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# **GNAC Teams Head To Turlock for Tournament of Champions**

GNAC Standings	w	L	w	L	н	Α	Ν
Saint Martin's	7	1	21	12	11-3	4-6	6-3
Central Washington	8	4	14	9	6-2	4-6	4-1
Western Oregon	5	3	10	14	7-1	0-2	3-11
Western Washington	7	5	14	10	4-2	6-6	4-2
Montana State Billings	6	6	13	14	3-1	4-8	6-5
Simon Fraser	2	6	11	13	2-4	6-6	3-3
Northwest Nazarene	1	11	4	21	3-7	0-10	1-4

LAST WEEK: Friday – Western Washington 4-6 at Northwest Nazarene 3-7. Saturday – Saint Martin's 19-17 at Central Washington 7-9; Simon Fraser 2-10 at MSU Billings 4-9; Western Washington 10-6 at Northwest Nazarene 0-1. Sunday – Western Oregon 2-5 at Central Washington 3-10; Simon Fraser 1-0 at MSU Billings 11-8.

THIS WEEK: Tuesday - Willamette 3 at Northwest Nazarene 9; College of Idaho 3 at Northwest Nazarene 2. Wednesday -Willamette at Northwest Nazarene, noon; Central Washington at CSU Monterey Bay, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at San Francisco State, 1 p.m. Thursday - Western Washington vs. Sonoma State (at Turlock), 4 p.m. Friday - CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions (Hawaii Pacific vs. Saint Martin's, 8 a.m.; Hawaii Hilo vs. Simon Fraser, 8 a.m.; Western Washington vs. CSU Dominguez Hills, 8 a.m.; Academy of Art vs. Northwest Nazarene, 9 a.m.; Chico State vs. Central Washington, 9 a.m.; Azusa Pacific vs. Saint Martin's, 10 a.m.; Western Washington vs. Humboldt State, 10 a.m.; Simon Fraser vs. Chico State, 11:15 p.m.; Academy of Art vs. Central Washington, 12:15 p.m.; Sonoma State vs. Western Oregon, 12:15 p.m.; CSU Monterey Bay vs. MSU Billings, 1:15 p.m.; CSU Stanislaus vs. Northwest Nazarene, 1:30 p.m.; Western Oregon vs. Academy of Art, 2:15 p.m.; Western Washington vs. CSU East Bay, 2:15 p.m.; MSU Billings vs. Sonoma State, 3:30 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene vs. CSU Monterey Bay, 3:30 p.m.; Simon Fraser vs. CSU Stanislaus, 3:45 p.m.; Notre Dame de Namur vs. Saint Martin's, 5:45 p.m.; Western Oregon vs. Chico State, 5:45 p.m.; CSU Stanislaus vs. MSU Billings, 8 p.m.). Saturday - CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions (Sonoma State vs. Northwest Nazarene, 8:45 a.m.; Western Oregon vs. Hawaii Hilo, 9 a.m.; Western Washington vs. UC San Diego, 10 a.m.; Sonoma State vs. Simon Fraser, 11 a.m.; Cal St. Monterey Bay vs. Central Washington, 11:15 a.m.; Western Washington vs. San Francisco State, 12:15 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene vs. Hawaii Hilo, 1:15 p.m.; Western Oregon vs. CSU Monterey Bay, 1:30 p.m.; MSU Billings vs. Chico State, 2:15 p.m.; Dominican vs. Saint Martin's, 2:15 p.m.; Central Washington vs. Hawaii Hilo, 3:30 p.m.; Simon Fraser vs. Academy of Art, 3:45 p.m.; Chaminade vs. Saint Martin's, 5:45 p.m.; Central Washington vs. CSU Stanislaus, 6 p.m.; MSU Billings vs. Academy of Art, 6 p.m.). Sunday - CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions.

HITTING STREAKS (10 or more): 12 - \*Amanda Evola, WOU. 11 - Sam Munger, SMU; Amanda Evola, WOU; Sammy Morris, SMU. 10

-\*Austin Wilkerson, CWU; Lindsay Miller, SMU; Kaitlyn Campbell, CWU. \*Current

## 24 West Region Teams Gather For Annual Event

PORTLAND, Ore. – Twenty-four of the 30 NCAA Division II West Region softball teams will be in Turlock, Calif. this weekend to compete in the Tournament at Champions softball tournament.

The tournament is presented by the Turlock Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The tournament is always a good indicator of which teams might qualify for the NCAA West Regional in May.

The first of three regional polls which will eventually determine the five at-large teams which will join the GNAC, CCAA and Pac West champions in the tournament will be held in mid-April.

The tournament will feature nine of 10 teams from the California College Athletic Association, eight of 13 from the Pac West Conference and all seven from the GNAC.

Prior to the tournament which begins Friday, Central Washington, Western Oregon and Western Washington will all play games in California against CCAA teams.

The Wildcats will play a doubleheader today (Wednesday) at Cal State Monterey Bay and Western Oregon is in the Bay Area for a twinbill with San Francisco State.

On Thursday, Western Washington and Sonoma State will play a single game at Turlock.

The tournament will begin Friday. Each team will play five "pool" contests Friday and Saturday prior to bracket play on Sunday.

Last year GNAC teams finished the tournament with a combined record of 24-19, finishing with a winning record for the first-time.

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, which currently is in first place in the GNAC, has a 15-5 TOC record.

## Munger, Slate, Isaacson Ranked In Top 10

Saint Martin's Sam Munger is tied for third in saves with 3 and ranks 12<sup>th</sup> in shutouts with four in this week's NCAA Division II national statistical report.

She is the only player ranked in the Top 10 in this week's report.

In team categories, Western Washington ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in double plays, averaging 0.50 per game (12 in 24 games).

Saint Martin's ranks 16<sup>th</sup> in on-base percentage (.421) and is 20<sup>th</sup> in batting (.345). Central Washington is 20<sup>th</sup> in doubles with 1.91 per game.

## **GNAC in NCAA Top 30 Statistical Rankings**

Team	Institution	Rank	Avg
Batting	Saint Martin's	20 <sup>th</sup>	.345
Doubles	Central Washington	20 <sup>th</sup>	1.91
Doubles	Western Oregon	27 <sup>th</sup>	1.83
Double Plays	Western Washington	15th	0.50
Double Plays	Western Oregon	26 <sup>th</sup>	0.46
On-Base	Saint Martin's	16 <sup>th</sup>	.421
Individual	Player	Rank	Avg
Triples	Autumn Isaacson, WWU	12th	4
Triples Per Game	Autumn Isaacson, WWU	26 <sup>th</sup>	0.19
Saves	Sam Munger, SMU	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3
Hit By Pitch	Destiny Kuehl, WOU	26 <sup>th</sup>	0.32
Sacrifice Flies	Alyssa Slate, SMU	13 <sup>th</sup>	3
Shutouts	Sam Munger, WWU	$12^{\text{th}}$	4

## **Team Notes**

**Central Washington:** Michaela Hazlett had seven hits in 13 at bats as the Wildcats split four conference games last weekend to move into second place in the conference standings. Katie Focher had six hits in 12 at bats, including three doubles and a home run, and Kaitlyn Campbell had seven hits in 15 at bats and drove in eight runs.

**Montana State Billings:** The Yellowjackets batted .435 in winning three of four games against Simon Fraser in their season home debuts. Bella Rovens (8-of-13), Cameron Cassinello (7-of-12), Heather Tracy (6-of-12) and Emily Osborn (6-of-12) all hit for .500 or better to back the pitching of Jessyka MacDonald (See *GNAC Pitcher of the Week* notes), who threw 21 2/3 of the 24 innings. Taylor Hoke, who had seven RBI, Osborn and Cassinello each hit two home runs.

**Northwest Nazarene:** Whitney Carlton led the Crusaders with five hits in 12 at bats in their series against Western Washington. The Crusaders won the second game of the series 7-6 scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh including the game-winner on a single by Morgan Thome.

Saint Martin's: The Saints scored 36 runs in just 14 innings in their sweep of Central Washington, batting .439 as a team and slugging .646. SMU's on-base percentage approached .500 (.495) led by Megan Miller who reached eight times in 10 plate appearances. Miller batted .750 and had a cycle against Central Washington (See *GNAC Player of the Week* notes). Sam Munger and Mary Dettling both batted .500 (5-of-10).

**Simon Fraser:** Rachel Proctor led the Clan with five hits, including three home runs, in eight at bats in their fourgame series at Billings. Proctor accounted for more than half (8-of-13) of SFU's RBIs. Taylor Gillis and Danielle Raison each had four hits in the series.

Western Oregon: Amanda Evola has hit safely in 23 of 24 games this season, putting together hitting streaks of 11 and her current one of 12 games. She kept her current streak alive with two hits in last Sunday's doubleheader against Central Washington. Kelsie Gardner had four of the Wolves' 13 hit in the twinbill, including their only home run.

**Western Washington:** Emily Benson and Makinlee Sellevold each had six hits in 10 at bats, a homer and six RBI in a four-game series at Northwest Nazarene, Sellevold also had two doubles and a team-best 1.100 slugging average. She also posted a 2-1 record and a 2.27 ERA in the circle, allowing just nine hits in 12 ½ innings, while fanning 11.

## **GNAC Career Top 10 Leaders**

## Batting

#### Batting Average

- 1. Danielle Monson, Central Washington (2009-10) .432
- 6. Amanda Evola, Western Washington (2012-15)
   .393

   10. Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (2012-15)
   .390

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On Base Percentage
1. Kelsev Haberl, Simon Fraser (2011-12)
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6.	Alexie Levin, Western Washington (2013-15)	.461

## **Slugging Percentage**

1.	Kelsey Haupert, Central Washington (2010-11)	.833
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#### **Runs Scored**

1.	Brandi Harrison, Humboldt State (2002-06)	186
5.	Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (2012-15)	143
6.	Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (2012-15)	140

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Hits	
1. Brandi Harrison, Humboldt State (2002-06)	279
<ol> <li>Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (2012-15)</li> <li>Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (2012-15)</li> </ol>	242 240
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RBI	
1. Brandi Harrison, Humboldt State (2002-06)	191
4. Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (2012-15)	156
8. Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (2012-15)	130
Doubles	
1. Joslyn Eugenio, Saint Martin's (2010-13)	65
5. Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (2012-15)	51
7. Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (2012-15)	46
Triples	
1. Andrea Williams, Humboldt State (2001-04)	20
<ol> <li>9. Autumn Isaacson, Western Washington (2014-15</li> </ol>	
Home Runs	
1. Jessica Hallmark, Western Oregon (2008-11)	45
Stolen Bases	
1. Andrea Williams, Humboldt State (2001-04)	86
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## **GNAC Players of the Week**

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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
March 9-15	Alexa Olague, Central Washington
	Tavia Jenkins, Saint Martin's
March 16-22	Megan Miller, Saint Martin's
Pitcher	
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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 64<sup>th</sup> and 65<sup>th</sup> 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.

Week of March 9-15: Alexa Olague, Central Washington (3B, 5-6, Jr., Tacoma, WA - Wilson) and Taviah Jenkins, Saint Martin's (OF, 5-8, Sr., Castle Rock, WA) ... Olague led the Wildcats to a four-game sweep of Northwest Nazarene, banging out six hits, including two doubles and the only triple in the GNAC last week. She also had six RBI. In Saturday's sweep, her two-out RBI single in the bottom of the seventh gave CWU a 6-5 victory in the first game. In the second contest, she led off the bottom of the sixth with a single and the Wildcats went on to score six runs to break a 2-2 tie in an 8-2 win ... Jenkins had eight hits in 16 at bats, including a double and home run, and also drove in eight runs as the Saints won five of six games including a 5-0, 2-1 sweep Saturday against Western Washington. Pitcher - Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (P-SS, 5-6, Sr., Everett, WA - Cascade) won three games and had a save and didn't allow a run in 20 innings pitching two shutouts against both Notre Dame de Namur (9-0, 2-0) and Western Washington (5-0). She allowed just 13 hits and fanned 16. She hasn't allowed a run in 21 consecutive innings.

Week of March 16-22: Player - Megan Miller, Saint Martin's (3B, 5-3, Jr., Everett, WA - Cascade) led the Saint offense which produced 36 runs in two games against Central Washington's pitching staff, CWU came into the weekend ranked No. 1 in the GNAC in ERA. Miller, who drove in six runs and hit for the cycle in the second game, had six hits in eight at bats, including two doubles, a triple and a home run. Her slugging average for the doubleheader with a phenomenal 1.625 as she drove in eight runs. Pitcher - Jessyka MacDonald, MSU Billings (5-8, Sr., Billings, MT – West) allowed just four runs in 21 2/3 innings, surrendering 15 hits and striking out 15 in winning three of four decisions including a two-hit 8-0 shutout of Simon Fraser Sunday. MacDonald pitched all 10 innings of MSUB's two five-inning wins Sunday, allowing just five hits and one run. She needed just 113 pitches combined in throwing two complete games.

# **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. The first regional poll, which will determine the five at-large teams in the eight-team tournament will be announced in mid-April.

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