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2012 Volleyball Season Recap (Dec. 28, 2012)

Final Standings	Conf.		All		H	A	N
	W	L	W	L			
Western Washington	16	2	24	4	9-0	8-3	7-1
Western Oregon	14	4	21	6	12-3	9-3	0-0
Central Washington	14	4	21	8	8-2	8-4	5-2
Alaska Anchorage	11	7	16	10	10-3	5-5	1-2
Seattle Pacific	11	7	14	13	5-4	7-6	2-3
Northwest Nazarene	8	10	15	14	7-3	5-8	3-3
MSU Billings	8	10	11	15	5-4	3-9	3-2
Alaska Fairbanks	4	14	6	18	5-7	1-11	0-0
Saint Martin's	3	15	6	18	2-7	4-11	0-0
Simon Fraser	1	17	4	22	2-10	1-10	1-2

NCAA WEST REGIONAL (Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Laie, HI): Thursday – #3 CSU San Bernardino 3, #6 Central Washington 2 (25-16, 20-25, 24-26, 25-16, 15-13); #2 Grand Canyon 3, #7 San Francisco State 2 (25-20, 16-25, 18-25, 25-23, 15-6); #4 Western Washington 3, #5 Sonoma State 0 (25-20, 25-18, 26-24); #1 BYU-Hawaii 3, #8 UC San Diego 1 (25-21, 23-25, 25-17, 25-12). **Friday** – CSU San Bernardino 3, Grand Canyon 2 (26-24, 25-21, 21-25, 25-27, 15-12); BYU-Hawaii 3, Western Washington 1 (25-15, 23-25, 25-17, 25-18). **Saturday** – BYU-Hawaii 3, CSU San Bernardino 0 (27-25, 25-18, 25-19).

POLLS: AVCA (Final) – 15. Western Washington; 31. Central Washington. **NCAA West Regional (Final)** – 1. BYU-Hawaii; 2. Grand Canyon; 3. Cal State San Bernardino; 4. Western Washington; 5. UC San Diego; 6. Sonoma State; 7. San Francisco State; 8. Central Washington; 9. Western Oregon; 10. Chico State. **Note:** Final poll taken prior to final weekend and doesn't necessarily reflect playoff seedings.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Final): Team (Top 30): Assists – 17. Western Washington 12.96. Blocks – 12. Western Oregon 2.48. Hitting PCT. – 13. Western Washington .254; 23. Western Oregon .247. Kills – 27. Western Washington 13.60. **Individuals (Top 30):** Assists – 6. Laurie Yearout, WWU, 11.76; 21. Shelby Swanson, SPU, 10.83. Blocks – 12. Becky Blees, WOU, 1.33; 29. Kayla Erickson, WWU, 1.17. Digs – 5. Samantha Hutchinson, WWU, 6.41; 9. Erin Compton, MSUB, 6.01; 30. Kaeli Kight, CWU, 5.13. Hitting PCT. – 2. Krissi Kemper, WOU, .425; 20. Erin Smith, CWU, .362. Kills – 16. Marlayna Geary, WWU, 4.13; 21. Cailin Fellows, SPU, 3.97. Points – 15. Marlayna Geary, WWU, 4.72.

ALL-TOURNAMENT: Western Oregon (Aug. 30-Sept. 1) – Marlayna Geary, WWU (MVP); Laurie Yearout, WWU; Krissi Kemper, WOU. **Grand Canyon (Aug. 31-Sept. 1)** – Erin Smith, CWU. **Alaska Fairbanks (Aug. 31-Sept. 1)** – Katlyn Mataya, UAF; Sam Harthun, UAF. **Honolulu Invitational (Aug. 30-Sept. 1)** – Cailin Fellows, SPU; Monica Grimsrud, MSUB. **Sonoma State (Sept. 7-8)** – Marlayna Geary, WWU (MVP); Samantha Hutchinson, WWU; Laurie Yearout, WWU. **Alaska Anchorage (Sept. 7-8)** – Kimya Jafroudi, UAA (MVP); Katelynn Zanders, UAA; Julia Mackey, UAA; Sarah Johnson, UAA. **CSU Pueblo (Sept. 7-8)** – Monica Grimsrud, MSUB; Erin Compton, MSUB. **Notre Dame de Namur/CSU East Bay (Sept. 7-8)** – Becky Flores, NNU.

NCAA WEST REGIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT (Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Laie, HI): **BYU-Hawaii** – Lauren Hagemeyer, Erh Fang Hsu, Shih Ting Chen, Ying Chun Chen. **CSU San Bernardino** – Camille Smith, Mercedes Winchester, Alexandra Torline. **Grand Canyon** – Kristen Preach,

Mackenzie Phelps. **San Francisco State** – Iris Tolenada. **Western Washington** – Marlayna Geary, WWU; Samantha Hutchinson, WWU.

ALL-AMERICAN: Daktronics: Honorable Mention – Marlayna Geary, WWU (OH, 5-10, Sr., Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep). **AVCA: First Team** – Marlayna Geary, WWU (OH, 5-10, Sr., Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep). **Second Team** – Samantha Hutchinson, WWU (L, 5-8, So., University Place, WA); Erin Smith, CWU (MB, 5-10, Jr., Selah, WA). **Third Team** – Krissi Kemper, WOU (MB, 5-11, Jr., Prineville, OR – Crook County);

ALL-REGION: Daktronics: First Team – Marlayna Geary, WWU (OH, 5-10, Sr., Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep); Kayla Erickson, WWU (MB, 6-0, So., Gig Harbor, WA). **Second Team** – Samantha Hutchinson, WWU (L, 5-8, So., University Place, WA). **AVCA: First Team** – Marlayna Geary, WWU (OH, 5-10, Sr., Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep); Samantha Hutchinson, WWU (L, 5-8, So., University Place, WA); Krissi Kemper, WOU (MB, 5-11, Jr., Prineville, OR – Crook County); Erin Smith, CWU (MB, 5-10, Jr., Selah, WA). **Honorable Mention** – Laurie Yearout, WWU (S, 5-9, Sr., Spokane, WA); Marcy Hjellum, CWU (OH, 5-11, Sr., Kennewick, WA). **CoSIDA (Academic): First Team** – Shelby Swanson, SPU (Physiology, Sr., 3.89, Kennewick, WA).

KEMPER, BLEES SET RECORDS: Western Oregon middle hitters Krissi Kemper and Becky Blees each set a pair of Great Northwest Athletic Conference records during the 2012 season ... Kemper set the GNAC single-season records for hitting percentage for all matches (.425) and for conference matches (.446) ... Blees, meanwhile, set career records for most assisted blocks per set for both all matches (1.07) and conference matches (1.11) ... Two team records were also set during the 2012 season ... Northwest Nazarene set a single-match record for lowest opponent hitting percentage, holding Walla Walla to a minus .213 percentage in a 3-0 win Oct. 3 at Nampa ... Seattle Pacific set a GNAC record for highest hitting percentage in a conference match swinging at a .473 pace in their Nov. 1 3-0 home victory against Saint Martin's ... Central Washington tied a GNAC record for most team blocks in a four-set match with 20 against UC San Diego on Sept. 7.

FOUR EARN NATIONAL TOP 10 RANKING: Kemper was one of four GNAC players who finished in the Top 10 in the final NCAA Division II national statistical report ... She finished second nationally in hitting percentage. Also in the Top 10 were Samantha Hutchinson and Laurie Yearout of Western Washington and Erin Compton of MSU Billings ... Hutchinson finished fifth in digs (6.41), earning her second straight GNAC dig title. It was also the seventh time in the past nine seasons a WWU player has led the GNAC in digs ... Yearout finished sixth in assists, averaging 11.76 per set. Compton finished ninth in digs averaging 6.01.

CONFERENCE STAT CHAMPIONS: In addition to Kemper, Hutchinson and Yearout, other GNAC statistical champions included Blees in total blocks (1.33 per set), the Vikings' Marlayna Geary in both points (4.72) and kills (4.12) and Kimya Jafroudi of Alaska Anchorage in aces (0.46 per set) ... Geary won her second consecutive conference statistical title in both points and kills increasing her career totals to 1,479 and 1,354. She finished her career ranked ninth in career points and sixth in kills in GNAC history ... Western Washington, which won its sixth conference volleyball title (five outright) in the 12-year history of the conference, won four GNAC team statistical titles, finishing first in kills (13.6), percentage (.254), assists (12.96) and digs (17.42) ... Western Oregon, which tied Central Washington for second place in the final conference standings, led the GNAC in lowest hitting percentage (.151), most aces (1.66) and most team blocks (2.24).

BEST SEASON: GNAC teams posted the best non-conference winning percentage in the 12-year history of the conference finishing with a 48-38 overall record (.558). The previous best winning percentage (.553) came during the 2008 season.

YEAR-BY-YEAR NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS

Year	Regular W-L	West W-L	Nationals W-L	Totals (+/-) W-L
2001	50-41	1-2 (2)		51-43 (+8)
2002	32-45	0-1 (1)		32-46 (-14)
2003	44-38	0-2 (2)		44-40 (+4)
2004	41-36	0-1 (1)		41-37 (+4)
2005	31-49	1-2 (2)		32-51 (-19)
2006	41-38	0-3 (3)		41-41 (Even)
2007	41-41	3-2 (3)	2-1	46-44 (+2)
2008	52-41	0-1 (1)		52-42 (+10)
2009	55-49	1-2 (2)		56-51 (+5)
2010	27-39	3-3 (3)		30-42 (-12)
2011	32-36	0-2 (2)		32-38 (-6)
2012	47-36	1-2 (2)		48-38 (+10)
Totals	493-489	10-23 (24)	2-1 (1)	505-513 (-8)

PREVIOUS RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week of Aug. 27-Sept. 2: Offense - Marlayna Geary, Western Washington (OH, 5-10, Sr., Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep) had 59 kills and hit for a .356 percentage in leading the Vikings to four victories in the Western Oregon Invitational. Geary became the 29th player in GNAC history to record 1,000 career kills, increasing her career total to 1,017. She also had 50 digs, five service aces and three blocks and was named the Most Valuable Player. **Defense -** Erin Smith, Central Washington (MB, 5-10, Jr., Selah, WA) had a team-high 13 blocks and also contributed 51 kills as the Wildcats won three of four matches. Smith committed just six errors in 90 swings.

Week of Sept. 3-9: Offense - Marlayna Geary, Western Washington (OH, 5-10, Sr., Tacoma, WA – Bellarmine Prep) had a tourney-best 76 kills and a .314 attack percentage and also had 40 digs and a trio of double-doubles in leading the Vikings to a 3-1 record and a share of the tournament title in the Sonoma State Invitational at

Rohnert Park. She also had nine blocks in earning MVP honors for the second week in a row. WWU tied for the tournament title. After losing to No. 25 UC San Diego, the Vikings handed Chico State its first loss of the season and then beat No. 23 Sonoma State. **Defense -** Samantha Hutchinson, Western Washington (L, 5-8, So., University Place, WA - Curtis) had 99 digs, an average of 6.19 per set to earn all-tournament honors as the Vikings outthit their four CCAA opponents by 40 points (.286 to .246).

Week of Sept. 10-16: Offense - Sarah Johnson, Alaska Anchorage (OH, 6-1, Fr., Anchorage, AK - South) had 34 kills and hit for a .308 percentage as the Seawolves ran their win streak to six with 3-2 home wins over Central Washington and Northwest Nazarene. She had double-doubles in both victories, including career-highs of 18 kills and 17 digs in Saturday's win over NNU. She leads UAA with four double-doubles on the season. **Defense -** Samantha Hutchinson, Western Washington (L, 5-8, So., University Place, WA – Curtis) had 35 digs as the Vikings held their opponents to a .098 hitting percentage in sweeps of Montana State Billings and Seattle Pacific. Hutchinson, who was selected the *Red Lion Defensive Player of the Week* for the second week in a row, also had three aces as WWU had a 28-11 point advantage from the service line, including a 18-2 edge in aces.

Week of Sept. 17-23: Offense - Emmy Dolan, Central Washington (OH, 5-11, Jr., Castle Rock, WA) had 23 kills and hit for a .450 percentage leading the Wildcats to wins over Simon Fraser and Western Washington. Dolan had 16 kills and hit for a .481 percentage as the Wildcats stopped archrival Western Washington in four sets for the second time in a row at Nicholson Pavilion. CWU also beat the Vikings at home in four sets during the final week of the 2011 season. **Defense -** Becky Blees, Western Oregon (MB, 5-10, Jr., Portland, OR – Madison) contributed to nine of the Wolves' 15 blocks as WOU earned sweeps of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks in limiting their opponents to a .080 attack percentage. Blees also had a .412 hitting percentage (8-1-17) in the two wins.

Week of Sept. 24-30: Offense - Kayla Erickson, Western Washington (MB, 6-0, So., Gig Harbor, WA) had 24 kills in two matches, including the match-winner as the Vikings handed Western Oregon its first conference loss. Erickson, who hit for a .388 percentage, also had five blocks. She had 11 kills and a team-high three blocks against the Wolves. **Defense -** Marcy Hjellum, Central Washington (OH, 5-11, Sr., Kennewick, WA – Kamiakin) led Central Washington offensively with 39 kills and defensively with 36 digs as the Wildcats ran their win streak to five with road victories at Seattle Pacific and Montana State Billings. Hjellum also hit for a team high .270 percentage, 94 points better than CWU's team percentage of .176 in the two matches.

Week of Oct. 1-7: Offense - Megan Morrison, Alaska Fairbanks (OH, 5-11, Fr., Spring Hill, FL - Springstead) tallied 20 kills and hit for a .269 percentage as the Nanooks split two matches to end a 10-match losing streak. Entering this week's matches, Morrison, who also had nine blocks, only had 10 kills on the year and her week's hitting percentage was nearly 300 points better than her season

average. She also doubled her season's blocks total as well. In Saturday's win against Simon Fraser, Morrison had 15 kills, seven blocks and a .353 hitting percentage. **Defense** - Shelby Swanson, Seattle Pacific (S, 5-9, Sr., Kennewick, WA) had 36 assists and 18 digs earning her third consecutive double-double as Seattle Pacific swept Western Oregon on the Wolves' court. She also recorded 31 assists in Saturday's three-set victory at Saint Martin's as the Falcons posted back-to-back sweeps for the first time this season. Swanson, who is averaging 10.33 assists per set this season, now has 3,264 career assists, which ranks eighth in GNAC history. She also has seven double-doubles this season and 24 in her career.

Week of Oct. 8-14: Offense – Catie Fry, Central Washington (S, 6-0, Fr., Tacoma, WA – Mt. Si) averaged 11.6 assists leading the Wildcats to a pair of 3-0 win against Western Oregon and Saint Martin's. Fry also had a team-high five service aces, 13 digs and four blocks as the Wildcats ran their win streak to nine matches finishing the first half of the conference season in a tie for first-place with Western Washington. **Defense** – Kimya Jafroudi, Alaska Anchorage (S, 5-7, Sr., Huntington Beach, CA) led the Seawolves both offensively and defensively to a pair of road wins at Seattle Pacific and Montana State Billings. Jafroudi had 22 digs and four blocks on defense. Offensively, she earned 82 assists and also had three service aces.

Week of Oct. 15-21: Offense - Sam Harthun, Alaska Fairbanks (OH, 6-0, Fr., Oregon City, OR) and Samantha Ward, Western Oregon (OH, 6-1, Sr., Salem, OR – West Salem)... Harthun had 36 kills, three service aces and 18 digs and hit for a .413 percentage (36-5-75) as the Nanooks split two matches. In a 3-0 sweep of Saint Martin's she finished with a match-best 18 kills hitting a career-high .654 (18-1-26). Her hitting percentage was only .079 off the GNAC record (min. 18 kills). She also accrued two service aces to help the Nanooks to their first straight-set win since Oct. 9, 2010 when it swept Central Washington ... Ward produced a team-high 34 kills and hitting for a .413 percentage in wins at UAF and Alaska Anchorage. She had 21 kills and 10 digs and hit .487 against the Nanooks, then led all players with 13 kills in the Wolves' sweep at Alaska Anchorage. **Defense** – Kayla Erickson, Western Washington (MB, 6-0, So., Gig Harbor, WA – Peninsula) had 10 blocks as the Vikings swept Central Washington and Northwest Nazarene extending their win streak to seven, all 3-0 sweeps. Erickson also had 15 kills and four digs. The Vikings held their two opponents to a combined hitting percentage of .078.

Week of Oct. 22-28: Offense - Danielle Reese, Western Oregon (OH, 5-9, Sr., Gig Harbor, WA) had 30 kills and 30 digs and hit for a .419 percentage as the Wolves swept nationally 12th-ranked Western Washington and Simon Fraser to extend their win streak to five matches. Reese had 17 kills as the Wolves outthit the Vikings .261 to .150, then added 13 more against the Clan. In the process, Reese became the 30th player in GNAC history to record 1,000 kills, increasing her career total 1,019. **Defense** – Erin Compton, Montana State Billings (L, 5-10, Jr., Billings,

MT) and Becky Flores, Northwest Nazarene (MB, 5-9, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Riverview) ... Compton had 60 digs including 36 in MSUB's 3-2 upset of Central Washington. Her dig total against the Wildcats is the second highest in the GNAC this fall. She currently ranks second in the conference and eighth nationally averaging 5.92 per set ... Flores led the Crusaders both offensively and defensively in home wins against Seattle Pacific and MSU Billings. Defensively she had 11 blocks as the Crusaders dominated at the net outblocking their two opponents by a 3-1 margin (27-9) and holding them to a combined .173 hitting percentage. Offensively, she accounted for nearly a quarter of NNU's kills (29 of 119) converting on 42.9 percent of her opportunities. She also had a pair of service aces and five digs.

Week of Oct. 29-Nov. 4: Offense - Laurie Yearout, Western Washington (S, 5-9, Sr., Spokane, WA – Lewis & Clark) had 67 assists (11.17 per set) leading the Vikings to sweeps of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks. The Vikings hit for a .277 percentage in the two contests remaining unbeaten at home (8-0) and improving to 20-3 on the season. Yearout also converted on five of nine kill attempts and had four blocks and 11 digs. **Defense** – Becky Blees, Western Oregon (MB, 5-10, Jr., Portland, OR - Madison) had team-highs of six blocks and four service aces in road sweeps of Montana State Billings and Seattle Pacific to claim her second *Red Lion Defensive Player of the Week* award this fall.

Week of Nov. 5-11: Offense - Cailin Fellows, Seattle Pacific (OH, 5-10, Sr., Edmonds, WA) had 26 kills, 12 digs, four blocks and two service aces in road wins at Fairbanks and Anchorage to earn *Red Lion Offensive Player of the Week* honors. Fellows currently ranks second in the GNAC in kills per set, averaging 3.99. Her total of 363 ranks first in the conference. **Defense** – Devin Larson, Central Washington (S, 5-9, Sr., Mukilteo, WA – Kamiak) had 19 digs and three blocks and also contributed offensively, earning 75 assists as the Wildcats earned road victories defeating Saint Martin's and Western Oregon. That performance earned her *Red Lion Defensive Player of the Week* accolades.

Week of Nov. 12-18: Offense – Marcy Hjellum, Central Washington (OH, 5-11, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin) had 28 kills and 20 digs to earn *Red Lion Offensive Player of the Week* honors. She led the Wildcats to a sweep of Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Anchorage as CWU nailed down a post-season playoff berth. **Defense** – Heather Allen, Northwest Nazarene (MB, 5-10, Sr., Boise, ID) had 16 blocks including 10 (the second highest single-match total this fall in the GNAC) in Saturday's 3-1 win against Alaska Fairbanks. Allen, the *Red Lion Defensive Player of the Week*, also had 13 kills and hit for a .333 percentage (13-2-33).

GNAC TEAMS OF THE WEEK: Sept. 3-9 – Western Washington (Volleyball). **Sept. 17-23** – Central Washington (Volleyball). **Oct. 22-28** – Western Oregon (Volleyball).