

BARTON Cougars



COUGAR NATION NEWSLETTER

August 2011

August 2011 Events

August 18

- Chamber After
Hours - 5:00-7:00pm
Best Western/Angus
Inn - Great Bend

August 20

- Fort Riley Wounded
Warrior Golf
Tournament

August 26

- Volleyball Invite
• Men's Soccer

August 27

- Volleyball Invite
- Women's Soccer
- Meet the Cougars
Family Event
- Track/Soccer
Complex Dedication
- High School Baseball
Showcase

August 28

- Men's & Women's
Soccer

August 30

- Men's & Women's
Soccer

From the Athletic Director

Barton Community College athletic department newsletter #2 comes to you at a very busy time of year for us out here on the hill. Most all of the student athletes are moving into the dorms as I write this..... Lots of paperwork has been completed and we can finally say "school has officially started!" The coaching staff will be working closely with the academic division to ensure we get the students started off on the right foot. The first few weeks of classes for these kids will be instrumental in their path towards academic success here at Barton. While we all know that most all of our athletes sign letters of intent to play a specific sport here at Barton, it is important for all of us to understand the balance between school and sports!


A few staff changes have occurred within our department since the July newsletter went out. Darin Spence has been hired to direct our women's basketball program and a new assistant women's basketball coach has been hired as well. Carter Kruger started his duties as assistant women's basketball coach in late July. Coach Spence comes to the Cougar Nation with loads of experience as a head coach in the Jayhawk Conference, most recently at Cowley Community College. Darin spent the last eight seasons as the head women's coach at New Mexico State University. His resume speaks for itself! (check out his bio on page 3) We are extremely excited to have Coach Spence and Coach Kruger on our staff. Last, but not least, Brooke Thompson will take over as our new Fitness Facilities Coordinator at Barton. (check out his bio on page 3) Brooke will oversee the supervision of both the athletic department weight room and the Harms Wellness Center. He will also coordinate student employment documentation within our department along with some recruiting duties. Brooke brings a wealth of experience to our department and will be working hard to enhance our fitness facilities. (check out his bio on page 3)

Speaking of facilities, many things continue to take on a new look this summer. I mentioned many of the improvement plans that we have in place for our facilities in my July Newsletter. The competition gymnasium is currently undergoing a facelift. Look for these improvements to be complete in the coming months. I hope all who read this will be able to attend the dedication of our new Track & Field/Soccer Complex to be held **Saturday, August 27, at 12 noon.** These new facilities are second to none and just another example of how we continue to do things better here at Barton.

Don't forget, **MEET THE COUGARS** is scheduled for **August 27th** as well. A fun filled day is set with festivities starting at 10am. Check the BCC web, the local newspaper and listen in to the radio for details of this traditional event. All 13 Barton sports teams will be represented at this event. Come on out to the hill and check us out!

Until next time, be proud! The Cougar Nation is "Takin it Back"!

Respectfully Yours,


Trevor Rolfs



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Compliance Corner "Tip of the Month"

Article VIII: Grants-in-Aid, Recruitment and Booster Clubs Section 1: Grants-in-Aid, Recruitment, and Booster Clubs

Within the NJCAA, an athletic scholarship recipient shall be defined as an individual who is receiving institutional financial aid that is countable against the total number of allowable NJCAA scholarships by sport established by the NJCAA in Article V, Section 19.

An "*Athletic Scholarship*" is defined as any financial assistance awarded to the student-athlete, from any source, because of his/her athletic capabilities and is considered to be counter under Article V, Section 19. The Letter of Intent/Scholarship Agreement Form shall be prescribed by the NJCAA and shall be in effect for one (1) academic year. An "academic year" is defined as August 1st to July 31st of the following year.

Definition of "*Administered*": The financial assistance awarded to a student-athlete, regardless of source (e.g. college, booster club, foundation, civic groups, private citizen, etc.) must be officially recorded in and disbursed by the college's office of financial aid, and business office.

Non-athletic aid may be awarded to any student-athlete reported on an NJCAA Eligibility Form for participation under the following guidelines:

1. May not receive a paid athletic recruiting visit,
2. Must be available to the entire student population,
3. Must not be awarded based on athletic capabilities,
4. Must be officially recorded in and administered by the college's office of financial aid and business,
5. Must be awarded either as need based verified by the college's office of financial aid or for outstanding academic achievement with a cumulative 3.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) as one of the criteria published in the college catalog, office of financial aid, and/or foundation scholarship materials, and
6. Is not considered counters under Article V, Section 19.

Source: 2011-12 NJCAA Handbook



Cougar Spotlight: Oliver Twelvetrees - Men's Soccer

No Barton coach knows winning and "Taking it Back" like Men's Soccer Coach Oliver Twelvetrees. In his five years at Barton Twelvetrees has led the Cougars to a 95-15-2 record which is almost an 85% winning percentage. In addition to winning a lot of games, the Cougars have gone 46-0-1 in Jayhawk Conference play, has three Region VI titles, and two appearances in the NJCAA Division I Tournament. After starting last season with surprising back-to-back losses, the Wales native regrouped his team to eventually finish 3rd in the nation.

Respect and recognition of Twelvetrees' program has the Cougars ranked #3 in the NJCAA Division I preseason poll. By all indications Twelvetrees has his 2011 team primed for another Region title and run for the national championship. Despite the Cougars losing some big scoring stars from the 2010 team, the team returns a core group that will certainly make an impact. Leading the offensive attack will be Ahmad Bah who earned national all-tournament honors last season and Italo Arcelino leading a solid group of defensive returners.

Barton is no stranger to high competition and continues to play a tough schedule. In addition to conference play, Barton plays three teams in the top 10 rankings and one team who is receiving votes. Barton's opening weekend of play will test the Cougars early as they play host to Kansas Wesleyan JV on August 26 followed by No. 7 ranked Otero Junior College on August 28. The following week Barton travels to Tyler, TX to take on the No. 1 ranked team in country Tyler Junior College followed by No. 9 ranked San Jacinto the next day. The Cougars will then start conference play at home September 8 against Coffeyville Community College and conclude its non-conference portion of the schedule October 11 against national receiving votes Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa.

Meet the Cougars - Track/Soccer Complex Dedication



Join us for a day of fun events for the whole family while meeting and supporting Cougar Athletics!

**Saturday
August 27**

- Track/Soccer Complex Dedication
- Activities/games/skill challenges hosted by Cougar student-athletes
- Concession stands
- Team photos and autographs opportunities



Events start at 10:00am. Complete Schedule at: www.BartonSports.com



Cougar Spotlight: Darin Spence - Head Women's Basketball Coach

Darin Spence has been recently hired as the new Head Women's Basketball coach. No stranger to the Jayhawk Conference, as well as, the Division I coaching level, Spence begins a new era of Lady Cougar basketball.

"Darin Spence has been a successful coach at every level of women's basketball. All he does is win!" Barton Athletic Director Trevor Rolfs said. "He comes to Barton with an impeccable junior college resume. Coach Spence is a man of integrity and will bring respect to our women's program that is rich in history. I am excited for the future of Barton women's basketball."

A native of Escondido, California, Spence received his college degrees in Kansas and spent 15 years within the Kansas juco ranks before becoming the head coach at New Mexico State for the past 8 seasons. While in Kansas Spence coached the women's teams at Butler CC and Cowley CC posting an astounding 317-80 record, won five Jayhawk Conference Eastern Division titles, and led his teams to ten Top 10 defense rankings.

Cougar Spotlight: Carter Kruger - Assistant Women's Basketball Coach

Carter Kruger enters his first season as women's assistant basketball coach at Barton. Prior to coming to Barton, Kruger spent two seasons as the assistant coach at Garden City Community College. Kruger replaces Ben Lister who recently became the Head Women's Basketball Coach at Baker University.

Spending two years at Garden City, Kruger was responsible for working with the post players, game development, and recruiting duties. Kruger had two players sign NCAA Division I scholarships and three players sign Division II. Additionally, Kruger coached one first-team, one second-team, and two Honorable Mention All Jayhawk West performers while at Garden City.

Prior to his arrival at Garden City, Kruger was an assistant men's basketball coach at Minnesota State University – Mankato for two seasons. While there, the Mavericks won 51 games, made two NCAA tournament appearances, and had two All-American post players.



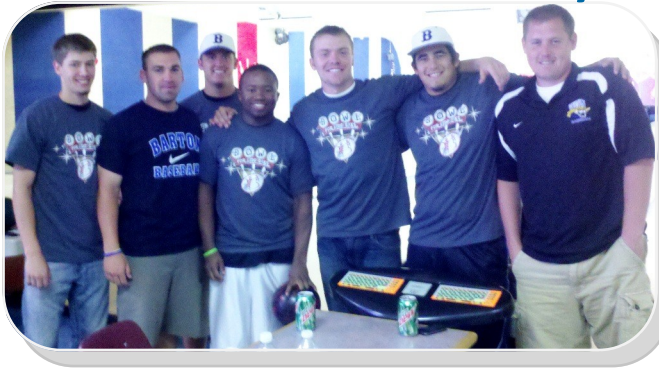
Cougar Spotlight: Brooke Thompson Fitness Facilities & Athletic Recruiting Coordinator

Brooke Thompson was recently hired as the new Fitness Facility and Athletic Recruiting Coordinator at Barton. A Great Bend resident, Brooke brings strong leadership, education and coaching experience, and health and wellness skills to the position.

In his position Brooke will manage Barton's fitness facilities, student employment positions, and assist the Barton Athletic Department with various needs including student-athlete recruitment.

Brooke and his wife Lisa, who teaches Spanish at Great Bend High School and owns Thompson Gymnastics, have three boys ages 10, 7, and 4.

Barton in the Community



Courtesy photo

Led by Barton Assistant Baseball coaches **Brent Biggs** and **Brett McBride**, Barton Baseball team members participated in the recent Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake held locally.

Many members of Barton participated in this event including Barton Cheer Coach **Stephanie Joiner** and members of the **Cheer Squad**.

Included with Coach Biggs and McBride are: David Allen, Zac Villalpando, Clayton Garland, Mike Edlefsen, and Ryan Tracy.



#16 ranked Lady Cougar Volleyball



#3 ranked Cougar Soccer



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Lady Cougar Soccer



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