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Alaska Anchorage	6	0	12	6	8-1	3-3	1-2
Western Washington	4	0	11	1	2-0	2-1	7-0
Northwest Nazarene	4	2	8	4	1-1	4-2	3-1
Seattle Pacific	3	2	7	6	2-1	2-2	3-3
Western Oregon	2	3	5	10	4-4	1-2	0-4
Central Washington	2	4	6	8	1-1	2-4	3-3
Alaska Fairbanks	2	4	3	14	2-5	1-7	0-2
Simon Fraser	1	3	6	4	6-2	0-2	0-0
Saint Martin's	1	4	5	12	2-3	2-4	1-5
MSU Billings	1	4	3	10	1-1	0-5	2-4

LAST WEEK: Thursday – Western Oregon 0 at Alaska Anchorage 3 (25-17, 25-23, 25-18); Saint Martin's 3 at Alaska Fairbanks 0 (25-15, 26-24, 25-22); Central Washington 2 at Simon Fraser 3; Northwest Nazarene 0 at Western Washington 3. **Saturday** – Saint Martin's 0 at Alaska Anchorage 3 (25-14, 25-18, 25-20); Western Oregon 1 at Alaska Fairbanks 3 (25-19, 25-19, 22-25, 25-21); Central Washington 0 at Western Washington 3 (25-17, 25-16, 25-11); MSU Billings 0 at Seattle Pacific 3 (25-18, 25-22, 25-14); Northwest Nazarene 3 at Simon Fraser 1 (22-25, 25-19, 25-15, 25-18).

THIS WEEK: Thursday – Seattle Pacific at Central Washington; MSU Billings at Northwest Nazarene; Western Washington at Saint Martin's; Simon Fraser at Western Oregon. **Saturday** – Alaska Anchorage at Alaska Fairbanks; MSU Billings at Central Washington; Seattle Pacific at Northwest Nazarene; Simon Fraser at Saint Martin's; Western Washington at Western Oregon.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Oct. 6): Individuals (Top 30): Points – 22. Sam Harthun, UAF, 4.47; 25. Andrea Terpstra, NNU, 4.45; 29. Kayla Erickson, WWU, 4.32. Kills – 23. Sam Harthun, UAF, 3.89. Hitting Percentage – 1. Kayla Erickson, WWU, .461; 2. Emily Boerger, WWU, .443. Assists – 8. Taylor Dillard, WWU, 11.39; 23. Catie Fry, CWU, 10.81. Blocks – 7. Andrea Terpstra, NNU, 1.33; 8. Nikki Lowell, SPU, 1.31; 9. Jodi Huddleston, UAA, 1.28; 17. Becky Blee, WOU, 1.24; 28. Hannah Deede, WOU, 1.16; 30. Emily Boerger, WWU, 1.16. Digs – 2. Samantha Hutchinson, WWU, 7.06; 13. Kaely Kight, CWU, 5.72. **Team (Top 30):** Kills – 9. Western Washington 14.39. Hitting Percentage – 3. Western Washington .306. Assists – 11. Western Washington 13.29. Blocks – 2. Seattle Pacific 2.69; 15. Northwest Nazarene 2.38; 24. Alaska Anchorage 2.33; 25. Western Washington 2.33. Digs – 20. Western Washington 18.05; 21. Northwest Nazarene 18.02.

POLLS: AVCA (Oct. 7) – 7. Western Washington; 33. Alaska Anchorage.

ALL-TOURNAMENT: CSU San Bernardino Coyote Classic (Sept. 6-7) – Nikki Lowell, SPU; Catie Fry, CWU. **Point Loma Nazarene (Sept. 6-7)** – Chelsey Walter, MSUB. **UAA Spring Hills Suite (Sept. 5-7)** – Julia Mackey, UAA; Jodi Huddleston, UAA; Quinn Barker, UAA. **Alaska Nanook Classic (Sept. 6-7)** – Sam Harthun, UAF. **Sonoma State (Sept. 13-14)** – Kayla Erickson, WWU; Emily Boerger, WWU.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Offense – Keri Knight, Alaska Fairbanks (OH, 5-9, Sr., Arvada, CO) and Kristyn Ross, Saint Martin's (OH, 5-10, Jr., Olympia, WA – Capital) ... Knight had 26 kills and hit for a .357 percentage

as the Nanooks earned a home split, defeating Western Oregon for the first time since 2009 and for the first time in Fairbanks since 2006. Over her last eight matches, Knight has raised her season attack percentage 125 points (from .066 to .193) ... Ross led Saint Martin's to its first conference road victory since early in the 2012 season as she tallied 26 kills in a pair of contests, including 15 in a 3-0 win at Fairbanks. She also had a team-high three service aces. **Defense** – Emily Boerger, Western Washington (MB, 6-1, Sr., Marysville, WA – Marysville-Pilchuck) had a team-high nine blocks as the Vikings held Northwest Nazarene and Central Washington to a combined .022 attack percentage in 3-0 victories. Boerger also had 19 kills and hit for a .483 percentage in the two wins. **Honorable Mention** – Elayna Rice, Northwest Nazarene; Kaitlyn Tuholski, Northwest Nazarene; Maureen Sabado, Alaska Anchorage; Jodi Huddleston, Alaska Anchorage; Kelsey Robinson, Simon Fraser.

POLLS: Western Washington, which has won 10 of its 12 matches by 3-0 margins and has lost just four sets in 12 starts, is ranked seventh in this week's AVCA Division II national poll. The Vikings are the second highest ranked West Region team in the poll. Defending BYU-Hawaii is ranked fifth. Other West Region teams ranked include UC San Diego (11th), Sonoma State (12th), Cal State San Bernardino (16th) and Fresno Pacific (22nd). Alaska Anchorage is among "others receiving votes" and is 33rd overall.

STATS, ETC: Western Washington has won 16 consecutive home matches and has posted a 116-12 home record since the beginning of the 2000 season, the year prior to the formation of the GNAC. The Vikings have a .117 opponent hitting percentage. The GNAC record for lowest opponent percentage is .114 by Seattle Pacific in 2006.

GNAC TEAM OF THE WEEK: Sept. 2-8 – Simon Fraser (football). **Sept. 9-15** – Northwest Nazarene (volleyball). **Sept. 16-22** – MSU Billings (men's cross country) and Simon Fraser (women's cross country). **Sept. 23-29** – Western Oregon (football). **Sept. 30-Oct. 6** – Seattle Pacific (men's soccer).

GNAC 40-49 IN NON-CONFERENCE: GNAC teams have posted a 40-49 record in non-conference matches. Conference teams were 15-19 against CCAA opponents and 9-18 against PacWest foes. The lone non-conference match remaining on the schedule is Oct. 29 when MSU Billings hosts Rocky Mountain.

GNAC (15) vs. CCAA (19): Northwest Nazarene 2-0, Western Oregon 1-0, Western Washington 4-1, Seattle Pacific 3-3, Central Washington 2-2, MSU Billings 2-4, Alaska Anchorage 1-4, Saint Martin's 0-2, Alaska Fairbanks 0-3.

GNAC (9) vs. PacWest (18): Western Oregon 1-0, Western Washington 1-0, Alaska Anchorage 2-2, Northwest Nazarene 2-2, Seattle Pacific 1-1, Saint Martin's 1-5, Alaska Fairbanks 1-6, MSU Billings 0-2.

YEAR-BY-YEAR NON-CONFERENCE RECORDS

Year	Regular	Regionals	Nationals	Totals (+/-)
	W-L	W-L	W-L	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)
2013	40-49	TBA		40-49 (-9)
Totals		10-23 (24)	2-1 (1)	Minus 17

TEAM NOTES

Alaska Anchorage: Player of the Week nominees Maureen Sabado and Jodi Huddleston led the Seawolves to a pair of home wins. Sabado had 14 kills and a .444 percentage, while Huddleston had 11 blocks. Julie Mackey and Katelynn Sanders led the Seawolves with 22 and 21 kills, respectively.

Alaska Fairbanks: In addition to Keri Knight (See *Player of the Week* notes), the Nanooks also got 24 kills from Sam Harthun and 63 assists, 16 digs and a team-best six blocks from setter Katelyn Camp in splitting two home matches.

Central Washington: Emmy Dolan had 23 kills and Linden Firethorne had 20 kills in road losses at Simon Fraser and Western Washington. Erin Smith had a team-high eight blocks in the two matches.

MSU Billings: Krista Norris had half of the Yellowjackets' kills (14 of 28) in a loss at Seattle Pacific. She also tied Sydney Oberstein for most digs with eight.

Northwest Nazarene: Middle blocker Elayna Rice had 17 kills and 17 digs and outside hitter Kaitlyn Tuholski had 12 digs and three blocks in road matches at Western Washington and Simon Fraser.

Saint Martin's: In addition to Ross' 26 kills (See *Player of the Week* notes), the Saints also got 14 kills from Brooke Good and 13 kills and nine blocks from Kyra Davidson in splitting two matches in Alaska.

Seattle Pacific: Madi Cavell led the Falcons with 12 kills and Nikki Lowell had a .615 percentage (9-1-13) and a team-high seven blocks in a sweep of MSUB. Cavell also had four of the Falcons' nine service aces.

Simon Fraser: Kelsey Robinson led the Clan with 32 kills and also had 36 digs as SFU split two home conference matches. Madeline Hait and Amanda Renkema added 29 and 25 kills, respectively. Renkema also had 11 blocks.

Western Oregon: Becky Bliss led the Wolves with 19 kills and a .472 percentage in two road losses in Alaska. Despite Bliss' percentage (19-36), WOU was out-hit .270 to .170 in these two matches. Hannah Deede had 16 kills and a team-high six blocks.

Western Washington: Kayla Erickson and Emily Boerger rank 1-2 nationally in kill percentage with marks of .461 and .443. Both are on pace to smash the GNAC record of .425 set by Krissi Kemper of Western Oregon last season. Erickson had 22 kills last weekend in wins over Northwest Nazarene and Western Washington.

PREVIOUS RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week of Sept. 2-8: Offense – Kayla Erickson, Western Washington (MB, 6-0, Jr., Gig Harbor, WA) hit for a phenomenal .542 percentage (50-5-83) and also had a team-high 15 blocks as the Vikings cruised to four 3-0 victories in the Western Oregon Invitational. With Erickson leading the way, WWU out-hit its four opponents .390 to .120. **Defense** – Nikki Lowell, Seattle Pacific (MB, 5-10, Sr., Claremont, CA) had 26 blocks as the Falcons split four matches in the Coyote Classic. Eight of her blocks came in a 3-2 victory over 14th-ranked Cal State San Bernardino as SPU overcome a 2-0 set deficit to beat the Coyotes for the first time in eight tries. Lowell also had 12 kills and a career-high eight digs. SPU had won just one set in its previous seven contests with San Bernardino.

Week of Sept. 9-15: Offense – Andrea Terpstra, Northwest Nazarene (MB, 6-4, Jr., Ripon, CA) tallied 50 kills and 20 blocks as the Crusaders won three of four matches in the CSU East Bay/Notre Dame de Namur Route 92 Showdown. Terpstra, a transfer from San Diego State, hit for a .417 percentage (50-10-96). **Defense** – Samantha Hutchinson, Western Washington (L, 5-7, Jr., University Place, WA - Curtis) averaged 8.50 digs – two more than her season average of 6.50 – as the Vikings won three of four matches at the Sonoma State Seawolf Invitational. Hutchinson had a total of 102 digs in 12 sets.

Week of Sept. 16-22: Offense – Sam Harthun, Alaska Fairbanks (OH, 6-0, So., Oregon City, OR) and Julia Mackey, Alaska Anchorage (OH, 5-11, So., Fairbanks, AK – West Valley) Harthun had a GNAC opening conference week high 31 kills and also hit for a .344 percentage, 140 points above her season average as the Nanooks split two matches. Harthun, who leads the GNAC on the season in kills (4.02) and service aces (0.53), had 18 kills and a .469 percentage in Thursday's 3-0 win over Montana State Billings. On the season, she has had three of the top five kill totals (19, 18 and 17) this fall in the GNAC ... Mackey had 13 kills in 20 attempts and didn't make an error as the Seawolves hit for a .437 percentage in a 3-0 win over MSU Billings. That was UAA's best percentage in a conference match in the 13-year history of

the GNAC. Mackey finished the opening weekend with 26 kills and a .345 percentage as UAA swept a pair of matches. **Defense** – Taylor Roberts, Northwest Nazarene (L, 5-5, Jr., Nampa, ID) led the Crusaders, who have won five straight, to road wins at Saint Martin's and Western Oregon. Roberts had 50 digs as NNU held the Saints and Wolves to a combined .148 attack percentage.

Week of Sept. 23-29: Offense – Katelynn Zanders, Alaska Anchorage (OH, 5-9, So., Anchorage, AK - South) had 27 kills, 19 digs and five aces to lead the Seawolves to 3-1 road victories at Central Washington and Northwest Nazarene as the Seawolves improved to 4-0 in conference matches. **Defense** – Samantha Hutchinson, Western Washington (L, 5-7, Jr., University Place, WA - Curtis) and Quinn Barker, Alaska Anchorage (L, 5-5, Jr., Mission Viejo, CA – Central Arizona) ... Hutchinson had digs on 20 percent of MSU Billings and Seattle Pacific's attacks in a pair of 3-0 victories as the Vikings opened their conference season with two victories. She had a total of 54 in six sets (9.00), helping hold WWU's two opponents to a .099 hitting percentage ... Barker netted 41 digs and also had seven aces without a service error and just two reception errors in a pair of 3-1 road victories.