



## Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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### 2014 Softball Report No. 5 (March 12, 2014)

	Conference		All				
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Central Washington	4	0	11	4	4-0	2-4	5-0
Western Oregon	4	0	13	10	6-0	1-6	6-4
Saint Martin's	3	0	7	7	5-2	0-4	2-1
Western Washington	2	2	10	5	4-0	3-3	3-2
Northwest Nazarene	0	3	5	14	1-4	3-6	1-4
Montana State Billings	0	4	5	8	0-0	1-5	4-3
Simon Fraser	0	4	0	13	0-0	0-8	0-5

**LAST WEEK: Tuesday** – Western Oregon 4-3 at Concordia 2-4. **Friday** – MSU Billings 5-2 at Western Oregon 9-5; Northwest Nazarene 2-0 at Saint Martin's 10-1; Simon Fraser 3-0 at Western Washington 13-3. **Saturday** – Simon Fraser 1-5 at Central Washington 9-7; MSU Billings 2-1 at Western Oregon 8-8; Northwest Nazarene 1 at Saint Martin's 8. **Sunday** – Western Washington 4-3 at Central Washington 5-4.

**THIS WEEK: Tuesday** – British Columbia 2-6 at Saint Martin's 1-4 (2<sup>nd</sup> game, 8 inn.); Northwest Christian 1-4 at Western Oregon 2-7. **Saturday** – MSU Billings at Central Washington, noon; Saint Martin's at Western Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m. **Sunday** – MSU Billings at Central Washington, 11 a.m.; Saint Martin's at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Western Washington, noon.

**RANKINGS: NFCA (March 5)** – 34. Central Washington.

**HITTING STREAKS (10 or more):** 12 – \*Melanie Pfeiffer, WOU.  
\*Current

**NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through March 9): Team:** Batting – 6. Western Washington .366. Fielding – 28. Central Washington .970. Scoring – 11. Western Washington 7.33; 29. Saint Martin's 6.33. Home Runs – 18. Northwest Nazarene 1.05; 20. Western Washington 1.00. Slugging – 11. Western Washington .544. **Individual:** Batting – 18. Alexie Levin, WWU, .542. Home Runs – 30. Tavia Jenkins, SMU, and Alexie Levin, WWU, 0.33. RBI – 14. Alexie Levin, WWU, 1.60. Stolen Bases – 9. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 1.00. Saves – 8. Kelli Demianew, WOU, and Noelle Wright, NNU, 2. 23. Five with 1. Slugging – 27. Alexie Levin, WWU, .958. HBP – 22. Jackie Schmaeling, SMU, 0.42. Triples – 28. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 2. On-Base PCT. – 24. Alexie Levin, WWU, .600. Sacrifice Flies – 9. Bridjet Box, WOU, 3.

**GNAC RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: 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.

**HONORABLE MENTION (PLAYERS):** Tavia Jenkins, Saint Martin's (OF, 5-8, Jr., Castle Rock, WA) had five hits in seven at bats in a three-game sweep of Northwest Nazarene to raise her season average to a team-best .371. Among her hits were a double and two home runs, including an inside-the-park three-run shot. She drove in six runs increasing her season total to 16 ... Alexie Levin, Western Washington (OF-P, 5-7, So., Everett, WA) personally outscored her opponents 9-0 as she scored four runs and drove in eight including herself three times with a trio of circuit blasts while not allowing a run and only four hits in six innings in the circle. Levin had six hits in 11 at bats raising her season average one point to a league-best .542 ... Maikala Galusha, Central Washington (1B, 5-10, Sr., Battle Ground, WA) had three doubles, including a game-ending hit in Sunday's 4-3 victory over Western Washington. She drove in four runs as the Wildcats earned home sweeps of Simon Fraser and WWU.

**HONORABLE MENTION (PITCHERS):** Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (P-SS, 5-6, Jr., Everett, WA – Cascade) posted a pair of wins as the Saints ran their win streak to six games. In 10 innings she allowed nine hits and three runs, but just one was earned as she posted a 0.70 ERA, Munger, who had won five straight prior to a 2-1 loss Tuesday to UBC, walked two and fanned four. At the plate, she had three hits in eight at bats. ... Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (P, 5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR) picked up a pair of saves and a victory in the Wolves' four-game sweep of Montana State Billings allowing just two runs and nine hits in 11 innings. Including a non-conference game with Concordia, she posted a 1.17 ERA and a 1-1 record, allowing six runs (three earned) in 18 innings ... Kiana Wood, Central Washington (P, 5-6, Fr., Aloha, OR) won a pair of contests tossing two complete games and allowing 15 hits and eight runs (six earned) in 14 innings. She also had four hits in six at bats.

**AROUND THE GNAC:** Central Washington had a pair of game-ending hits in their sweep of Western Washington. In the opener, CWU scored twice in the seventh on singles by Taylor Ferleman and Kailyn Campbell to pull out the win. Ferleman had three hits in the contest. Maikala Galusha then won the second with a RBI double. Jill McDaniels was one of four players to have five hits on the weekend, which included two wins over Simon Fraser, and also had a team-best five RBI ... Taylor Hoke, Katie Schermele and Bella Rovens all had four hits to lead the Yellowjackets in their four-game series at Western Oregon. ... Ashley Pesek had three hits in five at bats to pace the Northwest Nazarene offensively in their three-game series

at Saint Martin's. Justine Callen had NNU's lone home run.

**MORE GNAC HIGHLIGHTS:** Alyssa Slate and Taviah Jenkins each had five hits in seven at bats in Saint Martin's three-game sweep of Northwest Nazarene. The Saint pitching staff carved out a 0.41 team earned run average, allowing just three runs (one earned) and 15 hits in 17 innings. Kaylee Lawson pitched a six-hit 1-0 shutout in Friday's second game against the Crusaders ... Kaitlyn Cameron had a team-best five hits to pace Simon Fraser offensively in its doubleheaders with Western Washington and Central Washington ... In addition to Pfeiffer (See Player of the Week notes), Kelsie Gardner and Amanda Evola led Western Oregon to its four-game sweep of MSUB. Gardner had six hits in 14 at bats and Evola went 5-of-15 and drove in a team-high six runs ... Autumn Isaacson had five hits and stole four bases as Western Washington split four games. Isaacson is hitting .449 and leads the GNAC with 15 stolen bases, more than twice as many as any other player in the league.

**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.

#### **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.