

# Grizzlies Recap: Softball Carries Week While Baseball Breaks Even

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GGC Baseball and Softball played multiple games over the last few weeks. Baseball went 5-5 and the Softball team went 4-2.

### Baseball

GGC played 10 games over 3 weeks. One game against Toccoa Falls College (Georgia), one game against Faulkner University (Alabama), one game against the number two ranked Tennessee Wesleyan, two games against Point Park (Pennsylvania), one game against the 25th ranked University of the Cumberlands (Kentucky), and three games against Tennessee Southern. GGC currently holds a record of 24 wins and 10 losses.

**Game 1 vs. Toccoa Falls was a 12-0 win (7 innings).** Senior Livingston Morris went 1 for 1 with 2 walks and 4 runs batted in (RBI), and Sophomore Myles McKisic went 2 for 4 with 1 RBI. Freshman

Braxton Meguiar went 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored. Senior Starting Pitcher Kevin Kyle pitched a complete game with no walks and 9 strikeouts. Kyle is now 6-0 for the season.

**Game 2 vs. Faulkner was a 6-5 loss (10 innings).** Sophomore Joshua Holt Jr. went 3 for 4 with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI. Sophomore Chase Evans went 1 for 3 with 2 runs scored and 1 RBI. The game winning run was scored by Faulkner in the top of the tenth and was unearned due to a throwing error by Pitcher Tyler Clayton. Starting Pitcher Rob Hamby pitched 5 innings giving up 3 earned runs, with 8 strikeouts and 1 walk.

**Game 3 vs. Tennessee Wesleyan was a 4-7 loss.** Three of GGC's 4 runs were unearned, scoring on two different wild pitches (once in the 4th, once in the 9th), and due to an error by Wesleyan's catcher in the 4th. The only earned run GGC scored was on a sacrifice bunt by Chase Evans. Starting Pitcher Tuck Tucker pitched two innings giving up 5 runs, 4 of them being earned runs with 1 strikeout. Senior Gavin Heltemes pitched 5 and a third innings in relief giving up 2 runs, 1 earned, with 2 walks and 8 strikeouts.

**Game 4 vs. Truett-McConnell was a 14-7 win.** GGC had a 10 run sixth inning. Sophomore Joshua Holt Jr. went 4-4 with 3 RBIs and 4 runs scored. Senior J.D. Stubbs went 3 for 5 with 3 runs scored. Senior Maddex Richardson got the win pitching 1 and one third innings, giving up 2 earned runs with 1 strikeout and 1 walk.

**Game 5 vs. Point Park was a 3-2 loss (12 innings).** The men are now 2-3 in extra inning games this year, after Point Park hit a home run in the top of the 12th inning to take the lead off of Sophomore pitcher Gage Williams. Braxton Meguiar went 3 for 6 with a run scored. Senior Livingston Morris hit a home run, going 2 for 6.

**Game 6 at Cumberlands was a 12-4 win.** Freshman Braxton Meguiar went 3 for 5 with 3 runs scored and 1 RBI. Senior Austin Bates went 3 for 4 with 3 RBIs. Junior Jake Defries had 3 RBIs going 2 for 4. Starting Pitcher, Senior Gavin Heltemes, went 7 innings giving up 1 earned run and striking out 10 batters and 4 walks.

**Game 7 at Point Park was a 6-0 loss.** Blaze O'Saben went 2 for 3 and was the only member of GGC to have multiple hits. The team had 6 total hits during the game. Starting pitcher, Junior Rob Hamby, pitched 3 innings giving up 4 earned runs over 8 hits. Sophomore Tyler Clayton pitched 4 innings giving up 2 earned runs with 5 walks and 3 strikeouts.

**Game 8 at Tennessee Southern was a 6-5 win.** Freshman Braxton Meguiar went 2 for 3, with 3 runs scored and a stolen base. Senior Austin Bates went 1 for 5 with 3 RBIs. Senior Rhian Mann came in to pitch long relief, going 5 innings. He gave up 4 earned runs with 1 walk and 10 strikeouts, receiving the win.

**Game 9 at Tennessee Southern was a 6-4 loss (7 innings).** Sophomore Joshua Holt Jr. went 1 for 3 with 1 run scored and 2 RBIs. Sophomore Tyler Clayton started 4 innings, giving up 3 runs, none being earned on 4 hits. The unearned runs were errors by Braxton Meguiar and Jake Defries. Junior Alex Friesen pitched in relief two innings, giving 3 earned runs on 2 hits. Friesen received the loss.

**Game 10 at Tennessee Southern was a 13-6 win.** Four batters for GGC had home runs, Jake Defries, Chase Evans, Myles McKisic and Blaze O'Saben. O'Saben went 4 for 5 with 2 RBIs. Meguiar went 2 for 5 with 2 RBIs. Junior Rob Hamby started the game going 1 and two third innings, giving up

5 runs, 4 earned, on 8 hits. Sophomore Gage Williams came in to pitch relief going 6 and one third innings giving up 1 hit with 6 strikeouts and 2 walks. Williams received the win.

Senior Gavin Heltemes earned the CAC Pitcher of the Week honors after his performance against University of the Cumberlands. Heltemes is 2-0 on the season with a 4.91 ERA over 11 innings. Junior Blaze O'Saben received the CAC Hitter of the Week award. He batted .636 over the week, with 7 hits. He reached base 69 percent of the time. O'Saben is batting .358 on the season, with 29 runs scored and 21 RBIs.

The number 8 ranked Grizzlies are now 24-10 on the season and will continue their season against Florida National University on April 8th, in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

### **Softball**

GGC played 6 games over the last two weeks. Two games against the 17th ranked University of the Cumberlands (Kentucky), 2 games against Truett-McConnell University (Georgia), and 2 games against Thomas More University (Kentucky). GGC currently holds a record of 24 wins and 12 losses.

**Game 1 vs. Cumberlands was a 7-1 loss.** Senior Piper Wagner had the only RBI for the Grizzlies, going 1 for 3. Starting Pitcher Alexa Good pitched 4 and two-thirds innings, giving up 3 runs, 1 earned with 3 walks and 7 strikeouts.

**Game 2 vs. Cumberlands was a 6-1 win.** Junior Lea McFadden went 1 for 3 with 1 run scored and 2 RBIs. Freshman Jane Hoover went 2 for 3. Starting Pitcher Kailyn Berry pitched a complete game giving up 1 earned run with 2 walks and 4 strikeouts.

**Game 3 vs. Truett-McConnell was a 8-1 win.** Junior Sydney Pelaez went 2 for 3 with 3 RBIs and Sophomore Josie Haulk went 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored. Starting Pitcher Alexa Good pitched a complete game giving up 1 unearned run with 1 walk and 4 strikeouts. Good's record is now 16-5.

**Game 4 vs. Truett-McConnell was a 7-1 win.** Freshman Jane Hoover went 2 for 4 with 2 runs scored and Freshman Angelica Gallegos went 1 for 2 with 1 run scored and 2 RBIs. Kailyn Berry pitched all 7 innings, giving up 1 earned run with 3 strikeouts and 2 walks. Berry's season record is now 5-5.

**Game 5 at Thomas More was a 4-3 loss.** GGC scored 2 runs in the final inning of the game. One of the runs was unearned and off the bat of Junior catcher Sydney Pelaez who went 1-4 with 1 RBI. The second was a home run off the bat of Senior Piper Wagner. Alexa Good pitched a complete game giving up 4 runs, with 9 strikeouts and 4 walks.

**Game 6 at Thomas More was a 13-2 win (5 innings).** GGC started the first inning scoring 10 runs. Senior Piper Wagner went 3 for 4 with 2 runs scored and 6 RBIs, including her second home run of the day. Junior Sydney Pelaez scored 3 runs, and Sophomore Josie Haulk went 2 for 3 with 1 RBI and 2 runs scored. Freshman Kailyn Berry pitched a complete game giving up 5 hits and 2 unearned runs. Freshman Kailyn Berry was named CAC Pitcher of the Week following her performance against Thomas More University. This is Berry's first Pitcher of the Week win. Berry is 6-5 on the season with a 1.41 ERA in 79.2 innings, including 7 complete games and 52 strikeouts.

The Grizzlies are now 24-12 on the season and will continue their season against Webber International (Florida), in Lawrenceville, Georgia on April 6th.