

Three Argonaut Men's Soccer Players Earn Scholar-Athlete Honors

The University of Great Falls Men's Soccer Team placed three student-athletes on the 2011 NAIA-Daktronics Scholar-Athletes list.

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced Friday that 286 men's soccer student-athletes have been named 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. Student-athletes are nominated by their institution's head coach and must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status in order to qualify for the honor.

Senior James (Jimmy) Sliwa from Wasilla, Alaska, Josh Fresner for Longmont, Colo., and Alex Martinez of Long Beach, Calif. were recognized as 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes. "I am very excited for these young men." Head Coach Paul Zazenski said. "They work hard in the classroom and on the field setting high goals and achieving them." Zazenski said.

The Argonauts recently finished their 2011 campaign with a 16-5 record, a Frontier Conference Championship and an appearance in the Sweet-16 of the NAIA National Championships.

"We are very excited and extremely proud of such academic accomplishments." Athletic Director Gary Ehnes said. "It is an affirmation that our student-athletes are working hard in the classroom and in turn are setting themselves up for a brighter future." Ehnes concluded.