



## Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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### 2013 Baseball Report #4 (Apr. 2, 2013)

	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	12	4	17	13	5-3	12-10	0-0
Central Washington	11	5	17	13	7-2	8-9	1-1
Northwest Nazarene	8	8	17	16	9-7	8-9	0-0
Montana State Billings	8	8	12	19	2-2	9-13	1-4
Saint Martin's	1	15	3	29	3-11	0-18	0-0

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

**LAST WEEK: Friday** – Central Washington 4-3 at Western Oregon 6-0; Saint Martin's 7-7 at Northwest Nazarene 8-8. **Saturday** – Central Washington 0-13 at Western Oregon 1-10 (1<sup>st</sup> game, 10 inn.); Saint Martin's 6-8 at Northwest Nazarene 8-9.

**THIS WEEK: Monday** – CSU Dominguez Hills 7-2 at Northwest Nazarene 5-3; Saint Martin's 4-1 at Pacific Lutheran 5-12 (1<sup>st</sup> game, 12 inn.). **Tuesday** – CSU Dominguez Hills 4-2 at Northwest Nazarene 14-4. **Saturday** – Western Oregon at MSU Billings (2), 1 p.m. **Sunday** – Western Oregon at MSU Billings (2), 1 p.m. **Monday (Apr. 8)** – Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington (2), 1 p.m. **Tuesday (Apr. 9)** – Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington (2), noon; Pacific Lutheran at Saint Martin's, 3 p.m. **Wednesday (Apr. 10)** – Dickinson State at MSU Billings (2), 1 p.m.

**HITTING STREAKS (Through Mar. 31):** 14 – Kramer Ferrell, CWU. 12 – \*Austin Rue, MSUB. 11 – Colby Robison, MSUB. 10 – Brody Miller, MSUB; Fernando Robles, NNU. \*Current.

**NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Mar. 31): Team (Top 30):** Triples – 23. MSU Billings 11. Sacrifice Bunts – 11. Central Washington 36. Double Plays Per Game – 9. Central Washington 1.00. Double Plays – 28. Central Washington 26. **Individuals (Top 30):** Triples Per Game – 30. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, 0.15. Triples – 10. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, 4. Home Runs Per Game – 9. Chandler Tracy, SMU, 0.29; 23. Kyle Sani, CWU, 0.24. Home Runs – 9. Chandler Tracy, SMU, 8; 27. Kyle Sani, CWU, 6.0. HBP Per Game – 19. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, 0.48. HBP – 14. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, 13. Toughest To Strike Out – 16. Jamie Mitchell, NNU, 25.3. Sacrifice Bunts – 27. Marc Garza, CWU, 7. Saves – 5. Kody Stone, WOU, 7.

#### GNAC RED LION PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK

**Player** - Blake Miller, Western Oregon (SS, 6-2, 195, Sr., Salem, OR – South Salem) had seven hits in 13 at bats as the Wolves split four games with Central Washington to hold on to first place in the GNAC. Miller scored four runs and drove in three. He also had a pair of doubles and two stolen bases, including one to set up the game's only run in Saturday's 1-0, 10 inning victory. **Pitcher** – Tyler Roberts, Central Washington (5-10, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Southridge & WWCC) blanked Western Oregon 3-0 on two hits becoming the first pitcher to shutout the Wolves in Monmouth since 2007. He walked three and fanned seven in his masterpiece.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** A.J. Burke allowed just five hits and no runs in 8 1/3 innings in a game Western Oregon eventually won 1-0 in 10 innings on a two-out double by Tim Rausch. Burke fanned nine and walked one ... Central Washington shortstop Joel Johnson had six hits in 11 at bats and drove in four runs. Johnson had two steals to set up two of CWU's three runs in its 3-0 win on Friday ... Bobby Twedt and Chandler Tracy helped Saint Martin's build big leads in all four of their games at Northwest Nazarene. Twedt had nine hits in 16 at bats, including four doubles, and drove in four runs. Tracy had six hits in 15 at bats, four for extra base hits (one double, three home runs). He drove in nine runs.

**DRAMATIC FINISHES AT NNU:** Northwest Nazarene outscored Saint Martin's 24-0 in the four seventh innings of its series with Saint Martin's. In the nine-inning contests, they twice scored five runs to overcome 6-2 deficits on the way to 8-7 and 8-6 victories. In the two seven-inning contests, they scored seven runs in the seventh earning 8-7 and 9-8 victories. Tate Glasgow ended Friday's second game with a two-run walk-off home run. Sam Cook drove in the winning run in both of Saturday's contests. His seventh-inning two-run double snapped a 6-6 tie in the opener. He then had a game-ending infield single in the series finale.

**AROUND THE GNAC:** Jamie Mitchell led Northwest Nazarene with seven hits in 14 at bats. He was one of seven NNU players to have four RBI in the series along with Cook, Kaleb DeHaas, Fernando Robles, Greg Hata, Charlie Gorzo and Jon Matos ... Central Washington's Kasey Bielec and SMU's Bobby Twedt each had five-hit contests. Bielec had two doubles and three singles in CWU's 13-10 win. Twedt had three doubles and two singles in Friday's 8-7 loss ... CWU's Kramer Ferrell had his GNAC season-best hitting streak snapped at 14 games, but did extend his streak of consecutive games reaching base to 17 games.

**GNAC TEAM OF THE WEEK: Mar. 11-17** – Central Washington. **Mar. 25-31** – Northwest Nazarene. **Note:** One team is selected weekly for all sports. Baseball teams have won the award twice this spring.

## 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.

**Week of Mar. 11-17: 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 an 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, he has allowed just 11 hits and has a 2-0 record.

**Week of Mar. 18-24: Player** - Joe Castro, Central Washington (OF, 5-8, 160, Jr., Union City, CA) and Austin Rue, MSU Billings (OF, 5-9, 168, Sr., Clancy, MT) ... Castro and Rue led their respective teams in batting as they split a four-game series. Castro had six hits in 12 at bat, drove in three runs and stole three bases. He also had three sacrifices. Rue had seven hits in 17 at bats, scored four runs and drove in two. **Pitcher** – Kody Stone, Western Oregon (5-11, 200, Jr., Tacoma, WA – Everett CC) and Willie Davies, Central Washington (6-0, 200, Jr., Shoreline, WA – Shoreline CC) ... Stone retired nine of the 10 hitters he faced in picking up three saves in 3-1, 5-3 and 7-5 victories at Saint Martin's. Stone already has seven saves on the season and a 1.64 ERA in 10 appearances.

Davies pitched 5 2/3 innings of scoreless relief in Sunday's opener, allowing just two hits and striking out four as CWU rallied from a 6-2 deficit to beat MSUB 7-6. The Yellowjackets hit just .100 against him (2 for 20) as he lowered his season ERA to 1.23.

**Week of Mar. 25-31:** Blake Miller, Western Oregon (SS, 6-2, 195, Sr., Salem, OR – South Salem) had seven hits in 13 at bats as the Wolves split four games with Central Washington to hold on to first place in the GNAC. Miller scored four runs and drove in three. He also had a pair of doubles and two stolen bases, including one to set up the game's only run in Saturday's 1-0, 10 inning victory. **Pitcher** – Tyler Roberts, Central Washington (5-10, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Southridge & WWCC) blanked Western Oregon 3-0 on two hits becoming the first pitcher to shutout the Wolves in Monmouth since 2007. He walked three and fanned seven in his masterpiece.