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GRANT Allen drops back to pass while Hunter Jackson blocks. Allen led the Tiger offense by completing 83 passes for over 1,000 yards of total offense. photo by Levi Dade

TUCKER SWOBODA

#13 for the Tigers, catches a pass. Swoboda had 179 receiving yards on the season, including two touchdowns. photo by Levi Dade







soaking it in

TIGER FOOTBALL RETURNS TO THE FIELD

The Tiger football team ran onto the turf at Cliff Harris Stadium ready to fight as they returned from nearly two years without playing a game. It was evident from the huge crowds each game that the community missed the games just as much as the team did.

Jack Pillow, a senior finance major from Conway, used his extra year of eligibility to play for the Tigers. "It felt like freshman year all over again, having so much nervous excitement with it being my senior year and not playing football for almost two years," Pillow said.

Being the first season back after COVID-19 canceled their 2020 season, the Tigers were prepared to win. Peyton Stafford, a senior triple major in finance, marketing, and entrepreneurship, was eagerly anticipating being on the field again.

"Coming into this season I was extremely excited to play some ball with my brothers; after the year without it, I was itching to get back out on the field," said Stafford. "I was so excited about the talent and leadership that we had going into this season."

For much of the team, this year was the first time they had the opportunity to play at the collegiate level. The cancellation of last football season gave the team a chance to come together and push each other to their limits. The Tigers took the opportunity to attack the weight room and use it to their advantage.

Returning players had a whole year to get familiar with their playbook, coaches, and teammates. All players knew they had the chance to be excellent and were excited to represent Ouachita. The team spent hours preparing every week practicing, watching film,

lifting weights, and going to treatment.

The year of no competition with continued hard work and training paid off as the Tigers won their first three games. After a tough loss to eventual GAC champion Harding University, the Tigers won six of their last seven games to finish the season 9-2. The Tigers closed the season with a tough Battle of the Ravine. The players on this team had never lost to ravine rivals Henderson State. The game was decided on a field goal by OBU placekicker Gabe Goodman, with a final score of 31-28.

This unprecedented time taught the Tigers how to work hard without knowing the outcome of any situation. They came to realize the value of the game and each other, and worked not to take this season for granted. Connor Flannigan, a sophomore business administration major from Fayetteville, explained that there were many factors that went into winning a football game. Despite this hard work, he felt the time was worth it when he could look up to see a winning score board.

"I know football doesn't last a lifetime, so I try to soak in every moment I can," said Flannigan. "Of course, the season is long and grueling, but that is what makes it so great."

Xaylon Falls, a sophomore kinesiology major from East Camden, felt that a huge part of the season's success was made possible by the support they received at Ouachita from coaches, to friends and family, and the fans in the stands.

MADI DARR





TIGER NATION



"Coach Knight and his coaching staff have built a culture not only of success on the football field but success in the type of men that we produce. Our team prides itself on holding each other accountable and going the extra mile not only to be better as football players but to be better as men. Our goal when we leave here is not only to have been better athletes but to leave here as better men ready to take on the world in whatever facet God has set aside for us."

HUNTER SWABODA

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OBU vs

- 0-3 TNU
- 1-3 UAH
- 0-3 EC
- 2-3 TAMUK
- 3-0 FIT
- 2-3 UTPB
- 3-2 SBU
- 3-1 TWU
- 0-3 HSU
- 3-2 MC
- 0-3 AUM
- 0-3 HU
- 3-2 UAM
- 1-3 ATU
- 2-3 SAU
- 3-0 CBC
- 0-3 SWOS
- 3-0 NWOSU
- 0-3 UCOL
- 1-3 SOSU
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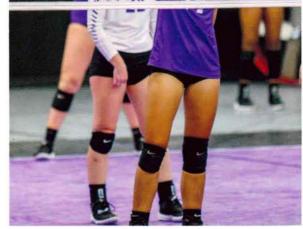
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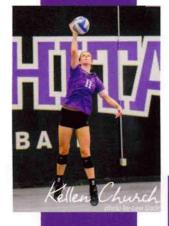


and Karlie Bonam work together to block the opposing team's hit. Bonam had 24 total blocks this season. photo by Anna Weyenberg

EJ DAY signals to her team at the net. Day had 253 kills on the season. photo by Levi Dade

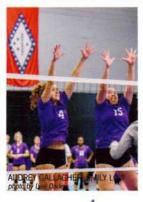






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This year was different because we had a good amount of injuries. We really pushed through and came out stronger as a team."



purple PRIDE "This season we played as a unit. No one played as an individual. It was truly like a family. We won as a team, and we lost as a team."

Sydney Ellason

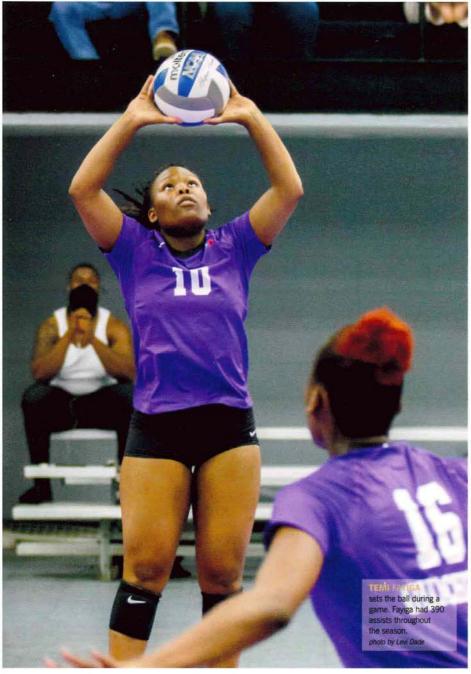
"Despite the adversity we faced this season, our team created a strong bond that ultimately bled into the way we celebrated each other's successes. I believe we set a good foundation for years to come."

Abigail Roberts

"Every day we came in ready to work hard. Each person made each other better and that was helpful in achieving success. With lots of adversity we remained together, which is another win."

Lexie Castillow





This volleyball season was not the easiest. It started with a lot of trials that set back some of the athletes. Players were quarantined because of COVID-19, and others were impacted by serious injuries. Even through unexpected events and hardships, the team grew closer together and gave their best every time they took the court.

For the freshman girls, it was always uncertain if they would fit in and what the transition would look like. Avery Jauz, a freshman communications sciences and disorders major from Midland, Texas, was able to find her home away from home.

"I got to meet a whole new group of girls who instantly became my best friends and sisters, and the bond we have grown is crazy," Jauz said. "They really welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like I was at home and continue to do that every day for me."

Being a student athlete was not easy and it took practice to find the balance between school and athletics. Kyla Steinmeyer, a sophomore nursing major from Saint Charles, Missouri, explained the biggest struggle.

"Some struggles of being a student athlete include knowing how to manage your time and stay on top of your studies," Steinmeyer said. "You are missing a lot of school so being organized and having good time management helps a lot."

Despite the various challenges the team had to overcome this season, the players had victories and highlights in their 9-20 season.

"One of my favorite games this year was when we were at the TWU tournament, and we went to a 5 set match with Southwest Baptist," Jauz said. "We ultimately ended up winning by a couple of points and the celebration on the court was the best feeling ever. Later on that day, we went to beat the host team TWU in 4 sets."

The volleyball team showed resilience by staying strong despite the challenges and giving their all every time they stepped on the court.

VALERIA GOMEZ

BETTER Together

volleyball players perserver as a team





THE TIGER volleyball team huddles together during a match. The team was led this season by head coach Allison Frizzell-Kizer. photo by Anna Weyenberg

AUDREY GALLAGHER

jumps to hit the volleyball over the net. Gallagher played the middle blocker position for the Tigers. photo by Levi Dade

OBU vs

0-4 UCOL

1-4 CBU

2-2 DSU

0-5 MC

2-3 SNU

0-1 NSU

1-7 FHSU

4-3 NU 0-2 RSU

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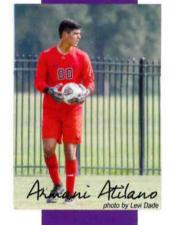


bavid stankovic
kicks the ball up the
field. Stankovic scored
three goals this season.
photo by Levi Dade





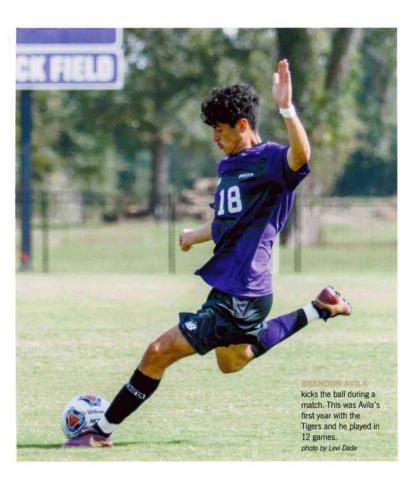




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This was my first year starting at the collegiate level. It was a step up, but I was ready for the new challenge ahead of me."





TIGER NATION



"This being my last year made everything that much more special and important to me. I hope I served the program well and I look forward to seeing my teammates and the program thrive in the future. Ouachita Soccer is special because of the great players and the fantstic facilities that we have access to. I am very grateful to have been a part of this program. Tigers for life!"

KYLE J. KELSON

goals

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saves



unbreakable bond TEAM UNITES DESPITE HARSDSHIPS

To the men of Ouachita soccer, the sport was more than just a game.
The hours of hardwork and dedication these men brought to the field showcased their love for the game.

There was a lot more to soccer than just making the GAC tournament and scoring goals.

"My favorite part about being on the soccer team is the bond we create off the field. I have built a lifelong bond with all of my teammates," said junior kinesiology major, Alex Brown, from Dallas.

Those tough three-hour practices, along with far away games, and tied together with tough losses were all a part of the brotherhood referred to as Ouachita's men's soccer.

"My favorite part about being on the team is the friendships I have made," said sophomore psychology major from Shreveport, Louisiana, Joseph Lattier.

As a center, Lattier's job made him one of four defenders whose main goal was to keep the other team from scoring. He was basically the bodyguard who does everything in his power to keep the ball from the opponent.

Before lacing up their cleats, the men of Ouachita soccer rid themselves of doubt, and prepared their minds for the battle ahead. Players prepared for games in numerous ways. Some players enjoyed getting to the field early to take in the calm before the storm. Other players liked to go over the playbook in their head until they knew it backward and forward. The players also stuck to their pregame tradition each game.

"Before the game, we listen to music and stretch as

a team," said sophomore accounting major, Marshall Prather, from Dallas, Texas. The soccer team utilized music as a way to get themselves in the zone and prepare themselves mentally for the opposition ahead. Music not only helped calm nerves, but was also a pregame must in this brotherhood's locker room.

The friendships and positive atmosphere of the Ouachita's men's soccer team made the sport so much more than what's visible to the public eye. These men honor God through the game. Whether it's huddling up to pray before a championship game or thanking Him for the abilities He has blessed them with, these men recognized the goodness of God through their sport.

"I glorify God through the abilities that He has given me, and know that my purpose is to glorify Him outside the field," said senior secondary education major, Kyle Kelson, from Frisco, Texas. This group of players strove to honor God not only on the field, but also off.

Although the team didn't have the season they had hoped for, they chose to leave the field with a positive mindset and an attitude of appreciation. Just as soccer is more than a game, this talented group of 27 was more than a team; it was a family.

"Uncommon to popular belief, it feels good not to talk about soccer sometimes and just enjoy the team's company. We have a good laugh every time," said junior finance and marketing major Kobe Coleman, from Georgetown, Texas.

ROSE ROBINSON

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OBU vs

0-0 TWU

1-3 NSU

2-0 UCOL

1-0 CBU

3-0 UT TYLER

1-0 HU

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1-0 OKBU

1-2 SWOSU

0-1 NWOSU

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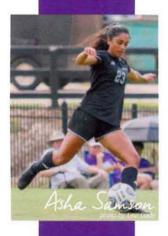
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Ouachita soccer is special because it is such a tight knit group of girls. It is a competitive environment, but at the end of the day I know everyone wants the best for each other." 5

Stepping onto the field, the Ouachita Lady Tigers Soccer Team played harder than ever this season. Additionally, the team faced many challenges physically through injuries, but the Lady Tigers were able to become stronger as a

result, better learning how to depend on one another in the midst of adversity.

"Soccer season this year was definitely a bumpy road considering all the injuries we had," said freshman kinesiology major Jorden Nelson, from Frisco, Texas. "Overall it was definitely a lesson for all of us, and we know now better than ever what we need to work on for next year."

Many key players were severely injured during the season allowing the team to become closer as a team. The Lady Tigers had to focus on becoming stronger with the loss of several players.

"Within those injuries, I tore my ACL in the second to last regular season game," said senior communications major, Jamie Fowler, from Mesquite, Texas. "I'm so lucky to have my whole team behind me pushing me so I can be back on the field."

The Lady Tigers had to look for support from family, friends, and their teammates to get through the difficulties of the season.

Many of the players have played soccer for the majority of their lives, and chose to pursue their passion for the sport at Ouachita to further grow.

"I wanted to play soccer in college because my mom was coaching me in it and I wanted to make her proud," said freshman communication siences and disorders major, Abbey Inman, from Benton. "When everything around me is crazy, being on the field and playing the game makes my head forget about everything and gives me peace."

Soccer was an avenue for many of the players to escape from hard things in life, and a place to not only improve in their soccer skills but all areas in life.

"Playing soccer at Ouachita is important to me because it's my escape from the world," said freshman nursing major, Sophia Valencia, from Lawton, Oklahoma.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN

A WAY TO ESCAPE

soccer provides relief for players

JAYMEE DOTSON prepares to throw

the ball to one of her

teammates. Dotson

photo by Levi Dade

MICHELE SNOW

blocks a shot on goal from the opposing

team. Snow had 120

saves on the season. photo by Abby Blankenship

started every game for the Tigers, and scored

six goals on the season.















prepares to kick the ball. Valencia played in all 18 games this season as a freshman. photo by Levi Dade

throws the ball in bounds to her teammates. Hunter played defense for the Tigers this season. photo by Brooks Bell



moves the ball up field during a game. Fowler started 16 games for the Tigers before an injury ended her season early. photo by Levi Dade



purple PRIDE

"Ouachita soccer is special to me because every practice is fun, and the coaching staff really cares about each of us, on and off the field. My teammates also have made it special. I look forward to practices because of them."

Michele Suow

"We graduated quite a few seniors last year. Because of this, a lot of the younger girls had to step up and play important roles on the team."

Gracen Turner

"Every girl who stepped out on the field was playing for one another instead of themselves. This year was different becasue we were a very young and positive group of girls."

Jaynee Dotson

DREAM BECOMES A Leasty Gregory Junior solidifies his legacy by becoming the first Ouachita athelete drafted to the NA



DARRILL BY LEVI Dade

Tyreek Hill. Adam Thielen. Austin Ekeler.
For football fans, these names sound quite familiar. What may not be all that familiar is the fact that these three athletes came from Division II colleges, and they aren't the only ones. The list of players from Division II colleges span over 22 of the 32 NFL teams. Gregory Junior III, a cornerback from Ouachita Baptist University, is looking to expand that list. After being named to the D2 Football Elite 100 and selected for the Reese's Senior

next level.

A kinesiology major from Crossett, Arkansas,
Junior has spent the last five years at OBU excelling
academically, but also perfecting his craft on the field.
Each season since his freshman year in 2017, Junior
has only improved as a player, playing in a majority of
the games and racking up double digit tackles. Junior
played a crucial part in helping the Tigers to win back-

to-back-to-back GAC Conference Titles.

Bowl, Junior is determined to utilize his talents in the

Junior returned to OBU for one more year in 2021 after the Covid-19 pandemic cancelled the 2020 season. After the Tigers finished third in the Great American Conference with a 9-2 record, Junior received an invite to the Reese's Senior Bowl. Junior was the first Ouachita player to play in the bowl game, where he showcased his skills as a defensive back on a much larger scale. Junior even assisted in a tackle in the opening kick-off of the bowl game.

For former teammate Jason Jackson Jr., seeing Junior get the invite was no surprise to him. "I remember a road game we had and I think it was Jim Nagy, the guy over the Reese's Senior Bowl, tweeted at him. Greg was sleeping and he woke up...and his phone was like glitching out on Twitter. And from that moment forward I never doubted that he could have the opportunity to play in the Senior Bowl."

Junior's leadership and hardworking attitude helped him to get recognized and receive numerous accolades. "He came to work every day with a great mindset, trying to get better and improve his craft," says Kenta Jones, another former teammate of Junior's. "Greg is a natural leader, he doesn't even have to say much; he is going to lead by example."

When asked about the senior bowl, Junior told former teammate Kendel Givens, "I really just went out there and competed in front of the NFL scouts and displayed my skills. I went out there and showcased that I can play with the top guys in the draft." It is fair to say that Junior's determined mindset and drive to prove himself paid off: Junior caught the attention of multiple

NFL scouts, earning himself invites to official visits.

After almost three months of training and team visits, Junior was drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars as the 197th pick in the sixth round of the NFL Draft; on April 30, 2022, Junior became the first player from OBU to ever be drafted into the NFL. OBU has a small history of players making it to the NFL, with the most recent before Junior being Philip Supernaw, who played from 2012 to 2017. Junior's much deserved accomplishment helped to put the small, private university on the map. "It's been a dream my whole life to play in the NFL," said Junior. "It's a real blessing...there's moments like this that I'll never forget."

OBU defensive back coach, Dionte Dean, coached Junior for four years and three seasons, getting the chance to see him grow into the player that would eventually go pro. Even in the early days of coaching Junior, Dean had a hunch that he was working with a potential NFL player; "Man, when I saw his body when I first got here and I looked at the board and he had a 40-inch vertical; it was like, 'That's the corner? He has dreadlocks and he has a 3.6 GPA? Yeah, the kid has a shot.'" Dean got to be a part of the growing process Junior had to go through in order to make it to the league, but to him, a lot of it consisted of Junior understanding what kind of talents he already possessed.

Despite all of the glamour of the making it to the NFL, Junior hasn't lost sight of the people who were by his side in the beginning. Jackson Jr. said, "He's going to make sure to check in and see how you're doing. I know he has a lot going on in his life, but he still takes the time out of his day to make sure he's checking on the people that he loves." When first drafted, Junior took time to thank those who supported him through this process; God, his family, his home town of Crossett, and of course, OBU.

Junior is taking a leadership mentality and an array of athletic ability to the NFL, but he's leaving something behind at OBU; a legacy. Jones said, "Everybody respected Greg. He didn't even have to demand respect; his actions on the field and off of the field gave people no choice but to respect him...he was just a standup guy. There's not any bad thing I can say about Greg."

Dean explained what he believes Junior's legacy is for the team; "I think the legacy that Greg leaves has actually helped us in a time like this; don't quit early on when it's not your shot...he stayed true to the course and never cheated the system." Gregory Junior will be remembered by his coaches and teammates as more than "the guy that made it big"; he'll be remembered as a leader, an incredible athlete, and most of all, a friend.



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to catch a pitch. Bachman transfered from a junior college in Arizona to play for the Tigers. photo by Levi Dade

G. ALLEN fields a foul ball that was hit down the third base line. Allen started every game for the Tigers. photo by Sarah Dean









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One of the best feelings in all of baseball is rounding the bases after a home run."

historic season

BASEBALL ATTENDS TOURNAMENTS

The 2022 season for Ouachita
Baseball was historic. The team
was transitioning from a rebuilding
period into a highly competitive team.
With a winning season, a conference
tournament appearance, and an at
large bid to the NCAA regional tournament, the Tigers
set new school records along the way.

"This year's team just put up more of a fight and never quit," Garret Hermes a senior mass communications and media major from Royse City, Texas, said.

This was Hermes' second season with the Tigers and he believed that the determination to never give up is what made this team successful. Hermes was a key pitcher for the Tigers throughout the season.

The Tigers dominated teams early on in conference play. This made a statement that the team was a bigger threat within the GAC than in years past.

"A big moment that defined the season was when we played Harding," Wyatt Core, a freshman computer science major from Fayetteville, said. "We went down early against them but fought back to beat them in all three games of the series securing a sweep."

The Tigers relied on freshman players to step up and contribute throughout the season. Core is a great example of this; he maintained a .309 batting average with 8 home runs. These accomplishments earned him the title of GAC Freshman of The Year.

While the freshman on the team made a huge difference, veteran players also led the team to success. Cooper Timmons, a junior business management major from League City, Texas, was the Friday night starting

pitcher for the Tigers. He led the team with a 9-3 record and a 3.83 ERA, including three complete games. This was Timmons' third year playing on the team. Since Timmons has been a Tiger, the team had never made the conference tournament, much less been invited to the NCAA Tournament, but this year was different.

"I will never forget when we clinched a chance to go to the conference tournament by beating ECU at home," Timmons told the Ouachitonian. "We have been working so hard for that moment since I got here and it was truly so rewarding."

The team set a new school record with 20 conference wins and had its first 30-plus win season since 2012. The Tigers made their first appearance in the GAC tournament since 2017. They lost in the semi-finals to Henderson State University after defeating Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Harding. The team thought their season was over after that game. As the semester came to an end, the team turned in their jerseys, packed up their dorm rooms or apartments, headed home, and some even graduated.

The night after graduation the Tigers were surprised to find out that had been selected as an at-large team to the NCAA Division II tournament. The team traveled back to Arkadelphia to prepare for the tournament, its first appearance in the NCAA tournament since 2008. Ouachita shocked Central Missouri, the No. 1 seed, by sending them to the loser's bracket in the first game. The 5-4 win proved that inclusion in the tournament was well-deserved, but the Tigers could not duplicate the magic, falling in its next two games to Augustana and in a rematch with UCM.

CAROLINE JOHNSON







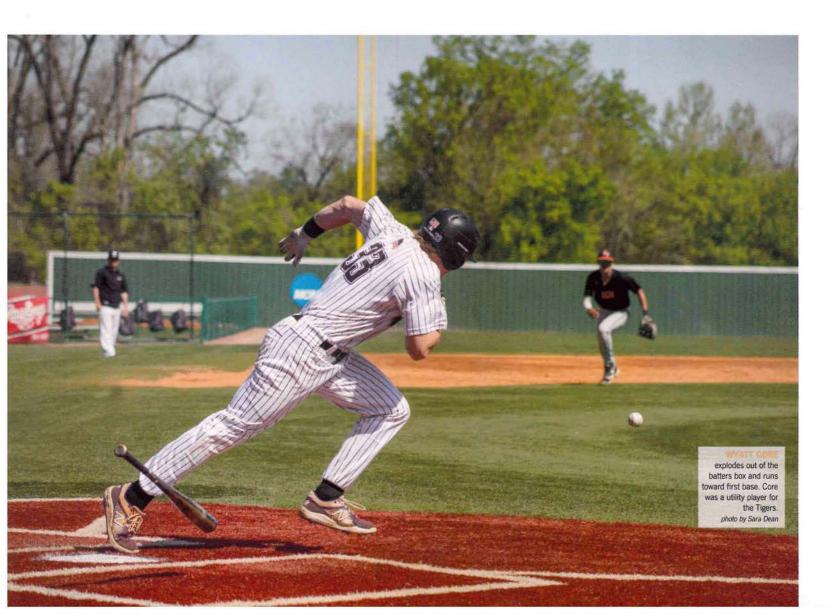
"It is still hard to grasp how much of a milestone a 30 win season is. For a team to reach 30 wins for the first time in 30 years and punch a ticket to the conference tournament for the first time in five years is huge for this program. The weight of having a 30 win season shows a lot about the type of program that is being built here, and I can't wait to see it continue its upward trend."

CADE BURRIS









THE ROAR rundown

OBU vs

1-4 ESU
0-2 Cameron
0-4 SWBU
0-3 NESU
0-2 TAMU Int.
0-7, 1-9, 1-11 TAMU KV
0-9 St. MU
4-1, 12-4 CBC
2-1 MWSU
6-3 CBU
1-4, 0-8, 9-11 OKBU
3-5, 5-6, 7-6 Harding
5-1, 11-7, 2-5 HSU
1-11, 1-10, SAU
4-11
11-6, 4-9, 3-9 SWOSU
4-3, 10-7, 4-9 NWOSU
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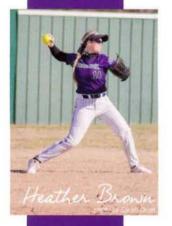
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dives back to first base. Ornelas was a utility player for the Tigers. photo by Sara Dean

a senior, prepares to catch a pitch. Jones has been the primary catcher for the Tigers since her freshman season. photo by Sara Dean

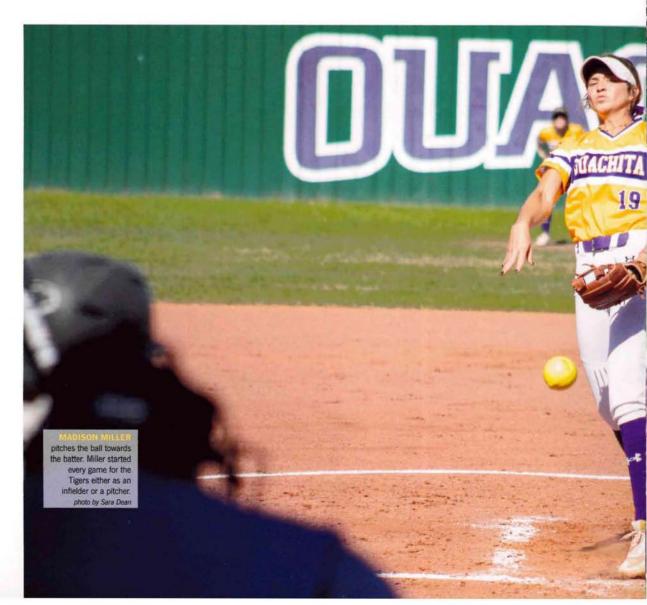


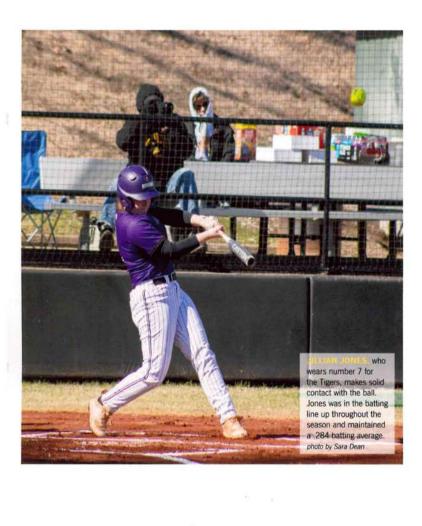


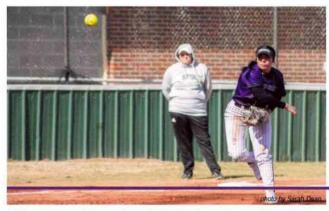


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These girls are some of my best friends. I know they will always have my back on and off the field."







"This season was off to a rocky start but with early mornings and long afternoons, we worked together as a team to turn this season around. We've grown closer together throughout this year and have an overall great team dynamic. We overcame and lot of Injuries this season, and eventually figured out what worked best for us to be successful. We're hopeful and looking forward to next year.'

ERIN WILLIAMS

position assists





GIRLS CREATE UNBREAKABLE BOND

From the pre-game team TikToks made, to the hotel bonding time, there's no doubt that Ouachita's softball team have made countless memories not only on the field, but off the field as well. Although each

season brings different things, one thing remains the same. Through braving the summer heat together during hot practices, to long bus rides on game days, an unbreakable bond was formed each and every season for our beloved Lady Tigers.

Each player prepared for the battle to come on the game day field in their own way. For some, getting game day ready meant going over plays to be prepared for what was to come. For others, it was pregame stretching and warm-ups that got them in the game day mindset.

Freshman business administration and sports management double major from Hensley, Arkansas, Reagann Harper stated, "If we had a home game, I would usually go sit in my car at the field and eat Dunkin' Donuts while listening to a mix of Christian and pump up music to get my mind right before the game. For away games, I would usually get up early and go eat breakfast with my hotel roommates."

Everyone had their pre-game ritual, and ribbon tying just so happened to have been one of senior Callie Jourdon's. In fact, Reagan Harper has never played a college softball game without the assistance of Jourdon tying her hair ribbon into her ponytail as this was a game day tradition last season.

Through the long hours spent sliding into bases and chanting cheers in the dugout, the girls truly

transformed from being strangers, to teammates, to becoming a family.

Freshman pitcher and biomedical sciences major from Bauxite, Tuesday Melton, said it best, "I love the commodore and the way we can talk to just about anything." The team formed a strong bond, and this showed on and off the field.

Junior biology major from Lucas, Texas, Rebecca Holiman exclaimed, "My favorite part of being on the softball team is being able to have fun with my friends playing the sport that I love."

Whether it's accidentally busting each other's eyebrows open, or just talking to each other for hours on the bus, some of the Lady Tiger's fondest memories have been made with their teammates.

Junior elementary education major from Fort Worth, Hope Waid, recalled, "My favorite softball memory was when we went to Portland, Texas for a tournament. We were swarmed by seagulls on the beach because we thought it would be a good idea to attempt to feed them pretzels."

Through the well-deserved wins to the heartbreaking losses, OBU Softball has been through it all. The talented women of Ouachita Softball not only hit walk off doubles and score head-turning home runs, but truly experience doing life together for a short-but sweet four years.

After an impressive 15 years of playing her favorite game, senior mathematics major from Shreveport, Louisiana, Tally Turnbow said, "My favorite part of being on the field had to have been having the opportunity to hangout with 20-something of my best friends each and every day." ROSE ROBINSON

OBU vs

15-23 UIU 45-9 CBC 56-0 LC 15-24 UO 22-21 NEO 10-33 McK 18-28 MU 17-30 LU 17-33 DU 15-28 MU 37-12 WJC 15-29 DU

4-8

pins his opponent to the floor. Morrow was a contributing rockie throughout the season. photo by Hannah Adamson

repares to begin a match. Compton was a freshman competing with the Tigers for the first time. photo by Hannah Adamson







bouncing back WRESTLING COMPETES POST COVID

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Maturity amongst my guys made this year different than past years. The team had a lot of respect for each other." After battling back from seasons plagued by the COVID-19 virus the Ouachita Wrestling team had a season worth remembering. This season began with a lot of hard work and preparation. The athletes wanted

to help each other succeed.

"We helped each other get the weight off. We came in together to get more work in when we had time off. Most importantly, we made sure that guys made it to practice on time," Cole McCartney, a sophomore Christian studies major from Nashville, Tennessee, said.

McCartney was a second-season returner for the Tigers and worked hard to make this season more successful than his rookie season. This accountability allowed the team to work hard in the off-season to prepare themselves for competition. This preparation paid off when the team saw some major success during the season.

"A major turning point was beating the reigning Junior College National Champs at our place. It really gave us a boost of confidence and helped us see our true potential and what we were capable of doing," Terrence Murray, a sophomore kinesiology major from

Garland, Texas, said.

This mid-season success propelled the team into the last half of the season. Although the win over the Junior College team was not a conference win, it made a statement that the Tigers were ready to compete and be a threat during conference match ups.

"The team was a lot more bought in. Even though the ups and downs, we bent but never folded and kept picking up steam throughout the season," Murray said.

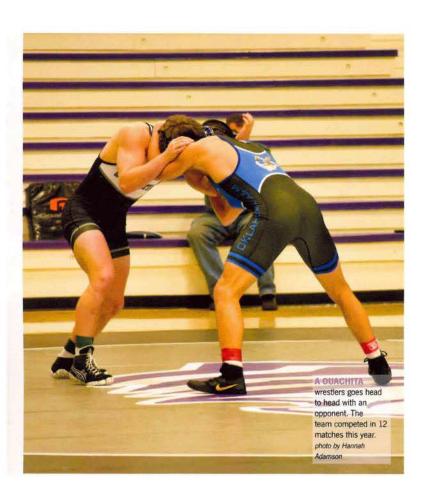
The second half of the season included a great showing at the regional tournament. At this tournament the Head Coach, Kevin Crutchmer, was awarded Coach of the Year. Crutchmer also agreed that the team was growing towards the end of the season.

"This season the team did a very good job of not overlooking the end goal," Crutcher said. "We came to the last event of the season as a complete package."

The Tigers went on to end the season competing in the Super Regional competition. Crutchmer described this moment as a major turning point for the team as three wrestlers finished in the top five of their brackets. It will set the Tigers up well to start next year off just as successfully as they ended this season.

CAROLINE JOHNSON





TIGER NATION



"My best memory during a match this season was when I got my first heavyweight victory. Wrestling is a challenging sport, and going to match up with guys that are about 50 pounds heavier than me sounds crazy. After I got that first heavy weight victory it was a great accomplishment, and it boosted my confidence as a wrestler."

CHANDLER COOLEY

wins weight class duals





rundown

OBU vs

- 7-0 Delta St.
- 6-1 SWBU
- 7-0 Newman
- 0-4 Washburn
- 4-0 ESU
- 5-2 SCCC
- 4-3 NWMSU
- 5-2 Drury
- 6-1 MWSU
- 7-0 UAM
- 6-1 MC
- 0-4 UWA 1-6 UWF
- 7-0 UAFS
- 5-2 SEOSU
- 5-2 SAU
- 7-0 TA&M
- 6-1 HU
- 4-0 HU
- 4-1 SAU
- 4-3 Washburn
- 3-4 Indianapolis

18-4





TOBIAS FUERSCHUSS

eagerly waits for his opponent to serve the ball. Fuerschuss was a senior from Bregenz, Austria. photo by Abby Blankenship

SANTIAGO KEARNEY

talks to his teammate Chico during a doubles match. The pair consistently ranked among the top doubles pairs in all of Division II throughout the season. photo by Abby Blankenship





I will never forget winning the regular season and the conference title. We also got to travel to Pensacola for Spring Break."

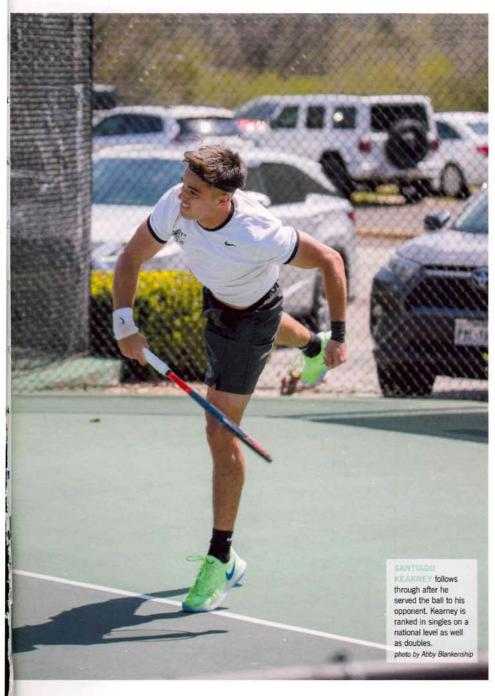


pusple PRIDE



"Some of the best moments of the season were winning big matches and beating great teams. That feeling gives you confidence to use in the next match." Seth Hernandez





Francisco "Chico" Oliveira is a graduating senior and a vital member for the men's tennis team. The team won the MIRA/GAC title and made it to Nationals before falling to Indianapolis 4-3. The success was due in no small part to the contributions from their 16th individually ranked star.

Oliveira and Santiago Kearney (ranked 42nd himself in singles) were ranked 22nd in doubles. Alex Blanchar and Phil Exner join their fellow Tigers in the rankings by holding the 50th spot in doubles.

Oliveira is a native of Porto, Portugal, a daunting 4,471 miles from Arkadelphia. He began to have the desire to go overseas to play collegiate tennis through a convincing friend. After getting connected with a recruiter, Oliveira was put in contact with Ouachita's men tennis coach, Craig Ward.

Oliveira did not get to see much of the beauty of campus due to an untimely storm, but he was sold based on the general friendliness of the people he met on his visit.

He would soon become one of the best tennis stars in all of Division II. After starting out his freshman season going 10-4, he continued to improve.

His sophomore season was cut short by the pandemic, but not before seeing him go out on a 3-game win streak. In his junior season, he was named MIAA Player of the Week and UTR ITA Player of the Week, finished 12-3 and finished the season ranked No. 10 in singles in all of Division II.

During the season, Oliveira was named MIAA/GAC Player of the Week on April 20, adding to his accolades. Oliveira points to professors as a key source of support. He compared the drastic difference in the mindset and attitudes of Ouachita's professors compared to those back home.

"Everybody wants to help you," Oliveira said.
Oliveira's advice to his teammates and incoming
collegiate tennis players is simple: "Trust your coach."
He also emphasized that "It is all about relationships," as
tennis has given him connections that go past the sport.

The men's tennis team was selected to host the NCAA Regionals tournament and competed as number 11 national seed in the NCAA Division II national championship after winning the MIAA/GAC championship. MATTHEW CHEATHAM

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

tennis competes in NCAA Division II nationals





ALEX BLANCHAR uses a fluid forehand

uses a fluid forehand stroke to make contact with the ball. Eight athletes from six different countries make up the team. photo by Abby Blankenship

SANTIAGO KEARNEY

anticipates the ball as his doubles partner looks on. The team plays matches consistently throughout the fall and spring semesters.

photo by Abby Blankenship

THE ROAR rundown

OBU vs

- 2-5 NESU

- 0-7 HU 0-7 ASU
- 1-6 MC
- 1-6 Delta St
- 3-4 Rhodes
- 2-5 UCA

- 0-7 NWMSU
- 1-6 MWSU
- 1-6 Montevallo

- 1-6 SAU
- 1-6 SEOSU
- 7-0 TAMU TK
- 2-5 HSU
- 0-4 SEOSU

3-19





What sets the Women's Tennis team apart from other teams is not the amount of matches won or adversities overcome. Instead, it is the camaraderie the team holds. Being on and off the court has helped to create this bond that only athletes share.

Senior Taylor Hansard, a kinesiology major from Fort Stockton, Texas, knew she wanted to be a tennis player once falling in love with the sport. Teammates meant everything for her when it came to this sport.

"I appreciate my teammates mostly for showing up everyday and putting in the work to accomplish our goals individually and as a team," Hansard said. "I appreciate my coach for always being a positive light in our lives and always encouraging us to do our best on and off the court."

A common theme between the tennis players was a love and appreciation for their coach, Kourtney Chumbley. Sophomore Austynn Crocker, a communications major from Little Rock shared the impact their coach has had on her this season.

"I appreciate my coach because she expects us to perform our best on and off the court," Crocker said. "Her encouragement has made me a better person which will benefit me even after my tennis career is over."

Working hard to improve after every match while navigating academics and relationships can become a heavy task. For the girls, their teammates made it all worth it.

"It's always difficult in season balancing school, friends, and tennis but the life skills and relationships you are able to build on the tennis team negate any difficulties," Crocker said. "I have appreciated my teammates throughout the season because whether I won or lost, they were encouraging and comforting."

Sophomore Oliva Gatson, a business administration and marketing major from Greenwood, Arkansas started her tennis career at the age of 7. She had dreamed of playing at Ouachita and reflected on her time on the team this season.

"We have each improved a lot because of how much we push each other. I've also never seen a coach as dedicated and encouraging as Coach K, we are lucky to have her,"

ON YOUR SIDE

women's tennis pushes each other to grow



I love being on a team with such unique girls. I have learned so much from them on and off the court."



prepares to return the ball. Gaston was a second year returning player for the Tigers. photo by Abby Blankenship



VALENZUELA hits the ball back to her opponent. The Tigers played the battle of the ravine match at home. photo by Abby











MAKEILAH TURNER anticipates the next serve. Turner was selected to All-GAC Second Team for her performance during the season. photo by Abby Blankenship

CLARISA VALENZUELA plays in the match against Angelo State. Valenzuela played singles and doubles for the Tigers. photo by Levi Dade



competed in the GAC conference tournamen in Bentonville.

photo by Abby Blankenship



"We competed to the best of our abilities, we each gave it our all and left it all on the court. I would not want to compete with any other group of girls."

Taylor Hansard

"It is difficult to put in 110% effort on the court when you have essays, exams, and assignments to worry about. With each member of the team putting all their effort into practice and matches showed how strong our team is."

"Being a part of this team has given me some of the best friends and family anyone could ask for! I'm so proud of all the things we have accomplished as a team and can't wait to see what the future holds."

Keelan Williams

rundown

OBU vs

144-113 OC 57-203 UIW 84-121 HSU 109-64 LA 99-123 DSU 107-129 HSU **2-4**



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A key moment for me this season was making it into the finals at the conference meet in the three out of the four events that I swam."



ELIJAI

takes a breath as he competes in the breast stoke event. Christenson was a rookie who contributed throughout the year. photo by Sara Dean

NOTAN GEREER

completes a pike dive and prepares to enter the water. Gerfers also competed in the 50 yard freestyle, and placed first at the conference championship in that event.





"This season was different because the team is no longer in a re-building era. We are becoming a serious threat within our conference. I can't wait to see what the team does in the future."

"I realized that I could be a threat as a freshman. I was even able to get a National Cut in the 200 yard breaststroke, and that was my favorite memory from the season."

PRIDE

"A key moment for me was when I won the 200 yard backstroke at the mid-season meet. I dropped time for the first time in a couple of years, and then I ended up dropping even more time at the conference meet."





The men's swim team had the drive to work hard and improve as individuals but ultimately learned how to come together as a whole to accomplish their goals.

One goal the team focused on this season was team building. Over the

winter break, both the men's and women's swim teams traveled to Destin, Florida, for their training trip. This was a positive memory for the team and had a great impact on their morale for the season.

"My most memorable moment from the season was our training trip in Florida where we were able to train hard and grow as a team," Joseph Ragsdell, junior kinesiology major from Columbia, Missouri, said.

This trip allowed them to not only grow in their athletic ability but to grow their bond as a team, which was the most important thing to get them through the season. Senior captain Nolan Gerfers, a kinesiology major from Houston, Texas, shared his appreciation for how the team came together this season.

"As a senior captain, I learned a lot about building relationships and patience this season," Gerfers said. "I love this team and getting to have a unique relationship with each person on this team means the world to me."

The Tiger Sharks greatly improved this season. They shattered both personal records and team records all while learning how to work well as a team as well as the importance of self discipline.

"A lesson I have learned is that improvement in swimming is my responsibility and something that I have to work on every day," Duncan Troup, freshman biomedical sciences major from Conway, said.

The team had a great performance at the annual New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships. Junior Elijah Christianson beat the team record in the 200 butterfly and the team as a whole placed third overall and had the second-best improvement rate in the conference.

"I seriously cannot stress enough how thankful I am to have been a part of this team," Gerfers said. "I'd like to thank Coach Bostick for giving me this opportunity and our outstanding donors that continue to support us in everything we do."

HANNA WILLIAMS

IN IT TOGETHER

swim prioritizes team bonding for victory





A MEDLEY RELAY

race begins as a
Ouachita swimmer
dives into the water.
This races included four
individual swimmers
competing together.
photo by Sara Dean

JAYDEN HERRON

competes in a freestyle swim for the Tigers. Herron was a returning veteran on the team. photo by Sara Dean

THE ROAR rundown

OBU vs

133-139 OC 52-224 UIW 74-191 UALR 13.5-104.5 HSU 121-83 LA 85-156 DSU 118-112 HSU 3-4



NEW-FOU **PASSIO**

swim works together to grow stronger

Ouachita's women's swim and dive team, like many other teams on campus, had their fair share of losses and victories along with team struggles and synchronized teamwork. Yet, their story was unique as it was one of

struggle, redemption, and promise. Anna Kate Velasquez, a sophomore from Pearland, Texas, and Biblical Studies major, reflected on the happiness she felt in her very first moments on the team.

"I remember feeling so excited and hopeful," Velasquez said. "I was smiling so big my first practice that I was literally smiling while I was swimming."

Velasquez joined the team as a freshman in 2020, full of hopes and enthusiasm after desiring for so long to swim for a college team. Though the team struggled in that pandemic year in more ways than one, she was confident in her team's abilities and determined to persevere.

In 2021, just one year later, the team environment had completely changed, and the collective excitement grew rapidly. One of the factors that lead to this revitalized energy was the eagerness of the class of 2025, who were driven to succeed.

Freshmen Elise Henderson, a biology major from Columbia, Missouri, quickly became one of the team's top scorers. Having had shoulder surgery her junior year of high school, Henderson was unsure as to what her future of college swimming might look like. However, her apprehension was short-lived, and she realized that she was more than able to take on the challenges that long distance swimming demanded of her. She expressed her gratitude for the family-like environment that the team provided and spoke on the importance of teamwork in a sport like college swim.

"That's what brings everyone a lot closer, because you're trying to get points for everyone," said Henderson. "You're trying to do well for your team and not just for yourself."

The team is strong relationally as well as competitively. "Every day it's exhausting and there are moments that you don't want to push yourself," said Anna Kate Velasquez. "But I feel like in a lot of ways, we were able to push ourselves to be great and be a team even in the midst of those times where it was difficult." BREANNA WATSON



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The freshmen brought so much energy to the team this year and it was contagious. I loved seeing everyone feed off of them."



approaches her dive during competition at Waggoner Pool. Conard competed in the 1M dive for the Tigers. photo by Sara Dean

LILLIA CLARKE

competes in the breast stroke event. Clarke competed in three finalist events at the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference. photo by Sara Dear











MARY O'SULLIVAN
cuts through the
water while competing
in the breast stroke
event. O'Sullivan was
a contributing rookie
throughout
the season.
photo by Sara Dean

ANNA KATE VELASQUEZ competes in the butterfly. Velazquez swam in long distance events for the Tigers. photo by Sara Dean





purple PRIDE

"A key moment from this year was when the team took a trip to Florida to train and prepare for the season."

"One of my favorite moments from the season was the Battle of the Ravine meet. Our relay was losing to HSU and we came back late in the race to win. The whole arena was cheering and screaming."

Ariana Rizo

"During our mid-season meet I swam the 200 freestyle. I had not improved my time since high school because of a shoulder surgery, but this meet I improved my time. I will never forget my teammates cheering me on and sharing in that excitement with me."

Elise Henderson

OBU vs 76-64 PSC 71-84 SCSU 55-87 MSU 83-59 EC 62-74 UT TYLER 76-86 TAMU-CC 54-72 ATU 85-92 HU 79-66 ABC 67-71 SAU 95-72 CCC 60-70 UAM 82-81 SWOSU 67-83 NWOSU 71-77 OKBU 56-59 HSU 79-72 ATU 63-69 SNU 65-81 SOSU 57-60 OKBU 71-76 SNU 82-75 HU 49-57 HSU 69-75 NWOSU 70-79 SWOSU

MA'DARIUS HOBSON

protects the basketball as he looks to make a pass. Hobson played guard and forward for the Tigers. photo by Levi Dade

T'VONDRICK HENRY

dunks the basketball over the opponent. Henry was a freshman and started 11 games for the Tigers. photo by Levi Dade







building team MEN FACE TOUGH CONFERENCE FOES



Coming into another exhilarating season, the men's basketball team stretched themselves to play at the best of their ability. Despite the struggles of the season the team swiftly moved through setbacks and

reached toward a greater triumph.

Freshman Adel Mellak, kinesiology major from Arkadelphia, enjoyed his first season on the team although it came with its challenges.

"We faced some challenges on the road and injuries were a big challenge for us," Mellak said. "Some players were injured which affected our team as a whole, but it has been a good experience to learn from and prepare for the next one as we look for a better record next season."

Every player on the team held significance, including one the newest additions to the team this season, basketball manager Nicholas Gillham. Gillham, freshman Christian Studies major from Jonesboro, supported the team in several ways and worked diligently to encourage the team.

"I was introduced to the coaches at the beginning of the semester, and shortly after they presented me with the position to be manager," Gillham said. "The best thing about being manager has been the connections I have made with the coaches and team members."

As the manager of the team, Gillham saw firsthand the hard work and dedication each player put in at every practice and game. Many players stepped outside of their comfort zones and strived to sharpen their skills.

The team environment has helped T'vondrick Henry, freshman business sports management major from Texarkana, Texas, grow as a player and a person.

"Being on the team has provided me with many opportunities to get better and become a stronger player," Henry said.

With his basketball manager role, Gillham is able to attest to this growth he has seen first hand.

"One of the best experiences of the season was watching number 11, T'vondrick Henry, discover his role on the team," Gillham said. "Henry got his starting role late in the season but I have been able to watch him grow to become one of the most pivotal players on the team."

The team showed chemistry at every game. Win or lose the Tigers demonstrated an unbreakable brotherhood.

"Being on the Ouachita basketball team has been a surreal experience, especially the relationship that we have built as individuals and as a team," Mellak said. "We have become brothers to each other. In general, basketball has changed my life to a whole different story. Coming from a different country at the age of 17, it was not easy for me or my family, but I took the challenge and it has been a great experience so far."

The Tiger Basketball season ended with a 7-21 record, but it showed growth as a team. The foundation of the team was strong as the players learned from their challenges and set new goals.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN



61-76 ECC

56-72 SOSU 63-75 ECC 82-77 SAU 68-55 UAM

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We faced a lot of adversity, but we were able to take it as a team and grow from those challenges."





TIGER NATION



"The team dynamic was very eager to win and be successful, but we kept coming up short in games that we should have won. One key moment I'll never forget is when we beat SWOSU in overtime by a buzzer beater. Through all of the adversity we stuck together and found a way to get over the hump that we faced, and we finished the season strong."

DAEVEON BANKSTON

points rebounds steals



OBU vs

67-69 A&M - C

92-54 CCC

71-82 RSU

84-90 ATU

82-60 HU

80-59 WBU

99-102 SAU

87-59 UAM

72-89 SWOSU 59-78 NWOSU

67-63 OKBU

89-91 HSU

92-82 ATU

56-57 SNU

72-51 SEOSU

59-70 ECU

86-90 OKBU

54-71 SNU

72-29 HU

73-71 HSU

48-61 NWOSU

56-80 SWOSU

50-66 ECU

59-53 SEOSU

82-86 SAU

89-54 UAM

10-16

ASPEN

prepares to shoot a free throw. Thorton shot 84% percent from the free throw line during the season. photo by Levi Dade

CLAUDIA VANZANT jumps to shoot

over a defender. This was Vanzant's first season with the Tigers. photo by Levi Dade



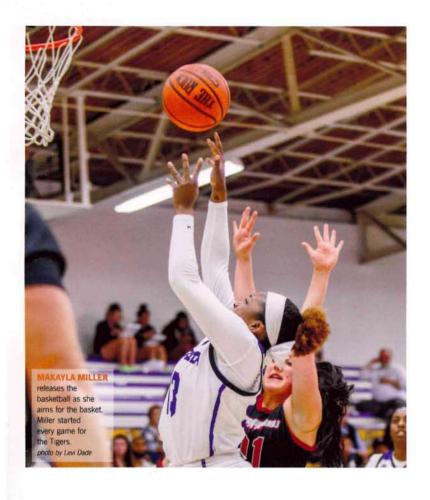




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This year we beat a lot of teams for the first time in a long time. That was a big success for us and the program."





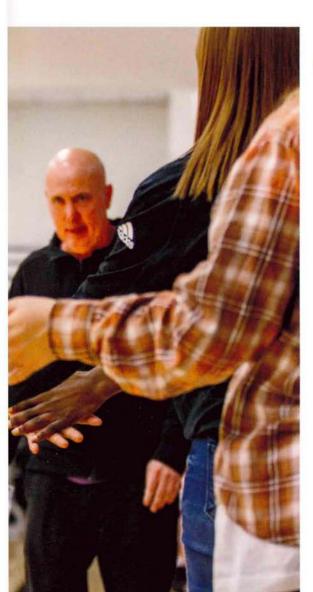
TIGER NATION



"One key moment that I will never forget is our game against Henderson State University. The atmosphere in the gym was unmatched. We won that game on a buzzer beater, and I loved seeing everyone storm the court afterward. Beating your rival like that is something that just sticks with you. That game was really something to remember."

ASPEN THORTON

1 points rebounds 25515



breaking streaks LADY TIGERS PROGRAM PROMOTES GROWTH

It was a new season for the Lady Tigers. Grit and grind kept this team together on and off the court. The girls fought for a win every time they played and had their motto, "next play mentality" in action.

The foundation of Coach Robert Dallimore's program was still being laid and his tactics proving to do the job. Kailen Wright, a senior biology major from Wylie, Texas, attests to the growth the team made.

"From the two years that I have been at Ouachita, I have seen tremendous growth in the program," Wright said. "From recruiting star athletes to building work ethics, our program has changed in such a short time period."

Wright credits her personal growth on the team to Coach Dallimore.

"I have grown from being on this team because of the friendships I have made and the principles Coach Dallimore instills in us," Wright said.

Coming into the season the Lady Tigers were faced with a young team and several missing players due to COVID-19. The girls overcame these challenges by maturing, growing, and ending the season by winning their last game by over 30 points. The team's effort

never wavered despite their obstacles.

Mackenzie Schilmoeller, a sophomore biology major from Bedford, Texas, claimed that growth on the court transfered over to growth in their own lives.

"Our team has grown in all aspects, not only on the court with our talent, improving our averages and setting new records, but also off the court with becoming more of a family and more involved on campus," Schilmoeller said.

Some lasting memories the team shared together were defeating Arkansas Tech University for the first time in nine years, Harding University for the first time in six years, and Southeast Oklahoma University for the first time in five years. They also had an exciting buzzer-beater versus Henderson State University at home where the fans stormed the court.

The Lady Tigers never failed to bring the energy. The girls played hard for each other and grew together to achieve a successful season.

Freshman guard Aspen Thornton was named the Freshman of the Year for the Great American Conference. She was also named to the All-Conference First Team. Junior guard Makayla Miller was named All-Conference Honorable Mention.

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THE ROAR rundown

OBU vs

SOCCER

CO-REC SOUP-A-STARS MEN'S AMIGOS

DODGEBALL

CO-REC DAJ MABALL MEN'S THE KIDS ARE BACK

FLAG FOOTBALL

CO-REC BETA BLACK MEN'S LOOKING TO SCORE

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

CO-REC LOSERS

VOLLEYBALL

AMATEUR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS COMPETITIVE TEAM DREW

BASKETBALL

MAMATEUR THE REBOU IMPETITIVE TEAM SETH WOMEN'S HARDCOREE

DISC GOLF SINGLES

DISC GOLF TOURN.

KICKBALL COREC RICKBALL TEAM

INNERTUBE WATER POLO

SOFTBALL

MEN'S BLACK SOX CO-REC SOFTBALL TEAM





DREW DARBONNE

soars through the air to catch the frisbee. There were two different ultimate frisbee leagues, an advanced league and a beginner league. photo by Coleman Callan

MARY GRACE

Cahalan passes the volleyball to her teammate, Cahalan played on a team with her social club, The Women of EEE. photo by Brooks Bell





An opportunity for the boys to have some fun in a competitive environment is something that we don't take for granted. College would not be the same without intramural sports."



purple PRIDE

"I loved playing soccer intramurals. I am able to enjoy playing soccer with my friends, laugh at our silly mistakes, and have friendly competition with other students at Ouachita." Lindsay Hatchet

"It was good being able to play normal intramurals after COVID-19. It didn't matter the score. We went out there forgot about any stress and just had fun"

Nic Hazlet

"I played flag football with a group of friends and got to share the sweet memory of winning the championship and beating Henderson for the first time ever in our Battle of the Ravine game."

Sarah Collins



Granting students an environment to participate in healthy competition on campus, RecLife offers soccer, dodgeball, flag football, innertube water polo and various other sports fro students to take part in. Each sport encourages students to get active, grow closer to their peers, and positively strengthens the atmosphere on campus.

Intramurals were a great opportunity to have fun and make new friends. Each sport created a light hearted fun environment with friendly competition.

"Intramurals are something every student should do," freshman Christian studies major, Heather Gray, said.

Many students joined a team as a free agent which meant they were placed on a team in need of extra players. In doing so, students built a greater connection with students they may not have met otherwise.

"I went in as a free agent because I did not know many people, and I am glad I did because I was able to meet several new people. As a free agent you are bound to meet neat people and create new friendships along the way," junior sports media major, Noah Brown, said.

Intramurals were certainly a high point at Ouachita. Students acknowledged that not every individual on the team had experience in the sport. Additionally, students feed off one another to learn new skills; win or lose students felt a sense of accomplishment at every game.

"I enjoyed soccer the most because I never played the sport before, so being on a team allowed me to sharpen my skills. Also playing intramural sports taught me that I do not need to be competitive about everything, and that it really doesn't matter if my team was the worst or the best as long as we are having fun," freshman business major, Andrew Martin, said.

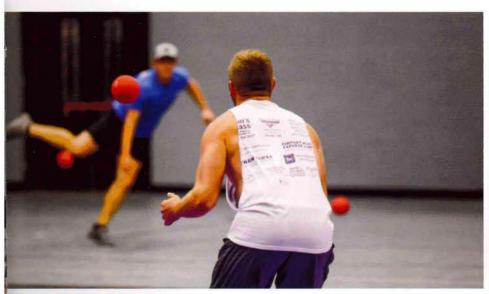
The crowd favorite this year was innertube water polo because of its uniqueness compared to other sports. In innertube water polo, students enjoyed the thrill of being splashed while guarding their goals from competitors on tubes in the pool.

"The end of each game was the best part because no matter who won everyone was happy to play," business administration major, Breanna Watson, said.

JULIE ANN ZIMMERMAN

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

students participate in Reclife intramurals





caden McCaulley prepares to catch a dodgeball that is headed towards him. McCaulley played on a team with his social club, The Men of Eta Alpha Omega. photo by Brooks Bell

BEN DEPRIEST and Luke House hold up signs and cheer at an intramural flag football game. Students used intramural sports as a time to take a break from studying and have fun with friends. photo by Brooks Bell



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Nothing compares to cheering at a Saturday football game. My favorite was when we won The Battle of The Ravine at the last second and the crowd went crazy."

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The cheer team and marching band spent this past year supporting Ouachita athletics and promoting school spirit. Tiger Athletic events would not be the same without these two groups working hard to create an exciting and encouraging atmosphere.

"The cheer team allowed me to get out onto campus and get to know new people," Staijah Taylor a freshman Sociology major from Texarkana, said.

Not only did the cheer team encourage others on campus to support Ouachita's athletic teams, but they were also encouraging to one another. For Taylor this meant immediately having community when she stepped onto campus in the fall as a freshman. It was not only the freshman that felt this community.

"My favorite thing about the team is the love and community that we have. Cheer has totally impacted my time here at OBU. I have gotten to make the best of friends," Cannon Fisher, a senior nutrition and dietetics major from Wynne, said.

Both the cheer team and the marching band created unforgettable memories throughout the year. One of these was a flash mob at the Battle of the Ravine rivalry game versus Henderson State.

"The flash mob during out last song of the half time performance was really special because we had members from all different clubs come out onto the field during half time. It was special event to share with the rest of Ouachita," Savannah Pierce, a junior Christian studies major from Dover, said. Although very exciting, the flash mob was not the only fun event that the marching band created this year.

"I am on the drumline and our team dynamic is really good. We did a drumline battle with the other team at one of the games," Noah Kelly, a sophomore history and political science major from Arkadelphia, said.

These two teams had a large impact throughout the entire year. Pep rallies, halftime shows, drumline battles, and flash mobs created unforgettable environments for students, fans, and athletes to enjoy.

CAROLINE JOHNSON

KEEPING THE SPIRIT

band and cheer take part in flash mob



JOSE GARCIA

warms up in the stands before the football game begins. Garcia played the saxophone for the band. photo by Madison Melcher

THE CHEER team sings the alma mater during pre-game ceremonies. The cheerleaders led the Tiger fans in support of the athletes. photo by Levi Dade











JOSIE WHITE

smiles as she sits with the band in the stands of the football stadium. The band played music throughout every home football game. photo by Madison Melcher

GRACE TIDWELL

waves to the crowd and encourages them to cheer on the Tigers. The cheer team attended all home basketball games. photo by Levi Dade





PRIDE

"I loved getting to be in the middle of all of the excitement at football and basketball games. It was also so fun to work with the band and the social clubs for special halftime performances." Emmy Hipps

"Our team worked to learn new routines and skills during each practice. The atmosphere at these practices are so encouraging and fun. Each year with this team has brought me precious memories and relationships."

Jaelle Morrison

"My favorite memories of cheer always include Dr. Kluck. He encourages and supports us throughout the entire season. He really goes above and beyond, especially at our end of year banquet."

Sydney Donaldson

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Cross Country

Women's	
Bob Gravett	1st
Harding	1st
Ouachita Tiger	1st
UAH Charger	15th
GAC Conference	5th
NCAA Central	23rd
Regional	
Men's	
Bob Gravett	2nd
Harding	2nd

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 Ouachita Tiger
 1st

 UAH Charger
 24th

 GAC Conference
 4th

 NCAA Central
 23rd



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This season was a great, but challenging experience. I learned to persevere through my recent hip surgery."

Track

Women's

Pitt State Classic
MC Season Opener
Hendrix Opener
Rhodes Invite
UT-Tyler Ice Breaker
OKBU
SFA Invite
Little Rock Twilight
ASU Red Wolves
GAC Championship
7th



takes off after receiving the baton. White competed in the 400 meter relay for the Tigers. photo courtesy of obutigers.com

bounds off of the obstacle and into the

water. Bailey was a freshman competing in the event for the first time for the Tigers. photo by McKenzie Davis







"My favorite memory of the season was racing in Huntsville. The course was beautiful and I loved spending time with my teammates in Nashville after the race."

McKenzie Davis

"Racing at the Huntsville Invitational in Alabama was exhilarating. There were gigantic hills, a ton of mud, and hundreds of athletes running."

Brock Bivens

"When the team traveled to Nacogdoches, Texas the girls raced before the boys and I got to cheer for and watch Cade Swindle and Whit Lawrence break 15:00 in the 5k for their first time ever which is a huge feat for a freshman."

Sara Holman









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After gaining thirty new runners since last season, the cross-country team grew significantly and achieved new accomplishments during the 2021-2022 season. The woman's cross-country

team began the year with three consecutive wins, setting the tone for the rest of the season. As the year progressed, both the men's and women's teams set new records for their average race times.

Mackenzie Davis, a freshman Biology major from Frisco, Texas, and Jaci McGregor, a freshman Kinesiology major from Salado, Texas, broke the program's records in both the women's 5k and 6k races over the season.

"Cross country has brought me so many good friends and memories. I enjoy being able to share my love of running with others," said Becca Beard, a sophomore Kinesiology major from Maumelle, Arkansas. "We love to run together as a team, but we also love to hang out with each other through doing different things as a group."

Led by Coach Steve Guymon, both teams grew closer, ran faster, and pushed themselves to a new level throughout the season.

"Not only have I grown as a collegiate athlete, but I've also learned more about the sport from the knowledge of my coaches," said Whit Lawrence, a freshman Chemistry and Biology double-major from Mountain Home, Arkansas. "This team has given me a built-in group of friends during my first year at Ouachita, and it has allowed me to have a stronger sense of Ouachita pride as I travel to represent the best school."

After the program was cut, the men's team returned this season with seventeen runners who have large plans and aspirations for the future of the program before their senior year.

"I am excited to see how the men's team grows. For many of us, we want to build up the team to eventually win conference and take on nationals. These guys are my best friends, and I know that as we grow, so will our ambitions and goals," said Cade Swindle, a freshman Christian Studies and Political Science double-major from Conway. Arkansas.

The men's team had one first-place finish, two-second place finishes, and finished fourth at the GAC championship meet while the women's team had three first-place finishes during the season and tied their program-best fifth-place finish at the GAC championships.

"With this team, you always have someone who is constantly encouraging the best of you. I am thankful for the support that the team has always given to me," said Kristen Holeyfield, a senior Biology major from Searcy, Arkansas. "Coming together as a team is always one of the happiest moments of my day, and after I graduate, I know that I'll miss the positive atmosphere that the cross-country team has created for me."

CAROLINE JOHNSON

A RUNNING START

cross country welcomes in men's team





STAIJAH TAYLOR leaps over a hurdle. Taylor competed in the 100 meter hurdle event for the tigers. photo courtesy of obutigers.com

KEAGAN POINTER runs in a cross country meet. This was Pointer's rookie season with the Tigers. photo by Abby Blankenship

team photos



SOFTBALL FRONT ROW: Erin Williams, Maddi Terry, Heather Brown, Emma McCorkle, Mackenzie Amaya, Tally Turnbow, Ryan Rector, Reagann Harper, Kyndal Moyer

SECOND ROW: Derrick Grimes, Janie Grimes, Emma Mayes, Hope Waid, Jillian Jones, Nikki Schneider Tuesday Melton, Kellen Church, Rebecca Holiman, Madison Miller, Lauren Lester, Macie Goff, Lacy Ornelas, Hannah Hunter, Callie Jourdan, Jessalyn Ahrens, Addison Miller



WOMEN'S SOCCER FRONT ROW: Madison White, Sophia Valencia, Sydni Perry, Carley Ho, Kristen Ma nda Valencia, Hope Pennington, Grace Hunter

SECOND ROW: Hayley Wood, Megan McKay, Ashlyn Lynch, Jamie Fowler, Carina Chavarria, Michele Snow, Taylor Read, Josilyn Kispert, Gracen Turner, Ashlyn Vana

THIRD ROW: Abbey Moore, Jorden Nelson, Alexis Perry, Ashton Inman, Jaymee Dotson, Shanley Rogers,



MEN'S SOCCER FRONT ROW: Hagan Sanchez, Caden Pulliam, Ebon Jordan, Henry Terry, Bobby Boone,

SECOND ROW: James Jolly, David Stankovic, Grant Isbell, Morris Tsuma, Eli Stuart, Payne Barrow,

THIRD ROW: Max Kenyan, Eli Jenkins, Armani Atilano, Natnael Abeje, Joseph Lattier, Marshall Prather



MEN'S CC & TRACK FRONT ROW: Kyndal Moyer, Grace Loftin, Kristen Holeyfield, Lexi Huse SECOND ROW: Sara Holman, Nataly Nail g, Reyna Rogers, Jaci McGregor, Staljah Taylor, Izzi Breaux, Be

THIRD ROW: Sydney Degado, Taylor Koeth, Mackenzie Davis, Megan Monk, Emily Payne, Maci Cash, Victoria Rebekah Wendt, Kristen Swan

FOURTH ROW. Kennedy Stringfellow, Lzzy Baughn, Adrienne Brown, Hannah Bailey, Brandi Rottman, Laynie White, Kloe Parsons, Jessica Jennings, Emily Castilaw



ASEBALL FRONT ROW: Isaac Nowell, Jaxon Rees, Ben DePriest, Bryce Smith, Tallon Heine, Noah Bachman, Cooper Timmons, Andrew Cox SECOND ROW: CW Schrader, Wyatt Core, Pierce Mitchum, Jud Arrington, Zach Kuykendall, Dustin Bermudez,

Carter Wade, Jaxson Chaney, Hayden Childers, Cade Burris, Blake Tubbs, Sean Rhodes
THIRD ROW: Luke Howard, Dave Brown, Beau Burson, Caleb Donoho, G Allen, Jacob Bowman, Luke House, Hunter Gautreaux, Tucker Anderson, Garrett Hermes, Jackson Lipscomb, Cameron Marchant, Andrew McDonald Charles Bradley



MEN'S BASKETBALL FRONT ROW: Alex Scariolo, Leon Kalinic, Ma'Darius Hobson, Ha ro, Kobe Dunlap, Marvin Williams-Dunn, Jacob Street

SECOND ROW: Dennis Nut, Gabe Wilmath, Zachariah Lane, T'vondrick Henry, Stephfan Tabe, Tylar Haynes, Adel Mellak, Deaveon Bankston, Kendarious Smith, Ben Wright, Jordan Bailey



SWIM FRONT ROW: Kate McCown, Samantha McCarty, Emma Starkman, Ariana Rizo, Anna Kate Vel

Erin Russo, Avery Sewli
SECOND ROW: Rafael Bustillo, Mary O'Sullivan, Jade Ashley, Torrie Weem, Lenna Conard, Skye Hoover, Jacob

THIRD ROW: Dawson Pritchard, Logan Langley, Joe Ragsdell, Kendall Wilson, Hannah Hickman, Tori Blum,

FOURTH ROW: Bennett Bibza, Noah Smith, Jax Stevens, Elise Henderson, Lilia Clark, Lydia Medigovich, Rachel

FIFTH ROW: Thomas Morley, Barrett Troup, Duncan Troup, Tristan Richert, Parker Nelson, Elijah Christenson,



WRESTLING FRONT ROW: Javion Otero, Noah Yearnans

SECOND ROW: Brandon Anderson, Marcel Molu, Jake Sheehy, Evan Kennedy, Dylan Olivier, Trace Morrov Hudson Herring, Carter Bierbaum, Will Martin, Chase Howerton, Adrian Salazar-Rivera, Zander Fields,

THIRD ROW: Kevin Crutchmer, Jessie Hodge, Brady Marple, Jackson Carter, Ryan Cochran, Preston Fisher, Donald Paul, Johnny Green, R.J. Hild, Chandler Cooley, Brooks Schrimsher, Wyatt Compton, Rey Reyes, Jackson Bourne, Kyle Ash



VOLLEYBALL FRONT ROW: Abi Roberts, Bethany LaTurno, Lexie Castillow, Avery Jauz, Temi Fayiga SECOND ROW: EJ Day, Karlie Boham, Kellen Church, Sydney Ellason, Brooke Jones, Joni Schneider, Avery Jauz

THIRD ROW: Rileigh Fielder, Kayla Steinmeyer, Zhara Thomas, Jazymne Dorton, Audrey Gallagher, Karli Ferguson, Emily Low



TENNIS FRONT ROW: Fernando Docters, Phil Exner, Alex Blanchar, Francisco Oliveira, Santiago Kearney Craig Ward, Tobias Fuerschuss, Seth Hernandez, Matias Parzajuk



MEN'S CC FRONT ROW: Sam Vickers, Jalen Becho, Josh Tibbs, Luke Lawson, Ethan Kailey, Chip Fournier, Brock Bivens SECOND ROW: Luke Faddis, Cade Swindle, Neal Cole, Jeremiah Mainor, Lawson Sanders, Keagan Pointer THIRD ROW: Dawson Goodwin, Whit Lawrence, Billy Swecker



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FRONT ROW: Laney Mears, Makenzie Schilmoeller, Kailen Wright, Jessi Bennett, Lauren Wright, Makayla Miller, Aspen Thornton

SECOND ROW: Robert Dallimore, Jordan Dallimore, Lanie Baxter, Claudia Vanzant, Kylie Jo Kilgore, McKenzie Jones, Kayla Tucker, Nxerro Maluw, Abby Moseley



CHEER FRONT ROW: Anna Claire Newman, Reyna Rogers, Olivia Whitlatch, Kenzie Cresswell, Elise Hicks, Kelsi Coleman, Grace Tidwell, Kristen Holeyfield, Victoria Bourgeois, Avery Howard, Kennedy Johnson, Emmy Hipps

SECOND ROW: Audrey Fortner, Staijah Taylor, Cris McGough, Melanie Haltacre, Jaelle Morrison, Athen Wilkerson, Sydney Donaldson, Julia Shands, Madison Jackson, Layne Wilson,

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WOMEN'S TENNIS FRONT ROW: Olivia Gatson, Haylee Cannon, Davilus Shelly, Austynn Crocker, Clairsa Valenzuela SECOND ROW: Keelan Wilkinans, Carla Gallart, Taylor Hansard, Makeilah Turner, Ali May



FOOTBALL FRONT ROW: Cole Edrington, TJ Cole, Austin Guymon, Hayden Lassiter, Gregory Junior, Ja Merrick Waller, Josh Burnharn, Todd Knight, Jack Pillow, Rico Gonzalez, Jack Burnharn, Ethan Gasaway, Dameyun McDonald, Ryan Perdue, Hayden Waller, Hunter McCord

SECOND ROW: Gabe Goodman, Keemontrae McKnight, Andrew Hayes, Drew Smallwood, Xaylon Falls, Jacobi Nolen, Connor Flannigan, Harris Walker, Dhante Gibson, Ty Compton, Jaylan Mosley, John Williams, Trey Proctor, Joel Allen, Riley Harms, Tucker Swoboda, Eli Livingston, Eli Livingston, Eli Livingston, Eli Livingston, Grant Allen, Joromeo Bragg, Hunter Swoboda, Jacob Yates

THIRD ROW: Justin Dean, Tommy Crumpton III, Perry Taylor, Kenta Jones, Landon Stone, Jacoby Williams, Josiah Johnson, Malique Reliford, Matthew Loyd, Terrance Murray, Isaac Edwards, Jordyn Rosborough, Kevin Jarvis, Jax Miller, Dalton Curtis, Caleb Scott,

Carsten Johnson, Kendel Givens, Dawson Miller, Seth McDowell, Cody Pallin
FOURTH ROW: Trerell Gibson, Jason Jackson, Parker Beene, Will Broussard, Mikey Gonzalez, Brock Howard, Dawson Miller, Dawson Guidry, Rickey Rogers Jr., Nathan Frater, Trey Flint, Hank Hatfield, Anthony Freeman, Bruin Barnes, Connor Schorp, Nathan Adams, Cole Turner, Cauy House, Jaraylon Burks, Jasson Carter, Nathan Adams, Ben Carpenter

FIFTH ROW: Colby Hammontree, Mason Songer, Josh Wallace, Chance Taylor, Noah Pruitt, Hunter Jackson, Nathan Turner, Christopher McDaniel, Canaan Davis, Whitt Sparks, Clayton Nelson, Cole Pennock, Conner Whipple, Peyton Stafford, Jeremiah Wingfield, Jarvis Gulley, Jax Gasaway, Gaylon Williams, Rocco O'Keefe, Jake Norman, Anthony Chairez, Zacary Henson

SIXTH ROW: Tanner Nelson, Brett Barbaree, Charlie Parkinson, Buster Thomas, Jerimah Turner, Wes McCord, Dylan Clayton, Elias Hewitt, Joe Couch, Joey Benson, Josh Watson, Ryan McDavid, Nick Washington, James Hinch, Jack Stephens, Melvin Kumwenda, Braylen Butler, Lavery Shepherd, Malachi Bingham, Clark Yarbrough, Mason Martin, Boston Morris, Rovell Carter

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