

CAMOSUN COLLEGE CHARGERS NEWS

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PACWEST silver medalist Chargers head to PING CCAA Nationals

It was a bittersweet weekend for the Camosun College men's golf team who charged into the fourth and final tournament of the PACWEST series this past weekend with a 5-stroke lead, only to lose the Championship title in a tie-breaker with the hosting University of the Fraser Valley Cascades.

"It was a tough weekend for us," commented Chargers Head Coach John Randle. "It came right down to the wire and we didn't get it done."

The Chargers shot a great round on Day 1 of the UFV Invitational (Chilliwack Golf and Country Club), tying with UBCO to claim the low of the day with a team score of 297 which placed the squad nine strokes ahead in the cumulative standings.

Day 2 proved to be a challenge for the Chargers squad who placed third with a total of 294. UFV tied with the VIU Mariners, shooting a low of 285. UBC Okanagan was second with 293. After four tournaments, UFV and Camosun were both at 2354 calling for the tie-breaker; VIU sat 20 shots back with 2374.

"We held a 9 shot lead to start the day, lost by 9 and then the tiebreaker went the other way," said Coach Randle. "All things considered, the guys played hard and conducted themselves as gentlemen and they represented Camosun with class and skill."

While the Chargers had to settle for Silver, the squad managed to find a cause to celebrate as team member Jarred Callbeck was named the PACWEST Men's Individual Gold Medalist for his stellar performance over the 2012 season.

"It was pretty cool to finish on top," said Callbeck. "John is a great coach and I felt I was really committed in all eight rounds; I'm very happy with the results."

Callbeck was Athlete of the Week for two consecutive weeks heading into the final event and completed the season scoring a total of 578 over 144 holes. Aaron Pauls (UFV) came in second with a cumulative total of 583 while Cody Bell and teammate William Deck (UBCO) tied for third with 586.

Next up for the Chargers is the 2012 PING CCAA Golf National Championship hosted by Durham College in Oshawa, ON where the top intercollegiate teams from across Canada will tee off at the Oshawa Golf Club October 15-19.

The Chargers will be looking to dismantle the reigning Humber College Hawks of Etobicoke, ON who have dominated the men's field wining three consecutive National titles. Heading up the charge are Jarred Callbeck(Claremont), Jared Hundza (Pacific Christian), Kevin Walz (Kwalikum), Grant Maskiewich (Smithers) and Kevin Bredy (Sir Winston Churchill, Calgary, AB).

"While we are obviously disappointed about this weekend's outcome, it will fuel us heading into Nationals next week," said Coach Randle. "Look for a great performance in Ontario!"

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