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2012-13 Men's Golf Report (Apr. 18, 2013)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE: Monday-Tuesday – GNAC Men's Golf Championships Presented by Coeur d'Alene Resort. **May:** 6-8 – NCAA West Regional (at Dupont, WA).

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GNAC CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN MONDAY AT COEUR D'ALENE RESORT: Western Washington will be seeking its sixth straight men's team title Monday and Tuesday in the sixth annual GNAC Men's Golf Championships Presented by Coeur d'Alene Resort ... The tournament is being played at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course for the fifth year in a row ... The Vikings, who are ranked second in the West Region and eighth nationally in the *Golf World/Nike Golf Division II*, won the title last year by 26 shots over Saint Martin's (856-882).

WEBB HAS NARROW LEAD IN SCORING RACE: Western Washington's Jake Webb takes a three-shot lead over Mark Strickland in the conference season scoring race into the conference tournament. Webb is averaging 73.5 shots for 27 rounds compared to Strickland's 73.6 average. Gage Huft of Montana State Billings, who won the Saint Martin's Preview early this month at The Home Course in DuPont ranks third with a 74.2 average. The Home Course will host the NCAA Division II West/South Central regional next month.

GNAC SEASON SCORING LEADERS (min. 14 rounds): 1. Jake Webb, WWU, 27-73.5; 2. Mark Strickland, WWU, 27-73.6; 3. Gage Huft, MSUB, 24-74.2; 4. Dylan Goodwin, WWU, 27-74.48; 5. Evan Needham, WWU, 21-74.52; 6. Connor Miele, SMU, 18-74.9; 7. Michael Belle, SFU, 18-75.22; 8. Bret Thompson, SFU, 21-75.24; 9. Brandon Moore, SMU, 27-75.26; 10. Ben Fosnick, SMU, 18-75.33 and Eric Gravbrot, MSUB, 24-75.33.

NCAA REGIONAL POLLS (Apr. 12): 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. **South Central** – 1. Abilene Christian, 2. Colorado Mines, 3. Midwestern State, 4. Cameron, 5. St. Edward's, 6. Colorado State Pueblo and Dallas Baptist, 8. Colorado – Colorado Springs, 9. Incarnate Word, 10. Western New Mexico.

LAST WEEK

Hanny Stanislaus Invitational (Apr. 15-16 at Turlock G&CC, Turlock, CA): Team Scores – 1. Cal State Stanislaus 888 (290-284-314); 2. Cal State Monterey Bay 890 (289-300-301); 3. Western Washington 915 (300-305-310); 4. Sonoma State 919 (299-304-316); 5. Chico State 926 (299-310-317); 7. Saint Martin's 929 (306-309-314); 8. Northwest Nazarene 936 (308-311-317); 12. MSY Billings 964 (309-327-328). **Individuals (Par 72, 6,641 Yards)** – 1. Trevor Clayton, CSUS, 214 (72-66-76); 2. Mark Strickland, WWU, 220 (74-75-71); 5. Nick Hardy, NNU, 224 (75-72-77); 14. Ben Fosnick, SMU, 227 (71-78-78); 16. Dylan Goodwin, WWU, 229 (72-80-77); 19. Connor Magnuson, NNU, 230 (75-78-77); 27. Kevin Cullen, SMU, 233 (77-78-78); 29. Eric Gravbrot, MSUB, 234 (79-79-76); 30. Evan Needham, WWU, 235 (78-76-81) and Jake Webb, WWU, 235 (76-78-81); 34. Gage Huft, MSUB, 236 (75-82-79); 45. Michael Jaeger, SMU, 239 (85-73-81), Brandon Moore, SMU, 239 (76-82-81) and Patrick Wheadon, SMU, 239 (82-80-77); 50. Justin McAfee, NNU, 240 (77-82-81); 53. Brock Sargent, NNU, 242 (81-79-82); 56. Kyle Schrader, WWU, 244 (82-76-86) and Houston Bradbury, MSUB, 244 (77-79-88); 66. Wyatt Nielson, MSUB, 247 (81-81-85); 74. Brad Harrelson, MSUB, 251 (78-88-85); 79. Marcus Drange, MSUB, 257 (82-87-88); 82. Mike Delie, NNU, 260 (87-85-88).

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.

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.

Week of Mar. 25-31: 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.

Week of Apr. 8-14: Gage Huft, Montana State Billings (So., Kimberly, Idaho) finished first in the Saint Martin’s Preview Invitational with a 54-hole total of 207. Huft had a tournament-best 66 in the final round on the par-72, 7,162 yard layout to finish one shot ahead of runner-up James Hall of Hawaii Hilo. Hall carded a 69 in the final round. Huft also had rounds of 69 and 72.

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