



## Sports Roundup

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### Women's Bowling

A-State's women's bowling team will make an appearance at the NCAA bowling championship for the 14th straight time. They enter the tournament with a 70-35 record after securing their appearance with the at-large selection.

Their first opponent will be Youngstown State in match two of the Lansing Regional on April 8. The winner will take on either Vanderbilt or Alabama State.

Of the 16 teams competing Vanderbilt entered as the No. 3 seed behind Nebraska at the No. 2 and McKendree at No. 1.

This is the first time the National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship will feature regional competition.

Both the regional and championship bracket will be double elimination, with the rounds being a best of three match. This will include a baker total pin fall, five-person team match and best of seven baker match play.

### Men's Basketball

Several players on the A-State men's basketball team have announced they are entering the transfer portal.

This includes junior Desi Sills alongside freshman Norchad Omier and Mario Fantina.

The potential loss of Omier has left many at A-State reeling due to his importance to the team, even as a freshman. Omier's contribution was evident in the end of season awards where he became the third player in league history to pick up both the Sun Belt player of the year and defensive player of the year awards.

However, the development and recruitment of Omier by Balado should give fans hope for the future as A-State looks towards potential new recruits from the transfer portal.

The news came after the announcement that head coach Mike Balado had secured a two-year contract extension.

Last season Balado guided A-State to the quarter finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament as they beat ULM in the first round. This gave the Red Wolves victories in the tournament in back-to-back seasons for the first time since the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

### Women's Tennis

It was another busy weekend for A-State women's tennis as they competed against South Alabama and Troy University.

The first match at Troy was a battling affair with the Red Wolves unfortunately falling short in a 4-3 loss.

Victories by two duos secured the doubles point for A-State for the fifth time in the last seven league matches. The pair of Yasmine Humbert and Sofia Vdovychenko won 6-2 on court two, while Thea Rice and Nejlja Zukic secured a 6-4 win on court one.

After Troy leveled the match, Hunter Roper secured the straight sets win to regain the lead, but two Troy victories meant the Red Wolves had work to do. Humbert tied the match at 3-3 before Zukic lost in the third set to give the Trojans the 4-3 win.

The Red Wolves did not fare as well against South Alabama who handed them a 4-0 loss in their final road match of the season at the Bruce David Lubel Tennis Courts.

After the Jaguars secured the doubles point, three wins over Rebecca Brody, Humbert and Rice secured the South Alabama victory.

Roper did lead her singles match against Mika Pasanen with a 6-2 on court four. This was the only set won by an A-State player.

### Track and field

The results secured by A-State's distance athletes were no joke as they competed at the Washington University Distance Carnival in St. Louis on April Fool's Day.

The meet was opened with Kayla Wade competing in the women's 5,000m. Her personal best time of 17:03.77 secured eighth place and sixth in school history.

2021 steeplechase All-American and Sun Belt Conference champion Bennett Pascoe continued his dominance, securing victory by over 14 seconds. Grayson Young also managed eighth in the event.

In the women's steeplechase the Red Wolves were represented by Elizabeth Martin and Sophia Oury, who secured second and third respectively. Martin's runner up finish of 10:54.81 moved her up to fifth place in school history.

Three A-State runners closed out the

event by competing in the 10,000m. Jacob Pyeatt led the way for the Red Wolves with his time of 29:45.36 placing him fourth overall and second in program history. Nathan Herbst also finished fifth and his time of 30:51.24 placed him seventh in school history. Coleman Wilson finished the pack, placing 16th.

### Baseball beat UCA

It was a disappointing week for A-State baseball who dropped all games in a three-game series at home to Coastal Carolina and a single game series away to Southeast Missouri.

The first game saw only three Red Wolves manage a hit as they fell to a 4-0 loss.

Justin Medlin started well on the mound with three runs and four strikeouts in his six innings.

In the second game, a ninth inning rally by the Red Wolves was cut short as a strikeout with the bases loaded stopped the winning run at second base.

Ben Klutts reached base three times, going two for three with a home run and two RBI.

An A-State fightback didn't last until the third game as they ended the series with a 16-8 loss.

The bottom of the eighth showed promise for the Red Wolves as they recorded five runs to be within two of the Chanticleers. However, Coastal responded with six runs in the ninth, ending all hope for another A-State comeback.

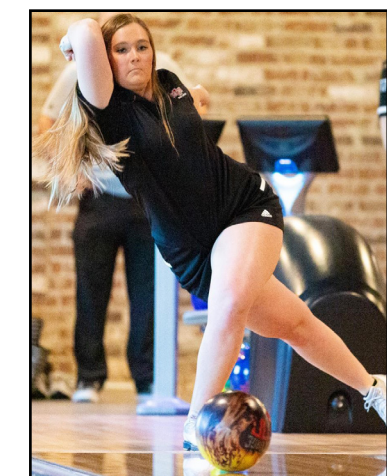
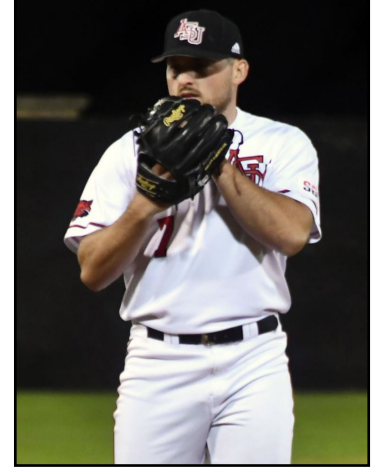
Southeast Missouri piled on the suffering as they came out victorious in the single game series 8-5.

A-State fought hard to level the game in the sixth with a Toler homer giving three runs before Deshazier added a fourth. The top of the seventh tied the score after Brandon Hager tripled to right center, allowing Klutts to score.

However, the bottom of the seventh inning proved decisive with Semo's three runs enough to win the game.

It was a poor day for Treshon Paschal who allowed four runs off six hits in the two innings he pitched.

These latest results take baseball to 5-21 overall and 0-9 in conference play.



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