

2013 NCAA Rifle Champs Previews

West Virginia University

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Team Roster

[Taylor Ciotola](#), Pasadena, Md.

[Meelis Kiisk](#), Paide, Estonia

[Maren Prediger](#), Petersaurach, Germany

[Garrett Spurgeon](#), Canton, Mo.

[Petra Zublasing](#), Appiano, Italy

*[Thomas Kyanko](#), Wellsburg, W. Va.

*denotes NCAA Individual Qualifier and won't figure into overall team points.

Coach: Jon Hammond (West Virginia, '05); Record at WVU: 59-12 (Six years)

Season Results (11-1)

Date	Opponent	Result
Oct 07	at Army*	W, 4709-4631
Oct 13	at Ohio State	W, 4690-4594
Oct 13	Akron (Columbus, Ohio)	W, 4690-4571
Oct 16	MEMPHIS*	W, 4717-4634
Oct 27	NAVY	W, 4710-4613
Nov 09	OLE MISS*	W, 4720-4624
Nov 11	NC STATE*	W, 4697-4596
Nov 17	at Alaska-Fairbanks	W, 4719-4670
Nov 18	at Alaska-Fairbanks	W, 4716-4651
Jan 19	NEBRASKA*	W, 4689-4661
Feb 02	at Kentucky*	L, 4704-4695
Feb 09	Murray State	W, 4700-4628
Feb 17	NCAA Qualifiers at Ohio State	4716
Feb 23	GARC Championships (Oxford, Miss.)	First Place, 2335 (smallbore)
Feb 24	GARC Championships (Oxford, Miss.)	First Place, 4705 (2370 air rifle)

Team Superlatives

- WVU is the first team to ever win four straight GARC titles; the squad previously won three consecutive championships twice. The Mountaineers now own seven GARC titles.
- The Mountaineers qualified as the field's top-ranked team with a 9432.0 qualification mark. This is WVU's seventh straight qualification. The Mountaineers, who last won a title at the 2009 NCAA Championships, will shoot for their nation-best 15th title.
- At the NCAA Qualifier, WVU tallied an NCAA-best 2381 in air rifle.
- Senior **Petra Zublasing** looks to defend her air rifle title, as she won the 2012 championship with a 696.2 combined score. The Appiano, Italy, native shot 593 in the open relay and 103.2 in the final to become the 16th

Team Superlatives...cont.

WVU rifle national champion. The Mountaineers have 20 total individual titles. Zublasing was a member of the 2012 Italian Olympic Team finishing 12th in both Air and 3P Rifle events.

- Team owns top air rifle and combined scores of (2376) and combined (4720) on the season and tied with two others (Kentucky, TCU) in smallbore (2348).
- Of the top 10 Air Rifle scores on the year, WVU has four of them. Zublasing (599), Prediger (598), Ciotola (595), Kiisk (594).
- Of the top 10 Smallbore scores on the year, WVU has five of them. Zublasing (594), Kyanko (591), Spurgeon (589), Kiisk (588), Ciotola (587).

USA Shooting Spotlights

The Mountaineers' **Garrett Spurgeon** and **Taylor Ciotola** are a part of USA Shooting's Junior Team.

Ciotola placed 40th in the men's 10m air rifle at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Air Rifle with a two-day score of 1149 (578, 571) . . . He was J2 air rifle champion at 2009 USA Shooting National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships (NJOSC) and also placed second in 50m prone that same year. . . He finished second in the 2012 NJOSC in the men's three-position rifle event.

As a freshman, Spurgeon has had an immediate impact for the Mountaineers entering already as one of the top junior shooters in the country. He is a four-time National Junior Olympics qualifier and won two bronze medals in smallbore in 2007 and gold in air rifle in 2009. He is a two-time Missouri air rifle state champion (2010, 2011) and was the high J2 smallbore shooter at the 2010 and 2011 USA National Championships and in air rifle at the 2011 National Junior Olympics. . . Finished second at the 2012 NJOSC in Men's Air Rifle. . . He was the junior champion at the 2012 USA Shooting National Championships in both the Air and 3P Rifle events while finishing third in Men's Prone.



The Quotable Jon Hammond . . .

"The way the system works now, you really need to put an importance on every single match, and we've tried to shoot our best each match this season. "Obviously, we've had some really great performances, and that's good. We're coming off a strong showing in our NCAA Qualifying Match at Ohio State, and it feels great to know we get to shoot for the title in that range, too. We've worked really hard this season, and each of the shooters has improved a lot. Now, we just have to maintain our focus."

