



## Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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### 2014 Softball Report No. 7 (April 2, 2014)

	Conference				All		
	W	L	W	L	H	A	N
Western Oregon	13	1	22	11	9-1	7-6	6-4
Saint Martin's	9	4	15	13	7-4	6-8	2-1
Western Washington	9	5	17	8	7-1	7-5	3-2
Central Washington	8	6	15	10	7-2	4-8	5-0
Montana State Billings	4	10	9	14	2-4	3-7	4-3
Northwest Nazarene	2	9	8	21	4-11	3-6	1-4
Simon Fraser	2	12	2	21	0-6	2-10	0-5

**LAST WEEK:** Lewis & Clark 1-8 at Northwest Nazarene 2-5.  
**Wednesday** – Concordia 3-5 at Saint Martin's 1-7. **Friday** – Central Washington 1-3 at Western Washington 2-4; Western Oregon 12-5-15 at Northwest Nazarene 3-2-5. **Saturday** – Central Washington at Simon Fraser, postponed until April 9, 5 p.m.; Saint Martin's 3-10 at MSU Billings 2-2; Western Oregon 9 at Northwest Nazarene 0. **Sunday** – Saint Martin's at MSU Billings, postponed until April 18, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.

**THIS WEEK: Wednesday** - Central Washington at CSU Monterey Bay, 1 p.m. **Thursday** – Sonoma State vs. Western Washington, 4 p.m. (at Turlock; single-game). **Friday** – CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions (CSU East Bay vs. Western Oregon, 8 a.m.; Azusa Pacific vs. Central Washington, 8 a.m.; Chico State vs. MSU Billings, 8:45 a.m.; Humboldt State vs. Simon Fraser, 9 a.m.; Chaminade vs. Northwest Nazarene, 9 a.m.; CSU Dominguez Hills vs. Saint Martin's, 10 a.m.; Azusa Pacific vs. Western Washington, 10 a.m.; CSU Stanislaus vs. Simon Fraser, 11 a.m.; Humboldt State vs. MSU Billings, 11:15 a.m.; Academy of Art vs. Northwest Nazarene, 11:15 a.m.; CSU East Bay vs. Saint Martin's, 12:15 p.m.; CSU Stanislaus vs. Western Washington, 1:15 p.m.; Chico State vs. Western Oregon, 1:30 p.m.; CSU Dominguez Hills vs. Central Washington, 2:15 p.m.; CSU East Bay vs. Simon Fraser, 2:15 p.m.; Humboldt State vs. Western Oregon, 3:45 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene vs. Hawaii Pacific, 4:15 p.m.; Chico State vs. Central Washington, 4:15 p.m.; CSU Stanislaus vs. MSU Billings, 5:45 p.m.; Western Washington vs. CSU Dominguez Hills, 8 p.m.) **Saturday** – CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions (Central Washington vs. Humboldt State, 8:45 a.m.; Simon Fraser vs. Azusa Pacific, 8:45 a.m.; CSU East Bay vs. MSU Billings, 9 a.m.; Notre Dame de Namur vs. Northwest Nazarene, 10 a.m.; Saint Martin's vs. Humboldt State, 11 a.m.; Chico State vs. Simon Fraser, 11 a.m.; CSU East Bay vs. Western Washington, 11:15 a.m.; Dominican vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12:15 p.m.; CSU Stanislaus vs. Central Washington, 1:15 p.m.; Montana State Billings vs. CSU Dominguez Hills, 1:30 p.m.; Azusa Pacific vs. Western Oregon, 2:15 p.m.; Saint Martin's vs. CSU Stanislaus, 3:30 p.m.; Chico State vs. Western Washington, 3:45 p.m.; CSU Dominguez Hills vs. Western Oregon, 4:15 p.m.; Saint Martin's vs. Azusa Pacific, 5:45 p.m.) **Sunday** – CSU Stanislaus Tournament of Champions (Central Washington, MSU Billings, Saint Martin's, Simon Fraser, Western Oregon, Western Washington).

**RANKINGS: NFCA (April 2)** – 34. Western Oregon; 36. Central Washington.

**HITTING STREAKS (10 or more):** 27 – Sam Munger, SMU (26 in 2013, 1 in 2014); 15 – Melanie Pfeiffer, WOU; \*Amanda Evola, WOU; Lacey McGladrey, SMU (12 in 2013, 3 in 2014). 10 - Bella Rovens, MSUB. \*Current

**NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30; through March 30): Team:** Batting – 4. Western Washington .365. Fielding – 21. Central Washington .969. Scoring – 15. Western Washington 7.12. Home Runs – 23. Western Washington 1.00. Slugging – 14. Western Washington .533. Double Plays – 4. Western Oregon 0.63; 27. Saint Martin's 0.43. **Individual:** Batting – 22. Alexie Levin, WWU, .482. RBI – 22. Alexie Levin, WWU, 1.30. Stolen Bases – 7. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 0.96. Saves – 28. Kelli Demianew, WOU, and Noelle Wright, NNU, 2. Runs – 16. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 1.24. Triples – 29. Autumn Isaacson, WWU, 3. Sacrifice Flies – 8. Bridget Box, WOU, 4.

**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: Player** – Kaleigh Keating, Western Washington (2B, 5-4, Sr., Salinas, CA – Notre Dame Salinas) had seven hits in 17 at bats, including a game-ending two-out single in the ninth inning in a 4-3 win over Central Washington as the Vikings swept doubleheaders with their arch-rivals and Simon Fraser. Keating's hit against CWU was her third of the game. Earlier, with her team trailing 2-0 in the fifth, she singled to drive in WWU's first run. She also had two stolen bases, increasing her career total to 35, which ranks 14th in conference history. **Pitcher** – Sam Munger, Saint Martin's (5-6, Jr., Everett, WA - Cascade) recorded her 50th and 51st career victories with 3-2 and 10-2 wins at MSU Billings to move into a tie for third place on the GNAC all-time victory list. On the week, she pitched three complete games, allowing just three earned runs in 21 innings. At the plate, she had six hits in 14 at bats, including a home run.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Melanie Pfeiffer, Western Oregon (SS, 5-3, Sr., Reno, NV – Wooster) had 11 hits in 18 at bats and scored nine runs as the Wolves swept a four-game series at Northwest Nazarene. Four of her hits were for extra bases (3 doubles, 1 triple) ... Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (P, 5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR) allowed just two runs and eight hits in 13 innings, earning a pair of victories. In her last 53 innings, she has allowed just four earned runs .. Lacey McGladrey, Saint Martin's (2B, 5-4, Sr., Bothell, WA) had six hits in 15 at bats and had a team-high five RBI as the Saints won three of four games; Justine Callen, Northwest Nazarene (P-OF, 5-9, So., Oregon City, OR – Redmond) ... Justine Callen has hit safely in eight consecutive games. Callen had eight hits – five doubles and three singles – in 17 at bats and drove in five runs in Northwest Nazarene's home series against

Western Oregon and a non-conference doubleheader with Lewis & Clark.

**FROM THE RECORD BOOK:** Western Oregon's Kelli Demianew, who has won seven straight games, extended her string of innings pitched without allowing an earned run to 30 2/3 matching the 10<sup>th</sup> longest streak in GNAC history. The streak came to an end in the fifth inning of Friday's 5-2 win at Northwest Nazarene ... Western Washington's Hayley Baker had a string of four consecutive games with a home run snapped in the Vikings' doubleheader sweep Friday against Central Washington. All four came in the previous week in a series at Billings. She is the seventh player in GNAC history to accomplish that feat, which has been done eight times, twice by Kelsey Hauptert of Central Washington during the 2011 season.

#### TEAM NOTES

**Central Washington:** The Wildcats dropped a pair of one-run decisions to Western Washington and are now 5-4 in one-run decisions. CWU and WWU have split their four games this spring with all four decided by one run, three of them in the home team's last at bat. Central managed just 10 hits against the Vikings, three by Sammy Morris, in batting .172.

**Montana State Billings:** Cori Gammon had four hits and Breanna Wilson had three in the Yellowjackets' two home losses to Saint Martin's. Jessyka MacDonald had a solid performance in the circle in the opening game of the series, allowing just five hits in a 3-2 loss.

**Northwest Nazarene:** In addition to Callen's eight hits, four different players had five hits to lead the Crusaders to a .285 team batting average during a six-game week. Brianna Kinghorn had five hits in 13 at bats. Alyssa Nitschelm (5-of-16), Gatalina Schuster (5-of-17) and Kendra Day (5-of-18) also produced a handful of safeties. Nitschelm had both of NNU's triples.

**Saint Martin's:** Tavia Jenkins batted .500 (7-of-14) as the Saints won three of four games. SMU had four home runs as Sam Munger, Lacey McGladrey, Dani Wall and Riko Toyama all went deep. Wall matched McGladrey for the most runs batted in with five. The three wins were coach Rick Noren's 498<sup>th</sup>, 499<sup>th</sup> and 500 of his career (500-222-1, 18 years; 98-77-1, 4 years). Ninety-eight of the victories have come in four seasons at SMU.

**Simon Fraser:** Rachel Proctor and Robyn Mogavero each had four hits in SFU's twinbill with Western Washington. The Clan hit a respectively .311, but couldn't match the Vikings offense which produced a .474 team average and a .711 slugging percentage.

**Western Oregon:** Amanda Evola has hit in 15 straight games, matching a streak of the same number by her teammate Melanie Pfeiffer earlier this season. Evola, who will take the streak to Turlock this weekend, batted .533 (8-of-15) as WWU outscored Northwest Nazarene 41-10 in a

four-game series last week at Nampa. Raina Reece led the Wolves in the series with six RBI.

**Western Washington:** The Vikings have won six straight games, four on the road to move to within one-half game of second-place Saint Martin's in the conference race. The Vikings banded out 50 hits, 21 in a 14-7 win at Simon Fraser, to remain as one of the top hitting teams in NCAA Division II. Their average of .365 ranks fourth nationally and they are on pace to break the GNAC single-season record of .347 set by Humboldt State in 2006. Kaleigh Keating and Alexie each had seven safeties.

#### 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.

**Week of March 10-16: 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.

**Week of March 17-23: Player** – Raina Reece, Western Oregon (DP, 5-8, Fr., Salem, OR - South Salem) and Haylee Baker, Western Washington (SS, 5-4, Sr., Poulsbo, WA - Bainbridge) ... Both Reece and Baker had huge offensive weekends. Reece hit three home runs and drove in 10 runs as the Wolves stayed on top the GNAC standings sweeping two games from Saint Martin’s and splitting a pair of contests with Central Washington. She also had a single and double and posted a .385 batting average (5-of-13) and 1.176 slugging average. Baker had eight hits in 17 at bats. She homered four times and drove in 12 runs as the Vikings split a four-game series with Montana State Billings. **Pitcher** – Kelli Demianew, Western Oregon (5-10, Jr., Pendleton, OR) didn’t allow an earned run in pitching the Wolves to two victories including a 4-0 shutout of Central Washington. In 15 innings, she allowed 15 hits, but just a pair of unearned runs extending her string of innings without allowing an earned run to 26 innings. She walked two and fanned three.

**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). **Oct. 7-13** – Central Washington (women’s soccer). **Oct. 14-20** – Western Oregon (women’s soccer). **Oct. 21-27** – Alaska Anchorage (men’s and women’s cross country). **Oct. 28-Nov. 3** – Simon Fraser (men’s soccer). **Nov. 4-10** – Seattle Pacific (women’s soccer) and Alaska Anchorage (women’s cross country). **Nov. 11-17** – Western Washington (Volleyball). **Nov. 18-24** – Simon Fraser (men’s soccer) and Western Washington (women’s soccer). **Nov. 25-Dec. 1** – Western Washington (men’s basketball). **Dec. 2-8** – Saint Martin’s (women’s basketball). **Dec. 16-22** – Alaska Anchorage (women’s basketball). **Dec. 30-Jan. 5** – Western Oregon (men’s basketball). **Jan. 6-12** – Central Washington (men’s basketball). **Jan. 13-19** – Seattle Pacific (men’s basketball). **Jan. 20-26** – MSU Billings (women’s basketball). **Jan. 27-Feb. 2** – Western Washington (men’s basketball). **Feb. 3-9** – Central Washington (softball). **Feb. 10-16** – MSU Billings (men’s basketball). **Feb. 17-23** – Alaska Anchorage (women’s indoor track & field) and Western Washington (men’s indoor track & field). **Feb. 24-March 2** – Alaska Fairbanks (Men’s Basketball). **March 3-9** – Western Washington (women’s basketball). **March 10-16** – Alaska Anchorage (Track & Field). **March 17-23** – Western Oregon (Softball). **March 24-30** – Simon Fraser (Men’s Golf).