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Alaska Anchorage Claims Top Spot In Preseason Men’s Basketball Poll

PORTLAND, Ore. – Conference coaches are predicting a major shift in men’s basketball in 2016-17, and Alaska Anchorage is picked to lead that shift in the GNAC Preseason Men’s Basketball Coaches Poll.

The Seawolves, who finished the regular season tied for third last year, claimed nine of a possible 11 first place votes to receive 119 points in the poll. Western Washington, last year’s preseason favorite, was picked second with 100 points and received one first place vote.

Central Washington, which won six of its final eight games to secure the No. 5 seed in the GNAC Championships, received the other first place vote and is picked third with 83 points. Alaska, which advanced to the GNAC Championships final last season, is picked fourth with 79 points. The Nanooks are followed by Seattle Pacific (73) and Western Oregon (71).

Alaska Anchorage returns an experienced squad with eight players and four starters back from a team that finished 21-11, including three with all-conference credentials. The Seawolves were picked third in The Sporting News’ Division II Preseason Top-10 and were No. 21 in Division II Bulletin’s Preseason Top-25.

Senior guard **Sekou “Suki” Wiggs** leads the list. The transfer from Idaho was named the GNAC Newcomer of the Year and earned Third Team D2CCA All-American honors after leading UAA with 24.1 points per game. An honorable mention for Division II Bulletin’s Super 16 list, Wiggs had 20-point performances in 21 straight games. Senior forward **Corey Hammell** was accorded Second Team All-GNAC honors after averaging a double-double of 12.2 points and 10.2 rebounds per game and led the league in rebounding. Senior guard **Spencer Svejcar** was a Honorable Mention All-GNAC choice and finished the season averaging 11.8 points per game.

Senior guards **Diante Mitchell** and **Travis Parrish** also return while the team loses just one All-GNAC performer in second team guard Brian McGill. The Seawolves add one Division I transfer in senior forward/center **Connor Devine**, who averaged 2.6 points and 1.6 rebounds per game last season at South Dakota State.

Western Washington was the clear favorite in last year’s poll, but struggled much of the year and tied for sixth in the regular season standings at 9-11. After qualifying for the GNAC Championships on the final day of the season, the Vikings showed signs of renewed life. They beat Alaska Anchorage in the quarterfinals before dropping a 91-90 contest to Alaska in the semis.

First Team All-GNAC forward **Jeffrey Parker** returns for his senior season. Parker averaged 17.9 points and 4.8 rebounds per game last year and led the GNAC with 78 three-pointers and 2.5 three-pointers made per game. Sophomore guard **Trey Dreschel** returns after working his way into a starting role as a freshman, averaging 11.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game. The two are joined by junior guard **Brett Kingma**, who could move into a starting role after averaging 7.2 points per game in 27 appearances off the bench.

2016-17 GNAC Preseason Men’s Basketball Poll

Team (1st Place Votes)	2015-16 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Alaska Anchorage (9)	21-11 (14-6, tie 3rd)	119
2. Western Washington (1)	16-15 (9-11, tie 6th)	100
3. Central Washington (1)	18-8 (13-7, 5th)	83
4. Alaska	22-8 (15-5, 2nd)	79
5. Seattle Pacific	22-9 (14-6, tie 3rd)	73
6. Western Oregon	31-4 (18-2, 1st)	71
7. Montana State Billings	11-17 (8-12, 7th)	63
8. Saint Martin’s	15-13 (9-11, tie 6th)	55
9. Northwest Nazarene	8-18 (4-16, 10th)	36
10. Concordia	7-20 (5-15, 9th)	32
11. Simon Fraser	2-24 (1-19, 11th)	15

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

Western Washington will have to fill holes left Second Team All-GNAC guard Kyle Impero and honorable mention guard Ricardo Maxwell, but reload with six newcomers, led by California junior college co-player of the year **Deandre Dickson**, who averaged 17.9 points, 12.5 rebounds and two blocks per game at Bakersfield College.

Central Washington is picked third despite returning just one starter from last year's squad. Senior forward **Terry Dawn** made his first significant contributions as a starter last year, averaging 6.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game in 25 starts. Sophomore guard **Naim Ladd** will bolster the backcourt after averaging 10.2 points per game as a freshman and finished sixth in the conference in three-point shooting (.420). The Wildcats also welcome back junior point guard **Marc Rodgers**, who missed all of the 2015-16 season due to injury.

The Wildcats will have to replace a pair of GNAC all-stars in first team center Joseph Stroud and honorable mention guard Gary Jacobs, but welcome four transfers into the fold. The newcomers include Alaska Anchorage transfer guard **Dom Hunter** (13.3 points per game in 2014-15) and guard **Jawan Stepney**, who averaged 11.9 points and 3.9 rebounds last season at Arizona's Cochise College.

After going 7-19 in 2014-15, Alaska bounced back strong to finish second in the regular season standings at 15-5 and went 22-8 overall. The Nanooks advanced to the GNAC Championships final, losing to eventual national semifinalist Western Oregon. Senior guard **Brandon Davis** leads two starters and seven returners, having averaged 10.9 points per game while shooting 45.7 percent from the field. Senior forward **Bangaly Kaga** averaged 12.2 points per game and was the team's leading rebounder at 6.2 rebounds per game.

The Nanooks lose three starters, including First Team All-GNAC scoring machine Travante Williams and honorable mention center Almir Hadzisehovic, but returned an experienced squad that includes senior forward **Zach Peterson** (5.5 points, 2.8 rebounds per game) and three redshirts. Alaska also adds three transfers, including a Division I product in senior guard **Nahjee Matlock**, who averaged two points per game in 28 games at Montana State.

Seattle Pacific kept its national-leading streak of NCAA Tournaments alive, qualifying for its 12th after tying for third in the regular season standings at 14-6 (22-9 overall) and advancing to the GNAC Championship semifinals. Amassing lucky 13, however, will be a tough challenge as the Falcons lose all five starters, including All-GNAC performers Mitch Penner, Gilles Dierickx and Bryce Leavitt. They also have a new head coach after Ryan Looney departed for Point Loma Nazarene. **Grant Leep** steps in for his first season at the helm after seven years as a Falcons' assistant.

Senior guard **Will Parker** is the Falcons' most experienced returner, averaging 4.5 points, 18 rebounds and 1.5 assists per game while playing in 28 games and making 14 starts. Senior center **Joe Rasmussen** played in 28 games, averaging 6.1 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. Seattle Pacific is bolstered by six newcomers, including sophomore transfer forward **Trey Miller**, who played in five games last year at Division I North Dakota State.

Western Oregon put together a season for the ages in 2015-16 under first year head coach **Jim Shaw**, winning its second straight GNAC regular season title, a GNAC Championships title and the West Region trophy to advance to the Wolves' first Division II Elite Eight appearance. The team's 31-4 overall record and 18-2 conference marks were both program records.

But with the loss of four starters, including three all-conference performers and GNAC Player of the Year Andy Avgi, coaches have the Wolves picked to finish sixth. The lone returning starter for the Wolves, junior forward **Tanner Omlid**, performed well after transferring from Division I Army as he averaged 10.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game while shooting 56.2 percent from the field. Western Oregon aims to reload with two Division I transfers in guard **Ali Faruq-Bey** from Idaho State and guard **Evan Garrison** from Portland State.

Montana State Billings is picked seventh in the poll after finishing 11-17 last year. The Yellowjackets returned a young, but experienced squad, which includes the return of all five starters. Senior guard **Jace Anderson** finished as MSUB's leading scorer, averaging 14.1 points per game and shooting 48.1 percent from three-point range before his season was cut short after 12 games by injury. Senior guard **Marc Matthews** assumed the scoring mantle, averaging 14 points per game while making 85.5 percent his free throws. Also returning is GNAC Freshman of the Year **Preston Beverly**, a forward who averaged 13 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, and sophomore forward **Christian Evans**, who averaged 11.5 points and 5.4 rebounds per game in a reserve role.

Saint Martin's, picked eighth, improved by 12 wins under first year head coach **Alex Pribble** and competed for the No. 6 seed in the GNAC Championships until the final day of the regular season. The Saints' 15-13 overall record was their first winning season since 2009-10. Senior guard **Tyler Copp** leads all five starters returning for the Saints, having averaged 10.1 points per game with 67 assists. Senior center **Fred Jorg** provides an experienced presence in the front court and averaged 10.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game last season.

Northwest Nazarene finished last year with an 8-18 overall record and is picked ninth in this year's poll. The Crusaders will look to replace three starters, including both starters in the backcourt. Senior guard **Bouna N'Diaye** was the Crusaders' top scorer in 2015-16, averaging 15.1 points per game while also registering 31 blocks, earning Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors. Sophomore guard **Nikola Prvulj** earned a starting spot towards the end of the season and averaged 5.6 points per game while shooting 38.9 percent from three-point range. Northwest Nazarene welcomes seven newcomers, led by Division I transfer **Kaileb Rodriguez** from Nevada.

Concordia, picked 10th, turned over all five starters in its first season in the GNAC and struggled to a 7-20 overall record. While the Cavaliers are still relatively young, they return their top two scorers from last year. Senior forward **Drew Martin** averaged 15.3 points and 6.7 rebounds per game while senior guard **Latrell Wilson** averaged 14.9 points per game and shot 81 percent from the free throw line. Sophomore guard **Jarrett Gray** returns as a sharp-shooter, having averaged 4.8 points per game while hitting on 36.7 percent from three-point range. Six reserves return as the Cavaliers welcome three transfers, including senior center **Tre Vance** from Division I Oral Roberts.

Simon Fraser continues to be a team in transition. Picked 11th by conference coaches, the Clan went 2-24 in 2015-16 and needed a 90-70 road win at Concordia to head off a winless conference schedule. The team will have its third head coach in as many years with **Steve Hanson** taking the reins after one season as the program's top assistant coach. The Clan is led by junior guard/forward **J.J. Pankratz**, who averaged 9.3 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, and junior guard **Andrew Williamson**, who averaged six points per game. Simon Fraser welcomes three transfers, including redshirt freshman guard **Vinnie Safin** from Chico State and junior guard **Kedar Wright** from cross-town British Columbia.

Exhibition games for GNAC teams begin on Sat., Oct. 29, with Seattle Pacific taking on Division I Brigham Young and Simon Fraser hosting Douglas College. The non-conference schedule opens on Fri., Nov. 4, when Alaska Anchorage hosts Portland Bible. Conference play opens on Tues., Nov. 29, when Western Oregon hosts Concordia.

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GNAC Men's Basketball Teams At A Glance

ALASKA

Head Coach: Mick Durham (Montana State 1979, 68-72, 6th Season; 21st Season Overall, 314-285)

Assistant Coaches: Bobby Howard, Kyle Bailey

2015-16 Overall Record: 22-8

GNAC Record (Finish): 15-5 (2nd, Advanced to GNAC Championships Final)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/10

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Brandon Davis (G, 6-0, Sr., Spokane, Wash., 10.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg, .457 FG Pct., 47 Assists), Bangaly Kaba (F, 6-6, Sr., Houston, Texas, 12.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 71 assists).

Other Returning Players: Deritt Scarver (G, 6-2, So., Tracy, Calif., 1.8 ppg), Lorenzo Graham (G, 6-1, Jr., Fairbanks, Alaska, Redshirt In 2015-16), Reece Robinson (F, 6-4, So., Anchorage, Alaska, Redshirt in 2015-16), Zach Peterson (F, 6-6, Sr., Snohomish, Wash., 5.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg, .542 FG Pct.), Adante Jones (F, 6-6, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., Redshirt In 2015-16).

Key Losses: Joe Slocum (G), Travante Williams (F, First Team All-GNAC), Almir Hadzisehovic (C, Honorable Mention All-GNAC).

Top Transfers: Nahjee Matlock (G, 5-11, Sr., Las Vegas, Nev. – Montana State Univ.), LaDonovan Wilder (F, 6-7, Jr., Oakland, Calif. – San Francisco CC), Spencer Clark (F, 6-4, Jr., Pittsburg, Calif. – Diablo Valley CC).

ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Head Coach: Rusty Osborne (Texas, 1988, 229-130, 13th Season)

Assistant Coach: Cameron Turner, Scott Friel

2015-16 Overall Record: 21-11

GNAC Record (Finish): 14-6 (T-3rd, Advanced To GNAC Championships Quarterfinals)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/2

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0

Returning Starters: Sekou "Suki" Wiggs (G, 6-4, Sr., Seattle, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Newcomer of the Year, 3rd Team D2CCA All-American, 24.1 ppg, 7.3 rpg, .425 FG Pct., .769 FT Pct., 106 assists, 51 steals), Corey Hammell (F, 6-6, Sr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 2nd Team All-GNAC, 12.2 ppg, 10.2 rpg, .452 FG Pct., .831 FT Pct.), Spencer Svejcar (G, 6-4, Sr., Arvada, Colo., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 11.8 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 62 assists, .360 3 Pt. Pct., .836 FT Pct.), Diante Mitchell (G, 6-1, Sr., Syracuse, Utah, 10.3 ppg, 2.7 rpg, .500 FG Pct., .460 3 Pt. Pct., 61 assists), Travis Parrish (G/F, 6-4, Sr., West Bountiful, Utah, 1.2 ppg, 1.6 rpg).

Other Returning Players: Tayler Thompson (F, 6-8, Sr., Sonora, Calif, 3.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, .672 FG Pct.), Damien Fulp (G, 6-2, So., Palmer, Alaska, 1.6 ppg, 1.4 rpg), Jackson McTier (F, 6-7, Jr., Rockhampton, Australia, 1.0 rpg), Sjur Berg (F, 6-7, So., Nesoddtangen, Norway, Redshirt in 2015-16), Augustus Simmers (G/F, 6-4, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska, Redshirt in 2015-16).

Key Losses: Brian McGill (G, Second Team All-GNAC), Christian Leckband (F).

Top Freshmen: Curtis Ryan (F, 6-9, R-Fr., Warmambool, Australia – Emmanuel College).

Top Transfers: Connor Devine (F/C, 6-10, Sr., Wasilla, Alaska – South Dakota State Univ.), Ashton Pomrehn (G, 6-3, Jr., Arcata, Calif. – Shasta CC).

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Greg Sparling (Central Washington, 1993, 357-228, 23rd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Drew Harris, Jared Johnson

2015-16 Overall Record: 18-8

GNAC Record (Finish): 13-7 (5th, Advanced to GNAC Championships Quarterfinals)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 5/5

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Returning Starters: Terry Dawn (F, 6-4, Sr., Arlington, Wash., 6.6 ppg, 4.2 rpg).

Other Returning Players: Marc Rodgers (PG, 6-2, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif., Did Not Play In 2015-16 Due To Injury), Naim Ladd (G, 5-7, So., Seattle, Wash., 10.2 ppg, .420 3 Pt. Pct.), Jerome Bryant (C, 6-7, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif., 2.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg, .538 FG Pct., .429 3 Pt. Pct.), Chris Michael-Garrett (F, 6-6, Sr., Seattle, Wash., 2.6 ppg, 1.7 rpg).

Key Losses: Joseph Stroud (C, First Team All-GNAC), Joey Roppo (G), Gary Jacobs (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Devin Matthew (G).

Top Freshmen: Coleman Sparling (F, 6-7, Fr., Ellensburg, Wash. – Ellensburg), Cameron Williams (F, 6-6, Fr., Los Angeles, Calif. – Redondo Union), Cameron Buton (G, 6-1, R-Fr., Las Vegas, Nev. – Valley), Karsten Chaplik (G, 6-2, R-Fr., Camano Island, Wash. – Stanwood).

Top Transfers: Dom Hunter (G, 6-0, Sr., Federal Way, Wash. – Alaska Anchorage), Fuquan Niles (C, 6-11, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – North Idaho JC), Jawan Stepney (G, 6-4, Jr., Kent, Wash. – Cochise Coll.), Sage Woodruff (F, 6-6, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif. – Riverside CC).

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CONCORDIA

Head Coach: Brad Barbarick (Columbia Christian, 1987, 336-347, 23rd Season)

Associate Head Coach: Jeff Christianson

Assistant Coaches: Josh Hall, Marquis Matthews

2015-16 Overall Record: 7-20

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

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Drew Martin (F, 6-8, Sr., Beaverton, Ore., 15.3 ppg, 6.7 rpg, .439 FG Pct.), Latrell Wilson (G, 6-3, Sr., Arcata, Calif., 14.9 ppg, .442 FG Pct., .810 Ft Pct., .371 3 Pt. Pct.), Jarrett Gray (G, 6-2, So., Beaverton, Ore., 4.8 ppg, .367 3 Pt. Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Davis Nuaimi (G, 6-0, Sr., Fontana, Calif., 4.5 ppg, .407 FG Pct., 2.0 steals per gm.), Daniel Duitsman (G, 5-11, Sr., Portland, Ore., 2.2 ppg), Taylor Harris (G/F, 6-4, Jr., Portland, Ore., 3.9 ppg, .480 FG Pct.), Dennia Ahana (G, 6-2, Jr., Lawndale, Calif., 1.4 ppg, .563 FG Pct.), Jace Cates (G, 6-2, So., Canby, Ore., 2.7 ppg), Brandon McGurkin (C, 6-7, Sr., Moscow, Idaho).

Key Losses: James Phillips (F), John Erickson (G/F), Riley Hawken (F), Tyler Gutierrez (C).

Top Freshmen: Odera Nwobi (C, 6-8, Fr., Enugu, Nigeria – Maranatha).

Top Transfers: Tre Vance (C, 6-9, Sr., Portland, Ore. – Oral Roberts Univ.), Bryan Michaels (G/F, 6-3, Jr., Kalispell, Mont. – Wenatchee Valley CC), Christopher Edward (C/F, 6-7, Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. – Chaffey Coll.).

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

Head Coach: Jamie Stevens (Montana State Billings, 1999, 62-81, 6th Season)

Assistant Coach: Brad Schmit

2015-16 Overall Record: 11-17

GNAC Record (Finish): 8-12 (tie 8th)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/2

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/2

Returning Starters: Jace Anderson (G, 5-10, Sr., Whitewater, Mont., 14.1 ppg, .481 3 Pt. Pct., 33 assists), Marc Matthews (G, 6-2, Sr., Sierra Vista, Ariz., 14.0 ppg, .855 FT Pct., 56 assists), Kendall Denham (G, 6-0, Jr., Malta, Mont., 8.3 ppg, .439 FG Pct., 72 assists), Jordan Perry (G, 6-4, Jr., Gilbert, Ariz., 9.2 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 33 steals), Preston Beverly (F, 6-8, So., Wildomar, Calif., 13.0 ppg, 6.9 rpg, 16 blocks).

Other Returning Players: Kamal Tall (F, 6-8, Jr., Leuven, Belgium, 2.0 ppg, 1.1 rpg), Cade Alcorn (F, 6-6, So., Fresno, Calif., 2.5 ppg, 2.8 rpg), Christian Evans (F, 6-6, So., Bigfork, Mont., 11.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg), Sven Jeuschede (G, 6-3, So., Roesrath, Germany, 2.4 ppg, 1.9 rpg), Zack Lessinger (F, 6-8, R-Fr., Reno, Nev., Redshirt in 2015-16).

Key Losses: Emmanuel Johnson (F), Emmanuel Olufemi (F).

Top Freshmen: Ryan Chappell (G, 6-4, Fr., Sacramento, Calif. – Capital Christian), Cinco Durr (G, 6-4, Fr., Sacramento, Calif. – Sacramento Charter).

Top Transfers: Hafeez Abdul (F, 6-7, So., London, England – Little Big Horn Coll.).

NORTHWEST NAZARENE

Head Coach: Scott Flemming (Mount Vernon Nazarene, 1980, 2nd Season, 8-18; 24th Season Overall, 448-301)

Assistant Coaches: Paul Rush, Jon Hawkins, Bobby Gantt, Levi Stuart

2015-16 Overall Record: 8-18

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

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/8

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Bouna N'Diaye (G, 6-6, Sr., Bergen, Norway, 15.1 ppg, 4.7 rpg, .417 3 Pt. Pct., 31 Blocks, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Nikola Prvulj (G, 6-3, So., Belgrade, Serbia, 5.6 ppg, 1.2 rpg, .389 3 Pt. Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Leeor Konenkov (F/C, 6-9, So., Rihson Lezion, Israel, 4.2 ppg, 2.9 rpg), Pol Olivier (G, 6-2, Sr., Tarragona, Spain, 2.8 ppg, 1.5 rpg, 43 assists), Marko Lepovic (G, 6-5, Jr., Kragujevac, Serbia, 2.8 ppg, 2.7 rpg), Dylan Brink (G, 6-3, So., Erie, Colo., 0.2 ppg, 0.7 rpg), Carlos Garcia (F/C, 6-11, R-Fr., Sevilla, Spain).

Key Losses: Detwon Rogers (F), Mike Wright (G), Joel Devastey (F).

Top Freshmen: Sam Roth (G, 6-3, Fr., Salem, Ore. – Silverton), Olamilekan Adetunji (F/C, 6-7, Fr., Lagos, Nigeria – Capistrano Valley Christian), Zac Furgerson (F, 6-4, Fr., Star, Idaho – Eagle).

Top Transfers: Jalen Shepard (G, 6-2, Jr., Las Vegas, Nev. – Miles City CC), Jayden Bezzant (G, 6-2, R-Fr., Tauranga, New Zealand – Univ. of Texas-Rio Grande Valley), Sam Franks (G, 6-2, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Central Washington Univ.), Kaileb Rodriguez (F/C, 6-9, Sr., Denver, Colo. – Univ. of Nevada), Maurice Jones (F, 6-5, Jr., Riverside, Calif. – Saddleback CC).

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SAINT MARTIN'S

Head Coach: Alex Pribble (California, 2007, 15-13, 2nd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Dave Granucci, Adam Ellis, Mike Hayward

2015-16 Overall Record: 15-13

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11 (tie 6th)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 14/1

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0

Returning Starters: Tyler Copp (G, 6-0, Sr., Camas, Wash., 10.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 67 assists, .424 3 Pt. Pct.), Cole Preston (G, 6-4, Sr., Escondido, Calif., 8.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 127 assists, .449 3 Pt. Pct.), Jordan Kitchen (G/F, 6-7, So., Seattle, Wash., 7.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 55 blocks), Fred Jorg (C, 7-0, Sr., Korschbroich, Germany, 10.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg, .688 FT Pct., .470 FG Pct.), Victor Ieronymides (F, 6-6, Jr., Nicosia, Cyprus, 4.1 ppg, 3.6 rpg).

Other Returning Players: Trey Ingram (G, 6-1, Jr., Scottsdale, Ariz., 10.7 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 59 assists, .389 3 Pt. Pct., .737 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: None.

Top Freshmen: Logan Adams (G, 6-3, Fr., Spokane, Wash. – Gonzaga Prep).

SEATTLE PACIFIC

Head Coach: Grant Leep (Washington 2002, First Season)

Assistant Coaches: Keegan Bone, Mike Ladd, George Parker

2015-16 Overall Record: 22-9

GNAC Record (Finish): 14-6 (T-3rd, Advanced to GNAC Championship Semifinals)

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/6

Starters Returning/Lost: 0/5

Returning Starters: None.

Other Returning Players: Joe Rasmussen (C, 6-8, Sr., Mercer Island, Wash., 6.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg), Will Parker (G, 5-10, Sr., Sammamish, Wash., 4.5 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 1.5 assists per game), Gabe Colosimo (G, 6-1, So., Sandy, Utah, 3.5 ppg, 1.2 rpg), Coleman Wooten (F, 6-5, So., Maple Valley, Wash., 3.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg), Sam Simpson (F, 6-8, Jr., Boise, Idaho, 3.3 ppg, 2.3 rpg), Nathan Strufert (F, 6-7, So., Richland, Wash., 2.5 ppg, 2.7 rpg), EJ Poulsen (C, 6-9, Jr., Reno, Nev., 1.0 ppg), Olivier-Paul Betu (G, 6-1, Sr., Montreal, Que.).

Key Losses: Mitch Penner (F, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team D2CCA All-West Region), Gilles Dierickx (C, Second Team All-GNAC), Bryce Leavitt (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Brendan Carroll (G), Garrett Swanson (F).

Top Freshmen: Harry Cavell (G, 6-5, Fr., Keizer, Ore. – McNary), Sharif Khan (G, 6-2, Fr., Bellevue, Wash. – Bellevue), Gavin Long (G, 6-5, Fr., Wenatchee, Wash. – Wenatchee), Tony Miller (F, 6-6, Fr., Woodinville, Wash. – Woodinville), Conner Van Dyen (G, 6-1, R-Fr., Bozeman, Mont. – Manhattan Christian).

Key Transfers: Trey Miller (F, 6-7, So., Woodinville, Wash. – North Dakota State Univ.).

SIMON FRASER

Head Coach: Steve Hanson (Douglas 2011, First Season)

Assistant Coaches: Sean Shook, Bret McDonald

2015-16 Overall Record: 2-24

GNAC Record (Finish): 1019 (11th)

Letterwinners Returning: 6

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: JJ Pankratz (G/F, 6-7, Jr., Abbotsford, B.C., 9.3 ppg, 6.5 rpg, .417 FG Pct.), Andrew Williamson (G, 6-1, Jr., Sydney, Australia, 6.0 ppg, .759 FT Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Tyrell Lewin (F, 6-8, So., Toronto, Ont., 5.1 ppg, 3.1 rpg, .536 FG Pct.).

Key Losses: Michael Harper (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC).

Top Freshmen: None.

Top Transfers: Vinnie Safin (G, 6-4, R-Fr., Rocklin, Calif. – Chico State Univ.), Kedar Wright (G, 6-3, Jr., Toronto, Ont. – Univ. of British Columbia), Michael Provenzano (G, 6-0, R-Fr., London, Ont. – Lake Superior State).

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WESTERN OREGON

Head Coach: Jim Shaw (Western Oregon, 1985, 31-4, 2nd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Gage Aker, Zach Payne, Josh Reber

2015-16 Overall Record: 31-4

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 10/7

GNAC Record (Finish): 18-2 (1st, GNAC Champions, Advanced To NCAA Final Four)

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Returning Starters: Tanner Omlid (F, 6-4, 215, Jr., Monmouth, Ore., Second Team All-GNAC, 10.5 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 49 steals, .562 FG Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Dezmond Dupree-Turner (G, 6-2, Sr., Spanaway Lake, Wash., Did Not Play In 2015-16), Janvier Alaby (G, 6-1, Sr., San Diego, Calif., 2.3 ppg, 1.3 rpg), Nick Nestell (G, 5-11, Jr., Eugene, Ore., 1.1 ppg), Connor Thompson (C, 6-8, Sr., Roseburg, Ore., 1.4 rpg).

Key Losses: Andy Avgi (F, GNAC Player of the Year, All-American), Devon Alexander (G), Jordan Wiley (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Julian Nichols (G, Second Team All-GNAC).

Top Transfers: Bryan Berg (G, 6-2, Jr., Tigard, Ore. – Clark CC), Ali Faruq-Bey (G, 6-2, Jr., Chicago, Ill. – Idaho State Univ.), Evan Garrison (G, 5-10, Sr., Tigard, Ore. – Portland State Univ.).

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Tony Dominguez (Western Washington, 1994, 87-37, 5th Season)

Assistant Coaches: David Dunham, Bob Hofstetter, Atiavo Jude

2015-16 Overall Record: 16-15

Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/7

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11, (Tie 6th, Advanced to GNAC Championships Semifinals)

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Jeffrey Parker (F, 6-6, Sr., Richmond, Calif., First Team All-GNAC, 17.9 ppg, 4.8 rpg, .465 FG Pct., .785 FT Pct., 15 Blocks), Trey Dreschel (G, 6-6, So., Woodinville, Wash., 11.9 ppg, 6.4 rpg, .772 FT Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Blake Fernandez (G, 6-1, Jr., Mountlake Terrace, Wash., 2.4 ppg, .417 FG Pct.), Brett Kingma (G, 6-1, Jr., Mill Creek, Wash., 7.2 ppg, 1.1 rpg), Evan Scholten (F, 6-7, Jr., Bothell, Wash., 3.2 ppg, 1.8 rpg), Brad Wallace (G, 5-11, Jr., Lacey, Wash., 3.6 ppg, 1.8 rpg).

Key Losses: Ricardo Maxwell (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Kyle Impero (G, Second Team All-GNAC), Colby Mitchell (F).

Top Freshmen: Daulton Hommes (G, 6-7, R-Fr., Lynden, Wash. – Lynden Christian), Trevor Jasinsky (F, 6-7, R-Fr., Canas, Wash. – Camas).

Top Transfers: Deandre Dickson F, 6-9, Jr., Easton, Calif. – Bakersfield CC), Siaan Rojas (G/F, 6-6, Jr., Concord, Calif. – Santa Rosa CC), Logan Schilder (C, 7-0, So., Bellingham, Wash. – Whatcom CC), Taylor Stafford (G, 6-1, Sr., Chicago, Ill. – Evansville Univ.).