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Goodness Gracious Saints Alive! Saint Martin’s Picked To Win Men’s Basketball Title

PORTLAND, Ore. – Saint Martin’s put together a banner year in 2017-18, advancing to the GNAC Championships semifinals and making the school’s first appearance in the NCAA Division II Men’s Basketball Championship.

With a very experienced squad returning, conference coaches expect just as good of a year, if not better, as they have picked the Saints to win the league in the annual Great Northwest Athletic Conference Preseason Men’s Basketball Poll.

Saint Martin’s received nine of a possible 11 first-place votes, leading the poll with 118 points. Seattle Pacific, which tied for fourth last year and advanced to the GNAC Championships semifinals, is picked second with 105 points. The Falcons received seven of 11 second-place votes.

Western Oregon, last year’s GNAC regular-season and tournament champion, received the remaining two first-place votes and is picked third with 94 points. Western Washington, the conference regular-season runner-up, is picked fourth with 83 points. Alaska Anchorage is picked fifth with 76 points while Montana State Billings is predicted to close out the GNAC Championships field, picked sixth with 68 points.

Northwest Nazarene is picked seventh with 55 points, followed by Central Washington (8th, 40 pts.), Alaska (9th, 37 pts.), Concordia (10th, 31 pts.) and Simon Fraser (11th, 19 pts.).

Saint Martin’s put together its finest season as a Division II program, finishing a respectable third in the GNAC standings with a 15-5 record and closing the regular season with a 25-8 mark, the second-best among GNAC teams. Ranked fifth in the conference in scoring at 77.6 points per game, the Saints made 49.4 percent of their shots from the field and were second in the GNAC with a .390 three-point percentage and 15.8 assists per game. The Saints were just as stout on defense, ranking second in three-point defense (.325) and third in scoring defense (71.3 points allowed per game).

The Saints return four of five starters from last year and 11 overall players, led by GNAC Preseason Player of the Year **Luke Chavez**. The senior guard was named First Team All-GNAC and the Newcomer of the Year after he finished sixth in scoring at 16 points per game, third with 1.8 steals per game and fourth with four assists per game. Chavez is a potent shooter from wherever he is on the floor, connecting on 48.5 percent from the floor and 40.9 percent from three-point range.

Senior guard **EJ Boyce** also earned Preseason All-GNAC honors after averaging 11.6 points per game while shooting 42.3 percent from the field, 40.3 percent from the three-point arch and 90.5 percent from the free throw line. He led the GNAC with three three-pointers made per game. Senior guard **Rhett Baerlocher** averaged 8.1 points per game while senior forward **Jordan Kitchen** averaged 8.3 points and 4.7 rebounds per game while blocking 43 shots.

After experiencing a rebuilding year in **Grant Leep’s** first season as head coach, Seattle Pacific returned to playoff form last season with a 17-12 overall record. The Falcons tied for fourth in the conference at 11-9 and secured their spot in the GNAC Championships by winning three of their final five regular-season games. Seattle Pacific finished third in the GNAC in scoring at 79.7 points per game while leading the GNAC and ranking 37th in Division II with a .391 three-point percentage.

2018-19 GNAC Preseason Men’s Basketball Poll

Team (1st Place Votes)	2017-18 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Saint Martin’s (9)	25-8 (15-5, 3rd)	118
2. Seattle Pacific	17-12 (11-9, tie 4th)	105
3. Western Oregon (2)	31-2 (19-1, 1st)	94
4. Western Washington	21-8 (16-4, 2nd)	83
5. Alaska Anchorage	15-14 (11-9, tie 4th)	76
6. Montana State Billings	13-18 (5-15, 9th)	68
7. Northwest Nazarene	13-13 (9-11, tie 7th)	55
8. Central Washington	15-13 (10-10, 6th)	40
9. Alaska	11-15 (9-11, tie 7th)	37
10. Concordia	5-23 (1-19, 11th)	31
11. Simon Fraser	10-18 (4-16, 10th)	19

Votes awarded on an 11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

The Falcons return 10 players and five starters from last year's squad, but noticeably absent will be forward Tony Miller, who transferred to Division I Montana. Senior forward **Coleman Wooten** leads the way. The Second Team All-GNAC choice last season and Preseason All-GNAC choice this season averaged 11 points and seven rebounds per game while shooting 54.4 percent from the field. Junior guard **Gavin Long** was an Honorable Mention All-GNAC choice last year and also earned Preseason All-GNAC selection after averaging 11.9 points per game while shooting 52.4 percent from the field.

The returning starting five is rounded out by senior guard **Nikhil Lizotte** (9.8 points per game), senior center **Nathan Streufert** (9.2 points, 7.4 rebounds per game) and sophomore guard **Gabe Colosimo** (8.9 points per game).

Two years after advancing to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, Western Oregon put together another banner year in 2017-18. The Wolves tied a GNAC record with 31 wins and set conference marks with a .939 overall win percentage, 19 overall conference wins and an 18-game conference win streak that the Wolves hope to continue this season. Western Oregon won the GNAC Championships and hosted the NCAA West Regional, losing in the final to Division I-bound Cal Baptist.

While the Wolves are picked third, they will have to live up to the task without GNAC Player of the Year and All-American Tanner Omlid, GNAC Defensive Player of the Year Malik Morgan and GNAC Championships MVP Vince Boumann. Junior forward **Riley Hawken** is the team's lone returning starter. A Preseason All-GNAC selection, Hawken averaged 8.2 points and 5.3 rebounds per game while shooting 52.2 percent from the field as a starter in 30 of the Wolves' 32 games. Also returning for WOU is senior guard **Brandell Evans**, senior forward **Buster Souza** and sophomore guard **Darius Lubom**.

Winners of the GNAC regular-season and tournament titles in 2017, Western Washington put together another impressive season with arguably the conference's most experienced lineup. Finishing with a 21-8 overall record and a second-place finish in the GNAC at 16-4, the Vikings led the GNAC in scoring at 83.4 points per game, ranked fourth in Division II with six blocks per game and 13th nationally with a .774 free-throw percentage. Western Washington missed out on a potential return to the NCAA playoffs with a 69-68 GNAC Championships semifinal loss to Saint Martin's.

To qualify for this year's GNAC Championships, which will be held at Western Washington's Carver Gym, the Vikings will have to adjust to life without First Team All-GNAC performers Trey Drechsel and Daulton Hommes, both of whom transferred in the off-season, and graduated Second Team All-GNAC forward Deandre Dickson. Junior forward **Trevor Jasinsky** is the Vikings' top returning scorer. The Preseason All-GNAC selection averaged 10.1 points and 3.7 rebounds per game while shooting 82.7 percent from the free-throw line. Senior guard/forward **Siaan Rojas** also earned Preseason All-GNAC accolades. The sixth-man for the Vikings averaged 8.9 points per game and shot 50.3 percent from the field.

Alaska Anchorage head coach **Rusty Osborne** essentially started over in 2017-18 after losing all but one player from the year before to graduation. The mix of freshmen and transfers who filled the void did well for themselves, amassing a better-than-expected 15-14 record and tying with Seattle Pacific for fourth in conference at 11-9 to earn a berth in the GNAC Championships at the Alaska Airlines Center. The Seawolves proved to be one of the toughest defensive teams in the league, ranking fourth in Division II with just 62.6 points allowed per game and 34th in the nation in field goal defense (.419).

The Seawolves will look to senior **Brian Pearson** to lead the way. The post presence in the only four-year homegrown player on the roster and averaged seven points and 4.3 rebounds per game. Junior guard **Jack Macdonald** also returns after having averaged 6.3 points per game. Both Pearson and Macdonald were part-time starters last year with 18 and 16 starts, respectively. Junior transfer guard/forward **Tyler Brimhall** was the only newcomer named to the Preseason All-GNAC team after averaging 12.9 points and 5.5 rebounds last year at North Idaho JC, leading the Cardinals to the NWAC title.

After finishing ninth last year, Montana State Billings is picked sixth in its first year under **Mick Durham**, who returned home to the Treasure State after seven years as head coach at Alaska. Durham leads a Yellowjackets' squad that averaged 76.7 points and 32.8 rebounds per game. They were also among the league leaders in free throw shooting, ranked third at 73.7 percent.

The Yellowjackets are paced by senior guard/forward **Zack Rollins**. The Preseason All-GNAC selection was an Honorable Mention All-GNAC choice last season after finishing eighth in the league in scoring at 15.4 points per game to go along with 5.3 rebounds per contest and an .821 free throw percentage. Sophomore forward **Zharon Richmond** averaged 10.9 points and 4.1 rebounds per game to go with 44 blocks in his freshman season. Senior **Sven Jeuschede** will be key on the arch after averaging 7.2 points per game last season as will sophomore guard **Kobe Terashima**, who averaged 7.3 points per game and led the GNAC with 4.4 assists per game.

Northwest Nazarene, picked to repeat in seventh place, kept its playoff hopes alive until the last week of the season. The Nighthawks averaged 77.1 points and were third in the league in rebounding with 37.7 boards per game and fourth with 6.9 steals per contest.

The Nighthawks landed two players on the Preseason All-GNAC Team in senior guard **Obi Megwa** and junior guard **Jayden Bezzant**. Megwa is the top returning scorer in the GNAC after averaging 17 points per game and shooting 46.1 percent from the field. Bezzant was 11th in the GNAC in scoring at 14.3 points per game. Northwest Nazarene also returns sophomore guard **Sam Roth**, who started in 15 of the Nighthawks' 26 contests.

It's a new era at Central Washington, which is picked to finish eighth. The Wildcats finished last year with a 15-13 overall record and qualified for the GNAC Championships with a 10-10 mark in a season that saw the team finish fourth in the GNAC in scoring at 78.6 points per game and second in rebounding at 37.8 rebounds per game. First-year head coach **Brandon Rinta** will have to replace four starters after the graduation departures of All-GNAC performers Fuquan Niles and Jawan Stepney and the transfer of GNAC Freshman of the Year Khalil Shabazz to Division I San Francisco.

The Wildcats' lone returning starter is senior guard **Malik Montoya**, who averaged 7.1 points and 3.4 rebounds per game. Senior guard **Naim Ladd** earned Preseason All-GNAC honors after he served as the spark plug off the bench for CWU last season, averaging five points per game and shooting 92.9 percent from the free throw line. The Wildcats also welcome back senior forward **Drake Rademacher**, who did not play last year.

After seeing a quarter-century career end at Central Washington, **Greg Sparling** takes over an Alaska squad that is picked to finish ninth after tying for seventh last year. The Nanooks averaged just 69.5 points per game last year, but were among the top outside shooting teams in the league at 37.2 percent, ranking third among GNAC teams. Senior guard **Alex Baham** earned Preseason All-GNAC honors as he returns from a year where he averaged 11.5 points per game while hitting on 48.1 percent from three-point range. Junior forward **Michael Kluting** was an Honorable Mention all-GNAC selection after averaging 11.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game.

Concordia wants to erase the memory of last year's 5-23 season, which included an 18-game GNAC losing streak. The Cavaliers averaged 71.4 points and 34.3 rebounds per game. Concordia welcomes back six from last year's team, led by Preseason All-GNAC selection **Jarrett Gray**. The senior guard was fifth in the GNAC in scoring at 16.3 points per game and made 85 percent of his free throws. Senior guard **Jace Cates** also returns after averaging 4.5 points per game in 28 games and 17 starts.

Picked to finish 11th, Simon Fraser had a much-improved season in 2017-18 as it finished at 10-18 overall with a 4-16 GNAC mark. The Clan finished the year second in the GNAC in steals at 7.9 per game and fourth in scoring defense, allowing 73 points per game. Junior guard **Michael Provenzano** earned Preseason All-GNAC honors after he averaged 8.9 points per game and was third in the GNAC with 4.1 assists per game. His .873 free-throw percentage was second in the league. The Clan also returns starting guard **Othniel Spence**, who averaged 9.5 points per game in his sophomore season.

Exhibition play for GNAC teams begins on Tues., Oct. 30, with Western Washington hosting the Seattle Mountaineers and Montana State Billings playing at Division I Grand Canyon. The official schedule commences on Fri., Nov. 2, when Alaska Anchorage hosts Antelope Valley with the bulk of teams opening on Fri., Nov. 9. Conference play begins on Tues., Nov. 28, with Alaska playing at Montana State Billings.

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GNAC Men's Basketball Teams At A Glance

ALASKA

Head Coach: Greg Sparling (Central Washington, 1993, First Season, 25th Season Overall, 386-253)

Assistant Coach: Jesse Brown

2017-18 Overall Record: 11-15

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11 (tie 7th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 4/9

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Returning Starters: Alex Baham (G, 6-2, Sr., Wasilla, Alaska, 11.5 ppg, .453 FG Pct., .481 3 Pt. Pct., .823 FT Pct.), Tre Eisenhut (G, 5-11, Sr., Vancouver, Wash., 6.7 ppg, .481 3 Pt. Pct., .860 Ft Pct., 3.7 assists per gm.), Michael Kluting (F, 6-7, Jr., Palmer, Alaska, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 11.7 ppg, 8.1 rpg, .471 FG Pct., .308 3 Pt. Pct.), Joe Lendway (F, 6-7, Sr., Kansas City, Kan., 8.8 ppg, 4.7 rpg, .500 FG Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Jalon McCullough (G, 5-10, Jr., Fairbanks, Alaska, 3.3 ppg, .458 FG Pct.), Zach Hatch (G, 6-3, So., Snohomish, Wash., 2.9 ppg), Daniel Hornbuckle (G, 6-0, So., Fairbanks, Alaska, Redshirted in 2017-18), Daulton Lootens (F, 6-6, Sr., Lynden, Wash., 2.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg), Derritt Scarver (G, 6-2, Sr., Tracy, Calif., 1.7 ppg.).

Key Losses: Davis Kimble (G), Amenofis Mitchell (F), LaDonovan Wilder (F).

Top Freshmen: None

Top Transfers: Quinn Daugharty (G, 6-2, Jr., Homer, Alaska – Whatcom CC), Isiah Easaw (G, 6-3, Sr., Gilbert, Ariz. – Winona State Univ.), Tymoryae Glover (G, 6-7, Jr., Pasadena, Calif. – San Bernardino Valley CC), Alex Martin (G, 6-3, Jr., Bellingham, Wash. – Whatcom CC), Jaqua Morrow (G, 6-2, So., Vallejo, Calif. – Green River CC), Spencer Sweet (G, 6-2, Jr., Longview, Wash. – Lower Columbia CC), Aushanti Potts-Woods (G, 6-2, Jr., Tacoma, Wash. – Whatcom CC).

ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Head Coach: Rusty Osborne (Texas, 1988, 265-152, 15th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Orton, Shane Rinner

2017-18 Overall Record: 15-14

GNAC Record (Finish): 11-9 (tie 4th, Advanced to GNAC Championships Quarterfinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 4/8

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Brian Pearson (F/C, 6-9, Sr., Elko, Nev., 7.0 ppg, 4.3 rpg, .491 FG Pct., .750 FT Pct., 39 Blocks), Jack Macdonald (G, 6-0, Jr., Melbourne, Australia, 6.3 ppg, .446 FG Pct., .750 FT Pct., 40 assists).

Other Returning Players: Brennan Rymer (G, 6-0, So., Sydney, Australia, 3.2 ppg, 58 assists), Eric Jenkins (F, 6-5, So., Anchorage, Alaska, 0.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg), Sjur Berg (F, 6-7, Jr., Nesoddtangen, Norway, Did Not Play in 2017-18).

Key Losses: D.J. Ursery (F, Second Team All-GNAC), Jacob Lampkin (C), Malik Clements (G), Josiah Wood (G), Maleke Haynes (G), Drew Peterson (G).

Top Freshmen: Austin White (F, 6-8, Ninilchik, Alaska – Ninilchik), Tobin Karlberg (G, 6-0, Anchorage, Alaska – Grace Christian), Travis Adams (G, 5-10, Utaigvik, Alaska – Barrow).

Top Transfers: Niko Bevans (G, 6-6, Jr., Beaverton, Ore. – Univ. of Montana), Tyler Brimhall (G/F, 6-5, Jr., Logan, Utah – North Idaho JC), Keenan Dowell (G, 6-5, So., Surrey, B.C. – Sheridan Coll.).

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Brandon Rinta (Central Washington, 2001, First Season, 8th Season Overall, 164-62)

Assistant Coaches: Drew Church, Riley King

2017-18 Overall Record: 15-13

GNAC Record (Finish): 10-10 (6th, Advanced to GNAC Championships Quarterfinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/10

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Returning Starters: Malik Montoya (G, 6-2, Sr., Federal Way, Wash., 7.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg, .424 FG Pct., 33 steals, 9 blocks).

Other Returning Players: Karsten Chaplik (G, 6-3, Jr., Camano Island, Wash., 2.8 ppg, 1.3 rpg), Andreas Brown (G, 6-4, So., Spokane, Wash., Did Not Play In 2017-18), Malcolm Cola (F, 6-6, So., Federal Way, Wash., 2.9 ppg, 2.4 rpg, .596 FG Pct., 23 blocks), Naim Ladd (G, 5-7, Sr., Seattle, Wash., 5 ppg, 2 rpg, .929 FT Pct.), Drake Rademacher (F, 6-8, Sr., Enumclaw, Wash., Did Not Play In 2017-18).

Key Losses: Fuquan Niles (C, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Jawan Stepney (G, Second Team All-GNAC), Khalil Shabazz (G, GNAC Freshman of the Year).

Top Freshmen: N/A.

Top Transfers: N/A.

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CONCORDIA

Head Coach: Brad Barbarick (Columbia Christian, 1987, 355-384, 25th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Marquis Matthews, Eric Jackson, Osa Esene, Barry Adams, Daniel Duitsman

2017-18 Overall Record: 5-23

GNAC Record (Finish): 1-19 (11th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/6

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Jarrett Gray (G, 6-3, Sr., Beaverton, Ore., 16.3 ppg, 4.5 rpg, .360 3 Pt. Pct., .850 FT Pct., 90 assists, 35 steals), Jace Cates (G, 6-3, Sr., Canby, Ore., 4.5 ppg, .700 FT Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Cody Starr (G, 6-0, Sr., Troutdale, Ore., 6.7 ppg, .769 FT Pct., .400 3 Pt. Pct., 122 assists), Hunter Sweet (G/F, 6-4, So., Beaverton, Ore., 7.2 ppg, .458 FG Pct.), Tyler Wells (G/F, 6-0, Sr., Fairbanks, Alaska, 2.9 ppg, 22 assists), Daniel Thiesen (F/C, 6-9, Sr., Portland, Ore., 1.7 ppg).

Key Losses: Christopher Edward (F/C, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Taylor Harris (G/F), Bryan Michaels (G).

Top Freshmen: Dane Agost (F/C, 6-7, Clackamas, Ore. – Clackamas), Barrett Keith (F/C, 6-9, Colorado Springs, Colo. – Compass Prep, Ariz.), Caleb Larsen (G, 5-10, Wilsonville, Ore. – Wilsonville), Haize Walker (G, 6-2, Palmerston North, New Zealand – Palmerston North Boys), Mykale Williams (F/C, 6-7, Redlands, Calif. – Redlands East).

Top Transfers: Dominique Bradley (G, 6-6, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz. – Glendale CC), Xavier Smith (G, 6-0, Jr., Kansas City, Mo. – Colby CC), Garrett Thibodeaux (F, 6-8, Jr., Tyler, Texas – Seminole State Coll.), David Wheeler (G, 6-2, Jr., San Diego, Calif. – Grossmont Coll.).

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

Head Coach: Mick Durham (Montana State, 1979, First Season, 23rd Season Overall, 338-316)

Assistant Coach: Bobby Howard

2017-18 Overall Record: 13-18

GNAC Record (Finish): 5-15, 9th

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/6

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Sven Jeuschede (G, 6-3, Sr., Roesrath, Germany, 7.2 ppg, 2.5 rpg, 41 assists, .917 FT Pct.), Zharon Richmond (F, 6-7, So., Billings, Mont., 10.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 36 assists, 44 blocks, .458 FG Pct.), Zack Rollins (G/F, 6-6, Sr., Pelham, N.Y., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 15.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 43 assists, .821 FT Pct., .425 FG Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Hafeez Abdul (F, 6-7, So., London, England, 4.9 ppg, 3.0 rpg), Tyler Green (G, 5-9, Jr., Redding, Calif., 12.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 33 assists, .388 3 Pt. Pct.), Kobe Terashima (G, 6-2, So., Boise, Idaho, 7.3 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 136 assists, .759 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: Kendall Denham (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Kamal Tall (F).

Top Freshmen: Jakim Ricketts (G, 6-2, Livingston, Mont. – Parks), Beijan Newbern (G, 6-4, New Hope, Minn. – Maranatha Christian Acad.), Sammy Legleu (G, 6-0, Nogales, Ariz. – Nogales), Brendan Howard (F, 6-6, Great Falls, Mont. – Great Falls), Sam Elliott (C, 6-7, Kalispell, Mont.).

Top Transfers: Melvin Newbern, Jr. (F, 6-4, Jr., New Hope, Minn. – North Dakota Coll. Of Science), Jordan Lehrer (F, 6-5, Jr., Livingston, Mont. – Umpqua CC), Seth Christiaens (C, 6-11, Jr., Broadview, Mont. – North Idaho JC), Tanner Clark (G, 6-0, Jr., Bellingham, Wash. – Whatcom CC).

NORTHWEST NAZARENE

Head Coach: Paul Rush (Boise State, 2006, 13-13, 2nd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Rodrick Rhodes, Jon Hawkins, Levi Stuart

2017-18 Overall Record: 13-13

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11 (Tie 7th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 9/5

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Obi Megwa (PG, 6-0, Sr., Phoenix, Ariz., Second Team All-GNAC, 17.0 ppg, 4.5 rpg, .461 FG Pct., 82 assists), Jayden Bezzant (G, 6-2, Jr., Tauranga, New Zealand, 14.3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, .726 FT Pct., .458 FG Pct., 54 assists), Sam Roth (G, 6-3, So., Salem, Ore., 6.2 ppg, 4.3 rpg, .492 FG Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Spider Adetunji (F/C, 6-7, Jr., Lagos, Nigeria, 4.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg, .554 FG Pct., 16 Blocks), Felix White (F, 6-9, Jr., Lagos, Nigeria, 1.9 ppg, 2.1 rpg), Nikola Prvulj (G, 6-3, Sr., Belgrade, Serbia, 4.1 ppg, 1.6 rpg, .773 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: Maurice Jones (F, First Team All-GNAC), Marko Leprovic (G).

Top Freshmen: James Nelson (G, 6-6, Salem, Utah – Salem Hills), Gabe Murphy (F, 6-9, Tracy, Calif. – Modesto Christian), George Reidy (G, 6-5, Edmonds, Wash. – Cedar Park Christian).

Top Transfers: Adonis Arms (G/F, 6-5, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis. – Mesa CC), Beto Diaz (F, 6-7, Jr., Nogales, Ariz. – Iowa Western CC), Jalen Burkett (F, 6-6, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz. – North Idaho JC).

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SAINT MARTIN'S

Head Coach: Alex Pribble (California, 2007, 57-35, 4th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Dave Granucci, Adam Ellis, Mike Hayward

2017-18 Overall Record: 25-8

GNAC Record (Finish): 15-5 (3rd, Advanced to GNAC Chmp. Final & West Regional)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 11/3

Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1

Returning Starters: Luke Chavez (G, 6-4, Sr., Woodacre, Calif., GNAC Newcomer of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team All-West Region, 16.0 ppg, 3.8 rpg, .485 FG Pct., .409 3 Pt. Pct., .843 3 Pt. Pct., 128 assists, 59 steals), EJ Boyce (G, 6-1, Sr., Boise, Idaho, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 11.6 ppg, 2.4 rpg, .423 FG Pct., .403 3 Pt. Pct., .905 FT Pct.), Rhett Baerlocher (G, 6-4, Sr., Missoula, Mont., 8.1 ppg, 3.8 rpg, .450 FG Pct., .403 3 Pt. Pct., .846 FT Pct.), Jordan Kitchen (F, 6-7, Sr., Seattle, Wash., 8.3 ppg, 4.7 rpg, .470 FG Pct., 43 blocks).

Other Returning Players: Caden Smith (G, 6-3, So., Pendleton, Ore., 1.3 ppg), Jared Mathews (F, 6-7, Sr., Bakersfield, Calif., 6.6 ppg, 3.1 rpg, .514 FG Pct., .400 3 Pt. Pct.), Kazuma Lane (G, 6-1, Sr., Beaverton, Ore., 1.1 ppg), BJ Standley (G, 5-9, So., Benecia, Calif., 6.5 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 88 assists, .746 FT Pct.), Tavian Henderson (G/F, 6-5, So., Vallejo, Calif., 7.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 45 assists, .721 FG Pct.), Logan Adams (G, 6-3, Jr., Spokane, Wash., Did Not Play In 2017-18), Robert Little (G/F, 6-2, Sr., Spokane Valley, Wash., 1.2 ppg).

Key Losses: Matt Dahlen (F).

Top Freshmen: Alexis Angeles (G, 6-2, Tualatin, Ore. – Tualatin).

Top Transfers: Chandler Redix (G, 6-2, Sr., Apple Valley, Calif. – Kentucky Wesleyan Univ.), Logan Rooney (G/F, 6-6, Jr., Eureka, Calif. – Butte JC), Marky Adams (C, 6-9, So., Forks, Wash. – Peninsula CC).

SEATTLE PACIFIC

Head Coach: Grant Leep (Washington, 2002, 29-28, 3rd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Keegan Bone, Matt Borton, George Parker

2017-18 Overall Record: 17-12

GNAC Record (Finish): 11-9 (tie 4th, Lost in GNAC Championships Semifinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 5/0

Starters Returning/Lost: 10/3

Returning Starters: Gavin Long (G, 6-5, Jr., Wenatchee, Wash., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 11.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg, .524 FG Pct., .805 FT Pct., 53 assists), Coleman Wooten (F, 6-5, Sr., Maple Valley, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC, 11 ppg, 7 rpg, .544 FG Pct., .441 3 Pt. Pct., 83 assists), Nikhil Lizotte (G, 5-9, Sr., Yakima, Wash., 9.8 ppg, 1.4 rpg, .869 FT Pct.), Nathan Streufert (C, 6-8, Sr., Richland, Wash., 9.2 ppg, 7.4 rpg, .587 FG Pct., .533 3 Pt. Pct., 50 assists, 39 blocks), Gabe Colosimo (G, 6-1, So., Sandy, Utah, 8.9 ppg, 3.3 rpg, .421 3 Pt. Pct., .811 FT Pct., 67 assists, 28 steals).

Other Returning Players: Harry Cavell (G, 6-5, So., Keizer, Ore., 8.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg, .721 FT Pct., 46 assists, 20 steals), Sam Simpson (F, 6-8, Sr., Boise, Idaho, 7.9 ppg, 5.1 rpg, .581 FG Pct., .440 3 Pt. Pct.), Braden Olsen (G, 5-10, So., West Linn, Ore., 6.2 ppg, 2.2 rpg, .810 FT Pct., 39 assists), Trey Miller (F, 6-7, Jr., Woodinville, Wash., 1.8 ppg, 2.2 rpg), Conner Van Dyken (G, 6-1, Sr., Bozeman, Mont., 1.0 ppg).

Key Losses: Tony Miller (F), Hunter Eisenhower (F), EJ Poulsen (C).

Top Freshmen: Jacob Medjo (F, 6-9, Bothell, Wash. – Bothell), Divant'e Moffitt (G, 6-2, Spanaway, Wash. – Spanaway Lake).

Top Transfers: Sam Boone (F, 6-7, Jr., Aurora, Colo. – Lamar CC).

SIMON FRASER

Head Coach: Steve Hanson (Douglas, 2011, 14-42, 3rd Season)

Assistant Coaches: John Curcio, Bret McDonald

2017-18 Overall Record: 10-18

GNAC Record (Finish): 4-16 (10th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 8/8

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Michael Provenzano (G, 6-0, Jr., London, Ont., 8.9 ppg, 2.5 rpg, .873 FT Pct., 114 assists, 39 steals), Othniel Spence (G, 6-1, Jr., Markham, Ont., 9.5 ppg, 2.5 rpg, .818 FT Pct., 50 assists, 35 steals), Jordan Muir-Keung (G, 6-1, Sr., Seattle, Wash., 5.3 ppg, 2.6 rpg, .427 FG Pct., .420 3 Pt. Pct., .769 FT Pct., 81 assists, 29 steals).

Other Returning Players: Bowen Baaken (G, 6-1, Sr., Delta, B.C., 3.2 ppg, 1.6 rpg, .412 3 Pt. Pct.), Bongani Moyo (G, 6-1, Jr., Harare, Zimbabwe, 1.7 ppg, 1.9 rpg, .481 FG Pct.), Graham Miller (G/F, 6-7, Jr., Coquitlam, B.C., Redshirted In 2017-18), Sam Bailey (F, 6-7, R-Fr., North Vancouver, B.C., Redshirted In 2017-18), Drew Bryson (G, 6-2, R-Fr., Arlington, Wash., Redshirted In 2017-18).

Key Losses: N'Kosi Kedar Salam (G, First Team All-GNAC), JJ Pankratz (G/F), IZIAH Sherman-Newsome (G/F).

Top Freshmen: Wilfried Balata (G, 6-4, Montreal, Que. – Thetford Academy), Jusuf Sehic (F, 6-7, Burnaby, B.C. – Burnaby South), Dominic Postle (F, 6-9, Bellevue, Wash. – Elite Prep Academy).

Top Transfers: Julian Roche (C, 6-11, So., Saint John, N.B. – Santa Clara Univ.), Jasdeep Singh (F, 6-8, So., Delta, B.C. – Northwest Univ.), Michael Hannan (G, 6-2, Jr., Spokane Valley, Wash. – Pierce CC).

GNAC Men's Basketball Teams At A Glance

WESTERN OREGON

Head Coach: Jim Shaw (Western Oregon, 1985, 80-19, 4th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Jordan Jamestown, Patrick Frost, Josh Reber

2017-18 Overall Record: 31-2

GNAC Record (Finish): 19-1 (1st, Won GNAC Championships, Advanced To NCAA West Regional Final)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/9

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Returning Starters: Riley Hawken (F, 6-6, Jr., Vancouver, Wash., 8.2 ppg, 5.3 rpg, .522 FG Pct., .381 3 Pt. Pct., .771 FT Pct., 44 assists).

Other Returning Players: Brandell Evans (G, 6-2, Sr., Olympia, Wash., 3.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg, .507 FG Pct., .438 3 Pt. Pct., .795 FT Pct., 50 assists, 22 steals), Darius Lubom (G, 6-1, So., Kent, Wash., 4.3 ppg, 1.1 rpg, .500 FG Pct., 47 assists), Buster Souza (F, 6-8, Sr., Concord, Calif., 1.6 ppg, 1.3 rpg, .565 FG Pct.).

Key Losses: Tanner Omlid (F, GNAC Player of the Year, NABC All-American), Vince Boumann (F, GNAC Championships MVP), Malik Morgan (G, GNAC Defensive Player of the Year), Demetrius Trammell (G), Ali Faruq-Bey (G), JJ Chirside (F).

Top Freshmen: O'landa Baker (G, 6-2, Seattle, Wash. – Eastside Catholic), Etan Collins (F, 6-6, Federal Way, Wash. – Federal Way), Jake Estep (F/G, 6-5, Beaverton, Ore. – Beaverton), Jacob Hjort (G, 6-2, Vancouver, Wash. – Columbia River), Cade McGill (G, 6-2, Gig Harbor, Wash.).

Top Transfers: Dalven Brushier (G, 6-3, Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo. – Salt Lake City CC), Elijah Gonzales (G, 5-9, So., Clackamas, Ore. – Saint Peter's Univ.), Jaylyn Richardson (G, 6-3, Jr., Hamilton, Ga. – Wallace CC).

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Tony Dominguez (Western Washington, 1994, 133-51, 7th Season)

Asst. Head Coach: David Dunham

Assistant Coaches: Bob Hofstetter, Atiavo Jude

2017-18 Overall Record: 21-8

GNAC Record (Finish): 16-4 (2nd, Advanced to GNAC Championships Semifinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 5/8

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Trevor Jasinsky (F, 6-7, Jr., Camas, Wash., 10.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg, .827 FT Pct., 50 assists, 22 blocks, 20 steals), Logan Schilder (C, 6-7, Sr., Bellingham, Wash., 7.1 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 39 blocks).

Other Returning Players: Siaan Rojas (G/F, 6-6, Sr., Concord, Calif., 8.9 ppg, 3 rpg, .503 FG Pct., 52 assists), Tyler Payne (G, 6-1, Sr., Long Beach, Calif., 1.9 ppg, .875 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: Trey Drechsel (G, First Team All-GNAC), Daulton Hommes (F, First Team All-GNAC), Deandre Dickson (F, Second Team All-GNAC).

Top Freshmen: Jalen Green (G/F, 6-7, Renton, Wash. – Lindbergh), D'Angelo Minnis (G, 5-10, Covington, Wash. – Kentwood).

Top Transfers: KJ Bosco (F, 6-8, Jr., Portland, Ore. – Portland CC), Tucker Eenigenberg (G, 6-3, Jr., Bakersfield, Calif. – Bakersfield Coll.), Luke Lovelady (F, 6-8, So., Tacoma, Wash. – Point Loma Nazarene Univ.), Cameron Retherford (F, 6-9, Jr., Portland, Ore. – Portland CC).