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Summary: Now in its eighth season, women's soccer has excelled from the beginning on and off the field. A 3.19 team GPA has placed the UMM team among those who earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award for exemplary performance in the classroom as a team.

(December 19, 2005)-For the eighth consecutive year – the number of years, in fact, that the University of Minnesota, Morris has had a women's soccer team – team members have shown once again that UMM athletes are also exceptional students. Among 313 intercollegiate soccer programs (65 men, 248 women) that posted a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher, the UMM team had a 3.19 team GPA for the 2004-2005 academic year.

This academic achievement placed the UMM team among those who earned the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) Team Academic Award for exemplary performance in the classroom as a team.

"When we recruit women to play soccer at UMM, we look at their academic ability as well as their ability to play on the field," said UMM Head Soccer Coach Christian DeVries. "The success of the team both on and off the field has been evidence of both."

On the field, the team has won the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) regular season title in 2003 and, the past two seasons, has won the UMAC post-season tournament title.

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