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2016 GNAC Baseball Standings

			GNAC			Overall				
	W	L	Pct. W		L	Pct.	Home Away		Neutral	Streak
Western Oregon	0	0	.000	5	4	.555	0-0	5-4	0-0	Lost 1
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	.000	3	3	.500	0-0	0-3	3-0	Won 1
Saint Martin's	0	0	.000	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	0-0	Lost 1
Montana State Billings	0	0	.000	2	3	.400	0-0	0-2	2-1	Lost 1
Central Washington	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	0-0	Lost 1
Concordia	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	0-0	0-3	0-0	Lost 3

LAST WEEK'S MATCHES Wed., Feb. 10

Lewis-Clark State 6, Central Washington 4

Fri., Feb. 12

Cal State East Bay 3, Western Oregon 2 Northwest Nazarene 10, Holy Names 9 Dixie State 2, Northwest Nazarene 1 Montana State Billings 3, Holy Names 0 Lewis-Clark State 5, Concordia 4 Dixie State 8, Montana State Billings 1

Sat., Feb. 13

Western Oregon 8, Cal State East Bay 1
Dixie State 5, Northwest Nazarene 0
Lewis-Clark State 4, Concordia 3
Saint Martin's 12, Whitman 7
Lewis-Clark State 6, Concordia 3
Western Oregon 5, Cal State East Bay 2
Holy Names 7, Montana State Billings 5
Whitman 14, Saint Martin's 1
Northwest Nazarene 15, Holy Names 11

Sun., Feb. 14

Cal State East Bay 7, Western Oregon 6 Montana State Billings 10, Holy Names 5 Dixie State 10, Montana State Billings 9 (10 inn.)

THIS WEEK'S MATCHES

Thur., Feb, 18

Northwest Nazarene at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 19

Montana State Billings at Metro State, 12 p.m. Northwest Nazarene at Azusa Pacific, 12 p.m. Saint Martin's vs Minot State, 12 p.m. Concordia at Sonoma State, 2 p.m. Northwest Nazarene at Azusa Pacific, 3 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 20

Concordia at Sonoma State, 11 a.m.
Saint Martin's at Minot State, 12 p.m.
Northwest Nazarene at Azusa Pacific, 12 p.m.
Central Washington at Corban, 12 p.m.
Montana State Billings at Metro State, 12 p.m.
Concordia at Sonoma State, 2 p.m.
Montana State Billings at Metro State, 3 p.m.
Saint Martin's at Minot State, 4 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 21

Concordia at Sonoma State, 11 a.m.
Central Washington at Corban, 11 a.m.
Saint Martin's vs Dixie State, 12 p.m.
Montana State Billings at Metro State, 12 p.m.
Central Washington at Corban, 3 p.m.

All times local to game site.

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#Can'tSolveTheRedStorm Montana State Billings and Northwest Nazarene attended the Dixie State Classic, where they finished a combined 4-5, but were 0-4 against the host Red Storm.

#AwardsSweep Montana State Billings swept the GNAC Player of the Week awards with **Tanner Johnson** earning Pitcher of the Week and **Luke Reinschmidt** taking Player of the Week honors.

#OpeningGames Saint Martin's, Montana State Billings and Concordia each started their seasons this week. The Saints finished 1-1 against Whitman, while Concordia lost three close games against Lewis-Clark State.

#SeeYouInMarch Western Oregon played its final games for February. The Wolves resume play at the start of the GNAC season on Mar. 5 against Concordia.

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GNAC Baseball Players of the Week



PLAYER
Luke Reinschmidt, Montana State Billings
OF • 5-11 • Senior • Billings, Mont.

Reinschmidt drove in eight runs, finished with 15 total bases and had a .625 slugging percentage as the Yellowjackets won two games at the Dixie State Classic. He went 3 for 6 with a bases-clearing double in the Yellowjackets' final game of the tournament against the host Red Storm.

ALSO NOMINATED: Alec Hagerman (Saint Martin's), Josh Hatfield (Northwest Nazarene), Kyle Henderson (Concordia).



PITCHER
Tanner Johnson, Montana State Billings
RHP • 6-3 • Senior • Belgrade, Mont.

Johnson threw eight shutout innings in his first start of the season, a 3-0 win over Holy Names on Friday at the Dixie State Classic. His ledger included four hits allowed with one walk and five strikeouts. Johnson allowed just two base runners past first base.

ALSO NOMINATED: Garrett Alvarez (Western Oregon), Torin Dooley (Saint Martin's), Harrison McGhee (Concordia), Ryan Nyborg (Northwest Nazarene).

Past GNAC Players Of The Week

Date Feb. 1-7 Feb. 8-14 Feb. 15-21 Feb. 22-28 Feb. 29-Mar. 6 Mar. 7-13

Mar. 21-27 Mar. 28-April 3 April 4-10

Mar. 14-20

Player Nathan Etheridge, Western Oregon

Luke Reinschmidt, Montana State Billings

Pitcher

Colton Loomis, Northwest Nazarene

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Complete Player of the Week releases are available online at GNACSports.com

Around The GNAC

DIXIE STATE CLASSIC: Montana State Billings and Northwest



Nazarene both traveled to St. George, Utah to take part in the Dixie State Classic last weekend. The Yellowjackets played their first five games of the season there, finishing 2-3, while Northwest Nazarene split four games.



Both teams opened the classic with victories over Holy Names in two drastically different games on Friday. The Crusaders took part in a slugfest, defeating Holy Names 10-9. Outfielder **Jesse Hilyard** finished the game 3 for 5 with three runs batted in, two

runs scored, a double and a home run. Fellow outfielder **Josh Hatfield** was 3 for 4 with two runs batted in, a run scored and a stolen base. With a 5-4 lead heading into the seventh inning, both teams scored five runs over the final three innings, as the Crusaders held onto the win.

In the Yellowjackets opening game, it was a much different story as pitcher **Tanner Johnson** shut down the Holy Names bats with eight shutout innings. He allowed just four hits and one walk, while striking out five batters. He was named the GNAC Pitcher of the Week for his efforts. **Adam Cox** closed out the game for Johnson, picking up his first save in a perfect inning. Dixie State proved to be the toughest test for both teams as they finished a combined 0-4 against the Red Storm.

WOLVES WITH ANOTHER SERIES SPLIT: Western Oregon began its non-conference slate of games early this year and will be the first to end after wrapping up a four-game series against Cal State East Bay. The Wolves do not play again until the beginning of conference play, a four-game series at Concordia on Sat., Mar. 5. Western Oregon leaned heavily on its pitching in the series split against CSUEB, allowing a combined six runs in the first three games before giving up seven in the series finale. Starting pitchers Garrett Alvarez and Darrien Moran earned the wins for the Wolves, while fellow starting pitcher Brady Miller threw six innings with just two runs allowed in a no-decision.

SAINTS & CAVALIERS OPEN SEASON: Saint Martin's and



Concordia played their first games of the season last week. The Saints earned a home split against Whitman college, while the Cavaliers fell in three games to Lewis-

Clark State.



Saint Martin's won game one 12-7 behind a huge offensive performance overall. Outfielder **Alec Hagerman** was a perfect 4-4 with four RBI, three runs scored and two doubles. **Brandon Witherspoon** also had two doubles in a 3 for 5

effort, driving in two runs. In game two, the Saints allowed 12 combined runs in the fifth and sixth innings, falling 14-1.

Concordia's took three tough losses to start its Division II run, falling by a combined five runs in three games. The Cavaliers

suffered two one-run losses in the opening two games of the series, falling 5-4 and 4-3. Pitcher **Mike Martinez** took a hard-luck loss in game one, allowing just one run in five innings out of the bullpen. He struck out six batters.

TOP PERFORMERS: Montana State Billings outfielder Luke Reinschmidt helped the Yellowjackets sweep the GNAC weekly awards with his hitting performance. Reinschmidt drove in eight runs, finishing the Dixie State Classic with 15 total bases and a .625 slugging percentage. He was 8 for 24 with three runs scored, two doubles, one triple and a home run... Saint Martin's **Alec Hagerman** hit .714 in two games, finishing 5 for 7 at the plate. He scored three runs and drove in five with two doubles in the Saints' split against Whitman College... Concordia catcher **Kyle Henderson** had a .375 batting average in three games against Lewis-Clark State. He finished with one double, one RBI, one walk and 13 putouts and two assists behind the plate for the Cavaliers... Western Oregon pitcher Garrett Alvarez threw a complete game against Cal State East Bay, advancing his record to 2-0. He allowed just one run on five hits with no walks and six strikeouts...Concordia pitcher Harrison McGhee allowed one unearned run on no hits and one walk in three innings. He made the start for the Cavaliers, receiving a no-decision... Northwest Nazarene relief pitcher **Ryan Nyborg** recorded two saves in two appearances, pitching 3.2 innings. He allowed just one run and struck out three batters for the week... Montana State Billings relief pitcher Adam Cox made the most of his first collegiate at-bat, cracking a solo home run. The sophomore also made two appearances on the mound, picking up a save in two appearances.

WILDCATS COME UP SHORT IN SEASON OPENER: After falling behind 5-0 early at Lewis-Clark State on Feb. 10, Central Washington's late rally came up short, falling 6-4. Designated hitter Jake Levin drove home two runs in the loss on Wednesday, finishing 1 for 3 at the plate with a double and run scored. The Wildcats used eight different pitchers in the game, with no player throwing more than two innings.

Central Washington was the lone team to be out of action last week having played just one game so far this season. They return to the diamond on Sat., Feb. 20 at Corban in Salem, Ore for a pair of games.

ON THE DIAMOND: Five of six GNAC teams will be on the diamond this weekend, with the exception of Western Oregon. Northwest Nazarene opens up a four-game series on Thursday at Azusa Pacific. Montna State Billings will play three games at Metro State in Denver, Colo. Saint Martin's will play four games in St. George, Utah, taking on Minot State and Dixie State each for a pair. Central Washington will play two against Corban and Concordia will play a four-game series against Sonoma State in Rohnert Park, Calif. Western Oregon next plays on Sat., Mar. 5 at Concordia for the opening weekend of GNAC play.

National & Regional Polls

WEEK 1 FEB. 16										
Rk	Team (1st)	Last	Rec.	Pts.						
1	Tampa (15)	1	8-1	422						
2	St. Cloud State	4	3-0	389						
3	Colorado Mesa	2	2-0	381						
4	Franklin Pierce (N.H.)	5	0-0	341						
5	Mercyhurst (Pa.)	7	3-1	339						
6	UC San Diego (1)	16	7-1	329						
7	West Alabama	8	6-1	316						
8	USC Aiken (1)	NR	6-1	305						
9	Quincy	12	0-0	265						
10	Minnesota State	9	3-0	264						
11	Angelo State	23	5-1	246						
12	Dixie State	RV	8-0	222						
13	Lander (S.C.)	NR	7-2	204						
14	Millersville (Pa.)	14	3-1	198						
15	West Georgia	NR	6-0	196						
16	Lubbock Christian	NR	7-0	187						
17	Newberry (S.C.)	NR	8-1-1	148						
18	Grand Valley State	17	0-0	129						
19	Cal Poly Pomona	6	6-2	122						
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NCBWA DIVISION II POLL

Others Receiving Votes: Mount Olive 31, Indianapolis 19, Wilmington 19, UNC Pembroke 16, Southern Arkansas 5, West Texas A&M 3, Francis Marion 2, California Baptist 1, East Stroudsburg 1, Lee 1, Cameron 1.

T20 Southern New Hampshire 20

T20 Missouri Southern

25 Cal State Monterey Bay

22 Florida Southern

23 Seton Hill

24 St. Edward's

Complete Poll Online

GNAC IN NCBWA POLL Date Preseason

Feb. 16

D2BASEBALLNEWS.COM NATIONAL RANKINGS

WEEK 2 FEB. 16

	LIVE I ED. IV		
Rk	Team (1st)	Last	Rec.
1	Tampa	1	8-1
2	Franklin Pierce	2	0-0
3	Mercyhurst	3	3-1
4	St. Cloud State	4	3-0
5	Minnesota State	5	3-0
6	Colorado Mesa	6	2-0
7	Seton Hill	7	0-0
8	Millersville	8	3-1
9	West Alabama	9	6-1
10	UC San Diego	17	7-1
11	Cal Poly Pomona	10	6-2
12	Catawba	12	3-3
13	North Georgia	13	6-2
14	Angelo State	14	5-1
15	Quincy	15	0-0
16	Mount Olive	16	3-1
17	West Georgia	20	6-0
18	Barry	18	6-2
19	Southern New Hampshire	19	0-0
20		11	4-5
21	Trevecca Nazarene	22	0-0
22		29	6-3
23	Missouri Southern	26	4-0
24	Saint Edwards	30	6-3
25		NR	5-2
26		NR	7-2
27	USC Aiken	NR	6-1
28	Dixie State	NR	7-0
29		NR	8-0
30	Lubbock Christian	NR	7-0

Complete Poll Online

GNAC IN D2BASEBALLNEWS.COM POLL

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Date	
Preseason	
Feb. 9	
Feb. 16	

NCBWA WEST REGION RANKINGS

Rk	Team (1st)	Last	Rec.	Pts.
1	UC San Diego (7)	2nd	7-1	87
2	Dixie State (1)	3rd	8-0	76
3	Cal Poly Pomona	1st	6-2	72
4	Cal State Monterey Bay	(1) 9th	9-0	67
5	Cal Baptist	4th	5-1	57
3	Chico State	10th	7-2	41
7	Hawaii Pacific	RV	5-0	25
8	Western Oregon	7th	5-4	22
9	Fresno Pacific	6th	0-0	20
10	Stanislaus State	NR	0-0	10

Others Receiving Votes: Cal State San Marcos 6, Point Loma 5, Cal State East Bay 5, Azusa Pacific 2.

Complete Poll Online

GNAC IN WBCA/USA TODAY POLL									
Date	WOU	MSUB							
Preseason	7th	RV							
Feb. 15	8th								

GNAC Team Statistics & Leaders

TEAM BATTING G 1. Saint Martin's 2 2. MSU Billings 5 3. Western Oregon 9 4. Northwest Nazarene 6 5. Central Washington 1 6. Concordia (Ore.) 3 TEAM PITCHING	Avg. .333 .284 .260 .243 .219 .190	AB 57 176 285 210 32 100 W-L	R 13 28 46 37 4 10	H 19 50 74 51 7 19	2B 6 10 16 11 1 3	3B 0 2 2 2 2 0 0	HR 0 2 5 1 0 0	BB 12 19 37 17 6 7	13 45 49	6B-ATT 4-5 5-8 4-6 11-13 1-1 1-2	INDIVIDUAL LEADERS HITS LEADERS Madden,Marcus-WOU Podratz,Trevor-WOU Crunkilton,Joey-WOU Etheridge,Nathan-WOU Reinschmidt,Luke-MSUB Hatfield,Josh-NNU		11 10 9 9 8 8
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