



# BUTLER SPORTS NEWS

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## **Six Butler Teams Receive NCAA Public Recognition Awards**

*Squads are cited for ranking in the Top 10% in the latest Academic Progress Rate scores*

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. -- Six Butler athletic teams have received 2006-07 NCAA Public Recognition Awards for their latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. The awards are given to teams that rank in the Top 10% of all squads in their respective sports.

The Butler teams honored were men's golf, men's swimming, women's golf, women's soccer, women's softball and women's tennis. Of the 10 Division I institutions in Indiana, Butler ranked third with six teams recognized. Notre Dame had 11 teams honored, while Valparaiso was second with nine. Purdue had four teams recognized, Evansville and IPFW had two each, and Indiana, IUPUI and Ball State had one each. Butler ranked first in the Horizon League in number of teams recognized.

"Butler University is an exceptional academic institution and our student-athletes are a big part of that academic excellence," said Butler Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and Academic Affairs Julie Wooten. "Having six of our athletic teams receive an NCAA Public Recognition Award illustrates that not only are our student-athletes successful on the playing field, but they are also successful in the classroom. We are very proud of all of our student-athletes."

Butler was one of just 43 institutions to have more than five teams recognized by the NCAA.

The NCAA honored a total of 839 teams representing 217 Division I colleges and universities, or two-thirds of the 326 institutions that compete in NCAA Division I athletics.

The APR was developed as a more real-time assessment of a team's academic performance, than the six-year graduation-rate calculation. It measures retention and athletic eligibility of athletes. The APR awards two points each term to student-athletes who meet academic-eligibility standards and who remain with the institution. The team's APR is the total points earned by the team at a given time divided by the total points possible.

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