



## Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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### 2013 Baseball Report #5 (Apr. 16, 2013)

	Conference				All			
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N	
Western Oregon	18	6	23	15	9-3	14-12	0-0	
Central Washington	14	6	23	15	13-4	9-10	1-1	
Montana State Billings	12	11	16	22	6-5	9-13	1-4	
Northwest Nazarene	9	15	18	23	9-7	9-16	0-0	
Saint Martin's	2	17	4	32	3-12	1-20	0-0	

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

**LAST WEEK: Monday** – Northwest Nazarene 1-3 at Central Washington 13-2. **Tuesday** – Northwest Nazarene 4-5 at Central Washington 6-8; Pacific Lutheran 6 at Saint Martin's 3. **Friday** – Northwest Nazarene 0-1 at Western Oregon 6-2. **Saturday** – Oregon Tech 1-8 at Central Washington 6-9; Saint Martin's 3 at MSU Billings 2 (game halted, completed Sunday); Northwest Nazarene 3-1 at Western Oregon 7-9. **Sunday** – Oregon Tech 3-6 at Central Washington 7-2; Saint Martin's 2-3 at MSU Billings 5-5.

**THIS WEEK: Friday** – MSU Billings at Northwest Nazarene (2), 4 p.m.; Lewis-Clark State at Western Oregon, 2 p.m. **Saturday** – Central Washington at Saint Martin's (2), 1 p.m.; MSU Billings at Northwest Nazarene (2), noon; Lewis-Clark State at Western Oregon (2), 1 p.m. **Sunday** – Central Washington at Saint Martin's (2), noon; Lewis-Clark State at Western Oregon, noon.

**WHAT'S LEFT: Tuesday (Apr. 23)** – Dickinson State at Montana State Billings (2), 1 p.m. **Friday (Apr. 26)** – Central Washington at MSU Billings (2), 1 p.m. **Saturday (Apr. 27)** – Central Washington at MSU Billings (2), 1 p.m.; Saint Martin's at Western Oregon (2), 1 p.m. **Sunday (Apr. 28)** – Saint Martin's at Western Oregon (2), 1 p.m. **Friday (May 3)** – Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), 1 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m. **Saturday (May 4)** – Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), noon; Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's, noon. **Thursday-Friday (May 9-10)** – GNAC tournament (at site of regular-season champion).

**POLLS: NCBWA West Region** – 10. Western Oregon. **NCAA West Regional** – The first official NCAA poll will be released on Wednesday, Apr. 24.

**HITTING STREAKS (10 or more; Apr. 14):** 19 – \*Austin Rue, MSUB. 14 – Kramer Ferrell, CWU. 11 – Colby Robison, MSUB. 10 – \*Chandler Tracy, SMU; Alex Bielaski, SMU; Brody Miller, MSUB; Fernando Robles, NNU. \*Current (9 - Drew Fosnes, MSUB.)

**NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Apr. 14): Team (Top 30):** Triples – 25. MSU Billings 13. Sacrifice Bunts – 6. Central Washington 52. Sacrifice Flies – 22. Northwest Nazarene 23. Double Plays Per Game – 9. Central Washington 1.00. Double Plays – 19. Central Washington 34. Double Plays Per Game – 24. Central Washington 0.89. **Individuals (Top 30):** Triples Per Game – 29. Daniel McNabb, WOU, 0.13. Triples – 24. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, and Daniel McNabb, WOU, 4. Home Runs Per Game – 3. Chandler Tracy, SMU, 0.33; 12. Kyle Sani, CWU, 0.27. Home Runs – 3. Chandler Tracy, SMU, 12; 8. Kyle Sani, CWU, 10. Slugging – 20. Chandler Tracy, SMU, .675. HBP Per Game – 26. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, 0.41. HBP – 15. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, 15. Sacrifice Bunts Per Game – 28. Joel Johnson, CWU, 0.28. Sacrifice Bunts – 17. Marc Garza,

CWU, 10; 27. Joel Johnson, CWU, 9. Sacrifice Flies – 7. Blake Miller, WOU, 6; 18. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, 5. Saves – 6. Kody Stone, WOU, 9.

**GNAC RED LION PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Player** – Marc Garza, Central Washington (3B, 6-0, 205, Sr., Othello, WA) and Scott David, Western Oregon (C, Sr., Pleasanton, CA) .... Garza had 13 hits in 28 at bats, scored seven runs and drove in six leading the Wildcats to six wins in eight games. He also handled 17 chances at the hot corner (3 putouts, 14 assists) without committing an error and participated in three double plays. David batted .533 (8 of 15) in a four-game series sweep of Northwest Nazarene. He caught all four games and didn't allow a stolen base as the Wolf pitching staff carved out a microscopic 1.12 earned run average allowing just five runs in 32 innings. **Pitcher** – Spenser Watkins, Western Oregon (6-1, 185, Jr., Scottsdale, AZ) blanked Northwest Nazarene 6-0 on five hits, while fanning a GNAC season-high 12 batters. Spencer leads the GNAC in both earned run average (3.07) and wins (6). Watkins was also selected as the National Collegiate Baseball Writers (NCBWA) Pitcher of the Week.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Central Washington pitcher Joe Arlt won two decisions allowing just one earned run in 10 2/3 innings. He allowed just six hits, walked eight and fanning eight. The appearances were just his second and third of the season and the wins were his first two. His earned run average in 15 2/3 innings is 2.87.

**GOING DEEP:** Central Washington catcher Kyle Sani hit three home runs – increasing his season total to 10 – and drove in seven runs as the Wildcats won series with Northwest Nazarene (3-1) and Oregon Tech (3-1). Sani currently ranks eighth in the country in home runs, but just second in the GNAC. Saint Martin's catcher Chandler Tracy ranks third in the country with 12, including one in the Saints' series at Montana State Billings. Tracy went five for 11 in the series, extending his hitting streak to 10 games.

**RUE STREAK AT 19:** Chandler's streak is the second longest current streak in the GNAC. Outfielder Austin Rue of Montana State Billings has hit in 19 straight, which is the seventh longest in GNAC history. Mario Sanelli of Saint Martin's had the longest streak last year hitting in 20 straight contests. The GNAC record is 32 by Western Oregon's Grant Glover in the 2010 (30 games) and 2011 (2 games) seasons. Rue kept his streak alive last week even though he had only three hits in 12 at bats.

**PITCHING DOMINATES AT MSUB:** DH Mack Unruh led MSU Billings with four hits in nine at bats as the Yellowjackets' won two of three low-scoring games with Saint Martin's. After dropping the opener 3-2, MSUB won a pair of games by 5-2 and 5-3 scores on Sunday. The fourth game was cancelled. MSUB's Samuel Patterson pitched a six-hitter, fanning seven in Sunday's first game. Travis Vincent allowed just one hit in 3 1/3 innings to win the nightcap. Saint Martin's Brendan Jeffers earned the win in the first game which started on Saturday and finished on Sunday. Jeffers allowed just five hits in 6 1/3 innings before Zach Carter pitched the final 2 2/3 innings, allowing two hits and one run, to record the save.

**AROUND THE GNAC:** In addition to Scott David, Western Oregon was led offensively by outfielder Matt Nylen, who had seven hits in 14 at bats, and shortstop Blake Miller in its sweep of Northwest Nazarene. Miller scored a team-high six runs and drove in five. Outfielder Tim Rausch had six RBI for the Wolves ... WOU's pitching staff carved out a 1.12 ERA. All four starters got wins including Watkins, Gary Steindorf (1 unearned run, 2 hits in 6 innings), Zach Nuno (5 hits, 1 run in 7 innings) and A.J. Burke (10 hits but just two runs in seven innings) ... Catcher Jamie Mitchell and third baseman Jon Matos each had four hits to pace Northwest Nazarene against WOU. In eight games including its series with Central Washington, Mitchell had 10 hits in 30 at bats.

**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.

**Week of Apr. 1-7: Player** – Brody Miller, Montana State Billings (2B, 5-9, 175, So., Missoula, MT – Sentinel) had 13 hits in 20 at bats, scored eight runs and drove in 10 as the Yellowjackets split a four-game series with first-place Western Oregon. Miller, who struck out just once, hit two home runs. He also handled 24 chances at second base (11 putouts, 13 assists) without committing an error. **Pitcher** – Aaron Vaughan, Northwest Nazarene (5-10, 185, Jr., Tucson, AZ – Pusch Ridge Christian) tossed a six-hit complete game defeating Cal State Dominguez Hills 4-2. Vaughan, who threw just 86 pitches in his win, walked one and fanned six.

**Week of Apr. 8-14: Player** – Marc Garza, Central Washington (3B, 6-0, 205, Sr., Othello, WA) and Scott David, Western Oregon (C, Sr., Pleasanton, CA) .... Garza had 13 hits in 28 at bats, scored seven runs and drove in six leading the Wildcats to six wins in eight games. He also handled 17 chances at the hot corner (3 putouts, 14 assists) without committing an error and participated in three double plays. David batted .533 (8 of 15) in a four-game series sweep of Northwest Nazarene. He caught all four games and didn't allow a stolen base as the Wolf pitching staff carved out a microscopic 1.12 earned run average allowing just five runs in 32 innings. **Pitcher** – Spencer Watkins, Western Oregon (6-1, 185, Jr., Scottsdale, AZ) blanked Northwest Nazarene 6-0 on five hits, while fanning a GNAC season-high 12 batters. Spencer leads the GNAC in both earned run average (3.07) and wins (6). Watkins was also selected as the National Collegiate Baseball Writers (NCBWA) Pitcher of the Week.