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2018-19 GNAC Women's Basketball Standings

	GNAC			Overall			Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.				
Northwest Nazarene	8	0	1.000	16	0	1.000	9-0	5-0	2-0	Won 16
Alaska Anchorage	7	1	.875	15	1	.938	8-0	5-1	2-0	Won 8
Central Washington	6	2	.750	11	4	.733	7-2	2-2	2-0	Won 1
Western Washington	5	3	.625	10	6	.625	6-3	3-2	1-1	Won 1
Simon Fraser	5	3	.625	9	6	.600	2-2	5-1	2-3	Won 3
Seattle Pacific	4	4	.500	5	10	.333	4-3	1-5	0-2	Lost 1
Montana State Billings	3	5	.375	7	7	.500	4-0	2-6	1-1	Lost 2
Western Oregon	3	5	.375	6	8	.429	3-3	2-4	1-1	Won 1
Concordia	2	6	.250	7	9	.438	2-3	3-4	2-2	Lost 1
Saint Martin's	1	7	.125	3	13	.188	2-4	1-6	0-3	Lost 7
Alaska	0	8	.000	3	11	.214	0-5	1-5	2-1	Lost 11

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Tues., Jan. 15

Northwest Nazarene 89, at Central Wash. 69*

Thurs., Jan. 17

Alaska Anchorage 74, at Western Oregon 56*

at Concordia 77, Alaska 51*

Simon Fraser 75, at Saint Martin's 72*

at Central Washington 93, MSU Billings 58*

at Seattle Pacific 61, Western Washington 59*

Sat., Jan. 19

at Western Oregon 79, Alaska 50*

Simon Fraser 69, at Seattle Pacific 60*

Alaska Anchorage 75, at Concordia 68*

Western Washington 75, at Saint Martin's 67*

at Northwest Nazarene 102, MSU Billings 75*

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Tues., Jan. 22

Western Oregon at Concordia, 7 p.m.*

Thurs., Jan. 24

Northwest Nazarene at Western Wash., 5:15 p.m.*

Concordia at MSU Billings, 5:15 p.m.*

Seattle Pacific at Alaska, 7 p.m.*

Saint Martin's at Alaska Anchorage, 7 p.m.*

Central Washington at Simon Fraser, 7:30 p.m.*

Sat., Jan. 26

Saint Martin's at Alaska, 3 p.m.*

Northwest Nazarene at Simon Fraser, 5:15 p.m.*

Central Washington at Western Washington, 7 p.m.*

Seattle Pacific at Alaska Anchorage, 7 p.m.*

Western Oregon at MSU Billings, 7:30 p.m.*

* - Denotes GNAC Games

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#SoaringToTheTop Undefeated Northwest Nazarene is now the No. 1 team in the latest D2SIDA Media Poll. The 16-0 Nighthawks are one of just five unbeaten teams remaining nationally.

#HeatingUp Three GNAC teams - Northwest Nazarene, Alaska Anchorage and Simon Fraser - are all riding winning streaks of at least three games as the month of January winds to a close.

#LeadingTheLeaders Northwest Nazarene senior **Ellie Logan** averaged 23 points and four rebounds per game in her team's sweep of Central Washington and Montana State Billings last week. The performance earned the guard GNAC Player of the Week honors, her team's first such award this season.

#RivalryWeek A pair of in-state showdowns highlight this week's slate as Concordia hosts Western Oregon on Tuesday night and rivals Central Washington and Western Washington meet in Bellingham on Saturday. This also marks the final week of the first half of conference play throughout the GNAC.

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GNAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week



Ellie Logan
Northwest Nazarene
G • 5-9 • Sr. • Fossil, Ore.

Logan led the red-hot Nighthawks with 46 points and eight rebounds in two wins, shooting 65 percent from the field and 11 of 12 from the free throw line. She opened the week by scoring 17 points with five rebounds in Tuesday's 89-69 road win at Central Washington. Logan then led all scorers with 29 points in Saturday's 102-75 win over Montana State

Billings. She shot 11 of 14 from the field and 6 of 7 from the free throw line in the victory.

Also Nominated: Hannah Wandersee (UAA), Alexis Pana (CWU), Keesha Sarman (CU), Claire Dingus (SMU), Tayler Drynan (SFU), Natalie DeLonge (WOU), Lexie Bland (WWU).

Past GNAC Players of the Week

Date	Player
Nov. 5-11	Jessica Jones, SFU
Nov. 12-18	Kelsey Rogers, WWU
Nov. 19-25	Hannah Wandersee, UAA
Nov. 26-Dec. 2	Anna Schwecke, WWU
Dec. 3-9	Olivia Vezaldenos, CU
Dec. 10-16	Saniah Simpson-Patu, SMU
Dec. 17-23	Taryn Shelley, MSUB
Dec. 31-Jan. 6	Alexis Pana, CWU
Jan. 7-13	Hannah Wandersee, UAA
Jan. 14-20	Ellie Logan, NNU

Complete Player of the Week releases are available online at GNACSports.com.

Around The GNAC



ALASKA

The Nanooks were in action twice last week, dropping a pair of contests on the road to Concordia (77-51) and Western Oregon (79-50).

Senior **Marian Wamsley** led Alaska on its Oregon swing, averaging 12 points and six rebounds per game. Holding down the UAF backcourt was guard **Kylie Wallace**, who

tallied 11 points against the Cavaliers and another eight later in the weekend in Monmouth.

Wamsley leads the team in scoring as the team enters the final week of the first half of conference play. The forward is averaging 13.9 points per game, with Wallace following closely at 12 points per game.

The Nanooks will return for a pair of games this week. They play host to Seattle Pacific on Thursday night before welcoming in Saint Martin's two days later.

ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Alaska Anchorage emerged from last week's pair of games with a perfect 2-0 mark, running its record to 15-1 on the season. The team handled Western Oregon on the road for a 74-56 victory before winning at Concordia to cap the week.

The 18-point victory over the Wolves was the highlight of the road trip. Led by a 20-point performance from forward

Hannah Wandersee, three Seawolves finished scoring in double figures as the team quickly turned a game that was tied at the end of the first quarter into a runaway win.

Two days later, the club ended its weekend with a 75-68 victory in Portland against the Cavaliers. Wandersee poured in 21 points and guard **Safiyah Yasin** added 16 more off the bench in the team's eighth straight winning effort.

Wandersee is the team's leader in scoring, averaging 14.4 points per game. She is followed by senior **Tara Thompson**, who is scoring at a clip of 9.9 points per game.

Alaska Anchorage is ranked No. 10 in the latest WBCA Division II Coaches Poll and No. 15 in the D2SIDA Poll.

The team returns home now, hosting Saint Martin's on Thursday and Seattle Pacific on Saturday. Both games are set to tip-off at 7 p.m.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON



The Wildcats split a pair of home games last week, falling to No. 2 Northwest Nazarene before blowing out Montana State Billings for a 93-58 victory. The team now finds itself in third place heading into the final week of the first half of GNAC action.

Center **Kaelie Flores** shined in the two contests, averaging 18.5 points and two assists per game. Her mark of 12.9 points per game ranks second on the club's scoring list.

Guard **Alexis Pana** leads the team in both scoring (15.3 points per game) and assists (5.9) as the month of January continues.

The team is shooting at one of the hottest clips in the country, making 48.3 percent of its field goal attempts. That has CWU ranked first in the GNAC and seventh nationally.

The Wildcats will be in action twice this week, traveling to Simon Fraser on Thursday before facing Western Washington in Bellingham two nights later.

CONCORDIA



Concordia split its two-game homestand last week, blowing out Alaska for a 77-51 victory before competing well in a seven-point defeat to No. 12 Alaska Anchorage.

The 75-68 decision marked the Seawolves' closest regular-season win since Feb. 8, 2018 (73-69, also against the Cavaliers).

Guard **Olivia Vezaldenos** shined in the CU win against the Nanooks, leading all scorers with 24 points. She was one of four Cavaliers to finish the night scoring in double figures.

Vezaldenos leads the team in scoring, averaging 14.4 points per game through 11 weeks of play. On the glass, senior **Keesha Sarman** tops CU with 7.4 rebounds per game.

The Cavaliers are back in action twice this week, beginning with an in-state showdown against Western Oregon in Portland on Tuesday. The team will then hit the road and face Montana State Billings on Saturday night.

Around The GNAC

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS



The Yellowjackets stayed on the road last week and were unable to get a victory in two tough games at Central Washington (93-58) and No. 2 Northwest Nazarene (102-75).

Forward **Taylor Cunningham** led Montana State Billings in the pair of contests, averaging 14.5 points and three assists per game. The junior is second on the team in scoring (13.3 points per game), while sophomore **Hannah Collins** leads the club with a clip of 15 points per game.

The team has shined at the free throw line this year, ranking 15th nationally with a 77.2 percent mark from the charity stripe.

Montana State Billings is back in action this week, hosting Concordia and Western Oregon at Alterowitz Gymnasium.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE



The Nighthawks stayed undefeated last week with a pair of blowout victories. They tipped off their week with a 20-point win at Central Washington before returning home and topping Montana State Billings, 102-75.

Senior **Ellie Logan** shined for NNU, leading her team with an average of 23 points and four rebounds over the two victories. The guard's exploits earned her the title of GNAC Player of the Week, which was Northwest Nazarene's first such award on the season.

Guard **Avery Albrecht** leads the team with 12.6 points per game as the third month of the season rolls on. Logan is following closely behind at a clip of 12.2 per game.

The Nighthawks moved up to No. 1 in the latest D2SIDA Media Poll and 3rd in the WBCA Division II Coaches Poll.

Northwest Nazarene has a pair of contests on tap this week as they travel to Western Washington on Thursday and Simon Fraser two nights later.

SAINT MARTIN'S



Saint Martin's was in action for a pair of contests last week, dropping both by a combined 11 points.

The club's best performance of the week came in a 75-72 defeat to Simon Fraser.

Guard/forward **Jayla Russ** led SMU in the contest, compiling a game-high 20 points in just 17 minutes off the bench. She was one of four Saints to finish scoring in double figures.

Sophomore **Saniah Simpson-Patu** has led Saint Martin's this season, averaging 14.8 points per game. A key for Simpson-Patu has been her ability to get to the free throw line as the guard/forward is tied for first in the GNAC with 72 free throw attempts.

Saint Martin's will be in action twice this week, heading north for its Alaskan swing. The Saints will face No. 10 Alaska Anchorage on Thursday at 7 p.m. before traveling to Fairbanks for a Saturday afternoon date with the Nanooks.

SEATTLE PACIFIC



Seattle Pacific was in action twice last week, splitting its pair of home games. The team bested Western Washington 61-59 before falling to Simon Fraser to cap the weekend.

The Falcons were led by a pair of big days from guard **Hailee Bennett**, who finished the week averaging 15.5 points across the two games.

Senior **Riley Evans** leads the team in scoring through 11 weeks of play at a clip of 14.5 points per game. Senior **Cici West** is next at an average of 10.5.

Seattle Pacific will be in action twice this week, hitting the road to face Alaska on Thursday and Alaska Anchorage two nights later. Both games will tip-off at 7 p.m. (AKST).

SIMON FRASER



The Clan took to the floor twice last week, hitting the road and sweeping Saint Martin's (75-72) and Seattle Pacific (69-60). The pair of victories earned the club the title of GNAC Team of the Week.

Guard **Taylor Drynan** led the team, averaging 16.5 points and 4.5 assists per game across the two victories. Drynan is

the team's leader in assists this year, dishing them out at a clip of 4.1 per game thus far.

Senior **Sophie Swant** is at the top of the SFU scoring list after 15 games, averaging a clip of 14.1 points per game. Sophomore **Jessica Jones** is following closely behind at 12.3 per game.

The team returns to the floor twice this week, returning north of the border to host Central Washington and No. 1 Northwest Nazarene.

WESTERN OREGON



Western Oregon was in action twice, tipping off the week with a loss to 12th-ranked Alaska Anchorage before bouncing back with a 79-50 victory over Alaska.

Forward **Natalie DeLonge** helped the Wolves to the win against the Nanooks. DeLonge nearly recorded a double-double in the victory, pouring in a game-high 24 points while

pulling down nine rebounds.

DeLonge leads Western Oregon with an average of 14.4 points per game. Sophomore **Keyonna Jones** is next on the team, scoring at a clip of 10.4 points per game.

The Wolves hit the road now, visiting Portland to face Concordia on Tuesday before traveling to Montana State Billings on Saturday night.

WESTERN WASHINGTON



The Vikings split their pair of games last week, bouncing back from a tight loss at Seattle Pacific to defeat Saint Martin's in Lacey, 75-67.

Western Washington was led in the win by center **Anna Schwecke**, who finished the day with 17 points and four rebounds.

Sophomore **Kelsey Rogers** leads the team in scoring, averaging 15.3 points per game after 11 weeks of action. Two other Vikings, **Dani Iwami** (12.1 points per game) and Schwecke (11.3), are scoring in double figures as the third month of the season continues.

The Vikings will return home this week for a pair of huge games, beginning with a date with top-ranked Northwest Nazarene on Thursday night. The week will then conclude two days later against rival Central Washington.

National & Regional Polls

WBCA DIVISION II RANKINGS

Week 9 - Jan. 22

Rk	School (1st)	Record	Points	Prev.
1.	Indiana (Pa.) (22)	15-0	598	1
2.	Drury (2)	17-0	577	2
3.	Northwest Nazarene	16-0	542	4
4.	UC San Diego	15-0	515	5
5.	Ashland	17-1	488	6
6.	Thomas Jefferson	19-0	446	10
7.	Union (TN)	17-1	437	7
8.	Fort Hays State	16-1	435	3
9.	Sciences	16-1	402	11
10.	Alaska Anchorage	14-1	388	T-12
11.	Virginia Union	15-1	369	T-12
12.	Florida Southern	16-1	324	14
13.	California (Pa.)	15-1	292	15
14.	West Texas A&M	14-2	264	8
15.	Grand Valley State	16-2	259	9
16.	SW Oklahoma State	15-1	236	17
17.	Bentley	16-2	228	16
18.	Lewis	14-2	198	18
19.	Angelo State	12-2	152	19
20.	Colorado Mesa	14-1	139	23
21.	Anderson (SC)	15-2	126	21
22.	North Georgia	15-2	96	22
23.	Pittsburg State	15-2	80	NR
24.	MSU Moorhead	16-2	60	NR
25.	Central Missouri	12-4	43	NR

Others receiving votes: Charleston (WV) 38, Azusa Pacific 13, Le Moyne (NY) 10, Northern Michigan 9, Lindenwood 6, Lubbock Christian 6, Truman State 2.

D2SIDA DIVISION II MEDIA POLL

Week 9 - Jan. 22

Rk	School (1st)	Record	Points	Prev.
1.	Northwest Nazarene (9)	16-0	361	2
2.	Drury (2)	17-0	355	3
3.	Indiana (Pa.) (1)	14-0	342	4
4.	Jefferson	18-0	323	T-5
5.	UC San Diego	15-0	297	7
6.	Florida Southern	16-1	296	8
7.	Fort Hays State (2)	16-1	291	1
8.	Union	17-1	263	9
9.	Sciences	16-1	236	11
10.	Lewis	14-2	232	10
11.	Anderson (S.C.)	15-2	228	13
12.	California (Pa.)	14-1	214	12
13.	Colorado Mesa (1)	14-1	209	19
14.	SW Oklahoma State	15-1	198	16
15.	Alaska Anchorage	15-1	176	15
16.	Virginia Union	15-1	144	17
17.	Ashland	17-1	127	18
18.	North Georgia	12-2	115	20
19.	Angelo State	12-2	100	24
20.	Bentley	16-2	96	21
21.	MSU Moorehead	16-2	84	22
22.	Lee	15-3	63	23
23.	West Texas A&M	14-2	62	T-5
24.	Cal Poly Pomona	14-2	22	RV
25.	Carson-Newman	14-4	11	NR

Others receiving votes: Glenville State (9), Pittsburg State (9), Le Moyne (8), Westminster (2), Azusa Pacific (2).

GNAC TEAMS IN THE D2SIDA NATIONAL POLL

Date	UAA	NNU	CWU
Preseason	7	16	NR
Week 2	6	13	RV
Week 3	3	10	RV
Week 4	18	7	RV
Week 5	15	5	25
Week 6	17	5	NR
Week 7	15	3	NR
Week 8	15	2	RV
Week 9	15	1	NR

GNAC TEAMS IN THE WBCA POLL

Date	UAA	NNU
Preseason	6	24
Week 2	6	20
Week 3	4	15
Week 4	13	10
Week 5	13	7
Week 6	14	7
Week 7	14	5
Week 8	12	4
Week 9	10	3

GNAC In Division II Statistics

TEAM

Category	Institution	Avg./Total	Rank
Points Per Game	Northwest Nazarene	87.9	3rd
	Central Washington	77.6	25th
	Alaska Anchorage	74.2	48th
Scoring Defense	Alaska Anchorage	57.6	27th
	Northwest Nazarene	24.3	6th
Scoring Margin	Alaska Anchorage	16.6	19th
	Central Washington	48.3	7th
Field-Goal Percentage	Northwest Nazarene	47.3	9th
	Alaska Anchorage	43.6	39th
Free-Throw Percentage	Northwest Nazarene	79.5	4th
	Montana State Billings	77.2	15th
Rebounding Margin	Simon Fraser	74.1	43rd
	Western Oregon	73.8	46th
3-Pointers Per Game	Western Washington	10.4	11th
	Northwest Nazarene	8.4	22nd
3-Point Percentage	Western Oregon	6.4	38th
	Simon Fraser	9.1	13th
Won-Lost Percentage	Montana State Billings	8.4	24th
	Central Washington	8.0	37th
Assists Per Game	Northwest Nazarene	39.8	3rd
	Central Washington	37.5	18th
Steals Per Game	Montana State Billings	35.1	42nd
	Seattle Pacific	35.1	45th
Turnover Margin	Alaska Anchorage	34.9	49th
	Northwest Nazarene	100.0	1st
Assists Per Game	Alaska Anchorage	93.8	11th
	Central Washington	18.5	9th
Minutes Per Game	Alaska Anchorage	18.3	11th
	Northwest Nazarene	16.0	32nd
Assist-Turnover Ratio	Montana State Billings	15.7	45th
	Alaska Anchorage	14.6	3rd
Minutes Per Game	Northwest Nazarene	11.8	12th
	Alaska Anchorage	8.13	8th
Minutes Per Game	Northwest Nazarene	7.38	12th

INDIVIDUALS

Category	Team	Player	Avg./Total	Rank
Rebounds Per Game	SPU	Cici West	9.5	45th
Assists Per Game	CWU	Alexis Pana	5.9	10th
Field-Goal Percentage	WWU	Kelsey Rogers	56.0	23rd
Free-Throw Percentage	UAF	Marian Wamsley	54.9	33rd
	NNU	Avery Albrecht	92.3	5th
3-Point Percentage	SPU	Riley Evans	91.3	6th
	MSUB	Hannah Collins	86.8	28th
3-Point Attempts	CWU	Alexis Pana	51.5	4th
	SPU	Riley Evans	44.6	21st
3-Point Attempts	UAA	Tara Thompson	44.3	24th
	CU	Olivia Vezaldenos	125	30th
Assist-Turnover Ratio	SFU	Jessica Jones	118	50th
	UAA	Sydni Stallworth	2.11	36th
Minutes Per Game	SMU	Makenna Schultz	35.13	50th

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