

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Report of the Faculty Athletics Representative for 2023-24  
Faculty Council**

**November 22, 2024**

My annual report as the faculty athletics representative (FAR) accompanies the annual report of the Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC).

**The Role of the FAR**

The role of the FAR at UNC is prescribed by the NCAA, ACC, UNC Faculty Code, and by a position description approved by Chancellor Holden Thorp in 2010.

**NCAA ByLaws.** 21.02.1 provides that the faculty athletics representative (FAR) “is designated by the institution’s president or chancellor . . . to represent the institution and its faculty in the institution’s relationships with the NCAA and its conference.” 8.1.3 provides that the FAR’s duties “shall be determined by the member institution.”

**ACC Constitution.** The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Bylaw 2.4.1.1 provides that each institution’s FAR shall be “a regular full-time member of the faculty or an administrative officer of such Member at the time of his or her appointment and shall be appointed by the CEO of such Member.” The FAR Committee shall “(i) advise the Board on matters concerning student welfare, academic integrity and the impact of athletics on academics, and (ii) perform any other duties or obligations as may be delegated or assigned to the FAR Committee by the Board from time to time,”

**UNC Faculty Code, Section 3-4:** The faculty athletics representative is appointed by the chancellor from among the voting faculty for an indefinite term, subject to formal review at least every five years. In making an appointment to this position or reviewing the incumbent, the chancellor follows a process established with the advice and consent of the Advisory Committee. The faculty athletics representative is the University’s voting delegate to the Atlantic Coast Conference and the University’s faculty representative within the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He or she makes an annual report to the Faculty Council and makes special reports to the Council from time to time as may be requested by the Agenda Committee.

**UNC-CH Position Description.** The general duties of the FAR at UNC are to serve as an advisor to the Chancellor and the Director of Athletics, and as a liaison to the faculty. Areas of focus include the academic success and academic integrity of student-athletes, compliance with ACC and NCAA rules, and a positive student-athlete experience. The FAR also helps represent the University at the ACC and participates in NCAA activities.

## **The FAR's Regular Duties and Activities**

- Quarterly meetings with the Chancellor, Athletics Director, Senior Woman Administrator, and University General Counsel to update the Chancellor on ACC matters, with occasional other meetings with the FAR and Chancellor;
- Monthly meetings with the Athletics Director;
- Monthly meetings during the school year with the Director of the Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes (ASPSA);
- Meetings several times each semester with the Associate Athletics Director/NCAA Compliance and Senior Woman Administrator, Marielle vanGelder;
- Monthly head coaches' meetings;
- Monthly sport administrators' meetings;
- Monthly meetings of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC);
- Monthly meetings of the Faculty Athletics Committee (FAC), ex officio member and secretary and prepare onboarding document for new FAC members and new senior University leaders;
- Ex officio member of the Educational Foundation Executive Board (meets quarterly);
- Ex officio member of the Committee on Special Talent of the Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Admissions (meets as needed, approximately 4 times per year);
- Ex officio member of the Executive Committee on Student-Athlete Academics, the successor to the Process Review Group and the Student-Athlete Academic Initiative Working Group (meets 2 times per semester);
- Ex officio member of the Licensing Labor Code Advisory Committee (meets as needed; has not met since 2016-17);
- Meetings every two months of CARE (Compliance, Academics, Registrar, Engagement) (meets during the academic year);
- Participate in annual review meetings with the athletic director and the head of Compliance of each team's Time Management Plan;
- Monitor the academic progress of student-athletes and assist the Director of ASPSA in reporting to the FAC data on the Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of our student-athletes, and consult on preparation of the Student-Athlete Academic Scorecard (attached);
- Attend numerous athletic contests and other student-athlete events, including preparing a video presentation for Heel Camp (student-athlete annual orientation), the celebration dinner for the men's and women's teams with the highest GPA, the Student-Athlete Scholarship luncheon, and Ram's Club Scholarship donor dinners;
- Serve on the Awards Committee that coordinates the application process for NCAA and ACC postgraduate scholarship awards, assists in the selection of nominees for other academic or service awards, and plans and coordinates the Student-Athlete Scholarship Luncheon (works via email and occasional meetings);
- Serve on the group that reviews the uses and guidelines for the Student Assistance Fund (meets 1 time per year);
- Serve on the committee that annually reviews the Department of Athletics' Drug Testing Policy for Student-Athletes (meets 1 time per year);

- Serve on search committees or interview candidates for various positions in the Athletics Department and ASPSA (as requested);
- Review, with the Registrar, the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in the College of Arts and Sciences, and two members of FAC student-athlete enrollment and grade patterns (meet three times per year);
- Support the university's compliance program regarding NCAA regulations;
- Participate in investigations of potential NCAA rules violations;
- Review and approve in conjunction with the Chancellor and/or the Director of Athletics institutional requests for waivers of ACC and NCAA rules;
- Be advised of and review secondary violations of NCAA rules;
- Evaluate NCAA legislative proposals and participate in NCAA and ACC discussions;
- Represent the university in meetings of the ACC and the NCAA (as described more fully below).

Within the ACC, the chancellor/president, the director of athletics, the senior woman administrator, and the faculty athletics representative of each member school have the primary governance and operating responsibility. I meet regularly with the Chancellor, Athletics Director, Senior Woman Administrator and University General Counsel to brief and advise the Chancellor on ACC and NCAA matters. As FAR, I participate in regular conference meetings in October, December, February, and May.

At the national level, I often attend the Division I-A FAR Annual Conference and the NCAA National Convention. I assist in reviewing and commenting on proposed legislation at the Division I level and the "autonomy" legislation for the Power Five Athletic Conferences. Since May 2022, I have served on the NCAA's Committee on Academics and its Penalties and Appeals Subcommittee. The Committee on Academics meets three times per year and the Subcommittee meets weekly in the spring to hear appeals from APR penalties. I served in the spring and summer of 2024 as a Committee on Academics representative to the NCAA's Division I Baseball Legislative Subgroup. I participate in other activities as requested or needed.

As provided in the Faculty Code, my most recent five-year review as FAR was completed in June 2020. Following the committee's recommendation that I be retained in this role, Chancellor Guskiewicz asked me to continue as the University's FAR. My next five-year review should be undertaken in spring 2025.

Please feel free to contact me or FAC Chair, Aimee McHale, with any comments or concerns.

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# Academic Data & Other Recognitions

From the Student-Athlete Academic Scorecard presented annually to Faculty Council.

## UNC-Chapel Hill Student-Athlete Academic Scorecard - Fall 2024



\*For a complete list of academic honors and recognitions:  
<http://aspsa.unc.edu/student-athlete-recognition/>

## APR/GSR/FGR FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES BY SPORT

See definitions

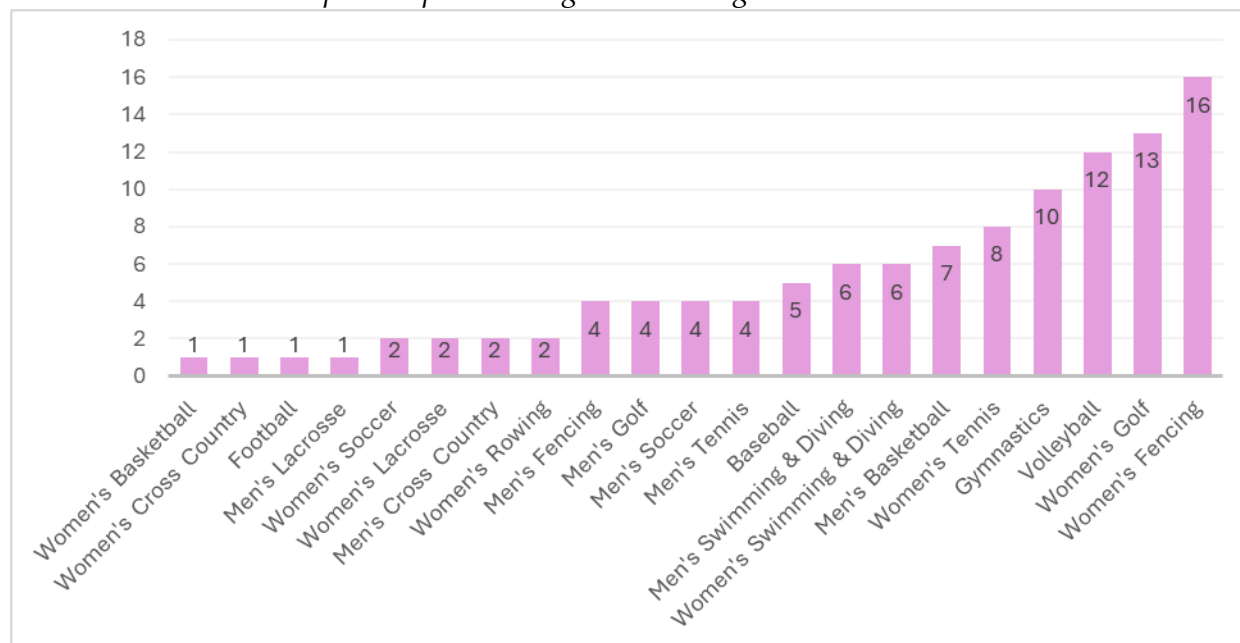
<i>Sport</i>	<u>Single-Year APR (2022-2023)**</u>	<u>Multi-Year APR**</u>	<u>Multi-Year GSR (2013-2016)</u>	<u>Multi-Year FGR (2013-16)</u>
<i>Men's Baseball</i>	976	989	87	36
<i>Men's Basketball</i>	1000	979	90	82
<i>Men's Cross Country</i>	971	990	<i>combined with men's track</i>	<i>combined with men's track</i>
<i>Men's Fencing</i>	1000	1000*	100	100
<i>Men's Football</i>	993	996*	77	61
<i>Men's Golf</i>	1000	1000*	100	100
<i>Men's Lacrosse</i>	1000	997	89	89
<i>Men's Soccer</i>	1000	991	93	64
<i>Men's Swimming &amp; Diving</i>	974	982	100	95
<i>Men's Tennis</i>	1000	977	78	88
<i>Men's Track &amp; Field</i>	984	990	94	88
<i>Men's Wrestling</i>	947	960	79	72
<i>Sport</i>	<u>Single-Year APR (2022-2023)**</u>	<u>Multi-Year APR**</u>	<u>Multi-Year GSR (2013-2016)</u>	<u>Multi-Year FGR (2013-16)</u>
<i>Women's Basketball</i>	1000	995	100	64
<i>Women's Cross Country</i>	1000	995	<i>combined with women's track</i>	<i>combined with women's track</i>
<i>Women's Fencing</i>	1000	1000*	100	100
<i>Women's Field Hockey</i>	971	992	93	77
<i>Women's Golf</i>	1000	1000*	86	71
<i>Women's Gymnastics</i>	982	990	100	85
<i>Women's Lacrosse</i>	1000	992	100	97
<i>Women's Rowing</i>	982	995	96	93
<i>Women's Soccer</i>	990	997	100	94
<i>Women's Softball</i>	988	994	93	61
<i>Women's Swimming &amp; Diving</i>	992	1000*	100	100
<i>Women's Tennis</i>	1000	1000*	100	89
<i>Women's Track &amp; Field</i>	993	981	95	81
<i>Women's Volleyball</i>	978	995	100	63

\*Top 10% NCAA Public Recognition for APR (of all squads in each sport)

\*\*2019-20 APR data was not released to the public & Top 10% Public Recognition was suspended by the NCAA for 2021, 2022, 2023 releases

**TOP 10% NCAA PUBLIC RECOGNITION FOR APR**

*UNC-CH teams recognized over 16 years of APR's existence since 2004-05. For 2021, 2022, and 2023 the NCAA has suspended public recognition. Recognition resumed in 2024.*



**UNC FGR/GSR – STUDENT BODY & STUDENT-ATHLETES**

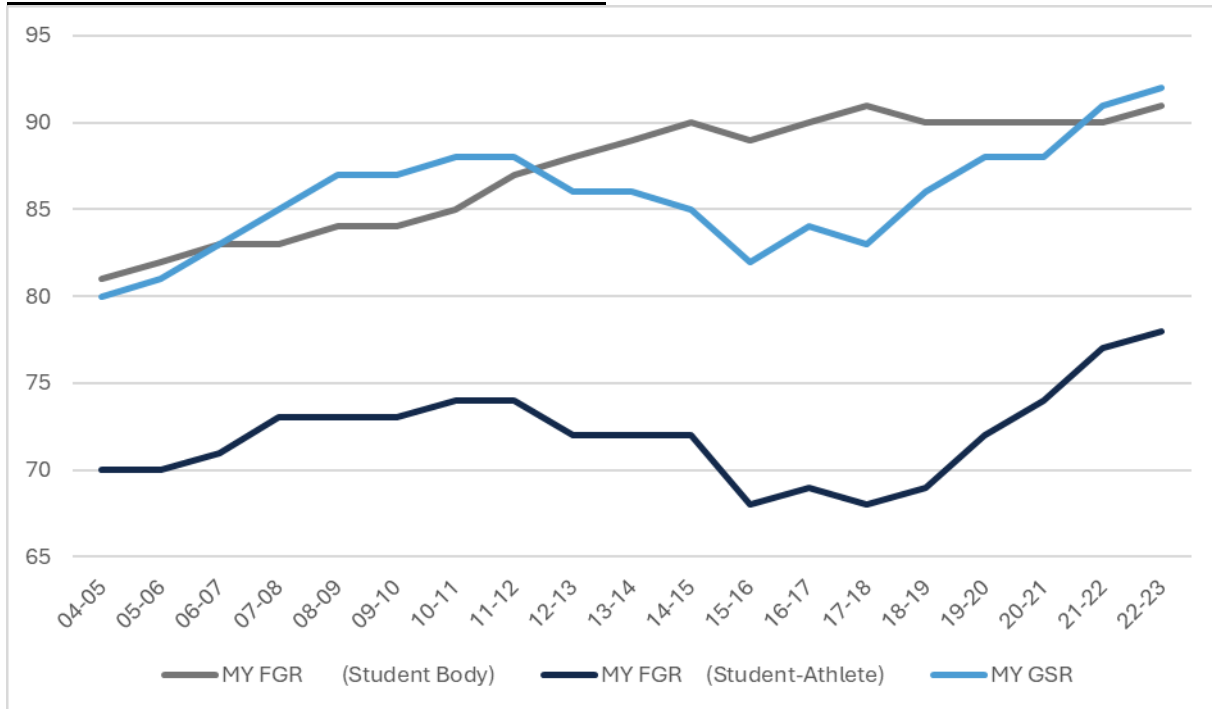
UNC Students	Single Year FGR (2016-17)	Multi Year FGR (2013-16)	Multi Year GSR (2013-16)
<b>Student Body</b>	91	91	-
<b>Student-Athletes</b>	80	78	92

**TOP 5 MAJORS AMONG ENROLLED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: WHO HAVE ACHIEVED AT LEAST JUNIOR STATUS**

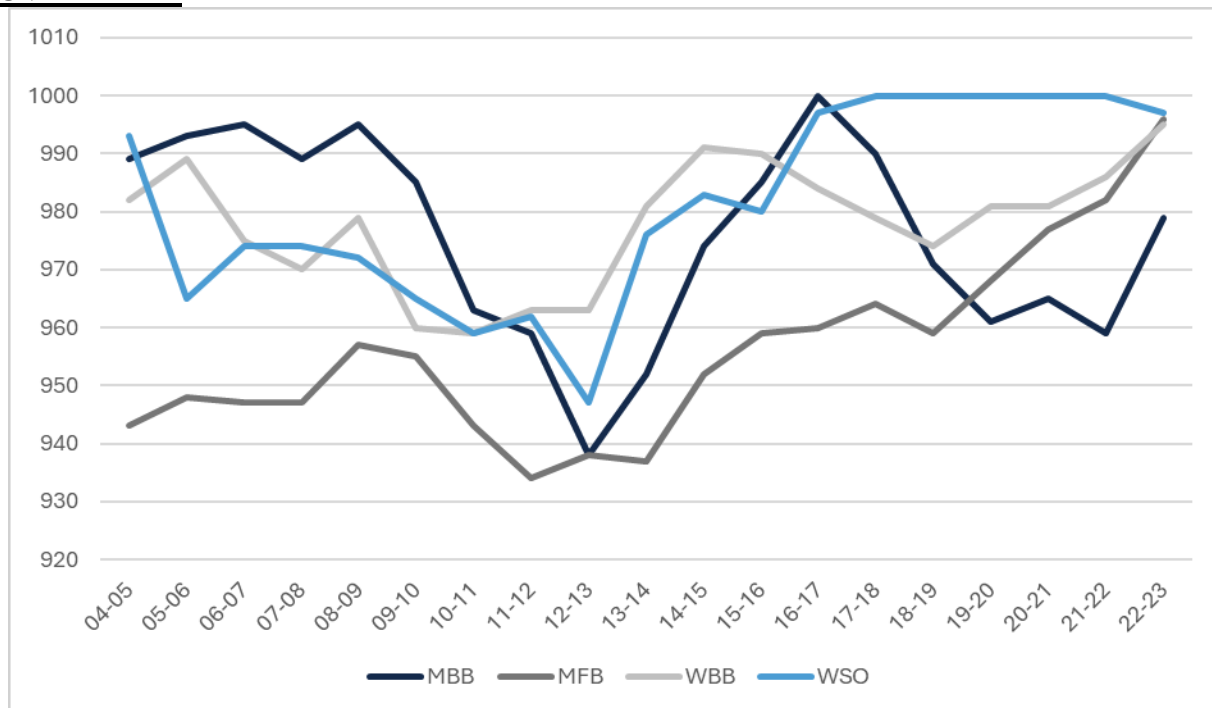
**As of Fall 2023:** Includes undergraduate student-athletes (all participants) who have achieved at least junior status by the fall semester. Students with double majors are counted once in each of their majors. Approximately 20% of the student-athletes have a double major. N=distinct students

UNC Student Body (N=11,805)	%	UNC Student-Athletes (N=307)	%
<b>1. Biology (B.A. &amp; B.S.)</b>	10.2	<b>1. Exercise &amp; Sports Science</b>	28.8
<b>2. Psychology (B.A. &amp; B.S.)</b>	7.4	<b>2. Communications</b>	9.8
<b>3. Economics (B.A. &amp; B.S.)</b>	7.0	<b>3. Business Administration</b>	9.0
<b>4. Computer Science (B.A. &amp; B.S.)</b>	6.9	<b>4. Economics (B.A. &amp; B.S.)</b>	7.3
<b>5. Political Science</b>	5.1	<b>5. Media &amp; Journalism</b>	7.1

**MULTI-YEAR GSR & FGR: OVER TIME**



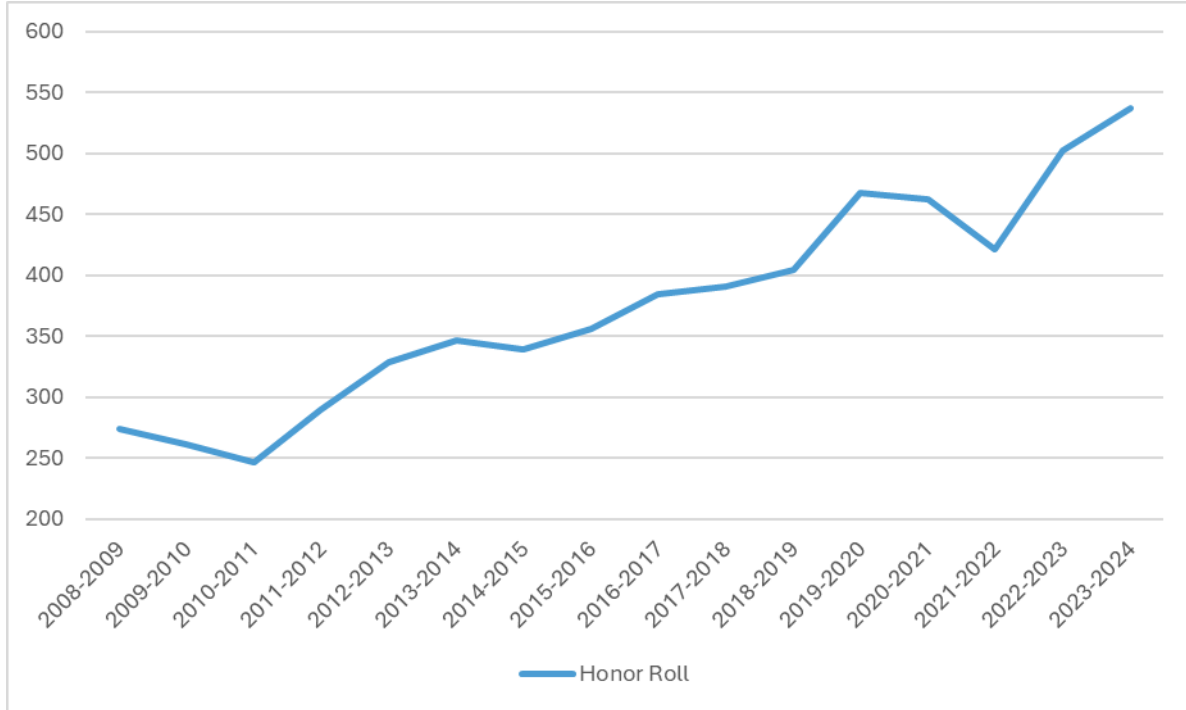
**MULTI-YEAR APR (Men’s BBall, Men’s Football, Women’s BBall, Women’s Soccer): OVER TIME**



\*1000 – Maximum Score

**ACC HONOR ROLL FOR UNC-CHAPEL HILL (2008-2024)**

The Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Honor Roll is comprised of student-athletes who participated in a varsity sport and achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher in that academic year.



Year	Number of UNC-CH Students
<b>2023-2024</b>	537
<b>2022-2023</b>	503
<b>2021-2022</b>	421
<b>2020-2021</b>	463
<b>2019-2020</b>	468
<b>2018-2019</b>	405
<b>2017-2018</b>	391
<b>2016-2017</b>	385

Year	Number of UNC-CH Students
<b>2016-2017</b>	385
<b>2015-2016</b>	356
<b>2014-2015</b>	339
<b>2013-2014</b>	347
<b>2012-2013</b>	329
<b>2011-2012</b>	290
<b>2010-2011</b>	247
<b>2009-2010</b>	262
<b>2008-2009</b>	274



## Definitions of APR, FGR, and GSR

**APR** – Academic Progress Rate. The APR standard for a team to be eligible for postseason play is a four-year APR of at least 930 (maximum rate is 1000). This is an NCAA metric based on the academic eligibility, retention, and graduation of **student-athletes receiving athletically related financial aid**. Points are awarded each semester per student-athletes on the basis of eligibility/graduation and retention. Each team member may earn two points per semester: one point for maintaining eligibility or for graduation, and a second point for being retained. Points may also be earned in specific cases when a student transfers or returns to the institution after time away and subsequently graduates. On a team with ten members, there would be a maximum of 40 possible points in an academic year. If two student-athletes on the team were not eligible in the spring semester and were not retained, then the hypothetical team would only earn 36 points (losing 2 points for each student during that spring semester). The APR in this hypothetical example is calculated by first dividing 36 by 40 (equals .9), and then multiplying by 1000 to get an APR of 900.

**FGR** – Federal Graduation Rate. This graduation rate is reported by the Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics as part of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). This metric is a six-year rate that includes **students who matriculate in the fall semester and received athletic scholarship aid in their first semester of enrollment**. The federal graduation rate counts student-athletes who left the University in good standing prior to graduation as nongraduates. This data is available for student-athletes at an institution and for the student body, so it is a way of comparing the performance of student-athletes with the student body.

**GSR** – Graduation Success Rate. The GSR is an NCAA metric and is calculated **for student athletes who received athletics aid during their initial semester of enrollment**. The GSR adds students who transferred into the institution, and they are included in their original matriculation year cohort. The GSR also differs from the FGR in that schools are not penalized when a student-athlete with athletics eligibility remaining leaves in good academic standing to transfer to another institution, pursue a professional career, or for any other reason. Under the FGR, such departures are counted as failures to graduate from the institution of original enrollment, even if the student later graduates from another institution.

### To search full reports for UNC-CH and our peer institutions:

APR - <https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/aprsearch>

FGR - <https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/gsrsearch>

GSR - <https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/gsrsearch>

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