Roy, Darby win Doc Martie and Ruth Russell awards

Brett Roy ’12 (speech communications) and senior Mallary Darby have been named the 2011-12 Doc Martie and Ruth I. Russell Award winners as the University of Nevada’s top male and female senior student-athletes.

“Brett Roy and Mallary Darby are very deserving recipients of our department’s most prestigious awards,” said Cary Groth, Nevada director of Athletics. “Brett and Mallary turned in outstanding careers and have left their mark in the Nevada record book. They are both great representatives of what student-athletes should be on the field, in the classroom and in the community.”

The awards are named for J.E. “Doc” Martie, a former Nevada men’s basketball coach and administrator, and Ruth I. Russell, a former director of women’s athletics. Student-athletes are nominated by their head coaches and must be in their final year of eligibility and in good academic standing. The award winners are chosen in a vote by the athletics department staff.

A defensive lineman from Yucaipa, Calif., Roy earned first-team All-America honors from Sports Illustrated in 2011, the only player from a non-BCS conference school on the first team. He led the Western Athletic Conference in tackles for loss (18.5) and sacks (10) in 2011. A 2011 first-team All-WAC honoree, Roy ends his career tied for third on the Nevada single-season list for tackles for loss, eighth in career TFLs (33.0) and tied for fourth in both career and single-season sacks (18 career and 10 in 2011). He helped the Wolf Pack to bowl games in each of his four years as well as a 13-1 record and a WAC co-championship in 2010 as a junior. A starter in all games in each of his last two years, he was second on the team with 14.5 TFLs and 8.0 sacks in his breakout junior year. He won the team’s Blackout Award as a junior and was named the Outstanding Special Teams Player as a sophomore in 2010.

“Brett was an absolute pleasure to coach,” said Wolf Pack football coach Chris Ault. “As an All-American and now the senior athlete of the year, he will always represent the very best about our university and program.”

A pitcher from Sparks, Nev., Darby is leading the team with a 3.42 ERA, six wins and eight complete games in 2012. She won 12 games in 2011, going the distance 24 times.

She also recorded two shutouts, including her second career no-hitter against Boston College at Hixson Park on March 6, 2011. Darby ranks third in the Nevada career record book in nearly every pitching category, including wins (40), appearances (12), starts (98), complete games (5), shutouts (9), innings pitched (607.2) and strikeouts (510), while her two career no-hitters are also the best in school history. She produced the finest freshman season by a Wolf Pack pitcher in 2009, turning in a 12-8 record with a 3.11 earned-run average and 177 strikeouts on the year. She also tossed the first no-hitter of her career and the third in school history with an 8-0 shutout of Boise State on April 11, 2009.

“Winning the prestigious Ruth Russell Award is a great honor for Mallary Darby, and is a wonderful culmination to a great career at Nevada,” said Matt Meuchel, head softball coach. “Mallary has achieved many great things in the classroom, on the diamond and in the community during her career at the University of Nevada, Reno, and it is nice to see her honored for that commitment.”
Nevada gears up for first season in Mountain West

The 2012-13 season will mark the University of Nevada’s first full season in the Mountain West Conference with all of the Wolf Pack teams welcoming a host of new opponents to Reno.

Coming off its eighth consecutive bowl appearance, the Wolf Pack football team is gearing up for another exciting campaign in 2012. Nevada will have six games at Mackay Stadium as part of the Wolf Pack’s 12-game schedule.

After a strong non-conference schedule, which includes the Sept. 1 season opener at Cal and a home game against Bowl Championship Series foe South Florida on Sept. 8, Nevada will play host to Mountain West opponents Wyoming, San Diego State, Fresno State and Boise State at Mackay Stadium.

The Wolf Pack will play road games against Hawaii, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Air Force and New Mexico.

“I am looking forward to this transition to the new conference and becoming more familiar with the teams in this league,” said Nevada coach Chris Ault. “I like the balance of home and away games as you go through the schedule with no long stretches one way or the other. I also like where the bye week falls in the schedule. Overall, it’s a good schedule and we’re ready to get going.”

Season tickets are available in all areas of Mackay Stadium with prices ranging from $85 for general admission to $150 for reserved (some areas require an additional donation to the Pack Educational Fund).

For information or to purchase season tickets, please call or visit the Link Piazza Ticket Office at Legacy Hall at (775) 348-PACK (7225) or online at www.nevadawolfpack.com.

53 Wolf Pack student-athletes and spirit team members celebrate graduation

A combined 53 Wolf Pack student-athletes representing 15 sports teams graduated this spring and summer.

The Wolf Pack football team is represented by 10 student-athletes, while Nevada’s skiing program has seven graduates. The Wolf Pack baseball team is represented by six graduates, while Nevada’s softball and track and field teams announced five student-athlete graduates each. Nevada’s men’s basketball, women’s basketball, rifle and soccer teams have three graduates each, the men’s golf and men’s tennis teams are each represented by two graduates, and the Wolf Pack women’s golf, swimming and diving, women’s tennis and volleyball team have one graduate each.

In addition, eight members of the Wolf Pack spirit squad have earned their degrees this spring and summer.

Nevada’s graduating student-athletes represent a variety of majors, including: biology, general studies, community health sciences, marketing, speech communications, business management, criminal justice, human development and family studies, communication studies, animal science, international affairs, psychology, mechanical engineering, health ecology, international business, journalism, civil engineering, accounting and information systems, social work, elementary education and economics.

Including the 53 spring and summer graduates, Nevada has seen 469 of its student-athletes graduate in the past seven years. The Wolf Pack’s graduation success rate is at its all-time high of 78 percent and has improved in each of the last seven years.

“We are so proud of all of the Wolf Pack student-athletes who have reached the ultimate goal of graduation this spring and summer,” said Cary Groth, Nevada director of athletics. “We wish them the best of luck as they leave the University of Nevada with their degrees and enter the next phase of their lives.”