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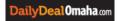
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Jordan Green, left, has been voted the honorary captain of The World-Herald All-Nebraska NAIA squad. The Broncos' Jenn Lerner, right, leads the All-Nebraska women's team, a combination of Division II and

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Bronco star had a knack for scoring

By Marjie Ducey / World-Herald staff writer





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It took only three years for Jordan Green to become one of the best soccer players ever at Hastings College.

The senior forward from Lincoln Southeast broke nearly every school record after transferring to Hastings from Nebraska Wesleyan.

"It was truly remarkable what the kid did here over three years," coach Chris Kranjc said.

After another outstanding season, Green has been voted the honorary captain of The World-Herald All-Nebraska NAIA squad. The Broncos' Jenn Lerner leads the All-Nebraska women's team, a

All-Nebraska soccer

ALL-NEBRASKA NAIA MEN'S TEAM

F: Colby Twist, Nebraska Wesleyan, Jr.

F: Adam Wood, Midland, Fr

F: Jordan Green, Hastings, Sr.

F: Nathan Douglas, Concordia, Jr

M: Alan Craig, Midland, So.

M: Thomas Leabourn-Boss, Hastings, Jr

M: Aaron Mulgrue, Hastings, Sr.

M: Emmanuel Pena, Bellevue, Jr.

D: Tyler Ortlieb Hastings So

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D: Jamie Waters, Bellevue, Jr.

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combination of Division II and NAIA players. Coaches across Nebraska voted for the teams.

Green piled up 28 goals and 11 assists this fall for Hastings, which went 16-7 and reached the round of 16 at the NAIA national tournament.

The first-team All-American, a two-time offensive MVP at the national tournament, finished his career with 73 goals and 183 points, both school records. He also set a record with four goals against Briar Cliff.

Kranjc said Green, the offensive captain on the Great Plains Athletic Conference all-star squad, was your typical goal-scoring forward — composed and technical with a knack for finding the back of the net. But he also made everyone around him better.

"If he knows he can't score, he's going to find a way for someone else to score," Kranjc said. "He was very much a team player."

Lerner, a junior midfielder from Elkhorn, didn't have gaudy offensive numbers like Green, with only three goals and an assist. But she was a presence on defense.

"She's just a very dynamic player with great pace and a hard-nosed tackler," coach Mark Hiemenz said. "For us, if you do the eye test, she was just the best player on the field."

Lerner was a unanimous pick as the defensive player of the year in the GPAC and was an honorable-mention All-American.

The Broncos went 12-7-1 and won the GPAC regular-season title. A loss to Doane in the GPAC tournament final cost them a spot in the national tournament.

Whatever the outcome, Lerner was a consistent presence.

"She just had a great season," Hiemenz said.

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- M: Maddie Michalek, Hastings, Jr.

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- G: Megan Manley, Midland, Fr.
- G: Marissa Niday, UNK, Sr

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