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Women's Volleyball Rinse and Repeat

Welcome to the first special edition of the Connection Newspaper. This week we decided to highlight the recent and major event that took place, "Fall Classic." To start this special edition off strong we have to recap the ladies' impressive grit and perseverance that they showcased down at Walla Walla University.

Day one, the girls varsity Sharks took their first win of the tournament against Cascade Christian Academy, beating them two sets to one. The volleyball team played a total of four games that first day, which proved to be quite challenging, physically as well as mentally. By the end of the last volleyball game, which happened at 9:20 pm, all the girls wanted to do was drown in sleep. However, this did not deter them from waking up the next morning feeling determined to win. What we saw on day two of the tournament was constant drive and resilience from our lady Sharks, winning two of the three matches that they played that day. The first match of the day they won, playing against Columbia Adventist Academy. After that, they lost their match against Parkview Adventist Academy, but that did not discourage their spirits. Keeping their head high, they went into their final match on Friday with all-around smiles and brand-new cheers, with even some being in multiple languages. This game against Milo Adventist Academy held very much importance; it was the game that determined if they would play for fifth or sixth in the challengers bracket or seventh and eighth place. The game started off very strong and the energy was immaculate. Both teams were giving it their absolute best, the digs that we saw happen on both sides were a clear indication that there was a battle being fought and it would be a good one. Kaia Beierle had some of the best digs and passes I had seen so far at Walla Walla alongside Abril Aguilar, who is just an overall doyen when it comes to volleyball. Izabelle Dasilva Maia also came out of nowhere and pulled moves we had never seen her do before. For example, after a missed pass, Izabelle sprinted to the ball which could have been deemed as a dead ball. But nevertheless, Izabelle got within reach of the ball in time and reaching out with a single arm, was able to save it so that our team could win the point. Maria Bentsa was also not kidding when she stepped up to serve. Every serve had a high chance of being an ace and if it wasn't, it definitely wasn't easy for the opposing team to receive.

On a different side of game the fans, including the soccer team, showed up and did their part, losing their voices as they screamed and chanted as loud as possible during the entirety of the game. It was a hard fought battle with MAA, but the ladies pulled off another victory after a close match which ended three sets to two. On the last day of Fall Classic, our team faced Auburn Adventist Academy, our rival school, but the tension was short-lived because we obliterated them in a swift sweep of two sets to zero. In my opinion, the girls have come a long way since the beginning of the year and have much potential, so I think we can expect more magic happen in the few remaining games we have left in this season.

Jacob Santiago

Men's Soccer

Men's soccer: so what happened? This year was supposed to be the one we won it all, but that didn't happen as we took home fifth place at Fall Classic.

Our first game was against was against Columbia Adventist Academy. From checking stats we were the higher-ranked team, but we still wanted to come in knowing that it would be a tough game. The first half of the game was pretty much sound-dominated as we ended the half winning, but we wasted a lot of our energy in the first half. As soon as the second half began it was evident that this wasn't the same team that came out in the first half. We soon fell to the CAA Kodiaks as they gained momentum from each goal. We fell to them 4-3 in the end.

That was an emotional game for many of the guys, even me because we knew we had lost our chance to play in the championship match.

The next game we played was against a not-so-prepared WWVA side. We knew going into the game that they weren't the strongest team, so we played it more as a recovery game and a lot of the starters sat out the second half. We won a decisive 4-0 against them.

Our final game was against our school rivals the Auburn Falcons. Before the game even began they had already insulted us, and our coach, and overall it was clear that they were trying to get in our heads. As the game began I remember one of them telling me that they were gonna play clean and not rough, and to make sure that we were going to do the same. They lied, the first red card came early, and David barely fouled an opposing player but for some reason, the ref thought a red card was necessary. Many words were said throughout the game that aren't PG. Yet, this did not stop us. Zab, scored goal after goal till we were up 4-1. It was clear that we were the better team, and maybe that got the Auburn side too heated because this all culminated in a near brawl happening between Isaac and the other team's striker. The game ended 4-1. I will always remember this as the night we stood our ground and defeated Auburn in soccer.

Jonathon Bower

XP Points

Okay, okay. Even though I might've watched too much Shark Tank in the Shark Tank to notice what's happening in the tank, I still have a decent amount of knowledge that I can impart.

1. What will save you, is the Strawberry Kiwi Enhanced Water, the Pizza, and the Ice Cream Machine.
2. Do not try to shove your way through a bunch of guys in the dorm hallways.
3. The best burgers near you are the ones at the DX.

Now, the games, they were pretty crazy.

With both of the teams finishing 5th, we've done better than some of our past teams. Zabdriel finishing off multiple hat-tricks, Valeria clutching up for the team, us losing all of our voices. It was all worth it!

Also, some standout performers in my opinion, Valeria, Maria B, and David. They definitely deserve more recognition in the coming days. Also, apparently, we cheered for Gem State, (I'm biased towards that team) so that's cool... I guess.

On Friday, and Saturday, we had multiple options for worship, and I really enjoyed the general feel and vibe of Friday vespers, how it was outside, and that we all were connecting as a community.

In summary, I had an amazing time and I feel like everyone around me, had a good time!

Abigail Soria

Social Life at WWU Ins and Outs of College Place

From the small town and its many good restaurants and coffee shops to the pretty campus and amazing people, social life at WWU is anything but boring. If you ever want to get some coffee and study after class you can head over to The Atlas, the coffee shop run by the students, to get some coffee, chai or your drink of choice, sit down in the cozy house, and get some work done. Or if you need a quick snack in between classes, you can go to the famous gas station, The DX, and get some delicious smoothies or allegedly, the best veggie hamburgers ever. Now, if you're thinking, "what church should I go to?" Well, the answer is all of them! There is the Berean Church, where the music is incredible and the sermons are relatable, or you could go, Nuestra Iglesia, the Spanish church led by students, or you could go the main University Church, where it gets full, but you get to see everyone and it's beautiful. Talking about churches and the people that make it, WWU has some of the nicest people and students you will meet. Everyone is so nice and sweet and funny, you are sure to find your group of people and friends there! Besides that you also have the main town, where there are many places to eat, including, Yamas, a Greek place with delicious gyros and garlic fries. Outside of food you also have cute bookstores and other nik-nack stores, where you'll find what you need. If you're thinking, "but Walla Walla is in the middle of nowhere" you would be right, but that doesn't mean it's any less pretty than farther up north. Surrounding WWU you'll find the prettiest and most picturesque hills, where you can take the best pictures, not to mention the most gorgeous sunsets you'll see are there. Just look at the Instagram of anyone who goes to WWU and you'll see it's an amazing place.

Izabelle Dasilva Maia

The Caf The food experience

The tournaments to Walla Walla are always the trips that I'm looking the most forward to as an athlete. It is where the team creates its best memories together and its definitely one of the highlights of the year! However, personally and I believe for the rest of the students, the food in the cafeteria is what we look the least forward to. I really dislike the cafeteria food and whenever I go to Walla Walla, I'm prepared to starve. Honestly I don't really care, since I'm there for the tournament and not for a culinary experience. Some people might call me a picky eater, but let's be honest, if you genuinely think that the food from the cafeteria is good, you have horrible taste.

My connections have warned me about some things I should be aware of about the cafeteria. Let's not spread the word, but I was told that the cafeteria had a very dangerous pet called Larry, and Larry loved to eat his other friends. However, for the happiness of some and the sadness of others, Larry was fortunately killed. But who knows if he left any family members behind.

"DO NOT EAT THE SOUP" -Anonymous connection

However, I would be lying if I said that I didn't like any of the food from the cafeteria. My only favorite meal is the grilled cheese with tomato soup. Even though the cafeteria has a hard time keeping consistent on the quality, at least it's always a safe go to. I know that my friend Abril shares this same passion as me for grilled cheese and tomato soup. Despite that my connection warned me to not eat the soup, I was also told that as long as you are eating the soup from the main bar, you are safe, and that brings me a sort of comfort toward my favorite meal from the cafeteria. Lastly, let's not forget the best part about the cafeteria - ice cream. All-you-can-eat soft serve ice cream! The ice cream is the thing that tastes the best and I could just eat the ice cream for all three days of the tournament and I would be happy. My advice, try the ice cream.

PS: If you think you might starve, I highly recommend walking to DX and getting one of their veggie burgers! They are really good!

Halle Bammert

Results and Standings

Mens soccer

PSAA 3 > 4 CAA

PSAA 4 < 0 WWVA

PSAA 4 < 1 AAA

Womens Volleyball

Day 1

PSAA 2 < 1 CCA

PSAA 0 > 2 RVAA

PSAA 1 > 2 MEA

PSAA 0 > 2 PAA

Day 2

PSAA 2 < 1 CAA

PSAA 1 > 2 PARKVIEW

PSAA 3 > 2 MAA

Day 3

PSAA 2 < 0 AAA

5th overall championship bracket for soccer and 5th overall challenger bracket volleyball

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