



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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2013 Women's Soccer Report Week 9 (Nov. 5, 2013)

	Conference						All					
	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	W	L	T	GF	GA	
xy-Western Washington	13	1	0	42	6	39	16	1	0	48	6	
x-Central Washington	10	3	1	22	11	31	11	5	1	24	15	
x-Seattle Pacific	10	4	0	26	10	30	13	5	0	35	12	
x-Western Oregon	7	3	4	15	7	25	9	3	6	22	8	
Montana State Billings	5	8	1	16	21	16	6	8	2	18	21	
Saint Martin's	3	10	1	12	21	10	4	12	1	16	27	
Northwest Nazarene	1	10	3	6	30	6	2	12	3	8	32	
Simon Fraser	1	11	2	6	39	5	1	13	2	7	47	

x-clinched GNAC championship tournament berth
y-clinched GNAC regular season title

LAST WEEK: Thursday – Western Oregon 3 at Montana State Billings 2; Saint Martin's 0 at Northwest Nazarene 1; Western Washington 2 at Central Washington 1; Simon Fraser 0 at Seattle Pacific 5 **Saturday** – Northwest Nazarene 0 at Montana State Billings 1; Saint Martin's 0 at Western Oregon 0 (ot); Central Washington 2 at Seattle Pacific 1; Simon Fraser 0 at Western Washington 5.

THIS WEEK: Thursday – GNAC Championships at Starfire Sports Complex, Tukwila, Wash.: Semifinals Game 1 – Seattle Pacific vs Central Washington, 4 p.m.; Western Oregon vs Western Washington, 7 p.m. **Saturday** – GNAC Championships at Starfire Sports Complex, Tukwila, Wash.: Championship Match – Semifinal Game 1 Winner vs Semifinal Game 2 Winner, 1 p.m.

POLLS: NSCAA National (Nov. 5) – 10. Western Washington **NSCAA West Region (Nov. 5)** – 2. Western Washington 8. Seattle Pacific 10. Central Washington **NCAA West Region (Oct. 31)** – 2. Western Washington 7. Seattle Pacific.

NATIONAL STATISTICS (Top 30)

TEAM: Scoring Offense – 14. Western Washington (2.82) **Goals-Against Avg.** – 7. Western Washington (.353) 12. Western Oregon (.412) **W-L-T Pct.** – 5. Western Washington (.941) **Assists** – 8. Western Washington (2.65) **Shutout Pct.** – 10. Western Oregon (.667) 12. Western Washington (.647) T-29. Seattle Pacific (.556) **Save Pct.** – T-9. Western Oregon (.893) 17. Western Washington (.872).

INDIVIDUAL – Points/Gm. – 24. Catherine Miles, WWU (1.71) **Goals/Gm.** – T-19. Catherine Miles, WWU (.765) **Assists/Gm.** – T-9. Ashton Griffen, WWU (.59) T-13. Alexa Diaz, SPU (.57) **Goals-Against Avg.** – 11. Alyssa Beauchamp, WWU (.402) 16. Amanda Rose Johnson, WOU (.452) **Save Pct.** – 27. Amanda Rose Johnson, WOU (.868) 28. Alyssa Beauchamp, WWU (.867) **Total Goals** – T-14. Catherine Miles, WWU (13) **Total Pts.** – T-21. Catherine Miles, WWU (29) **Total Assists** – T-6. Ashton Griffen, WWU (10) T-30. Alexa Diaz, SPU (8).

RED LION PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offense – Kristin Maris, WWU (F, 5-9, Sr., Issaquah, WA - Issaquah) scored three goals last week, including the game-winner against Central Washington in the 83rd minute. Maris' two goals against Simon Fraser on Saturday gave her 10 on the season, tying her with Saint Martin's forward Kelli Bannerman for second-most in the GNAC behind WWU's Catherine Miles.

Defense – McCrea Nirider, NNU (D, 5-4, So., Tacoma, WA - Fife) played 190 minutes last week, helping NNU to its first GNAC win of the season in a 1-0 overtime triumph over Saint Martin's. Nirider anchored a back line that held the Saints scoreless for 100 minutes, and played the full game on Saturday in a tough 1-0 loss to MSU Billings.

Honorable Mention – Lexi Fesenbek, NNU (F, 5-4, So., Olympia, WA – Olympia) scored the game-winning goal in overtime, giving NNU a 1-0 win against St. Martin's on Thursday. On Saturday, Fesenbek helped lead the Crusader offense, firing one shot on goal in NNU's 1-0 loss at MSU Billings; Danielle Brandli, CWU (M, 5-4, Jr., Bellevue, WA – Interlake) scored twice last week, pushing her team-high goal figure to nine on the season. Brandli scored the Wildcats' lone goal in a 2-1 loss to Western Washington on Thursday, then propelled CWU to its second victory of the season over SPU, scoring in the 7th minute in the 1-0 result; Heidi Greenback, MSUB (F, 5-7, Sr., Woodinville, WA – Woodinville) scored in each of the Yellowjackets' two games last week, including the game-winner in MSUB's 1-0 victory over NNU on Saturday and her team's first goal in a tough 3-2 overtime loss to Western Oregon on Thursday; Allison Sprecher, WOU (D, 5-3, Fr., Battle Ground, WA – Battle Ground) scored the game-winning goal as WOU came from behind to defeat MSU Billings on the road in overtime on Thursday. Sprecher earned the start on Saturday, contributing to the Wolves' back line in a 0-0 draw against Saint Martin's; Brianna Jones, WWU (D, 5-8, Jr., Bonney Lake, WA – Bonney Lake) anchored WWU's back line over 90 minutes on Thursday to ensure a 2-1 lead would hold up for a big victory over second-place Central Washington; Gina Cardenas, SMU (GK, 5-10, Sr., Auburn, WA – Auburn Riverside) made seven saves against NNU in a tough 1-0 overtime loss on

Thursday, and followed with a five-save performance over 110 minutes in a 0-0 overtime draw against WOU on Saturday; Kayla Lipston, CWU (GK, 5-11, Jr., Federal Way, WA – Decatur) made seven saves last week as CWU suffered a tough loss to WWU but also earned a crucial victory over SPU to move the Wildcats into sole possession of second place in the GNAC standings; Katlyn Lokay, MSUB (D, 5-5, So., Boulder, CO – Boulder) held the Yellowjackets' back line strong for 90 minutes in a tough 1-0 victory over NNU on Saturday, and also played the entire game in MSUB's heartbreaking 3-2 overtime defeat at the hands of WOU on Saturday.

WOLFPACK COMEBACK IN BILLINGS: After striking first against Montana State Billings on Thursday, it took two late goals from Western Oregon to earn a come-from-behind victory. Makana Pundyke put away the equalizer in the 83rd minute, to knot the score at 2-2 and send the game into overtime. Freshman substitute Allison Sprecher took care of the rest, tucking away her first collegiate goal in minute 100 to send the Wolves home happy.

ALONE ON TOP: Since losing its first game of 2013 on Oct. 19, Western Washington has won its last four games and easily captured its second-straight GNAC regular season title with an eight-point advantage over Central Washington in the final 2013 regular season standings. No other GNAC team has currently won more than one game in a row, and with a pair of solid victories thanks to Maris' three goals last week, WWU appears to be peaking heading into the GNAC tournament.

FALCONS FALTER VS CWU: For the second time this season, Seattle Pacific fell to Central Washington 1-0 with the game-winner being scored in the first 15 minutes of play. On Oct. 10, it was a 13th-minute strike from Tarah Duty that did SPU in, while on Saturday it was an even more immediate 7th-minute goal from Danielle Brandli that proved to be the decisive factor. SPU held command of second place after a win on Thursday and a CWU loss, but the Wildcats leapfrogged the Falcons on Saturday to hold on to second place in the standings for good heading into the tournament.

TIDE FINALLY TURNS FOR NNU: In a season full of last-second heartbreaking defeats for Northwest Nazarene, the Crusaders finally caught a stroke of luck on Thursday as they came out on the winning end of a 1-0 tight overtime match. Lexi Fesenbek received a through ball in the 100th minute against Saint Martin's tucking home a shot to end the match and give NNU its first GNAC victory of 2013.

MSUB CLOSES BILL ON HIGH NOTE: MSU Billings finished out its 2013 schedule with a solid 1-0 victory over NNU on Saturday at home on Senior Day. Fittingly, it was Yellowjacket senior captain

Heidi Greenback who slotted home the game-winner in the 18th minute of her final career match.

WOU'S FAB FIVE FRESHMEN: Allison Sprecher became the fifth Western Oregon freshman to score this season with her game-winner against MSUB on Thursday. Sprecher joined Taylor Higa, Kealakekua Makekai and Savannah Boga, who each have two goals, and Mariah Konyn with one. Even more notable is that each member of the first-year quintet has logged a game-winning goal in 2013.

MULTIPLE-GOAL PERFORMERS: Kristin Maris added a final touch to her brilliant senior campaign, finishing off her regular season career with three goals last week. The figure was the highest in the GNAC, pushed her season total to 10, and tied her with SMU's Freshman of the Year Kelli Bannerman for second-most in the conference.

Heather Young of SPU, Greenback of MSUB and Brandli of CWU were the other GNAC players to score more than once last week, as each contributed a pair of goals. Young also added an assist, brining her point total for the week to one below Maris' at five.

FOUR ASSISTS FOR ASHTON: WWU defender Ashton Griffin total four assists last week, pushing her season total to 10 and moving her into first place in the GNAC in that category. Griffin also moved into the top-10 in the NCAA in assists, as her mark is tied for sixth-most across Division II.

DOUBLE-DIGIT SAVES: Gina Cardenas of Saint Martin's led the GNAC with a dozen saves last week, helping her team to a 0-0 double overtime draw on Saturday and giving the Saints every opportunity for a win in a tough 1-0 overtime defeat on Thursday. Argia Phillips of NNU notched 11 saves for the Crusaders, who collected their first conference win of the season on Thursday thanks in large part to their keeper's performance.

NUMBER OF GOAL SCORERS

Western Washington	13
Seattle Pacific	11
Western Oregon	9
Montana State Billings	8
Central Washington	7
Simon Fraser	6
Saint Martin's	4
Northwest Nazarene	3

PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE GOALS

Seattle Pacific	9
Western Washington	9
Western Oregon	6
Central Washington	4
Montana State Billings	3
Saint Martin's	3
Northwest Nazarene	2
Simon Fraser	1

**GNAC TEAM LEADERS
2013 OVERALL STATISTICS
BOLD – GNAC Leader
• - GNAC Co-Leader**

**No. 10 WESTERN WASHINGTON – 1ST PLACE
(39 pts)**

Leaders
Goals 13 Catherine Miles
Assists 10 Ashton Griffen
Points 29 Catherine Miles
 Shots 57 Kristin Maris
S.O.G. 30 Kristin Maris
 Starts 17 4 with
 Minutes (f) 1373 Brianna Jones
 Saves 39 Alyssa Beauchamp
 Shutouts 7 Alyssa Beauchamp

CENTRAL WASHINGTON – 2ND PLACE (31 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 9 Danielle Brandli
 Assists 6 Tarah Duty
 Points 19 Savanna Moorehouse
Shots 59 Savanna Moorehouse
 S.O.G. 21 Danielle Brandli
 Starts 17 5 with
 Minutes (f) 1564 Tarah Duty
 Saves 58 Kayla Lipston
 Shutouts 5 Kayla Lipston

SEATTLE PACIFIC – 3RD PLACE (30 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 8 Laura Moore
 Assists 8 Alexa Diaz
 Points 20 Laura Moore
 Shots 40 Laura Moore
 S.O.G. 23 Laura Moore
 Starts 18 Shayla Page*
 Emma Holm*
 Minutes (f) 1504 Shayla Page
 Saves 42 Natalie Harold
 Shutouts 7 Natalie Harold

WESTERN OREGON – 4TH PLACE (25 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 9 Makana Pundyke
 Assists 5 Taylor Higa
 Points 20 Makana Pundyke
 Shots 40 Makana Pundyke
 S.O.G. 24 Makana Pundyke
 Starts 18 5 with*
Minutes (f) 1716 Rachel Crawford
 Saves 46 Amanda Rose Johnson
Shutouts 9 Amanda Rose Johnson

MSU BILLINGS – 5TH PLACE (16 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 7 Heidi Greenback
 Assists 4 Chelsea Shuman
 Alisa Sagdahl
 Points 15 Heidi Greenback
 Shots 35 Alisa Sagdahl
 S.O.G. 15 Alisa Sagdahl
 Starts 16 Katlyn Lokay
 Minutes (f) 1486 Katlyn Lokay
 Saves 36 Kaylee Kimmel
 Shutouts 3 Kaylee Kimmel

SAINT MARTIN'S – 6TH PLACE (10 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 10 Kelli Bannerman
 Assists 4 Jessica Christian
 Points 21 Kelli Bannerman
 Shots 28 Kelli Bannerman
 S.O.G. 17 Kelli Bannerman
 Starts 16 3 with
 Minutes (f) 1450 Sammi Thompson
 Saves 70 Gina Cardenas
 Shutouts 3 Gina Cardenas

NORTHWEST NAZARENE – 7TH PLACE (6 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 4 Kelsey Martin
 Assists 2 Lauren Kuklenski
 Kelsey Martin
 Points 10 Kelsey Martin
 Shots 31 Kelsey Martin
 S.O.G. 16 Kelsey Martin
 Starts 17 3 with
 Minutes (f) 1593 Kelsey Martin
Saves 83 Argia Phillips
 Shutouts 2 Argia Phillips

SIMON FRASER – 8TH PLACE (5 pts)

Leaders
 Goals 2 Sophie D'Souza
 Assists 2 Jenna Piovesan
 Points 5 Sophie D'Souza
 Shots 19 Karm Jawandha
 S.O.G. 7 Karm Jawandha
 Starts 16 Abbey Vogt
 Yva Rodriguez
 Minutes (f) 1439 Abbey Vogt
 Saves 74 Simone Tessler
 Shutouts 1 Simone Tessler
 Teagan Rae Sorokan

THROUGH 14 CONFERENCE GAMES