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2014 Baseball Week 4 Report 5 (Feb. 26, 2014)

2014 GNAC Baseball Standings (Thru Feb. 26)

	Conf.		Overall					
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N	St
Central Washington	0	0	4	4	0-0	4-4	0-0	L2
Western Oregon	0	0	6	7	0-1	6-6	0-0	L2
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	4	9	3-1	1-8	0-0	W1
Saint Martin's	0	0	1	6	0-0	1-6	0-0	L2
Montana State Billings	0	0	1	7	0-0	1-7	0-0	L1

Last Week: Monday – Central Washington 3 at San Francisco State 4; Central Washington 2 at San Francisco State 3 (12 Inn.) **Friday** – Western Oregon 2 at Lewis-Clark State 7; Saint Martin's 2 vs. Willamette 1; Montana State Billings 1 at Dixie State 2 **Saturday** – Saint Martin's 2 at Linfield 6; Western Oregon 4 at Lewis-Clark State 8; Western Oregon 6 at Lewis-Clark State 1; Montana State Billings 4 at Dixie State 6; Montana State Billings 5 at Dixie State 4 **Sunday** – Montana State Billings 3 at Dixie State 9; Puget Sound 8 at Saint Martin's 4; Western Oregon 5 at Lewis-Clark State 6 (10 inn).

This Week: Monday – Hawaii Hilo 4 at Northwest Nazarene 7; Hawaii Hilo 2 at Northwest Nazarene 6 **Tuesday** – Hawaii Hilo 10 at Northwest Nazarene 9; Hawaii Hilo 0 at Northwest Nazarene 4; Concordia 6 at Western Oregon 3 **Friday** – Central Washington at Western Oregon, noon (D.H.); Montana State Billings vs Lewis-Clark State (at Concordia) 11 a.m.; Saint Martin's at Northwest Nazarene, 4 p.m. (D.H.); Montana State Billings at Concordia, 2 p.m. **Saturday** – Saint Martin's at Northwest Nazarene, noon (D.H.); Central Washington at Western Oregon, noon (D.H.); Montana State Billings vs British Columbia (at Concordia), 11 a.m. **Sunday** – Montana State Billings at Concordia, 11 a.m.

2014 Stand Out Performances (Thru Games 2/25)

Complete Games: 1 - C. McGuire, NNU; S. Fewel, CWU

7-Inn. Complete Games: 2 – A. Vaughn, NNU 1 - B. Williams, CWU

10-Strikeout Games: 1 – A. Vaughn, NNU; J. Campeau, MSUB

3-RBI Games: 2 – A. Flatt, NNU; B. Miller, MSUB 1 - D. McNabb, WOU; J. Potter, CWU; K. Bielec, CWU; Matt Taylor, WOU; J. Richardson, NNU

3-Run Games: 1 – K. Bielec, CWU; B. Birch, MSUB; T. Marsh, NNU

Multi-Steal Games: 1 – K. Hirashiki, SMU (2)

4-Hit Games: 1 – T. Marsh, NNU

AROUND THE GNAC

CWU: The Wildcats return to the diamond this weekend as GNAC play kicks off with a 4-game set in Monmouth against Western Oregon. The series was originally scheduled to be played in Ellensburg, but poor weather conditions prompted the location change. The teams' meeting later in the season that was scheduled to be played in Monmouth will now be shifted to Ellensburg to compensate for this weekend's switch.

MSUB: Matt Eames earned Red Lion Pitcher of the Week honors as he tossed seven stellar innings against Dixie State on Friday, but came away with the no-decision in the 2-1 loss to the Red Storm. Eames allowed one run on three hits with three strikeouts, and didn't give up a hit until the fourth inning of the game. Brad Birch earned Red Lion Player of the Week honors as he scored four of MSUB's five runs against Dixie State on Saturday, including the game-winner on a solo home run in the top of the seventh inning. Trevor Nix had three hits in the win and Kevin Toon twice plated Birch in the Yellowjackets' first win of 2014. Two more hits and an RBI from Birch weren't enough on Sunday as DSU won 9-3 on getaway day to take the series 3-1.

MSUB continues preseason play this weekend, traveling to Portland to take on British Columbia and Concordia at Concordia starting on Friday. MSUB begins its GNAC slate next weekend with four games at Western Oregon on March 8-9.

NNU: The bats finally came alive for the Crusaders, as a four-run eighth inning proved crucial in a 7-4 win over Hawaii-Hilo in Game 1 on Monday. Junior right-hander Colben McGuire was excellent over seven innings, allowing no runs on five hits with two walks and six strike outs en route to the victory. Ben Circeo's two-run double was followed by Josh Hatfield's RBI base hit up the middle to give NNU a 7-0 lead in the eighth. The runs proved enough to weather a four-run burst by UHH in the ninth. Kaleb DeHaas uncorked his first home run of the season in Game 2, helping starter Aaron Vaughn to his second victory of the season in the 6-2 win.

Jeremy Richardson's 3-run home run in the seventh inning highlighted a wild 10-9 loss for NNU in Game 1 on Tuesday, and Tyler Marsh logged the first four-hit game this season by a GNAC player in the loss to UHH. NNU responded with a solid 4-0 win in the final game, taking the series 3-1 at home. Marsh turned around to throw 6 1/3 scoreless innings with two strikeouts and no walks after his excellence at the plate in the first game of the day.

NNU is set to host Saint Martin's this weekend in a 4-game series as GNAC play gets underway.

SMU: Chandler Tracy hit his third home run of the season on Friday, helping back starting pitcher Zach Carter in a 2-1 victory over Willamette. Carter allowed just six hits and one walk with four strikeouts over seven innings of work, and

Tracy drove in both of the Saints' runs as he had an RBI single in the fifth before his solo blast in the seventh.

Kaelen Hirashiki stole a pair of bases for SMU on Sunday against Puget Sound but the Loggers rallied for four runs in the eighth inning to walk away with the 8-4 victory.

SMU heads to Nampa this weekend to challenge NNU in the teams' first look at GNAC action of the 2014 season.

WOU: Matt Taylor went 2-for-4 with two RBI in a 7-2 loss to LC-State Friday, and went 3-for-5 with 4 RBI and a HR in a 6-1 win over LC-State on Saturday. Nathan Etheridge also homered in the game on Saturday, and Eric Huson allowed one run on five hits with two strikeouts over six innings to get the win. Garret Harpole notched his first home run of the season in Game 2 on Saturday, but WOU lost to LC State 8-4. Taylor Hetrick tossed five innings of solid relief in the contest, allowing one run on two hits with three strikeouts to keep LC-State at bay. The Wolves fell 6-5 to LC-State in the series finale on Sunday, as the Warriors walked off with the win on a passed ball in the 10th inning. WOU gave up three runs in the ninth inning against Concordia on Tuesday, falling 6-3 in its final game before GNAC play begins this weekend.

Preseason favorite WOU will test its hand against CWU as the 4-game series is set to begin on Saturday in Monmouth.

RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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.

Honorable Mention – Matt Taylor, Western Oregon (OF, 6-1, Jr., Corona, CA – Lane CC); Eric Huson, Western Oregon (RHP, 6-3, Jr., Forest Grove, OR – Mt. Hood CC).

PREVIOUS RED LION HONOREES

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 Rocke 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).

CAREER TOP-10 WATCH - BATTING

Slugging Percentage (Min. 250 Abs)

1. .667 Zach Aakhus, NNU (2007-08)
2. .662 Troy Martin, CWU (2004-05)
3. .649 Kevin Corrigan, WOU (2006-07)
4. .639 Bo Folkinga, WOU (2011-12)
5. .635 Jamie Nilsen, CWU (2005-08)
6. .627 Kevin McCarthy, NNU (2004-05)
7. .624 Daniel Dillard, WOU (2010-11)
8. .612 Kyle Sani, CWU (2012-13)
9. **.601 Chandler Tracy, SMU (2012-Present)**
10. .593 Blake Miller, WOU (2012-13)

Home Runs

1. 29 Jamie Nilsen, CWU (2005-08)
2. 26 Daniel Dillard, WOU (2010-11)
3. 24 Matt Lowe, NNU (2000-03)
4. 24 Kyle Sani, CWU (2012-13)
5. 23 Zach Aakhus, NNU (2007-08)
6. **23 Chandler Tracy, SMU (2012-Present)**
7. 22 Kevin McCarthy, NNU (2004-05)
8. 20 Shane Schoeneberg, SMU (2005, 2007-09)
9. 20 Troy Martin, CWU (2004-05)
10. 19 Bryce Gardinier, WOU (2000-03)
- 19 Joel Oliver, NNU (2008-10)

CAREER TOP-10 WATCH – PITCHING

Saves

1. 24 Nick Patee, NNU (2003-06)
2. **16 Kody Stone, WOU (2013-Present)**
3. 15 Adam Siler, SMU (2004-07)
- 15 Kaleb Wilson, SMU (2008-12)
5. 12 Sean McDonald, NNU (2009-12)
- 12 Steve suetos, WOU (2002-04)
7. 10 Kirk Lind, WOU (2009-12)
8. 9 Rob Stumph, CWU (2002-05)
9. 8 Jared Neyens, WOU (2007-08)
- 8 Ian MacDougall, WOU (2011-12)
- 8 Brad Foss, NNU (2002)

Opp. Batting Avg. (Minimum 100 IP)

1. .199 Grady Wood, WOU (2011-12)
2. .230 Kody Kennedy, MSUB (2010-11)
3. .230 Nick Waechter, WOU (2004-06)
4. .232 Blake Keitzman, WOU (2009-10)
5. .236 AJ Burke, WOU (2012-13)
6. .240 Luke Holscher, WOU (2003-04)
7. .243 Sean McDonald, NNU (2009-12)
8. .245 Mike Cusick, WOU (2007-10)
9. .248 Archie Smith, MSUB (2009-11)
10. .249 Brian Fadling, WOU (2004-05)
15. **.255 Brady Muller, MSUB (2012-Present)**

Strikeouts Per 9 Innings (Minimum 100 IP)

1. 9.78 Gordon Chubb, CWU (2004-05)
2. 9.37 Blake Keitzman, WOU (2009-10)
3. 8.82 Steven Schutte, NNU (2002-04)
4. 8.64 Nick Waechter, WOU (2004-06)
5. 8.57 AJ Burke, WOU (2012-13)
6. 8.54 Brandon Rohde, CWU (2011-12)
7. 8.38 Kody Kennedy, MSUB (2010-11)
8. 8.35 Roger Evenson, NNU (2003-05)
9. 8.35 Zeb Sneed, NNU (2010-12)
10. 8.29 Derek Shoemaker, CWU (2008-09)
16. **7.61 Brady Muller, MSUB (2012-Present)**

Fewest Walks Per 9 Innings (Minimum 100 IP)

1. 1.10 Tip Wonhoff, SMU (2004-07)
2. 1.15 Mike Ward, WOU (2007-08, 2010-11)
3. 1.32 Tyler Levin, CWU (2007-08)
4. 1.40 Jacob Pettit, WOU (2009-10)
5. 1.47 Michael McIver, SMU (2008-11)
6. 1.56 Grady Wood, WOU (2011-12)
7. 1.70 Casey Mitchell, SMU (2009-11)
8. 1.82 James Douglas, SMU (2009-10)
9. 1.90 AJ Burke, WOU (2012-13)
10. 1.92 Luke Holscher, WOU (2003-04)
13. **1.93 Aaron Vaughn, NNU (2011-Present)**

Fewest Hits Allowed Per 9 Innings (Minimum 100 IP)

1. 6.50 Grady Wood, WOU (2011-12)
2. 7.64 Nick Waechter, WOU (2004-06)
3. 7.70 Blake Keitzman, WOU (2009-10)
4. 7.71 Kody Kennedy, MSUB (2010-11)
5. 7.89 AJ Burke, WOU (2012-13)
6. 8.09 Mike Cusick, WOU (2007-10)
7. 8.09 Luke Holscher, WOU (2003-04)
8. 8.20 Sean McDonald, NNU (2009-12)
9. 8.30 Brian Fadling, WOU (2004-05)
10. 8.38 Archie Smith, MSUB (2009-11)
12. **8.68 Brady Muller, MSUB (2012-Present)**

Fewest HR Allowed Per 9 Innings (Minimum 100 IP)

1. 0.05 Grady Wood, WOU (2011-12)
2. 0.08 Pat Capone, SMU (2007-08)
3. 0.13 Sean McDonald, NNU (2009-12)
4. 0.18 Jacob Pettit, WOU (2009-10)
5. 0.21 Brian Fadling, WOU (2004-05)
6. 0.24 Nate O'Bryan, SMU (2011-12)
7. **0.29 Zach Carter, SMU (2012-Present)**
8. 0.30 Kody Kennedy, MSUB (2010-11)
- 0.30 AJ Burke, WOU (2012-13)
10. 0.33 Josh Samter, WOU (2001-02)