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	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
x-Western Oregon	16	4	28	18	9-1	10-9	9-8
x-Central Washington	14	6	25	14	10-2	7-10	8-2
x-Western Washington	14	6	27	11	12-2	8-5	7-4
x-Saint Martin's	12	8	23	19	9-6	9-10	5-3
Montana State Billings	10	13	18	20	5-6	7-8	6-6
Northwest Nazarene	3	17	11	32	4-11	4-14	3-7
Simon Fraser	2	17	4	31	0-12	2-11	2-8
(x-clinched playoff berth)							

LAST WEEK: **Thursday** – Northwest Nazarene 1 at Saint Martin's 8. **Friday** – Northwest Nazarene 2-2 at Western Washington 3-6; Montana State Billings 1-3 at Saint Martin's 19-4 (1st game, completion of suspended game of March 30). **Saturday** – MSU Billings 14 at Simon Fraser 7; Northwest Nazarene 4-9 at Western Washington 7-10; Western Oregon 2-4 at Saint Martin's 0-3. **Sunday** – MSU Billings 10-11 at Simon Fraser 8-6.

THIS 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 23) – 31. Central Washington. **NCAA West Region (April 23)** –1. Cal State Monterey Bay 41-6; 2. Dixie State 39-8; 3. Humboldt State 40-11; 5. Cal Baptist 35-11; 5. UC San Diego 30-13; 6. Sonoma State 33-17; 7. Central Washington 29-21; 8. Cal State San Bernardino 29-21; 9. Western Washington 25-11; 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; Aubrey Conceicao, MSUB. 13 – Kaleigh Keating, WWU. 12 – Alexie Levin, WWU; Lacey McGladrey, SMU (12 in 2013, 3 in 2014). 10 - Bella Rovens, MSUB.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through April 20): Team: Batting – 7. Western Washington .357. Scoring – 19. Western Washington 6.71. Slugging – 28. Western Washington .501. Double Plays – 8. Western Oregon 0.52; 10. Western Washington 0.50; 24. Saint Martin's 0.43. **Individual:** Stolen Bases – 14. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 0.74. Victories – 29. Sam Munger, S<U, 17. Saves – 19. Shayna Adelstein, WWU, 19. Runs – 17. Haylee Baker, WWU, 1.17. HBP – 28. Jackie Schmaeling, SMU, 0.29. Toughest to Strike Out – 6. Meghan Carrillo, WWU, 88.0; 12. Sam Munger, SMU, 64.5. Sacrifice Flies – 16. Haylee Baker, WWU; Bridjet Box, WOU, and Andrea Hamada, CWU, 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 – Emily Osborn, MSU Billings, (1B, 5-8, Jr., Las Vegas, NV - Bonanza) had eight hits in 15 at bats and drove in 12 runs as the Yellowjackets finished their conference season with a 10-13 record. Osborn had home runs in each game of MSUB's series with Simon Fraser. **Pitcher** - Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR - Seattle University), didn't allow a run in pitching the Wolves to two wins over Saint Martin's. Demianew tossed a 2-0 shutout in the opening game against the Saints, then pitched three scoreless innings of relieve to pick up a 4-3 victory in the nightcap. In 10 innings, she allowed six hits, walked two and struck out six.

HONORABLE MENTION: Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (OF, 5-7, Jr., Beaverton, OR - Westview) had three hits in eight at bats and drove in two of WOU's six runs in its sweep of Saint Martin's ... Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (P, 5-6, Jr., Everett, WA - Cascade) won three of five decisions, allowing just seven runs in 26 innings. At the plate she had seven hits in 19 at bats and accounted for 15 of SMU's 34 runs, scoring nine and driving in six ... Jackie Schmaeling, Saint Martin's (C, 5-4, Fr., El Dorado Hills, CA - Oak Ridge) had seven hits in 12 bats, including a home run and drove in six runs.

TEAM NOTES

Central Washington: The Wildcats, who were idle last week, take a six-game winning streak to Nampa for a four-game series with Northwest Nazarene. CWU has allowed the fewest number of runs this spring in the GNAC giving up 118. They rank second in team ERA (2.61) and have three of the top five individual ERAs in the conference. Maria Gau (14-6, 2.30) ranks third and Kiana Wood (8-2, 2.62) and Taryn Wood (2-4, 2.62) are tied for fourth.

Montana State Billings: In addition to Emily Osborn (See *Player of the Week* notes), the Yellowjackets were led offensively by Brittney Sanders who batted .500 (6-of-12) as they won three of five games. Sanders had four doubles and drove in seven runs. Aubrey Conceicao had seven hits in 19 at bats, extending her hitting streak to 15 before going 0-for-4 in Sunday's first game against Simon Fraser.

Northwest Nazarene: Whitney Carlton had eight hits in 15 at bats, including three doubles in five contests. The Crusaders lost all five games, twice by one run and twice by three. Justine Callen and Gatalina Schuster hit home runs.

Saint Martin's: Tavia Jenkins batted .500 in five contests, going 9-of-18. She also drove in five runs. SMU out-hit its opponents .308 to .205, including the completion of its March 30 halted game at MSUB. It won that game 19-1 after leading 15-1 when the game was halted.

Simon Fraser: Stephanie Caron, Kaitlyn Cameron and Rachel Proctor each had four hits in Simon Fraser's three-game series with Montana State Billings. Three of Cameron's four hits were doubles. Proctor had a double and home run and drove in a team-high four runs.

Western Oregon: Pitching dominated in WOU's doubleheader with Saint Martin's. The Wolves hit .246, while the Saints were held to a .175 team average. Bridjet had the lone home run in the twinbill. Box and Amanda Evola each drove in two of WOU's six runs. Kelli Demianew lowered her league-best ERA to 1.83 in blanking the Saints over 10 innings.

Western Washington: Haylee Baker scored nine runs and drove in seven in Western Washington's four game sweep of Northwest Nazarene. Baker had six hits in 12 at bats. Jordan Walley had five hits in nine at bats. Autumn Isaacson stole her 28th base of the season, tying the GNAC single-season record.

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.

Week of April 7-13: 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.

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).