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# ● Baseball: Raiders Claim Second Conference Title, Earning NCAA Tournament Bid

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The Wright State University baseball team won its second consecutive conference championship and fifth since 2015 earning a bid for the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

The Raiders dominated the entire tournament, outsourcing opponents 56-7 after locking the No. 1 seed in the tournament and gaining home-field advantage along with a first-round bye.

WSU faced off against the No. 2 seed Grizzlies of Oakland University. The Raiders went 1-4 against Oakland in the regular season before claiming a victory Friday evening in the tournament.

## Championship game

The Raiders opened the Friday game, scoring in dramatic fashion as Sammy Sass crushed a grand slam to left field in the opening frame to put WSU up 4-0.

Sass connected on a second home run, scoring three more and taking a 7-0 lead.

In the fourth inning, Andrew Patrick connected on a solo home run to further strengthen the lead. Avery Fisher reached an RBI double in the fifth inning to go up 9-0.

WSU continued its dominant performance by adding eight more runs in the sixth inning. The Raiders closed out their scoring by adding seven runs in the seventh inning to go up 24-0.

Alex Theis was credited with the win after throwing five and a third inning, allowing no runs and only giving up one hit while striking out seven batters. The Raiders bullpen maintained the scoreless affair on the mound after Theis was pulled.

## Tournament accolades

Seven Raiders were presented with all-tournament team honors. Sammy Sass, Alec Sayre, Justin Reimer, Jay Luikart, Andrew Patrick and Gehrig Anglin all made the list, while Zane Harris was named tournament MVP.

Both Sass and Harris tied the tournament record with each of them recording nine RBIs in single games.

WSU broke many championship records including most runs scored (24), largest shutout margin, most doubles with eight, and RBIs with 23.

## Looking forward

After earning an automatic bid in the NCAA tournament, the Raiders will play Virginia Tech on Friday, June 3. The game begins at 7 p.m. and is the opening regional game according to the selection show announcement.

WSU squared off against the Hokies earlier this season, winning one of the three games in the series. The Raiders have gained a lot of momentum since their last matchup and will look to put that momentum on display this Friday when they begin their tournament run.

# Summer fun returns with Ohio festivals

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As summer returns so do festivals. Celebrating everything from fruits and vegetables to cultural events, here are some of Ohio's top festivals for 2022.

## Strawberry festival

Those looking to chow down on some fresh summer berries can check out the Troy Strawberry Festival in Troy, Ohio.

Hosted by the Troy Chamber of Commerce and other sponsors, the festival will feature live entertainment and booths selling strawberry goods, according to the festival website. Proceeds from these booths will go towards city projects.

The weekend long festival will be held on June 4 and 5, 2022 and is free and open to the public.

## Corn festival

Another festival featuring a delicious vegetable is the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival held on June 20 and 21. The annual fair will span Dayton-Yellow Springs Road and feature live music, dance and food vendors.

Like the strawberry festival, the corn festival does not have an entrance fee.

## Art festival

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Art fans looking for an adventure outside of the Dayton region can check out the Columbus Arts Festival.

Hosted by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the festival is a three day affair beginning on June 10 till June 12. According to the festival website, various types of art including visual, 3-D, written and spoken art will be featured at the event along with art workshops and a small film festival.

Spanning the riverfront in downtown Columbus, the main festival is free and open to the public with special member packages available for purchase.

## Pride festivals

June is Pride Month, a month dedicated to celebrating and recognizing the LGBTQA+ community and its history, accomplishments and challenges.

Part of this celebration is Pride parades and festivals. Beginning in 1970 to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, many towns and large cities have continued the tradition of Pride parades. Here are some local celebrations:

June 4 | Dayton Pride

June 17-18 | Columbus Pride

June 25 | Cincinnati and Yellow Springs Pride

# Five new TV shows to binge-watch this summer

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The summer season is full of new television from fan-favorite franchises. Here are five highly anticipated new releases.

## Stranger Things

This highly acclaimed Netflix series debuted the fourth season on May 27. The season includes two chapters with the second chapter set for release on July 1.

In typical “Stranger Things” fashion, the beloved characters from Hawkins, Indiana find their lives filled with supernatural phenomena. Uniquely, this season finds two out of three of its major plot lines outside the confines of Indiana, where the original plot takes place.

The nine-episode first chapter of the season is currently available to stream on Netflix.

## Obi-wan Kenobi

Disney+ has a stacked lineup of new releases for the summer season, starting with this six-part limited series set in the “Star Wars” universe. The series follows Obi-wan Kenobi ten years after the events of “Revenge of the Sith” as he fights to survive and save those he cares about.

New episodes stream each Wednesday.

## Ms. Marvel

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Another new Disney+ show set to stream this summer, “Ms. Marvel” will follow the story of Kamala Khan, a Pakistani American, Muslim teen who will discover what it means to have superpowers. The show will have six episodes, bringing to life the beloved comic book character.

Episodes stream each Wednesday, starting June 8.

## **The Rings of Power**

This “Lord of the Rings” prequel is one of the most anticipated releases of the summer. The Amazon series will take place thousands of years before the events of the famous fantasy series with all new characters.

The show’s producers, J.D. Payne & Patrick McKay, mention the show will focus on the forging of the rings and the origins of several characters and stories from Middle-earth.

The series has been in the works since 2017 and experienced setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is set to release on September 2.

## **House of the Dragon**

This “Game of Thrones” prequel is the first of several possible spin-offs of HBO’s popular fantasy series. “House of the Dragon” will take place hundreds of years before “Game of Thrones” and focus on the Targaryen family. The show will star Matt Smith and Rhys Ifans.

Fans can stream this show starting August 21.