



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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	Conference		All				
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	6	0	15	10	6-0	3-6	6-4
Saint Martin's	6	1	11	9	5-2	4-6	2-1
Central Washington	6	2	13	6	7-2	2-4	5-0
Western Washington	3	3	11	6	5-1	3-3	3-2
Montana State Billings	2	6	7	10	0-0	3-7	4-3
Northwest Nazarene	0	3	5	14	1-4	3-6	1-4
Simon Fraser	0	8	0	17	0-4	0-8	0-5

LAST WEEK: **Tuesday** – British Columbia 2-6 at Saint Martin's 1-4 (2nd game, 8 inn.); Northwest Christian 1-4 at Western Oregon 2-7. **Friday** - Western Oregon 6-11 at Simon Fraser 0-0. **Saturday** – MSU Billings 6-1 at Central Washington 4-2; Saint Martin's 0-7 at Western Washington 1-3. **Sunday** – MSU Billings 5-7 at Central Washington 2-10; Saint Martin's 9-5 at Simon Fraser 6-2; Western Oregon at Western Washington, postponed.

THIS WEEK: **Friday** – Simon Fraser at Northwest Nazarene, 2 p.m.; Saint Martin's at Western Oregon, 1 p.m. **Saturday** – Central Washington at Saint Martin's, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at MSU Billings, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Northwest Nazarene, noon. **Sunday** – Central Washington at Western Oregon, noon; Western Washington at MSU Billings, noon. **Tuesday (Mar. 25)** – Lewis & Clark at Northwest Nazarene, noon. **Wednesday (Mar. 26)** – Concordia at Saint Martin's, noon.

RANKINGS: NFCA (March 19) – 34. Central Washington.

HITTING STREAKS (10 or more): 14 – *Melanie Pfeiffer, WOU. 10 – Bella Rovens, MSUB. *Current

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through March 16): Team: Batting – 7. Western Washington .362. Fielding – 26. Central Washington .970. Scoring – 20. Western Washington 6.71. Home Runs – 23. Northwest Nazarene 1.05. Slugging – 17. Western Washington .523. Double Plays – 15. Western Oregon 0.60. **Individual:** Batting – 17. Alexie Levin, WWU, .519. RBI – 12. Alexie Levin, WWU, 1.47. Stolen Bases – 7. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 1.00. Saves – 14. Kelli Demianew, WOU, and Noelle Wright, NNU, 2. Slugging – 30. Alexie Levin, WWU, .889. Runs – 28. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 1.18. On-Base PCT. – 23. Alexie Levin, WWU, .574. Sacrifice Flies – 14. Bridjet Box, WOU, 3.

GNAC RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK: Player – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (SS-P, 5-6, Jr., Everett, WA - Cascade) had 11 hits in 24 at bats as the Saints split eight games. Among her 11 hits were three doubles and a triple. She also drove in seven runs. In the circle, she posted a 3-2 record and a 1.97 ERA. One of her losses was a two-hit 1-0 decision to Western Washington. **Pitcher** – Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR – Blue Mountain CC) and Jenna DeRosier, Western Washington (5-7, Sr., Kelso, WA) Neither Demianew nor DeRosier allowed a run. Demianew picked up a pair of victories, including one in relief. In seven innings she allowed seven hits, but didn't walk a batter and struck out eight ... DeRosier scattered seven hits in blanking

defending GNAC champion Saint Martin's 1-0. She walked one and fanned three.

HONORABLE MENTION: Amanda Evola, Western Oregon (OF, Jr., Beaverton, OR) had nine hits in 14 at bats, scored five runs and drove in nine runs as the Wolves ran their win streak to eight with doubleheader sweeps of Northwest Christian and Simon Fraser ... Samantha Everett, MSU Billings (3B, 5-2, Sr., Roseville, CA – Southwestern Oregon) hit a three-run home run to power the Yellowjackets to a 5-2 win over Central Washington Sunday. She finished the week with five hits in 11 at bats and drove in four runs.

STREAKS: Western Oregon leadoff hitter Melanie Pfeiffer has hit in 14 consecutive games. She kept that streak alive going 7-of-14 in four games last week. Meanwhile, MSUB's leadoff hitter - Bella Rovens - had a 10-game streak come to an end when she went hitless in the final game of their series with Central Washington. Rovens was one of three Yellowjackets along with Aubrey Conceicao and Brittney Sanders to have six hits in the series.

FROM THE RECORD BOOK: Saint Martin's second baseman Lacey McGladrey had 11 hits, increasing her career total to 203. She is the 11th player in GNAC history to record 200 or more career base hits. She also has 300 career total bases. That is the ninth highest total in GNAC history. Saint pitcher Sam Munger has 48 career wins putting her into a six-way tie for fourth place on the GNAC career list.

TEAM NOTES

Central Washington: Taylor Ferleman had six hits in 12 at bats as the Wildcats split a four-game series with MSU Billings. Jill McDaniels, who had one of CWU's two home runs in the series, led the Wildcats with four RBI. The Wildcats outhit MSUB .333 to .274, but stranded seven more runners (31-24) and were outscored 19-18.

Montana State Billings: The Yellowjackets scored 15 of their 19 runs against CWU after the first four innings, getting six in the fifth, seven in the sixth and two in the eighth on a home run by Katie Schermele to snap a 4-4 tie. Neither team scored in the seventh inning during the series. The top pitching performance in the series was a four-hitter in a 5-2 MSUB victory by Jessyka MacDonald Sunday.

Northwest Nazarene: The Crusaders, idle last week, return to action Friday hoping to end a six-game losing

streak when they host Simon Fraser for a four-game series. NNU has scored just eight runs during its six-game skid. On the season, Brianna Kinghorn leads NNU in hitting (.357) and RBIs (18) and is tied with Justine Callen for most home runs with four.

Saint Martin's: Three Saints – Sam Munger, Lacey McGladrey and Tavia Jenkins – all had 11 hits during a busy eight-game week. Jenkins supplied the most power of the trio, banging out five extra base hits (2 doubles, 1 triple and two home runs) and slugging at a .750 clip. She also had a team-high nine RBI.

Simon Fraser: The Clan got five hits apiece from Stefanie Sheard and Robyn Mogavero as it opened its home campaign with four losses. SFU had a 6-3 lead in Sunday's first game against Saint Martin's and trailed only 3-2 in the seventh inning of the second game before falling for the 16th and 17th time in a row.

Western Oregon: The Wolves had a .379 team average in outscoring its opponents 26-5 in four victories. That included back-to-back shutouts over Simon Fraser (6-0 and 11-0). In addition to Kelli Demianew (See Pitcher of the Week notes), WOU got two strong pitching performances from Eryka Brill, who allowed 12 hits, but just one run in nine innings.

Western Washington: Kali Peterson led the Vikings with three hits in their 7-3 loss to Saint Martin's. WWU banged out 14 hits in the game, but stranded 10 runners. In its win, WWU had just two hits, singles by Autumn Isaacson and Kaleigh Keating. Isaacson scored the game's lone run in the fourth on a sacrifice fly by Haylee Baker.

ALL-TOURNAMENT: MSUB Desert Stinger (Feb. 7-9): First Team – Jordan Walley, WWU; Kiana Wood, CWU. **Second Team** – Aubrey Conceicao, MSUB; Amanda Evola, WOU; Kelsie Gardner, WOU. **Defensive MVP** – Brianna Kinghorn, NNU. **St. Mary's Rattler Invitational (Feb. 21-23)** – Ashlie Gardner, WOU.

GNAC RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Week of Jan. 27-Feb. 2: Player – Alexie Levin, Western Washington (1B, 5-7, So., Everett, WA - Everett) had seven hits in 13 at bats, scored four runs and drove in four as the Vikings won three of four games in Hawaii. Among her seven hits was a pair of doubles. **Pitcher** - Jenna DeRosier, Western Washington (P, 5-7, Sr., Kelso, WA) tossed complete-game wins over BYU-Hawaii (5-1) and Hawaii Hilo (6-2) allowing just 10 hits in 14 innings. She walked four and struck out five.

Week of Feb. 3-9: Player – Kelsie Gardner, Western Oregon (1B, 5-8, Fr., Salem, OR – South Salem) and Brianna Kinghorn, Northwest Nazarene (1B, 5-6, Jr., Meridian, ID - Mountain View) ... Gardner had nine hits, including a pair of home runs, in 19 at bats and drove in nine runs as the Wolves averaged nearly nine runs a game in posting a 2-3 record in the MSUB Desert Stinger in Las Vegas. Gardner also had a pair of doubles and scored six runs. Kinghorn batted .407 (11-of-27), hit four home runs and drove in 12 runs as the Crusaders won four of nine games, including three of four in a series at Menlo. **Pitcher** – Kiana Wood, Central Washington (5-6, Fr., Aloha, OR) allowed just two runs in 24 2/3 innings, in winning three games including shutouts over Minot State (3-0) and Western New Mexico (5-0). Wood allowed 20 hits – only one against Minot (a two-out single in the first inning) - and walked five, while fanning 20 batters. Both of the runs she allowed came on solo home runs.

Week of Feb. 17-23: Player - Ashlie Gardner, Western Oregon (IF, 5-7, Sr., Salem, OR – North Salem) earned all-tournament honors at the Rattler Invitational at San Antonio, Tex., batting .350 and leading the Wolves with six RBI. She had seven hits in 20 at bats, including two doubles and a home run leading WOU to four wins in six contests. **Pitcher** – Maria Gau, Central Washington (5-7, Sr., Woodinville, WA) allowed just three runs and 15 hits in 18 innings, winning two of three decisions during a weekend road trip to California. She walked five and fanned 12.

Week of Feb. 24-March 2: Player – Corrie Wilson, Saint Martin's (1B, 5-4, Fr., Ferndale, WA) had four hits in six at bats as the Saints swept a doubleheader from Northwest. **Pitcher** – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (5-6, Jr., Everett, WA) tossed a two-hit shutout and struck out nine in five innings in a 15-0 victory.

Week of March 3-9: Player – Melanie Pfeiffer, Western Oregon (SS, 5-3, Sr., Reno, NV - Wooster) had 11 hits in 19 at bats and reached base 15 times posting a .652 on-base percentage as the Wolves won five of six games, including a four-game sweep of Montana State Billings. Pfeiffer, who extended her hitting streak to 12 games Tuesday, accounted for eight runs – 22 percent of WOU's total – scoring six times and driving in two. **Pitcher** – Noelle Wright, Northwest Nazarene (5-9, Sr., Irrigon, OR) pitched a two-hitter, but was the hard-luck loser in a 1-0 loss at Saint Martin's Friday. She struck out four and the lone run was unearned.