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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	2	0	1.000	9	0	1.000	5-0	2-0	2-0	Won 9
Western Washington	2	0	1.000	6	2	.750	4-1	1-0	1-1	Won 5
Seattle Pacific	2	0	1.000	3	4	.429	3-2	0-0	0-2	Won 3
Alaska Anchorage	1	1	.500	7	1	.875	4-0	2-1	1-0	Lost 1
Central Washington	1	1	.500	6	1	.857	4-1	0-0	2-0	Won 1
Simon Fraser	1	1	.500	5	2	.714	1-1	2-0	2-1	Won 1
Saint Martin's	1	1	.500	3	5	.333	3-1	0-1	0-3	Won 2
Western Oregon	1	1	.500	3	4	.429	1-0	1-3	1-1	Won 1
Concordia	0	2	.000	5	3	.571	1-0	2-2	2-1	Won 1
Montana State Billings	0	2	.000	3	3	.500	2-0	1-3	0-0	Lost 2
Alaska	0	2	.000	3	5	.375	0-2	1-2	2-1	Lost 5

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Fri., Dec. 7

at Saint Martin's 81, Northwest Christian 36

Sat., Dec. 8

at Concordia 87, Warner Pacific 54

at Northwest Nazarene 86, Cal State LA 72

Mon., Dec. 10

at Western Oregon 79, Northwest Christian 62

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Sat., Dec. 15

Saint Martin's at Hawaii Pacific, 11 a.m.

Central Washington at Cal Poly Pomona, 2 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 16

Saint Martin's at Chaminade, 1 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 17

Concordia vs. Drury, 2 p.m.

Simon Fraser vs. Stanislaus State, 5 p.m.

Central Wash. at Cal State Dominguez Hills, 5 p.m.

Seattle Pacific at Cal State LA, 7 p.m.

Lubbock Christian at Western Wash., 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 18

Montana State Billings vs. Maryville, 1 p.m.

Whitworth at Northwest Nazarene, 1 p.m.

Concordia at Nova Southeastern, 2 p.m.

Saint Martin's at Hawaii Hilo, 4:30 p.m.

Simon Fraser vs. Lubbock Christian, 5 p.m.

Alaska Anchorage vs. Holy Names, 6:30 p.m.

Stanislaus State at Western Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19

Montana State Billings vs. Angelo State, 11 a.m.

Notre Dame de Namur at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.

Seattle Pacific at Concordia-Irvine, 1:00 p.m.

Alaska Anchorage at Hawaii Hilo, 5:30 p.m.

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#CloudNine No. 5 Northwest Nazarene ran its record to 9-0 over the weekend, running past Cal State LA for an 86-72 victory. The Nighthawks are one of just 12 teams nationally who are still undefeated.

#Homecoming Concordia and Western Oregon each played its first home games of the season last week, both resulting in victories against Warner Pacific and Northwest Christian, respectively.

#OliviaOutburst Cavaliers guard **Olivia Vezaledenos** scored 26 points in 25 minutes in Saturday's victory. The performance was a season high and earned the sophomore GNAC Player of the Week honors.

#MeleKalikimaka Saint Martin's and Alaska Anchorage will take to the islands for their final contests before breaking for the holidays. The Saints will take on Hawaii Pacific, Chaminade and Hawaii Hilo, while the Seawolves will meet Holy Names and Hawaii Hilo.

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GNAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week



Olivia Vezaldenos
Concordia
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Vezaldenos scored a season-high 26 points in 25 minutes of action to lead the Cavaliers to an 87-54 win over Warner Pacific on Saturday. She connected on 9 of 16 from the field and 6 of 10 from three-point range to go with two rebounds, five steals and an assist.

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-Dec. 9	Olivia Vezaldenos, CU

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

Also Nominated: Avery Albrecht (Northwest Nazarene), Makenna Schultz (Saint Martin's).

Around The GNAC



ALASKA

The Nanooks were off last week, breaking in preparation for final exams after an 0-2 start to conference play.

Both of those contests came on the road against teams who entered the week previously undefeated. Alaska led 6-1 Central Washington at the end of the first quarter in Ellensburg but were unable to hang on to the advantage,

ultimately falling 76-61.

Senior **Marian Wamsley** leads the team in scoring after five weeks of play. The forward is averaging 13.8 points per game, with guard **Kylie Wallace** following at 13.3 points per game.

Alaska is off for the rest of the month. The Nanooks will return to the court on Jan. 3 against Western Washington in Fairbanks.



ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Alaska Anchorage did not play last week, fresh off a split in its first two GNAC games of the season. The team blew out undefeated Central Washington in Ellensburg before falling at No. 5 Northwest Nazarene.

The highlight of the road trip came in a 74-60 victory over then 6-0 Central Washington. Four Seawolves finished the game scoring in double figures, led by a 17-point outburst from center **Hannah Wandersee**.

Wandersee is the team's leader in scoring. She is averaging 14 points per game to go along with 7.1 rebounds and 1.6 blocks per game.

The Seawolves lead the GNAC and are 13th nationally in steals per game with 12.6 per game. Senior **Kian McNair** is second in the conference in steals per game (2.63).

Alaska Anchorage is ranked No. 13 in the latest WBCA Division II Coaches Poll and tied for 15th in the D2SIDA Poll.

The team is off this week, with its next action coming Dec. 18-19 in Hilo, Hawaii. Its first contest on the islands will tip-off at 6:30 p.m. (HST) against Holy Names, with a battle against Hawaii Hilo coming the next night at 5:30 p.m.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON



The Wildcats were off last week after splitting their first games of GNAC play, falling to then-undefeated Alaska Anchorage before a 15-point victory against Alaska.

Guard **Alexis Pana** shined in the victory, pouring in 19 points while dishing out six assists in the 76-61 win. **Sadie Mensing** helped provide a nice one-two punch for CWU,

adding 13 points against the Nanooks. Mensing is averaging 8.2 points and 3.5 rebounds per game through the first month of the season.

The team is shooting at one of the hottest clips in the country, making 50.9 percent of its field goal attempts thus far. That has Central Washington ranked first in the GNAC and third nationally.

The Wildcats are ranked No. 25 in the latest D2SIDA Poll, their first entry into the national rankings this season.

Central Washington is in action once this week, traveling to Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday at 2 p.m.

CONCORDIA



Concordia emerged victorious in its only game of the week, rolling Warner Pacific for an 87-54 win. The contest marked the team's first home game of the 2018-19 campaign.

Sophomore **Olivia Vezaldenos** shined for the Cavaliers, leading all scorers with 26 points in just 25 minutes of action. The guard's exploits earned her the title of GNAC Player of the Week.

Guard **Kizzah Maltezo** leads the team in scoring, averaging 13.0 per game through five weeks of play. On the glass, junior **Iraide Juez** tops CU with 7.3 rebounds per game.

The Cavaliers are off this week as they prepare for a cross-country trip to Fort Lauderdale. They will be in action on Dec. 17-18, meeting Drury and Nova Southeastern in the Sunshine State.

Around The GNAC

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS



The Yellowjackets took to the court once last week, falling to No. 18 (NAIA) Rocky Mountain in an exhibition contest in Billings.

Guard **Hannah Collins** led Montana State Billings, totaling 13 points to finish as one of two Yellowjackets in double figures. Forward **Vanessa Stavish** joined her with 12 points to go along with three rebounds.

Collins has made 32 free throws in just six games so far this season. That mark leads the conference.

Montana State Billings is off this week, returning to action on Dec. 18-19 at the NCAA D2 Daytona Beach Shootout. The team will face Maryville and Angelo State in its trip to Florida.

NORTHWEST NAZARENE



Northwest Nazarene picked up another victory last week to remain perfect on the season.

The Nighthawks are the only unbeaten remaining in the GNAC. Their latest win came against Cal State LA, where they erased a 10-point deficit en route to the 86-72 victory.

The backcourt duo of **Marina Valles** and **Ellie Logan**

shined for NNU, leading their team with 13 points apiece. The pair were two of five Nighthawks to finish the night scoring in double figures.

The Nighthawks continue to climb in the national rankings and are now No. 5 in the latest D2SIDA Media Poll and 7th in the WBCA Division II Coaches Poll. Their five first-place votes in the D2SIDA rankings was just one fewer than the leading first-place vote recipients.

Northwest Nazarene will not play this week, returning to the floor on Dec. 18 against Whitworth in its final game of the month. That game will tip-off at 1 p.m. in Nampa.

SAINT MARTIN'S



Saint Martin's won its only game of the week, exploding for a 81-36 victory over Northwest Christian on Friday.

The win featured a historic second quarter for SMU. The Saints held the Beacons scoreless for all 10 minutes, the first time the program had done so against an opponent since the NCAA adopted a four-quarter format (2015-present).

Freshman **Makenzie Kaech** led all scorers in the victory, compiling 13 points and seven rebounds off the bench. She was one of four Saints to finish scoring in double figures.

Guard **Makenna Schultz** has led Saint Martin's this season, averaging 16.5 points per game as non-conference play winds to a close. Schultz is fourth in the GNAC in scoring average.

Saint Martin's will be in action twice this week, starting its tropical swing with a pair of road games against Hawaii Pacific and Chaminade. The trip to Hawaii will tip-off on Saturday at 11 a.m. (HST).

SEATTLE PACIFIC



Seattle Pacific was off last week, fresh off a pair of victories against GNAC opponents to cap a five-game homestand. The two wins have SPU tied at the top of the conference standings.

The Falcons were led by a pair of explosive nights from guard **Riley Evans**, who finished the first week of conference play averaging with 23 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Evans leads the team in scoring through five weeks of play at a clip of 18.9 points per game.

Seattle Pacific will not play this week, returning to the floor on Dec. 17 at Cal State LA. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

SIMON FRASER



The Clan was off last week after splitting a pair of contests against Western Washington and Montana State Billings. The team dropped a tight battle against the Vikings before returning to action with an 81-74 victory over the visiting Yellowjackets.

The seven-point win was made possible in part by a 26-point showing from senior **Sophie Swant**. The explosion led all scorers and was one of four double-figure performances.

Swant is at the top of the SFU scoring list after five games, averaging a clip of 16.7 points per game. Sophomore **Jessica Jones** is following closely behind at 14.3 per game.

Simon Fraser is on break until Dec. 17, when it will take on Stanislaus State at the Viking Holiday Hoops Classic in Bellingham.

WESTERN OREGON



Western Oregon returned to action on Monday night in Monmouth, blowing out Northwest Christian for a 79-62 victory.

Center **Natalie DeLonge** led her team to the victory, scoring 14 points and grabbing sevens rebounds in the 17-point win. Forward **Ali Nelke** finished with a double-double, pouring in 10 points while pulling down 11 boards.

Sophomore **Keyonna Jones** leads the Wolves with an average of 11.4 points per game. DeLonge is next on the team with 10.9 points per game.

The Wolves will return to the floor on Dec. 19 in Monmouth, battling Notre Dame de Namur in their final non-conference game.

WESTERN WASHINGTON



The Vikings were off last week, fresh off a split to their first two games of GNAC play.

Center **Anna Schwecke** shined in her first two conference contests of the season, averaging 22 points and 13.5 rebounds per game. Her performance earned her GNAC Player of the Week honors, the second award of the season

for Western Washington.

It's sophomore **Kelsey Rogers** who leads the team in scoring, averaging 14.8 points per game after five weeks of action. Two other Vikings, **Anna Schwecke** (14.0 points per game) and **Dani Iwami** (12.1), are scoring in double figures as the second month of the season rolls on.

The Vikings will be back in action on Dec. 17, hosting Lubbock Christian at the Viking Holiday Hoops Classic.

National & Regional Polls

WBCA DIVISION II RANKINGS

Week 5 - Dec. 11			
Rk	School (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Union (18)	9-0	594
2.	Indiana (Pa.) (3)	8-0	563
3.	West Texas A&M	8-0	538
4.	Drury	9-0	504
5.	Bentley	10-0	484
6.	Fort Hays State (1)	8-0	469
7.	Northwest Nazarene	9-0	432
8.	Ashland (2)	8-1	428
9.	Sciences	8-0	392
10.	UC San Diego	8-0	369
11.	Grand Valley State	8-1	330
12.	Virginia Union	8-1	321
13.	Alaska Anchorage	7-1	293
14.	California (Pa)	8-0	278
15.	Central Missouri	7-2	249
16.	North Georgia	6-1	233
17.	Florida Southern	6-1	202
18.	Black Hills State	6-1	182
19.	Thomas Jefferson	9-0	165
20.	Lewis	6-1	163
21.	Saint Mary's (TX)	8-1	144
22.	Angelo State	5-1	85
23.	Central Oklahoma	8-1	68
24.	Emporia State	7-2	53
25.	Stonehill	8-2	51

Others receiving votes: Augustana (SD) (39), Truman State (39), Cedarville (17), Edinboro (15), Sioux Falls (12), Carson-Newman (11), Charleston (WV) (7), Eastern New Mexico (4)

D2SIDA DIVISION II MEDIA POLL

Week 5 - Dec. 11			
Rk	School (1st)	Record	Points
1.	Union (6)	9-0	392
2.	Bentley (6)	10-0	380
3.	West Texas A&M (6)	8-0	371
4.	Fort Hays State (6)	8-0	345
5.	Northwest Nazarene (5)	9-0	338
6.	Lewis (2)	6-1	313
7.	Indiana (Pa.) (6)	8-0	294
8.	USciences	8-0	278
9.	UC San Diego (1)	8-0	269
10.	Drury (1)	9-0	256
11.	North Georgia (6)	6-1	253
12.	California	8-0	218
13.	Florida Southern	6-1	164
14.	Augustana	10-1	163
15.	Grand Valley (2)	8-1	159
15.	Alaska Anchorage	7-1	159
17.	Jefferson	9-0	155
18.	St. Mary's (Texas)	8-1	138
19.	Virginia Union	8-1	109
20.	Wingate	6-2	103
21.	Ashland (1)	8-1	96
22.	Southwestern Okla.	8-1	88
23.	Angelo State	5-1	37
24.	Central Missouri	6-2	30
25.	Central Washington	6-1	25

Others receiving votes: Newberry (19), Lee (15), Glenville State (14), NYIT (7), Central Oklahoma (6), Tarleton State (1), Cal Poly Pomona (1)

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

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

GNAC In Division II Statistics

TEAM			INDIVIDUALS					
Category	Institution	Avg./Total	Rank	Category	Team	Player	Avg./Total	Rank
Points Per Game	Northwest Nazarene	84.9	5th	Assists Per Game	CWU	Alexis Pana	4.9	26th
	Central Washington	76.6	39th		WWU	Dani Iwami	4.8	37th
Scoring Defense	Alaska Anchorage	57.9	45th	CU	Keesha Sarman	4.8	37th	
Scoring Margin	Northwest Nazarene	22.4	12th	MSUB	Hannah Collins	4.7	42nd	
	Alaska Anchorage	15.4	28th	SFU	Taylor Drynan	4.6	46th	
Field-Goal Percentage	Central Washington	14.7	36th	Field-Goal Percentage	CWU	Alexis Pana	63.6	12th
Free-Throw Percentage	Central Washington	50.9	3rd	UAF	Marian Wamsley	59.4	22nd	
	Montana State Billings	79.6	8th	WWU	Kelsey Rogers	56.7	30th	
Rebounding Margin	Northwest Nazarene	79.5	9th	WWU	Anna Schwecke	55.0	37th	
	Alaska Anchorage	76.5	27th	Free-Throw Percentage	NNU	Avery Albrecht	93.1	10th
3-Pointers Per Game	Western Washington	75.5	35th	MSUB	Hannah Collins	91.4	16th	
	Western Washington	13.8	5th	SMU	Makenna Schultz	89.3	25th	
3-Point Percentage	Northwest Nazarene	9.0	27th	SPU	Riley Evans	87.9	41st	
	Montana State Billings	9.2	13th	3-Point Percentage	SNU	Jordan Pinson	50.0	10th
3-Point Percentage	Simon Fraser	9.0	15th	SPU	Riley Evans	47.7	28th	
	Northwest Nazarene	8.1	48th	UAF	Sabrina Ungaro	47.4	31st	
3-Point Attempts	Seattle Pacific	40.8	11th	UAA	Tara Thompson	45.9	40th	
	Northwest Nazarene	38.6	22nd	3-Point Attempts	CU	Kizzah Maltezo	64	42nd
Assists Per Game	Central Washington	38.3	26th	Assist-Turnover Ratio	UAA	Sydni Stallworth	2.13	40th
	Simon Fraser	37.3	34th	CU	Keesha Sarman	2.11	43rd	
Won-Lost Percentage	Montana State Billings	35.7	47th	Double Doubles	CU	Keesha Sarman	4	23rd
	Northwest Nazarene	100.0	1st					
Assists Per Game	Alaska Anchorage	87.5	27th					
	Central Washington	85.7	36th					
Steals Per Game	Central Washington	18.9	9th					
	Alaska Anchorage	17.6	17th					
Assist-Turnover Ratio	Simon Fraser	16.3	37th					
	Montana State Billings	16.2	40th					
Turnover Margin	Alaska Anchorage	12.6	13th					
	Northwest Nazarene	11.0	43rd					
Turnover Margin	Montana State Billings	1.43	3rd					
	Central Washington	1.19	22nd					
Turnover Margin	Alaska Anchorage	1.13	28th					
	Northwest Nazarene	1.09	37th					
Turnover Margin	Northwest Nazarene	6.44	21st					
	Montana State Billings	5.33	34th					
Turnover Margin	Alaska Anchorage	5.13	37th					

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