

Men and women’s basketball on the court

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On Saturday, Feb. 4, the university’s basketball teams split a home doubleheader against Pace University at James Moore Field House, with the women earning their 10th straight win and the men falling in a tight finish. The women’s team continued its dominant run with a 69–56 victory, improving to 16–4 overall and 11–1 in the NE10. Forward Tish Blackwood, a freshman, delivered a career-best 26 points, including 16 in the second half, while adding seven rebounds and six assists. Guard Taeya Steinauer, a sophomore, scored 16 points with four steals, and forward Rheyna Steinauer, a senior, added 15 points and seven rebounds. A 19–4 third-quarter surge pushed the Owls firmly ahead. In the men’s game, the Owls fell 60–56 despite a milestone night from forward Cherif Diarra, a graduate, who reached 1,000 points scored in his college career. Guard Justice Ellison, a graduate, led the Owls with 17 points. In the end, the men lost to Pace.

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Guard Hope Fox, a senior, dribbling the ball.



Guard Christian McClease, a sophomore, shooting the basketball.



Guard Justice Ellison, a graduate, going in for a layup.



Guards Ally Sentance, a senior, and Jaycee Merizalde, a freshman, waiting for the start of play.



Guard Malik Banks, a junior, dribbling the basketball.



Guard Taeya Steinauer, a sophomore, going for a free throw.



Forward Tish Blackwood, a freshman, shooting the basketball.



Head Coach Kate Lynch cheering her team on.



Guard Ally Sentance, a senior, pointing towards her head to communicate a play.



Guard Jillian Martin, a graduate, holding the basketball.



Forward Kazell Stewart, a senior, standing for a free throw.



The women’s basketball team standing up to cheer on their teammates.



The men’s basketball team standing together for a chant before heading onto the court to start the game.