

Bethel Sports Fans—SEEING DOUBLE

Mention the words “doubles” and “athletes” in the same sentence and folks might think you’re describing partners in a tennis match—but that’s not necessarily the case, especially at Bethel College. In fact at Bethel, did you know that there are also doubles in basketball, cross-country, track and soccer? Human doubles, that is! Sound confusing?

Just wait until you meet Bethel basketball players Josh and Jerod Weimer; cross-country runner Jessica Houston and her sister, Bethel tennis player, Julianne Houston; Shannon and Nicole Feil, who both participate in cross-country and track, and soccer players Malia and Maile Carenio. You just might do—dare we say, a DOUBLETAKE!

As you probably have guessed by now, the four sets of student-athlete siblings are also—TWINS!

So is this a surprise tactic for Bethel coaches—confuse the opponents by making them see double? Three sets of twin athletes hail from nearby towns while one pair traded the tropics of Volcano, HI for a harder climate in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Bethel’s soccer team has been bolstered by the help of the Carenio twins from Hawaii. At first, Bethel had only the talents of Maile Carenio. Malia attended college in Texas, but then transferred to Bethel to be with her sister and because she “missed soccer too much.”



Malia & Maile Carenio

Jessica and Julianne Houston, from Walkerton, IN, are involved in two different sports but still have a strong bond as sisters. The two transferred to Bethel and Jessica began running in cross-country and track; Julianne joined the tennis program and the cheerleading squad. Jessica says she finds it enjoyable having a twin who’s also into athletics. However, she likes the fact they play dif-



Jessica & Julianne Houston

ferent sports. “I love Julianne,” says Jessica, “but we also need our own identities.”

Shannon and Nikki Feil are doubling their debut this year on both

Bethel’s cross-country and track teams. The two freshmen from Edwardsburg, Michigan say



Shannon & Nikki Feil

they’re finding out how serious college sports can be. They say they appreciate that their slightly opposite personalities make for a stronger team.

In addition to the Bethel ladies, the guys also are seeing double. Men’s basketball contains the dynamic duo of Josh and Jerod Weimer, sophomores from La Grange, Indiana. While the two say they’re highly competitive, Josh admits it’s an advantage to play with someone whom he’s always known. This season Jerod was not on the



Josh & Jerod Weimer

court in a jersey but on the bench as an assistant-coaching the JV team—after suffering five concussions last year. He says the experience helped him understand the coach’s perspective of the game and hopefully it will help him be “more coachable.”

No doubt about it, on and off the field, the track and the court, when it comes to Bethel College athletics, these doubles are making twice the impact.

—contributing writer, Tamra Trowbridge

YOUNG PILOTS TOP OUT AT 4TH

The men's basketball team finished their season with a 23-14 record. The Pilots finished fourth in the NCCAA National Championship in



Frankfort, KY. The young Pilots lost to eventual national champion Tennessee Temple University

by one point, 82-81, in the NCCAA semi-finals.

Seven Pilots averaged double figures in scoring for Bethel. Junior forward David Keister was named first team All-American and was a first team All Mid-Central Conference selection. Keister and senior Sam Gensic also were named Academic All-Americans.

Junior Ricky Gooden was named to

the national finals all-tournament team while sophomore Jake Parker led the team in scoring. Bethel's Pilots led the nation in points scored for the fourth time in five years.

BETHEL TRACK PRODUCES ALL-AMERICAN ATHLETES

Four Bethel College track athletes achieved All-American status at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field National Meet held in Johnson City, TN. Matt Cunningham cleared 16-2 in the pole vault and finished third in the nation. Kevin Langlois cleared 15-8 in the same event and finished fifth. Sheldon Smith finished sixth in the triple jump at 47-7. Other men competing were Nick Dunn, Andrew Holderead and Andre Love.

On the women's side, Alisha Ewing made All-American in the high jump, finishing in

fifth place. Staci Weisser just missed making All-American as she finished with a tie for seventh place. Other ladies who competed were Weisser again in the triple jump and Candi Gooden. The Bethel College men's team finished the NAIA indoor meet 28th in the country, while the women finished in 36th place.

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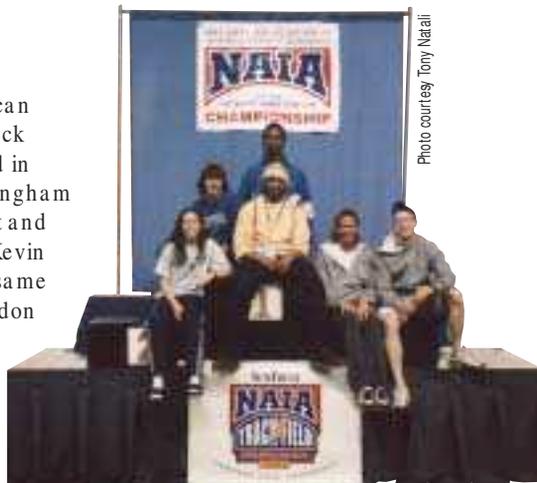


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