

Peru State Athletes of The Month

Emily Maresh (Central City) and Bryan Duncan (Seattle, Wash.) were recently named as the Peru State College (PSC) Athletes of the month for April.

PSC Athletic Director Steve Schneider recently announced the selections and said, "Emily and Bryan are deserving of the April recognition for their efforts on the softball and baseball teams respectively. Both were honored by the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) for their performances on the field and thus, earned PSC's honors."

Maresh was named the HAAC softball player of the week on April 23. Maresh won a Player of the Week award in her second sport of the 2011-12 season after being named the Volleyball Libero of the Week on Sept. 26 and Oct. 24. A junior, Maresh batted 10-for-22 (.455) last week that included a double, three home runs, three RBI and five runs scored. She homered in three-straight games to finish the week and converted her only stolen base attempt.

For Maresh, this was her second time earning the weekly honor as she had earned the recognition in PSC's former conference, the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC).

The softball season ended for Maresh and her Bobcat teammates last weekend in the HAAC's post-season tournament. PSC finished the year at 30-25. Maresh finished as the team's leading hitter with a .336 batting average. She also led the team in slugging percentage (.604), first in home runs (8), first in total bases (90), first in hit by pitch (17), first in on-base percentage (.431), tied for first in total hits (50), tied for second with total doubles (12), and third in RBI (31).

In the HAAC, Maresh is presently listed in the following categories: second in total bases (90); tied for second in total home runs (8); third in home runs per game (.15), tied for third in total hits (50); fourth in slugging percentage (.604); tied for fourth in total at bats (133); sixth in total doubles (12); sixth in home runs per game (0.13); sixth in total bases per game (1.67); sixth in total RBI (31); seventh in total runs scored (29); 12th in RBI per game (0.57); tied for 12th in total triples (2); tied for 14th in batting average (.336), 17th in doubles per game (0.22); 17th in runs scored per game (0.54); 17th in triples per game (0.04).; and tied for 17th in fielding percentage (.980).

Duncan was named the HAAC Pitcher of the Week during the same week as Maresh. The junior tossed 12.1 innings in two triumphs, allowing just one earned run while striking out 13. He tossed a two-hit shutout against Benedictine while striking out nine before going four innings against Baker.

Currently, Duncan leads the Bobcat pitching corps by averaging 9.18 strikeouts per game and has the best ERA at 3.06. Within the HAAC, Duncan is in the top 20 in the following categories: second in total hits allowed (44); second in earned runs allowed (17); third in total runs (21); fifth in opponents' batting average (.228); sixth in earned run average (3.06); seventh in batters struck out per game (9.18); ninth in hits allowed per game (7.92); tied for eleventh in total wins (7); and 15th in total strikeouts (51).