

# Roundup

tance, allowing just two runs on four hits while striking out four.

In game two, Blinn hit a three-run blast to give the Wildcats a 3-2 lead in the fifth, and after the Cougars regained the advantage with a grand slam in the seventh, IWU came roaring back.

After singles from Luke Roman and Thixton to open the frame, Blinn scored Roman with a single of his own. A bases-loaded walk scored Thixton, and a two-run single from MJ Stavola plated Blinn and Jenkins for the victory.

Tanner Killian, Parker Johnson, and Tanner Killian combined for fourth strikeouts.

**Saturday, March 6**  
Indiana Wesleyan picked up two more victories over Saint Francis, defeating the Cougars 7-5 and 11-4 in the two-game set.

In game one, the Wildcats grabbed the early advantage, as a Tanner Killian RBI double and Lucas Goodin RBI single put IWU up 2-0.

Saint Francis pulled ahead 3-2 heading into the sixth, but a five-run frame but the Wildcats back in front for good. Luke Roman scored on an error, Denver Blinn drove home Tye Thixton with a single, Jenkins drove in Blinn, and MJ Stavola scored Jenkins for the 7-3 advantage.

The Cougars collected two more runs in the eighth, but Max Engstrom pitched a scoreless ninth inning to secure IWU’s victory.

In the nightcap, a six-run third inning proved to be the difference, and a strong outing from Jake Engelkes helped the Wildcats cap off a strong weekend. Engelkes struck out three batters over five innings of work.

Colby Jenkins put together a strong performance, recording three hits and six RBI, while Roman, Thixton, and Jenkins combined to seven runs.

Behind another dominant offensive outing, combined with strong pitching throughout the afternoon, RRV Taylor completed its four-game sweep of Goshen with two more convincing victories. The Purple and Gold scored 12 runs in the final three innings of game one to defeat the Maple Leafs, 14-2, before Luke Carlson, Garrett Simmons, and Matt Dutkowski pitched a combined two-hitter in the Trojans’ 6-1 triumph in the nightcap.

The Trojans combined for 16 hits in the doubleheader sweep, five of which were for extra bases. Connor Crawford led the way for TU, hitting four-for-eight with two doubles, a triple,

and three runs scored to go along with three runs batted in. TJ Bass also continued his offensive tear, finishing the day three-for-seven with three runs scored and three RBI, including his fourth home run of the season.

On the mound, Taylor’s pitching staff shined, allowing a combined six hits and two earned runs while striking out 25 Maple Leaf batters over the course of the two-game set.

Taylor struck early in game one, scoring its first two runs in the opening frame. TU’s leadoff man, Nick Rusche, opened the scoring on a Goshen wild pitch, before a Crawford RBI single plated Kade Vander Molen for the 2-0 advantage.

The Trojans were held off the scoreboard over the following five innings, but Luke Shively (3-0) shut down the Goshen offense in his five frames of work. The Mishawaka, Indiana native allowed just two hits and one run, escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fourth frame, and struck out seven.

Mitch Ubelhor and Drake Gongwer combined to pitch the final four innings, recording nine strikeouts, including four straight from Ubelhor in the sixth and seventh frames and three from Gongwer in the ninth.

After scoring a single run in the seventh inning on another Goshen miscue, the Trojans blew the contest wide open with seven runs in the eighth and four in the ninth, turning a close game into a rout. Vander Molen and Crawford highlighted the eighth with a sacrifice fly and an RBI triple, respectively, while Bass followed with a two-run bomb to left field in the ninth to help the Trojans secure the victory.

Goshen scored the first run of the second contest, taking its first lead of the series in the bottom of the third inning. However, the Trojans took the lead for good in the fourth on a Dutkowski RBI groundout and a balk from Goshen.

Taylor added three more runs in the fifth, all of which came via walk or a hit by pitch with the bases loaded, and Joe Lokos scored Taylor’s final run in the seventh on another Goshen balk.

Simmons earned his first win in a Taylor uniform, striking out six and giving up just one hit in 2.2 innings of work. Carlson pitched an effective 2.1 frames to start the contest, allowing just one hit and one run, while Dutkowski closed out the seven-inning affair with two scoreless innings.

**Men’s Golf**  
**Tuesday, March 2**

The Taylor Trojans put the finishing touches on their second spring competition on Tuesday, finishing seventh out of 12 teams at the Sand Shark Invitational in Bluffton, South Carolina. After three rounds of competition, the Trojans finished with a team score of 930.

Javan Johnson wrapped up a strong two days of golf in a tie for seventh place, finishing with a final score of 219.

**Men’s Lacrosse**  
**Friday, March 5**

In the second meeting between Saint Ambrose and Taylor this season, SAU came away victorious once again, defeating the Trojans 16-9 in their home opener.

The Trojans played even with SAU across nearly every statistic except faceoff wins and the final score, where the visitors were plus-seven in each. The seven-point spread marked a significant improvement for TU however, after suffering a 14-point loss to Saint Ambrose in the season opener for both squads on February 18. TU’s nine goals also matched the most allowed by SAU this season.

Taylor used an offensive burst late in the first quarter to bounce back from an early 5-1 deficit. The Trojans scored twice in the final 23 seconds of the opening period and struck again just 43 ticks into the second to log three goals in a 66-second span and draw within 5-4.

The Bees responded with the final four scores of the half to extend their lead to 9-4 and went on to net 10 of the game’s next 12 scores to take control at 15-6 deep into the fourth quarter.

TU kept battling and finished strong, getting goals from Garrett Sisson at the 4:02 mark, Wyatt Marshall at the 3:13 mark and Emmitt Wintek at the 2:20 mark to get within six, before a late SAU score sent the sides to the 16-9 final.

Marshall was busy off the bench for the Purple and Gold, closing with two goals, two assists and posting a team-leading nine shots. Wintek stayed hot, netting a team-best four goals on five attempts and Aidan Craig picked up two more assists to go with one goal and four ground balls.

**Men’s Soccer**  
**Saturday, March 6**  
Indiana Wesleyan recorded their first win of the spring season on Saturday, routing IU East 6-2. Philipp Basara highlighted the match with a hat trick, scoring goals in the 36<sup>th</sup>, 57<sup>th</sup>, and 71<sup>st</sup> minutes.

Jeremy Baldes, Hudson Gongwer, and Giuseppe Santacroce also played



Hayden Ulerick locks up the perimeter in Mississinewa’s Sectional 23 semifinal contest against Heritage on Friday evening. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

strong games for IWU, **combining** for three goals and seven shots in the victory.

**Men’s Tennis**  
**Tuesday, March 2**

Coming off their loss to No. 4 Keiser University the previous day, No. 9 Indiana Wesleyan got back in the win column with a 6-1 triumph over Warner University. Later in the evening, after a rain delay, the Wildcats held off Ave Maria University 4-3.

Results were as follows:  
**Warner University Doubles**

No. 1: Martin Carrizo/Stefano Di Aloy (IWU) def. Pessoa/Gil (WUMT) 7-5

No. 2: Eli Steiner/Mariano Jalif (IWU) def. Herin/Cuertas (WUMT) 6-4

No. 3: Alex Serwatka/Justo Villanueva (IWU) def. Edwards/Carvalho (WUMT) 6-3

**Singles**  
No. 1: Martin Carrizo (IWU) loss Pessoa (WUMT) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4

No. 2: Stefano Di Aloy (IWU) def. Herin (WUMT) 7-6, 6-4

No. 3: Diego Freire (IWU) def. Gil (WUMT) 6-3, 6-3

No. 4: Justo Villanueva (IWU) def. Cuartas (WUMT) 3-6, 7-6 (4-0), 8-6

No. 5: Trey Thixton (IWU) def. Carvalho (WUMT) 2-6, 6-3, 12-10

No. 6: Eli Steiner (IWU) def. Santos (WUMT) 6-1, 6-1

**Ave Maria University Doubles**  
No. 1: Martin Carrizo/Stefano Di Aloy (IWU) def. Hofmeister/Cirenza (AMU) 6-4

No. 2: Eli Steiner/Mariano Jalif (IWU) def. Bento/Amorim (AMU) 6-2

No. 3: Diego Freire/Trey Thixton (IWU) def.

Viedma/Thireau (AMU) 6-2  
**Singles**

No. 1: Martin Carrizo (IWU) loss Bento (AMU) 4-6, 1-6

No. 2: Stefano Di Aloy (IWU) def. Hofmeister (AMU) 6-3, 6-4

No. 3: Eli Steiner (IWU) def Thireau (AMU) 6-3, 5-7, 11-9

No. 4: Karl Wurth (IWU) loss Cirenza (AMU) 6-7, 6-3, 9-11

No. 5: Mariano Jalif (IWU) loss Viedma (AMU) 6-7, 6-3, 2-10

No. 6: Diego Freire (IWU) def. Amorim (AMU) 6-3, 7-5

**Wednesday, March 3**  
Indiana Wesleyan picked up another win on their Florida road trip, defeating Southeastern University 5-2.

Results were as follows:  
**Doubles**

No. 1: Martin Carrizo/Stefano Di Aloy (IWU) def. D’Aboville/Lichter (SEU) 7-5

No. 2: Eli Steiner/Mariano Jalif (IWU) def. Preiswerk/Martinez (SEU) 7-6, 7-4

No. 3: Diego Freire/Trey Thixton (IWU) def. Haas/Barbosa (SEU) 7-6, 7-3

**Singles**  
No. 1: Martin Carrizo (IWU) def. Haas (SEU) 6-3, 6-3

No. 2: Stefano Di Aloy (IWU) def. Martinez (SEU) 6-7, 6-4, 10-3

No. 3: Eli Steiner (IWU) loss Preiswerk (SEU) 3-6, 6-2, 3-10

No. 4: Justo Villanueva (IWU) def. Barbosa (SEU) 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-4

No. 5: Diego Freire (IWU) loss Glowaki (SEU) 6-7, 6-3, 8-10

No. 6: Alex Serwatka (IWU) def. Nacca (SEU) 6-

0, 7-6

**Saturday, March 6**  
No. 9 Indiana Wesleyan lost just their second match of the season on Saturday, falling to No. 1 Georgia Gwinnett 7-0. Results were not made available.

**Men’s Track and Field**  
**Thursday, March 4**

On the first day of the NAIA Men’s Indoor Track and Field National Championship, Indiana Wesleyan had four athletes qualify for the finals in five different events.

Landon Miller led the Wildcats with a second-place finish in the 1-Mile Prelims (4:19.34), while also finishing seventh in the 3000-Meter Prelims (8:48.16). Charlie Young placed third in the 600-Meter Prelims (1:21.38), Steven Ott second in the 1000-Meter Prelims (2:30.28), and Scott Rathbun third in the Pole Vault (5.05 m)

Taylor also had a representative punch his ticket to the finals in the 3000 Meters, as Daniel Gerber placed fifth in 8:48.15.

**Saturday, March 6**  
IWU finished the NAIA Men’s Indoor Track and Field National Championship with seven All-Americans, while Taylor finished with two.

IWU’s Landon Miller finished second in the 1-Mile Run (4:15.34) and third in the 3000-Meter (8:37.35), while Charlie Young placed third in the 600-Meter (1:20.25). Additionally, Steven Ott came in third in the 1000-Meter (2:30.71) while Chris Maxon finished third in the 5000-Meter (14:41.15).

For the Trojans, Josh Roth finished fifth in the 5000-

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