

ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Softball
March 23
12 p.m. *Home

March 26
1 p.m. *Home

April 16
1 p.m. *Home

April 18
2 p.m. *Home

Baseball
March 21
3 p.m. *Home

April 4
3 p.m. *Home

April 9
3 p.m. *Home

April 13
1 p.m. *Home

Women's Wrestling
March 30
9 a.m. *Away
Sacramento, CA

April 6
9 a.m. *Away
East Los Angeles

Badminton
March 21
3 p.m. *Home

April 11
3 p.m. *Home

April 18
3 p.m. *Home

Mens Tennis
March 19
1 p.m. *Home

April 5
1 p.m. *Home

Womens Tennis
March 19
1 p.m. *Home

Track & Field
March 22
All day *Away
Clovis, CA

March 29
9 a.m. *Away
El Camino College

RAMS NARROW VICTORY IN ELEVENTH-INNING BATTLE!

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Eleven innings later, the Rams snatch a narrow 6-5 victory against Merced College's Blue Devils holding on to their three-win streak.

Rams started strong, dominating the first three innings with teamwork and smart plays preventing the Blue Devils from advancing past second base.

They would get four batters past home before the bottom of the third inning.

The Blue Devils would start to push back at the top of the fourth inning putting up three runs and stopping the Rams from scoring ending the inning.

Rams would score again during the fifth inning and neither team would score in the sixth.

The Blue Devils would gain momentum into the seventh inning by posting two more runs and tagging out three batters straight.

As overtime starts, the stadium lights and cold winds cover the field with a 5-5 tied game.

An intense back and forth would carry on for the next three innings the Rams took their positions determined to stop the Blue Devils batters from stealing this game.

In the final play, #22 pitcher Cam Cunnings struck out the last batter of the opposing team, leading to the Rams'

celebration both on and off the field.

At the start of the eleventh inning, the Blue Devil's batter hit the ball toward #15 Logan Sumter who quickly threw it to #34 Elijah Cortez who tagged the batter for the first out.

The second batter gets a solid hit but #4 JP Acosta swiftly catches the ball for the second out.

The Devils' final batter is struck out by #22 pitcher Cam Cunnings sending Rams

celebrating both on and off the field.

But the fight isn't over yet, as with #3 Evan Wallace hits and makes it to first base.

#25 Trever Jobinger switches with Cortez and sacrifices himself to allow Wallace to steal second base.

Korey Likens #12 takes bat for the final time of the night. He helps Wallace take third before walking and ending the game with the final score of 6-5 Rams.

The Rams next home game will be on



JP ACOSTA, #4, BATTING AGAINST MERCED BLUE DEVILS IN THE SECOND INNING ON MAR 14, 2024. THE GAME WOULD END IN THE ELEVENTH INNING WITH A SCORE OF 6-5. PHOTO BY JESUS HERRERA.

March 21 at 3 p.m. against Porterville.

SECURING NATIONAL VICTORY

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Fresno City College's Cheer team won their first victory at the United Spirit Association Collegiate Championships in Anaheim, California on Feb. 18.

Amelie Medellin, a sophomore member of the cheer team, felt accomplished when she heard that they had won after all that hard work.

"It was nerve-racking," Medellin said. "And then, we hit the mat."

The team began conditioning in the Fall of 2023, with months leading up to their first showcase that took place in November 2023, according to FCC's Head Cheer Coach Rachel White.

White took over as head cheer coach in Fall 2023 along with her assistant coach, Triana Vang. They have been working together for the past six years, sharing roots in cheer from Fresno State.

She had a vision for taking FCC cheer to nationals and received overwhelming support from FCC administrators, oth-

er sports departments, and the cheer team themselves.

This was the first time FCC had attended the competition. Many on the cheer team were excited to participate.

There were many sleepless nights and hard practices that when FCC cheer finally won, it brought the team a sense of pride to be a Ram.

"We executed our dance and from there, it was history," Medellin said.

Obviously, being an all-women's cheer squad was a big highlight for the team. Showing both grace and power to not only place but win it all.

"We got to show off that title just a little bit more because we didn't have those stronger men that got to help us to help us with stunts," Medellin said.

White described a sense of pride after the announcement that they would be proceeding to the second day of competition.

"The team was sharp and energetic," White said.

Teams participating in the USA Nationals are separated

into divisions based on the school that they are representing and their team composition to avoid any unfair match-ups. The FCC team performed in the 2-Year All-Girl Show Collegiate Division.

The Cheer team is currently in their off-season but is still practicing as they prepare for summer tryouts.



FRESNO CITY COLLEGE'S CHEER TEAM CELEBRATING THEIR WIN AFTER PLACING FIRST AT THE USA SPIRIT ASSOCIATION COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS TAKEN ON FEB. 18 PHOTO CRED: FCCCHEER INSTAGRAM

FIVE SHOTS FOR MADNESS

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potential contenders for the championship in 2024. One: Duke University:

As March approaches, basketball fans anticipate one of the most thrilling events in college sports, the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, known as March Madness.

This annual tournament amazes the audiences with its unpredictable outcomes, underdog, stories, and showcase of top collegiate talent.

March Madness is a single-elimination tournament featuring 68 college basketball teams from Division one of the NCAA.

Once selected, teams are seeded and placed into four regions, each with its own bracket.

The tournament begins with the First Four, a series of play-in games that determine the final teams in the main bracket.

From there, the madness truly begins as teams compete in rounds of 64, 32, Sweet 16, Elite Eight, Final Four, and finally the National Championship game.

March Madness is synonymous with unforgettable moments and Cinderella stories where lower seeded teams defy the odds and upset higher ranked opponents.

Predicting March Madness outcomes is difficult due to the tournament's unpredictability and the potential for upsets.

However, based on regular season performances and player talent several teams stand out as

They have a talented roster and have a legendary coach in Mike Krzyzewski in his final season with Duke entering the tournament as a top seed and strong contention for the title.

Two: Gonzaga University: Gonzaga is known for their high-scoring offense and consistent performance in recent years, and Gonzaga definitely can be another team to watch closely in the tournament.

Three: Kansas University: With Kansas having a blend of



MARCH MADNESS IS FROM MARCH 19 TO APRIL 8, 2024. COMPOSITE BY MICHAEL LIN.

experienced players and promising newcomers, Kansas has the depth and skill to make a deep tournament run.

Four: Michi-

gan State University: Michigan who are known for their tough defense and resilience, Michigan State could surprise opponents and make a significant impact in the tournament.

Five: Kentucky: Kentucky consistently recruits top-tier talent, with this season being no different they have a roster filled with skilled players on both ends and being led by a well seasoned coach in John Calipari, Kentucky could be another team to make a deep tournament run.