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WEEK IN REVIEW · APRIL 13 – 19, 2026

Ten wins in one week. Baseball rolled to a perfect 5-0 GWOC record on a seven-game win streak. Softball went on a run-rule rampage — three games, 40 runs scored, 3 allowed. Boys volleyball moved to 4-0 in conference play with a signature home win over Beavercreek. Boys tennis co-leads the GWOC. Centerville hosted the 51st Elk Relays. Across the board, this was the Elks' best week of the 2026 spring season.

SPRING 2026 RECORDS AT A GLANCE

SPORT	OVERALL	GWOC	STREAK	THIS WEEK
Baseball	9-2	5-0	W7	W 6-1, W 18-6, W 11-0
Softball	10-4	4-1	W3	W 14-1, W 15-1, W 11-1
Boys Volleyball	8-3	4-0	W2	W 3-1 vs Beavercreek (GWOC)
Boys Tennis	5-2	2-0	—	Multiple non-conf wins this week
Boys Lacrosse	5-3	1-0	W4	W 19-10 at Springboro (GWOC), W 20-6 vs Pickerington
Girls Lacrosse	5-2	0-1	—	Grove City & Pickerington (results pending)
Track & Field	—	—	—	Hosted 51st Elk Relays — Fri Apr 17

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

9-2 Overall · 5-0 GWOC · GWOC #1 · W7 Streak

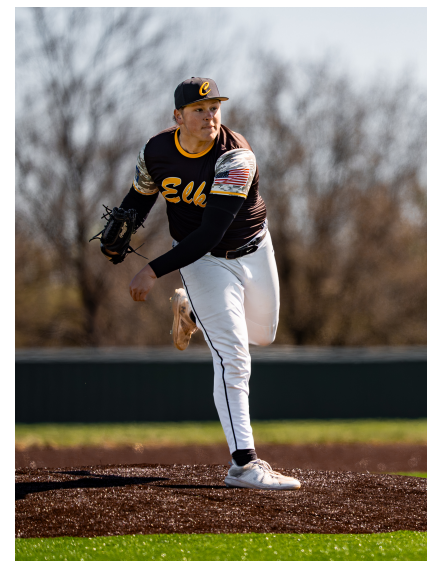
GWOC #1

W7

Seven in a row. The Elks have not lost a baseball game since April 4, and this week they swept Springfield twice and shut out Fairmont to move to a perfect 5-0 in GWOC play — sole possession of first place.

The week opened with a 6-1 road win at Springfield on Monday, a controlled performance that set the tone. Wednesday brought the full offensive release: an 18-6 home blowout of Springfield that sent a message to the rest of the conference. Friday's closer — an 11-0 run-rule shutout of Fairmont in five innings — was the most dominant single performance of the season.

Bronson Weng (So, #9) continues to do it all. The sophomore hits .480 with a .567 OBP and 9 RBI while also going 2-0 on the mound with a 1.56 ERA and 11 strikeouts in 9.0 innings. **Josh Becker** (Jr, #11) owns the top batting average in the entire GWOC at .348, adding a .467 OBP and 6 RBI. **Lucas Clark** (Jr, #6) is hitting .429 with a .667 OBP and has stolen 7 bases — the fastest player in the Centerville lineup.



Elks baseball vs Elder · Photo: Rev Studios

The pitching staff remains one of the deepest in the conference. **Ryan Sidwell** (Sr, #15) has thrown 5.2 innings out of the bullpen without allowing a single earned run all season — 0.00 ERA. **Lucas Dice** (Sr, #22) sits at 1.27 ERA across 11.0 innings. **Luke Maciejewski** (Sr, #4) leads the rotation with 10 innings and 9 strikeouts. The staff's ability to deploy four legitimate arms without overloading any single pitcher is a structural advantage as the GWOC schedule intensifies.

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Apr 13	at Springfield (GWOC)	W 6-1	7-2 · 3-0 GWOC
Apr 15	vs Springfield (GWOC)	W 18-6	8-2 · 4-0 GWOC
Apr 17	vs Fairmont (GWOC)	W 11-0	9-2 · 5-0 GWOC

AVG · #1 GWOC	Josh Becker #11 (Jr, OF)	.348 / .467 OBP / 6 RBI / 2 SB
AVG	Bronson Weng #9 (So, UTI/P)	.480 / .567 OBP / 9 RBI / 4 2B
AVG	Lucas Clark #6 (Jr, OF/1B)	.429 / .667 OBP / 7 SB
ERA · 0.00	Ryan Sidwell #15 (Sr, P)	0.00 ERA · 5.2 IP · 5 K · 0 ER all season
ERA	Lucas Dice #22 (Sr, P)	1.27 ERA · 11.0 IP · 10 K
ERA / Pitching	Bronson Weng #9 (So, P)	1.56 ERA · 9.0 IP · 2-0 · 11 K

■ **TREND** Centerville is outscoring GWOC opponents 35-7 across five conference wins. The seven-game win streak features an average margin of +7.1 runs per game. The Friday shutout of Fairmont (11-0 in five innings) is the staff's cleanest outing of the season. With Wayne and Miamisburg next on the GWOC slate, the path to a wire-to-wire title is clearly in view.

■ **NEXT WEEK** at Fairmont Mon Apr 20 (5 PM) · at Wayne Wed Apr 22 (5 PM, WSU-Nischwitz) · vs Wayne Fri Apr 24 (5 PM)

■ GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

10-4 Overall · 4-1 GWOC · W3 Streak · 40 Runs This Week

W3

W3

Three games. Forty runs. Three opponents combined for three runs. Centerville softball's week against Springfield (twice) and Fairmont was the most dominant stretch the program has put together in 2026 — every game ended before the sixth inning.

A 14-1 road win at Springfield on Monday opened it, a 15-1 home rout Wednesday continued it, and an 11-1 run-rule decision over Fairmont on Friday closed it. Three consecutive run-rule wins against GWOC opponents is as decisive as it gets. After entering conference play at 1-1 following the Northmont split, Centerville has responded with three straight statement wins and is now firmly in the GWOC title race at 4-1.

Caitlyn Belcher (#21, So) is one of the most complete players in the conference — she leads the rotation with a 2.37 ERA, 9 wins, 80 strikeouts, and 74 innings pitched across 14 games, and ranks 3rd in the GWOC in ERA. She is also hitting .556 at the plate with 22 RBI. **Natalie Carr** (Jr) is the most dangerous hitter on the roster: .620 average (2nd in GWOC), 7 home runs, 17 RBI, and 13 stolen bases.



vs Lakota East · Photo: Rev Studios

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Apr 17	vs Fairmont (GWOC)	W 11-1	10-4 · 4-1 GWOC

AVG · #2 GWOC	Natalie Carr (Jr)	.620 AVG · .636 OBP · 7 HR · 17 RBI · 13 SB
ERA · #3 GWOC	Caitlyn Belcher #21 (So)	2.37 ERA · 9W · 74.0 IP · 80 K · WHIP 1.32
HIT · Also P	Caitlyn Belcher #21 (So)	.556 AVG · .577 OBP · 22 RBI at the plate

■ **TREND** 40 runs on 3 allowed in three games is a run differential of +37 for the week. Belcher's 80 strikeouts in 74 innings — while also hitting .556 — is a two-way performance comparable to Weng's on the baseball side. After the 1-1 GWOC start, three straight run-rule wins have this team firmly back in the conference race. Carr's .620 average with 7 home runs and 13 stolen bases gives Centerville a leadoff threat who can also end innings in a single swing.

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BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8-3 Overall · 4-0 GWOC · Undefeated in Conference

GWOC 2nd

W2

Boys volleyball picked up what may be its biggest win of the season on Thursday — a 3-1 victory over Beavercreek at home, the team that entered as the GWOC leader at 3-0. The win moves Centerville to 4-0 in conference play, one game behind the Beavers in the standings, with the head-to-head advantage now in hand.

The April 14 match at Moeller result had not been reported at press time. Beavercreek came in boasting Victor Peterson at #1 in the GWOC in kills (78), blocks (26), and aces (24) — one of the most complete individual statistical seasons in the conference. Defeating that team 3-1 at home is a program statement.

DIGS · #1 GWOC

Richard Winters (Sr)

ASSISTS · #2 GWOC

Caden Peterson (Sr)

KILLS · #2 GWOC

Sean Chaudhuri (Sr)

ACES · #2 GWOC

Caden Peterson (Sr)

KILLS · #5 GWOC

Adam Beeler (Sr)

BLOCKS · T-3
GWOC

60
Michael Thompson (Jr)

■ **TREND** Five Centerville players rank in the top 5 of their respective GWOC categories. Peterson's dual leadership in assists (196) and aces (18) is the engine of a set distribution that creates consistent scoring across the entire lineup. Winters' 70-dig season is a defensive foundation that enables the offense to run freely. At 4-0 in conference, this team is built for a deep postseason run.

■ **NEXT WEEK** vs Walnut Hills Mon Apr 20 (6:30 PM) · at LaSalle Tue Apr 21 (6:30 PM) · at Fairmont (GWOC) Thu Apr 23 (6:45 PM, Trent Arena)

BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

5-2 Overall · 2-0 GWOC · Tied for Conference Lead

GWOC CO-LEAD

Boys tennis sits tied for first place in the GWOC at 2-0 alongside Beavercreek. The Elks have navigated a demanding non-conference schedule — losses to Mason and Lakota West among quality opponents — while keeping their conference record spotless.

Timmy Lee (Jr) is undefeated in GWOC play at First Singles (2-0), one of just two 1S players in the conference with a perfect league record. **Jake Critchfield** (Jr) is the individual story of the season at Second Singles — 4-0 overall, 2-0 GWOC, the *only* undefeated 2S player in the entire conference. Critchfield also holds a 1-1 record when bumped to First Singles, showing the lineup flexibility that gives this team a structural advantage.

Vasakan Thambi-Pillai (Jr) is 1-0 at Third Singles in GWOC play.



Jake Critchfield · 2S



vs Bellbrook · Rev Studios



Timmy Lee (1S) in action vs Bellbrook · Photo: Rev Studios

**1S · GWOC
CO-LEAD**

**2S · ONLY
UNDEFEATED**

3S

Timmy Lee (Jr)

**2-0 GWOC · 3-1
Overall**

Jake Critchfield (Jr)

**2-0 GWOC · 4-0
Overall**

Vasakan Thambi-Pillai (Jr)

**1-0 GWOC · 2-1
Overall**

■ **TREND** Critchfield's 4-0 overall record is the cleanest individual result on the team. He is the only 2S player in the GWOC who has not dropped a match. The Lee-Critchfield combination at the top two singles positions gives Centerville two automatic points in dual matches — a foundation that the rest of the lineup can build on as the conference schedule reaches its final third.

■ **NEXT WEEK** vs Fairmont (GWOC) · at Sycamore · at St. Xavier B · vs Sycamore B · schedule includes multiple matches this week

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

GWOC 1-0

5-3 Overall · 1-0 GWOC · Won GWOC Opener 19-10 at Springboro · W4 Streak

W4

Boys lacrosse had its best week of the season. The Elks won their GWOC opener 19-10 on the road at Springboro on Tuesday, then followed with a 20-6 home rout of Pickerington Central on Saturday. Two wins in four days pushed the record to 5-3 overall and opened conference play at 1-0. The current four-game win streak — Hilliard Davidson (14-5), Loveland (15-6), Springboro (19-10), Pickerington Central (20-6) — is the program's best stretch of 2026.

The road win at Springboro carries particular weight — Springboro was 1-4 overall entering the game but had won their GWOC opener, and a road GWOC win in the first conference game of the year sets a strong tone. The 19-10 score shows offensive depth that can sustain through a full GWOC slate. The April 14 game at St. Charles has no result posted and may have been postponed or not yet entered.



Boys lacrosse coach addresses the team · Photo: Rev Studios



vs New Albany · Photo: Rev Studios

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Mar 13	at New Albany	L 5-14	0-1 (0-0)
Mar 19	at St. Ignatius	L 2-13	0-2 (0-0)

Apr 3	vs Gahanna Lincoln	W 16-4	1-2 (0-0)
Apr 6	at St. Xavier	L 6-16	1-3 (0-0)
Apr 8	at Hilliard Davidson	W 14-5	2-3 (0-0)
Apr 11	vs Loveland	W 15-6	3-3 (0-0)
Apr 14	at St. Charles	No Result	—
Apr 15	at Springboro (GWOC)	W 19-10	4-3 · 1-0 GWOC
Apr 18	vs Pickerington Central	W 20-6	5-3 · 1-0 GWOC

GOALS · 4th GWOC	Ryan Swanson (Sr)	20 G · 16 A · 10 GB · 6 CT
GOALS / ASSISTS	Nick Wilhelm (Jr)	18 G · 18 A · 7 GB · 5 CT
GOALS	Bryson Sengsy (Jr)	18 G · 8 A · 8 GB · 9 CT
GOALS	Bryson Crawford (So)	9 G · 4 A · 8 GB
SAVES · #2 GWOC	Ian Dorsten (Jr, GK)	87 Saves · 3 INT · 17 GB
CT · #2 GWOC	Dawson Kerr (Jr)	30 Caused TOs · 19 GB
CT · #3 GWOC	Oliver Hinkebein (Sr)	27 Caused TOs · 19 GB · 5 G
CT · #5 GWOC	Liam Haver (Jr)	25 Caused TOs · 16 GB
CT	Jacob Buehler (Sr)	15 CT · 22 GB · 2 INT

■ **TREND** Two wins in four days — including a road GWOC opener at Springboro — puts boys lacrosse in a strong early conference position at 1-0. The current W4 streak is the team's longest of the season and features an average winning margin of +13 goals. Swanson's 20G/16A combination leads the offense, while Dorsten's 87 saves (#2 GWOC) and the Kerr/Hinkebein/Haver caused-turnover trio give this team a defense that can hold its own against any GWOC opponent.

■ **NEXT WEEK** vs Fairmont (GWOC) Wed Apr 22 (7:15 PM) · vs Worthington Kilbourne Fri Apr 24 (7:15 PM) · at Olentangy Orange Sat Apr 25 · vs Miamisburg (GWOC) Wed Apr 29

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■ GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE

GWOC LEADER

5-2 Overall · 0-1 GWOC · Christofano Leads 3 GWOC Categories

Girls lacrosse did not add to its record in the games window for this issue — the April 16 trip to Grove City and Saturday's home game against Pickerington Central were pending at press time. The record stands at 5-2, with the one GWOC result a one-goal loss to Springboro.

The statistical picture heading into the season's second half is striking. **Lucia Christofano** (Jr) leads the GWOC in three separate categories: goals (31), assists (12), and draw controls (32). Her combination of offensive production and possession dominance is the most complete individual performance across any spring sport program-wide.

Ella Buckingham (Jr) leads the conference in caused turnovers (6) and sits 3rd in goals (13) — an elite dual role combining offensive output with defensive disruption. In goal, **Kara Bentley** (Sr) ranks 2nd in the GWOC with 45 saves. The narrow 13-15 loss to Springboro in the only GWOC game to date shows this team can compete with the conference's best.



Lucia Christofano (#21) · Photo: Rev Studios

GOALS · #1 GWOC

Lucia Christofano (Jr)

31 Goals —
leads
conference

ASSISTS · #1 GWOC

Lucia Christofano (Jr)

12 Assists —
leads
conference

DRAW CTRL · #1
GWOC

Lucia Christofano (Jr)

32 Draw
Controls —
leads
conference

CAUSED TO · #1
GWOC

Ella Buckingham (Jr)

6 · Also 3rd in
Goals (13)

SAVES · #2 GWOC

Kara Bentley (Sr, GK)

45 Saves

■ **TREND** Christofano leading three separate GWOC statistical categories simultaneously is exceptional. No other individual across any spring sport holds that kind of conference-wide dominance. The combination of her offensive production with Buckingham's caused turnover leadership and Bentley's saves creates a team that is dangerous in every phase of the game.

■ **NEXT WEEK** at Fairmont (GWOC) Tue Apr 21 (6 PM) · at CHCA Mon Apr 27 (7 PM) · at Miamisburg Tue Apr 28 (6 PM) · vs Northmont Thu Apr 30 (7 PM)

■ COED VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

8 WINS

51st Elk Relays — Girls 2nd Overall (97.5 pts) · Boys 4th (65 pts) · 8 Event Wins

The 51st Annual Elk Relays was Centerville's best home track performance of the season. The girls team finished 2nd overall with 97.5 points — Mason edged them 101.5 to 97.5 in what came down to the final events. The boys finished 4th with 65 points in a deep field.

Eight event wins for Centerville on the day. **Ethan Ireland** (Sr) won the boys pole vault at 15-3, extending his season-long dominance in the event. **Alyssa Grim** (Jr) won the girls high jump at 5-3. **Kelly Horky** (Sr) won the girls discus at 116-11. **Gabe Gillem** (Sr) — known this winter as a standout on the hardwood — won the boys long jump at 21-0.25, edging Little Miami's Jaqualon Wayne by a quarter inch in one of the closest finishes of the meet.

On the relay side, the girls squad was dominant across distance events: wins in the 4x1600 (22:31.20, edging Turpin by one second), 4x4000 DMR (13:06.53), 4x800 (9:57.19 — edging Mason by less than a second), and 800 Sprint Medley (1:47.41). The boys won the 1000 Sprint Medley in 2:00.55. **Ashlyn Rickert** (Sr) cleared 11-3 in the girls pole vault for 2nd place.



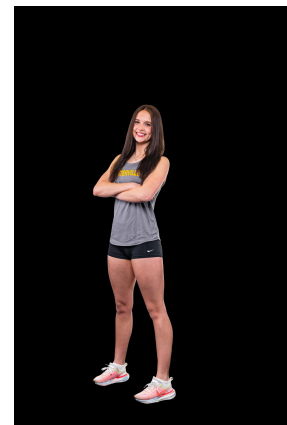
Steeplechase water jump at the 51st Elk Relays · Photo: Rev Studios



Boys 1000 Sprint Medley relay team — 1st place



Hurdles action at the Elk Relays



Ashlyn Rickert (Sr) 2nd · Pole Vault · 11-3

EVENT	RESULT	TIME/MARK	NOTES
Girls 4x1600 Relay	1st	22:31.20	Edged Turpin by 1.07 sec
Girls 4000 DMR	1st	13:06.53	Won by 29 sec over Mason
Girls 4x800 Relay	1st	9:57.19	Edged Mason by <1 sec
Girls 800 Sprint Medley	1st	1:47.41	Edged Mason by 0.18 sec
Girls High Jump	1st	5-03	Alyssa Grim (Jr)
Girls Discus	1st	116-11	Kelly Horky (Sr)
Girls Pole Vault	2nd	11-03	Ashlyn Rickert (Sr)

Boys 1000 Sprint Medley	1st	2:00.55	Won by 1.58 sec over Wayne
Boys Pole Vault	1st	15-03	Ethan Ireland (Sr)
Boys Long Jump	1st	21-00.25	Gabe Gillem (Sr) — edged LM by 0.25"
Girls Long Jump	8th	14-11.50	Carmen Jones (Jr)
Girls High Jump	4th	4-08	Carmen Jones (Jr) — multi-event

■ **TREND** The girls team came within 4 points of winning their own invitational — 97.5 to Mason's 101.5 in a meet that featured 17 schools. Four relay wins in distance events plus three individual event wins shows both depth and individual excellence. Grim's 5-3 high jump, Horky's 116-11 discus, and Gillem's 21-foot long jump give the coaching staff headline performances heading into the heart of the GWOC schedule. Carmen Jones (Jr) contributed in both long jump (8th) and high jump (4th) — the multi-event versatility that earns points in championship formats.

WEEK AT A GLANCE · VARSITY EVENTS · APRIL 20 – 26, 2026

MON, APR 20

5:00 PM	■ Boys Varsity Baseball at Fairmont (GWOC)	Fairmont	AWAY
5:00 PM	■ Girls Varsity Softball at Fairmont (GWOC)	Fairmont	AWAY
6:30 PM	■ Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Walnut Hills	Walnut Hills	HOME

TUE, APR 21

6:00 PM	■ Girls Varsity Lacrosse at Fairmont (GWOC)	Fairmont	AWAY
6:30 PM	■ Boys Varsity Volleyball at LaSalle	LaSalle	AWAY

WED, APR 22

5:00 PM	■ Boys Varsity Baseball at Wayne (GWOC)	Wayne	AWAY
5:00 PM	■ Girls Varsity Softball at Wayne (GWOC)	Wayne	AWAY
7:15 PM	■ Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Fairmont (GWOC)	Fairmont	HOME

THU, APR 23

6:45 PM	■ Boys Varsity Volleyball at Fairmont (GWOC)	Fairmont	AWAY
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FRI, APR 24

5:00 PM	■ Boys Varsity Baseball vs Wayne (GWOC)	Wayne	HOME
5:00 PM	■ Girls Varsity Softball vs Wayne (GWOC)	Wayne	HOME
7:15 PM	■ Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs Worthington Kilbourne	Worthington Kilbourne	HOME

SAT, APR 25

1:00 PM	■ Girls Varsity Softball at Kenton Ridge (Showcase)	<i>Kenton Ridge</i>	AWAY
3:00 PM	■ Girls Varsity Softball at Lebanon (Showcase)	<i>Lebanon</i>	AWAY
All Day	■ Boys Varsity Lacrosse at Olentangy Orange	<i>Olentangy Orange</i>	AWAY

TIME	EVENT · MATCHUP	OPPONENT / VENUE	H / A
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