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Baseball:

The Seattle University baseball team opened their 2022 season Feb. 18, traveling to La Jolla Calif. for a four-game series against the University of California, San Diego. Despite promising offensive production, the Redhawks came away from the weekend with only one win.

Junior Shane Jamison had a strong start to the season finishing the weekend with a home run in each of the last three games. Sophomore Derek Gellos was another standout offensive player, raking in nine hits in 16 at bats. On the defensive side, the Redhawks gave up a total of 42 runs over the four-game span. Sophomore starting pitcher Brady Liddle played a major role in the team's 8-3 win. He pitched four innings, striking out five while giving up only one run on four hits.

The Redhawks will next travel to Texas Friday, Feb. 25, where they have a four-game series against the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Softball:

After starting the season 5-0, the Redhawks finished the weekend of Feb. 18-20 at the Stanford Tournament with a record of 2-3. While the team dropped two games against the hosts and one game against BYU, the Redhawks picked up two wins against San Jose State and University Illinois-Chicago (UIC). This brings their overall record to 7-3 on the season.

In both losses to Stanford, Seattle U was shut out, and they only scored two runs in their loss to BYU. Impressive defensive and pitching performances helped secure their victories: beating San Jose State 2-1 and UIC 3-1 in extra innings. The standout performer over the weekend was Junior pitcher Stefanie Madrigal, who won WAC pitcher of the week before coming into the tournament.

Madrigal started and pitched two complete games over the weekend, accounting for both Redhawks victories. Against San Jose State, Madrigal only gave up one earned run and struck out four. In their next game against UIC, she managed eight innings with one earned run and four strikeouts.

Men's Tennis:

The Seattle U's men's tennis team traveled to Portland, Ore. for two matches Feb. 18. The first was against George Fox Feb. 18, which the Redhawks lost 3-4. The next day, the Redhawks went up against Pacific University where they earned a dominant 6-3 victory.

Over the weekend, Freshman Filip Stipic had a standout performance, earning his ninth victory of the season in singles play. In doubles play, the duo of Sophomore Mats Krause, and Freshman Michael Frank won a hard fought point over George Fox. Each won their own separate individual matches against George Fox.

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The trip to Oregon marked the Redhawks final matches of February. Their next matches will be March 5-6 at University of California, Davis and Sacramento State respectively.

Women's Tennis:

The Redhawks women's tennis team traveled to Eugene, Ore., Saturday, Feb. 19, for a match up against the University of Oregon.

The day was decided quickly as Oregon won in assertive fashion, sweeping the Redhawks 7-0. In both doubles and singles play, the Redhawks had a hard time picking up sets and lost several results. Freshman Liliya Dimova put up the best fight with her singles sets resulting in identical 2-6, 2-6 defeats.

Track and Field:

The Seattle U Track and Field finished their 2022 indoor season in Albuquerque, N.M. at the WAC Championships, Feb. 18-19. Over the course of the event, the Redhawks set three new school records, as well as 16 personal bests.

Redshirt Sophomore Alex Franklin, was a standout performer, posting a new PR in the 800m preliminaries (1:53.52), which helped him qualify for finals where he finished fifth. This earned him second team all-WAC honors.

Senior Tricht Jocelyn also kept a flaming pace, setting new school records in both the 60m and the 200m. This marks the second time this season that Jocelyn has set and broken two school records in the same meet.

Overall, the Men's team finished in ninth place, while the women's team placed 11th. Grand Canyon University won the team title for both Men's and Women's competitions.

Men's Basketball:

The Redhawks faced off against three WAC opponents this week: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) Wednesday, Feb. 16, Cal Baptist University (CBU) Saturday, Feb. 19, and New Mexico St. Monday, Feb. 21. Winning the first two games, and having a tough defeat in their third, the Redhawks moved to 21-7 on the season, and 12-3 in conference play as of Feb. 22.

Sophomore duo Cameron Tyson, and Darion Trammell led the way for the Redhawks over this three-game span. Against UTRGV, the Redhawks won 102-62, marking their largest margin of victory this season. In that game, Tyson put up 30 points and broke a school record, recording nine made three pointers in the game.

The Redhawks next game against CBU was much closer. Trammel's shots secured the win, burying a three with only three seconds left on the clock. The game's final score was 67-64 Redhawks and marked the teams 20th win of the season.

In the loss versus New Mexico St, the game was a tough-fought battle between the two teams at the top of the conference. Trammel was the difference maker for the Redhawks, recording 24 points, but his efforts were largely unsupported by the rest of the team. The game's final score ended 55-68, as the Aggies officially moved ahead of the Redhawks in the conference standings.

The Redhawks next matchup comes Thursday, Feb. 24, at 6:00 p.m. when the team travels to meet conference opponents Utah Valley.

Women's Basketball:

The Seattle U women's basketball team split their two conference games this past week. The Redhawks had an impressive overtime victory against UTRGV, Wednesday, Feb. 16. However, they did not win against CBU, Feb. 19. This moves the Redhawks record to 9-17 overall, and 4-11 in their conference, as of Feb. 22.

In their overtime win against CBU, turnovers were the name of the game. Senior guard Bree Calhoun led the team with seven steals and 13 points. The game's final score was 71-68.

In what could be described as a game of runs, the Redhawks matchup against CBU was less generous in the end. Three Redhawks ended the game with double digits scoring, including Sophomore Peyton Howard, who had her second highest scoring output of the season with 12. The game's final score came to be 73-83 in favor of CBU.

The Redhawks next game comes Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m., when they will host Utah Valley at home at the Redhawk Center.