



## Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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### 2013 Baseball Report #7 (Apr. 30, 2013)

	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	21	7	28	18	14-6	14-12	0-0
Central Washington	18	10	27	19	13-4	13-14	1-1
Montana State Billings	17	14	21	25	9-6	11-15	1-4
Northwest Nazarene	11	17	20	25	11-9	9-16	0-0
Saint Martin's	4	23	6	38	4-15	2-23	0-0

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

**LAST WEEK: Friday** – Central Washington 17-8 at MSU Billings 7-20.  
**Saturday** – Central Washington 4-7 at MSU Billings 15-8; Saint Martin's 9-6 at Western Oregon 4-7. **Sunday** – Saint Martin's 2-0 at Western Oregon 9-18.

**THIS WEEK: Friday** – Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), 1 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m. **Saturday** – Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), noon; Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's, noon.

**GNAC CHAMPIONSHIPS (May 9-10 at Monmouth or Ellensburg):**  
**Thursday** - #3 MSU Billings vs. #1 seed, 10 a.m.; #3 MSU Billings vs. #2 seed, 1 p.m.; #2 seed vs. #1 seed, 4 p.m. **Friday** – Game 4 at noon; Game 5 at 3 p.m. (If all three teams finish round-robin play with 1-1 record, #1 seed receives bye into Game 5).

**POLLS: NCBWA West Region (Apr. 29)** – 9. Western Oregon. **NCAA West Regional (Apr. 24)** – 1. Cal State Monterey Bay (30-12); 2. Chico State (32-8); 3. Sonoma State (27-15); 4. Grand Canyon (32-11); 5. Dixie State (27-13); 6. UC San Diego (22-21); 7. Hawaii Pacific (27-15); 8. Cal State L.A. (26-16).

**HITTING STREAKS (10 or more; Apr. 14):** 27 – \*Austin Rue, MSUB. 14 – Kramer Ferrell, CWU; \*Bryce Todd, MSUB; \*Chandler Tracy, SMU. 11 – Colby Robison, MSUB. 10 – Alex Bielaski, SMU; Brody Miller, MSUB; Fernando Robles, NNU; \*Drew Fosnes, MSUB. \*Current

#### GNAC All-Time 20-Game Hitting Streaks

32	Grant Glover, WOU (30 in 2010, 2 in 2011)
27	*Austin Rue, MSUB (2013)
26	Joey Price, WOU (2002)
25	Scott Wilson, CWU (2004)
21	Jonathan Schlender, MSUB (2008)
20	Dylan Bruck, WOU (2008)
20	Mario Sanelli, SMU (2012)

**NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Apr. 28): Team (Top 30):** Batting – 27. Central Washington .326. Hits – 21. Central Washington 499. Triples – 11. MSU Billings 18; 28. Western Oregon 15. Triples Per Game – 18. Montana State Billings 0.38. Home Runs Per Game – 25. MSU Billings 0.72. Home Runs – 24. MSU Billings 34. Sacrifice Bunts – 7. Central Washington 62. Sacrifice Flies – 30. Northwest Nazarene and MSU Billings 25. Hit By Pitch – 28. MSU Billings 66. Strikeouts Per 9 Innings – 21. Western Oregon 8.0. Double Plays Per Game – 13. Central Washington 0.93. Double Plays – 13. Central Washington 43.  
**Individuals (Top 30):** Triples Per Game – 13. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, 0.14. Triples – 8. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, 6. Home Runs Per Game – 1. Kyle Sani, CWU, 0.38; 9. Chandler Tracy, SMU, 0.27. Home Runs – 1. Kyle Sani, CWU, 17; 8. Chandler Tracy, SMU, 12. RBI – 28. Colby

Robison, MSUB, 50. Slugging – 7. Kyle Sani, CWU, .735; 30. Drew Fosnes, MSUB, .645. Total Bases – 6. Kyle Sani, CWU, 122. Hit By Pitch – 21. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, 16.0. Sacrifice Bunts – 27. Marc Garza, 11. Sacrifice Flies – 17. Charlie Gorzo, NNU, and Blake Miller, WOU, 6. Saves – 3. Kody Stone, WOU, 12.

**GNAC RED LION PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Player** – Colby Robison, Montana State Billings (SS, 6-1, 195, Sr., Rexburg, ID – C. of Southern Idaho) and Kyle Sani, Central Washington (C, 6-1, 240, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Southridge & WWCC) ... Robison hit four home runs and drove in 16 runs to lead the Yellowjackets to a 3-1 series win against Central Washington, securing a post-season playoff berth for the Yellowjackets. Robison had five hits, including two home runs and tied a GNAC single-game record with nine RBI in a 20-8 win over Central Washington Friday. He followed that up with two more home runs and seven RBI in a 15-4 win Saturday. He finished the series with nine hits in 16 at bats, scoring seven runs. Defensively, he handled 21 chances at shortstop (5 putouts, 16 assists) without committing an error. On the season, Robison, who was also selected the *NCBWA West Region Player of the Week*, leads the GNAC with 50 RBI and has eight home runs. Sani hit five home runs to tie the GNAC single-season record for home runs of 17. He had a total of eight hits in 15 at bats, scored seven runs and drove in 11. Three of his home runs came in Friday's 17-7 victory. That matched the GNAC single-game record for a conference game. Shane Schoeneberg of Saint Martin's also hit three in a conference contest against CWU on Mar. 1, 2008. **Pitcher** – Zach Nuno, Western Oregon (6-2, 175, Sr., Laguna Beach, CA – Saddleback) allowed three hits in six innings, fanning 10 in a 18-0 shutout of Saint Martin's.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Saint Martin's shortstop Mario Sanelli had six hits in 12 at bats and drove in five runs as the Saints won one of four games at first-place Western Oregon. Pitcher Brendan Jeffers earned the win, allowing 11 hits and four runs in 7 2/3 innings.

**FROM THE RECORD BOOK:** Robison matched the GNAC single-game RBI record of nine set by Tom Lepley of Western Oregon against Grand Canyon on Feb. 26, 2006 and matched by Charlie Gorzo of Northwest Nazarene against Minot State last year. He broke the conference game record of eight by Greg McCarthy of Western Oregon against Northwest Nazarene on Apr. 15, 2005 ... Sani equaled the GNAC single-season home run record of 17 set by CWU's Brian Viafore in 2003. His three home runs in Friday's first game fell one shy of the single game record of four set by CWU's John Thomas against Lewis-Clark on May 1, 2002. He has 13 home runs in conference

games, breaking the record of 11 by Daniel Dillard of Western Oregon in 2010 ... Western Oregon closer Kody Stone recorded his 12<sup>th</sup> save of the season, tying the GNAC single-season record set by Kaleb Wilson of Saint Martin's in 2011.

**GNAC TEAM OF THE WEEK: Mar. 11-17** – Central Washington. **Mar. 25-31** – Northwest Nazarene. **Apr. 22-28** – Montana State Billings. **Note:** One team is selected weekly for all sports. Baseball teams have won the award three times this spring.

**NCBWA WEST REGIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Player** – Kyle Sani, CWU (Mar. 5), Brody Miller, MSUB (Apr. 9); Blake Miller, WOU (Apr. 23); Colby Robison, MSUB (Apr. 30). **Pitcher** – Spenser Watkins (Apr. 17).

#### PREVIOUS RED LION PLAYERS 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.

**Week of Apr. 15-21: Player** – Austin Rue, Montana State Billings (OF, 5-9, 168, Sr., Clancy, MT – Miles CC) and Blake Miller, Western Oregon (SS, 6-2, 195, Sr., Salem, OR – South Salem) ... Rue had nine hits in 15 at bats and produced a team high 13 runs (scoring eight and driving in five) in extending his hitting streak to 23 games, the fourth longest in GNAC history. Rue also walked five times from his leadoff slot in the lineup, posting a .714 on-base percentage, and did not strike out as MSUB split a four-game series with Northwest Nazarene. Two of his hits were doubles. Miller, who was also selected the NCBWA West Region Player of the Week, had 11 hits in 15 at bats as the Wolves split a four-game series with NAIA power Lewis-Clark State. Miller scored six runs and drove in nine. He had seven singles, two doubles, one triple and one home run. **Pitcher** – Samuel Paterson, Montana State Billings (5-9, 165, Sr., McMinnville, OR – Linn-Benton) tossed a three-hit shutout in a 16-0 win as MSUB reduced its magic number for securing a post-season playoff berth to one.

**Week of Apr. 22-28: Player** – Colby Robison, Montana State Billings (SS, 6-1, 195, Sr., Rexburg, ID – C. of Southern Idaho) and Kyle Sani, Central Washington (C, 6-1, 240, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Southridge & WWCC) ... Robison hit four home runs and drove in 16 runs to lead the Yellowjackets to a 3-1 series win against Central Washington, securing a post-season playoff berth for the Yellowjackets. Robison had five hits, including two home runs and tied a GNAC single-game record with nine RBI in a 20-8 win over Central Washington Friday. He followed that up with two more home runs and seven RBI in a 15-4 win Saturday. He finished the series with nine hits in 16 at bats, scoring seven runs. Defensively, he handled 21 chances at shortstop (5 putouts, 16 assists) without committing an error. On the season, Robison, who was also selected the NCBWA West Region Player of the Week, leads the GNAC with 50 RBI and has eight home runs. Sani hit five home runs to tie the GNAC single-season record for home runs of 17. He had a total of eight hits in 15 at bats, scored seven runs and drove in 11. Three of his home runs came in Friday's 17-7 victory. That matched the GNAC single-game record for a conference game. Shane Schoeneberg of Saint Martin's also hit three in a conference contest against CWU on Mar. 1, 2008. **Pitcher** – Zach Nuno, Western Oregon (6-2, 175, Sr., Laguna Beach, CA – Saddleback) allowed three hits in six innings, fanning 10 in an 18-0 shutout of Saint Martin's.