

Athletics at Southeastern Louisiana University

Notable Highlights 2001 - 2002

- ❑ On May 21, 2002, President Randy Moffett announced the \$5 million extension of the Commitment to Excellence Campaign was successful and football would return to Southeastern for the 2003 season. The team will play as an independent in Division I-AA for its first two years and join the Southland Conference in 2005. On June 28, Southeastern announced the hiring of Hal Mumme as the school's 12th head coach.
- ❑ Southeastern was chosen to host the 2002 Southland Conference Women's Soccer Tournament, as well as the 2003 and 2004 Southland Conference Baseball Tournaments.
- ❑ Golfer Andy Smith was named to the PING All-American team after having five top-10 finishes in the spring. A native of Wolverhampton, England, Smith was the first player to be selected to compete in the NCAA East Regional. He was named National Player of the Week by Golf World Magazine, after setting a new individual scoring record in his win at the Arkansas-Little Rock Chenal Cup.
- ❑ Twenty-four Southeastern athletes were selected to All-Southland Conference teams. Soccer had the most selections with nine, followed by softball with six.
- ❑ The Lady Lions softball team made their second straight appearance in the Southland Conference Tournament, advancing to the semifinals.
- ❑ Southeastern's Courage Idusuyi was named the Men's Outstanding Field Athlete at the 2002 Southland Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships. At the meet, Idusuyi won individual titles in the long jump and the triple jump.
- ❑ The Southeastern women's basketball team earned their first-ever win in a Southland Conference Tournament game, defeating Texas-San Antonio. The Lady Lions advanced to the semifinals, losing to the eventual champion, Stephen F. Austin. Lori Davis Jones, a Southeastern letter winner from 1987-91, was hired as the school's fourth head coach after a successful eight-year stint at Lambuth University, Tennessee.
- ❑ The Southeastern volleyball team made their first-ever appearance in the Southland Conference Tournament. The team was ranked second nationally in digs, with senior Mandy Withrow (2nd) and junior Denise Kubena (4th) in the individual national rankings.
- ❑ The Lady Lions soccer team advanced to the Southland Conference Tournament Championship Match for the fifth consecutive year, making Southeastern the only school to reach the final match each time since the SLC first sponsored women's soccer in 1997. Becca Weingartner finished as the school's all-time leader in points (79), goals (27) and assists (25) and became the first player in Southland Conference history to be named first-team All-SLC all four years.

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