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The rest of the 2025 Season

Sept 25 (Thu) 1PM
@Tiffin University

Sep 27 (Sat) 12PM
@Lake Erie College

Oct 2 (Thu) 4PM
@University of Findlay

Oct 4 (Sat) 6PM
v. Ursuline College

Oct 9 (Thu) 4:30PM
v. Cedarville University

Oct 11 (Sat) 1PM
@Malone University

Oct 16 (Thu) 5PM
@More University

Oct 18 (Sat) 1PM.
v. Kentucky Wesleyan

Oct 23 (Thu) 3:30PM
Ashland University

Oct 25 (Sat) 2:30PM
@Cedarville University

Oct 30 (Thu) 5PM
v. Thomas More University

Nov 4 (Tue) 5PM
v. Malone University



Photos from Walsh Athletics

Walsh Women's Soccer Thrives on Teamwork and Determination

by Derrick "DJ" Reed, *Staff Writer*

The Walsh University women's soccer team is turning heads this season in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) with a combination of skill, teamwork, and determination. The players' dedication is evident both on and off the field as they balance rigorous training schedules, academics, and team responsibilities. Each practice focuses not only on refining technical skills but also on fostering strong communication, trust, and understanding among teammates.

Teamwork is at the heart of every game. Players rely on one another—covering gaps, supporting each other during high-pressure moments, and celebrating successes together. The sense of community within the team translates to stronger performances during matches, where coordinated strategies and chemistry often make the difference in tight games. Every pass, defensive play, and goal reflects the hard work and cooperation the team has built over months of preparation.

The team's energy and resilience shine through in every practice and match. Even when facing setbacks, the players push forward with determination, learning from challenges and growing stronger as a group. Their focus is not on individual achievement but on contributing to the success of the team as a whole. Leadership, persistence, and communication are emphasized, helping the squad remain consistent and motivated throughout the season.

This season, competing in the GMAC, the Walsh women's soccer team is aiming to make a strong impact in conference play while continuing to sharpen skills and foster a culture of collaboration. Their commitment, discipline, and drive make them a force to be reckoned with on the field. Every game brings new opportunities to grow and prove the strength of their program.

Fans of Walsh athletics are drawn not only to the team's talent but also to their spirit, dedication, and unity. Each GMAC game becomes a showcase of teamwork, perseverance, and passion—qualities that define the women's soccer program and inspire everyone who follows them. The players' hard work and determination make them a team to watch this season and beyond.



The rest of the 2025 Season

Sep 26 (Fri) 7PM
v. Penn State University

Oct 3 (Fri) 7PM
v. St. Bonaventure University

Oct 11 (Sat) TBD
@ Wheeling University

Oct 25 (Sat) TBD
@Aquinas College (Mich.)

Nov 1 (Sat) TBD
Neutral v. Southern
Nazarene University
@St. Louis, MO



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Photo from Walsh Athletics

Walsh Women's Rugby Builds Strength Through Unity and Resilience

by Derrick "DJ" Reed, *Staff Writer*

Rugby requires players to work together in every aspect of the game. From tackling and scrummaging to passing and strategic positioning, each player relies on her teammates to succeed. The bonds formed on the field are evident as the team supports one another during intense moments, celebrates achievements, and pushes through challenges together. These strong connections create a sense of unity that elevates performance and helps the team stay focused under pressure.

The players' commitment extends beyond physical training. They study game strategies, analyze past matches, and look for ways to strengthen both their skills and teamwork. Their resilience shows as they recover from setbacks, maintain focus, and strive to achieve personal and team goals. Rugby is not only a test of athletic ability but also a challenge in leadership, perseverance, and collaboration—all qualities the Walsh women's rugby team demonstrates consistently.

This season, the team is determined to make a strong impression in conference play while continuing to grow as athletes and as a unit. Their discipline, energy, and competitive spirit shine in every game, making them a formidable presence on the field. Fans are drawn to their intensity, unity, and passion, which make each match exciting and inspiring to watch. Every contest becomes a showcase of effort, strategy, and determination.

The Walsh women's rugby team exemplifies what it means to play with heart, representing Walsh University with pride, dedication, and teamwork. Their commitment and drive make them a team to watch this season and in the years to come.





Walsh University Band

Where Music Meets Growth and Connection

by Katelynn Popovic , Staff Writer

The Walsh University Band is more than just music on game days—it's a place where students grow, connect, and discover new opportunities. For Grace Popovic, a dedicated band member, the experience has been nothing short of transformative.

Grace has been playing music since middle school. She started with the flute and later picked up the clarinet, which she still enjoys today. When searching for colleges, being part of a university band program was one of her top priorities. During a campus visit, she learned about Walsh's band and immediately knew it was the right fit. What stood out to her was the combination of challenge, support, and endless opportunities to grow as both a musician and an individual.

Being in the Walsh University Band is not just about showing up on game days. It's about continuous growth—musically, personally, and socially. Regular rehearsals teach not only music but also discipline, timing, teamwork, and leadership. Students participate in band shows, pep band, and concert band, opening doors to new experiences and friendships with peers who share a love for performance.

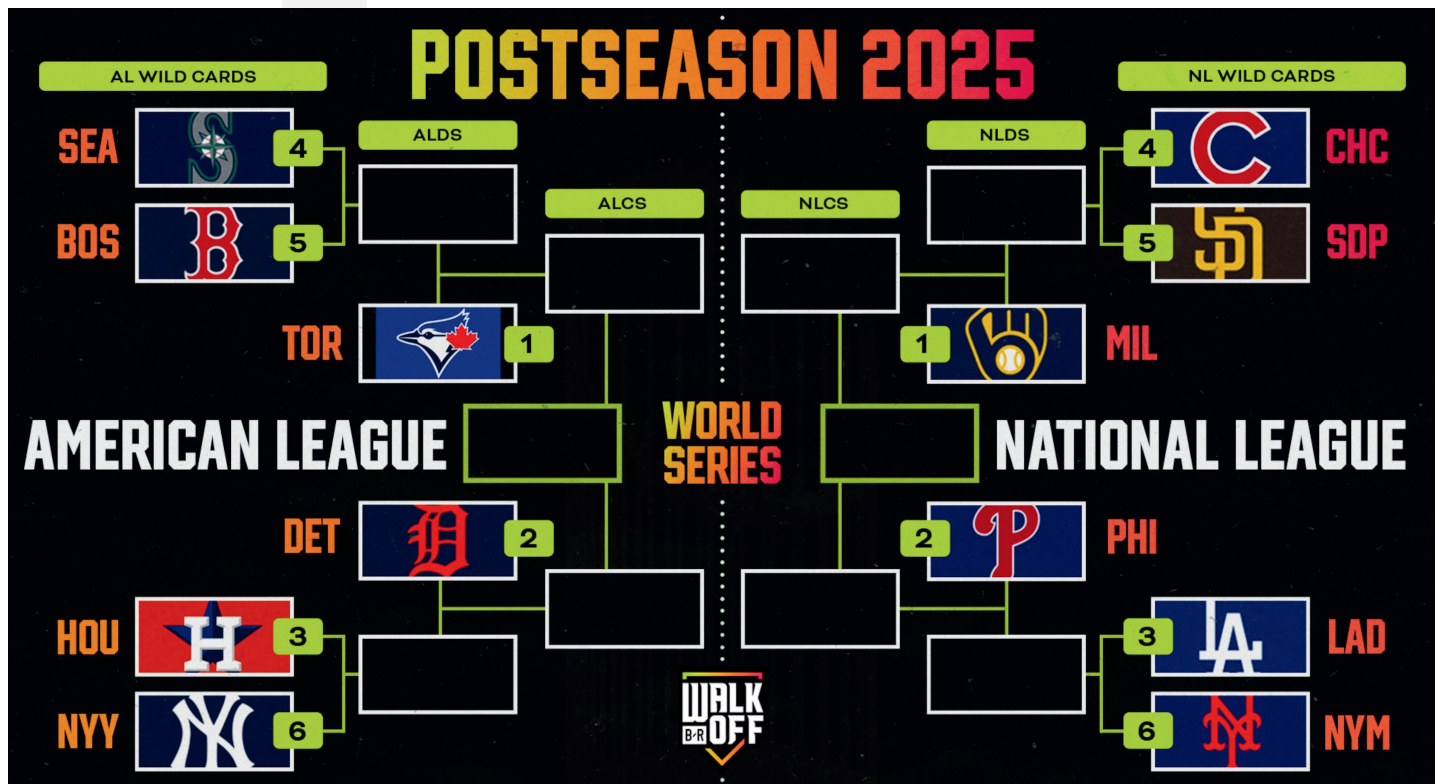
For Grace, the band has taught valuable life skills beyond music. Time management, confidence, and resilience are just a few lessons she carries with her. She also treasures the sense of belonging and the feeling of being part of something bigger than herself, where every member contributes to the group's success.

Her advice is simple: if you love music, are ready for a challenge, and want to grow, the Walsh University Band might be the perfect place. You don't need to be a music major—just bring your passion and commitment. Come support the band at football games or join the fun at the Homecoming bonfire on Thursday, September 25.

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MLB Playoff Picture Tightens as Regular Season Winds Down

by Kyle Perry, Staff Writer

The MLB playoff picture is becoming more apparent with less than two weeks remaining in the 2025 regular season, but there are still many surprises for teams hoping to make it to the playoffs. Since the Brewers have secured a postseason place and control the NL Central, division titles in the National League are mostly settled or almost decided. The NL East is now guaranteed to the Phillies. The Dodgers are attempting to hold off the Padres for the top place in the NL West, which is still up for grabs. With the Cubs, Padres, and Mets occupying those spots right now with the Diamondbacks, Reds, and Giants all vying for spots, the wild card race is packed.

There are still a number of close contests in the American League. The Tigers dominate the AL Central, while the Blue Jays are in first place in the AL East. The Mariners and Astros are separated by a very narrow margin in the AL West. The Yankees, Astros, and Red Sox are vying for positions in the wild card round, while Cleveland and Texas are lagging behind.

Key plotlines to keep an eye on include:

Tiebreakers are important. Several divisions and wild card berths are determined by head-to-head records and intramural performance. It's important to have momentum. While some teams have faltered in the final stretch, others, like the Mariners, are picking up momentum. Candidates will be put to the test by the remaining schedule strength.

Difficult matchups that might change the rankings are faced by those fighting for wild cards. Toronto, Detroit, and Seattle would be the top AL seeds in the playoff field if the season ended today, while Boston, Houston, and New York would be the wild cards. Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and Milwaukee would be in the lead in the NL, while Chicago, San Diego, and New York would enter via wild card rounds.

Division championships, wild card seedings, and first round byes are just a few of the many decisions that remain. Anticipate drama, late comebacks, and perhaps some shocks as the final games get closer.

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