

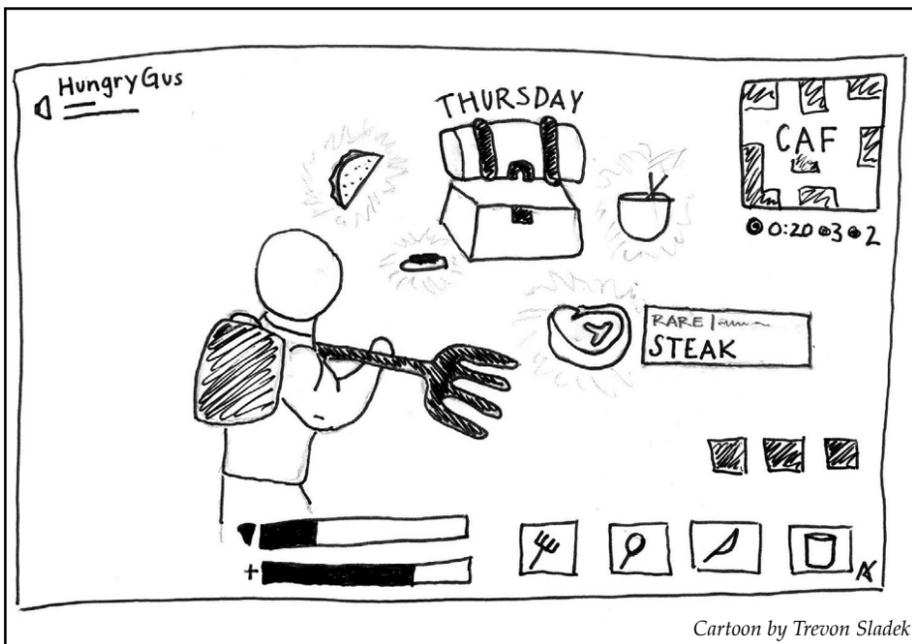
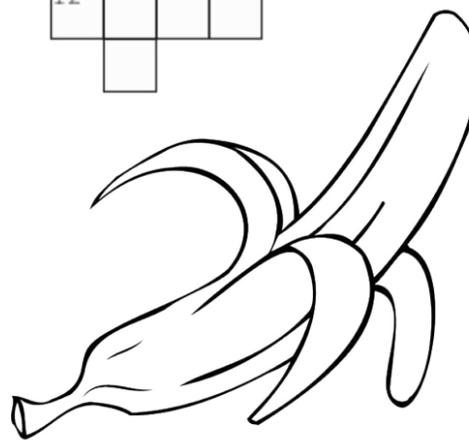
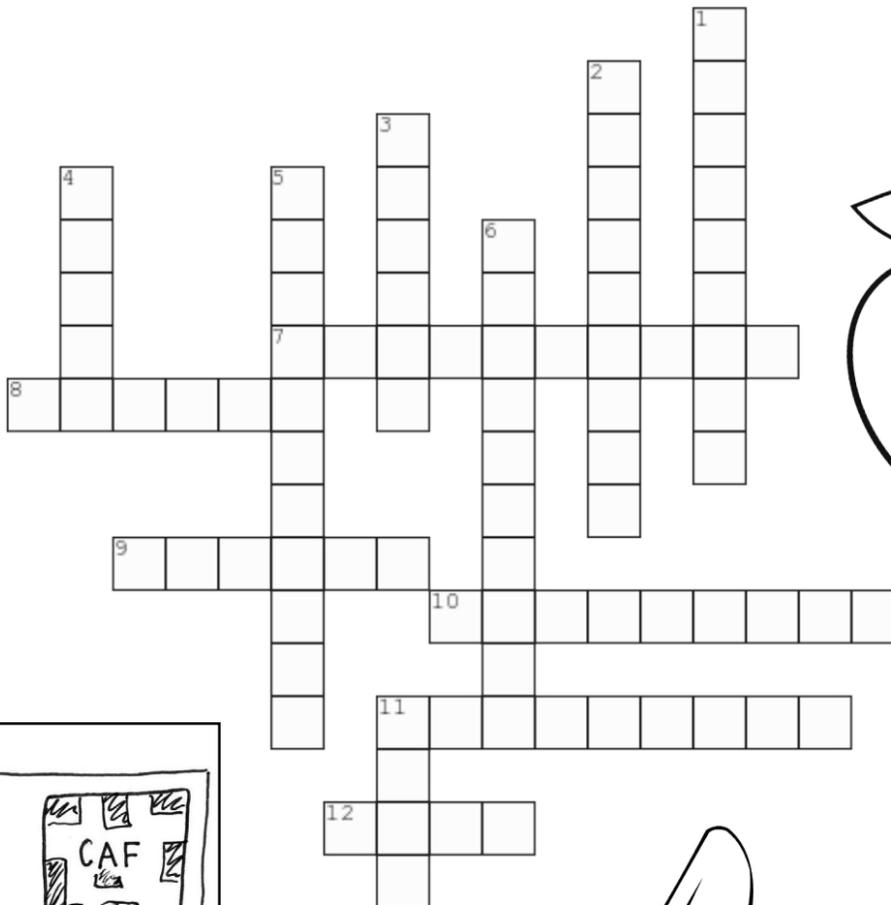
Fruit Crossword

Across

- 7. Typically very sour, often eaten with sugar
- 8. "Is it a fruit or a vegetable?"
- 9. Oranges, lemons, limes, etc.
- 10. "Who lives in a _____ under the sea?"
- 11. Like jelly or jam but with more chunks
- 12. Has a pit; is purple

Down

- 1. Another name for eggplant
- 2. Native to India and can reach up to eighty pounds
- 3. Real stinky and spiky
- 4. Often eaten with salt; cut "hedgehog style"
- 5. Pink and green on the outside, white and speckled on the inside
- 6. Mini orange



Cartoon by Trevon Sladek

- ACROSS
 7. Grapefruit
 8. Tomato
 9. Citrus
 10. Pineapple
 11. Preserves
 12. Plum
- DOWN
 1. Aubergine
 2. Jackfruit
 3. Durian
 4. Mango
 5. Dragonfruit
 6. Clementine

Pun of the week

"A ninja's preferred footwear is, of course, a pair of sneakers."

The zodiac signs as potato chip flavors

<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  Dill Pickle</p>	<p>Taurus (April 20-May 20)  Cheddar & Sour Cream</p>	<p>Leo (July 23-August 22)  Sriracha</p>	<p>Scorpio (October 23-Nov. 21)  Ketchup</p>
<p>Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)  Lightly Salted</p>	<p>Gemini (May 21-June 20)  Barbeque</p>	<p>Virgo (August 23-Sep. 22)  Harvest Cheddar</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  Biscuits & Gravy</p>
<p>Aries (March 21-April 19)  Sour Cream & Onion</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21-July 22)  Classic</p>	<p>Libra (Sep. 23-October 22)  Ranch</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  Garden Salsa</p>

Women's basketball earns at-large bid

Gusties prepare for national tournament



Gustavus Sports Information

First-year Gabby Bowlin competes in a game earlier this season against St. Mary's University. The team lost to St. Thomas in the playoff finals but acquired a bid into the NCAA tournament.

Michael O'Neil
Staff Writer

After an action-packed conference tournament, the Gustavus Women's basketball team earned an at-large bid to the National Tournament.

Since the MIAC tournament format was initiated in 2001, the Gusties have reached the playoffs every year, something no other team can say. Their 2018 run began with a rather routine 65-38 victory over St. Catherine in the opening round of the MIAC Playoffs. The third-seeded Gusties then traveled to take on the No. 2 seed team from St. Benedict. The Gusties came into the game focused and ready to go and ended the first quarter with a 15-9 lead thanks to 10 points from Senior Miranda Rice.

In the second quarter, the Bennies cut their deficit to three points before the Gusties stormed ahead with 13 unanswered points. At halftime, the Gusties held a nine point lead that they wouldn't give up for the remainder of the contest. The Bennies didn't go down without a fight, and managed to get within three points in the fourth quarter, but the Gusties responded and maintained

their lead to a final score of 61-53. Junior Justine Lee led the Gusties in scoring with 16 points on 5-7 shooting from the field. Seniors Mikayla Miller and Rice added 13 and 12 points respectively and Senior Eme Udo grabbed a career-high seven rebounds.

This was the first road playoff win for the Gusties ever, snapping a 15 game losing streak. "We came ready to play, which wasn't the case last time we faced Saint Ben's. We played loose and together. This is what you play for and now we're excited to have the opportunity to play for a conference championship and a bid to the national tournament," Head Coach Laurie Kelly said after the win.

With the win, the MIAC Championship was slated for a rematch from last year between the Gusties and St. Thomas in St. Paul. Despite participating in the playoffs each of the last 18 years, the Gusties had yet to secure a MIAC Playoff Title. To add even more motivation for the Gusties, St. Thomas had won the last 20 meetings between the two teams, dating back to 2010.

The Gusties came out strong in the early going and held a 13-11 lead at the end

of the first quarter. The Tommies responded, however, orchestrating a 13-5 run in the second quarter to take the lead that they would hold for the remainder of the game. Despite coming within two points in the third quarter, the Gusties were never able to retake the lead and ended in second place after a 62-56 loss.

Senior Miranda Rice led the Gusties with 13 points in her 109th career game for the Gusties, which sets a new program record. Junior Kendall Thompson added a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Junior Taylor Anderson and First Year Ava Gonsorowski contributed 11 and 10 points respectively. "I'm proud of the fact that we made it to the championship game for the second year in a row. It was a battle to the end but they just made more shots than we did," Kelly said.

With the loss, the Gusties held a 22-6 record and were unsure of their chances to make the National Tournament with an at-large bid. Regardless, this marked the Gusties' third consecutive 20-win season, which speaks to the consistency and talent of this group.

On Monday afternoon, the Gusties found out that their

season wasn't over yet. They will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to play their first round game against No. 20-ranked Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on Friday, March 2. Last year, the Gusties received an at-large bid but fell in the first round against Depauw University. Should they win, they will play the second round on Saturday. The Gusties clearly have a tal-

ented squad this year, and will benefit from the experience and leadership of senior leaders. As previously mentioned, Rice holds the Gusite record for most games played, and Miller is just 27 points away from being the all-time scoring leader in Gustavus basketball history.

"This team is a special team and very deserving to put their mark in the record book," Kelly said.



Gustavus Sports Information

Senior Eme Udo looks for a pass in a game against St. Mary's Jan. 10.

Gusties compete at MIAC Indoor Championships

Men's team places sixth, women's team places seventh



Gustavus Sports Information

First-year Taylor Rooney competes in the 60-meter hurdles in a meet earlier this season. Rooney made MIAC history at the Indoor Championships, posting a MIAC record time of 8.15.

Nathan Thompson Staff Writer

Gustavus track and field traveled to Macalester College this past Saturday for the MIAC indoor championships where they placed sixth out of eleven teams with a score of 61 points.

The Gusties sat in seventh place following the first day of competition on Friday, tallying 31 points on top of a record setting performance by Freshman Taylor Rooney.

Rooney broke a six year record in the 60 meter hurdles, racing to an official time of 8.15, besting the former record of 8.40 set in 2012. Rooney accounted for 10 of the Gusties 31 points.

Other point scorers of the day included Juniors Ben Madrigal and Michael Hensch, who both had fourth place finishes in the 800 meter dash and the weight throw, respectively. Both Gusties contributed five points to the team's final total.

"We had some strong showings today, I think tomorrow is going to be a big day for us, we didn't have everyone run full-tilt today," Head Coach Dale Bahr said.

Junior Nelson Finne tal-

lied 3 points for the Black and Gold in the heptathlon, placing sixth overall, with his top performance coming in the high jump where he tied for second.

Senior Ryley Sandberg came in seventh with a mile run of 4:24.98 and Freshman Andrew Stumbo finished sixth in the 5,000 meter with a time of 15:24.79.

"I'm very proud of what the men did, everybody bought into the team's concept, went out and competed hard."

—Coach Bahr

The relay team also placed sixth for the Gusties, recording a time of 10:47.09 in the distance medley.

Returning to the Leonard Center for day two, Gustavus recorded 30 to move up to sixth place in the final day of competition.

Rooney continued to pace the Gusties into day two, setting a school record in the high jump with a leap of 6-08.00 and scoring ten points.

Hensch's shot put throw of 56 feet led the event, besting the next best throw by two feet. It was also a career best for Hensch.

Stumbo continued to add points in the long distance events, tallying two in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 8:49.34, placing sixth.

The 4x400-meter relay team also added six points in a third place finish. Their time of 3:27.90 was also a season-high.

"I'm very proud of what the men did, everybody bought in to the team's concept, went out and competed hard," Bahr said.

The women's track and field team also impressed on their first day of competition, sitting in fourth place. They were fueled by multiple top five finishes.

The relay team finished first in the distance medley with a time of 12:37.74, edging Carleton by a mere two tenths of a second. Their top finish earned ten of the Gusties 49 points during the first day of competition.

The top individual performance of the day came from Sophomore Alex Anderson who placed second in the high jump with a max height of

5-4.25.

Junior McKayla Stowell placed third in the 60 meter dash at 7.80 while Senior Olivia Rosenow and Sophomore Katie Keelin also placed third in the 5000 meter and weight throw, respectively. Each earned the Gusties six points. Junior Bailey Van Den Heuvel added five points as she finished fourth behind Keelin.

Also scoring for Gustavus was Junior Abbie Schnabel in the 800 meter where she added five points. Her fourth place time of 2:18.30 broke a school record set in 2008.

Sophomore Tierney Winter and Senior Sadie Novak-Slug also added to the Gusties total, recording mile times of 5:12.15 and 5:14.48, placing seventh and eighth respectively.

"We always talk about teams leaving points on the table and us rising to the occasion to get those points and I think our women did a tremendous job of going out there and making sure other teams didn't get those points," Bahr said.

In the second day of competition, the Gusties added on 15 points, dropping to a seventh place finish.

The relay team continued to produce going into day two,

placing first in the distance medley and sixth in the 4x400-meter relay.

"Overall, they competed hard and I have no doubt they gave us their best performance."

—Coach Bahr

The trio of Schnabel, Hayes and Winter places sixth, seventh and eighth respectively for a combined six points in the 1,000 meter run. Klug and Freshman DeAnna Giles also scored with Klug finishing sixth in the 3000 meter run and Giles placing fifth with a score of 34-07.00.

"Overall, they competed hard and I have no doubt they gave us their best performance. We got seven more points than we were scheduled to get, unfortunately it wasn't enough to move up from where we were projected. However, they held their ground and got some more points," Dale said.

Next up for the two teams is their outdoor season opener at St. John's University on March 29.

Men's Tennis wins ITA consolation bracket

Gusties drop match to tournament champion Emory 5-4



Gustavus Sports Information

Sophomore Yassine Derbani returns a ball in a match against University of Redlands Feb. 25. The Gusties won this consolation championship match with a score of 5-1.

Joe Brandel
Sports Editor

The Men's Tennis team kicked off their spring season this past weekend, hosting the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Division 3 Men's Team Indoor Championships. The Gusties had a strong run, proving to be one of the top teams in the nation.

The team had high hopes going into the event, wanting to prove themselves against seven of this year's top-ranked teams. The tournament included last year's indoor champion and No. 1 tournament seed Emory University, No. 2 tournament seed Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, and many other competitive colleges.

The Gusties were seeded No. 8 out of the eight tournament teams and started off their run against Emory. The match was nothing short of spectacular for the home team. Going into the match, the Gusties knew they were not the favored team. Emory took home the tournament title last year and has a very impressive record coming into

spring season, showing they are one of the most competitive schools in the country.

The team stepped up to the challenge however, giving the defending champions a run for their money from the No. 8 seed position. Emory started the competition with a 2-0 lead from wins in No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. Gustavus' top doubles team composed of Senior Mohamad Alhouni and Junior Patrick Whaling battled back and won their match to keep the Gusties going.

Emory lead 2-1 going into the singles portion of the team competition. After dropping the No. 5 singles match 2-0, the Gusties stormed back with third set wins from Whaling and Senior Zach Ekstein. Alhouni quickly followed with a 2-0 singles win of his own in the top singles match, giving the Gusties a 4-3 lead.

After two hard-fought battles from Junior Chase Johnson and Senior Tommy Entwistle in the No. 4 and No. 6 singles, respectively, the Gusties came up just short, losing the competition against Emory by a score of 5-4.

"I couldn't be prouder of how the team competed and lived out the things that are important to us," Valentini said. "The match was played at a very high level, especially considering it being late February. Our guys trusted in each other and trusted in our approach beautifully. Obviously, it's a tough result coming down the stretch, but it was a great match and a special one to be a part of."

The fans that showed up to the bubble this weekend had a big effect on the team's morale when momentum shifts occurred in the Gusties' favor, according to Valentini.

"The atmosphere was about as fun as you could ask for when playing a home match," Valentini said. "It's what this tournament is all about."

The Gusties moved on to the consolation bracket following the loss to Emory, but their run was far from over. The team made a statement in the semifinal round of the consolation bracket against Carnegie Mellon University, a top 10 nationally-ranked school.

The team had a strong 8-1

victory despite the emotions from the tough loss to Emory the night before.

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—Coach Valentini

"I felt the guys did a great job tonight of recovering from yesterday's emotions. In singles, we were really in trouble at the top three spots, but they continued to believe and focus on their plans, both tactically and mentally. I'm grateful the results lined up with how well our guys handled the moment," Valentini said.

In the final day of the tournament, Emory went on to win

its third consecutive ITA Indoor Championships title against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

In the consolation bracket, the Gusties took on University of Redlands for the championship match. The Gusties were up 2-1 after the doubles matches and forced an early end to the competition after Alhouni, Whaling, and Johnson won their singles matches, ending the competition with a team score of 5-1.

In the past few weeks the Gusties were honored with two MIAC Athlete of the Week awards. Sophomore Michael O'Neil and Whaling earned these titles for their strong performances in the team's non-conference play that kicked off the spring season. The team will look to these two, as well as many returning players that have earned this award in previous years, to continue the team's dominance in the MIAC.

The Gusties are hoping to build on their pre-season record of 6-4 as they enter MIAC competition against Concordia College. The match is set for 6 p.m. March 3 at the Swanson Tennis Center.