The Year in Review—2008-2009

It is hard to believe it has already been a over a month since we wrapped up another fellowship year. And what a twelve months! The year of Suzi Clarke and Chris Miles!

The fall was marked by another successful football season culminating in an Eagle Bank Bowl victory and the Field Hockey and Men’s Soccer teams making trips to the final four. Each fellow earned their mouse ears when Suzi accompanied the men’s basketball team to Anaheim while Chris traveled with women’s basketball down to Orlando. They also strengthened their team bond (and reenacted the movie “Single White Female”) when Suzi insisted on moving into the same downtown apartment building that Chris and his wife Dawn lived in.

Chris’ highlights included becoming the first physician to make his half court shot at the end of a WBB practice, a record that may outlast Dimaggio’s hit streak. He also was the unquestioned leader of the WFU dominated South team that rolled it’s way to an AMSSM Quiz Bowl championship by scores of 10-3 and 10-2, all while working the mike like the emcee at a comedy club. Chris has returned to Peoria, Illinois to start a combination family and sports medicine private practice job and work on taking part of Brad Roberts’ Nielsen ratings lead there.

Suzi was able to spend 10 days with the Irish Women’s National Soccer Team as team physician during their tour of the US. She also continued the tradition of amazing YouTube performances by fellows that started with Chad and Danny by fronting a rock band for a rendition of “Son of a Preacher Man” while we were all out together in Tampa at AMSSM (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8azBO1It7BY). Suzi has returned to Dublin where she’ll split time between the ER and a sports clinic while also continuing to work with Irish soccer and field hockey.

AMSSM Annual Meeting

Speaking of the AMSSM annual meeting in Tampa, Wake Forest had another strong showing. Chris and current fellow Anna Monroe presented case posters, Mike Potter taught the hands-on skills workshop, and Daryl gave a presentation at the Fellowship Forum. Heath, Oana, and Daryl also got to see other alumni and friends including Chad Wagner, Danny Lewis, Matt Silvis, Doug Comeau, Ramsey Shehab, Brad Roberts (well we heard he was there), Steve Keiser, and Guy Monteleone along with current residents Andy Gilliland and Eric Robinson. Hope to see you all in Cancun next year!

Note: There are no pictures of the Annual AMSSM Meeting. I guess NO One had a working camera. However, this year we do have video that at least Suzi was there. :)
Other News:

- Doug Aukerman was one of the lead speakers at a national drug testing conference.

- Scott Black is now the assistant director of the sports medicine fellowship at the University of Kentucky.

- Matt Silvis got to drink out of the Calder Cup when he helped his Hershey Bears win it up in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

- Doug Comeau made a triumphant return to Winston-Salem in order to see the swanky new Deacon Tower while attending athletic trainer Scott Spernoga’s wedding.

- We had the pleasure of welcoming Oana Panea MD to the sports medicine section faculty, coming to W-S from East Carolina where she did her fellowship. As a former Olympic level figure skater, Oana has been teaching the athletes at Winston-Salem State a few moves as the leader of the care we give to the Rams.

2008-2009 WFU Sports Med Faculty & Fellows:
Daryl Rosenbaum, Suzi Clarke, Oana Panea, Chris Miles, Heath Thornton. Good looking bunch, huh?

Publications:

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Athletic Training and Sports Healthcare team physician’s column
Daryl – Consider the costs of using the placebo effect
Doug Aukerman – Managing in-season shoulder dislocations
Matt Silvis – Unique aspects of caring for professional athletes
Doug Comeau and former resident John Hyden – Sickle cell trait screening
Danny Lewis – EKG screening of athletes (September/November issue)

