

## **Abbott breaks Grace's program record at IWU**

MARION, Ind. - Sydney Abbott made history for Grace's women's golf team on Friday at the IWU Invitational.

Abbott set the program record for best round, carding a two-under 70 on Saturday. The previous record was 73, set by Anna Marshall in 2017.

Abbott charged up the individual leaderboard after shooting 80 on Friday. Her second-round 70 was second-lowest among all participants in the tournament, propelling her to a runner-up finish.

Kristin Holt also enjoyed a highlight with a two-day total of 163, tied for second-best on the squad. She shot a 79 on Friday, marking her first round in the 70s.

Lauren Keiser also shot a 163, including a 79 on Saturday.

Kara Godsey (91-84) and Rachel Harvey (90-85) each improved between rounds to finish tied with a 175.

The Lady Lancers placed sixth out of 13 teams, beating out three other squads in the Crossroads League.

The Lady Lancers' next tournament is the Huntington Invitational on Sept. 10-11.

[Video: Gabriel Arias RBI single](#)

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TinCaps Win, Now One Win Away from Playoffs  
By Cory Stace

**COMSTOCK PARK, Mich.** – The TinCaps' offense exploded for 16 hits in a 10-3 win over the West Michigan Whitecaps (Detroit Tigers) on Saturday night at Fifth Third Ballpark. With the win, Fort Wayne needs to win only one of the final two games of the regular season in Comstock Park to secure a playoff berth for the ninth time in 10 seasons.

Fort Wayne (32-35, 64-72) is now one game ahead of West Michigan (31-36, 67-70) for the Midwest League Eastern Division's second half wild card. Click [here](#) for the latest MWL Standings.

In the victory, eight of nine TinCaps hitters recorded a hit, including six players with multi-hit performances. Every batter reached base at least once.

Right-hander **Henry Henry** put together a magnificent start going seven innings, allowing only four hits, one walk, two runs (both unearned), and striking out one. Henry is only the fourth TinCaps starter this season to pitch seven innings in a game, and the first since **Nick Margevicius** on June 25.

Henry, the 19-year-old out of the Dominic Republic, made his second start with the team after his first start came last Sunday in South Bend. Henry made five relief appearances in April for the TinCaps

before being transferred to Extended Spring Training in Arizona and then pitching for Short-Season Tri-City in the Northwest League.

The TinCaps opened the scoring in the top of the first. With two outs, shortstop **Gabriel Arias** sent a blooper to right field to score center fielder **Jeisson Rosario** from second, and right fielder **Agustin Ruiz** plated Arias with an RBI double to left to give Fort Wayne an early 2-0 lead.

After the Whitecaps got a run back in the bottom of the first, Agustin Ruiz hit another RBI double to right field in the third to send the TinCaps in front, 3-1. Designated hitter **Esteury Ruiz** followed with a two-run single to left, and later in the inning, Esteury Ruiz scored on a wild pitch to provide Fort Wayne with a 6-1 advantage.

The TinCaps added to their lead in the fifth and the sixth. In the fifth, Esteury Ruiz hit a ground ball up the middle to score Arias, and in the sixth, **Jack Suwinski** and Arias came through with RBI singles to give Fort Wayne a 9-1 edge.

West Michigan got an unearned run back in the sixth, but the TinCaps answered it in the seventh with a run of their own.

**Reiss Knehr** followed Henry and struck out the side in the eighth and struck out one more in the ninth, though also allowing a run.

Esteury Ruiz stole three bases in the game to raise his season total to a Midwest League-leading 48.

The Goshen girls soccer team secured an NLC victory on Saturday defeating Wawasee 6-0. Hailey Mast led the offense with 2 goals. Aniya Hartzler, Jocelyn Valderrama, Lesly Arellano, & America Esparza also scored for the RedHawks. Joya Drenth, Hailey Mast, & America Esparza assisted on the goals. The girls are now 5-2 on the season and host Plymouth next Thursday for another NLC showdown. The JV game starts 6:00pm followed by the varsity at 7:45pm.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

The Forester women's golf team kicked off its season over the weekend with an 8th place finish at the Indiana Wesleyan Fall Invitational at Arbor Trace Golf Course. Sholund's crew shaved off five strokes from the first to second day by posting a 337 on Friday before firing a 332 on Saturday for an overall score of 669.

Leading the way for Huntington was Betsy Schroeder with a 163 (81, 82). The Fort Wayne native finished tied for 17th out of 93 golfers.

HU's next three scores were within five strokes of each other with Alexandria Maris firing a 167 (83, 84) for 32nd, Rachel Blauert posting a 168 (85, 83) for 36th and Leah Thompson carding a 171 (88, 83) for 50th.

In her collegiate debut, Olivia Kreiger turned in a 176 (84, 92) to finish 62nd. Other scores for HU included Megan Higgins (89-94--183) and Alayna Steely (101-109--210).

Overall, Coach Sholund was pleased with his teams play. "The team made great strides as a program today but we do have some things to work on to get us to the next level.

“We are letting bad momentum stretch for too many holes and we need to execute better around the greens. We have a great foundation to build on with this good start to the year!”

It was a field of 16 teams with Taylor claiming the title with a 628 followed by Saint Francis (630), Indiana Wesleyan (631), Campbellsville (635), Olivet Nazarene (649), Grace (650), Spring Arbor (668), HU (669), Indiana Wesleyan B (673), UNOH (675), Taylor B (691), Trine (692), Siena Heights (706), Rend Lake (711), Mount Vernon (724) and Kalamazoo (844).

HU will host its own invitational, Battle at Brookwood, on September 10-11.

#### MEN’S TENNIS

Delayed by rain soon after doubles finished up, the Forester men’s tennis team came up short, 7-2, against Marian University Saturday afternoon in Indianapolis to suffer their first league loss.

Huntington’s record in Crossroads League action and overall stands at 2-1.

Ignacio Poncio and Niko Rongos picked up HU’s first win at No. 1 doubles by disposing of Ian Deiters and Diogo Jesus 8-6. Giovanni Martinez tallied the Foresters’ only other point by mounting an impressive comeback in a three-set thriller, 1-6, 7-6 (12-8), against Noah Roberts at No. 5 singles.

Eckert’s crew will be home for the first this season on Wednesday to host Grace at 4:00 p.m.

#### SINGLES RECAP

- No. 1 - Diogo Jesus (MU) def. Ignacio Poncio (HU) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 2 - Hunter Sylvester (MU) def. Illia Turaba (HU) 7-5, 6-3
- No. 3 - Camilo Mesa (MU) def. Mariano Echevarria (HU) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 4 - Nathan Bogle (MU) def. Niko Rongos (HU) 6-1, 6-0
- No. 5 - Giovanni Martinez (HU) def. Noah Roberts (MU) 1-6, 7-6 (12-8)
- No. 6 - Alex Wittenbaum (MU) def. Sebastian Salas (HU) 6-2, 6-2

#### DOUBLES RECAP

- No. 1 - Poncio/Rongos (HU) def. Jesus/Ian Deiters 8-6
- No. 2 - Bogle/Sylvester (MU) def. Martinez/Echevarria (HU) 8-5
- No. 3 - Mesa/Roberts (MU) def. Turaba/Salas (HU) 8-6

#### WOMEN’S TENNIS

The 7-2 loss suffered by the HU women’s tennis team wasn’t necessarily an accurate reflection of the battle Coach Ferguson’s squad had with Marian University Saturday afternoon in Indianapolis.

Rain delayed the match and unfortunately the Knights seemed to bounce back from the time lapse better than their visitors.

"We were playing well until a rain delay that lasted quite a while slowed down our momentum," said Coach Ferguson. "To be honest, Marian handled the restart better than we did."

Huntington earned its first point at #1 doubles before the rain came. Meg Dolde and Morgan Fitzpatrick teamed up to outlast Maria Angela Sunga and Laura Kuebler 9-7.

Fitzpatrick would go on to earn her team's only other point by beating Sunga 6-4, 7-6 (6) at #2 singles. With this loss, the Foresters move to 2-1 overall, 1-1 in league play. Next up is HU's home opener against Grace at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

#### SINGLES RECAP

- No. 1 - Teodora Simion (MU) def. Meg Dolde (HU) 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4
- No. 2 - Morgan Fitzpatrick (HU) def. Maria Angela Sunga (MU) 6-4, 7-6 (6)
- No. 3 - Maria Lueken (MU) def. Lisa Colling (HU) 1-6, 6-4, 6-1
- No. 4 - Laura Kuebler (MU) def. Anastasiia Evstifeeva (HU) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 5 - Liza Lewis (MU) def. Marla Odendahl (HU) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 6 - Mary Mullaney (MU) def. Molly Burton (HU) 6-0, 6-1

#### DOUBLES RECAP

- No. 1 - Dolde/Fitzpatrick (HU) def. Sunga/Kuebler (MU) 9-7
- No. 2 - Lueken/Lewis (MU) def. Colling/Odendahl (HU) 8-5
- No. 3 - Wood/Mullaney (MU) def. Evstifeeva/Burton (HU) 8-0

#### VOLLEYBALL

The HU volleyball team wrapped up their time in Michigan by dropping a pair of matches on day two of the Siena Heights Labor Day Tournament. The Foresters played stride for stride with one of the nation's best teams before conceding to #RV Campbellsville after which they fell victim to the host Saints.

Eight matches into the season, the Foresters have already found themselves in a trio of five-set thrillers but unfortunately have come up short each time including today's battle with Campbellsville, 25-21, 20-25, 25-17, 20-25, 15-12.

Brandy Michie left an indelible mark on the contest with the best performance of her Forester career. The sophomore outside hitter dominated play with a career- and match-best 20 kills and .267 hitting percentage.

"Brandy was a monster," claimed Shondell. "There were times they had no idea how to defend her."

Other contributors included Lindsay Ingenito and Tailor Schultheis with 11 and ten kills respectively. Jenna Tacosik directed traffic by dishing out 49 assists. The sophomore setter also collected 12 digs for her second straight double double.

"Taco was really good in this one," said Shondell. "She gave our hitters solo blocks consistently and we took advantage."

Ariene Butler took charge of the backline with 24 digs.

While the Tigers (7-1) finished with eight fewer kills than HU, they made up for it behind the end line by committing just five service errors while registering 16 aces. The Foresters finished with seven aces while posting nine service errors.

After their grueling match with Campbellsville, Shondell's crew had a short break before taking on Siena Heights and it seemed to take its toll.

"Any time you're forced to roll from a five-set marathon like the one we had with Campbellsville into

another match thirty minutes later, it is going to be a challenge,” noted Shondell.

“But I thought we maintained our composure really well throughout the match and battled the whole way through.”

After taking the first set, 25-18, the Foresters lost the next two in “overtime” (27-25, 30-28) before the Saints wrapped things up in the fourth set, 25-19.

Michie was again unstoppable by following up with another 20-kill match - this time upping her hitting efficiency to .349.

“Brandy, again, was a stud,” said Shondell. “When she gets going, sometimes it takes train to stop her.”

Huntington took a page out of Campbellsville’s book by logging 15 aces, four by Jo Rammel, to SHU’s six. Unfortunately, the downside was Huntington’s 11 service errors that proved costly.

“We served really aggressive and while it helped us a lot,” said Shondell. “It also cost us with a few untimely service errors.”

Tacosik organized the offense with 33 assists. Her consistency and leadership were rewarded by being named to the All-Tournament Team. This is her second designation of the season as she was also voted to the Forester Invitational All-Tourney Team.

Butler finished with 21 digs while Lanie McClanahan and Nicole Flickinger added 15 and 13 respectively.

The Foresters (3-6) are slated to host Taylor September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Women’s Tennis breezes past Maple Leafs**

WINONA LAKE, Ind. – Grace’s women’s tennis team had little trouble with Goshen on Saturday, winning 9-0 at Miller Athletic Complex.

The Lady Lancers (2-0, 2-0 Crossroads League) only dropped two games across three doubles’ courts, and Grace won every singles’ match in straight sets.

Carrie Copeland and Molly Fitzpatrick won 8-1 at No. 1 doubles, and Jenna Jackson and Jayna Armstrong won by the same score at No. 2.

Morgan Mast and Shelby Bankson blanked their opponents 8-0 at No. 3 doubles, and they were nearly unblemished in singles’ play as well. Mast at No. 5 singles and Bankson at No. 6 both won by the scoreline of 6-0, 6-1.

Jackson was perfect at No. 2 singles (6-0, 6-0), and Fitzpatrick was victorious 6-2, 6-0 at No. 4 singles. Armstrong won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 singles, and Copeland secured the sweep with a 6-1, 6-4 win at No. 1 singles.

“I’m very pleased with our intensity and focus from the start of the day. I thought we had an excellent warm-up to prepare us for a much improved Goshen team,” said Grace head coach Marcus Moore. “We

had very solid play, specifically from Shelby and Morgan today, and our seniors led our charge from the onset.”

The Lady Lancers continue play at home on Tuesday against Indiana Tech at 4 p.m.

No. 20 Purdue Tops Oakland, 3-1

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – The No. 20 Boilermakers stay golden with a 3-1 victory against the Oakland Grizzlies at Holloway on Saturday night. Purdue won the match 25-23, 25-14, 14-25, 25-14.

Three Boilermakers posted double-digit kill totals, led by senior Sherridan Atkinson’s 17. Redshirt junior Blake Mohler and freshman Grace Cleveland put down 12 apiece, while Mohler also added a team-high eight blocks. Sophomore Caitlyn Newton rounded out the Purdue attack with seven kills. Defensively, freshman Marissa Hornung guided Purdue’s back row with a career-best 12 digs. Senior libero Brooke Peters and sophomore Jena Otec both chipped in with 10 digs.

Purdue edged the Golden Grizzlies 25-23 in the opening set by way of a combined 10 putaways from Atkinson and Mohler. The first stanza saw the scored tied seven times, but three consecutive Purdue kills and a Grizzly miscue put the Boilermakers up 17-14. Oakland fought back and tied the score at 17 before going ahead 21-19 on a Purdue error. A pair of kills by Atkinson kicked off a 6-2 Purdue rally, which gave the lead and the set back to the Boilermakers, 25-23. Purdue ended the frame on a service ace from Peters.

The Boilermakers stormed to a 25-14 second-set victory as the Purdue offense recorded a .522 hitting percentage. Purdue unlocked the set with an 11-6 lead, forcing Oakland to a timeout. Back-to-back service aces from sophomore Julianna Reisinger and a Newton kill pushed the Boilermakers to a 14-6 advantage and the Grizzlies to another timeout. The Boilermakers never relinquished control and closed the frame on an Atkinson kill.

With Purdue looking to put the match away in three sets, Oakland rallied to a 13-7 advantage in the third frame. Nine Purdue errors fueled the Grizzlies’ lead and gave the set to Oakland 25-14

Relentless, Purdue stalled Oakland’s momentum in the fourth set, racing ahead 9-2. The Boilermakers capitalized on 11 Grizzly errors with 13 kills on 26 attempts to seal the final set 25-14 and the match 3-1.

No. 20 Purdue returns to Holloway tomorrow for a 2 p.m. matchup against Notre Dame. The match will broadcast live on ESPNU.

On a warm and muggy late morning, the NP Boys Cross Country Team competed in the Harrison Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 1st. With temperatures in the low 80's°F, a Dew Point at an very uncomfortable 71°F, and dewey wet grass mixed with firm winding trails and a classic long hill, the NP varsity boys top 7 raced against 27 teams from around the state (Bloomington South, LaPorte, Lake Central, Portage, Harrison, West Lafayette, Munster, Lafayette Jeff, McCutcheon, Lawrence North, Indianapolis Pike, and Warren Central were among the sizeable schools and programs faced in this contest). Racing in such challenging conditions, New Prairie paced their opening mile with self-discipline and intelligence, sitting at roughly 20th place as a team at the 1 mile mark. By the second mile, our team moved up to around the 10th place position, and continued to move and overtake teams to the finish. The top 5 scoring runners averaged 23 net passed runners from 1 mile to the finish, essentially building momentum with each pass of an opponents with a commensurate breaking of spirit to the competition. When the gathered throng met in the Tippecanoe Amphitheater to hear results and receive awards, New Prairie had little idea how far we really had worked up the leaderboard. When very strong programs were being announced as the presenter counted down from team #27 to team #10, we were increasingly surprised with time he did not call New Prairie's name. Team #9, #8, #7, #6 were

not called as New Prairie. When Team #5 finally heard our name, we were pleasantly surprised we had performed that well and were invited to join the top five teams on stage for medals, ribbons, photos, and overall excellent recognition. Jacob Corbett (19th), Tim O'Laughlin (20th), Brandon Corbett, Jarrod Michael (who raced sick), Tom Wykoff, and Grant Johnson were satisfied to have earned this recognition for a well-run performance. New Prairie next faces some of the strongest teams in this half of the state (and some strong schools from Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois) in the largest school race (AAA race) at our very own New Prairie Invitational on September 15th.

Not to be outdone, the New Prairie JV Boys finished 3rd overall amongst 17 teams at the same Harrison Invitational. The JV team took the cue from the Varsity and established the same race plan to a fine result. Leading the way was Tristan Balmer (12th overall in a time of 18:11). Josh Baltas, Danny Lukowski, Roman Piergalski, and Alex Cicero led the scoring while Dan Reshan, Jon Mondientz, Brenden Oden, Jacob Wood, Worek Bowman, Kyle Newcomb, and Robby Smith competed in this race alongside their running brethren. It was easily our finest overall team performance in my 11 years of coaching and is a testament to strong work, intelligent racing, courage amidst long term racing pain to move, pass, and compete.

**EDINBURG, Texas** – Blake Cearns found the back of the net with less than a minute remaining in the first overtime session to give the Mastodons a 4-3 victory over Houston Baptist on Sunday (Sept. 2) afternoon. The game was played on UTRGV's campus.

It was all 'Dons early with Matthew Lieshout scoring in the 26th and 29th minutes. His first goal came off a free kick and the second was a penalty kick score. Lieshout has five goals on the season.

Houston Baptist responded with three straight goals. Gianluca Natera scored in the 30th and 48th minutes. Dequan Thomas gave the Huskies the lead in the 53rd minute with a tally.

The 'Dons forced overtime with a goal by Zach Tom in the 81st minute. Tom heeled in a cross from Romain Lopez for the goal. Tom now has two goals on the year.

A second overtime session was looming but in the final minute of the first overtime, Cearns saw his first shot blocked but jumped on the rebound for the game-winning goal.

The Mastodons held a 20-16 advantage in shots. They also led 7-4 in corner kicks.

Purdue Fort Wayne men's soccer improves to 3-1-0 while Houston Baptist is now 1-2-1.

The 'Dons are back in action on Friday (Sept. 7) at Northern Illinois