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Seattle University Men's Athletics

Baseball

The Redhawks put up a valiant effort against Washington State University (WSU) May 5, though the game ended with an 8-16 loss. This loss came after a strong offensive play in the first inning, which featured runs from the entire Redhawks lineup. The next four innings lacked any additional hits by the Redhawks. It was not until the sixth inning that they were able to add to the score, changing it to 16-6.

Despite the overall results, performances by multiple Redhawks lead to record RBIs. Redshirt Senior outfielder Chase Wells netted his eighth RBI for the year and Junior outfielder Gavin Rork scored his ninth RBI this season.

The baseball team was initially scheduled to play another series against the Gonzaga University (GU) Bulldogs May 7-9, but the event has since been cancelled. Their next appearance will have the Redhawks playing against Dixie State Trailblazers in a four-game series May 14-16.

Track & Field

Seattle U's Men's Track and Field team performed admirably on the Husky Outdoor Track at their final outdoor meet, the UW Ken Shannon Invitational. Senior Kailan Clairborne and Sophomore William Sun managed to improve their PRs for their individual track events, with Clairborne improving by 0.13 in the 400m and Sun marking a new PR as this was his first appearance.

The team's next appearance will be in Austin, Texas, where they will be competing at this year's Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championship from May 13-15.

Seattle University Women's Athletics

Softball

Seattle U's softball team played three away games in Phoenix against Grand Canyon University (GCU), May 7-8, as part of the regular-season finale in the WAC. They secured two wins at 7-3 and 5-3, respectively.



On May 7, first basewoman graduate student Madison Cathcart had an exemplary performance after hitting her 58th double—which set a new WAC career record. The Redhawks lifted the team to victory with a total of 11 hits in their first game. This left them level with the hosting team in the fourth inning. It was not until the first half of the sixth that the Redhawks found their feet and took the lead with Junior Outfielder Mekenzie Madokoro stealing third. By the end of the game, Cathcart bypassed another record on the all-time conference list when she ended with a 3-3. Meanwhile, Senior Pitcher Shi Smith pitched in seven innings and earned her ninth win by striking five Lopes out.

The Redhawks' loss May 8 meant that the WAC regular-season crown would be going to New Mexico State, while the Aggies would become the top seed for the 2021 WAC tournament. Seattle U will be following the Aggies as the second seed.

Track & Field

The Redhawks gave it their all May 7 at the UW Ken Shannon Invitational. Seemingly in celebration of the end of this year's outdoor track season, two members, Freshman Ashley Hagar and Redshirt Freshman Shannon Sadler, managed to beat their previous records in triple jump and set new personal bests. Hagar improved by a mark of 0.22 (8.7") while Sadler saw an increase of 0.23 (9.25").

The team is slated to travel to Texas to appear at the WAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships from May 13-15.