



## Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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### 2014 Softball Report No. 10 (April 30, 2014)

	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	18	6	30	20	11-3	10-9	9-8
Western Washington	17	7	30	12	12-3	9-5	9-4
Central Washington	16	8	27	16	10-2	9-12	8-2
Saint Martin's	15	9	26	20	12-7	7-10	7-3
Montana State Billings	10	13	20	20	5-6	9-8	6-6
Northwest Nazarene	5	19	13	34	6-13	4-14	3-7
Simon Fraser	2	21	4	35	0-12	2-15	2-8

**LAST WEEK:** **Friday** – Central Washington 7-2 at Northwest Nazarene 1-3. **Saturday** – Central Washington 17-5 at Northwest Nazarene 3-12; MSU Billings 9-5 at Great Falls 8-0; Simon Fraser 0-3 at Saint Martin's 8-6; Western Washington 2-6 at Western Oregon 1-3. **Sunday** – Western Washington at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser 0-2 at Western Oregon 9-10. (End-of-regular-season)

**GNAC Championships (May 1-3 at Columbia Playfield, Richland, Wash.):** **Thursday** - #2 Western Washington (30-12) vs. #3 Central Washington (27-16), 4:30 p.m.; #1 Western Oregon (30-20) vs. #4 Saint Martin's (26-20), 7 p.m. **Friday** – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 2 p.m.; Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 4:30 p.m.; Loser Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7 p.m. **Saturday** – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, noon; Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6, 2:30 p.m. (if necessary).

**RANKINGS: NFCA (April 30)** – 32. Western Washington; 38. Central Washington. **NCAA West Region (April 30)** – 1. Cal State Monterey Bay 44-6; 2. Dixie State 43-8; 3. Cal Baptist 39-11; 4. Humboldt State 42-13; 5. UC San Diego 33-14; 6. Sonoma State 35-19; 7. Central Washington 25-14; 8. Western Washington 28-12; 9. Cal State San Bernardino 29-24; 10. Hawaii Hilo 22-20.

**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; Lacey McGladrey, SMU (12 in 2013, 3 in 2014). 13 – Kaleigh Keating, WWU. 12 – Alexie Levin, WWU. 10 – Bella Rovens, MSUB. **Current:** 9 – Amanda Evola, WOU; Alexie Levin, WWU.

**NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through April 27): Team:** Batting – 7. Western Washington .353. Scoring – 22. Western Washington 6.50. Doubles – 21. Western Washington 1.69. Slugging – 21. Western Washington .505. Double Plays – 7. Saint Martin's 0.52; 9. Western Oregon 0.50; 16. Western Washington 0.48. **Individual:** Stolen Bases – 15. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 0.71. Victories – 25. Sam Munger, SMU, 19. Saves – 24. Shayna Adelstein, WWU, 3. Runs – 26. Haylee Baker, WWU, 1.13. HBP – 19. Jackie Schmaeling, SMU, 0.32. Toughest to Strike Out – 7. Sam Munger, SMU, 70.5. Sacrifice Flies – 23. 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** – Kaleigh Keating, Western Washington (OF, 5-4, Sr., Salinas, CA – Notre Dame Salinas) and Alyssa Nitschelm, Northwest Nazarene (2B, 5-5, Fr., Redmond, OR) ... Keating had seven hits in 16 at bats, including two-run single to give the Vikings a 2-1 lead on the way to a 6-3 victory over Western Oregon Saturday. Among her hits were two doubles and a triple. She also drove in five runs ... Nitschelm led the Crusaders to a split of a four-game series with Central Washington reaching base 10 times in 13 plate appearances. She had eight hits, including a pair of doubles, in 11 official at bats. She scored twice and drove in three runs. **Pitcher** – Maria Gau, Central Washington (5-7, Sr., Woodinville, WA) recorded two wins, improving her record to 16-6. In 11 innings, she allowed just eight hits and four runs. She fanned 10 increasing her GNAC-leading strikeout total to 124.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Maikala Galusha, CWU (1B, 5-10, Sr., Battle Ground, WA) had 11 hits in 16 at bats, scored six runs and drove in four as the Wildcats split four games with NNU ... Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (OF, 5-7 Jr., Beaverton, OR - Westview) had seven hits in 13 at bats, scored six runs and drove in five as the Wolves split four games, losing twice to Western Washington before bouncing back to sweep Simon Fraser. . .Noelle Wright, Northwest Nazarene (5-9, Sr., Irrigon, OR) posted a pair of victories in the circle against the playoff-bound Wildcats. She tossed two complete games, giving up 13 runs in 18 2/3 innings ... Kelli Deminaew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR) split two decisions, allowing nine hits in 12 1/3 innings. The win was a 9-0 five-inning four-hit shutout against Simon Fraser ... Lacey McGladrey, Saint Martin's (2B, 5-4, Sr., Bothell, WA) had eight hits in 13 at bats, including three doubles, as the Saints won three of four games. She scored four runs and drove in four.

### TEAM NOTES

**Central Washington:** The Wildcats batted .405 as they outscored Northwest Nazarene 31-19 in a four-game series. Three other players hit .400 or better in the series – Jordan Zurfluh (8-of-13, .615), Austin Wilkerson (7-of-15, .467) and Sammy Morris (6-of-14, .429). Zurfluh had a team-high five RBI. The Wildcats will take a 27-16 record and a No. 3 seed into the conference playoffs this week at Richland.

**Montana State Billings:** The Yellowjackets finished their season with a five-game win streak and a 20-20 overall record. Amanda Todd struck out 11 and pitched a four-hitter in a 5-0 win at Great Falls to complete a doubleheader sweep. In the first game, the Yellowjackets pulled out a 9-8, 9-inning victory as Katie Schermele drove in four runs, three with a first-inning home run. Five different players had three hits each.

**Northwest Nazarene:** In addition to Nitschelm's eight-hit series, Whitney Carlton and Shelby Johnson each had four hits as the Crusaders beat Central Washington twice, costing the Wildcats a chance to share the regular-season title with Western Oregon and dropping CWU to a No. 3 seed in the GNAC post-season tournament. Nitschelm, Carlton, Kira Varady and Justine Callan all drove in three runs.

**Saint Martin's:** Second baseman Lacey McGladrey needs to score seven runs in the post-season to equal the GNAC career record of 186. She has scored 44 runs this season and ranks third in GNAC history with 179. She also ranks fifth in career hits with 239. Sam Munger leads the GNAC in the circle this spring with 19 wins and her career total of 59 ranks third trailing only Seattle University's Erin Martin (89 between 2005-08) and Humboldt State's Tracy Motzny (78 in 2004-06) on the GNAC all-time career list.

**Simon Fraser:** Nicole Ratel had a team-high four hits, including a home run, as the Clan dropped four road games to close out its season. Rachel Proctor, Robyn Mogavero and Stefanie Sheard each had three hits. The Clan was outscored 33-5 in the four road contests.

**Western Oregon:** The Wolves batted .337 and outscored its opponents 23-10 in closing out their regular-season splitting four games to finish one game ahead of Western Washington and earn its second GNAC regular-season title. The Wolves tied Seattle for the title in 2008. Bridjet Box had four hits, including one home run, and drove in six runs. Amanda Evola and Danielle Harcourt also homered.

**Western Washington:** The Vikings batted .325 in winning three of four games to finish the regular-season with a .353 batting average. That ranks seventh nationally and is on pace to break the GNAC single-season record of .347 set by Humboldt State during the 2006 season. Alexie Levin and Meghan Carrillo rank 1-2 in the GNAC with .433 and .432 averages. Levin also leads the GNAC in home runs with 10 and ranks second in RBI with 46. Autumn Isaacson has stolen a GNAC-record 30 bases.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> strikeout of the game. In the two contests, she walked seven and struck out 17.**

**Week of April 14-20: 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. Osborne 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.

**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). April 14-20 – Western Oregon (Baseball). April 21-27 – Northwest Nazarene (Golf).