



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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2013 Women's Soccer Report Week 3 (Sept. 24, 2013)

	Conference						All					
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	W	L	T	GF	GA	
Western Washington	2	0	0	7	1	6	5	0	0	13	1	
Seattle Pacific	2	0	0	2	0	6	5	1	0	11	2	
Western Oregon	1	1	0	1	1	3	3	1	2	8	2	
Montana State Billings	1	1	0	3	4	3	2	1	1	5	4	
Central Washington	1	1	0	2	1	3	2	3	0	4	5	
Northwest Nazarene	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	3	1	2	5	
Simon Fraser	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	3	1	1	10	
Saint Martin's	0	2	0	0	3	0	1	4	0	4	9	

LAST WEEK: Monday – Mary 0 at Montana State Billings 2. **Thursday** – Simon Fraser 0 at Montana State Billings 2; Western Washington 3 at Northwest Nazarene 0; Saint Martin's 0 at Central Washington 2; Western Oregon 0 at Seattle Pacific 1. **Saturday** – Western Oregon 1 at Central Washington 0; Simon Fraser 0 at Northwest Nazarene 0; Seattle Pacific 1 at Saint Martin's 0; Western Washington 4 at Montana State Billings 1.

THIS WEEK: Thursday – Western Oregon at Western Washington, 3 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington, 4 p.m.; Saint Martin's at Simon Fraser, 5 p.m.; Montana State Billings at Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m. **Friday** – Montana State Billings at Central Washington, noon; Northwest Nazarene at Seattle Pacific, 1 p.m.; Saint Martin's at Western Washington, 4 p.m.; Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 5 p.m.

POLLS: NSCAA National (Sept. 24) – 2. Western Washington 25. Seattle Pacific **NSCAA West Region (Sept. 24)** – 1. Western Washington 4. Seattle Pacific.

NATIONAL STATS (TOP 30)

TEAM: Goals Against Avg. – 7. WWU (0.2) 12. WOU (0.31) 17. SPU (0.33). **Shutout Pct.** – 7. SPU (.833) 10. WWU (.800) 14. MSUB (.750) 15. WOU (.667). **W-L-T Pct.** – 1. WWU (1.000) 20. SPU (.833). **Save Pct.** – 12. WOU (.929) 15. WWU (.917) 26. SPU (.882). **Assists** – 8. WWU (3.0) 11. SPU (3.0).

INDIVIDUAL: Assists Per Game – 6. Alexa Diaz, SPU (0.8). **Goals-Against Avg.** – 10. Alyssa Beauchamp, WWU (.222) 11. Amanda Rose Johnson, WOU (.269) 15. Natalie Harold, SPU (.333). **Save Pct.** – 13. Amanda Rose Johnson, WOU (.933) 17. Alyssa

Beauchamp, WWU (.917). **Total Assists** – 7. Alexa Diaz, SPU (4).

GNAC RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offense – Catherine Miles, (F/M, 5-7, So., Anacortes, WA – Anacortes) of WWU scored twice and provided an assist as the No. 4 Vikings cruised to a pair of road victories over Northwest Nazarene and Montana State Billings to remain undefeated on the season. On Thursday, Miles dished a pass to Stephanie Hamilton (F/M, 5-2, So., Orting, WA – Bellarmine Prep) as the middle part of a three-player connection that resulted in the Vikings' third and final goal in a solid 3-0 victory over NNU. The sophomore striker stepped up on Saturday, notching a pair of goals in Billings, Mont. to help WWU down the Yellowjackets 4-1. "Catherine makes an impact in every game with her work rate, athleticism, and composure when finishing chances in front of the goal," WWU head coach Travis Connell said, adding, "last weekend was no exception."

Defense – Shayla Page (D, 5-6, So., Redmond, WA – Eastlake) of SPU played stellar defense as the Falcons increased their winning streak to five and won their first two GNAC games of 2013. Since SPU lost to UCSD in its first game of the season, the Falcons have not allowed a goal in a span of 450 shutout minutes. "Shayla played a huge role in our shutouts and defensive success with her ability to lock down our opponents' top players, dominate in the air and make plays," Falcon head coach Chuck Sekyra commented regarding Page's performance in last week's 1-0 wins over Western Oregon and Saint Martin's.

Honorable Mention – Heather Young (F, 5-5, Jr., Lacombe, Alberta – Lacombe Composite) of SPU scored both of the game-winning goals last week as the Falcons pushed their win streak to five games...Danielle Brandli (M, 5-4, Jr., Bellevue, WA – Interlake) of CWU scored twice in the Wildcats' 2-0 win over SMU on Thursday...Heidi Greenback (F, 5-7, Sr., Woodinville, WA – Woodinville) of MSUB scored two goals in the Yellowjackets' two wins last week...Kim Cooper (M, 5-1, Jr., Bellingham, WA – Bellingham) of WWU played a crucial role for the No. 4 Vikings, commanding a defensive unit that has conceded just one goal this season.

OWNING FIRST PLACE: No team has scored on WWU this season except for itself. An own goal against MSUB on Saturday proved to be the most minor of setbacks as the Vikings cruised to a 4-1 win, remain undefeated and are now ranked No. 2 in the nation.

PREMEIRE PROTECTION: A large part of the early success WWU and SPU are having has to do with well-organized back lines that protect their goalkeepers by preventing opponents from creating scoring opportunities. Last week, WWU keeper Alyssa Beauchamp (GK, 5-7, Sr., Vancouver, WA – Mountain View) made just four saves and SPU's Natalie Harold (GK, 5-3, Sr., Vancouver, WA – Heritage) made just six as the two schools yielded one goal combined in four matches played.

BLANKING THE COMPETITION: SPU grabbed a pair of shutout victories in its first two conference games, and the Falcons have posted shutouts in their last five games. SPU has outscored opponents 10-0 during the stretch, and Harold has played every minute of the season between the pipes for the Falcons.

SCARCE SCORING, CLOSE CONTESTS: Every one of CWU's games this season have been decided by two goals or less, as neither the Wildcats nor their opponents have scored more than two goals in a game. The low scores are not due to a lack of effort, as Brandli and Savanna Moorehouse (M, 5-11, Jr., Bonney Lake, WA – Bonney Lake) led the GNAC in shots last week with 10 apiece.

FACTS & FIGURES: Four players scored twice last week, with five of the eight combined goals counting as game-winners... Young of SPU and Greenback of MSUB took advantage of opportunistic scoring chances as they twice provided the game-winners for their respective teams... Laura Moore (F, 5-3, So., Kent, WA – Kentwood) of SPU was the lone player to record multiple assists last week, as she twice connected with Young to account for both of the Falcons' game-winning tallies.

GNAC TEAM OF THE WEEK: **Sept. 2-8** – Simon Fraser (Football). **Sept. 9-15** – Northwest Nazarene (Volleyball). **Sept. 16-22** – Montana State Billings (Men's XC) and Simon Fraser (Women's XC).