

## **2008-09 Washington University in St. Louis Athletics**

The Washington University in St. Louis Department of Athletics finished another successful sports season with three of the six 2008 fall teams making it to post season action; women's cross country, women's soccer and women's volleyball.

The women's cross country team finished in 12th-place at the 2008 NCAA Division III Championships, held in Hanover, Indiana. The Bears were making their fifth-straight appearance in the NCAA Championship meet.

The women's soccer team finished the season in ninth place, losing to two-time defending NCAA champion Wheaton College in the NCAA Sweet 16. Washington U. ended its first season under head coach Jim Conlon with a 15-4-2 overall mark. The Bears won their third-straight University Athletic Association (UAA) title and sixth overall.

Washington University volleyball team ended its season with a 32-7 overall record and made its 22nd-consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Bears won the 2008 UAA Championship with a 3-2 win over eventual national champion Emory University and were eliminated from postseason play in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional final by runner-up, Ohio Northern University.

The men's soccer team (12-5-1) ended the season with a 2-1 double overtime victory over the University of Chicago. The win pushed the Bears to 4-3 in UAA action, which was good for a fourth-place finish in the conference standings.

The Washington University football team finished the 2008 season with a 5-5 overall record and a 1-2 mark in conference play. The Bears had 22 student-athletes named to the all-University Athletic Association (UAA) Team.

The winter season has started and the Bears are off to a great start. The defending NCAA National Champion Men's Basketball team is off to a 5-0 start and ranked #1 in the country to start the year. The women's team has started the year with a 4-1 record and is ranked #6. The men's and women's swimming team is also performing well, as the women placed first and the men second in the WU Thanksgiving Invitational.

For up-to-date information visit the WU athletics web site: <http://bearsports.wustl.edu>. Mark your calendars, the annual winter youth day will be held on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at both the men's (noon) and women's (2pm) basketball games. Admission is free and there will be raffles, giveaways, face painting, autographs, and much more! GO BEARS!