

Sunday Sports Recap: Tough Challenges and Runs Galore

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GGC Weekly Recap – 3/24 – 3/30:

The baseball team celebrated Senior Day with a series sweep against Cumberland to cap off a week full of high-scoring wins. The softball team had mixed results in a competitive doubleheader against Reinhardt. The men's tennis team continued their flawless season with a tight win away from home, and the women's tennis team rested and prepared for upcoming games.

SOFTBALL

March 27 – Vs. Reinhardt was a 4-6 loss. The Grizzlies faced a tough loss against the Eagles despite an impressive rally to try to come back in the bottom of the 7th inning. Lindzie Owen hit all 3 of her at-bats and scored 2 runs to lead the offensive stats for the team. Logan Oller hit 2 out of 3 at-

bats and gained an RBI. Kaylin Berry tossed 7 strikeouts, and Angelica Gallegos made 8 putouts to stop the opposition from building a large lead.

March 27 – Vs. Reinhardt was a 5-3 win. The team came back to even the results of the doubleheader with a tight win against Reinhardt. The score was even at 3-3 heading into the bottom of the 6th inning, when the Grizzlies scored 2 runs to secure the 5-3 win. Summer Hickson hit an RBI in the 6th inning, breaking the deadlock. Angelica Gallegos hit the other RBI in the 6th inning, buffing up the team's lead. Annalise Jarvis tossed 6 strikeouts to stop the Eagles' offense from scoring too many runs.

Season Record: 21-8. Ranked #9.

BASEBALL

March 25 – Vs. Tennessee Wesleyan was a 7-1 win. The Grizzlies earned a solid win with successful offensive plays and strong defensive work against Tennessee Wesleyan. Braxton Meguiar hit a home run in the 3rd inning, gaining 2 RBIs to help build the team's lead against the Bulldogs. Ben Harris played a solid game from the pitcher's mound, striking out 3 batters and scattering many hits. Ajay Sczepakowski made 5 putouts and an assist to aid the team's defensive efforts.

March 29 – Vs. Cumberland was a 16-4 win. The team began a series against Cumberland with a commanding victory. Bryce Leshner left a huge impact on the scoreboard by scoring 2 runs and gaining 4 RBIs from 3 hits. Joe Quelch scored 3 runs and gained an RBI to help build the Grizzlies' lead. Gage Williams dominated defensively by striking out 11 batters throughout 6 innings. Cohen Wilbanks also had an impressive game by making 13 putouts.

March 30 – Vs. Cumberland was a 15-5 win. The team began Senior Day with a win against Cumberland. The Grizzlies started strong with a 3 run lead heading into the top of the 3rd inning before the opposition scored 4 runs. At 4-3, Sczepakowski answered quickly in the bottom of the inning by hitting a home run to even the score. Quelch gained an RBI in the inning to restore the team's lead. Paul Winland Jr. also helped build the lead by hitting 3 out of 5 at-bats, gaining 2 RBIs, and scoring 2 runs. Tyler Clayton tossed 8 strikeouts, and Tyler Martin tossed 7, making it a strong day for Grizzly pitchers. Matthew Lee made 15 putouts which prevented Cumberland from scoring.

March 30 – Vs. Cumberland was an 11-8 win. The Grizzlies secured a sweep against Cumberland in a back-and-forth game to cap off Senior Day. The teams were tied at 8-8 heading into the final inning before the Grizzlies rallied together to score 3 runs and win the game. Henry Daniels hit a 3-run home run to secure the hard fought victory. Winland Jr. hit 3 out of 4 at-bats, gained 3 RBIs, and scored 3 runs. The team celebrated Senior Day by honoring Blaze O'Saben, Kaleb Hill, Gage Williams, Tyler Clayton, and Ajay Sczepakowski as their seniors for the season.

Season Record: 30-5. Ranked #3.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Rest and Prep – The women's tennis team spent this week resting and preparing for upcoming games. They remain undefeated this season.

Season Record: 13-0. Ranked #1.

MEN'S TENNIS

March 30 – At Emory was a 6-3 win. The Grizzlies faced one of their toughest challenges this season with a tight win over Emory. Alex Gurmendi and Santiago Villarruel began the game with an 8-4 win in the doubles section. The team faced narrow losses in the other doubles matches, giving Emory the advantage heading into singles. The team played competitive singles sets that led to a 3-3 deadlock before Aleksa Ciric won his singles match to give the Grizzlies the lead. Aleksandr Kalinin secured the win for the team by defeating his opponent in an extra set, 10-3.

Season Record: 13-0. Ranked #1.