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Sauvageau, Totten Win Academic Awards

SPOKANE, Wash. - Nichole Sauvageau of Seattle University and Erik Totten of Western Washington have been named the GNAC Female and Male Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year award winners, respectively.

Sauvageau, a junior from Liberty High School in Renton, led the Redhawks to a share of the inaugural GNAC women's soccer title last fall and was selected the league's Player-of-the-Year. A three-time NAIA All-American, she tied for the league lead in goals with 10 and ranked second in game-winning goals with four.

She also posted the top grade point average (3.92) on the GNAC Academic women's soccer all-conference team. Sauvageau, who is an accounting major, has been named to the Dean's List every quarter during her three years at the university.

Totten, a senior from Maple Valley (Tahoma), earned Verizon Academic All-American football honors each of the past two seasons and was a three-time conference academic all-star for the Vikings. Totten, who is a business and economics major, was named to the Dean's List five times during his academic career.

He also earned All-American honors on the football field. He was named to the Associated Press and d2football.com second team All-American squad and was a third team Football Gazette All-American last fall when he had a team-leading 53 tackles at strong safety. Totten, who has signed a free agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers, finished his career as the school career leader in punt returns (104), punt return yards (1,242), kickoff returns (60) and kickoff return yards (1,347).

Erik Totten, Western Washington (Football, Business/Economics, Sr., 3.66 GPA): Earned Verizon Academic All-American honors each of past two seasons (first team in junior season, second team senior season). Twice named Verizon District VIII Academic all-star. Three-time conference academic all-star (CFA in sophomore and junior seasons; GNAC senior season). Five different times named to WWU Dean's List. . . Played strong safety in football. Finished career as school career record holder in punt returns (104), punt return yards (1,242), kickoff returns (60) and kickoff return yards (1,347). Led team in tackles senior season with 53. Also credited with seven passes defensed and three interceptions. Completed career by participating in Cactus Bowl Senior All-Star game and signing free agent contract with Pittsburgh Steelers. . . Named to numerous conference, regional and All-American all-star teams. All-American honors senior season included Associated Press Small-College (2nd team), d2football.com (2nd team) and Football Gazette (3rd team). All-American honors junior season included AFCA (1st team), d2football.com (1st team), Associated Press Small-College (2nd team), Daktronics (2nd team) and Football Gazette (3rd team). Also was named to CFA all-conference team in junior season and GNAC all-conference team senior year, Little All-Northwest team (junior and senior seasons) and to d2football.com regional team senior season and Daktronics West Regional team junior season.

Nichole Sauvageau, Seattle University (Women's Soccer, Jr., Accounting, 3.92 GPA): Has been on Dean's List every quarter during three years at university. . . Anderson Award Winner (Most Outstanding Student in Accounting Department). . . NAEF Scholarship recipient (scholarship award to a Seattle University junior for academic excellence). . . Member of Beta Alpha Psi (service fraternity in accounting department). . . NAIA Academic All-American. . . GNAC Academic All-Star (had top GPA on team). . . Was 2000-01 Seattle University Student/Athletic of the Year. . . Alber's School of Business Outstanding Sophomore award winner. . . Campus Ministry Mexico Mission Trek team leader. . . Has played midfield and forward positions for Redhawk soccer team. . . Three-time first team all-conference. PacWest Player-of-the-Year in sophomore year and GNAC Player-of-the-Year junior season. . . Two-time team captain. . . Seattle University Female Athlete-of-the-Year. . . Three-time NAIA All-American. . . Three-time NAIA All-Region first team. . . GNAC Player-of-the-Week (10/23/01). . . Tied for sixth in points (22), tied for first in goals (10) and tied for second in game-winning goals (4) during 2001 season. Led team to second straight conference title and to NAIA regional final.