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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Humboldt State	1	0	42	17	2	0	80	36
Central Washington	1	0	56	28	1	1	63	63
Dixie State	1	0	24	10	1	1	33	27
Simon Fraser	0	1	28	56	1	1	79	70
Western Oregon	0	1	10	24	0	2	30	72
Azusa Pacific	0	1	17	42	0	2	20	83

LAST WEEK: Azusa Pacific 17 at Humboldt State 42; Central Washington 56 at Simon Fraser 28; Western Oregon 10 at Dixie State 24.

THIS SATURDAY: Dixie State at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.; Central Washington at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.

POLLS: AFCA (Sept. 10) – 11. Humboldt State. **D2Football.Com (Sept. 4)** – 25. Humboldt State.

NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Sep. 8): Team (Top 30): Scoring Defense – 25. Dixie State 13.5. Total Defense – 17. Dixie State 247.0. Rushing Defense – 16. Dixie State 58.0. Passing Defense – 12. Humboldt State 122.5. Pass Efficiency – 24. Simon Fraser 165.8. Pass Efficiency Defense – 5. Humboldt State 74.8; 18. Dixie State 88.8. Punt Returns – 5. Simon Fraser 29.7; 29. Humboldt State 16.0. Turnover Margin – 13. Humboldt State 2.00; 26. Simon Fraser 1.50. **Individuals (Top 30):** Rushing – 14. Nick Ricciardulli, HSU, 133.5; 20. Demetrius Sumler, CWU, 123.0. Pass Efficiency – 18. Trey Wheeler, SFU, 168.8. Scoring – 11. Nick Ricciardulli, HSU, 12.0. Receptions – 24. Lemar Durant, SFU, 7.5. Field Goals – 12. Kelly Morgan, WOU, 1.5; 23. Michael Meyers, DSC, 1.0. Punt Returns – 15. Victor Spencer, HSU, 16.0. Tackles – 29. Stan Langlow, CWU, 11.5. Sacks – 4. Alex Markarian, HSU, 2.25; 23. Matt Gorella, HSU, 1.25. Tackles For Loss – 6. Stan Langlow, CWU, 3.00; 25. Alex Markarian, HSU, 2.25. Punting – 19. Alexander Bradt, WOU, 42.2.

GNAC RED LION PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense - Demetrius Sumler, Central Washington (RB, 5-10, 220, Sr., San Diego, CA – Cathedral Catholic) rushed for 154 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a GNAC record setting rushing performance in a 56-28 win at Simon Fraser. CWU, which finished with 316 rushing yards, scored six touchdowns on the ground equaling the GNAC single-game record. Sumler's performance earned him GNAC *Red Lion Offensive Player of the Week* honors.

Defense – Jeremiah Maluia, Humboldt State (DB, 5-11, 202, Jr., Compton, CA) forced two fumbles and also intercepted a pass leading to three touchdowns as the defending GNAC champions opened their conference season with a 42-17 home win over Azusa Pacific. Maluia claimed GNAC *Red Lion Defensive Player of the Week* honors with the performance. In the first quarter, he forced a fumble to set up Humboldt's first touchdown, a 26-yard pass from Alex Rump to Victor Spencer. Later in the

period he had a 25-yard interception to set up a two-yard touchdown run by Nick Ricciardulli. Early in the third quarter he forced a fumble, which he returned 62 yards for a touchdown. He and the rest of the Jacks' secondary held Azusa Pacific to 132 net passing yards, and now rank No. 5 nationally in pass efficiency defense. Maluia also had two tackles.

Special Teams – Alexander Bradt, Western Oregon (LB, 6-1, 210, Fr., Salem, OR – West Salem) is the GNAC *Red Lion Special Teams Player of the Week*. Bradt averaged 47.4 yards on five punts, including a long of 73 that was just one yard shy of the GNAC record.

Honorable Mention: Dixie running back AJ Johnson rushed for 119 on 19 carries to lead the Red Storm offense which produced 352 yards, including 188 on the ground, in a 24-10 win over Western Oregon snapping a nine-game losing streak dating back to a 56-0 loss to the Wolves last season in Saint George. . Central Washington linebacker Stan Langlow had 13 tackles, including nine solos. Langlow also had 3 ½ tackles for losses of five yards, recovered a fumble and returned an onside kick 41 yards for a touchdown late in the contest to ice the Wildcats' 56-28 win at Burnaby. . . Defensive lineman Tana Woodard had four tackles, including two for losses of 18 yards and also had a fumble recovery to set up Dixie State's clinching touchdown in their 14-point home victory.

NO PUNTS: Central Washington didn't punt against Simon Fraser, becoming just the third team in GNAC history to go a game without booting the ball away. The Wildcats kept their punter off the field by converting on nine of 11 third down situations and scoring eight touchdowns. Western Oregon accomplished that feat against Humboldt State in 2002 and Western Washington didn't punt against Montana Western in 2001. The last time the Wildcats played a game without punting was Oct. 21, 2000 in a Columbia Football Association contest against Humboldt State.

GNAC SWITCHES TO SUPER REGIONAL III: The GNAC will compete in Super Regional III this fall after spending the past few years in Super Regional IV. Also part of the 44-team Super Regional III is the MIAA (Mid-America), the Great American Conference and the Northern Sun. The MIAA was also part of Super Regional IV last season. Six teams from each of the four regions qualify for the playoffs. "Earned access" berths are awarded to certain conferences which have a team ranked in the Top 10 in their region. With only five playoff-eligible members, the GNAC does not receive an earned

access berth. Azusa Pacific is a provisional NCAA member and is not eligible for the playoffs.

GAME RECAPS

Humboldt State 42, Azusa Pacific 17 (at Arcata): Nick Ricciardulli had his second consecutive 100-yard rushing game netting 108 yards on 28 carries as Humboldt State built a 28-0 first-half lead and coasted to a 25-point home win against Azusa Pacific before a crowd of 5,360. Ricciardulli, who ranks 14th nationally in rushing with 267 yards, also scored his third and fourth touchdowns of the young season on runs of two and eight yards. Humboldt led 28-7 at halftime, then added a touchdown on a 62-yard fumble return by Jeremiah Maluia early in the third quarter to go ahead 35-7. The 'Jacks finished the contest with 328 yards, including 212 rushing as Bryson Hodges added 44 yards on nine carries. Quarterback Alex Rump completed 11 of 22 passes for 116 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Victor Spencer had 84 yards, 30 on four receptions and 54 on four punt returns. Spencer scored the game's opening touchdown on a 26-yard pass from Rump on the second play following a 36-yard fumble return by linebacker Chris Peterson as HSU got on the board just 1:53 after the opening kickoff. Jeremiah Maluia forced the turnover stripping the ball from Azusa running back Terrell Watson. In addition to his third-quarter touchdown, Maluia also set up Humboldt's final second quarter score with a 25-yard interception return down to the Azusa 28-yard line. In all the 'Jacks had a 4-1 takeaway advantage as Marcus Graves also had an interception on the next to the final play of the game. Azusa had 273 yards of offense. Watson had 76 yards on 13 carries, including a five-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. QB Tyler Tuiasosopo completed 13 of 28 passes for 132 yards. Colton Russi led Humboldt's defense with 15 tackles, including 2 ½ for losses of five yards. Jake Henderson had a team-best 12 tackles for Azusa.

Dixie State 24, Western Oregon 10 (at St. George): Dixie State scored a pair of third quarter touchdowns to snap a 10-10 tie and defeat Western Oregon before 3,855 fans at Hansen Stadium. Quarterback Griff Robles scored on a 22-yard run to cap off a seven-play, 77-yard touchdown drive with 8:38 left in the period. Later Zack Fox caught a 23-yard pass from backup QB Kaleo Nawahine to finish off a 32-yard six-play drive following a fumble recovery by Tana Woodard at the 32-yard line. That was one of six takeaways – three fumble recoveries and three interceptions – by the Red Storm. Six different players accounted for the six. Running back A.J. Johnson rushed for 119 yards to lead the Dixie offense which produced 352 yards. Robles completed just 11 of 33 for 110 yards. One of the completions was a 16-yard first-quarter touchdown pass to Conor Sklarsky. Western Oregon's lone touchdown was a 29-yard pass from QB Cody VonAppen to Joe Harris that tied the game at 10-10 with 3:31 left in the first half. Dixie's defense held the Wolves to just 239 yards, 64 on the ground. Kenneth Haynes netted 53 yards on 14 carries, while VonAppen completed six of 18 passes for 105. Defense dominated as the two teams completed just 33 percent of their passes.

WOU was 11 of 35, while Dixie was 14 of 40. Cache Morgan, Daniel Moffett and Nick Porazzo all had interceptions for Dixie. In addition to his fumble recovery, Woodard also had four tackles, including two for losses of 18 yards. Cameron Greene led the Red Storm with six tackles. K.J. Boyer and Nick Largent also had recoveries. Sipili Tuigamalala had a game-high nine tackles for Western Oregon. Bryce Peila had Western Oregon's lone takeaway, a 14-yard interception return. Peila now has 16 career receptions for 365 yards and ranks second in GNAC history in both categories. WOU's Alexander Bradt averaged 47.4 yards on five punts, including a 73-yarder, a yard shy of the GNAC record.

Central Washington 56, Simon Fraser 28 (at Burnaby): Running backs Demetrius Sumler and Johri Fogerson combined for 257 yards and a GNAC-record tying six rushing touchdowns as Central Washington won its conference opener against Simon Fraser. Fogerson scored four touchdowns on runs of 11, 3, 22 and 10 netting 103 yards on just 13 carries, while Sumler finished with 154 yards on 22 totes. He scored on runs of 30 and five yards. The six touchdowns enabled the Wildcats to tie the GNAC single-game record for rushing touchdowns set by Western Washington against Montana Western in 2001 and equaled by Humboldt State against Simon Fraser in 2010. Fogerson's four TDs was one short of the conference record of five set by Humboldt's Lyndon Rowells against Simon Fraser in 2010. CWU also became just the third team in conference history not to punt in a game. Simon Fraser's Earl Anderson, meanwhile, matched the conference record for most kickoff returns, bringing back eight for a total of 145 yards. Central finished the contest with 529 yards of total offense, rushing for 316 and adding 213 yards through the air as quarterback Ryan Robertson completed 16 of 23 for 208 yards, including a 18-yard TD pass to Tavoy Moore on CWU's first possession of the game. Simon Fraser had 426 yards as Trey Wheeler completed 28 of 36 passes for 285 yards. Bobby Pospischil had 11 receptions for 108 yards and Lemar Durant had 10 for 114. Defensively, Stan Langlow and Kevin Puckett paced Central with 13 tackles. Casey Chin led Simon Fraser with 15, including 10 solos.

PREVIOUS RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week of Aug. 27-Sept. 2: Offense - Nick Ricciardulli, Humboldt State (RB, 5-8, 190, Jr., Poway, CA) rushed for 159 yards on 24 carries, scoring on touchdown runs of one and 74 yards in the Lumberjacks' 38-13 win over Colorado Mesa. Ricciardulli also had three receptions and finished with 162 all-purpose yards. His 74-yard jaunt equals the fifth longest in conference history. **Defense -** Alex Markarian, Humboldt State (DE, 6-4, 245, So., Chino Hills, CA) had nine tackles including six solos and three quarterback sacks for losses of 16. **Special Teams -** Kelly Morgan, Western Oregon (K, 5-10, 170, Sr., Sherwood, OR) kicked a 53-yard field goal – the second-longest in GNAC history - and also connected from 30 yards and on both of his extra point attempts extending his streak to 58 in the Wolves' 48-20 loss to Grand Valley. He also

averaged 65.6 yards on five kickoffs, two of which were touchbacks.

SCORING SUMMARIES

Aug. 30:

Azusa Pacific	0	3	0	0	--	3
UC Davis	10	17	7	7	--	41

UCD – Turay 2 run (Stuart kick)
 UCD – Stuart 23 Field Goal
 UCD – Sloat 37 pass from Wright (Stuart kick)
 UCD – Stuart 37 Field Goal
 APU – Cacciatore 31 Field Goal
 UCD – Silveria 4 run (Stuart kick)
 UCD – Turay 1 run (Stuart kick)
 UCD – Williams 1 run (Stuart kick)

Colorado Mesa	7	0	6	6	-	19
Humboldt State	14	7	7	10	--	38

HSU – Spencer 36 pass from Rump (Bruder kick)
 HSU – Ricciardulli 1 run (Bruder kick)
 CSU – Cisco 3 run (Zemezouak kick)
 HSU – Spencer 51 punt return (Bruder kick)
 HSU – Ricciardulli 64 run (Bruder kick)
 CMU – Cimolino 41 run (kick failed)
 HSU – Bruder 43 Field Goal
 HSU – Sharpe 32 interception (Bruder kick)
 CMU – Cimolino 30 pass from Cisco (pass failed)

Simon Fraser	14	20	14	3	--	51
Pacific	0	7	0	7	--	14

SFU – Palmer 2 run (Berger kick)
 SFU – Durant 2 pass from Wheeler (Berger kick)
 SFU – Durant 7 pass from Wheeler (Berger kick)
 SFU – Pospischil 84 punt return (Berger kick)
 SFU – Palmer 2 run (kick failed)
 Pac – Fukumoto 38 pass from Campbell (Villareal-Gomez kick)
 SFU – Parker 4 run (Berger kick)
 SFU – Crawford 13 run (Docherty kick)
 SFU – Docherty 27 Field Goal
 Pac – McKinney 22 pass from Minaya (Villareal-Gomez kick)

Sept. 1:

Dixie State	0	6	3	0	--	9
Adams State	0	10	7	0	--	17

Adams – Van Voris 34 Field Goal
 DSC – Johnson 33 run (kick failed)
 Adams – Carl 1 run (Van Voris kick)
 DSC – Meyers 22 Field Goal
 Adams – Edwards 44 pass from Davies (Van Voris kick)

Central Washington	0	7	0	0	--	7
Texas A&M – Kingsville	3	9	16	7	--	35

TAMUK – Stoll 23 Field Goal
 TAMUK – Stoll 29 Field Goal
 TAMUK – Woodson 14 run (kick failed)
 CWU – Moore 15 pass from Robertson (Burke kick)
 TAMUK – Woodson 14 run (kick failed)
 TAMUK – Armstrong 2 pass from Poppell (Stoll kick)
 TAMUK – Stoll 38 Field Goal
 TAMUK – Willingham 48 pass from Poppell (Stoll kick)

Grand Valley State	21	7	7	13	--	48
Western Oregon	7	13	0	0	--	20

WOU – Gonsalves 12 pass from VonAppen (Morgan kick)
 GV – Green 21 run (laderosa kick)
 GV – Williams 90 punt return (laderosa kick)

GV – Robinson 8 run (laderosa kick)
 WOU – Haynes 3 run (Morgan kick)
 WOU – Morgan 30 Field Goal
 GV – Potts 5 pass from Parling (laderosa kick)
 WOU – Morgan 53 Field Goal
 GV – Robinson 5 run (laderosa kick)
 GV – Hatcher 11 interception (kick failed)
 GV – Judon 41 interception (laderosa kick)

Sept. 8:

Azusa Pacific	0	7	10	0	--	17
Humboldt State	14	14	7	7	--	42

HSU – Spencer 26 pass from Rump (Bruder kick)
 HSU – Ricciardulli 2 run (Bruder kick)
 HSU – Wyatt 10 run (Bruder kick)
 HSU – Ricciardulli 8 run (Bruder kick)
 APU – Tuiaosopo 1 run (Cacciatore kick)
 HSU – Maluia 62 fumble return (Bruder kick)
 APU – Cacciatore 29 Field Goal
 APU – Watson 5 run (Cacciatore kick)
 HSU – Hiebert 6 pass from Rump (Bruder kick)

Western Oregon	0	10	0	0	--	10
Dixie State	7	3	14	0	--	24

DSC – Sklarsky 16 pass from Robles (Meyers kick)
 WOU – Morgan 39 Field Goal
 DSC – Meyers 24 Field Goal
 WOU – Harris 29 pass from VonAppen (Morgan kick)
 DSC – Robles 22 run (Meyers kick)
 DSC – Fox 23 pass from Nawahane (Meyers kick)

Central Washington	7	14	14	21	--	56
Simon Fraser	7	7	7	7	--	28

CWU – Moore 18 pass from Robertson (Davis kick)
 SFU – Durant 20 pass from Wheeler (Berger kick)
 CWU – Sumler 30 run (Davis kick)
 CWU – Fogerson 11 run (Davis kick)
 SFU – Kett 3 pass from Wheeler (Berger kick)

2012 SCHEDULE

AUGUST: 30 - Azusa Pacific 3 at UC Davis 41; Colorado Mesa 19 at Humboldt State 38; Simon Fraser 51 at Pacific 14. **SEPTEMBER:** 1 – Central Washington 7 at Texas A&M – Kingsville 35; ; Dixie State 9 at Adams State 17; Grand Valley 48 at Western Oregon 20. 8 – Azusa Pacific 17 at Humboldt State 42; Central Washington 56 at Simon Fraser 28; Western Oregon 10 at Dixie State 24. 15 – Dixie State at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.; Central Washington at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Humboldt State, 6 p.m. 22 – Azusa Pacific at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Humboldt State at Dixie State, 6 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, 1 p.m. 29 – Western Oregon at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.; Humboldt State at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Dixie State at Simon Fraser, 6 p.m.

OCTOBER: 6 – Azusa Pacific at Simon Fraser, 2 p.m.; Central Washington at Dixie State, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 6 p.m. 13 – Humboldt State at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Dixie State at Western Oregon, 1 p.m. 20 – Central Washington at Azusa Pacific, 6:30 p.m.; Dixie State at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.; Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 2 p.m. 27 – Azusa Pacific at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.; Central Washington at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Dixie State, 1 p.m.

NOVEMBER: 3 – Azusa Pacific at Dixie State, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Humboldt State at Simon Fraser, 2 p.m. 10 – Simon Fraser at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.; Dixie State at Central Washington, noon; Humboldt State at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.