



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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	Conference		All				
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	18	6	33	21	11-3	10-9	12-9
Western Washington	17	7	30	14	12-3	9-5	9-6
Central Washington	16	8	30	18	10-2	9-12	11-4
Saint Martin's	15	9	27	22	12-7	7-10	8-5
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

GNAC Championships (May 1-3 at Columbia Playfield, Richland, Wash.): **Thursday** - #3 Central Washington 8, #2 Western Washington 7; #1 Western Oregon 3, #4 Saint Martin's 1. **Friday** - Western Oregon 8, Central Washington 4; Saint Martin's 4, Western Washington 3; Central Washington 9, Saint Martin's 1. **Saturday** - Central Washington 6, Western Oregon 5; Western Oregon 20, Central Washington 9 (1st, 2nd).

NCAA West Regionals (May 8-11): At Seaside, Calif. (May 8-10): **Thursday** - #4 Cal Baptist (41-11) vs. #5 Sonoma State (37-20), noon; #8 Western Oregon (33-21) vs. #1 CSU Monterey Bay (45-8), 2:30 p.m. **Friday** - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 2 p.m.; Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 4:30 p.m.; Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3, 7 p.m. **Saturday** - Championship game, noon (2nd game if necessary). (**Note:** Game times are Pacific time) **At St. George, Utah (May 9-11):** **Friday** - #3 Humboldt State (44-13) vs. #6 UC San Diego (33-16), 1 p.m.; #2 Dixie State (43-8) vs. #7 Central Washington (28-17), 3:30 p.m. **Saturday** - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 11 a.m.; Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 1:30 p.m.; Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3, 4 p.m. **Sunday** - Championship game, Noon (2nd game if necessary). (**Note:** Game times are Mountain time).

RANKINGS: NFCA (April 30) - 32. Western Washington; 38. Central Washington. **NCAA West Region (Final)** - 1. Cal State Monterey Bay; 2. Dixie State; 3. Cal Baptist; 4. Humboldt State; 5. UC San Diego; 6. Sonoma State; 7. Central Washington; 8. Western Washington; 9. Cal State San Bernardino; 10. Hawaii Hilo. **Note:** Final rankings taken prior to conference tournament and may not necessarily reflect regional seedings.

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; *Amanda Evola, WOU. 12 - Alexie Levin, WWU. 10 - Bella Rovens, MSUB; Alexie Levin, WWU. *Current

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through May 4): **Team:** Batting - 8. Western Washington .348. Scoring - 27. Western Washington 6.43. Doubles - 29. Western Washington 1.61. Slugging - 27. Western Washington .496. Double Plays - 10. Saint Martin's 0.49; 14. Western Washington 0.48; 18. Western Oregon 0.46. **Individual:** Stolen Bases - 15. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 0.70. Victories - 27. Sam Munger, SMU, 20. Saves - 24. Shayna Adelstein, WWU, 3. Runs - 30. Haylee Baker, WWU, 1.12. HBP - 21. Jackie Schmaeling, SMU, 0.30. Toughest to Strike Out - 7. Sam Munger, SMU, 74.5. Walks Allowed Per 7 Innings - 22. Kelli Demianew, WOU, 1.02. Sacrifice Flies - 12. Bridjet Box, WOU, 5; 26. Haylee Baker, WWU, 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 Championships (May 1-3)** - Bridjet Box, WOU (MVP). *Only a MVP is selected.

BOX MVP OF GNAC TOURNAMENT: Catcher Bridjet Box was named the Most Valuable Player after leading Western Oregon to a 20-9 win over Central Washington in the GNAC Championship game at Columbia Playfield in Richland Saturday. Box led the tournament in batting, banging out nine hits in 12 at bats. In the championship game, she tied the GNAC single-game record hitting three home runs. She also led the tournament with her three home runs and tied CWU's Jill McDaniels and Kailyn Campbell for the most RBIs with seven.

WOLVES GO DEEP SIX TIMES: Box joined CWU's Samantha Petrich as the only players to hit three home runs in the same game in GNAC history. Petrich did it at Montana State Billings on May 2, 2010. She also tied Petrich's record of 12 for most total bases in a game. Jessica Frank of MSUB also had 12 total bases in a game against Great Falls on April 6, 2008. The Wolves went deep six times matching the GNAC team record first set by Seattle against Saint Martin's on March 5, 2006 and then matched by CWU against MSUB on May 2, 2010 and by Northwest Nazarene against CWU on April 15, 2011.

VIKINGS BEST HITTING TEAM IN GNAC HISTORY: Western Washington finished its season ranked eighth nationally in batting average. Its .348 team average eclipsed the old GNAC record of .347 set by Humboldt State in 2006. Saint Martin's catcher Jackie Schmaeling set a GNAC single-season record by reaching base 14 times on hit pitches. The old record was 12 ... Western Washington outfielder Autumn Isaacson established a new standard this season for stolen bases, swiping 31. CWU's Jordan Zurfluh has tied the record for most stolen bases (15) without being caught. Zurfluh will need to avoid being thrown out in the regional playoffs to official claim that record.

CARRILLO LEADS GNAC IN BATTING: WWU's Meghan Carrillo leads the conference in batting hitting .432, eight points ahead of teammate Alexie Levin. Western Oregon outfielder Amanda Evola could win the title with a big NCAA post-season. She is hitting .415. Evola currently leads the GNAC in RBI with 53 and in total bases with 120, CWU's Jill McDaniels is the home run leader with 11. Levin is the slugging leader with a .741

average. In the circle, Kelli Demianew has the lowest earned run average (1.82). Sam Munger of Saint Martin's has the most wins (20) and Maria Gau of Central Washington has the most strikeouts (135).

FROM A CAREER STANDPOINT: Munger has 60 career wins, the third highest total in GNAC history. Seattle University's Erin Martin (2005-08) is the all-time leader with 89 victories. Munger also has a .396 career batting average, the sixth best in conference history ... Saint second baseman Lacey McGladrey finished her career ranked third in GNAC history in run scored (180), fifth in hits (243) and fourth in doubles (56).

TEAM NOTES

Central Washington: The Wildcats hit .350 and averaged 7.20 runs in the conference tournament, winning three of five games, but its opponents batted .377 and scored 41 runs. Jill McDaniels had seven hits, including a double and two home runs. One of those was a game-ending two-run shot in Saturday's 6-5 win over WOU, which forced the seventh game of the tournament. McDaniels batted .538 (7-of-13) and Kailyn Campbell hit .529 (9-of-17).

Saint Martin's: The Saints hit three final at bat home runs to defeat Western Washington 4-3 in Friday's second game. Jackie Schmaeling hit the game-winner. Except for that big inning, the Saints scored just two other runs in its three games. Lacey McGladrey led SMU in the tournament with four hits in 10 at bats.

Western Oregon: The Wolves scored 36 runs in four games and batted .411 in the tournament. They went deep nine times, including two each by Jourdan Williams and Ashlie Gardner. Kelsie Gardner had 10 hits in 17 at bats, Danielle Harcourt had eight hits in 15 at bats and Amanda Evola had eight hits in 16 at bats to extend her latest hitting streak to 13 games. Earlier this season, she hit in a GNAC season-high 16 consecutive contests.

Western Washington: Autumn Isaacson had four hits in eight at bats in Western Washington's two games. Only one other player – Kali Patterson (3-of-7) had more than two hits. WWU batted .236, 112 points below its season average of .348.

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. Its performance in the tournament is likely the main reason the GNAC received an at-large berth in the regionals for the first time since 2008 ... Western Washington reached the CSUS 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.**

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.

Week of April 21-27: 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.

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). **April 28-May 4:** Saint Martin's (Baseball).