

# Better cold than hot



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As the college was thrust into the hot embers of summer during the first week back from spring break, then tossed into the freezer box over this past week, many students have been subject to the wonders of the Minnesota weather cycle. Glimpses of the hot, warm, ice-melting sun for a few days, which are then taken from our eyes before we can blink. This is the Minnesota way, the Minnesota weather that I have always known growing up in this state.

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And as I have lived through this vicious cycle, four days of

intense heat, and a few weeks of winter-like cold, I have never been so strongly convinced of one fact and one fact alone: that being cold is better than being hot.

Now, I need to make the statement that I do not hate the heat. I welcome it on some good, crisp summer days so that I may enjoy throwing the ball with my dog or traversing the creek behind my house. However, I cannot deny the fact that the summer heat is much harder to beat than the winter chill, along with the comfort cold weather gives, where hot weather rarely offers any comfort. Cold weather is best as a comfort, something for the soul, and one often has more control over how warm they want to get in cold weather. Hot weather does not offer this, which is why it's better to be too cold than too hot.

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To tackle this problem of hot vs. cold, one must consider the ease and control one has when one wants to beat the cold or

heat affecting them. For example, if one is too cold there are a number of things one can do to warm themselves up, one of the best being adding layers to what they're wearing. This means that a great many combinations can happen, of sweaters, t-shirts, or jackets, all to make a wonderful cacophony of fashion during the winter months. However, there are always other ways to beat the cold during the winter! Warm drinks, such as coffee, hot cocoa, and hot apple cider, all with a wonderful aroma, flavor, and heating effect that warms not only the body but the soul as well. This expands not only to drinks but to soups as well. Sure, one can enjoy chicken noodle or wild rice soups on hot days, but having these fine meals on a cold night just feels right, it warms the soul. Not to mention one of the best parts of a cold winter's night, the fire. While I personally have never experienced it, there is always a distinct feeling of warmth that comes from this imagined image of fire during these cold days, which one can warm themselves up next to.

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This brings up another point that battling the cold offers: the comfort derived from these activities. When wearing a multitude of layers, usually the fabric is soft and heavy offering the wearer to feel comforted through the wearing of these items. Sweaters and a blanket on a cold night are the best comforts one can ask for during the cold currently being thrust upon the college. Then, as mentioned, there is the comfort afforded by hot coffee, hot cocoa, and hot apple cider, which fills the person with a warmth that seeps into the soul. The same can be said for any number of soups, all offering comfort that the brain definitely needs during these cold few weeks.

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All of these elements can come together to offer the best comfort in the face of the cold weather, joining with friends in front of a fire in sweaters, with warm drinks in hand as everyone settles in to watch a movie. These comforts are all allowed by the cold weather, and it's easy to control how warm one wants to get. If someone

is getting too warm, they can remove a layer, stop drinking the hot cocoa, and scooch away from the fire. Cold weather offers the maximum amount of comfort and all of the control one could want in regard to temperature.

This is not the case for people during the hot days of summer, or during those four hot days, the college endured near the beginning of April. While these hot days offer a variety of activities one can partake in, which is a huge bonus compared to the cold weather, it is much harder to regulate the temperature. Sure, one can remove layers of clothes one wears, but that can only go so far! One can drink cold water or cold drinks to try to help, but it rarely works in the way needed to truly affect the whole body. These activities are often ineffective in regulating body temperature, and rarely work to their full potential, making cooling down during hot summer days extremely difficult.

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There is a joy that comes from these warm days of spring, one that my winter-addled self desperately needs. But, I cannot deny the ease, and comfort of warming up offers during the months of cold weather. Comfort that is rarely, if ever found, in the cooling down activities offered in hot weather. Because of the ease, and comfort offered by the activities in cold weather to warm up, it's better to be in cold weather than hot.



Hot vs cold



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# Movies From Swank: *Rocketman*

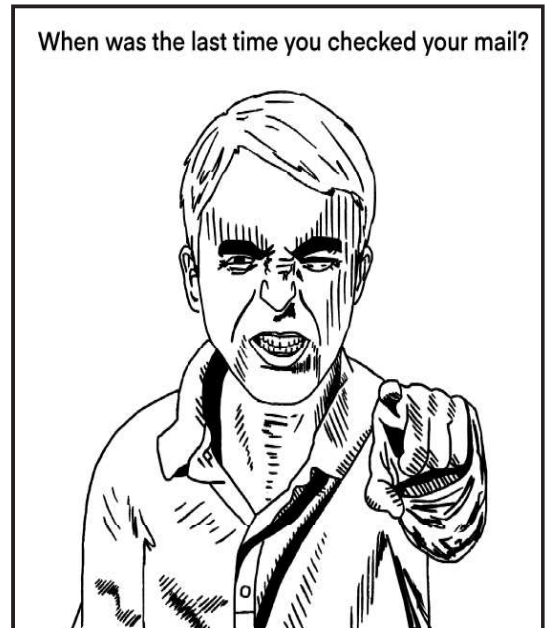
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Fame and its effects on people seem to be one of humanity’s great interests. When it comes to movies, it seems that we are especially fond of the stories surrounding musical legends. A movie about the life of a rock star has been done so many times that there is even the hilarious parody film *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*. That movie mercilessly pokes fun at the common tropes like needlessly overbearing addiction arcs and the ever-present “where are they now?” epilogues that exist in pretty much every music biopic ever made. Elton John is not immune to the cliché rock star biopic, in fact, it could be said that the famed British performer’s story could only really work within that framework. I say this not as an insult but more as a compliment.

Elton John’s life as portrayed in *Rocketman* is done in the most Elton John way possible. The film starts with Elton, played by Taron Egerton, strutting into a building in a full concert costume, complete with wings and horns. The building is revealed to be where an AA meeting is taking place, and before we even fully get situated in our setting, the film has burst into song and dance, and Elton has traveled back in time to his childhood, where he finishes his musical number with his younger self. The framing device of the story being told at an AA meeting at one of the low points of the main character’s life is a really effective way to draw the audience in. In addition to this, the setting’s almost immediate shift into the very beginning of Elton’s life is perfect as it sets the audience’s expectations for a fantastical and quickly-paced musical adventure.

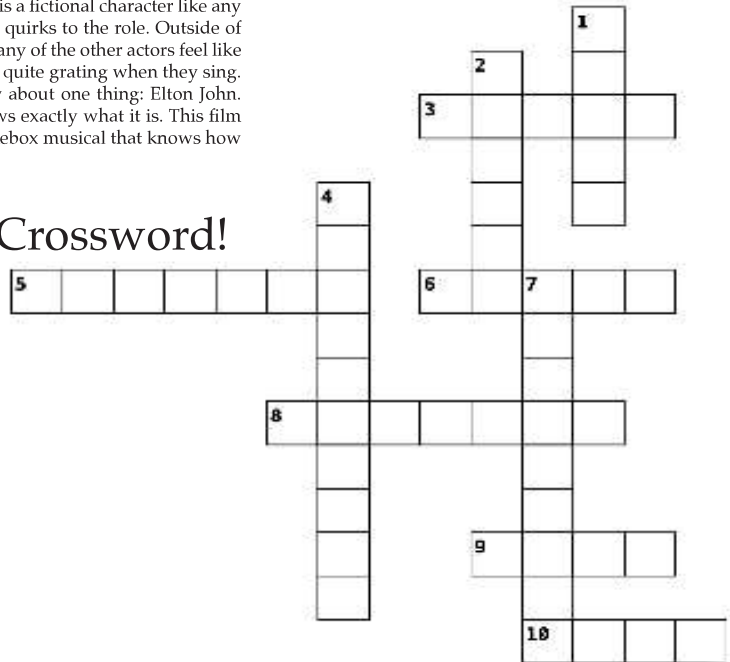
Now here’s the thing. *Rocketman*, as I mentioned earlier, treads a lot of the same ground as most other biopics. It has a very good reason for that; Elton John’s struggle for sobriety was a major source of conflict in his life, and much of the musical numbers recounting his rise to fame seem to be there to give context to the more thematic and entertaining scenes. What the basic storytelling frame gives the film is a chance to experiment with its form. The film is a lot more dreamy and fantastical than your average biopic; you will see Egerton flying at least twice throughout the film, and the musical numbers are incredibly reminiscent of the golden age of Hollywood and its extravagant musical epics. This less-grounded approach to telling a story also works wonderfully when portraying Elton John’s addiction, as the film is edited in a way that disorients the viewer along with our main character to put us through his perspective of constant dissociation.

Taron Egerton absolutely nails the role of Elton, he doesn’t simply imitate as so many actors do when embodying a real person. Instead, it feels as though Elton John is a fictional character like any other film protagonist, and Egerton adds his own intentionality and quirks to the role. Outside of the lead performance, there are honestly not very many standouts; many of the other actors feel like background noise compared to the star attraction, and overall sound quite grating when they sing. However, that really almost accentuates how this film is really only about one thing: Elton John. The film is a larger-than-life, spectacle-filled, glam show, and it knows exactly what it is. This film embodies Elton John as a person: it’s an R-rated, unrelenting pop jukebox musical that knows how to have fun and definitely goes for broke.



Frija Reinert

## Crossword!



### Last Issues Answers

1. Uranium
2. Fur
3. Paper
4. Mud
5. Drywall
6. Moldova
7. Lightbulbs
8. Soap
9. Tinfoil
10. Glass

#### Across

3. Circular
5. Used to obscure windows
6. A god
8. Fixes pipes
9. A cable used to carry an electric current
10. Snail without a shell

#### Down

1. Comes from bees
2. Holds water
4. A candlestick with multiple arms
7. Very clever

# Gusties shine in final regular season match

## Women's tennis sweeps Macalester



Gustie tennis having fun.

Submitted.

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This past weekend, on Sunday, April 23, the Gustavus women's tennis team traveled to the Baseline Tennis Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota to take on Macalester College in their final match of the regular season.

With the thought of the postseason looming, it is important to note that the Gusties have had a history of success under coach Jon Carlson. As recently as last year, the Gusties have captured the MIAC title and have played the best teams that Division III has to offer this year, as well as Division I and II teams.

The day before this contest, the Gusties engaged in a hard-fought battle against Carleton. This match also took place in neutral territory in Rochester, Minnesota, but the Gusties unfortunately fell short of a victory, resulting in a 3-6 loss to the knights.

Even given the Gusties' most recent loss, the team still stands at 16-12, with a 9-1 in-conference record, which puts them second in the MIAC. With the last contest of regular season play looming, the Gusties remained hopeful in their chances of heading into the conference playoffs on a good note.

"It was a long weekend of matches, so everyone was motivated to end the regular season on a high note and get the 2nd seed in the conference tournament," said Junior Alli Laux.

Against Macalester, the Gusties proved themselves correct. In doubles play, the Gusties were nothing short of dominant. Playing in the number one doubles spot, the duo of first-years Molly Austin and Allison Szalay put the Gusties in the driver's seat as they cruised to an 8-2 victory over their opposition.

In the number two spot, the pair of seniors Yuki Oda and Emily Norman equaled the mark set by Austin and Szalay as they also defeated the Scots via a score of 8-2. In the final action of doubles for the day, Junior Alli Laux and Senior Renata Hernandez helped give the Gusties a definite boost heading into singles play, winning by a margin of 5 points as they registered an 8-3 victory.

"Going up 3-0 after doubles is always a huge momentum builder because everyone is feeling confident and very positive," Laux said.

Laux was not the only Gustie to share this assertion.

"Going up 3-0 after doubles is a huge boost. We knew we could pick up enough singles

matches to win, and went in on a high," Szalay said.

Throughout the second half of play, it was clear that the Gusties had transferred the momentum they had built from doubles to singles play. Playing in the number one singles spot, Oda defeated her rival via a convincing 6-2, 6-3 performance. Szalay followed suit and won her match 6-0, 6-3.

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As singles play continued, it was clear that the Gusties would not be losing a set, as not one Gustie player took their match to three sets. In the third singles spot, Austin defeated her opponent 6-4, 6-1. Laux swept her matchup 6-0, 6-0, while Yakimova bested her

opposition 6-2, 6-2. In the final spot, Haddroff won her match 6-3, 6-1.

While it was clear from the results of this match that they were clicking on all cylinders, one challenge that the Gusties had to overcome was evident. While one may assume that this difficulty would be related to conditions, injuries, or the skill of the opposition, this block was much more mental than physical, having to do with the Gusties' 3-6 loss to Carleton the day prior.

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"Coming off the mentality that Carleton didn't go our way, being able to forget about that match and give it our all in

the next match was our biggest challenge," Norman admitted.

Despite the loss to Carleton, Laux had this to say: "Beating Bethel and Macalester 9-0 this past weekend gives our team a lot of confidence going into playoffs because we know we can beat these teams if we play well. Carleton is the team to beat and we will be the "underdogs" since we lost in a close match, so it's exciting to have another chance to beat them."

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With this most recent dominant win in mind, the Gusties are feeling extremely confident and hopeful heading into postseason play. As they anticipate the MIAC playoffs, they will have the advantage of location during practice compared to the other conference teams, as the semifinals will be held in St. Peter. Thanks to Laux, we know that the Gusties are excitedly anticipating the start of the tournament, which starts on April 28th. We wish them the best of luck as they hope to repeat as MIAC champions this year.

# Men's golf takes fourth

## Bobby King Invite a success despite cold weather



Gustie swings on the teebox.

Submitted

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The Gustavus Men's Golf team spent this past weekend competing in the Bobby King Invite at their home course. With the help of top eight finishes from Sophomore Teddy Kaste and First-year Pelayo Perez, the Gusties managed to finish fourth overall in the competition. The Gustavus A team took fourth 297-308-605 +41, the B team finished seventh 309-307-616, and the third and final team took fifteenth 321-329-650.

"Finishing the highest on the team was okay, college golf is a team game as well as individual and as a team we finished fourth so being the highest place on the team was okay, but that's not who I focus on competing against, as me and my teammates are more focused on beating the other teams," Kaste said.

"The weather was very cold this weekend, which affected the golf ball and the distances you would hit with each club. On most occasions, we had to guess the number we were playing and hit different clubs from different yardages, which made it difficult to commit to some shots. Personally, I decided to take the tough conditions as a positive, as I knew that ev-

eryone played under the same conditions, and it was something I could take advantage of," Perez said.

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Kaste lead the A team with a finish that tied him for sixth place over the two-day event. Perez moved up five spots on day two to get himself within the top ten and the top eight finishing tied for eight. Kaste finished 71-78-149, carding a birdie in his final round while Perez went 75-75-150 with a

pair of bogies and a birdie in his second round.

"Being one of two Gusties to finish in the top 8 was bittersweet. On one hand, it was good to finish high in the tournament, but obviously you root for your teammates so ideally we would've had more Gusties finish in the top 8," Kaste said.

Another Gustie golfer made a big jump in his second round of play, as First-year Chris Gutuza also moved up five spots to tie for 14th going 76-75-151 and carding five birdies. Gutuza shared 14th place with teammate sophomore Jack Reinardy who went 73-78-151. Junior Khrystjan Petersen finished a stroke behind Gutuza and Reinardy moving up 15 places on day two to finish in a tie for 20th.

"The cold weather just made it important to stay as warm as possible while in between shots," Reinardy said.

"It's always nice to play a tournament at the home track. It's a very unique course. Knowing where to place on a few holes is key. Definitely freed me up a little bit as I knew what I needed to do shot to shot. Especially when a couple of holes you just have to take your medicine and grind out a par and then some holes where you can chase for the birdie," Petersen said.

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In an event where a lot of young Gustie golfers played well over the two day event, veteran leadership has been important to their success.

"The support I have gotten from the upper-level students on the golf team has been great. This is my first year playing golf as a team sport, as in Spain, golf is an entirely individual sport. The help on and off the course from the upperclassmen on the golf team has helped me immensely to adapt to the format of college golf and the experience of it," Perez stated.

The Gusties will play this weekend at the Saint John's Invite in Sauk Centre and Monticello, Minnesota and hope to build off a strong performance.

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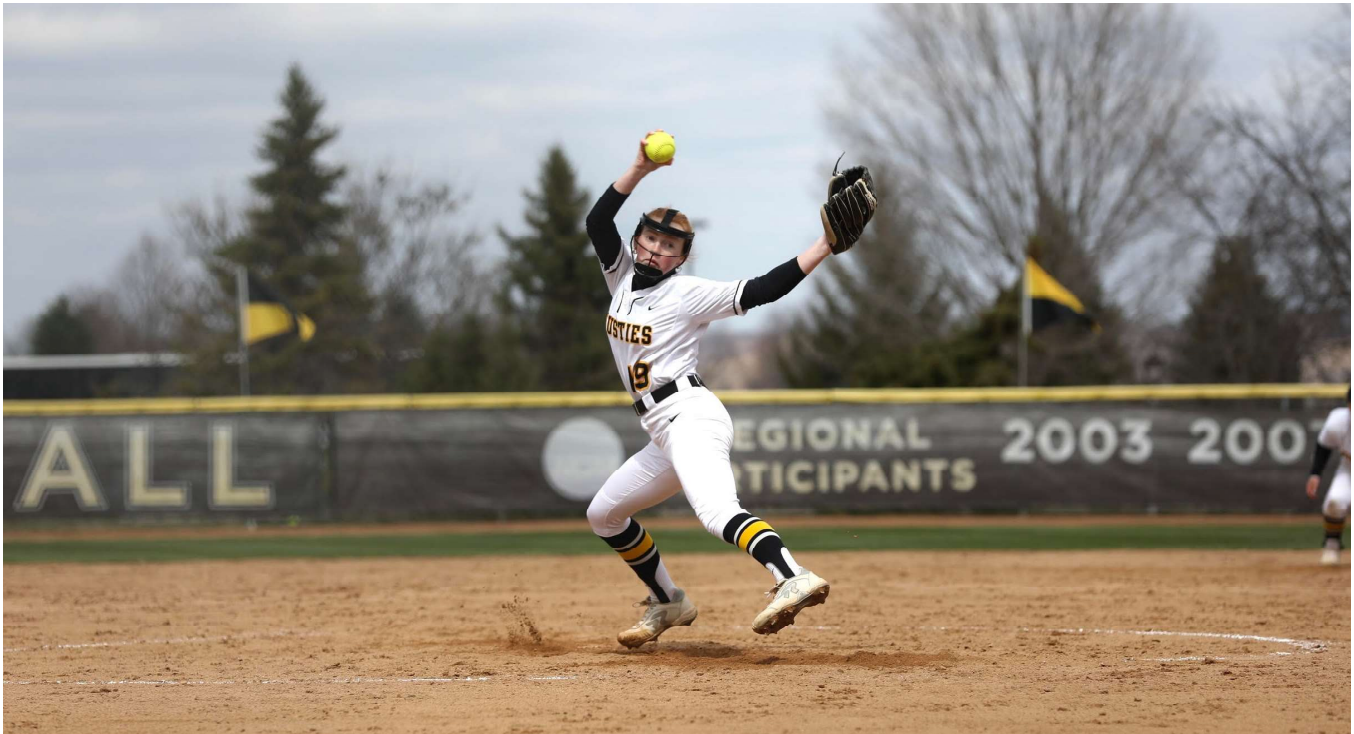
them step up and play well. Especially coming out of the gate well after a long winter break and playing well during spring break and this week. It shows that we have great depth and a great future ahead," Petersen said.

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"Our expectations coming to our home golf course were high," said Head Coach Scott Moe. "I believe we thought a little more about the end result before making sure we took care of the task at hand. We left some shots out there today because of mental miss cues. We need to realize that all shots do not need to look good, we just need to be able to hit the shots that will get the ball close to the hole. It was nice to see Teddy and Pelayo receive top-10 honors. We should have some good weather to prepare for our final event hosted by Saint Johns."

# Gusties perform well in doubleheaders

## Softball sweeps Hamline, splits with St. Mary's



Gustie pitcher throws a strike.

Submitted.

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Gustavus softball had a packed weekend with a doubleheader on Saturday against Hamline and another doubleheader against Saint Mary's on Sunday. Coming into the weekend, the Gusties were on a four-game winning streak. On Saturday, the Gusties held Hamline scoreless with dominant wins of 4-0 and 9-0. On Sunday, the Gusties started strong against Saint Mary's with a 7-4 win but dropped the second game 9-4.

In game one on Saturday, Pitcher and Junior Piper Otto went to work in the circle, silencing Hamline's offense with four strikeouts through seven scoreless innings for her fifth win on the season.

"The biggest thing was getting ahead in the count. When you get ahead, the pitchers have more control than the hitters do," Otto said.

Both teams were engaged in a scoreless standoff until the third inning when Gusties pried a 1-0 lead on an RBI single by First-year Caitlin Olafsson, scoring Junior Madi Mueller.

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happens, scoring first gets in the other team's head giving us the momentum we need to win the game," Olafsson said.

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The scoreboard fell quiet again until the sixth when the Gusties loaded the bases. Sophomore Kayla Herda then launched a double into left center, scoring Mueller and Seniors Kate Murray and Kayla Ruud for a 4-0 lead. Hamline did not respond with any runs of their own, earning the Gusties a hard-fought win.

In the second game of the day, the Gusties got out ahead early with a single by Olafsson, scoring Herda and Mueller to take a 2-0 lead. In the fourth inning, Gustavus blew open the game with three more runs to take a commanding 5-0 lead. Ruud started the rally by scorching an RBI double to left center. Mueller followed with a sacrifice fly, and Herda closed the scoring run with an RBI single.

In the fifth inning, the Gusties put the game out of reach with four runs to close the game early. First-year Carly Nelson doubled in the first at-bat of the inning. Sophomore Shelby Ringwelski followed with an RBI double. Sophomore Greta Dahlen singled to right, scoring Ringwelski. Mueller tacked on the game's final runs with a single to center, scoring Dahlen and First-year Lauren Lambert.

First-year pitcher Maizie Anderson held Hamline scoreless through five innings, striking out four and allowing five hits.

"We're here to win and show the MIAC that we're a competitive team and we can compete with anybody," Nelson said.

In game one on Sunday, the Gusties extended their winning streak to seven games. Mueller led off and hit a single to get on base. Mueller stole second, then advanced to third on a single by Herda. Olafsson sent Mueller home on a sacrifice fly to earn a 1-0 lead.

Saint Mary's responded with two runs and took the lead, which they held until the fourth inning. In the bottom of the inning, the Gusties' bats exploded and capitalized on numerous Saint Mary's errors. In the sixth, the Gusties tacked on two more runs courtesy of a Mueller RBI double and an RBI groundout by Olafsson. As of Sunday, Olafsson is tied for first in the

MIAC with 28 RBIs.

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Otto got the start and another win for the Gusties, pitching six innings and striking out two with two runs allowed.

"My defense is pretty amazing. Madi Mueller making four insane catches. Being able to have a defense like that, you don't worry too much," Otto said.

In game two on Sunday, the Gustavus bats came alive and scored three runs in the first inning courtesy of RBI singles by the trio of Ringwelski, Lambert, and Dahlen. Saint Mary's

responded with a big second inning, scoring four runs to take the lead. Unfortunately, Saint Mary's never looked back and scored a total of nine answered runs. The Gusties managed to tack on one more run in the seventh, but it was not enough. The Gusties lost 9-4.

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The Gusties are now 15-15 on the season and 8-6 in conference play. Next on the schedule is a doubleheader on Saturday at St. Scholastica followed by a doubleheader at home against Augsburg on Sunday.