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Turner named to the NAIA All-America Team

Hall and Outlaw earn honorable mention accolades

COLUMBIA, Ky. -- Reagan Turner, J'Nayah Hall, and DeAsia Outlaw have earned NAIA Division I Women's Basketball honors, NAIA officials announced today.

Turner was selected to the NAIA Second Team All-America team while Hall and Outlaw picked up honorable mention accolades.

Turner becomes just the fifth Blue Raider in the program's history to repeat as an all-American.

The Gamaliel, Ky., junior led the Mid-South Conference in scoring this season, averaging 18.9 points per game. She led NAIA Division I women's basketball in 3-point shooting, making 45.2 percent from beyond the 3-point arc.

Turner shot 45.5 percent from the field this season while averaging 4.9 rebounds and 3.2 assists per outing.

Last week, Turner was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association NAIA All-America team. She

also was named Mid-South Conference First Team earlier this season.

Hall averaged 12.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game -- both in the top-15 in the Mid-South Conference. The Owensboro, Ky., native, joined the 1000-point club earlier this season.

Outlaw averaged 14.4 points -- seventh in the MSC -- and ranked fourth in the conference grabbing 7.7 rebounds per outing. The Henderson, Ky., native, led the MSC and ranked seventh in the NAIA with 64 block shots during the season.

Hall and Outlaw each joined Turner on the conference's first team.

Lindsey Wilson finished with a 26-6 record and earned a berth into the NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Tournament field. The season was cut short after the tournament was canceled due to COVID-19.

Lindsey Wilson's Brooks earns NAIA

All-America Team honors

COLUMBIA, Ky. -- Reece Brooks has been named to the NAIA Division I Men's Basketball All-America Third Team, NAIA officials announced today.

Brooks led the Mid-South Conference and ranked 10th in the NAIA in scoring, averaging 20 points per outing. His 620 points this season is the third-most in a single season in Lindsey Wilson men's basketball history.

The Brampton, Ontario, senior, also led the Mid-South in free throw shooting, making 89.2 percent (99-of-111) of his freebies. He was second in the conference in 3-pointers made per game (2.8) and assists per game (5.0) this season.

Brooks becomes the ninth Blue Raider, including the 12th time, to earn a spot on an NAIA All-America team.

Lindsey Wilson finished with a 17-14 record in 2019-20.

LWC Soccer finishes season

The Lindsey Wilson men's soccer team finished with a 16-4-1 overall record in 2019 including a 7-1 record in the Mid-South Conference.

Lindsey Wilson won the programs 14th MSC Men's Soccer Tournament Championship this season after avenging their only MSC regular-season loss to Life (Ga.) in the tournament finals with a 1-0 result.

The Blue Raiders earned an automatic bid into the NAIA National Championship where they advanced to the semifinals for the first time since 2013. Lindsey Wilson's season came to a close when they fell to even-

tual champion Central Methodist (Mo.) 2-0.

NAIA All-Americans

- Bruno Henrique – Second Team
- Akean Shackelford – Third Team
- Neville Morgan – Third Team
- NAIA All-American Honorable Mention
- Oscar Dueso

NAIA Players of the Week

- Renan Ramos - Sept. 11th
- Oscar Dueso – Sept. 18th
- Akean Shackelford – Nov. 13th

NAIA All-National Tournament Team

- Rainer De Jesus
- Anouar Adam
- David Coffey

Mid-South Conference Defensive Player of the Year

- Neville Morgan

Mid-South Conference Freshman of the Year

- Oscar Dueso

Mid-South Conference Champions of Character Team

- Lay Cho

First Team All Mid-

South Conference

- Rainer De Jesus
- Oscar Dueso
- Bruno Henrique
- Neville Morgan
- Renan Ramos
- Akean Shackelford

Second Team All Mid-South Conference

- Anouar Adam
- Oscar Dueso

MSC Players of the Week

- Renan Ramos – Offensive – Sept. 11th
- Oscar Dueso – Offensive – Sept. 18th
- Akean Shackelford – Offensive – Oct. 9th and Nov. 13th

Academic All Mid-South Conference

- Anouar Adam
- Abdoul Bance
- Lay Cho
- David Coffey
- Rainer De Jesus
- Kolby Greer
- Colton Hughes
- Samuel McNeill
- Quinton Miranda
- Jaxson Paulin
- Day Po
- Carlos Ramos
- Renan Ramos
- Alex Sanchez
- Austin Stevens

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and “stay connected” to “state and local officials” for announcements and information.

Last Monday, Jamestown Mayor Nick Shearer signed a “State of Emergency” order for his city.

Citizens were advised the declaration “means that your local officials are taking steps to effectively navigate these trying circumstances. This is not a cause for alarm, but it is a call to awareness and action.”

Russell County Judge Executive Gary D. Robertson issued a “State of Emergency”

declaration on March 20.

Earlier this week, Judge Robertson took to the airwaves to plead with citizens to realize the “severity of the situation.”

The judge is asking people stay home unless they are considered “essential workers,” obtaining groceries, seeking medical services, or visiting a pharmacy for needed medicine.

Although there have yet to be any confirmed cases in Russell County, Robertson said citizens need to remain diligent.

In speaking to the community, Robertson cited several, weekend “social gatherings” – including two, reported church services, which he said “undermines our efforts” to combat the spread of COVID-19.

The judge stressed the importance of practicing “social distancing” in attempt to “flatten the curve...and prevent the spread of this virus.”

All three governments said there are working with agencies such as the Lake Cumberland District Health Department to provide assistance.



iRacing Filling the Void?

We might as well face it, most race fans didn't really understand what the term “virtual” really meant until some very ingenious folks started to put together virtual (I used it again) races. Drivers from several different series began to sign up to take part and after several weeks of racing, what we are seeing on Sunday has become a very polished product even though each driver never leaves his home.

FOX Sports is all in for the iRacing Series that now has become a staple on Sunday as the network uses Mike Joy, Jeff Gordon and Larry McReynolds just like it was a regular Cup race. I will be the first to admit that I have tuned into the broadcast and watched a few laps but I can't say I am a fan. What I am a fan of is just how much fun the drivers who take part are having. Each driver has his own “rig” in his house that he races with and the price range can go from a couple of hundred dollars to as much as \$40,000.

I guess even in iRacing that you have your well-funded teams and those with just enough to show up every weekend. Timmy Hill won Sunday's eNASCAR iRacing Pro Invitational Series at the virtual Texas Motor Speedway as he did a bump-and-run on William Byron late in the race. Both of these drivers are no strangers to iRacing and for Hill it was his 674th win of what I guess you would say is his iRacing career. Some drivers are more heavily involved with iRacing than others as it closely simulates what takes place on a particular race track. It is the easiest way for a driver to accumulate seat time at a particular track without unloading a hauler and actually putting four tires on the track.

While iRacing is filling the void for some drivers and fans while the country is shut down, it is not filling the financial void of the teams that compete in the NASCAR Cup Series. Regardless of the size of the teams, they all get their money from the same places. Teams are

free to sign as many sponsors as they can and each receives money for where they finish in the race. Each track offers a purse that is split among the teams depending on their finish. The thirty-six charter teams are guaranteed a payment from the sanctioning body that includes money from the TV contracts.

Sponsorship deals vary from organization to organization but most receive a check after each week's race and that is especially true for teams that may have signed a sponsor for a one race deal. Gone are the days where a sponsor was across the hood of a car for the entire schedule. Now, even the largest organizations are having to secure a number of sponsors for one car to get it through the season.

NASCAR hopes to resume the schedule on May 9th at Martinsville but that seems to be a reach at this time as over the weekend the nation's social distancing policy that was set to end on Monday has been extended another 30 days. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway has already announced that it was postponing its Indianapolis 500 from its traditional Memorial Day weekend date to August and it could be that NASCAR will have to follow Indy's lead and postpone more races including one of the schedule's crown jewels which is Charlotte Motor Speedway's Coca-Cola 600 also held during Memorial Day weekend.

Just something to think about is that NASCAR was set to run the Atlanta race without any fans before it had to postpone. Maybe racing without any fans is not the idea situation but for race teams it will once again see the cash flow resume through sponsorship, race purses and TV money. If that is the only way to get the sport back on the track that will be alright with the fans as even though you can't go and see one in person, it beats the heck out of Sunday afternoon watching iRacing.

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