



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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2013 Baseball Report (Mar. 19, 2013)

	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Central Washington	7	1	12	9	5-0	6-8	1-1
Western Oregon	6	2	11	11	3-1	8-10	0-0
Montana State Billings	6	6	10	17	2-2	7-11	1-4
Northwest Nazarene	4	8	10	15	2-6	8-9	0-0
Saint Martin's	1	7	3	19	3-7	0-12	0-0

(Note: MSUB has played one neutral site tie game).

LAST WEEK: **Tuesday** – Saint Martin's 7 at Seattle 13. **Friday** – Northwest Nazarene 11-4 at MSU Billings 13-5; Western Oregon 3 at CSU Monterey Bay 20. **Saturday** – Saint Martin's 2-1 at Central Washington 8-5; Northwest Nazarene 4-7 at MSU Billings 2-5; Western Oregon 2-0 at CSU Monterey Bay 5-1. **Sunday** – Saint Martin's 3-3 at Central Washington 9-5.

THIS WEEK: **Tuesday** – Central Washington at Whitworth, 2 p.m. **Saturday** – MSU Billings at Central Washington (2), 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Saint Martin's (2), 1 p.m. **Sunday** – MSU Billings at Central Washington (2), noon; Western Oregon at Saint Martin's (2), noon.

HITTING STREAKS: **11** – Colby Robison, MSUB. **10** – Brody Miller, MSUB; Fernando Robles, NNU. **9** – Joe Castro, CWU. *Current.

NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Mar. 17): Team (Top 30): Triples – 5. MSU Billings 0.41. Walks – 24. MSU Billings 103.0. Sacrifice Bunts – 15. Central Washington 25.0. HBP – 27. MSU Billings 36. Double Plays Per Game – 8. Central Washington 1.10. Double Plays – 15. Central Washington 23. **Individuals (Top 30):** Hits – 27. Logan Parker, NNU, 39. Triples Per Game – 28. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, 0.18. Triples – 3. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, 4; 15. Daniel McNabb, WOU, 3. Home Runs Per Game – 22. Kyle Sani, CWU, 0.25. Hit By Pitch – 5. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, NNU, 12. Sacrifice Bunts Per Game – 30. Marc Garza, CWU, 0.30. Sacrifice Bunts – 13. Marc Garza, CWU, 6. Saves – 19. Jon Matos, NNU, and Kody Stone, WOU, 4. Complete Games – 14. Zach Nuno, WOU, 3.

GNAC RED LION PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

Player - Ethan Sterkel (OF, 6-2, Jr., Ellensburg, WA) had nine hits in 15 at bats, including a double and triple leading the Wildcats to a four-game sweep of Saint Martin's. He also scored a team-best five runs as the Wildcats outscored the Saints 27-9 hitting .364 in the series. **Pitcher** – Travis Vincent, MSU Billings (6-1, 235, Sr., McMinnville, WA – Linn-Benton) allowed just two hits and did not give up a run in two relief appearances covering 4 1/3 innings. In Friday's 13-11 win over Northwest Nazarene, he pitched the final two innings allowing one hit earning the victory when the Yellowjackets rallied from a 11-5 deficit. He then pitched two more scoreless innings, in Saturday's 4-2 loss, lowering his season ERA to 1.20. In 11 appearances, covering 15 innings

CWU TEAM OF THE WEEK: Central Washington was selected as the GNAC Team Of the Week after sweeping its four-game series last weekend with Saint Martin's. The Wildcats, looking for their first winning season since 2008, outscored the Saints 27-9 in the series in running their win streak to seven games. In addition to Sterkel, the Wildcats were led offensively by outfielder Kramer Ferrell, who had six hits in 13 at bats, extending his hitting streak to eight games.

MSUB SPLITS SERIES WITH NNU: Brad Birch had six hits in 11 at bats as Montana State Billings split a four-game series with Northwest Nazarene in its home openers. Austin Rue, who has hit in eight consecutive games, had seven hits, including a pair of triples and a home run and drove in six runs for the Yellowjackets.

ELSEWHERE IN THE GNAC: Sam Cook had just five hits, but scored eight of Northwest Nazarene's 25 runs in its series at MSUB. Jon Matos had a team-high seven hits and also led NNU with five RBI ...Bobby Twedt led Saint Martin's with five hits in its four-game set at Central Washington ... Zach Nuno was the hard-luck loser in Western Oregon's 1-0 loss at Cal State Monterey Bay Saturday, allowing just four hits in six innings. He walked three and fanned seven.

PREVIOUS RED LION PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK:

Week of Jan. 28-Feb. 3: Player – Fernando Robles, Northwest Nazarene (2B, 6-1, 180, Sr., Caldwell, ID) had eight hits in 16 at bats, including a double and a grand slam home run, as the Crusaders won three of four games with Holy Names. His slam came during a six-run fifth in Saturday's 9-5 win as NNU overcame a 1-0 deficit. He also picked up a win on the mound allowing just two hits and one earned run in 4 2/3 innings in Saturday's 6-4 victory. **Pitcher** – Spenser Watkins, Western Oregon (P, 6-1, Jr., Scottsdale, AZ – Horizon), a transfer from Glendale Community College in Arizona, pitched seven scoreless innings allowing six hits in his GNAC debut. Watkins walked two and struck out five in combining with Spencer Trautman for a 4-0 shutout of Cal State Stanislaus Saturday.

Week of Feb. 4-10: Kyle Sani, Central Washington (C, 6-1, 240, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Southridge) had eight hits and drove in a team-high seven runs as the Wildcats completed an eight-game road trip to California. Among his hits were a team-best three doubles. He also scored five runs to account for 40 percent (12 of 30) of CWU offensive production. **Pitcher** - Stuart Fewel, Central Washington

(6-5, 225, Jr., Portland, OR – Wilson) allowed just 10 hits in two starts covering 12 2/3 innings, including six in a nine-inning, 5-2 complete-game win over Cal State Monterey Bay. Fewel finished the trip with a 3.55 earned run average.

Week of Feb. 11-17: Player – Kasey Bielec, Central Washington (2B, 5-11, 205, So., Port Orchard, WA – North Mason) batted .500 as the Wildcats reached the championship game of the Guardian Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning tournament at Lewiston. Bielec had seven hits in 14 at bats, including two doubles. He also scored a team-high six runs as the Wildcats split four games. Defensively, he was charged with just one error in 22 chances at second base. **Pitcher** – Skye Adam, Central Washington (6-0, 195, Jr., Vancouver, WA – Columbia River & Lower Columbia) pitched a two-hit, nine-inning complete game defeating Lewis-Clark State 2-1 handing the NAIA national power its first loss of the season. It was just the fourth time since 1999 LCSC has been held to two hits and the first time it has happened in Lewiston since 2001.

Week of Feb. 18-24: Player - Daniel McNabb, Western Oregon (OF, 5-9, 175, Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA) led the Wolves to a split of a four-game series at Lewis-Clark State. He had eight hits in 17 at bats and led WOU in both runs scored (7) and RBIs (7). Among his hits were two triples, including a bases loaded clearing triple to break a 5-5 tie in the final game of the series. He currently leads the GNAC with a .404 batting average. **Pitcher** - Gary Steindorf, Western Oregon (6-4, 220, So., Portland, OR – Liberty) pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing just five hits and fanned 10 in a 11-2 win in lowering his ERA to a GNAC-best 2.12.

Week of Feb. 25-Mar. 3: Player - Kyle Sani, Central Washington (C, 6-1, 240, Sr., Kennewick, WA) had five hits in 13 at bats and drove in seven runs as Wildcats opened their conference season winning three of four games at Northwest Nazarene. Sani had three RBI in 4-2 win in opening game of series, snapping a 1-1 tie with a two-run home run in the sixth inning. **Pitcher** - Joe Andriolo, Montana State Billings (6-0, 185, Jr., Helena, MT) pitched a three-hitter in a 5-1 win at Western Oregon. He walked four and fanned nine in the nine-inning contest.

Week of Mar. 4-10: Player – Colby Robison, MSU Billings (SS, 6-1, 190, Rexburg, ID) and Daniel McNabb, Western Oregon (OF, 5-9, 175, Jr., Rancho Cucamonga, CA) led their respective teams to 3-1 series road victories... Robison had six hits in 16 at bats and drove in six runs as the Yellowjackets won three of four game at Saint Martin's. He also singled to drive in the tying run and scored the go-ahead run as MSUB scored four runs in the ninth to win the opener of the series 5-2 ... McNabb had eight hits in 14 at bats, including a pair of doubles and a triple, as the Wolves won three of four games at Nampa. He also drove in five runs accounting for one-quarter of WOU's RBIs against the Crusaders. **Pitchers** – Brendan Jeffers, Saint Martin's (6-4, 220, Sr., Issaquah, WA) and Spenser Watkins, Western Oregon (6-1, 185, Jr., Scottsdale, AZ) pitched scoreless baseball in wins against MSUB and NNU. Jeffers blanked the Yellowjackets on three hits in a 4-0 win Friday. He didn't walk a batter and struck out five. Watkins allowed just one hit in six innings lowering his ERA to a league-best 1.72 in combining with two relievers for a 11-0 win Friday at Northwest Nazarene.

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