miss senior Christon Vander Esch, who was named CCC Player of the Year, CCC Defensive Player of the Year and earned second-team NAIA All-America honors after averaging 17 points and nine rebounds a game, while setting a school record with 109 steals. She set multiple school records during the year, including 39 points scored vs. Southern Oregon and 15 steals in a game vs. Willamette. Two other contributors will be missed from the squad – including two-year starter ShaNae Horner, who graduated after averaging seven points a game and recorded 56 steals as a senior, and Alexandria Allen, who averaged five points and three assists per game, but decided not to return for her senior year.

POSITION BY POSITION – GUARDS: It is now the fourth year that the Lady Yotes will implement their full-court, high-pressure defensive attack – which is led by the point-guard position. Head coach **Reagan Rossi** (145-101, 9th year) is blessed to have three talented players at the position, including a pair of seniors that helped christen in the new system. Twin sisters **Kayla Isham** (Arco, Idaho / Butte County HS) and **Katee Brewer** (Arco, Idaho / Butte County HS) have been thorns in the side of CCC ball-handlers over the past three seasons – combining for over 200 steals during the 93 games the tandem has played. Isham, who has started at the point the last two years, looks to improve on a junior year that saw her average just three points a game, while Brewer looks to provide big minutes off the bench – having averaged over a steal per game during her career. True freshman **Katelin Shannon** (Caldwell, Idaho / Vallivue HS) will be the other member of the three-headed monster, coming off an outstanding prep career where she led Vallivue High to four-straight state tournament appearances and earned 5A All-Southern Idaho Conference honors as a senior.

POSITION BY POSITION – WINGS: The Lady Yotes return quality players at the wing, including **Nicole Gall** (Boise, Idaho / Santa Clara U.), who was tabbed CCC Preseason Player of the Year by the league coaches. The junior, who earned honorable mention NAIA All-America honors, along with All-CCC and All-CCC Defensive Team kudos after averaging 15 points and five rebounds – will definitely be one of the biggest match-up problems opponents will have to contend with. Gall connected on 95 three-point attempts as a sophomore on the offensive end, while recording 95 steals in the high-pressure defensive scheme of the Yotes. Look for big things out of **Meghan Hughes** (Eagle, Idaho / Bishop Kelly HS), who returns for her sophomore season after a solid rookie campaign. As a freshman, Hughes averaged seven points and three rebounds off the bench, while making 77-percent of her free throw attempts – and will have an expanded role with the club this season. Two newcomers look to be in the regular rotation – transfer **Marquina Gilliam-Hicks** (Salt Lake City, Utah / Salt Lake CC) and freshman **Brette Rubie** (Missoula, Mont. / Sentinel HS). Gilliam-Hicks comes to The C of I from Salt Lake CC, where she was an honorable mention All-Region 18 selection last year, averaging nine points and four

rebounds per game, while Rubie averaged ten points a game and earned AA All-State honors, helping her team to the state tournament. Other options at the position include freshmen **Christine Babij** (Ontario, Ore. / Ontario HS) and **Mariah McCullough** (Lee Vining, Calif. / Lee Vining HS), along with sophomore **Mckel Baker** (Burley, Idaho / Burley HS).

POSITION BY POSITION – POSTS: The Yotes will have multiple options on the block this season – as five experienced players give Coach Rossi different combinations on the floor. **Nicole Bruce** (Boise, Idaho / Bishop Kelly HS) started all 34 games last season, averaging seven points and six rebounds a game – and gives the team a true inside presence. The junior 51 blocked shots a year ago and was named to this season's Preseason All-CCC Team. She will be joined by senior **Whitney Owen** (Caldwell, Idaho / Vallivue HS), who will miss the first month of the year while she serves as the starting libero on the Coyote volleyball team. Owen had a breakthrough junior year, averaging 12 points and seven rebounds a game – while connecting on 43-percent of her three-point attempts. Also returning are juniors **Brianna Hansen** (Kuna, Idaho / Kuna HS) and **Tyra Rickman** (Burns, Ore. / Burns HS), who both give the Yotes some athleticism at the position, along with senior **Katie Strunk** (Shoshone, Idaho / Walla Walla CC), who is a tenacious rebounder. Also in the mix is 6-1 transfer **Rachel Rasmussen** (Cleveland, Utah / Coll. of Eastern Utah), who averaged four points and four rebounds a game at the College of Eastern Utah. Two others – transfer **Kathryn Beus** (Boise, Idaho / Mount Hood CC), who averaged five points and five rebounds in junior college, and returning sophomore **Rocky Kenley** (Eagle, Idaho / Eagle HS) will also battle for playing time.

RETURNING PLAYER STATISTICS:

P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS			R E B O U N D S				PF-FO	A T O B L K	S T	P T S - A V G											
			FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG																
31 GALL, Nicole	34	34	1005	29.6	181	463	.391	95	240	.396	36	48	.750	44	108	152	4.5	68	2	105	115	31	95	493	14.5	
22 OWEN, Whitney	22	0	485	22.0	84	167	.503	21	49	.429	68	98	.694	55	88	143	6.5	50	1	30	45	3	28	257	11.7	
33 BRUCE, Nicole	34	34	678	19.9	89	237	.376	0	1	.000	71	102	.696	82	132	214	6.3	83	1	22	74	51	46	249	7.3	
14 HUGHES, Meghan	34	0	515	15.1	94	207	.454	0	7	.000	51	66	.773	43	61	104	3.1	35	0	35	61	7	30	239	7.0	
21 STRUNK, Katie	33	1	425	12.9	77	161	.478	2	4	.500	20	39	.513	64	70	134	4.1	36	0	24	28	4	39	176	5.3	
11 ISHAM, Kayla	34	34	422	12.4	26	78	.333	15	38	.395	12	22	.545	27	25	52	1.5	34	0	37	36	4	36	79	2.3	
12 BREWER, Katee	34	0	325	9.6	19	72	.264	9	43	.209	9	11	.818	18	26	44	1.3	41	0	18	27	2	38	56	1.6	
23 RICKMAN, Tyra	33	0	283	8.6	20	62	.323	0	0	.000	8	20	.400	30	45	75	2.3	30	0	13	24	8	19	48	1.5	
54 KENLEY, Rocky	5	0	14	2.8	3	9	.333	0	0	.000	1	2	.500	4	0	4	0.8	2	0	0	1	0	1	7	1.4	
10 BAKER, Mckel	8	0	19	2.4	3	7	.429	0	2	.000	2	4	.500	1	7	8	1.0	0	0	0	5	0	1	8	1.0	
42 HANSEN, Brianna	14	0	52	3.7	4	18	.222	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	3	6	9	0.6	11	0	2	5	1	1	8	0.6	
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														72	63	135										
College of Idaho	34		6825		968	2428	.399	196	568	.345	520	785	.662	616	951	1567	46.1	639	9	533	708	203	574	2652	78.0	
Opponents	34		6825		785	2165	.363	165	611	.270	515	721	.714	535	997	1532	45.1	641		448	926	131	345	2250	66.2	

NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: The Lady Yotes will again play a difficult preseason schedule, with seven of the nine games away from Caldwell. The C of I will have a pair of high-caliber exhibition games – opening at NCAA Division II national tournament qualifier, Northwest Nazarene, while also visiting NCAA Division I Utah Valley. The opening road trip to Salt Lake City proves to be a tough one – meeting Frontier Conference stalwarts Carroll College, Westminster, and Montana Western. The remaining four non-conference tilts will be against Division III clubs from the Northwest Conference – a neutral site game vs. Willamette, a road match-up at Whitworth, and home games against Whitman and Puget Sound, both among the top teams in their league.

CASCADE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: Each year, the CCC continues to improve from top-to-bottom, as evident of three teams advancing to the NAIA Tournament last season. Look for Southern Oregon to be one of the premier clubs in the league – returning two-time All-CCC selection in Jacki Speer. Concordia will also be in the mix, returning All-CCC forward Danielle Clauson, along with 6-4 post Ann Snodderly. Warner Pacific has two All-CCC players on their squad in Kelsey Mattsen and Cascade transfer Kristina Schumacher, while Eastern Oregon returns a bevy of talent from a playoff team. A sleeper team in the mix is Oregon Tech – who will have a new coach with a ton of returning players, along with Corban, who returns All-CCC win Katie Steigleman. It is expected that Evergreen State, Northwest, and Northwest Christian will all be improved as well this season.

NEW LOOK HOME FLOOR: Fans will notice a new look to the J.A. Albertson Activities Center when they arrive for the home opener, as the surface received a facelift over the summer. Gone is the painted three-point arc, along with the cursive Yotes at center-court, replaced by a large "CI" logo – while the keys and inside the arc remained unpainted.

RADIO BROADCASTS UNCERTAIN: For the first time in over 50 years, C of I basketball will not be carried live on 1490 KCID-AM, as the parent company, Journal Broadcast Group, has sold the AM frequency – which included all Lady Yote road CCC games. There are efforts, however, being made to find a new flagship station for Coyote basketball – hopefully in time for the 2009-10 season.

LIVE STATS/VIDEO: All C of I home games in 2009-10 will have Live Stats available, via The C of I athletic website at <http://yotestats.i8.com/basketball/xlive.htm>, while every home game will have free Live Video available online via www.pennatlantic.com.

ABOUT THE COACH: Reagan Rossi begins her ninth season as head coach of the Lady Yotes. During her first eight seasons at The C of I, the native of Mukwonago, Wisc., has compiled a 145-101 overall record, with eight consecutive appearances in the CCC Tournament. Last season, she led the Coyotes to a school record 29-5 season, winning their first CCC title since 2001 – earning a berth to the NAIA Division II National Tournament. The team set a new school record with 21 consecutive wins, highest scoring average, and defeated Weber State for their first-ever NCAA Division I victory. In her first season with the Lady Yotes, Rossi took a team that had one returning starter and only four players with extensive collegiate experience, and brought the Lady Yotes to within one game of the NAIA national tournament. In 2004-05, she led a team which had just two players with considerable experience with the Coyotes, won 20 games, and dropped the CCC Tournament title game to Western Baptist, 60-57. In 2007-08,, she led the team to a third-place finish in the CCC, advancing to the CCC title game, losing in overtime at Southern Oregon. Rossi was no stranger to The C of I, as she was a member of Todd Corman's inaugural coaching staff for two seasons, and was on the bench when the Lady Yotes took to the floor for the first time on Nov. 4, 1995 against Carroll College, ending an 18-year hiatus of women's basketball at the school. Rossi has an extensive background in coaching - having been an assistant coach at Georgetown (Ky.), a fellow NAIA institution, along with Morehead State (Ky.), an NCAA Division I program. Before coming to The C of I in 1995, Rossi was an assistant coach with the Skagway High School boys' varsity team in Skagway, Alaska. A 1994 graduate of Saint Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, Rossi played four years of basketball for the Queen Bees. Two of her teams qualified for the NAIA National Tournament, including the 1993-94 squad which advanced into the "Sweet Sixteen." She was the starting point-guard for two seasons, averaging ten points and six assists per game during her senior season. In 2006, she was inducted into the Mukwonago High School Hall of Fame. She and husband Rudy live in Caldwell - and have five-year-old twin daughters, Maggie and Darby.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: For more on The C of I women's basketball team, head to the official website of the Lady Yotes, www.collegeofidaho.edu/athlete/wmensbasketball.asp.