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## LU sports wrapup

Lindenwood's men's track team won the Heart of America Athletic Conference Championship Saturday, May 6 with 190.5 points. The women's team finished second with 188 points.

First place finishers in men's action included: Dole Bailey in the 100-meter dash (11.01); Sean Birren in the 5,000 meters (15:18.38); Bailey, Kevin Mills, Timothy Brooks and Maxime Isiah in the 4x400 meter relay (41.29); Kenji Rhodes in the triple jump (48'07".25); and Jason Woods in both the shot put (56'08") and discus (186'11.5").

Rhodes' triple jump mark and both of Woods' shot put and discus throws were conference records. For the women, Bernice Morton finished first in the 100-meter dash (12.38), the 200-meter dash (24.47), the 400-meters (58.04) and the triple jump (38'00.75"). Bevin Toomey won the 10,000-meter (40.40.50); Tasha Earl, Morton, Tracyan Baker and Carol Clarke took first in the 4x100-meter relay (47.36) and Baker, Brandi Johnson, Dena Moore and Earl won the 4x400-meter relay (3:57.28). Earl, Morton, Baker and Clarke's 4x100-meter time set a conference record.

The Lady Lions' softball team wrapped up the regular season title April 16, and picked up where they left off by winning the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament on April 29, defeating Culver Stockton College, 4-0. In the first game of the tournament, pitcher Sallie Henry notched her ninth win of the season, win a 10-2 decision over Missouri Valley College. Game Two was a cakewalk, as the Lady Lions routed Baker University, 9-1. HAAC Pitcher of the Year Dawn Cameron logged her 16th win of the season, striking out four and scattering five hits. Conference Player of the Year Michelle Patrico continued her torrid hitting with two triples and two RBI.

LU won the third game of the tournament 8-3 over Graceland College. Cameron struck out seven in the game, helping advance LU to the title game. Karen Peer was 3-for-4 with three runs and two RBI. In the 4-0 victory over Culver Stockton, Henry captured her 10th win and third shutout of the season. She struck out four Wildcats and allowed just two hits. Peer was 3-for-4 with two runs, Cameron doubled home two runs and Patrico tripled, doubled and had two RBI. "We really put it together over the weekend," said Coach Rob Westling. "I'm very proud of the team's performance. They brought their offensive and defensive "A" games."

The victory over Culver Stockton gives the Lady Lions their third straight HAAC post-season tournament championship. Next up for the Lady Lions is the Midwest Regional May 4-5 in Springfield, MO. LU's record stands at 27-9. \*\*\*\*\*

The women's and men's track and field teams competed Saturday, April 29 in the SIU-Edwardsville Twilight Open. For the women, Bernice Morton took first place in the 100-meter dash (11.97) and the 200-meter dash (24.54). She also finished second in the 400-meters (57.42). Her 200-meter and 400-meter times qualified for national competition. In the 4x100 meter relay, Brandi Johnson, Morton, Carol Clarke and Tasha Earl took first place (47.67). Earl also finished third in the 100-meter dash (12.44) and second in the long jump (16'07".75). In the pole vault, Kerum Frede finished second (8'06").

For the men, Kevin Mills and Maxime Isaiah both qualified for nationals in the 100-meter dash. Mills' time earned first place (10.53) and Isaiah was second (10.61). LU's Josh McMillian and Jason Jones also earned first-place medals. McMillian won the shot put (47'07") and Jones won the decathlon (6,185 points). In other action, Mills, Doel Bailey, Irvin Browne and Timothy Brooks took first in the 4x100 meter relay (41.70) and Isaiah, Avalon Collins, Rodney Williams and Stephen Caines finished second in the 4x400 meter relay (3:21.46). Other second place finishers include Kevin Arthurton in the 200-meter dash (21.75), Ian Godwin in the 400-meter (48.79) and Nguyen Vong in the decathlon (4,718 points).

Next up for the Lions and Lady Lions is the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament May 5-6. Both Lindenwood's women's and men's golf teams turned in top-notch performances April 23-25 in the Heart of America Athletic Conference Tournament at Claycrest Golf Course in Liberty, MO. The women won the conference title and the men were runners up. The Lady Lions finished the tournament with a score of 704, 28 strokes ahead of second-place Baker University. Two of the tournaments top three medalists were first place Itzel Nieto with a 159 and Colette Girans who was third with a 168.

In men's play, LU and Culver Stockton were tied for first with a score of 604, before the Cats won the title in sudden death. The LU softball team split another doubleheader with the University of Missouri-St. Louis at home on Tuesday, April 25, falling 3-1 in the first game and winning the second game 4-3. Heather Taaka hit an inside-the-park home run in the third inning of the second game, going 2-for-3 with a walk. Third baseman Heather Hoelting was 2-for-4 and Karen Peer was 3-for-4, collecting the game-winning RBI. Dawn Cameron struck out five batters in the eight-inning game, while not giving up a single walk.

The Lady Lions' record now stands at 22-8 overall. LU plays today at McKendree. Men's tennis won on the road Tuesday, April 25, defeating McKendree College 7-2. Singles winners were Cy Lystila 6-3, 6-1; Faycal Ibnabdeljalil 6-3, 6-1; J.C. Beeson 6-4, 6-0; Claude Lake 6-2, 6-2; and Pat Leung 6-1, 6-2. In doubles play, LU won 8-6 and 8-2. LU's record now stands at 13-2 going into the conference tournament April 27-29. Men's golf won the Millikin University Intercollegiate Tournament April 21-22 by a convincing 18 strokes. The Lions finished the first round with a score of 338, and had a 319 the second round. No team came within 13 strokes of LU.

"We were really on our game," said Coach Roger Ellis. "I just hope we saved something for the Heart of America Tournament this coming weekend." Individually, first-round leader Jason Micek (LU) finished first with a 157 and Dan Emerick (LU) took second with a 159. Jess Escott (LU) finished fifth with 166. The Lions now are preparing for the HAAC Tournament April 27-29. Cloudy skies and chilly temperatures didn't affect Lindenwood's men's golf team Thursday, April 20, as the Lions jumped out to a 13-stroke lead going into the second round of the Millikin University Intercollegiate Tournament. LU finished the opening round with a tournament-best 338. Webster University finished first round action with a 351 and is in second place.

Individually, Jason Micek (LU) is in first place with an 82. Jeff Escott and Dan Emerick are in a four-way tie for second place with a score of 83. Round Two action began at 10 a.m. Friday. Women's tennis was cut short Wednesday, April 19 because of lightning and rain, but not before the Lady Lions secured a 4-2 victory over Maryville University. Singles winners were Kim Harvey 6-4, 6-2, Ali Huck 6-0, 6-3, Jaemi Tiongson 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, and Sasana Cruz 6-1, 6-0. Doubles play was canceled because of weather.

The Lady Lions' softball team split a non-conference doubleheader Tuesday, April 18 with UMSL, falling 2-1 in the first game and winning the nightcap 5-4. Outfielder Karen Peer was 2-for-4 in the first game, and pitcher Sallie Henry was 2-for-3. In the second game, outfielder Michelle Patrico went 4-for-4 and Peer and Heather Taaka both were 2-for-3. Pitcher Dawn Cameron struck out eight, and went 3-for-3 with the bat. LU is 11-2 in conference play and 20-7 overall.

Our first-year men's bowling team made a Cinderella-run April 14-15 in the Association of College Unions-International Bowling Tournament in Omaha, Neb. before losing a thriller to the University of Kansas, 3-2.

Before falling to KU, the Lions defeated the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 3-0 in the preliminaries and the University of Illinois 3-0 in the quarterfinals. "I'm very proud of the way we performed down the stretch," Coach Mike Halwe said. "Going into the tournament, I thought we'd do well. But, I didn't imagine our team making it to the semifinals our first year."

Key bowlers for LU were Todd Pagano, Mike Solovic and Jesse Blair. The Lions averaged 195 during the tournament. LU's next test is the CBUSA National Championships April 26-30. The Lady Lions softball team secured its third straight Heart of America Athletic Conference regular-season title Friday, April 14 with a 3-2 victory over Graceland College in the HAAC Crossover Tournament. LU was trailing 2-0 early in the game, before the live bat of catcher Steph Lindley got the Lady Lions rolling with a second inning single. Shortstop Tamara Waltz reached first on an error, advancing Lindley to third. With designated hitter Sallie Henry at bat, Waltz stole second and Henry walked on four pitches. With the bases loaded, Karen Peer singled into the left field gap, scoring two runs to tie the game.

The score remained tied at 2 until late in the game. With Lindley on second base, Waltz popped up, advancing Lindley to third. Ten, in heroic fashion, Henry belted a game-winning single. "Henry played a fantastic game for us," said Coach Rob Westling. "She has been producing for us throughout the entire year, whether it be with her arm on the mound or with her bat." The Lady Lions will now prepare for the HAAC Tournament April 27-29.

Men's tennis suffered its second loss of the season Saturday, April 15, falling to Graceland College, the nation's 20th-ranked team, 6-3. LU singles winners were Vincente Brochato, 6-4, 6-4; J.C. Beeson 6-1, 6-3; and Nate Colba 6-1, 6-4. The Lions' lone doubles winners were Pablo Montesinos and Jason Conley, 8-2. The Lions go on the road April 22 to play Baker University. Lindenwood is 11-2 on the season.

The men's track and field team finished first and the women fourth on Saturday, April 15 in the McKendree Bearcat Invitational, where several LU athletes qualified for the upcoming national championships and broke school records. Men's national championship qualifiers include: Ian Godwin in the 800-meters (1:51.24), Jason Jones in the 400-meter hurdles (54.96), Rodney Williams, Timothy Caines, Sheldon Woods and Godwin in the 4x400-meter relay (3:13.30), Nguyen Vong in the pole vault (16'0"), Dole Bailey in the 100-meter dash (10.64) and Jason Wood in both the shot put (55'2") and discus (185'8.50). All were first-place finishers except for Bailey's second place finish in the 100-meter dash and Wood's second place finish in the shot put.

In women's action, the Lady Lions took first place in two events and qualified two athletes for the national championships. First place finishers were Bevin Toomey in the 10,000-meter run (39:08.51) and Dena Moore, who tied for the high jump title with a jump of 5'2". LU's national qualifiers were Carol Clarke in the 100-meter dash (12.07) and Bernice Morton in the 200-meter dash (24.95). Clarke's time earned her a fifth place finish and Morton's was fourth. LU's next action is April 21-22 in the Kansas Relays.

Lindenwood's first-year men's volleyball team advanced to the semifinals of the NAIA Volleyball National Tournament Saturday, April 15 before falling to California Baptist University 15-13, 15-6, 15-10. "When you're competing for a national championship, little things make a big difference," said Lindenwood Coach Mike Gardner. "Cal is a very athletic squad, and didn't make mental mistakes. Their effort was outstanding." In first round play, the Lions defeated Park University 11-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-9 before losing to Columbia College 15-5, 15-8, 15-7. Columbia, the nation's top-ranked team, won the tournament by defeating California Baptist 15-12, 15-12, 15-10. "I am proud of the way this young team performed this season," Gardner said. "They gave it their best shot."

LU setter Zach Young, a junior, was named to the all-tournament team. The Lions finished their inaugural season 20-8 and ranked third in the country. Women's tennis repeated as the Greenville College Lady Panther Tennis Classic Champions Saturday, April 15 by defeating Maryville University 49-36. The Lady Lions won five singles matches and two doubles matches on their way to winning the title. Singles champs were Eva Sam, Kim Harvey, Ali Huck, Jaemi Tiongson and Susan Cruz. Kara Dennett had a second place finish. Doubles

champions were Harvey and Huck and Tiongson and Cruz. Dennett and Sam took third place.

The Lions' baseball team split a doubleheader Sunday, April 16 with No. 17-ranked McKendree College, winning the first game 5-4 and falling 5-3 in the second game. Adam Shafer homered for LU in the first game, and pitcher Kevin Bohnert threw a complete game, scattering seven hits and striking out seven while walking four. Marc Wroten homered for LU in the second game, and Trey Dorman pitched well in the loss. The Lions are 13-20 on the season. The baseball team swept a doubleheader Saturday, April 15 at Missouri Valley College, taking the opener 9-5 and winning the finale 15-5. Jay Alexander and Marcus Miazga were the day's hitting stars: Alexander hit for the cycle in the second game and had six hits and six RBI on the day. Miazga powered-up as well, homering and driving in four runs in the first game, and hitting two homers with four RBI in the second game.

Freshman Travis Bruns earned the victory in the first game, pitching 5.2 innings and allowing just two earned runs. Adam Jahnsen got the win in the second game, going 4.1 innings. Men's tennis earned its 10th victory of the season in a home contest Wednesday, April 12, crushing Maryville University 9-0. LU singles winners were Claude Lake 6-2, 6-1, Pat Leung 6-0, 6-1, Luis Montesinos 6-0, 6-0 and Stefan Helm 6-2, 6-2. Doubles winners were Brian Moran and Montesinos, 6-4, 6-1, and Leung and Helm 6-0, 6-2. The Lions also were awarded two singles and two doubles wins by forfeit.

"Counting our match against Graceland next week, we only have three more regular-season competitions before the start of the HAAC Tournament," said Coach Terry Beer. "As a team, I would like to see our guys use those three matches to fine-tune their games for the tournament." The Lions' record stands at 10-1. The Lady Lions softball team swept a doubleheader at home Tuesday, April 11 against Culver Stockton College, dominating Game One 10-2, and surviving the second game 1-0. The victories over the Wildcats give LU sole possession of first place in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. In Game One, pitcher Sallie Henry struck out seven batters in six innings of work.

Yet it was the timely hitting of Jacque Woosley in the second inning with the Wildcats up 2-1 that crushed all hope for the visitors. With two out and LU runners on second and third base, Woosley ripped a double into the outfield, scoring two runs and putting the Lady Lions up 3-2. The hit ignited a flame, and LU didn't look back. Shortstop Melissa Velcheck had four RBI on the day, one of which was a home run. She finished the game 3-for-4. Second baseman Dawn Cameron was 3-for-3 and also had four RBI. Unlike the offensive display in Game One, Game Two was a defensive battle, with LU pitcher Dawn Cameron winning the war.

Cameron had a no-hitter through six innings before a Culver hitter blooped a single over second base. Cameron finished with seven strikeouts. She walked no one. However, it was her sharp eye that drew a walk in the sixth inning ... and her smart baserunning that sparked the LU offense. After being walked, Cameron stole second and reached third on a wild pitch. Then LU catcher Melissa Klein blasted a rocket toward the shortstop. Klein beat out the throw to first, and Cameron scored. "Culver is a very capable team and both wins were extremely important to us," said Coach Rob Westling. "We are now trying to situate ourselves for a shot at winning the conference and this was a good start."

The Lady Lions are 16-4 and 7-1 in conference. The women's and men's track and field teams placed 12 athletes Saturday, April 8 in the Washington University Invitational Track Meet. LU women's sprinter Brandi Johnson qualified for nationals. Johnson finished sixth in the 100-meter dash (12.42) and the 200-meter dash (25.06). Yet, it was her 200-meter time that qualified her for the NAIA national track meet, making her the only LU athlete to record a national qualifying time in the event. "Brandi has run well all year," said Coach John Creer. "She worked hard during practice and her preparation paid off."

In other highlights, Dena Moore took second in the high jump and Bevin Toomey was third in the 5,000-meter (18:33.20). For the men, Kevin Mills place in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes. He was first in the 100-meter (10.44) and fifth in the 200-meter (21.90). Benton Brudy finished second in the 400-meter (50.91)

and Ian Godwin was first in the 800-meters (1:55.14). The women and men are on the road April 14-15 in the Sea Ray Relays.

The baseball team split a pair of games Sunday at Baker University, dropping the opener 10-9 and winning the nightcap 16-9. In the first game, LU's Adam Schaefer homered twice, but the Wildcats scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to take the win away from LU. Schaefer pounded two more homers in the second game with 7 RBI. The Lions are 10-7 on the year and 4-8 in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. Men's tennis won the John Strahl Greenville College Invitational Saturday, April 8, defeating the University of Illinois-Springfield 45-36 in a thriller.

"We've steadily gained ground in the tournament over the past three years," said Coach Terry Beer. "In my heart, I felt this year's squad was ready to win the title, and we did." The Lions finished seventh in 1998 and third in 1999 before capturing the title for the first time this year. Vincente Brochato, Cy Lystila, Jason Conley, J.C. Beeson and Nate Colba brought home singles titles and the Brochato and Claude Lake tandem landed LU its lone doubles title. LU looks to continue its winning ways on the road today at Central Methodist. \*\*\*\*\* The softball team swept a pair of games over the weekend at Meramec Community College, winning the opener 9-3 and taking the second game 9-5. Michelle Patrico homered twice in the first game to lead the Lady Lions' hitting attack. On the mound, Sallie Henry won the first game, and Dawn Cameron was victorious in the second. LU's record now stands at 12-5. \*\*\*\*\* The men's tennis team added another "W" to its record Wednesday, April 5 with a 7-2 road victory over McKendree College. After dropping the opening singles match of the competition, the Lions didn't look back--winning the next five singles matches and taking two of three in doubles competition. Senior Cy Lystila won 6-3, 6-5 in singles, as well as junior Vincente Brochato (6-3, 6-2), junior J.C. Beeson (6-2, 6-2), junior Nate Colba (6-2, 6-1) and freshman Claude Lake (6-3, 6-1). The Lions dominance continued in doubles action, as Brochato and senior Faycal Innabdeljalil won 8-4, and Colba and Lake won 8-5. "As a team, we are hitting on all cylinders," said coach Terry Beer. "We'll keep working hard in practice, and hopefully we can carry our momentum into this weekend's tournament." LU's next action is April 7-9 in the Greenville Tournament. The Lions are 8-1. \*\*\*\*\* The softball team swept a doubleheader Monday, April 3 against Central Methodist College, winning the first game 5-2 and the second game 5-1. Shortstop Melissa Velcheck was 1-for-3 in the first game, hitting her first homer of the season. Pitcher Sallie Henry tossed a complete game, winning her fourth of the year. Henry finished with two strikeouts, holding CMC to two earned runs. In the second game, second baseman Jacque Woosley stole her 13th base of the season, and outfielder Michelle Patrico hit her fifth triple of the year. Patrico was 3-for-4. On the mound, Dawn Cameron threw a complete game for her seventh victory of the season. She struck out four, while giving up just one earned run. "The ladies have played very well the last five games," Coach Rob Westling said. "Our team chemistry is really starting to come together." The Lady Lions are tied for first in the Heart of America Conference with Evangel at 5-1. LU is 12-5 overall. \*\*\*\*\* The men's volleyball team fell short in the championship match of the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association's conference tournament April 1 against Columbia College, 15-13, 15-10, 15-6. Columbia is the No. 1-ranked team in the country. Before falling to Columbia, the Lions defeated William Woods 15-13, 15-9, 15-13; and Marycrest University, the No. 3-ranked team, 15-5, 11-15, 15-7, 15-11. "We played exceptionally well in our first two matches," said coach Mike Gardner. "We just struggled against Columbia and have all year. Our kids seem to have a mental block when it comes to playing them." LU freshman outside hitter Chris Hatori and junior setter Zach Young both were named to the all-tournament team. The Lions now will prepare for the national tournament April 14-15 in Kansas City, MO. \*\*\*\*\* LU's baseball team split a doubleheader Sunday, April 2 against McKendree College, losing the first game 9-2 and rallying to win the second game 6-5. In game two, LU pitcher Travis Bruns struck out three batters in five innings of work before handing the ball over to relief pitcher Adam Jahnsen, who got the save. Jahnsen threw two innings, giving up a run and one hit. LU outfielder Nuru Allen drove in the game-winning run. He had two RBIs on the day. Catcher Mark Wroten was 2-for-3. LU plays at home Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. against Graceland College. The Lions are 9-16 this season. \*\*\*\*\* The softball team split a home doubleheader Wednesday, March 29 with Evangel, falling 6-5 in the first game and pulling the second game out, 5-4. Outfielder Michelle Patrico was 4-for-4 in the first game, and Karen Peer was 3-for-4. On the mound, Sallie Henry took the loss. In

the second game, second baseman Jacque Woosley and designated hitter Henry both went 2-for-3. On the mound, Dawn Cameron went seven innings. Her record this season is 5-1. LU is 8-5 on the season. \*\*\*\*\* The Lindenwood University women's and men's outdoor track and field teams were on the road Saturday, March 25, competing in the Truman State Open in Kirksville, MO., where LU's Jason Woo set another school record in the shot put. Wood broke the indoor record in January with a throw of 14.67 meters and now owns the outdoor record with a toss of 16.31 meters. he also finished first in the event, and is now qualified for the outdoor national tournament in both the shot put and the discus events. Lions Sheldon Woods, Benton Brudy, Stephen Caines and Chris Kerr finished third in the 4x400 with a time of 3:18.19. In women's action, Lady Lions Lacesha Halbert and Candice Williams came up short in the 100 meter dash. Halbert was clocked at 13.90 and Williams at 14.40. Neither finished in the top three spots of competition. LU competes Saturday, April 1 in the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Invitational. \*\*\*\*\* Tony Barylski's three-run homer wasn't enough as the Lions lost the front end of a doubleheader Tuesday to Evangel University 7-4. The loss dropped Lindenwood's record to 8-11. LU lost the nightcap in a wild offensive game, 14-13. Down 14-5, the Lions put together an 8-run sixth inning to make the game close, but couldn't bring home the tying run in the seventh inning. The loss dropped LU's record to 8-12. \*\*\*\*\* The men's volleyball team finished second March 24-25 in the Clarke College Invitational in Dubuque, IA. The Lions defeated Cardinal Stritch 15-8, 15-5, 15-2 and host Clarke 15-12, 15-5, 15-7 before losing to Quincy University 15-7, 15-6, 15-6. "I'm pleased with our team's overall performance," said Coach Mike Gardner. "We came up short against a talented Quincy squad, but the experience will help us in our preparation for the conference tournament." LU junior setter Zach Young was named to the all-tournament team. Young finished the tournament with 53 sets. The Lions are 18-5 in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and ranked 5th in the country. LU is on the road through April 1 for the MIVA conference tournament in Columbia, MO. \*\*\*\*\* In softball action, the Lady Lions lost 11-3 to West Florida on the final leg of their spring trip Saturday, March 25. LU opens conference play at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 29 against Evangel University. Lindenwood is 6-5. \*\*\*\*\* The Lions' baseball team lost twice on Thursday to West Florida, falling 8-4 and 4-3. LU, now 7-9 on the season, travels today to Mobile, AL. \*\*\*\*\* LU's men's baseball team dropped two games Wednesday on their Florida spring break trip, falling to William Carey College 8-4 and 12-0. Brian Monroe and Brian Jundt both were 2-for-4 in the game. LU's record now stands at 7-7. \*\*\*\*\* The men's volleyball team won its fourth consecutive road contest on Tuesday, March 21, defeating Ohio Northern University 15-1, 15-6, 15-10. The Lions, ranked 5th in the country and 4th in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, are 16-4. LU competes in the Clarke College Invitational March 24-25 in Dubuque, IA. \*\*\*\*\* The Lindenwood University softball team suffered back-to-back losses Monday, March 20, falling to No. 5-ranked Pittsburg State, KS, an NCAA Division II school, 2-1, and 5-4. The games were played in Pensacola, FL, where LU is playing on spring break. The Lady Lions play at 2:15 p.m. today against Georgia Southwestern and again at 5:45 p.m. against Waldorf Community College. LU is 4-2 overall. \*\*\*\*\* The men's volleyball team upped its record to 15-4 Monday, March 20 by defeating the University of Findlay 15-7, 15-4, 11-15, 15-3. LU plays at 6 p.m. today at Ohio Northern and at 6 p.m. Friday in the Clarke College Invitational against Cardinal Stritch. \*\*\*\*\* LU's baseball team opened up its spring trip with an 11-8 victory Saturday over Spring Hill College. The second game of the doubleheader was called because of darkness with the score tied 10-10 in the eighth inning. The Lions pounded out 13 hits in the game, with leadoff hitter Chris Rickard going 3-for-4 with a walk and a stolen base. Marc Wroten was 2-for-3 with two RBI and Marcus Miazga continued his hot hitting with two hits. The Lions are 7-5 on the season. \*\*\*\*\* The LU softball team kept its undefeated record intact Sunday in Pensacola, FL with a doubleheader sweep of Freed Hardemann University and Hamline University, 10-2 and 15-4. In the first game of LU's spring trip, sophomore second baseman Jacque Woosley opened the game up with two triples. Sallie Henry earned the win on the mound. Pitcher Dawn Cameron got the win against Hamline, with offensive help from catcher Step Lindley, who homered. LU is now 4-0 on the young season and is scheduled to play Division II power Pittsburg State today. \*\*\*\*\* The LU women's tennis team won at home Wednesday, March 15 by defeating Maryville University 7-2. It was the Lady Lions second victory of the season. Lindenwood dominated both doubles and singles play. In doubles action, freshman Kim Harvey and sophomore Ali Huck won 8-1, and junior Jaemi Tiongson and senior Mirja Linde won 8-5. In singles play, freshman Eva Sam won 6-2, 6-2, Linde won 6-3, 6-3, Tiongson won 4-6, 6-0, 8-6, Huck won 6-4, 6-3 and freshman Susana Cruz won 6-0, 6-2. \*\*\*\*\* Lindenwood University's men's

volleyball team, ranked 5th in the country, suffered its fourth loss of the season Tuesday, March 14 to the nation's No. 2-ranked team, Columbia College, 15-5, 15-8, 15-11. Hitters Mike DiPerro and Chris Hatori finished with 16 kills apiece. DiPerro also had a team-high 17 digs. Setter Zach Young finished with 59 assists and middle hitter Morris Groves had four blocks. The Lions are 13-4 in the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association. LU is on the road Saturday, March 18 against Tri-State University. \*\*\*\*\* The Lions used their power and speed Tuesday to sweep the Missouri Valley Vikings in a home doubleheader, 12-2 and 8-3. Jay Alexander and Marcus Miazga hit 400-foot homers in the first game, and LU "stole bases at will" in both games, according to Coach Tom Broyles. Alexander was 3-for-4 in the first game with a homer, 5 RBI and a stolen base. Miazga was 2-for-3 with a homer, 2 RBI and a stolen base. Sophomore Josh McLaren was the complete-game winner, pitching five innings and scattering just three hits. In the second game, freshman Travis Bruns tossed five innings for the 8-3 victory. He allowed just two hits and walked just one. Hitting leaders in the game were senior left fielder Chris Rickard, who was 2-for-4 with an run and a stolen base, and Alexander, who also went 2-for-4 with a run and a steal. Lindenwood's record stands at 6-5 heading into its spring trip. Miazga leads the team in hitting with a .433 average. Alexander is hitting .395 and Marc Wroten is hitting .370. \*\*\*\*\* The men's volleyball team won at home Saturday, March 11 by defeating Cardinal Stritch 15-11, 15-3, 15-3. The Lions, ranked 5th nationally, are on a four-game winning streak. LU freshman middle blocker Morris Groves led LU with a team-high 10 kills. Junior setter Chad Zirkle finished with 12 digs. The Lions are 13-3 overall. LU plays Columbia College on the road Tuesday, March 14. \*\*\*\*\*

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