

## **ALASKA FAIRBANKS WINS FOURTH STRAIGHT NCAA RIFLE TITLE; UAF WINS SMALLBORE CROWN, MURRAY STATE TAKES AIR RIFLE**

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(March 16, 2002) — MURRAY, Ky. — Alaska Fairbanks won its fourth straight NCAA rifle championship this afternoon with an aggregate (smallbore and air rifle scores combined) score of 6241 out of a possible 6400.

Only West Virginia has won more consecutive titles, winning six from 1988 to 1993.

Kentucky finished second with a 6209, followed by Xavier at 6204, host Murray State at 6193, Tennessee Tech 6164, Navy 6147, West Virginia 4612 (smallbore only), Coast Guard 4558 (smallbore only), Army 1541 (air rifle only) and Nevada 1531 (air rifle only).

Alaska Fairbanks also repeated as NCAA smallbore champion, scoring a 4692 out of a possible 4800. Kentucky was second at 4657, followed by Xavier at 4656, Murray State at 4637, Tennessee Tech 4631, West Virginia 4612, Navy 4607 and Coast Guard 4558.

Individually, UAF's Matt Emmons led the way, shooting his second 1190 in as many days. Today's score was the highest individual smallbore score in team competition, breaking the former record set by Stefan Thynell of West Virginia, an 1187 in 1980, the first year that the NCAA sanctioned rifle championships. Emmons' 1190 in individual competition yesterday also was an NCAA record for individual competitions.

Murray State won the NCAA air rifle title with a score of 1556 out of a possible 1600. Kentucky was second at 1552, followed by Alaska Fairbanks at 1549, Xavier at 1548, Army 1541, Navy 1540, Tennessee Tech 1533 and Nevada 1531.

Individually, Nevada's Ryan Tanoue had the highest air rifle score today at 395 out of a possible 400. Tanoue won the individual air rifle title yesterday with a score of 392.

### **NRA All-American Teams**

The NRA All-American award is issued to those rifle student-athletes who have a high season average, performed well in NCAA sectionals, have a high grade-point average and have received recommendation from coaches.

Those named to the 2002 NRA Collegiate All-American team — with classification and institution — were:

•**SMALLBORE FIRST TEAM (Season Average: 1164.67-1186.31 out of a possible 1200):** Amber Darland, sr., Alaska Fairbanks; Matt Emmons, jr., Alaska Fairbanks; Morgan Hicks, soph., Murray State; Hannah Kerr, fr., Xavier; James Nash, soph., Kentucky; Steve Powell, sr., West Virginia; Per Sandberg, jr., Alaska Fairbanks; Maxim Shub, soph., Tennessee Tech; Wade Tyner, jr., West Virginia; Bradley Wheeldon, soph., Kentucky.

•**SMALLBORE SECOND TEAM (Season Average: 1160.77-1164.08):** Dan Crews, fr., Tennessee Tech; Kelly Dove, jr., Jacksonville State; Joseph Hein, fr., Alaska Fairbanks; Thrine Kane, jr., Xavier; Abhijeet Konduskar, jr., Ohio State; Danielle Langfield, sr., Xavier; Richard Sawyer, sr., West Virginia; Aaron Shader, fr., Kentucky; Amanda Trujillo, jr., Nebraska; Matt Wallace, fr., Alaska Fairbanks.

•**SMALLBORE HONORABLE MENTION (Season Average: 1160.17-1160.69):** Crystal Dove, fr., Murray State;

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Bill Grant, soph., Tennessee Tech.

•**AIR RIFLE FIRST TEAM (Season Average: 388.62-397.21 out of a possible 400):** Dan Crews, fr., Tennessee Tech; Melissa Downs brough, soph., Nebraska; Matt Emmons, jr., Alaska Fairbanks; Morgan Hicks, soph., Murray State; Thrine Kane, jr., Xavier; Hannah Kerr, fr., Xavier; Robert Purdy, fr., Murray State; Per Sandberg, jr., Alaska Fairbanks; Erin Skeuse, fr., Alaska Fairbanks; Ryan Tanoue, fr., Nevada.

•**AIR RIFLE SECOND TEAM (Season Average: 386.73-388.58):** Amber Darland, sr., Alaska Fairbanks; Kelly Dove, jr., Jacksonville State; Abhijeet Konduskar, jr., Ohio State; Jared Lostetter, fr., Army; James Nash, soph., Kentucky; Sarah Paoletta, soph., Texas-El Paso; Aaron Shader, fr., Kentucky; Maxim Shub, soph., Tennessee Tech; Amanda Trujillo, jr., Nebraska; Bradley Wheeldon, soph., Kentucky.

•**AIR RIFLE HONORABLE MENTION (Season Average: 386.10-386.33):** Justin Babcock, sr., Norwich; Kari Baldwin, fr., Jacksonville State; Karl Olsson, soph., Alaska Fairbanks.

Other NRA awards issued tonight included:

•**DISTINGUISHED COLLEGE COACHES:** Kathy Callahan, Navy; David Johnson, Alaska Fairbanks.

•**OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO COLLEGIATE SHOOTING SPORTS:** Patrick Cherry, rifle coach, Ohio State; Curtis Burns, pistol coach, Texas A&M.

### **CRCA Awards**

At the closing awards ceremony, the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association (CRCA) named Emmons 2002 Shooter of the Match, while awarding 2002 Coach of the Year to UAF's David Johnson.

### **All-Academic Award**

Coaches also listed their athletes who earned a 3.2 or better grade-point average on a 4.0 scale to the All-Academic Collegiate Coaches Award. Those named (listing may be incomplete) were:

•Alaska Fairbanks: Amber Darland, Matt Emmons, Joe Hein, Karl Olsson, Cassie Pinkel, Per Sandberg, Matt Wallace.

•Army: Kim Pienkowski.

•Coast Guard: Esteban Caro, Molly Killen, Ivana Pokrajcic.

•Jacksonville State: Nathan Applebaum, Kari Baldwin, Jeremy Franklin, Kevin Simon.

•Kentucky: Melody Cook, Jeff Hamburg, Crystal Hamilton, Lindsey Meagher, Bradley Wheeldon.

•Mississippi: Misty Ballard, Kristin Parker, Maranda Stockton.

•Murray State: Jill Wheeldon.

•Navy: Marta Jung, James Kauber, Michael Miller, Luke Shank.

•Nevada: Mary Evenson, Travis Look, Charles Morton.

•North Carolina State: Christine Kimball, Tammy Montgomery, Trey Ragsdale, Jason Rice.

•Norwich: Jason Nutter.

•Ohio State: Rachel Ashbrook, Amanda Clark, Levi Kill, Ryan Kohatsu, Jonathon Nicolazzo, John Stellwag.

•Rose-Hulman Tech: Laura Kraus, Jennifer Lowe, Bryan Shaw.

•Tennessee-Martin: Amanda Coke, Matt Fetterman, Amanda Karns, Eric Lester, Melissa Roberts, Brian Stiles,

Jessie Wilson.

- Texas-El Paso: Melissa Evans, Christina Hernandez.

- West Virginia: Eric Hensil, Steve Powell, Wade Tyner

- Xavier: Sivan Barazani, Joseph Fitzgibbon, Thrine Kane, Hannah Kerr, Scott Kerr, Danielle Langfield.

## NCAA Team Competitions

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### Smallbore

#### ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Matt Emmons	1190
Per Sandberg	1173
Matt Wallace	1168
Amber Darland	1161

#### KENTUCKY

Bradley Wheeldon	1172
Aaron Shader	1169
James Nash	1168
Lindsey Meagher	1148

#### XAVIER

Hannah Kerr	1176
Thrine Kane	1171
Danielle Langfield	1157
Joseph Fitzgibbon	1152

#### MURRAY STATE

Morgan Hicks	1171
Robert Purdy	1164
Crystal Dove	1158
Jill Wheeldon	1144

#### TENNESSEE TECH

Maxim Shub	1177
Dan Crews	1161
Bill Grant	1153
Inara Auzins	1140

#### WEST VIRGINIA

Steve Powell	1158
Wade Tyner	1158
Richard Sawyer	1150
Josh Byers	1146

#### NAVY

Matt Albright	1164
Mike Miller	1150
Bill Tolson	1149
Luke Shank	1144

#### COAST GUARD

Victor Jansen	1171
Molly Killen	1139
Esteban Caro	1129
Ivana Pokrajcic	1119

### Air Rifle

#### MURRAY STATE

Robert Purdy	392
Morgan Hicks	391
J.T. Hearn	387
Crystal Dove	386

#### KENTUCKY

Bradley Wheeldon	393
Aaron Shader	389
Crystal Hamilton	385
James Nash	385

#### ALASKA FAIRBANKS

Matt Emmons	394
Erin Skeuse	390
Per Sandberg	388
Karl Olsson	377

#### XAVIER

Hannah Kerr	394
Thrine Kane	389
Danielle Langfield	385
Joseph Fitzgibbon	380

#### ARMY

Paul Charbonneau	388
Kim Pienkowski	388
Jared Lostetter	387
Jesus Tavares	378

#### NAVY

Marta Jung	389
Luke Shank	387
Matt Albright	384
Mike Miller	380

#### TENNESSEE TECH

Dan Crews	388
Bill Grant	384
Maxim Shub	383
Annie Goodman	378

#### NEVADA

Ryan Tanoue	395
Jayde Look	386
Corrie Svee	382
Travis Look	368

### = Aggregate Scores =

1. Alaska Fairbanks	6241	6. Navy	6147
2. Kentucky	6209	7. West Virginia	4612
3. Xavier	6204	8. Coast Guard	4558
4. Murray State	6193	9. Army	1541
5. Tennessee Tech	6164	10. Nevada	1531