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2012 Men's Golf Report (Apr. 5, 2013)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE: April: 8-9 – Saint Martin's Preview at Dupont (SMU, SFU, WWU); College of Idaho Invitational (NNU). 15-16 – Hanny Stanislaus Invitational (MSUB, NNU, SMU, WWU). 22-23 – GNAC Men's Golf Championships Presented by Coeur d'Alene Resort. May: 6-8 – NCAA West Regional (at Dupont, WA).

RED LION GOLFER OF THE WEEK: Mark Strickland, Western Washington (So., Mukilteo, WA) finished second in the Cal Baptist Intercollegiate in Beaumont, Calif. with a 54-hole total of four-under par 212. Strickland had rounds of 70, 71 and 71 on the 6,993 yard layout. His 71 in the final round helped the Vikings rally from a four-shot deficit after 36 holes to win the team total. WWU finished four shots ahead of second-place Chico State.

VIKINGS DOMINATE LEADER BOARD: Strickland currently ranks third in the GNAC in scoring averaging 74.0 shots per round. He trails two of his teammates. Jake Webb is the leader with a 73.0 average and Evan Needham ranks second with a 73.9 average. The Vikings currently hold down four of the top positions as Dylan Goodwin, last year's GNAC scoring champion, ranks fifth.

GNAC SEASON SCORING LEADERS (min. 10 rounds): 1. Jake Webb, WWU, 21-73.0; 2. Evan Needham, WWU, 15-73.9; 3. Mark Strickland, WWU, 21-74.0; 4. Gage Huft, MSUB, 18-74.3; 5. Dylan Goodwin, WWU, 21-74.7; 6. Connor Miele, SMU, 15-74.80; 7. Sandy Vaughan, WWU, 11-74.82; 8. Eric Gravbrot, MSUB, 18-74.83; 9. Brandon Moore, SMU, 21-75.0; 10. Brad Harrelson, MSUB, 18-75.2.

NCAA REGIONAL POLL (Apr. 5): West - 1. Cal State Monterey Bay; 2. Western Washington; 3. Cal State Stanislaus; 4. Hawaii Hilo; 5. Grand Canyon; 6. Chico State; 7. UC San Diego; 8. Sonoma State; 9. Cal State East Bay; 10. Dixie State.

LAST WEEK

Cal Baptist Intercollegiate (Mar. 25-26 at Tukwet Canyon Champions Course, Beaumont, CA): Team Scores – 1. Western Washington 862 (286-291-285); 2. Chico State 866 (285-288-293); 3. Cal State Monterey Bay 883 (295-297-291); 4. Northwest Nazarene 898 (304-298-296); 5. Point Loma Nazarene 901 (300-298-303). **Individuals (Par 72, 6,993 Yards)** – 1. Will Flitcroft, Chico State, 211 (66-74-71); 2. Mark Strickland, WWU, 212 (70-71-71); 3. Dylan Goodwin, WWU, 213 (71-71-71); 7. Nick Hardy, NNU, 219 (75-70-74); 9. Evan Needham, WWU, 220 (75-75-70); 14. Kyle Schrader, WWU, 222 (74-75-73); 19. Jake Webb, WWU, 223 (71-74-78); 22. Michael Delie, NNU, 226 (77-78-71); 26. Justin McAfee, NNU, 229 (75-74-80); 33. Brock Sargent, NNU, 234 (77-86-71); 52. Connor Magnuson, NNU, 246 (83-76-87).

Grand Canyon Thunderbird (Mar. 25-26 at Wigwam Gold, Litchfield Park, AZ): Team Scores – 1. Grand Canyon 866 (292-286-288); 2. UC San Diego 888 (289-297-302); 3. Central Oklahoma 889 (293-298-298); 4. Dixie State 890 (290-301-299); 5. BYU-Hawaii 900 (311-293-296); 7. Saint Martin's 907 (304-298-305); 9. Simon Fraser 916 (310-302-304); 13.

MSU Billings 938 (317-307-314). **Individuals (Par 72, 7228 Yards)** – 1. Jimmy Kozikowski, GCU, 209 (69-69-71); 13. Eric Gravbrot, MSUB, 224 (75-75-74); 17. Jack Whealdon, SMU, 225 (78-75-72), and Michael Belle, SFU, 225 (75-76-74); 22. Brandon Moore, SMU, 226 (75-76-75) and John Mlikotic, SFU, 226 (77-74-75); 29. Bret Thompson, SFU, 227 (77-74-76); 45. Ben Fosnick, SMU, 231 (80-73-78); 46. Patrick Whealdon, SMU, 232 (77-74-81); 53. Michael Jaeger, SMU, 235 (74-81-80); 59. Brad Harrelson, MSUB, 238 (82-75-81); 60. Trevor Garofano, SFU, 239 (81-78-80), Jordan Melanson, SFU, 239 (82-78-79) and Marcus Drange, MSUB, 239 (78-76-85); 68. Gage Huft, MSUB, 243 (82-81-80); 78. Houston Bradbury, MSUB, 251 (87-85-79).

ONE-TWO: The fall season featured the two rarest scores in golf – a hole-in-one by Western Washington's Craig Crawford Oct. 9 at the Chico State Wildcat Classic and a double-eagle Sept. 18 by Gage Huft at the Colorado Mesa Invitational. The ace by Crawford was the first by a WWU golfer during coach Steve Card's 20-year coaching career and is believed to be the first in GNAC history. The double-eagle, which is much more rare than a hole-in-one, is the first three-under-par score in GNAC history.

PREVIOUS RED LION GOLFERS OF THE WEEK

Week of Sept. 18-23: Gage Huft, Montana State Billings (So., Kimberly, ID) won the individual title in the MSUB Yellowjacket Invitational by three shots with a 36-hole score of 140 to earn *Red Lion Player of the Week* honors. Huft had a 67 in the second round as the Yellowjackets shot a school-record 281 to rally from 16 shots back and win the team title with a 36-hole score of 594, two ahead of runner-up Rocky Mountain. Earlier in the week, Huft recorded a rare double-eagle in the Colorado Mesa tournament, knocking in a seven-iron from 192 yards on the 528-yard ninth hole. **Honorable Mention** – Jake Webb, Western Washington.

Week of Sept. 25-30: Mark Strickland (So., Mukilteo, WA – Kamiak) fired a seven-under par 209 total to lead the Viking men to the team title in the Western Washington Invitational at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Strickland shot a five-under par 67 – the best round of the tournament – in Monday's opening round, then followed that up with rounds of 73 and 69 to finish one shot ahead of Josh Zhang of British Columbia and Mark Geddes of Grand Canyon. **Honorable Mention** – Ryan Pickthorn, SMU.

Week of Oct. 1-7: Mark Strickland, Western Washington (So., Mukilteo, WA – Kamiak) earned the *Red Lion Golfer of the Week* honors for the second week in a row finishing sixth in the Golfweek Fall Invitational at Sunriver, Ore. Strickland, who ranks second in the conference in scoring

with an average of 72.1 through three tournaments, had rounds of 72, 72 and 73 for a 217 total, finishing 12 shots back of winner Michael Lee of Colorado Mines.

Week of Oct. 8-14: Jack Kelly, Western Washington (Fr., Snoqualmie, WA – Mount Si), playing in just his second collegiate tournament, had rounds of 70, 75 and 75 to finish 15th in the Chico State Wildcat Classic and earn GNAC Red Lion Golf of the Week honors. Kelly, who is averaging 73.3 in his two tournaments, led the Vikings to a third-place team finish in the 16-team invitational.

Week of Oct. 15-21: Gage Huft, MSU Billings (So., Kimberly, Idaho) won the MSUB Triangular individual title with a 36-hole score of 135, including a GNAC season-best 64 in Monday's opening round as he led the Yellowjackets to a school-record low round score of 271. Huft, who earned his second GNAC Red Lion Player of the Week award of the season, made 10 birdies, and was three-under on par-four holes and five-under on par-fives.

Week of Oct. 22-28: Michael Belle, Simon Fraser (Jr., Burnaby, BC – St. Thomas More) finished second in the University of Victoria Vikes Shootout with a 54-hole total of 217. After firing a pair of 74s Monday, Belle carded a two-under par 69 in the final round. Jed Dalton of Concordia ran away with medalist honors shooting a seven-under par 206. Simon Fraser finished fourth in the team race.

Week of Oct. 29-Nov. 4: Trevor Garofano, Simon Fraser (Fr., Coquitlam, BC) tied for third in the Hawaii Hilo Dennis Rose Invitational with a three-over par total of 219 to lead the Clan to a second-place team finish and earned *GNAC Red Lion Golfer of the Week* honors.

Week of Feb. 25-Mar. 3: Nick Hardy, Northwest Nazarene (Sr., Edmonds, WA – King's) had solid rounds of 73 and 72 before winds sent the scores sailing for most of the golfers in the Cal State San Bernardino Coyote Classic in the third round. Hardy finished with a 54-hole total of 223, placing 23rd out of 78 players.

Week of Mar. 11-17: Gage Huft, MSU Billings (So., Kimberly, Idaho) and Ben Fosnick, Saint Martin's (So., Lakewood, WA) ... Huft won the Yellowjacket Spring Invitational, defeating North Idaho College's Austin Westphal on the first playoff hole after the two tied with 36-hole totals of 148. Huft finished the tournament with seven birdies and was four-under on par-five holes. He currently ranks second in the GNAC in scoring with a 73.0 average. Fosnick finished fourth in the Notre Dame de Namur Invitational with a 54-hole total of 222, firing a two-under par 70 in the final round to lead the Saints to a second-place team finish. The Saints were the only team to break 300 in the third round finishing with a team score of 290 as SMU came back from a 14-shot deficit to Dallas Baptist to edge the Texas school by two shots for second place.

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