



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
x-Western Oregon	14	4	26	18	9-1	8-9	9-8
x-Central Washington	14	6	25	14	10-2	7-10	8-2
Western Washington	10	6	23	11	8-2	8-5	7-4
Saint Martin's	9	6	20	17	7-4	8-10	5-3
Montana State Billings	7	11	15	18	5-5	4-7	6-6
Northwest Nazarene	3	12	11	27	4-11	4-9	3-7
Simon Fraser	2	14	4	28	0-9	2-11	2-8
(x-clinched playoff berth)							

LAST WEEK: **Wednesday** – Central Washington 2-5 at Simon Fraser 0-4. **Friday** – Northwest Nazarene 6-0 at MSU Billings 4-8; Western Oregon 5-5 at Western Washington 7-4. **Saturday** – Western Oregon 0-6 at Central Washington 8-8; Northwest Nazarene 4-1 at MSU Billings 6-7. **Sunday** – Saint Martin's 3-1 at Central Washington 9-3; British Columbia 4 at Simon Fraser 0.

THIS WEEK: **Thursday** – Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's (1), 3 p.m. **Friday** – Northwest Nazarene at Western Washington, 1 p.m.; Montana State Billings at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m. **Saturday** – MSU Billings at Simon Fraser, 3 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at Western Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m. **Sunday** – MSU Billings at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.

NEXT WEEK: **Friday** – Central Washington at Northwest Nazarene, 2 p.m. **Saturday** – Central Washington at Northwest Nazarene, noon; MSU Billings at Great Falls, noon; Simon Fraser at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at Western Oregon, 1 p.m. **Sunday** – Western Washington at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, noon. (End-of-regular-season)

RANKINGS: NFCA (April 16) – 33. Central Washington. **NCAA West Region (April 16)** – 1. Cal State Monterey Bay (38-5); 2. Dixie State (35-8); 3. UC San Diego (30-9); 4. Cal Baptist (33-11); 5. Humboldt State (36-11); 6. Sonoma State (31-15); 7. Central Washington (23-13); 8. Cal State San Bernardino (25-21); 9. Western Washington (21-11); 10. Hawaii Hilo (19-17).

HITTING STREAKS (10 or more): 27 – Sam Munger, SMU (26 in 2013, 1 in 2014); 16 – Amanda Evola, WOU. 15 – Melanie Pfeiffer, WOU; Lacey McGladrey, SMU (12 in 2013, 3 in 2014). 13 – Kaleigh Keating, WWU. 12 – Alexie Levin, WWU; *Aubrey Conceicao, MSUB. 10 – Bella Rovens, MSUB. *Current

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through April 13): Team: Batting – 7. Western Washington .354. Scoring – 19. Western Washington 6.74. Double Plays – 4. Western Oregon 0.55; 14. Western Washington 0.47; 17. Saint Martin's 0.46. **Individual:** Stolen Bases – 11. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 0.79. Sacrifice Flies – 12. Haylee Baker, WWU, and Bridjet Box, WOU, 4.

ALL-TOURNAMENT: MSUB Desert Stinger (Feb. 7-9): First Team – Jordan Walley, WWU; Kiana Wood, CWU. **Second Team** – Aubrey Conceicao, MSUB; Amanda Evola, WOU; Kelsie Gardner, WOU. **Defensive MVP** – Brianna Kinghorn, NNU. **St. Mary's Rattler Invitational (Feb. 21-23)** – Ashlie Gardner, WOU. CSU Stanislaus

Tournament of Champions (April 4-6) – Meghan Carrillo, WWU; Austin Wilkerson, CWU.

GNAC RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK:
Player – Jill McDaniels, Central Washington (2B, 5-8, Sr., Walla Walla, WA) had 10 hits in 18 at bats, including a double and two home runs leading the Wildcats to six consecutive victories. Among her hits was a seventh-inning single to set up a game-winning two-run base hit in Wednesday's 5-4 win over Simon Fraser. On Saturday she had three hits and four RBI including a second-inning two-run home run in a 8-0 win over Western Oregon. Then on Sunday, she snapped a 1-1 tie in the sixth inning of the nightcap with a RBI single. The RBI was her eighth of the week. **Pitcher** – Maria Gau, Central Washington (5-7, Sr., Woodinville, WA) and Amanda Todd, MSU Billings (5-5, Sr. Billings, MT – Skyview) Gau won four games and allowed just two earned runs. In 22 innings, she gave up 14 hits and four runs. She walked six and fanned 16 increasing her league-leading total to 114. Among her victories were shutouts of Simon Fraser (3-0) and Western Oregon (8-0) ... Todd pitched back-to-back one-hitters against Northwest Nazarene, blanking the Crusaders 8-0 Friday. On Saturday, she took a no-hitter and a 6-0 lead into the seventh before NNU took advantage of two errors to score four runs on just one hit finally getting the final out on her 11th strikeout of the game. In the two contests, she walked seven and struck out 17.

HONORABLE MENTION: Brittney Sanders, MSU Billings (C, 5-6, Jr., Kelso, WA) batted .700 (7-of-10) and was one of three Yellowjackets along with Aubrey Conceicao and Taylor Hoke with six RBI as MSUB won three of four games with NNU at Billings. Among Sanders' hits was a double and a pair of home runs ... Justine Callen, Northwest Nazarene (OF, 5-9, So., Oregon City, OR – Clackamas CC) had five hits in 11 at bats as she hit safely in all four games. NNU's win in the series opener was its first at Billings after 20 consecutive losses since the 'Jackets joined the conference ... Autumn Isaacson, Western Washington (OF, 5-5, Jr., Lake Stevens, WA – Bellevue CC) had five hits in eight at bats as the Vikings split two games with Western Oregon. She, however, was thrown out in her only steal attempt and her season total remained at 27, one shy of the GNAC record ... Jourdan Williams, Western Oregon (3B, Jr., McMinnville, OR) had four hits, including three doubles, and drove in six runs as the Wolves lost three of four game. She was hit by a pitch twice.

CLINCHING PERFORMANCES: Western Oregon and Central Washington each clinched playoff berths in next month's GNAC tournament by earning their 14th conference wins of the season. Melanie Pfeiffer had seven hits in 16 at bats including two singles in a 5-4 win over Western Washington. Bridget Box went 5-for-12 as WOU held on to a one-game lead over Central Washington for first-place. Andrea Hamada batted .500 (9-of-18) and had seven RBI and Kailyn Campbell and Maikala Galusha each went 7-for-16 for the Wildcats. Campbell had eight RBI ... Western Washington needs four wins (or MSUB losses) in its final eight games and Saint Martin's needs five wins (or MSUB losses) in its final nine contests to claim the final two berths.

TEAM NOTES

Central Washington: The Wildcats outthit their opponents by 146 points (.347 to .201) and outscored them 36-14 in sweeping doubleheaders from Simon Fraser, Western Oregon and Saint Martin's. Three times they won in their last at bat, scoring twice in the seventh on a single by Andrea Hamada to beat the Clan 5-4, scoring three times in the sixth on hits by Austin Wilkerson and Rachel O'Neill and on a sacrifice fly by Hamada to snap a 5-5 tie in a 8-6 win over WOU and then scoring twice in the sixth on hits by Jill McDaniel and Jordan Zurfluh in beating Saint Martin's 3-1. Maria Gau made last inning heroics in two other games unnecessary hurling two-hit and three-hit shutouts against SFU (3-0) and WOU (8-0).

Montana State Billings: MSUB's Aubrey Conceicao had seven hits in 15 at bats extending her hitting streak to 12 games. She scored five of the Yellowjackets' 25 runs against NNU MSUB's Jessyka MacDonald acquired 15 of 23 outs on strikeouts in two appearance against NNU. She allowed just two hits in 7 2/3 frames

Northwest Nazarene: Justine Callen (5 hits) and Megan Lounsbury (3 hits) were the only NNU players with more than two hits in their series at Billings as the Crusaders batted just .160. NNU did draw 11 walks, eight more than the Yellowjackets.

Saint Martin's: Saint second baseman Lacey McGladrey had four hits in six at bats increasing her career total to 227. She ranks fifth in GNAC history, 31 in back of SMU's Joslyn Eugenio who ranks fourth with 258.

Simon Fraser: Jessica Goulet had three solid pitching performances allowing just six earned runs in losses to Central Washington (3-0, 5-4) and British Columbia (4-0). All four runs against UBC came on one pitch, a grand slam home run.

Western Oregon: The Wolves close their road campaign with a doubleheader at Saint Martin's Saturday before finishing its home schedule with doubleheaders next week against Western Washington and Simon Fraser. The Wolves need five wins (and/or Central Washington losses) in the six contests to clinch the GNAC regular-season title and No. 1 seed in the playoffs. CWU, which is idle this

week, closes its conference season next week with four games at Northwest Nazarene.

Western Washington: The Vikings batted .339 in splitting a pair of games with Western Oregon. Eighteen of their 19 hits were singles. Alexie Levin had the only double and Meghan Carrillo had a team-best three RBI. WWU turned three double plays in the twinbill.

BEST TOURNAMENT EVER: GNAC teams finished the CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions with a combined record of 24-19, finishing the tournament with a winning record for the first-time in conference history. Western Washington reached the Gold Bracket semifinals in posting a 5-1 record. Saint Martin's won the Bronze title and had a 5-2 record and Central Washington reached the Silver bracket semifinals and posted a 4-2 record. In the last three tournaments, SMU has a 15-5 TOC record.

Year	Record	Best Records
2002	13-17	Western Washington 5-2
2003	13-20	Western Washington 5-2
2004	12-20	Seattle University 3-2
2005	9-13	Seattle University 4-3
2006	8-19	Western Washington 3-3 Seattle University 3-3
2007	9-22	Western Washington 3-3
2008	12-19-1	Saint Martin's 3-3 Seattle University 3-3-1
2009	8-26	Western Oregon 2-4 Western Washington 2-5
2010	16-25	Central Washington 5-3
2011	12-19	Western Washington 5-1
2012	16-22	Saint Martin's 4-2
2013	19-23	Saint Martin's 6-1
2014	24-19	Western Washington 5-1

GNAC RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Player – Alexie Levin, Western Washington (1B, 5-7, So., Everett, WA - Everett) had seven hits in 13 at bats, scored four runs and drove in four as the Vikings won three of four games in Hawaii. Among her seven hits was a pair of doubles. **Pitcher** - Jenna DeRosier, Western Washington (P, 5-7, Sr., Kelso, WA) tossed complete-game wins over BYU-Hawaii (5-1) and Hawaii Hilo (6-2) allowing just 10 hits in 14 innings. She walked four and struck out five.

Week of Feb. 3-9: Player – Kelsie Gardner, Western Oregon (1B, 5-8, Fr., Salem, OR – South Salem) and Brianna Kinghorn, Northwest Nazarene (1B, 5-6, Jr., Meridian, ID - Mountain View) ... Gardner had nine hits, including a pair of home runs, in 19 at bats and drove in nine runs as the Wolves averaged nearly nine runs a game in posting a 2-3 record in the MSUB Desert Stinger in Las Vegas. Gardner also had a pair of doubles and scored six runs. Kinghorn batted .407 (11-of-27), hit four home runs and drove in 12 runs as the Crusaders won four of nine games, including three of four in a series at Menlo. **Pitcher** – Kiana Wood, Central Washington (5-6, Fr., Aloha, OR) allowed just two runs in 24 2/3 innings, in winning three games including shutouts over Minot State

(3-0) and Western New Mexico (5-0). Wood allowed 20 hits – only one against Minot (a two-out single in the first inning) - and walked five, while fanning 20 batters. Both of the runs she allowed came on solo home runs.

Week of Feb. 17-23: Player - Ashlie Gardner, Western Oregon (IF, 5-7, Sr., Salem, OR – North Salem) earned all-tournament honors at the Rattler Invitational at San Antonio, Tex., batting .350 and leading the Wolves with six RBI. She had seven hits in 20 at bats, including two doubles and a home run leading WOU to four wins in six contests. **Pitcher** – Maria Gau, Central Washington (5-7, Sr., Woodinville, WA) allowed just three runs and 15 hits in 18 innings, winning two of three decisions during a weekend road trip to California. She walked five and fanned 12.

Week of Feb. 24-March 2: Player – Corrie Wilson, Saint Martin's (1B, 5-4, Fr., Ferndale, WA) had four hits in six at bats as the Saints swept a doubleheader from Northwest. **Pitcher** – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (5-6, Jr., Everett, WA) tossed a two-hit shutout and struck out nine in five innings in a 15-0 victory.

Week of March 3-9: Player – Melanie Pfeiffer, Western Oregon (SS, 5-3, Sr., Reno, NV - Wooster) had 11 hits in 19 at bats and reached base 15 times posting a .652 on-base percentage as the Wolves won five of six games, including a four-game sweep of Montana State Billings. Pfeiffer, who extended her hitting streak to 12 games Tuesday, accounted for eight runs – 22 percent of WOU's total – scoring six times and driving in two. **Pitcher** – Noelle Wright, Northwest Nazarene (5-9, Sr., Irrigon, OR) pitched a two-hitter, but was the hard-luck loser in a 1-0 loss at Saint Martin's Friday. She struck out four and the lone run was unearned.

Week of March 10-16: Player – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (SS-P, 5-6, Jr., Everett, WA - Cascade) had 11 hits in 24 at bats as the Saints split eight games. Among her 11 hits were three doubles and a triple. She also drove in seven runs. In the circle, she posted a 3-2 record and a 1.97 ERA. One of her losses was a two-hit 1-0 decision to Western Washington. **Pitcher** – Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR – Blue Mountain CC) and Jenna DeRosier, Western Washington (5-7, Sr., Kelso, WA) Neither Demianew nor DeRosier allowed a run. Demianew picked up a pair of victories, including one in relief. In seven innings she allowed seven hits, but didn't walk a batter and struck out eight ... DeRosier scattered seven hits in blanking defending GNAC champion Saint Martin's 1-0. She walked one and fanned three.

Week of March 17-23: Player – Raina Reece, Western Oregon (DP, 5-8, Fr., Salem, OR - South Salem) and Haylee Baker, Western Washington (SS, 5-4, Sr., Poulsbo, WA - Bainbridge) ... Both Reece and Baker had huge offensive weekends. Reece hit three home runs and drove in 10 runs as the Wolves stayed on top the GNAC standings sweeping two games from Saint Martin's and splitting a pair of contests with Central Washington. She also had a single and double and posted a .385 batting

average (5-of-13) and 1.176 slugging average. Baker had eight hits in 17 at bats. She homered four times and drove in 12 runs as the Vikings split a four-game series with Montana State Billings. **Pitcher** – Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR) didn't allow an earned run in pitching the Wolves to two victories including a 4-0 shutout of Central Washington. In 15 innings, she allowed 15 hits, but just a pair of unearned runs extending her string of innings without allowing an earned run to 26 innings. She walked two and fanned three.

Week of March 24-30: Player – Kaleigh Keating, Western Washington (2B, 5-4, Sr., Salinas, CA – Notre Dame Salinas) had seven hits in 17 at bats, including a game-ending two-out single in the ninth inning in a 4-3 win over Central Washington as the Vikings swept doubleheaders with their arch-rivals and Simon Fraser. Keating's hit against CWU was her third of the game. Earlier, with her team trailing 2-0 in the fifth, she singled to drive in WWU's first run. She also had two stolen bases, increasing her career total to 35, which ranks 14th in conference history. **Pitcher** – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (5-6, Jr., Everett, WA - Cascade) recorded her 50th and 51st career victories with 3-2 and 10-2 wins at MSU Billings to move into a tie for third place on the GNAC all-time victory list. On the week, she pitched three complete games, allowing just three earned runs in 21 innings. At the plate, she had six hits in 14 at bats, including a home run.

Week of March 31-April 6: Player – Meghan Carrillo, Western Washington (OF, 5-3, Sr., Prunedale, CA – North Monterey County) and Austin Wilkerson, Central Washington (C, 5-5, So., Ferndale, WA - Sehome) Carrillo, who leads the GNAC in on-base percentage (.494) and ranks second in batting (.438), led the Vikings to a 5-1 record in the Cal State Stanislaus Tournament of Champions. She had six hits in 16 at bats and also had a team-high six RBI. Wilkerson batted .444 (8-of-18) as the Wildcats posted a 5-2 record, including a 7-4 win over Chico State. In that contest, Wilkerson hit a two-out, two-run home run in the seventh to give CWU a 5-4 lead. Among Wilkerson's eight hits were two doubles and a pair of home runs. She also drove in six runs. **Pitcher** – Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR), had the fourth lowest earned run average in the tournament (0.70) as she won two of three starts. In 20 innings, she allowed just 16 hits and a pair of earned runs. She currently leads the GNAC with a 1.52 ERA.

GNAC TEAM OF THE WEEK (Spring Sports): Feb. 3-9 – Central Washington (softball). **Feb. 17-23** – Alaska Anchorage (women's indoor track & field) and Western Washington (men's indoor track & field). **March 10-16** – Alaska Anchorage (Track & Field). **March 17-23** - Western Oregon (Softball). **March 24-30** – Simon Fraser (Men's Golf). **March 31-April 6** – Central Washington (Baseball). **April 7-13:** Central Washington (Softball).