The Patriot Golf teams and the Patriot Tennis teams completed successful spring seasons again this year. For the Lady Patriot Golf team, the season ended in record-breaking fashion as sophomore standout Mercedes Rios became the first female golfer in DBU history to qualify for an NCAA Division II National Championship.

Rios advanced to the NCAA Women’s National Championship by defeating the country’s number one ranked NCAA Division II golfer in a sudden-death playoff at the NCAA Super Regional Golf Championship. Rios concluded her historic run at the National Championship with a 33rd place finish.

Rios finished the 2011-2012 regular season with five top-five finishes, including an individual victory at the Midwestern State Invitational, eight top-15 finishes, and a scoring average of 78.19 after 11 tournaments and 21 rounds of play.

“I am thrilled at Mercedes’ 2011-2012 season as she has set the bar high for other members of the team,” stated Head Golf Coach Kenny Trapp.

As a team, the Lady Patriots enjoyed one of two team victories at their own DBU Classic in October 2011, in which they fired rounds of 303 and 315, respectively. The team experienced their second victory of the season in their first appearance at the NCCAA National Championship at Hombre Golf Club in Panama City Beach, Florida, as they fired rounds of 325 and 317. The Lady Patriots concluded their 2011-2012 campaign with five top-five finishes, eight top-ten finishes, and a team scoring average of 320.41.

Coach Trapp and the Lady Patriots saw strong performances from freshman Erin Barrington, tabbing four top-ten individual finishes and recorded a 79.47 season scoring average. Barrington had her best finish of the season at the Bluebonnet Classic in March after firing rounds of 72 and 78 to finish tied for third place in the 70-player field.

“I am anxious and excited for next year as we will have our best recruiting class yet for the program,” added Trapp.

Senior Brandon Johnson was the storyline for the 2011-2012 Patriot Men’s Golf season as he concluded arguably one of the best individual seasons in DBU men’s history. As the team captain, Johnson advanced individually to the NCAA Super Regional Championship, where he fired rounds of 75, 71, and 71 to finish tied for 6th place—just one shot shy of qualifying for the NCAA National Championship.

Johnson was named to the Division II Ping All-Region Team for his stellar 2011-2012 campaign as he recorded a 74.08 scoring average and one individual victory at the 2012 DBU Classic (70-67-70). Johnson captured two additional top-five finishes at the National Christian Colleges Athletic Association National Championship (68-78-73) and the NDNU Argonaut Invite (71-71-75).

“I am very excited for Brandon and the season that he had,” stated Trapp. “Brandon earned every bit of success he experienced this season as his work ethic is something to be commended,” added Trapp.

As a team, the Patriots concluded their 2011-2012 season with a 299.96 scoring average, which included four top-five finishes and five top-ten finishes. In addition, the Patriots
rios qualifies for ncaa dii national championship

Lady Patriot sophomore Mercedes Rios became the first female golfer in DBU history to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championship after defeating the number-one ranked NCAA DII golfer in a sudden-death playoff at the NCAA Super Regional Championship.

“What a wonderful ending to a great tournament for Mercedes,” stated Head Coach Kenny Trapp. “She has worked so hard in her two years as a Lady Patriot, and she deserves this remarkable achievement.”

johnson ties for 6th at ncaa super regional championship

Patriot senior and golf team captain, Brandon Johnson, advanced individually to the NCAA Super Regional Tournament. To end his career as a Patriot, Johnson tied for sixth in the tournament, just one shot shy of qualifying for the NCAA National Championship.

“I can’t express how proud I am of Brandon for giving it all he had,” stated Head Coach Kenny Trapp. “She has worked so hard in her two years as a Lady Patriot, and she deserves this remarkable achievement.”

tennis advances to 4th-straight nccaa national tournament

After claiming three-consecutive NCCAA National Championships, the Lady Patriots again advanced to the NCCAA National Tournament. During the first day of competition the Lady Patriots swept through the opening day, only losing three points in their doubles matches. Eventually, the team would fall in the final round to Palm Beach Atlantic.