

Round up

lowed them to secure the doubleheader sweep. Lucas Goodin posted two hits in the contest, while Blinn, Thixton, Stavola, Caleb Brenczweski, and Miguel Fernandez each collected one. Isaiah Rivera struck out nine.

In the first two games of a three-game series with No. 17 Reinhardt University, Taylor dropped both, falling to the Eagles 6-3 in game one and 3-2 in extra innings in game two.

Despite putting a runner on base in seven-of-nine frames, the TU offense struggled scoring runs in game one.

Jacob Morris helped Taylor to its first run of the day by opening the fifth inning with a double, shortening the deficit to 2-1. In the eighth inning, Taylor took advantage of a leadoff walk and a hit by pitch to tack on two more runs. Nick Rusche scored the final run off a wild pitch, bringing the score to 4-3 in favor of RU.

The Eagles responded in the bottom of the eighth with two runs of their own, sealing the 6-3 win for the home squad.

Joe Moran tossed five innings for TU, recording eight strikeouts. The senior recorded eight whiffs for the third time this season, helping the TU pitching staff to 13 strikeouts in game one.

TJ Bass picked up a pair of singles in the contest for his fourth multi-hit effort this season.

Game two was a nail-biter between RU and TU, as the two teams battled through 11 innings. After early action on the base paths for Taylor, the visiting team went cold at the plate, going scoreless over the final eight frames. In the meantime, Reinhardt took a 2-0 lead with a two-score fourth frame.

Ben Kalbaugh carried the Trojans into extra innings with a game-tying, two-run home run in the ninth inning. The sophomore catcher launched his-second-long ball of the season over the left field fence to

extend the game.

In the 10th and 11th innings the Purple and Gold threatened to break the tie, placing runners in scoring position with less than two outs. TU loaded the bases in the top of the 11th but could not come up with the big hit to overtake the Eagles.

RU loaded the bases in the final frame as well, bringing home the game-winning run by way of a hit by pitch for the 3-2 final score.

On the bump, Mitch Ubelhor was dominant, tossing eight strikeouts. The senior began the relief effort with five-straight strikeouts between the seventh and eighth innings. Through three innings of work, Ubelhor kept Reinhardt hitless and scoreless, while allowing just one baserunner.

Noah Huseman also offered a strong outing on the mound, earning the start and hurling six innings for TU. The righty collected eight strikeouts in his standout performance, maintaining his pace of at least one whiff per inning in each effort this season.

Saturday, Feb. 13

Despite another strong outing for Indiana Wesleyan, the Wildcats fall to 0-7 on Saturday afternoon, dropping their final game to No. Faulkner University, 5-4, in 13 innings.

The Eagles took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning, but a Tanner Killlian double in the Wildcats' half of the frame scored Denver Blinn, cutting Faulkner's lead in half. Faulkner increased their lead to 4-3 in the fifth, but the Wildcats tied the contest at 4-4 after Colby Jenkins doubled and later scored on a wild pitch.

However, the Wildcats were once again unable to pull off the upset, as the Eagles loaded the bases with one out and took advantage, securing the walk-off victory.

Blinn, Christ Lopez, MJ Stavola, and Tye Thixton each recorded two hits, while Max Engstrom and Hunter Hoffman each struck out five batters.

In the final game of their series against No. 17 Reinhardt, the Trojans blew an early three-run lead to fall to the Eagles, 6-4.

A one-out, two-run double from Matt Dutkowski scored Nick Rusche and TJ Bass, giving TU a 2-0 edge in the top of the first inning. Taylor extended its lead in the second, as Jonathan Foster scored Connor Crawford on a sacrifice fly.

The Eagles bounced back with a huge two-out rally in the fifth inning, scoring three runs with two outs to take a 4-3 lead. Three walks and two hit by pitches plagued the Trojans in the frame.

In the seventh inning, as Joe Moran and Bass posted back-to-back hits, and Dutkowski drove in his third run of the game a short time later to tie the game at 4-4.

However, two unearned runs sunk the Trojans in the bottom of the seventh, as RU took control of the game and eventually secured the victory.

Bass notched his fifth multi-hit effort on Saturday, going two-for-three at the plate.

Men's Basketball

Saturday, Feb. 13

CJ Penha became the third Trojan in the last nine years, and the second this season, to score at least 20 points in seven straight games on Saturday afternoon at Odle Arena. However, Penha's tremendous performance did not translate to a win, as RV Grace used a 30-14 run over the final 9:34 of the contest to hand Taylor its fourth straight defeat, an 81-67 loss, on Senior Day.

Penha joined teammate Jason Hubbard (Dec. 14, 2020-Jan. 20, 2021) and Casey Coons (Jan. 10-Jan. 31, 2012) as one of three Trojans to accomplish the feat since the 2011-2012 campaign. Penha was locked in from the opening tip, collecting his sixth double-double of the season with 24 points and 11 rebounds. The junior knocked down nine of his 16 field goal

attempts and two-of-five looks from beyond the arc.

Additionally, the Trojans ran their streak of having at least one 20-point scorer to 14 games in the afternoon matinee.

The two Crossroads League rivals battled toe-to-toe over the first 30 minutes of the contest. A Grant Niehaus bucket with 9:24 to play put the Trojans up 53-51. However, the Trojans went cold offensively, missing seven straight shots and failing to score a point over the following 5:15. The Lancers took advantage, using a 16-0 surge to turn a two-point deficit into a double-digit lead, one they would not relinquish.

Grace shot lights out in the second half, finishing 17-of-26

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from the field (65.4 percent), while dominating in the paint throughout the course of the afternoon, outscoring the Trojans 54-28 underneath the basket. Conversely, the Trojans shot just 14-of-36 (38.9 percent) in the final 20 minutes and 27-of-70 (38.6 percent) for the game.

Hubbard rounded out Taylor's double-digit scorers with 12 points and eight rebounds, while Kaden Fuhrmann added eight points.

At Luckey Arena, the No. 1 Indiana Wesleyan University Wildcats collected their seventh Top-25 victory of the season, defeating the Bethel Pilots 103-83. Additionally, the Wildcats added to their 100-point game record, recording their 13th

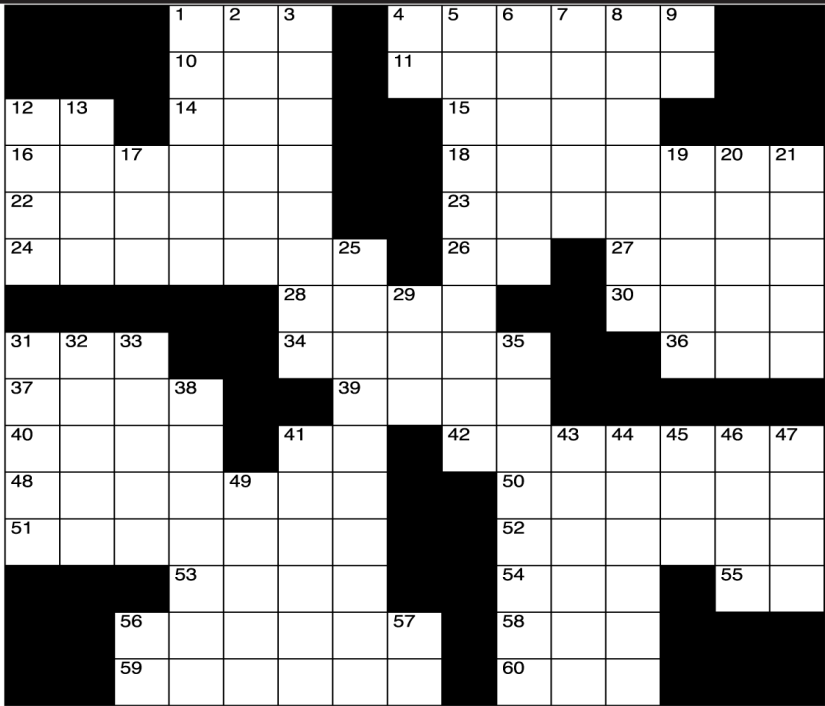
such performance of the campaign.

Kyle Mangas scored 37 points to go along with five rebounds and four assists, while Seth Maxwell and Michael Thompson III each scored 21 points for the Wildcats.

Men's Golf

Monday, Feb. 15

After the first day of the ChampionsGate Invitational, IWU finished the day sixth place with a team score of 304, while Taylor University finished in eighth with a team score of 313. Cameron Luczka led the field for both universities, ending the day in third place with a 69 (-3).



CLUES ACROSS

1. Big tech firm

4. Picked

10. Type of whale

11. A woman of refinement

12. New England state

14. Common gibbon

15. Tall coniferous tree

16. State capital

18. Making a liquid muddy

22. Vinegary

23. Peninsula

24. Thee

26. Atomic #55

27. Used in units of measurement

28. Welsh female name

30. Arab ruler title

31. One's mother

34. Trap

36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Assn. of oil-producing countries

39. Holy fire

40. Emit coherent radiation

41. Atomic #81

42. Orthodox Jewish college

48. Herbs

50. Ran after

51. Begin again

52. Named

53. Barbary sheep

54. Unwell

55. Postscript

56. Drivers

58. One point east (clockwise) of due north

59. Prim

60. A facility equipped for sports or physical training

CLUES DOWN

1. Small islands

2. Skullcap

3. Unexplained events

4. One hundredth of a meter

5. Beloved baseball announcer

6. Repulsive

7. Northern European languages

8. Match or surpass

9. Northeast

12. Chew the fat

13. Innovative industry

17. Land to put down to grass

19. Products

20. Nostril

21. Surprise Icelandic politician

25. Conclusive acts
29. Inform on

31. Grinding tooth

32. Keep up

33. Tablelands

35. Raising

38. Mythical creature

41. Hums

43. Mountain in Antarctica

44. Neighborhood in Manhattan

45. Distinctive practice

46. Vice president

47. Contributes to

49. Small bones

56. Oil company

57. Empire State

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!