



## Sports Roundup

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### Bowling

The women's bowling team saw their season end at the NCAA Lansing Regional tournament where they finished as runners up. It was defeat by the No. 3 seed Vanderbilt that saw the Red Wolves crash out while their opponents advanced to the National Collegiate Championship in Columbus, Ohio.

A-State ended their campaign with a 72-37 record. For the 11th consecutive season A-State had multiple All-American picks with freshman Brooklyn Buchanan, a First Team All-American choice, and sophomore Faith Welch, an Honorable Mention All-American pick.

### Tennis

A-State women's tennis faced tough opposition in Troy for the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Women's Tennis Championship at the Peachtree City Tennis Center. The Red Wolves started brightly with Thea Rice and Nejla Zukic mounting a comeback to help claim the doubles point. However, it quickly turned into a tough afternoon for A-State with only Yasmine Humbert able to win her singles match. In the end, the Trojans advanced with a 4-2 victory.

Overall, the Red Wolves finished the season 6-15 overall and 2-8 in Sun Belt action. This season did see the pair of Rice and Zukic gain Sun Belt honors as they were named to the Doubles All-Conference First Team. The duo were able to achieve a 7-2 record in league play, with their victories helping A-State take the doubles point in seven of the 10 league matches.

### Men's Golf

A-State's men's golf team finished their season at the Sun Belt Conference Championship in El Dorado Arkansas. At the end of Sunday's play, the Red Wolves were tied for ninth but dropped two places on the final day to finish tied for 11th overall.

A-State's Luka Naglic led the line as he finished tied for 16th overall with a total of 226. Naglic had previously finished under par twice this season at Henderson Nevada and

in Scottsdale. Christopher Rahm was the other top 20 finish for the Red Wolves as he ended play tied for 19th with a total of 227.

### Women's Golf

The Women's golf team ended their season with the Sun Belt Conference Women's Golf Championship at the Arthur Hills Course at LPGA International. The Red Wolves ended the season on a high placing third overall, just one stroke behind second placed Coastal Carolina. This marks the best finish at a conference championship since the 2000-2001 season and the fifth time A-State has finished in the top three in program history.

Olivia Schmidt finished in the top 10 of the Sun Belt Championship for the second time as she tied for fourth with her total of 222. Schmidt also earned All-Tournament Team honors with her sixth top five finish in 11 events this season.

### Track & Field

A dominant weekend for the Red Wolves saw the track and field teams gain event victories and break records during the Red Wolves Open at the A-State Track and Field Complex.

A week after breaking the heptathlon school record, Camryn Newton-Smith added the women's javelin program record to her list of accomplishments. The sixth toss flew 47.36m and was a personal best.

Carter Shell and Courtney Thomas brought a one-two finish in the men's long jump, with Thomas achieving a personal best of 7.71m to move him up to seventh in school history.

Grace Flowers' hurl of 57.57m in the women's hammer throw gave her a season best and the number one spot. Chastery Fuamatu wasn't far behind as she placed third with a toss of 52.61m

The standout season for Aimar Palma Simo continued as he won the men's hammer throw, before Kobey Hill won the men's 200 meters with a time of 21.66 seconds.

The first day was rounded off with Elizabeth Martin as her time of 4:28.26 in the 1500m was the No. 2 time in program history.

The momentum continued into Saturday as the A-State dominance saw victories in both the mens and womens 5000m. For the men, Jacob Pyeat won and moved himself up to second in program history before Sophie Leathers and Sarah Trammel recorded a one-two finish in the women's event.

Willem Coertzen and Jacob Tracy then recorded a one-two finish of their own in the men's shot put with personal best throws of 16.87m and 16.73m respectively.

It was also a sweep for the Red Wolves in the women's event as Evangelynn Harris, Fuamatu and Flowers claimed first, second and third.

Finally, Bradley Jelmert claimed the pole vault crown with a career best of 5.42m and both the men's and women's 4x100m relay teams captured first place.

The Red Wolves will look ahead to one more weekend of action before the outdoor SBC tournament from May 12-14.

### Baseball

A-State Baseball has recorded their second Sun Belt Conference series win after extra innings against Troy. Strong pitching got the series off to a good start as the Red Wolves ended game one with a 4-3 win. Justin Medlin hurled a career high seven innings where he struck out before handing off to the bullpen.

The momentum did not carry into game two with Troy taking a 6-1 victory to tie up the series, putting all the pressure on game three.

The pressure showed in the start of the final game as the Red Wolves had to fight back from a 2-0 deficit to force extra innings. However, when it mattered most A-State showed great plate discipline with all five hitters reaching base and driving in Jared Toler's winning run.

Previously, the Red Wolves have sat last in the Sun Belt standing but now, late in the season, A-State has picked up four victories in the last five games.

Next, it's a seven game road trip that begins against UT Arlington next Friday.

