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William Jessup University Gears up to Host Two Major Sporting Events

Basketball Classic and GSAC Cross Country Championships Arrive in Rocklin on Nov. 4-5

Rocklin, CA - Oct. 25- William Jessup University (WJU) in Rocklin will host the 10th Annual Bill Holtz Warrior Classic on Nov. 4-5 and the Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Cross Country Championship on Nov. 5. Both events combined will bring more than 300 college athletes to Placer Valley.

First up is the two-day basketball tournament, the Bill Holtz Warrior Classic, that has a rich history with Warrior fans as well as honoring former long-time supporter and game management staff member, Bill Holtz, who lost his battle with ALS in 2011.

WJU Athletic Director and Men's Head Basketball Coach, Lance Van Vogt, explained the exciting line up for the Warrior Men's team, "The field is outstanding this year as we are bringing in two nationally respected programs to compete against, Oregon Tech University (OIT) and Eastern Oregon University (EOU); on the opposite side of the classic we have our GSAC travel partner Menlo, that will also be facing off against OIT and EOU."

Bethesda Christian University out of Anaheim, Simpson University from Redding, OTI and of course WJU will be competing in the Women's bracket. Tickets are \$10 per day or \$15 for a two-day pass and half of the ticket sale proceeds will be donated to ALS as a thank you to Holtz for his incredible dedication to the Warrior programs.

On the morning of Nov. 5, the WJU Cross Country team will be out at Springview Johnson Park in Rocklin to host GSAC Cross Country Championships for the first time ever. All nine teams from the conference will be in attendance.

"This is the first time we have had the privilege of hosting the GSAC Cross Country Finals and we are looking forward to providing a great experience for the rest of the conference while they are here," commented Parker Daniells, WJU Head Cross Country Coach.

"We have a lot of wonderful things - the hotels, restaurants and activities, all that will be enjoyed by our visiting teams to make it a fun experience for them beyond the competition; the running community in this region is one of the best and where we actually hold the meet is a common training site for many elite athletes in our area."

Several local athletes who will be running for WJU are expected to do outstanding in these championships. Bailey Shykowski from Colfax, Michael Kinoshita from Folsom, Hannah Schmidt out of Elk Grove and Hailey Parkhouse-McAllister from Loomis are ones to watch.

Mark your calendars and make sure to check out these collegiate competitions right here in Rocklin!



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