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# Raiders Baseball Season Ends Short After Blacksburg Regional

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After securing their fifth conference title in the last seven years, the Wright State baseball season ends in defeat during the Blacksburg Regional against the Virginia Tech Hokies and the Gonzaga Bulldogs.

## Opening matchup

The Raiders were faced with the No. 4 ranked Virginia Tech Hokies in the opening day of the tournament. WSU squared off against the Hokies earlier this season for the first time in program history, giving them their only non-conference home loss of the season.

The Hokies started the opening game hot by quickly going up 5-0 through the first three innings. After loading the bases in the fourth inning with nobody out, WSU salvaged two runs and narrowed their deficit.

In the fifth inning, down two, Horizon League player of the year, Alec Sayre, hit a two-RBI double to tie the game back up, giving the Raiders a big momentum swing.

Unfortunately in the bottom half of the fifth, the Hokies answered back with five more runs of their own to go back up 10-5.

The Raiders, showing no signs of going away, retaliated with three runs in the sixth, narrowing the deficit to 10-8. Julian Greenwell notched an RBI double down the right-field line. Horizon League tournament MVP, Zane Harris, continued his hot streak by knocking in two runs on an RBI single.

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The Hokies put the game out of reach in the seventh and eighth innings by scoring five more runs to go up 15-8. WSU would go on to score one more run, falling short in the opening game 15-9.

The Raiders had a good approach at the plate and did an adequate job at getting players on base and scoring runs. Pitching was the downside for WSU was Jake Shirk and Tristan Haigght, who each gave up five earned runs in a combined four and third innings.

After losing the opening game to Virginia Tech, WSU would have a quick turnaround the following day by squaring off against the Gonzaga Bulldogs in a “do or die,” elimination game.

## Go big or go home

WSU squared off against the Gonzaga Bulldogs for the first time in program history Saturday afternoon in a season deciding matchup for both teams.

Unlike Friday night, WSU jumped ahead first and early, scoring three runs in the opening frame from an RBI-double by Gehrig Anglin and a two-run sacrifice fly by Harris.

Gonzaga retaliated with four runs in the third inning to go up 4-3 on the Raiders. The bottom half of the frame was explosive for WSU. Harris kept his hot bat alive, crushing a two-run home run. Sammy Sass would score from third on a wild pitch. The Raiders led 6-3 when Andrew Patrick followed up with a three-run bomb to left field.

The Raiders were in full control, up 9-4 going into the fifth inning when Gonzaga started chipping away at the lead. The Bulldogs gained two runs in the fifth, one in the sixth and four in the seventh to regain the lead, 11-9.

Sadly, the Raiders were unable to climb their way back and fell short in the Regional Round and were sent home.

Pitching was the Raider’s biggest flaw in the tournament, giving up nine walks in their second match against Gonzaga.

Redshirt senior, Zane Harris continued his hot streak in the tournament, batting .800 with six RBIs in only two games.

## Future seasons

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Despite falling short this year in the NCAA tournament, The Raiders proved they have what it takes to make another appearance next season.

Seven Raiders were named to the Horizon League All-Tournament team, with all seven being eligible to return to the field next spring.

# Songs of summer 2022

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Summer is the season of sound, whether planning a road trip playlist or needing a soundtrack to listen to while relaxing at home, here are some of the most popular artists and songs of summer 2022.

## Pop songs for dancing

Those looking for fun dancy tunes to jam out to this summer can listen to artists like Harry Styles, Lizzo, Dua Lipa and Lil Nas X.

### Harry Styles

The young pop artist released the pop single “As It Was” in spring of 2022. This single has remained number one on the Billboard Music charts, according to Billboard Music.

Styles then followed up this success with the release of his new album “Harry’s House” in May 2022. The album features fun and funky songs like “Late Night Talking.”

### Lizzo

Another popular summer song is “About Damn Time” by pop icon Lizzo. Featuring a fast lighthearted beat and catchy lyrics, this song will put anyone in a good mood.

The song has become so popular that it spawned a dance trend on the social media platform TikTok.

### Dua Lipa

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Gaining popularity over the past few years, Dua Lipa has put out another hit single “Sweetest Pie” which features rapper Megan Thee Stallion.

This sensual rap-pop mashup has also made it on the Billboard charts.

## **Lil Nas X**

Originally released in 2021, Lil Nas X’s song “That’s What I Want” is just now gaining popularity due to its use on social media.

The song features a discussion on desire while providing an exciting beat perfect for any jam session.

## **Camila Cabello**

Another cheerful summer song is Camila Cabello’s “Bam Bam” featuring Ed Sheeran. This bop focuses on adapting to life’s challenges while still enjoying life.

This song is perfect for any summer dance party and can be heard on many radio stations.

## **Chill summer incoming**

Those looking for a more relaxing and chill summer vibe can tune out to Stephen Sanchez, Sam Smith and Kate Bush.

## **Stephen Sanchez**

While a lesser known artist, Stephen Sanchez, released his hit “Until I Found You” in March. This charming love song with a retro 50s vibe will put lovers and singles alike in a good mood.

## **Sam Smith**

Smith’s sweet single “Love Me More” released in April, focusing on self love and the importance of community.

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With a good beat and inspiring lyrics, this song is the perfect tune to listen to during a summer self-care session.

## **Kate Bush**

Originally released in 1985, Bush's "Running Up That Hill" is trending once more due to its use in Netflix's popular TV show, "Stranger Things".

Featuring a classic retro beat, the song is actually quite solemn as the lyrics discuss longing and loss. Like Lizzo's song and many others on this list, this song has become a trend on TikTok.

Listeners can hear these songs on WWSU 106.9 or can stream these tunes on platforms like Spotify, Apple Music and Youtube.

# Take a mental vacation with these top reads

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Whether you are staying home or hitting the beach, summer is a great time to escape into another world through these fiction books.

## Where the Crawdads Sing

This historical fiction book by Delia Owens has sat on the New York Times Bestseller List for 162 weeks, according to *The New York Times*. The story revolves around a woman raised in the marshes of North Carolina in the 1950s, who is the prime suspect in a murder case.

The novel has been adapted into a movie, set to release July 15, 2022.

## Book Lovers

This contemporary romance book was a highly anticipated release by Emily Henry following the success of her two other most recent books, “Beach Read,” and “People We Meet on Vacation.”

The book is a love letter to book lovers, as readers follow Nora Stephens, a literary agent, as she goes on vacation with her sister. While away, she continually bumps into a brooding editor that does not fit any of the book tropes she loves.

## The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo

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Originally released in 2017, this Taylor Jenkins Reid novel did not gain much traction until the summer of 2020, when the book was featured in a multitude of videos on Tiktok.

The book covers the life of old Hollywood star Evelyn Hugo as she recounts her various marriages and one true love to Monique, a struggling writer who is connected to the star in a shocking way.

## **The Midnight Library**

This fantasy novel by Matt Haig explores the choices people make and the regrets that come from them. Readers follow the protagonist, Nora, as she discovers a library between life and death that holds books full of alternate realities based on the choices she has made.

## **The Silent Patient**

This thriller mystery book by Alex Michaelides follows a psychoanalyst as he dives into the life of a famous painter who hasn't spoken since she shot her husband years ago. The more Theo tries to learn and understand why Alice won't talk leads him down a twisting path toward his own obsessions with the truth.

These titles can be found in local libraries, bookstores and online retailers like Amazon.