

Taylor College News

TU Erupts for 105 Points in Rout of Lakers

UPLAND, Ind. – Taylor had little trouble dispatching Wright State-Lake on Thursday night inside Odle Arena, reaching the 50-point barrier in each half and cruising to a 105-58 blowout victory.

The 105 points were TU's most since also putting 105 on the board in a win over Moody Bible exactly one year ago to the date, while the 47-point spread was the most lopsided win for Taylor since defeating Great Lakes Christian by 59 in the 2016-2017 season opener.

Taylor used a deep and balanced attack to put away the Lakers (3-6), placing five players in double figures and seeing 11 players score at least five points in the rout.

The Trojans set season-highs with a 54.1-percent clip from the field, 20 assists, 10 steals and seven blocks and also dialed it up at a 44.0-percent rate from three-point territory.

TU's dominance carried over onto the defensive end as well, holding WSL 34 points below its season average on 29.9-percent shooting from the floor and a 20.0-percent rate from deep. Both of those percentages, as well as the 58-point output, marked season-bests for the Trojan defense.

Ryan Robinson led Taylor in scoring with 17 points, with James McCloud posting a season-high of 15 points. Jake Heggeland followed with 13 points, seven rebounds, a career-high four assists and his first collegiate three-pointer, while Mason Degenkolb finished at 12 points to go with six helpers and Evan Crowe added 10 points and seven boards.

Jason Hubbard and CJ Penha also excelled, as Hubbard ended with eight points, four blocks and two steals, while Penha finished with nine points, eight boards and two helpers.

Taylor outscored the Lakers by a 22-2 gap in transition and posted a 58-24 advantage in the paint.

TU (2-5) will look to carry the momentum over into its Crossroads League opener on Tuesday, November 20, when it hosts No. 23 Bethel in a 7:00 pm start on Paul Patterson Court.

Noel, Gingerich turn in career highs against Saint Francis (Illinois)

Gingerich triple forces overtime in return to home floor

GOSHEN, Ind. — Colton Noel scored 12 points in the first half and Eli Gingerich sank the game-tying 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds left in regulation Wednesday night, but the University of Saint Francis of Illinois topped Goshen College 87-83 in overtime men's basketball action at Gunden Gymnasium.

Demarkus Stuckey scored 25 points for the Maple Leafs, leading all scorers on 10-of-21 shooting with four 3-pointers. Noel finished with a career-high 18 points and both players pulled down 6 rebounds. Gingerich also set a new career high with 7 assists.

Cole Micek scored 21 points off the bench for Saint Francis (2-0), which also got 18 from Jordan Thornton. The Fighting Saints led 36-35 at halftime.

Goshen (1-5) dominated the glass, grabbing 40 rebounds while conceding 25, behind a game-high 7 caroms to Alhassan Barrie. Ten Maple Leafs -- every player that saw at least 11 minutes of action -- pulled down at least 2 boards.

The Leafs found their shooting strokes early, going up 5-0 in the first two minutes and 17-9 in the first six minutes behind 8 points from Noel. Stuckey hit three of the team's last five baskets of the first half, but the Saints had used an 11-2 run to take the lead in the interim.

The teams finished the half with nearly identical shooting figures: USF went 14-of-29 (48.2 percent) and Goshen 15-of-32 (46.8 percent). The Saints distinguished themselves with 6-of-12 shooting from long range, but the Maple Leafs made up for it with the 13 extra possessions from their rebounding advantage.

Gingerich knocked down 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions early in the second half, re-opening a 5-point lead at 43-38 after less than two minutes. The margin oscillated between two points and seven until Micek tied things at 58 with 7:07 left.

Thornton's 3-point play gave the Saints a 68-66 lead at the 2:24 mark and Terrion Howard went 4-for-4 at the foul line in the next 90 seconds to keep USF in front, leading 72-69 with the game clock showing 1:03.

Goshen got the ball back with 12.4 seconds remaining after a shot-clock violation against USF. Three passes later, Brandon Watkins found an open Gingerich on the left wing and the junior swished in his 12th, 13th and 14th points of the night.

Each team scored a field goal and two sets of free throws in the first 3 minutes of overtime before the Saints took an 84-77 lead in the final minute. Stuckey got Goshen back within four points with 24 seconds left before Austin Branagan deflected the inbound pass and Stuckey drained another triple with 16 seconds left.

The Maple Leafs still had to foul, trailing 84-83, and that whistle came with 6.7 seconds remaining. Micek sank one of two foul shots, but an offensive foul ended GC's last possession before the team could get a shot off. USF finished off the scoring with two more free throws.

Eight Maple Leaf cross country runners named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A octet of Goshen College cross country runners, five women and three men, have been named Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes for the 2018 season. The NAIA announced the list of honorees on Thursday.

Goshen's women were represented by Siana Emery of North Yarmouth, Maine; Chelsea Foster of Indianapolis; Megan Graber of Stryker, Ohio; Jenae Stutzman of Centennial, Colorado; and Annelise Wiebe of Goshen.

The three men recognized were Ryan Haggerty of Freeman, South Dakota; Luke Geiser of Indianapolis; and Seth Weaver of Madison, Wisconsin.

All eight of Goshen's scholar-athletes are juniors, which means they will be eligible for the award again next fall. Additionally, a student-athlete who competes in multiple sports can be recognized as a scholar-athlete in each of them, which means that several cross country runners will also win the award for track and field.

Nationwide, 223 men and 347 women were named scholar-athletes.

A student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, have achieved junior academic status, and be nominated by their institution's head coach or sports information director to qualify. Transfer students must have completed at least two semesters at their current school.

Scholar-athlete honors in Goshen's other 12 sports will be announced in conjunction with those sports' national championships, beginning with soccer and women's volleyball in the first week of December.

Vinnie Granato named Goshen College women's basketball associate head coach

Fifth-year assistant elevated to top lieutenant

GOSHEN, Ind. — The Goshen College women's basketball program and head coach Stephanie Miller have announced the promotion of Vinnie Granato to associate head coach.

Granato is in his fifth season as an assistant coach on the Maple Leaf bench, having joined Miller's staff in 2014. He was part of the deepest postseason run and winningest season in program history in his second year, when the 2015-16 team finished 27-9 and reached the Fab Four in the NAIA national tournament.

The Watsonstown, Pennsylvania, native is a 2014 graduate of Clarion University, where he spent four seasons as a manager for the men's basketball program after serving two years in a similar capacity at

Warrior Run High School. He started his coaching career at Redbank Valley High School in Pennsylvania in the 2013-14 season.

Since his arrival in Goshen, Granato has been instrumental in player development, scouting, recruiting, and coordinating the practice squad.

"Vinnie's work ethic, knowledge of the game, and his work with the men's squad and our film packages have made him an invaluable asset to the Maple Leaf program," Miller said. "His passion for learning the game combined with his desire to care for and develop the young women in our program on and off the floor are what make Vinnie such a special young coach. It was no coincidence that his assistance helped lead to the ascent of the program, highlighted by a no. 4 national ranking and a Fab Four appearance."

In his role as associate head coach, Granato will head up the film and scouting components of game preparation and will serve as the program's recruiting coordinator. He will continue to be responsible for on-court player development and the men's practice squad while adding responsibilities in practice planning and preparation.

"This was the right time for Vinnie to take on a different level of responsibility within our program and we couldn't be more excited to see him succeed," Miller said. "Although he had previously played a role in each of his new responsibilities, his talents and growth allow us to have Vinnie to head up these areas and further strengthen our program."

"Going forward, I hope to continue to help develop the Maple Leaf program and the student-athletes in it," Granato said. "I thank coach Miller for her continued confidence in me. It continues to be an honor to work for her and Goshen College."

The Maple Leafs play three home games in five days beginning Friday night: Goshen hosts Ohio Christian at 7 p.m. Friday, Viterbo at 5 p.m. Saturday and Mount Vernon Nazarene at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The latter two dates are part of doubleheaders with the GC men's team.

What His Players Say About Coach Granato:

Alyson Prigge, junior:

"As one of Vinnie's first recruits, I have had a great relationship with him from the beginning. He is a great mentor and 'big brother' to all of us. His time and dedication to the players and the program in general goes above and beyond. I'd be bummed if he wasn't here for my senior season next year, but I know that he'll make a great head coach someday."

Tyra Carver, 2016 graduate and assistant coach at Catawba Valley Community College:

"Vinnie is such a valuable piece of the GC women's basketball program. His intelligence with Xs and Os is off the charts. Vinnie helped me see the game from a different perspective when I played under him. This is a well-deserved position for a great guy like Vinnie."

Sophia Sears, 2017 graduate; 2016 second-team All-American:

"Vinnie's basketball knowledge and enthusiasm for the game make him a terrific asset to the program. I'm excited to see what he will bring to the table as associate head coach."

Liz Tecca, 2016 graduate and program record-holder in games played:

"Vinnie Granato is such an asset to the women's basketball program. In addition to his incredible basketball IQ and knack for playwork, he acts as a stand-in brother to every player on the team, providing support and pushing us when we need it."

No. 2/13 Hoosiers Win Three Events on Day One of IU Invitational

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The No. 2/13-ranked Indiana University men's and women's swimming and diving teams got off to a fast start on Thursday at the 2018 IU Invitational at the Counsilman Billingsley Aquatic Center in Bloomington, Ind., winning three individual events during evening finals.

TEAM STANDINGS (Day One)

Men

1. No. 2 Indiana – 542
2. No. 3 N.C. State – 413.5
3. No. 17 Arizona State – 304
4. No. 9 Louisville – 298.5

Women

1. No. 8 Louisville – 436
2. No. 7 N.C. State – 428.5
3. No. 13 Indiana – 420
4. Arizona State – 211
5. No. 17 Purdue – 126.5

HOOSIER WINNERS

MEN

James Connor – 1-Meter Dive (421.20)

WOMEN

Bailey Andison – 200 IM (1:55.70)

Cassy Jernberg – 500 Freestyle (4:39.96)

NOTABLES

- A total of 54 Hoosier swimmers and divers qualified for finals on Thursday night, including 26 in A Finals.
- IU's James Connor remains unbeaten this season, as the redshirt senior has won all six diving events he's entered.

NCAA CUTS

A: Women's 400 Medley Relay (Haskett, King, Jensen, Eiber), Men's 400 Medley Relay (Fantoni, Finnerty, Lanza, Apple).

B: Men's 200 Freestyle Relay (Apple, Blaskovic, Lanza, Samy), Cassy Jernberg (500 Free), Noelle Peplowski (500 Free), Christin Rockway (500 Free), Maria Paula Heitmann (500 Free), Michael Brinegar (500 Free), Mikey Calvillo (500 Free), Adam Destrampe (500 Free), Jakub Karl (500 Free), Christine Jensen (200 IM), Lilly King (200 IM), Bailey Andison (200 IM), Mackenzie Looze (200 IM), Bailey Kovac (200 IM), Abby Kirkpatrick (200 IM), Josie Grote (200 IM), Shelby Koontz (200 IM), Mohamed Samy (200 IM), Vini Lanza (200 IM), Van Mathias (200 IM), Thomas Vanderbrook (200 IM), Ian Finnerty (200 IM), Griffin Eiber (200 IM), Ileah Doctor (50 Free), Laurel Eiber (50 Free), Bruno Blaskovic (50 Free), Zach Apple (50 Free), Mohamed Samy (50 Free), Gabriel Fantoni (50 Free), Brandon Hamblin (50 Free).

NCAA ZONES QUALIFYING SCORES

Men's 1-Meter: James Connor, Andrew Capobianco, Mory Gould.

Women's 3-Meter: Taylor Carter.

UP NEXT

- The No. 2/13 Indiana University men's and women's swimming and diving teams will continue competition at the 2018 IU Invitational on Friday. Prelims get underway at 9:00 a.m. ET at the Counsilman Billingsley Aquatic Center, with finals at 5:00 p.m. ET.

@IndianaSwimDive

- Be sure to keep up with all the latest news on the Indiana men's and women's swimming and diving teams on social media – [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Women's 200 Freestyle Relay

3. Laurel Eiber, Ileah Doctor, Grace Haskett, Christine Jensen – 1:29.89

6. Shelby Koontz, Bailey Andison, Lilly King, Julia Wolf – 1:30.71

Men's 200 Freestyle Relay

2. Zach Apple, Bruno Blaskovic, Vini Lanza, Mohamed Samy – 1:17.37
6. Griffin Eiber, Gabriel Fantoni, Jack Franzman, Josh Romany – 1:19.10

Women's 500 Freestyle

1. Cassy Jernberg – 4:39.96 (Prelims 4:41.95)
3. Noelle Peplowski – 4:42.10 (Prelims 4:42.22)
5. Christin Rockway – 4:44.47 (Prelims 4:46.27)
9. Maria Paula Heitmann – 4:43.64 (Prelims 4:46.60)
21. Anne Rouleau – 4:54.40 (Prelims 4:56.63)
27. Ashleigh Lechner – 5:00.66

Men's 500 Freestyle

3. Michael Brinegar – 4:19.10 (Prelims 4:21.54)
8. Jakub Karl – 4:21.18 (Prelims 4:22.74)
9. Mikey Calvillo – 4:20.99 (Prelims 4:23.79)
12. Adam Destrampe – 4:22.20 (Prelims 4:23.79)
17. Ben McDade – 4:24.32 (Prelims 4:25.80)
19. Trey Hubbuch – 4:25.49 (Prelims 4:27.40)
20. Spencer Lehman – 4:25.93 (Prelims 4:27.27)
23. Gage Hamill – 4:28.31 (Prelims 4:29.43)
29. Michael Draves – 4:31.43
33. Corey Gambardella – 4:39.82

Women's 200 IM

1. Bailey Andison – 1:55.70 (Prelims 1:57.55)
2. Christine Jensen – 1:56.92 (Prelims 1:56.99)
3. Mackenzie Looze – 1:56.96 (Prelims 1:57.57)
6. Bailey Kovac – 1:57.67 (Prelims 1:58.66)
13. Abby Kirkpatrick – 1:59.81 (Prelims 1:59.38)
16. Josie Grote – 2:03.80 (Prelims 1:59.83)
17. Shelby Koontz – 1:58.89 (Prelims 2:00.54)
19. Laura Morley – 2:00.06 (Prelims 2:00.56)
38. Hope Hayward – 2:04.76

Lilly King – Scratched Final (Prelims 1:57.20 - A Final)

Men's 200 IM

3. Mohamed Samy – 1:44.10 (Prelims 1:44.68)
4. Vini Lanza – 1:44.42 (Prelims 1:45.40)
6. Thomas Vanderbrook – 1:45.89 (Prelims 1:47.27)
8. Van Mathias – 1:46.67 (Prelims 1:46.34)
9. Ian Finnerty – 1:45.85 (Prelims 1:47.80)
10. Griffin Eiber – 1:46.41 (Prelims 1:47.33)
11. Wilson Beckman – 1:46.59 (Prelims 1:47.65)
13. Jacob Steele – 1:47.46 (Prelims 1:47.96)
15. Gary Kostbade – 1:49.15 (Prelims 1:47.66)
17. Matt Jerden – 1:48.03 (Prelims 1:49.78)
22. Wyeth Brock – 1:50.44 (Prelims 1:50.08)
25. Brock Brown – 1:51.73

Women's 50 Freestyle

10. Laurel Eiber – 22.76 (Prelims 22.75)
11. Grace Haskett – 22.78 (Prelims 22.77)
13. Ilea Doctor – 22.85 (Prelims 22.66)
26. Julia Wolf – 23.24
36. Lauren Miller – 23.82
48. Savanna Spears – 24.25

Men's 50 Freestyle

2. Zach Apple – 19.47 (Prelims 19.57)
3. Bruno Blaskovic – 19.50 (Prelims 19.39)
8. Mohamed Samy – 20.05 (Prelims 19.68)
14. Josh Romany – 20.03 (Prelims 20.00)
15. Gabriel Fantoni – 20.04 (Prelims 19.92)
16. Jack Franzman – 20.10 (Prelims 19.99)
17. Brandon Hamblin – 19.89 (Prelims 20.18)
21. Andrew Couchon – 20.46 (Prelims 20.33)
43. Tucker Brock – 21.60

Women's 3-Meter Dive

3. Taylor Carter – 317.85 (Prelims 257.40)
8. Kallie Higgins – 231.75 (Prelims 243.35)
9. Alyssa Wang – 221.30 (Prelims 230.65)
11. Kayla Luarde – 216.85 (Prelims 234.50)

Men's 1-Meter Dive

1. James Connor – 421.20 (Prelims 375.35)
2. Andrew Capobianco – 340.70 (Prelims 331.05)
4. Mory Gould – 309.00 (Prelims 290.20)
9. Seamus Scotty – 276.90 (Prelims 264.25)
10. Clark Carter – 255.35 (Prelims 253.20)
11. Cole VanDevender – 248.60 (Prelims 282.50)
13. Logan Brown – 244.45

Women's 400 Medley Relay

3. Grace Haskett, Lilly King, Christine Jensen, Laurel Eiber – 3:31.65
7. Bailey Kovac, Noelle Peplowski, Shelby Koontz, Biale Andison – 3:37.51

Men's 400 Medley Relay

2. Gabriel Fantoni, Ian Finnerty, Vini Lanza, Zach Apple – 3:05.72
6. Mohamed Samy, Gary Kostbade, Van Mathias, Bruno Blaskovic – 3:10.24