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Weekend Games Moved; 4 to Friday, 2 Others To April 2

GNAC Standings	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	4	0	9	11	6-0	0-0	3-11
Saint Martin's	3	1	17	12	9-3	2-6	6-3
Western Washington	4	2	11	7	4-2	3-3	4-2
Central Washington	2	2	8	7	0-0	4-6	4-1
Montana State Billings	3	5	10	13	0-0	4-8	6-5
Simon Fraser	0	2	9	9	2-4	4-2	3-3
Northwest Nazarene	0	4	2	13	1-3	0-6	1-4

LAST WEEK: Tuesday – MSU Billings 3-11 at Western Washington 4-6; Saint Martin's 2-2 at Concordia 10-3; British Columbia 9-3 at Simon Fraser 4-6. **Wednesday** – MSU Billings 4-11 at Western Washington 5-3. **Friday** – MSU Billings 1-4 at Saint Martin's 13-2; Northwest Nazarene 2-3 at Western Oregon 6-8. **Saturday** – Central Washington 3-7 at Simon Fraser 1-0; MSU Billings 3-0 at Saint Martin's 9-5; Northwest Nazarene 1-2 at Western Oregon 3-14. **Sunday** – Central Washington 1-0 at Western Washington 7-5; Concordia 4-9 at Simon Fraser 8-2.

THIS WEEK: Monday – Notre Dame de Namur 0-7 at Saint Martin's 9-4. **Tuesday** – Notre Dame de Namur 0-3 at Saint Martin's 2-5. **Wednesday** – Northwest Christian 0-4 at Western Oregon 2-10. **Friday** – Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, 1 p.m. **Saturday** – Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington, noon. **Sunday** – Simon Fraser at Saint Martin's, noon; Western Washington at Western Oregon, rescheduled for April 2, 2:30 p.m.

HITTING STREAKS (8 or more): 11 – Amanda Evola, WOU. 10 – Lindsay Miller, SMU; Sam Munger, SMU; Kaitlyn Campbell, CWU. 9 – Tavia Jenkins, SMU. 8 – *Amanda Evola, WOU; *Sammy Morris, CWU; Ashley Pesek, NNU; Taylor Gillis, SFU; Taylor Lundrigan, SFU; Alicia Fine, WWU. *Current

WOU-SFU, WWU-SMU DHs Now on Friday

PORTLAND, Ore. – Defending GNAC champion Western Oregon, riding a six-game winning streak, is at home Friday as it tries to protect a one game lead in the early portion of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference softball pennant race.

The Wolves (9-11, 4-0) host Simon Fraser (9-9, 0-2) in a doubleheader that was originally scheduled for Saturday but has been moved up a day because of anticipated rain on Saturday. The first pitch will be at 1.

Likewise, a scheduled doubleheader Saturday in Lacey between Western Washington (11-7, 4-2) and Saint Martin's (17-12, 3-1) will also start 24 hours earlier.

WOU's Sunday doubleheader with Western Washington has also been rescheduled and will now be played on April 2 beginning at 2 p.m.

WOU swept a four-game conference series last weekend with Northwest Nazarene (2-13, 0-4). Meanwhile, Simon Fraser was swept by Central Washington (8-7, 2-2) in its conference openers.

Saint Martin's opened its conference season last week winning 3-of-4 games with Montana State Billings (10-13, 3-5) which is idle this week.

Western Washington trails Western Oregon by one game after winning four of six conference games in the opening week.

The Vikings split a four-game series with MSUB, before sweeping a home doubleheader with Central Washington.

CWU ended the week with a 2-2 record. The Wildcats are at home this weekend for a four-game series with Northwest Nazarene, which will be looking for its first conference victories.

Following are some of the highlights for the opening week of conference play:

Team Notes

Central Washington: Pitching dominated all four games of CWU's twinbill against Simon Fraser and Western Washington with the losing team scoring one run twice and twice being shutout. CWU swept the Clan 3-1 and 7-0 before getting swept 7-1 and 5-0 by the Vikings. Sammy Morris led Central offensively with six hits in 14 at bats. In the circle Lindsey Kamphuis and Kiana Wood allowed five runs in 13 and 11 innings, respectively, each posting 1-1

records. Only one of the five runs off of Kamphuis was earned.

Montana State Billings: Aubrey Conceicao batted .522 on MSUB's eight-game conference road trip to Bellingham and Lacey. Conceicao and Kelsey Devlin each drove in six runs as MSUB won three of five road games. Taylor Hope had nine hits in 23 at bats.

Northwest Nazarene: Ali Schauer and Lili Paschal each had four hits in 12 at bats in the Crusaders' four-game series at Western Oregon. Ashley Pesek had NNU's only two home runs as well as handling most of the pitching duties, fanning 18 hitters in 13 1/3 innings.

Saint Martin's: Lindsey Miller didn't allow a run and gave up just one hit in 8 2/3 innings as the Saints won three of four games in a series with MSU Billings, outscoring the Yellowjackets 29-8. In a 5-0 win over MSU Billings, the only hit she surrendered was a lead-off double in the third inning by Taylor Hoke. On offense both Miller and Sam Munger had six hits. Alyssa Slate had a team-best five RBI.

Simon Fraser: Alex Baylak batted .471 (8-of-17) as the Clan posted a 2-4 record. Taylor Lundrigan and Rachel Proctor had identical .389 averages each going seven for 18. Proctor had a team-high five RBIs. Kelsie Hawkins won two of three decisions, allowing just three runs in 15 2/3 innings, walking just one batter and striking out 13 batters.

Western Oregon: Amanda Evola batted .600 (See Player of the Week) in WOU's four-game sweep of Northwest. The Wolves outthit NNU .375 to .220 in the series and posted a 1.62 team ERA, led by Alyson Boytz, who pitched two complete games, allowing just 10 hits and three runs in 14 innings. The Wolves hit six home runs in the series, two each by Evola and Emma Alfonso, who had just nine official at bats.

Western Washington: Alicia Fine had nine hits, including three doubles, to lead the Vikings to a 4-2 record during a 4-2 homestand to open the conference season. Alexie Levin and Emily Benson each had six RBI in the six games during which the Vikings scored 30 runs and allowed 30. Makinlee Sellevold, who won all four games, gave up 8 runs in 32 1/3. In the 11 2/3 innings in which Sellevold didn't pitch, the Vikings surrendered 22 runs.

GNAC Players of the Week

Player

Feb. 2-8	Amanda Evola, Western Oregon
Feb. 9-15	Alicia Fine, Western Washington
Feb. 16-22	Sam Munger, Saint Martin's
Feb. 23- M. 1	Emily Osborn, MSU Billings
March 2-8	Amanda Evola, Western Oregon

Pitcher

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Feb. 9-15	Lindsey Kamphuis, Central Washington
Feb. 16-22	Kiana Wood, Central Washington
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March 2-8	Makinlee Sellevold, Western Washington

Week of Feb. 2-8: Player – Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (OF, 5-7, Sr., Beaverton, OR) had 10 hits in 23 at bats as the Wolves won two of six games in the NFCA Division II Leadoff Classic at Tucson, Ariz. Evola also scored six runs and stole a pair of bases. Two of WOU's losses were in extra innings. **Pitcher** - Makinlee Sellevold, Western Washington (Fr., Everett, WA - Cascade), making her collegiate debut, allowed just one hit – a one-out infield single in the first inning – in a 3-0 shutout of Chaminade. Sellevold walked one batter, hit one and fanned four.

Week of Feb. 9-15: Player - Alicia Fine, Western Washington (SS, 5-6, Sr., Mount Vernon, WA – Portland State), batted .500 (10-of-20) and drove in 14 runs as the Vikings won four of six games in Las Vegas. Among her 10 hits, were four doubles and three home runs as she posted a 1.150 slugging percentage. She walked three times and didn't strikeout out. For the week, she batted .400 (14-of-35) and drove in 15 runs in 10 games. **Pitcher** – Lindsey Kamphuis, Central Washington (5-10, Fr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin) won two games allowing just 15 hits in 18 innings as the Wildcats won four of five games to open its season. Her first win was a 10-3 complete-game conquest of No. 19 ranked Humboldt State.

Week of Feb. 16-22: Player – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (P-SS, Sr., Everett, WA) led the Saints to a 5-0 record both at the plate and in the circle. She had 10 hits – increasing her career total to 219 which is the seventh highest in GNAC history – in 21 at bats. Among her hits were four doubles and two home runs. She drove in 10 runs including six in a 10-3 win over Northwest Christian. She also recorded her 64th and 65th career wins – No. 3 all-time in the conference – allowing just four runs (two earned) in 13 innings. **Pitcher** – Kiana Wood, Central Washington (5-6, So., Aloha, OR) won two games defeating Dominican 6-0 and Holy Names 13-1. She pitched six innings and allowed just two hits against the Penguins, then pitched a five-inning complete-game against Holy Names.

Week of Feb. 23-March 1: Player – Emily Osborn, MSU Billings (1B, 5-8, Sr., Las Vegas, NV – Bonanza) had nine hits in 21 at bats, including two doubles and three home runs, as the Yellowjackets won four of six games in the College of Idaho/Northwest Nazarene Classic. Osborn had a total of five RBIs including three in a 5-3 win Saturday against College of Idaho. **Pitcher** – Jessyka MacDonald, MSU Billings (5-8, Sr., Billings, MT) recorded three victories and also earned a save, allowing just 10 hits in 15 innings.

She walked eight and fanned 12 in posting a 2.80 ERA in the tournament.

Week of March 2-8: Player – Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (CF, 5-7, Sr., Beaverton, OR - Westview), had nine hits in 19 at bats, including two doubles and two home runs to lead the Wolves to a four-game sweep against Northwest Nazarene during which it outscored the Wolves 31-8. Evola also drove in six runs in raising her career batting average to .399. That ranks sixth in GNAC history. Only four players in conference history have finished their careers with a .400 average. She currently ranks sixth in career hits with 234 and fourth in RBI with 152. **Pitcher** – Makinlee Sellevold, Western Washington (5-4, Fr., Everett, WA - Cascade) posted a 4-0 record as the Vikings began their conference season winning four of six contests. Among the victories was a 5-0 shutout of Central Washington Sunday. In 32 1/3 innings, she allowed just eight runs, seven earned. She gave up 30 hits and walked 13, but only 18.6 percent of the runners who reached on a hit or walk ended up scoring.

GNAC Miscellany

GNAC Championships: The GNAC will determine its automatic berth for the NCAA National Championships with a four-team double elimination tournament Apr. 30 – May 2 at Yakima.

NCAA West Regional: Eight teams advance to the NCAA Division II West Regional tournament that will be held at two four-team sites May 7-10. The two sub-regional winners will then play a best-of-three series May 15-16 with the winner advancing to the NCAA Elite 8 May 21-25 at Oklahoma City, Okla.

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