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2014 Baseball Season Review Report (May 26, 2014)

2014 GNAC Baseball Final Standings

	Conf.		Overall							
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N	S		
xy-Western Oregon	22	10	30	21	12-10	18-11	0-0	L2		
xz-Central Washington	17	14	31	18	17-6	13-12	1-0	W3		
x-Saint Martin's	14	17	18	30	8-9	9-19	1-2	L2		
Northwest Nazarene	13	19	18	31	9-14	9-17	0-0	L2		
Montana State Billings	13	19	16	30	8-11	8-16	0-3	W2		

x-clinched GNAC postseason berth; y-clinched reg. season title; z-GNAC tournament champion

GNAC Championships (May 9-10 at Monmouth): Friday - #1 Western Oregon 4, #3 Saint Martin's 2; #2 Central Washington 2, #3 Saint Martin's 0; #2 Central Washington 7, #1 Western Oregon 3. **Saturday** - Central Washington 9, Western Oregon 1.

ALL-AMERICANS

Daktronics:

Honorable Mention - Brody Miller, MSUB

NCBWA:

3rd Team - Brody Miller, MSUB.

Honorable Mention - Ethan Sterkel, CWU.

ALL-REGION

ABCA:

Second Team - Brody Miller, MSUB; Brandon Williams, CWU.

Daktronics:

1st Team - Chandler Tracy, SMU; Brody Miller, MSUB.

2nd Team - Aaron Vaughn, NNU; Brandon Williams, CWU; Cory Welch, CWU; Kasey Bielec, CWU.

NCBWA:

1st Team - Chandler Tracy, SMU; Brody Miller, MSUB; Ethan Sterkel, CWU.

2nd Team - Kasey Bielec, CWU; Brandon Williams, CWU; Cory Welch, CWU.

Honorable Mention - Eric Tinnell, CWU; Daniel McNabb, WOU; Travis Shaw, SMU.

ALL-CONFERENCE

First Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Home
+Brandon Williams	CWU	RHP	Jr.	Auburn, WA
+Aaron Vaughn	NNU	RHP	Sr.	Tucson, AZ
Eric Huson	WOU	RHP	Jr.	Forest Grove, OR
Zach Carter	SMU	RHP	Jr.	Camas, WA
Cory Welch	CWU	RHP	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV
+*Chandler Tracy	SMU	C	Jr.	Newcastle, WA
Kevin Toon	MSUB	1B	So.	Walla Walla, WA
+Brody Miller	MSUB	2B	Jr.	Missoula, MT
Garret Harpole	WOU	3B	Jr.	Elmira, OR
Zack Larsen	SMU	SS	Fr.	Cosmopolis, WA
Kasey Bielec	CWU	IF	Jr.	Port Orchard, WA
+Ethan Sterkel	CWU	OF	Sr.	Ellensburg, WA

+*Daniel McNabb	WOU	OF	Sr.	Rch. Cuc., CA
+Luke Reinschmidt	MSUB	OF	So.	Billings, MT
+Matt Taylor	WOU	OF	Jr.	Corona, CA
Travis Shaw	SMU	DH	Jr.	Mililani, HI

+--unanimous; *-repeater

Second Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Home
Spenser Watkins	WOU	RHP	Sr.	Scottsdale, AZ
Matt Minnich	WOU	LHP	Sr.	Kennewick, WA
Jake Mills	MSUB	RHP	Jr.	Burley, ID
Zach Reay	CWU	C	Jr.	Blackfoot, ID
Nathan Etheridge	WOU	1B	So.	Grants Pass, OR
Parker Miles	WOU	2B	Sr.	Salem, OR
Cory Welch	CWU	SS	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV
Eric Tinnell	CWU	3B	Sr.	Ephrata, WA
Tate Glasgow	NNU	OF	Jr.	Portland, OR
Alex Bielaski	SMU	OF	Sr.	Bellevue, WA
Chris Bradshaw	WOU	OF	Sr.	Medford, OR
Sam Cook	NNU	DH	Sr.	Nampa, ID

Honorable Mention

Name	School	Pos	Yr.	Home
Brady Muller	MSUB	RHP	Jr.	Billings, MT
Stuart Fewel	CWU	RHP	Sr.	Portland, OR
Skye Adams	CWU	LHP	Sr.	Vancouver, WA
Josh Moss	SMU	LHP	Jr.	Tenino, WA
Willie Davies	CWU	RHP	Sr.	Shoreline, WA
Tony LaDue	SMU	RHP	Sr.	McCleary, WA
Andrew Helmstadter	NNU	C	Fr.	Palm Desert, CA
Will Chavarria	WOU	C	Sr.	Puyallup, WA
Josh Potter	CWU	1B	Sr.	Des Moines, WA
Spencer Dodd	SMU	1B	Sr.	Eagle, ID
Kyle Thomson	NNU	2B	Jr.	Enumclaw, WA
Austin Hamilton	WOU	SS	Jr.	Salem, OR
Bret Bitow	MSUB	OF	Jr.	Puyallup, WA
Scott Stone	CWU	OF	Sr.	Corvallis, OR

Player of the Year - Brody Miller, MSUB

Pitcher of the Year - Brandon Williams, CWU

Freshman of the Year - Zack Larsen, SMU

Newcomer of the Year - Cory Welch, CWU

Coach of the Year - Ken Garland, SMU

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Eric Tinnell	CWU	Sr.	3.76	Business	Ephrata, WA
*Kasey Bielec	CWU	Jr.	3.57	E. Science	Port Orchard, WA
Willie Davies	CWU	Sr.	3.45	E. Science	Shoreline, WA
Scott Stone	CWU	Sr.	3.44	E. Science	Corvallis, OR
*Ethan Sterkel	CWU	Sr.	3.32	Education	Ellensburg, WA
Stuart Fewel	CWU	Sr.	3.23	E. Science	Portland, OR
Lee Busto	MSUB	Jr.	3.61	Business	Littleton, CO
Blake Loran	MSUB	Sr.	3.60	Business	Billings, MT
Joe Andriolo	MSUB	Sr.	3.46	Business	Helena, MT
Lucas Blehm	MSUB	Sr.	3.45	Business	Billings, MT
*Brady Muller	MSUB	Jr.	3.40	Business	Billings, MT

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Steven DeYoung	MSUB	Sr.	3.20	Education	Missoula, MT
Tyler Marsh	NNU	So.	3.80	Engineering	Boise, ID
*Kaleb DeHaas	NNU	Jr.	3.50	Education	Coeur d'Alene, ID
Nick Bland	NNU	So.	3.36	Kinesiology	Tigard, OR
Joshua Hatfield	NNU	So.	3.20	Crim. Just.	Meridian, ID
** Spencer Dodd	SMU	Sr.	3.61	Business	Eagle, ID
Luke Besel	SMU	Sr.	3.56	Biology	Woodinville, WA
*Travis Shaw	SMU	Jr.	3.50	Accounting	Mililani, HI
*Chandler Tracy	SMU	Jr.	3.43	Business	Newcastle, WA
Chris Womac	SMU	Sr.	3.30	Biology	Olympia, WA
Nick Mailhot	SMU	So.	3.25	Engineering	Olympia, WA
*Stephen Mahnken	SMU	Jr.	3.24	Marketing	Puyallup, WA
Will Minnice	WOU	Sr.	3.70	Business	Bellevue, WA
Nathan Etheridge	WOU	So.	3.57	Biology	Grants Pass, OR
*Repeater **Two-time repeater					

GNAC Statistical Champions

All Games

Individual Batting: Average - .402 Ethan Sterkel, CWU. **Hits** – 67 Brody Miller, MSUB. **Runs** – 45 Chris Bradshaw, WOU. **Home Runs** – 11 Chandler Tracy, SMU. **Doubles** – 16 Brody Miller, MSUB; Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB. **Triples** – 5 Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB; Bret Bitow, MSUB. **RBI** – 39 Kasey Bielec, CWU. **Stolen Bases** – 11 Eric Tinnell, CWU. **Total Bases** – 101 Brody Miller, MSUB. **Walks** – 34 Brody Miller, MSUB. **On-Base Percentage** - .498 Brody Miller, MSUB. **Slugging Percentage** - .622 Chandler Tracy, SMU.

Individual Pitching: Wins – 9 Brandon Williams, CWU; Aaron Vaughn, NNU. **Innings Pitched** – 90.2 Zach Carter, SMU. **Strikeouts** – 89 Brandon Williams, CWU. **Appearances** – 23 Tony LaDue, SMU. **Saves** – 11 Cory Welch, CWU. **Shutouts** – 3 Brandon Williams, CWU. **Complete Games** – 7 Aaron Vaughn, NNU. **Opp. B.A.** - .216 Brandon Williams, CWU. **ERA** – 1.81 Brandon Williams, CWU.

Individual Fielding: Fielding Pct. – 1.000 Four with. **Chances** – 364 Nathan Etheridge, WOU. **Putouts** – 346 Nathan Etheridge, WOU. **Assists** – 120 Ben Circeo, NNU. **Double Plays** – 30 Spencer Dodd, SMU. **Caught Stealing** – 13 Jesse White, CWU.

Team Batting: Average - .301 Central Washington. **Slugging Pct.** - .417 Central Washington. **On-Base Percentage** - .391 Central Washington. **Runs** – 307 Central Washington. **Hits** – 478 Western Oregon. **RBI** – 270 Central Washington. **Doubles** – 102 Montana State Billings. **Triples** – 17 Montana State Billings. **Home Runs** – 33 Central Washington. **Total Bases** – 651 Central Washington. **Plate Appearances** – 1,959 Western Oregon. **At-Bats** – 1,666 Western Oregon. **Walks** – 191 Central Washington. **Hit By Pitch** – 57 Western Oregon. **Strikeouts** – 336 Saint Martin's. **Sac Bunts** – 57 Central Washington. **Sac. Flies** – 23 Central Washington; Montana State Billings. **Stolen Bases** – 50 Central Washington. **Caught Stealing** – 30 Northwest Nazarene. **Steal Att.** – 65 Central Washington. **GIDP** – 30 Western Oregon.

Team Pitching: ERA – 4.06 Central Washington. **Opp. B.A.** - .250 Western Oregon. **Innings Pitched** – 416.2 Western Oregon. **Strikeouts** – 336 Western Oregon. **Wins** – 31 Central Washington. **Saves** – 12 Central Washington. **Pick-offs** – 12 Saint Martin's.

Team Fielding: Fielding Pct. - .967 Western Oregon. **Chances** – 1,781 Western Oregon. **Putouts** – 1,250 Western Oregon. **Assists** – 501 Central Washington. **Double Plays** – 40 Saint Martin's. **Caught Stealing** – 21 Northwest Nazarene; Saint Martin's.

Conference Games

Individual Batting: Average - .414 Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB. **Slugging Pct.** - .649 Chandler Tracy, SMU. **On-Base Pct.** - .450 Ethan Sterkel, CWU. **Runs** – 31 Chris Bradshaw, WOU. **Hits** – 43 Kevin Toon, MSUB; Ethan Sterkel, CWU. **RBI** – 27 Chandler Tracy. **Doubles** – 14 Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB. **Triples** – 5 Bret Bitow, MSUB. **Home Runs** – 8 Chandler Tracy, SMU. **Total Bases** – 67 Bret Bitow, MSUB. **Walks** – 23 Brody Miller, MSUB. **Hit By Pitch** – 10 Chris Bradshaw, WOU. **Sac. Bunts** – 7 Three with. **Sac. Flies** – 5 Kevin Toon, MSUB. **Stolen Bases** – 9 Eric Tinnell, CWU. **Plate Appearances** – 152 Chris Bradshaw, WOU. **At Bats** – 127 Chris Bradshaw, WOU. **Steal Attempts** – 12 Eric Tinnell, CWU.

Individual Pitching: ERA – 1.65 Eric Huson, WOU. **Opp. B.A.** - .196 Matt Minnich, WOU. **Innings Pitched** – 61.1 Zach Carter, SMU. **Strikeouts** – 61 Brandon Williams, CWU. **Wins** – 6 Aaron Vaughn, NNU. **Saves** – 7 Cory Welch, CWU. **Appearances** – 14 Jake Mills, MSUB; Tony LaDue, SMU. **Pickoffs** – 3 Jake Mills, MSUB.

Individual Fielding: Fielding Pct. – 1.000 Seven with. **Chances** – 262 Nathan Etheridge, WOU. **Putouts** – 249 Nathan Etheridge, WOU. **Assists** – 85 Brody Miller, MSUB. **Double Plays** – 20 Zack Larsen, SMU; Spencer Dodd, SMU. **Caught Stealing** – 9 Connor Holbrook, MSUB.

Team Batting: Average - .310 Western Oregon. **Slugging Pct.** - .431 Central Washington. **On-Base Pct.** - .391 Western Oregon. **Runs** – 201 Western Oregon. **Hits** – 323 Western Oregon. **RBI** – 177 Western Oregon. **Doubles** – 74 Western Oregon. **Triples** – 12 Montana State Billings. **Home Runs** – 23 Central Washington. **Total Bases** – 448 Western Oregon. **Plate Appearances** – 1,239 Western Oregon. **At Bats** – 1,041 Western Oregon. **Walks** – 117 Montana State Billings. **Hit By Pitch** – 47 Western Oregon. **Sac Bunts** – 31 Montana State Billings. **Sac. Flies** – 18 Montana State Billings; Western Oregon. **Stolen Bases** – 29 Central Washington.

Team Pitching: ERA – 3.71 Western Oregon. **Opp. B.A.** - .233 Western Oregon. **Innings Pitched** – 257.1 Montana State Billings. **Strikeouts** – 218 Western Oregon. **Wins** – 22 Western Oregon. **Saves** – 7 Western Oregon; Central Washington. **Pickoffs** – 5 Saint Martin's.

Team Fielding: Fielding Pct. - .972 Western Oregon. **Chances** – 1,156 Montana State Billings. **Putouts** – 772 Montana State Billings. **Assists** – 320 Montana State Billings. **Double Plays** – 27 Saint Martin's. **Caught Stealing** – 15 Montana State Billings.

NCAA Division II Final National Statistical Leaders

TEAM (Top 30): Doubles – 26. Montana State Billings (102). **Doubles/Gm.** – 12. Montana State Billings (2.22). **Hits allowed/9 inn.** – 27. Western Oregon (8.38). **Sac. Bunts** – 12. Central Washington (57). **Shutouts** – 29. Western Oregon (6). **K/BB Ratio** – 22. Central Washington (2.58). **Triples** – 25. Montana State Billings (17). **Triples/Gm.** – 22. Montana State Billings (0.37). **BB/9 inn.** – 28. Central Washington (2.74).

INDIVIDUAL (Top 30): BB/Gm. – 25. Brody Miller, MSUB (0.74). **Avg.** – 21. Ethan Sterkel, CWU (.411). **Complete Games** – 14. Aaron Vaughn, NNU (7); 24. Josh Moss, SMU (6); 24. Brandon Williams, CWU (6). **2B/Gm.** – 29. Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB (0.38). **ERA** – 30. Brandon Williams, CWU (1.81). **Home Runs** – 18. Chandler Tracy, SMU (11). **HR/Gm.** – 16. Chandler Tracy, SMU (0.24). **Saves** – 16. Cory Welch, CWU (11). **Strikeouts** – 21. Brandon Williams, CWU (89). **Toughest to Strike Out** – 26. Ethan Sterkel, CWU (20.4). **Triples** – 30. Bret Bitow, MSUB (5); 30. Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB (5). **Triples/Gm.** – 27. Luke Reinschmidt, MSUB (0.12). **Wins** – 26. Brandon Williams, CWU (9); 26. Aaron Vaughn, NNU (9).

2014 STANDOUTS HITTING

3-RBI Games

- 7 L. Reinschmidt, MSUB
- 4 B. Miller, MSUB
- E. Sterkel, CWU
- C. Tracy, SMU
- 3 K. Bielec, CWU
- B. Birch, MSUB
- B. Fitzhugh, CWU
- D. McNabb, WOU
- S. Stone, CWU
- M. Taylor, WOU
- 2 A. Bielaski, SMU
- C. Bradshaw, WOU
- S. Cook NNU
- A. Flatt, NNU
- T. Glasgow, NNU
- G. Harpole, WOU
- A. Helmstadter, NNU
- T. Rausch, WOU
- J. Sells, CWU
- K. Toon, MSUB
- C. Womac, SMU
- 1 M. Berkram, MSUB
- L. Besel, SMU
- B. Bitow, MSUB
- J. Castro, CWU
- W. Chavarria, WOU
- B. Circeo, NNU
- S. DeYoung, MSUB
- S. Dodd, SMU
- N. Etheridge, WOU
- D. Fosnes, MSUB
- A. Hamilton, WOU
- J. Hatfield, NNU
- C. Harper, CWU
- C. Holbrook, MSUB
- J. Johnson, CWU
- R. Johnson, NNU

- Z. Larsen, SMU
- B. Loran, MSUB
- P. Miles, WOU
- J. Potter, CWU
- Z. Raczok, SMU
- Z. Reay, CWU
- J. Richardson, NNU
- T. Shaw, SMU
- M. Sherwin, WOU
- C. Svanevik, SMU
- E. Tinnell, CWU
- C. Welch, CWU

3-Run Games

- 8 B. Miller, MSUB
- 4 C. Bradshaw, WOU
- 3 K. Bielec, CWU
- B. Birch, MSUB
- G. Harpole, WOU
- C. Tracy, SMU
- 2 M. Berkram, MSUB
- B. Circeo, NNU
- S. DeYoung, MSUB
- S. Dodd, SMU
- A. Helmstadter, NNU
- K. Hirashiki, SMU
- Z. Larsen, SMU
- E. Sterkel, CWU
- 1 B. Bitow, MSUB
- W. Chavarria, WOU
- S. Cook NNU
- N. Etheridge, WOU
- B. Loran, MSUB
- T. Marsh, NNU
- D. McNabb, WOU
- N. Morelli, NNU
- L. Reinschmidt, MSUB
- T. Shaw, SMU
- C. Svanevik, SMU
- E. Tinnell, CWU
- K. Toon, MSUB

- C. Welch, CWU

2-Home Run Games

- 1 B. Bitow, MSUB
- C. Tracy, SMU

4-Hit Games

- 4 E. Sterkel, CWU
- 3 B. Miller, MSUB
- 2 A. Bielaski, SMU
- 1 C. Bradshaw, WOU
- S. Cook, NNU
- N. Etheridge, WOU
- K. Hirashiki, SMU
- T. Marsh, NNU
- J. Potter, CWU
- Z. Raczok, SMU
- ** L. Reinschmidt, MSUB
- M. Taylor, WOU
- K. Thomson, NNU
- C. Welch, CWU

Multi-Steal Games

- 2 J. Castro, CWU
- K. Hirashiki, SMU
- 1 B. Bitow, MSUB
- R. Johnson, NNU
- L. Reinschmidt, MSUB
- M. Taylor, WOU
- E. Tinnell, CWU
- C. Welch, CWU

PITCHING

Complete Games

- 4 Z. Carter, SMU
- 3 C. McGuire, NNU
- 2 S. Fewel, CWU
- A. Groves, NNU
- J. Moss, SMU
- 1 B. Baker, MSUB
- E. Huson, WOU

- S. Watkins, WOU
- B. Williams, CWU

Shutouts

- 1 E. Huson, WOU
- B. Williams, CWU

7-Inn Complete Games

- 7 A. Vaughn, NNU
- 5 B. Williams, CWU
- 4 J. Moss, SMU
- 1 J. Andriolo, MSUB
- W. Davies, CWU
- A. Groves, NNU
- C. McGuire, NNU
- C. McKittrick, WOU
- B. Muller, MSUB
- N. Starr, NNU

7-Inn Shutouts

- 2 B. Williams, CWU
- 1 C. McKittrick, WOU
- A. Vaughn, NNU

15-Strikeout Games

- 1 B. Williams, CWU

10-Strikeout Games

- 2 S. Watkins, WOU
- 1 J. Campeau, MSUB
- D. Christina, MSUB
- M. Minnich, WOU
- K. Pitcher, CWU
- A. Vaughn, NNU
- B. Williams, CWU

** - Indicates 4-hit game was a cycle

RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week of April 28 – May 4: Player – Brad Birch, Montana State Billings (3B, R-R, 6-2, Sr., Eugene, OR – Treasure Valley CC) notched walk-off base hits for the Yellowjackets in the two final games of his collegiate career. The senior third baseman singled up the middle in the bottom of the ninth inning to push MSUB to a 6-5 win over Northwest Nazarene on Saturday. In the second game, Birch ended the Yellowjackets' season on a high note with a base hit to left field in the ninth inning to complete a 3-2 extra-inning victory. Overall on the week, Birch went 11-for-25 with two doubles, a triple and four RBI in six games. Birch totaled 15 total bases and scored four runs, with an on-base percentage of .481 and a slugging percentage of .600.

Pitcher – Josh Moss, Saint Martin's (LHP, L-L, 6-1, Jr., Tenino, WA - Rochester) pitched the Saints to a critical 3-1 victory over Central Washington, logging a 7-inning complete game with no walks and a pair of strikeouts. Moss scattered eight hits throughout his performance, and the Wildcats' only run came in the sixth inning on a base hit. Moss was excellent under pressure, pitching out of dangerous

situations in the second, third, and fifth innings leaving runners in scoring position on base.

Week of April 21-27 - Player – Eric Tinnell, Central Washington (2B, R-R, 5-11, Sr., Ephrata, WA – Western Oregon) helped the Wildcats to a 3-1 series victory over Montana State Billings by hitting 8-for-18 with two doubles, a home run, six runs scored and four RBI. Tinnell totaled 13 total bases and a slugging percentage of .722 on the weekend, while drawing two walks and striking out zero times in 21 plate appearances. The senior second baseman also stole two bases for CWU, and converted all 11 of his chances defensively without an error. Tinnell was part of the Wildcats' come-from-behind victory in the series finale, as he scored the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh inning on Saturday. His run was the first of four scored in the inning by CWU, as the Wildcats broke a 3-3 tie and finished strong for a 7-3 victory.

Pitcher – Colben McGuire, Northwest Nazarene (RHP, R-R, 5-11, Jr., Idaho Falls, ID – Lane CC) took a tough 1-0 loss against Lewis-Clark State last weekend, despite pitching a stellar complete game for the Crusaders. McGuire struck out four and did not walk a batter over his nine innings of work,

giving NNU every opportunity to earn a series split with a victory. McGuire retired nine batters in a row during a stretch between the fifth and eighth innings, and did not surrender the game-winning run until a two-out double in the ninth inning. NNU loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth with the chance to give McGuire the win, but the Crusaders came up just short as the game ended on a called third strike.

Week of April 14-20 - Player – Chandler Tracy, Saint Martin's (C, R-R, 6-2, Jr., Newcastle, WA - Liberty) homered three times in a 3-1 series victory over Montana State Billings to tie the GNAC all-time career home run record with 29. Tracy added a double and a triple to his three home runs, as five of his six hits in the series went for extra bases. The junior also drove in nine runs and scored five, while drawing four walks and being hit by a pitch. His two-home run performance in Game 3 of the series was the first multi-homer game of the season in the conference, and all three of Tracy's home runs came on the final day of the series (Saturday). Tracy's offensive output was crucial in keeping Saint Martin's in contention for a GNAC postseason tournament berth, as the Saints won three out of four games against MSUB on the road. Tracy also played error free defense with 13 putouts and three assists at catcher. With the three home runs, Tracy upped his GNAC-leading total to nine on the season, and his 27 RBI are fifth-most in the conference.

Pitcher – Clark McKittrick, Western Oregon (LHP, L-L, 6-3, Jr., Idaho Falls, ID – Linn Benton CC) entered a 3-2 game against Northwest Nazarene with the bases loaded in the fourth inning and struck out the final batter of the inning to strand the three runners and preserve the lead. McKittrick pitched a scoreless fifth inning, and the Wolves went on to beat NNU 5-3 in Game 2 of the series. The victory was crucial in helping WOU to a four-game sweep, as the two run win was the closest margin of the series. McKittrick did not allow a hit and struck out two batters in the performance, earning his fourth victory of the season.

Week of April 7-13 - Player – Ethan Sterkel, Central Washington (RF, R-R, 6-2, Sr., Ellensburg, WA - Ellensburg) went 11-for-16 with two doubles and a home run to lead Central Washington to a 3-1 series victory over Northwest Nazarene last weekend. Sterkel scored three runs and tallied 16 total bases, and didn't strike out in 17 plate appearances. The right fielder was instrumental in the Wildcats' first win of the week, batting 4-for-4 and driving in three runs. Sterkel's eighth inning solo home run brought CWU within a run at 6-5, and his RBI double in the ninth pushed the Wildcats ahead 8-7 in the eventual 10-7 triumph. Sterkel went 3-for-5 in CWU's 6-5 win in Game 3, and scored the first run in the Wildcats' series-clinching 6-1 win in Game 4. Sterkel played error free defense in right field, handling all six of his chances without incident. Sterkel's effort helped the Wildcats move into sole possession of second place in the GNAC standings and keep pace with Western Oregon, which also went 3-1 on the weekend.

Pitcher – Aaron Vaughn, Northwest Nazarene (RHP, R-R, 5-11, Sr., Tucson, AZ – Pusch Ridge Christian Academy) twirled a seven-inning complete game shutout, propelling the Crusaders to their lone victory of the week in a 7-0 win over CWU. Vaughn struck out eight batters and allowed just three hits against just two walks. The senior right hander improved to 8-1 on the season and lowered his GNAC second-best ERA to 2.25. Vaughn didn't allow a base hit until the fourth inning, and three times pitched out of a jam after allowing the leadoff runner to reach base. Vaughn ended his sixth complete game in emphatic fashion, allowing a base hit in the

top of the seventh before striking out the next three batters in succession to finish the game. Vaughn's 58 strikeouts are the second-most in the conference, and his eight wins are a GNAC high.

Week of March 31 – April 6: Player – Anthony Flatt, Northwest Nazarene (1B/C, R-R, 6-1, Jr., Mill Creek, WA – Bellevue College) batted 7-for-16 with four RBI and three runs scored to help the Crusaders to a 3-1 series victory over Saint Martin's. Flatt also drew a pair of walks and was hit by a pitch for an on-base percentage of .526 on the series. The junior first baseman also handled all 11 of his chances without an error, recording 10 put outs and an assist. Flatt has now hit safely in six straight games and has recorded multiple hits in four consecutive contests.

Pitcher – Zach Carter, Saint Martin's (RHP, R-R, 6-0, Jr., Camas, WA - Camas) earned his fifth win of the season, turning in a complete game against Northwest Nazarene on Thursday. Carter allowed one run on six hits with six strikeouts against no walks in his nine innings of work. The junior allowed just one extra base hit – a double – and logged his second complete game of the season in the 2-1 victory.

Week of March 24-30: Player – Luke Reinschmidt, Montana State Billings (CF, R/R, 5-11, So., Billings, MT) hit for the cycle in the Yellowjackets' 16-7 win over Northwest Nazarene on Friday. Reinschmidt logged an RBI double in the first inning, and singled up the middle to lead off the third. The sophomore's home run came in the fifth inning, with a solo shot to right field that pushed MSUB in front 10-2. Saving the toughest leg for last, Reinschmidt shot an RBI triple to center field in the top of the ninth to spark a three-run Yellowjacket rally. The center fielder handled all four of his chances over the two-game stretch error-free, and finished the week with a slugging percentage of 1.250.

Pitcher – Stuart Fewel, Central Washington (RHP, R/R, 6-5, Sr., Portland, OR – Lower Columbia CC) tossed a complete game, propelling the Wildcats to a 5-1 victory over Saint Martin's last week. Fewel allowed four hits and one earned run while striking out two batters and walking none in nine innings. The senior retired the first six Saints batters and 12 of the first 13 he faced. Only two runners advanced past first base on the day, as an SMU home run in the fifth inning was the lone blemish against Fewel.

Week of March 17-23: Player – Parker Miles, Western Oregon (2B, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Salem, OR – UC Santa Barbara) hit 8-for-16 on the weekend with four doubles, three runs scored and a pair of RBI as the Wolves took a four-game series from Saint Martin's 3-1. Miles logged a dozen total bases and drew a pair of walks, leading to an on-base percentage of .556 over the series. The second baseman also stole a pair of bases and struck out just once in 18 plate appearances, while handling all 12 of his fielding chances perfectly. On the season, Miles has committed just one error in 74 chances for a fielding percentage of .986.

Pitcher – Eric Huson, Western Oregon (RHP, R/R, 6-3, Jr., Forest Grove, OR – Mt. Hood CC) tossed a two-hit shutout in the Wolves' 5-0 win over Saint Martin's on Sunday, striking out five batters and walking none in the stellar performance. Huson improved to 4-0 on the season and the shutout was the first of the season in the GNAC. Among qualifying starters, he has the lowest ERA at 1.00 and the lowest opponent batting average at .171. The junior has struck out 26 batters over his 45.0 innings, and only eight of the 27 hits he has allowed have been for extra bases (all doubles). Huson's 0.82 WHIP is also tops in the GNAC among qualifying starters

and he is one of just two starters to have a sub-1.00 mark in that category (Noah Starr, NNU, 0.91).

Week of March 10-16 - Player – Kevin Toon, Montana State Billings (DH, R/R, 6-2, So., Walla Walla, WA – Walla Walla CC), batted .615 (8-for-13) on the weekend, with six runs scored, four doubles, five RBI and a dozen total bases. Toon slugged .923 while drawing three walks, being hit by a pitch and striking out just once. His .706 on-base percentage (12-for-17) led the conference and was more than 100 points higher than the next closest player, and Toon was also successful in his only stolen base attempt of the weekend. On Saturday, Toon helped the ‘Jackets to an 8-5 win over Saint Martin’s by going 1-for-3 with two RBI, two runs scored and also drawing two walks. His two-run double in the first inning got MSUB off to an early lead and kicked off what turned into an 8-0 lead by the fourth. Toon was even better in MSUB’s second win of the day, again getting the Yellowjackets on the board with a first-inning RBI base hit. Toon finished the final game of the series 3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.

Pitcher – Josh Moss, Saint Martin’s (LHP, L/L, 6-1, Jr., Tenino, WA – Rochester) was instrumental in the Saints’ 3-2 victory over Montana State Billings last weekend as the teams split a 4-game series. Moss got the start in Game 2 of the series, pitching eight innings and allowing just two unearned runs on four hits. Moss also struck out seven batters against just two walks, but earned the no decision as the Saints scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth after he had exited. Moss retired the first six batters he faced, but two errors each in the third and sixth innings allowed MSUB to score its only runs and erased Moss’ chance to earn the win.

Week of March 3-9 – Player – Alex Bielaski, Saint Martin’s (OF/1B, 6-0, Sr., Bellevue, WA - Bellevue) batted .688 (11-for-16) in a four-game set against Dixie State, including four doubles and eight RBI. Bielaski totaled 15 bases and a slugging percentage of .938, and did not strikeout on the weekend. In SMU’s lone victory of the week, Bielaski went 4-for-5 with two doubles and five RBI in a 14-3 result over DSU. The senior left fielder handled all 12 of his chances flawlessly, with 11 put outs and an assist.

Pitcher – Brandon Williams, Central Washington (RHP, 6-0, Jr., Auburn, WA – Mount Hood CC) tossed eight stellar innings and earned a victory to help Central Washington to a split with Northwest Nazarene last weekend. In the opening game of the series, Williams was untouchable with 15 strikeouts and no walks in CWU’s 6-1 triumph over the Crusaders. The junior allowed just six hits and one unearned run in the dominant performance as he improved his season record to 3-1 and lowered his season ERA to 2.51.

Week of Feb. 24 – March 2 - Player – Parker Miles, Western Oregon (2B, 5-9, Sr., Salem, OR – UC Santa Barbara) hit 9-for-19 with four runs scored, three doubles and seven RBI as WOU won 3-of-4 from Central Washington in the teams’ GNAC-opening series. Batting in the third spot in the order, Miles collected at least one hit in each of WOU’s games against the Wildcats, turning in a solid 3-for-4 performance with two runs scored and two RBI in the Wolves’ narrow 5-3 win in Game 3 of the series. In the final game, Miles scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning to push WOU to a dramatic 3-2 win and the series victory. Miles also handled 14 chances at second base without an error, turning in 11 assists and three put outs on the weekend.

Pitcher – Eric Huson, Western Oregon (RHP, 6-3, Jr., Forest Grove, OR – Mt. Hood CC) earned his second victory of the season with a stellar 8-inning start against Central Washington on Saturday. Huson scattered six hits and one walk over his eight frames, allowing one earned run and collecting six strikeouts. Huson retired 12-straight batters over a four-inning stretch, silencing the CWU bats from the second-through-fifth innings. The junior finished strong, striking out three of the final eight hitters he faced en route to the win.

Week of Feb. 17-23 - Player – Brad Birch, Montana State Billings (3B, 6-2, Sr., Eugene, OR – Treasure Valley CC) went 6-for-14 with two doubles, a home run, five runs scored, three RBI and 11 total bases last week in the Yellowjackets’ series against Dixie State. In Game 2 on Saturday, Birch’s seventh-inning solo home run proved to be the decisive factor in MSUB’s first win of 2014, 5-4 over DSU. Birch also walked once and was hit by a pitch once, pushing his on-base percentage to .500 (8-for-16) on the week. The senior struck out just twice on the week while slugging .786, and he also handled all 18 chances at third base – three put outs and 15 assists – flawlessly.

Pitcher – Matt Eames, Montana State Billings (RHP, 6-4, Sr., Billings, MT – Columbia Basin College) tossed seven stellar innings for the Yellowjackets against Dixie State on Friday, logging a no-decision in the tough 2-1 loss to the Red Storm. Eames allowed one run and three hits with one walk and three strikeouts for MSUB. Eames did not allow a hit until the fourth inning, and the senior lowered his season ERA to 4.09 with the performance.

Week of Feb. 10-16 - Player: Kasey Bielec, Central Washington (INF, 5-11, Jr., Port Orchard, WA – North Mason) went 6-for-13 with two home runs, four RBI and 12 total bases as the Wildcats captured 3-of-4 games on the road from the Academy of Art last week. Bielec led the GNAC with five runs scored last week, and also drew two walks while striking out just twice in 16 plate appearances. The junior started all four games at third base, recording 13 assists and one put out in 15 total chances on the weekend.

Pitcher: Aaron Vaughn, Northwest Nazarene (RHP, 5-11, Sr., Tucson, AZ – Pusch Ridge Christian Academy) struck out 10 batters through seven innings in his lone start of the week, while allowing six hits and just one walk. Vaughn earned the win in the Crusaders’ 7-3 triumph over CSU Dominguez Hills, which marked the team’s first victory of the season and the first in the NCAA DII career of head coach Locke Musgraves. Vaughn was credited with a complete game as the game was the second in a 9-inning/ 7-inning doubleheader, and only two of the three runs he allowed were earned.

Week of Feb. 3-9: Player: Daniel McNabb, Western Oregon (OF, 5-11, Sr., Pasadena, CA – Rancho Cucamonga) had seven hits in 13 at bats and produced a total of 10 runs, scoring three and driving in seven, as the Wolves won 3-of-4 games including two over nationally-ranked Cal State Monterey Bay.

Pitcher: Andrew Groves, Northwest Nazarene (5-11, Jr., Mukilteo, WA – Kamiak) pitched four scoreless innings in relief – 6-through-9 – in a 3-2, 11-inning loss at Hawaii Pacific on Saturday. Groves, who allowed just two hits, walked two and fanned four.

Week of Jan. 27 – Feb. 2: Player: Josh Potter, CWU (1B, 6-3, Sr., Des Moines, WA – Mt. Rainier/Pierce

College/Campbellsville) hit 5-for-8 on the weekend with a pair of doubles, two runs scored and two RBI as the Wildcats split a doubleheader with San Francisco State. Potter did not strike out and notched a slugging percentage of .875 with his offensive production. In addition, Potter played flawless defense at first base, logging 15 put outs and one assists with no errors in his team-high 16 chances.

Pitcher: Matt Minich, WOU (LHP, 5-11, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Kamiakin/Columbia Basin College/Hawaii Pacific) threw four scoreless innings against No. 18-ranked Cal State Monterey Bay on Saturday, earning the victory in the seven-inning second half of the Wolves' doubleheader. Minich allowed just two hits while striking out three batters in the solid effort. His outing helped WOU recover from a 15-0 loss in the first game on Saturday, and pushed the Wolves to the 4-3 victory that helped his team earn a split on the first weekend of the 2014 season.

2013-14 GNAC TEAM OF THE WEEK: Sept. 2-8 – Simon Fraser (Football) **Sept. 9-15 –** Northwest Nazarene (Volleyball) **Sept. 16-22 –** MSU Billings (Men's XC) and Simon Fraser (Women's XC) **Sept. 23-29 –** Western Oregon (Football) **Sept. 30 – Oct. 6 –** Seattle Pacific (Men's Soccer) **Oct. 7-13 –** Central Washington (Women's Soccer) **Oct. 14-20 –** Western Oregon (Women's Soccer) **Oct. 21-27 –** Alaska Anchorage (Cross Country) **Oct. 28 – Nov. 3 –** Simon Fraser (Men's Soccer) **Nov. 4-10 –** Seattle Pacific (Women's Soccer) & Alaska Anchorage (Women's Cross Country) **Nov. 11-17 –** Western Washington (Volleyball) **Nov. 18-24 –** Simon Fraser (Men's Soccer) & Western Washington (Women's Soccer) **Nov. 25 – Dec. 1 –** Western Washington (Men's Basketball) **Dec. 2-8 –** Saint Martin's (Women's Basketball) **Dec. 16-22 –** Alaska Anchorage (Women's Basketball) **Dec. 30 – Jan. 5 –** Western Oregon (Men's Basketball) **Jan. 6-12 –** Central Washington (Men's Basketball) **Jan. 13-19 –** Seattle Pacific (Men's Basketball). **Jan. 20-26 –** Montana State Billings (Women's Basketball) **Jan. 27 – Feb. 2 –** Western Washington (Men's Basketball) **Feb. 3-9 –** Central Washington (Softball) **Feb. 10-16 –** Montana State Billings (Men's Basketball) **Feb. 17-23 –** Alaska Anchorage (Women's Track and Field) & Western Washington (Men's Track and Field) **Feb. 24-March 2 –** Alaska Fairbanks (Men's Basketball) **March 3-9 –** Western Washington (Women's Basketball) **March 10-16 –** Alaska Anchorage (Track and Field) **March 17-23 –** Western Oregon (Softball) **March 24-30 –** Simon Fraser (Men's Golf). **March 31 – April 6 – Central Washington (Baseball)** **April 7-13 –** Central Washington (Softball) **April 14-20 –** Western Oregon (Baseball) **April 21-27 –** Northwest Nazarene (Men's Golf). **April 28 – May 4 – Saint Martin's (Baseball)** **May 5-11 – Central Washington (Baseball).**