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Women's Golf: Strong Fall For Hansen, Liedes (Nov. 1, 2013)

PORTLAND, Ore. – Kristen Hansen of Western Washington tied a Great Northwest Athletic Conference record this fall with a single-round score of 70 in the Western New Mexico Invitational on Sept. 23.

Hansen's score helped her to a third-place finish at the tournament, just one strong behind the co-champions, and contributed to her GNAC-leading average of 76.1 this fall. Hansen finished in the top-10 in all four events she participated in this fall, landing in the top-five twice and twice earning Red Lion Golfer of the Week honors.

As a team, Western Washington leads the GNAC with a scoring average of 315.2 over eight rounds, and four of the Vikings' golfers are in the top-10 in individual scoring. Joining Hansen are Anna Bourland (78.8 in 8 rounds), Audrey Orem (80.4 in 8) and Brooke Branigan (80.6 in 8).

Keeping pace with Hansen was Jennifer Liedes from Saint Martin's, whose average of 77.1 over seven rounds was the second-best mark in the GNAC this fall. Liedes finished third at the Western Washington Invitational with an SMU-record low round of 71, and nabbed a second-place finish at the Dennis Rose Invitational this week with a 224 (74-72-78) three-round total.

Saint Martin's checked in with an average of 319.9 over seven rounds as a team, with Mandy Wittmier joining Liedes amongst the conference's top-10 individuals. Wittmier averaged 78.4 over seven rounds, and finished as high as third at the Saint Martin's Invitational Oct. 4-5 with a score of 153 (77-76).

For Northwest Nazarene, freshman Samantha Miller burst onto the scene with an average of 78.1 over seven rounds this fall. Miller finished second at the Saint Martin's Invitational, logging a 152 (74-78) to help the Saints to a fourth-place finish at the tournament.

Haley Gochnour was another top-10 GNAC golfer for NNU this fall, averaging 80.6 over seven rounds. Gochnour's best result came when she tied Miller for 10th at the Vikes Shootout Oct. 14-15, with a score of 159 (79-80).

NNU averaged 331.9 as a team this fall, and broke its school single-round scoring record twice with new marks of 329 and then 323 so far in 2013.

Montana State Billings posted the third-best team average at 320.1 over nine rounds this fall, led by Katie Fish who averaged 78.9 over nine rounds. Fish twice finished in the top-10, with her second-place result of 152 (79-73) at the Yellowjacket Fall Invitational just one stroke off the champion and the best finish by a Yellowjacket thus far in 2013.

Joining Fish amongst the GNAC leaders is Capri Ingram, who tallied a 79.6 average over nine rounds this fall. Ingram also finished in the top-10 in two events, and was right behind Fish in the Yellowjacket Invitational with a score of 153 (79-73).

Simon Fraser finished the fall with an average of 353.1 over nine rounds of golf. Individually, Nicky Jordan led the clan with an average of 82.8 and posted SFU's lowest single round with a mark of 77 at the Vikes Shootout Oct. 14-15.

Erin Farner also had success for SFU, notching a low-round of 80 and averaging 86.0 over seven rounds this fall.

GNAC women's golf will resume in the spring of 2014, with NNU and SMU getting underway with an early tournament in February.

MSU Billings, Western Washington, and Saint Martin's all kick off their spring schedules in mid-March.

RESULTS

NUU vs. College of Idaho Dual Match (Sept. 11, 2013 at Ridgecrest GC, Nampa, ID): Team Scores – 1. College of Idaho 306; 2. Northwest Nazarene 330. **Individuals** – 1. Baylee Borchers, COI 75; 4. Haley Gochnour, NUU 77; T-5. Sam Miller, NUU 80; 7. Brittney Paterson, NUU 86; 8. Carleigh Sturm, NUU 87; 11. Jessica Knight NUU 92.

Yellowjacket Fall Invitational (Sept. 12-13, 2013 at Pryor Creek GC, Billings, MT): Team Scores – 1. MSU Billings 616 (318-298); 4. MSU Billings – B 665 (349-316). **Individuals** – 1. Jackie Mee, Carroll 151 (78-73); 2. Katie Fish, MSUB 152 (79-73); 3. Capri Ingram, MSUB 153 (79-74); 5. Mariah Cleveland, MSUB 155 (78-77); T-7. Melissa Saken, MSUB 157 (83-74) T-9. BreAnna Cameron, MSUB-B 158 (83-75); 12. Haley Shackelford, MSUB-B 160 (82-78); 13. Cayley Fish, MSUB 162 (82-80); T-22. Carlan Campbell, MSUB-B 171 (92-79) 30. Carlee Hart, MSUB-B 176 (92-84); 40. Tess Mitchell, MSUB-B 194 (101-93).

Black Hills State Fall Invitational (Sept. 16-17, 2013 at Spearfish Canyon CC, Spearfish, SD): Team Scores – 1. Colorado State – Pueblo 623 (311-312); 4. MSU Billings 669 (335-334). **Individuals** – 1. Hee-Leina Kim, CSU Pueblo 148 (73-75); T-12. Katie Fish, MSUB 164 (77-87); T-17. Melissa Saken, MSUB 167 (85-82); T-19. Mariah Cleveland, MSUB 168 (88-80); T-26. Capri Ingram, MSUB 171 (86-85); 31. Cayley Fish, MSUB 175 (87-88); T-32. BreAnna Cameron, MSUB 176 (86-90).

Western New Mexico Invitational (Sept. 23-24 at Hillcrest GC, Durango, CO): Team Scores – 1. Chico State 613 (321-292) 4. Western Washington 617 (302-315) 12. Montana State Billings 648 (328-320). **Individual Scores (Top 30)** – T-1. Arinda Bhanaraksa, CSU Monterey Bay 147 (74-73) T-1. Audra Kepler, CSU Monterey Bay 147 (77-70) 3. Kristen Hansen, WWU 148 (70-78) T-16. Anna Bourland, WWU 154 (73-81) T-24. Capri Ingram, MSUB 157 (79-78) T-30. Brooke Branigan, WWU 158 (80-78).

Rocky Mountain College Invitational (Sept. 29-30 at Peter Yegen Golf Course, Billings, MT): Team Scores – 1. Rocky Mountain College 923 (307-307-309) 3. Montana State Billings 948 (311-322-315) 6. MSU Billings – B 1063 (350-357-356). **Individuals (Top 30)** – 1. Heather Bruce, Lewis-Clark State 224 (78-72-74) 6. Cayley Fish, MSUB 232 (75-78-79) 7. Katie Fish, MSUB 233 (76-77-80) T-10. Capri Ingram, MSUB 235 (78-81-76) T-12. Mariah Cleveland, MSUB 237 (78-80-79) 19. Melissa Saken, MSUB 243 (79-84-80) 21. BreAnna Cameron, MSUB 252 (84-88-80) 22. Haley Shackelford, MSUB-B 253 (77-89-87) 23. Carlan Campbell, MSUB-B 254 (87-80-87).

Saint Martin's Invitational (Oct. 4-5, 2013 at Tumwater Valley GC, Olympia, WA): Team Scores – 1. University of British Columbia 624 (308-316) 3. Western Washington 645 (326-319) 4. Saint Martin's 653 (330-323) 7. Northwest Nazarene 676 (340-336) 8. Simon Fraser 718 (359-359). **Individuals (Top 30)** – 1. Kristen Sawada, Hawaii-Hilo 150 (76-74) 2. Sam Miller, NUU 152 (74-78) 3. Mandy Wittmier, SMU 153 (77-76) T-9. Kristen Hansen, WWU 158 (80-78) T-14. Jessica Knight, NUU 161 (78-83) T-14. Audrey Orem, WWU 161 (81-80) T-17. Grace Dyer, SMU 163 (75-88) T-19. Anna Bourland, WWU 164 (82-82) T-19. Emily Koryto, WWU 164 (85-79) T-21. Jennifer Lienes, SMU 165 (87-78) T-24.

Brooke Branigan, WWU 166 (83-83) T-24. Haley Gochnour, NUU 166 (86-80) T-28. Nicky Jordan, SFU 169 (84-85).

Western Washington Invitational (Oct. 7-8, 2013 at Bellingham Golf & CC, Bellingham, WA): Team Scores – 1. University of British Columbia 614 (304-310) 3. Western Washington 633 (313-320) 4. Saint Martin's 638 (317-321) 11. Northwest Nazarene 668 (329-339) 12. Simon Fraser 706 (352-354). **Individuals (Top 30)** – 1. Stephanie Wong, UBC 147 (71-76) T-3. Jennifer Lienes, SMU 151 (71-80) T-6. Kristen Hansen, WWU 153 (75-78) T-8. Sam Miller, NUU 156 (77-79) T-8. Mandy Wittmier, SMU 156 (79-77) T-14. Anna Bourland, WWU 158 (79-79) T-22. Brooke Branigan, WWU 161 (79-82) T-22. Audrey Orem, WWU 161 (80-81) T-29. Haley Gochnour, NUU 162 (77-85) T-29. Nicky Jordan, SFU 162 (81-81).

Vikes Shootout (Oct. 14-15, 2013 at Cordova Bay GC, Victoria, BC): Team Scores – 1. Victoria – BC 619 (308-311) 3. Northwest Nazarene 649 (323-326) 5. Simon Fraser 667 (338-329) **Individuals (Top 30)** – 1. Brynn Tomie, Victoria – BC 150 (74-76) T-10. Haley Gochnour, NUU 159 (79-80) T-10. Sam Miller, NUU 159 (78-81) 12. Jessica Knight, NUU 161 (79-82) T-13. Erin Farner, SFU 162 (80-82) T-13. Nicky Jordan, SFU 162 (85-77) 23. Jennifer McTeer, SFU 171 (86-85) 25. Rochelle Rozensoff, SFU 173 (88-85) 26. MacKenzie Field, SFU 175 (87-88) T-27. Haylee Hammons, NUU 177 (87-90).

Sonoma State Invitational (Oct. 21-22, 2013 at Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club, Santa Rosa, CA): Team Scores – 1. Cal Baptist 614 (297-317) 4. Western Washington 626 (312-314) **Individuals (Top 30)** – 1. Andrea Castellanos, Cal State East Bay 147 (74-73) 3. Kristen Hansen, WWU 150 (73-77) T-12. Anna Bourland, WWU 154 (77-77) T-27. Brooke Branigan, WWU 160 (83-77).

Dennis Rose Invitational (Oct. 27-29, 2013 at Waikoloa Beach Course, Waikoloa, HI): Team Scores – 1. Chico State 925 (300-314-311) 5. Saint Martin's 948 (316-314-318) 9. Simon Fraser 1087 (364-366-357) **Individuals (Top 30)** – 1. Daniela Ortiz, Nova Southeastern 221 (70-74-77) 2. Jennifer Lienes, SMU 224 (74-72-78) 18. Mandy Wittmier, SMU 240 (79-86-75) T-20. Sarah Salvatori, SMU 242 (81-80-81) 23. Gracie Dyer, SMU 243 (82-77-84) 27. Nicky Jordan, SFU 252 (87-82-83).

LEADERS

GNAC Top-10 (Min. 4 Rnds.) – 1. Kristen Hansen, WWU 76.1 (8 rnds., 609 strokes) 2. Jennifer Lienes, SMU 77.1 (7, 540) 3. Samantha Miller, NUU 78.1 (7, 547) 4. Mandy Wittmier, SMU 78.4 (7, 549) 5. Anna Bourland, WWU 78.8 (8, 630) 6. Katie Fish, MSUB 78.9 (9, 710) 7. Capri Ingram, MSUB 79.6 (9, 716) 8. Audrey Orem, WWU 80.4 (8, 643) 9. Haley Gochnour, NUU 80.6 (7, 564) 10. Brooke Branigan, WWU 80.6 (8, 645).

FALL RED LION GOLFERS OF THE WEEK

Sept. 9-15 – Katie Fish, MSUB (Jr., Great Falls, MT – Charles M. Russell) grabbed a second place finish at the Yellowjackets’ annual fall invitational, thanks to a stellar second round of 73 after shooting a 79 in round one. Not only was her 152 total the third best mark in program history and her 73 round fifth best, but she helped the team to a school-record low round of 298 and a first place finish in the tournament.

Honorable mention – Haley Gochnour, NNU.

Sept. 23-30 – Kristen Hansen (So., Spokane, WA – Mead) of WWU came up one stroke shy of a share for first place in the Western New Mexico Invitational on Tuesday. Hansen notched a 2-under par 70 on Monday and followed with a 78 on Tuesday for a 148 total. Her two-round total helped the Vikings to a 617 overall and a fourth place finish in the 18-team tournament.

Oct. 1-6 - Samantha Miller, NNU (Fr., Hillsboro, OR – Hillsboro) shot a two-round total of 152 (74-78), in her first-ever collegiate event at the Saint Martin’s Invitational. Her first round score of 74 contributed to the Crusaders’ school-record single round of 329, and NNU finished seventh overall in the tournament.

Oct. 7-13 - Jennifer Lienes, SMU (So., Olympia, WA – Olympia) fired a Saint Martin’s school-record single round total of 71 en route to a third-place finish at the WWU Invitational. Lienes was the highest-finishing GNAC individual, while helping the Saints to a fourth-place finish as a team in the tournament.

Honorable Mention – Kristen Hansen, WWU.

Oct. 14-20 – Haley Gochnour, NNU (So., Boise, ID – Cole Valley Christian) tied for 10th with a 159 total, leading the Crusaders to a third-place finish, highlighted by a school record-round of 323, in the University of Victoria Shootout.

Oct. 21-27 – Kristen Hansen, Western Washington (So., Spokane, WA – Mead) tied for third place with a 36-hole score of 150 to lead the Vikings to a fourth-place finish in the Sonoma State Women’s Golf Fall Invitational at the Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club. It was the fourth Top 10 finish in four outings for Hansen, who finished three shots behind the leader. She finished the fall season leading the GNAC in scoring with a 76.1 scoring average.