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Big Week in the GNAC as Three Teams Push to Chase Conference Leader

PORTLAND, Ore. – Three teams are fighting for second place in the GNAC while trying to keep pace with conference leader Western Washington.

Montana State Billings and Seattle Pacific each went 1-1 last week while Central Washington gained a big win and a tie to create a deadlock in the second spot.

Central Washington had back-to-back shutouts the last two matches, gaining four points in the standings. GNAC co-defensive Player of the Week Kayla Lipston made 11 saves against Seattle Pacific and six against Western Oregon for CWU, which now ranks second in the conference in shutouts with three.

Montana State Billings shutout Northwest Nazarene while Seattle Pacific beat Saint Martin's 2-1 on a second half goal for the teams only wins last week.

All three teams are sitting at 10 points at the halfway point of the season.

MSUB will have the best chance to possibly break the tie this week as it plays both Seattle Pacific and Central Washington. SPU and CWU will face 2-3-1 Northwest Nazarene along with MSUB.

While three teams battle for the second spot, Western Washington is trying to pull away from the pack.

With two more 1-0 victories last week, the No. 19 team in this week's NSCAA poll continues to use its dominate defense to win games.

Western Washington is now first in the nation in team goals against average and is tied for first in shutout percentage. The team also ranks second nationally in save percentage and win-loss-tie percentage.

Goalie Ashley Haden has only given up two goals all year and one of those was an "own" goal. Haden ranks third in the nation in goals against average and ninth in save percentage.

Western Washington will travel to Western Oregon on Thursday and Saint Martin's on Saturday.

Standings and Schedule

Team	GNAC				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts	W	L	T
Western Washington	5	0	1	16	9	0	1
Montana State Billings	3	2	1	10	5	2	1
Seattle Pacific	3	2	1	10	5	3	1
Central Washington	3	2	1	10	4	5	1
Western Oregon	2	2	2	8	4	4	2
Northwest Nazarene	2	3	1	7	3	4	3
Simon Fraser	2	4	0	6	2	8	0
Saint Martin's	0	5	1	1	0	8	2

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

Western Oregon 1, Saint Martin's 0
 Montana State Billings 1, Northwest Nazarene 0
 Central Washington 1, Seattle Pacific 0
 Western Washington 1, Simon Fraser 0

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Western Oregon 0, Central Washington 0
 Northwest Nazarene 3, Simon Fraser 0
 Western Washington 1, Montana State Billings 0
 Seattle Pacific 2, Saint Martin's 1

UPCOMING CONFERENCE MATCHES

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

Western Washington at Western Oregon, 3 p.m.
 Simon Fraser at Saint Martin's, 3:30 p.m.
 Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington, 4 p.m.
 Montana State Billings at Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, 11 a.m.
 Montana State Billings at Central Washington, 12 p.m.
 Northwest Nazarene at Seattle Pacific, 1 p.m.
 Western Washington at Saint Martin's, 3:30 p.m.

Around the GNAC

- Montana State Billings held NNU without a shot in Thursday's match. This is the fifth time in GNAC history a team has held its opponent to zero shots, a feat which has happened only two other times since 2002.
- Western Oregon's Amanda Rose Johnson, co-defensive Player of the Week, stopped 17 shots in two shutouts last week to move into second all-time in career shutouts at WOU with 13.

GNAC Women's Soccer Players of the Week

Week of	Offensive	Defensive
Sept. 8	Alisa Sagdahl, MSUB	Daniele Ortiz, NNU
Sept. 15	Jessica Spang, MSUB	Mabinty Kanu, NNU
Sept. 22	Lexi Fesenbek, NNU	Shayla Page, SPU
Sept. 29	Hadli Farrand, CWU	Brianna Jones, WWU
Oct. 6	Delanee Nilles, WWU	Kayla Lipston, CWU
		Amanda Rose Johnson, WOU
Oct. 13		
Oct. 20		
Oct. 27		
Nov. 3		

GNAC MISCELLANY

NCAA POSTSEASON INFO

The Division II Women's Soccer Championship is a 48-team, single-elimination tournament. The teams come from eight different regions throughout the country. The GNAC is part of the West Region.

The first two rounds are played at the sites of the highest ranking regional schools followed by next two rounds where the regional champs square off. This will take place Nov. 13-23.

The national semifinals and the championship match will be held on Dec. 4-6 in Louisville, KY.

The 2014 GNAC Women's Soccer conference Tournament will be held on Nov. 6-8 at Starfire Sports Complex in Tukwila, Wash., where the champion will earn an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

TWITTER HASHTAGS

GNAC..... #GNACsoccer
 CWU #CWU_wsoccer
 MSUB #MSUBWSOC
 NNU..... #GoNNUCrusaders
 SMU #SaintsAlive
 SPU #SPUsports
 SFU #SFUWomensSoccer
 WOU..... #WOUSoccer
 WWU..... #WWU_WSoccer

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GNAC in NCAA Statistical Rankings (*As of Oct. 6)

GNAC teams and individuals ranked among the top 20 in the latest NCAA statistical rankings:

Team Category	Institution	Avg./Total	Rank
Goals Against AVG	Western Washington	.191	1 st
Save Percentage	Western Washington	.938/30	2 nd
Shutout Percentage	Western Washington	.800/8	t-1 st
W-L-T Percentage	Western Washington	.950	t-2 nd
Individual Category	Player, School	Avg./Total	Rank
Goalie Minutes Played	Sunny De Boer, SMU	956	14 th
	Kayla Lipston, CWU	940	t-20 th
Goals Against Avg	Ashley Haden, WWU	.195	3 rd
Save Percentage	Ashley Haden, WWU	.935/29	9 th
	Amanda Rose Johnson, WOU	.900/45	16 th
Total Assists	Lexi Fesenbek, NNU	6	t-17 th

GNAC Teams in the NSCAA Top 25

Tm.	Pre	S9	S16	S23	S30	O7	O14	O21	O28	N4	N11	N18	N25
WWU	3	3	6	15	22	19							
SPU	25	24	NR	NR	NR	NR							

GNAC Teams in the NSCAA West Region Top 10

Tm.	S9	S16	S23	S30	O7	O14	O21	O28
WWU	1	2	3	4	3			
SPU	5	8	5	8	NR			
MSUB	NR	NR	NR	7	7			

GNAC Women's Soccer Contact Information

Institution	Head Coach	Office Phone	SID Contact	SID Phone	Web Site
Central Washington	Michael Farrand	(509)963-1939	Sammy Henderson	(509)963-1485	WildcatSports.com
Montana State Billings	Wojtek Krakowiak	(406)657-2373	Evan O'Kelly	(460)657-2130	MSUBSports.com
Northwest Nazarene	Mary Trigg	(208)467-8862	Mike Stetson	(208)467-8474	NNUSports.com
Saint Martin's	Rob Walker	(360)438-4372	Megan Lobdell	(360)438-4328	SMUSaints.com
Seattle Pacific	Chuck Sekyra	(206)281-2859	Dan Lepse	(206)281-2741	SPUFalcons.com
Simon Fraser	Annie Hamel	(778)782-9766	Jade Richardson	(778)782-4057	Athletics.SFU.ca
Western Oregon	Steve Ancheta	(503)838-8295	Barrett Henderson	(503)838-8051	WOUWolves.com
Western Washington	Travis Connell	(360)650-3493	Paul Madison	(360)650-3108	WWUVikings.com

GNAC Team Statistics

*As of Oct. 6

SHOTS		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Western Washington	10	181	18.10
2.	Seattle Pacific	9	162	18.00
3.	Central Washington	10	129	12.90
4.	Western Oregon	10	122	12.20
5.	Northwest Nazarene	10	119	11.90
6.	MSU Billings	8	103	14.88
7.	Saint Martin's	10	83	8.30
8.	Simon Fraser	10	60	6.00

ASSISTS PER GAME		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Seattle Pacific	9	15	1.67
	Northwest Nazarene	10	16	1.60
3.	Western Washington	10	15	1.50
4.	Central Washington	10	13	1.30
5.	MSU Billings	8	6	0.75
6.	Western Oregon	10	5	0.50
	Simon Fraser	10	5	0.50
8.	Saint Martin's	10	4	0.40

POINTS		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Seattle Pacific	9	53	5.89
2.	Northwest Nazarene	10	46	4.60
3.	Western Washington	10	45	4.50
4.	Central Washington	10	37	3.70
5.	MSU Billings	8	24	3.00
6.	Western Oregon	10	21	2.10
7.	Simon Fraser	10	17	1.70
8.	Saint Martin's	10	16	1.60

GOALS ALLOWED		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Western Washington	10	2	0.20
2.	MSU Billings	8	6	0.75
3.	Western Oregon	10	8	0.80
4.	Seattle Pacific	9	9	1.00
5.	Central Washington	10	15	1.50
6.	Northwest Nazarene	10	16	1.60
7.	Saint Martin's	10	18	1.80
8.	Simon Fraser	10	22	2.20

GOALS		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Seattle Pacific	9	19	2.11
2.	Northwest Nazarene	10	15	1.50
	Western Washington	10	15	1.50
4.	Central Washington	10	12	1.20
5.	MSU Billings	8	9	1.12
6.	Western Oregon	10	8	0.80
7.	Simon Fraser	10	6	0.60
	Saint Martin's	10	6	0.60

GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE		GP	GA	Minutes	Avg
1.	Western Washington	10	2	941:56	0.19
2.	MSU Billings	8	6	740:00	0.73
3.	Western Oregon	10	8	945:36	0.76
4.	Seattle Pacific	9	9	830:00	0.98
5.	Central Washington	10	15	940:00	1.44
6.	Northwest Nazarene	10	16	980:00	1.47
7.	Saint Martin's	10	18	956:06	1.69
8.	Simon Fraser	10	22	905:50	2.19

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1.	Seattle Pacific	9	19	2.11
2.	Northwest Nazarene	10	15	1.50
	Western Washington	10	15	1.50
4.	Central Washington	10	12	1.20
5.	MSU Billings	8	9	1.12
6.	Western Oregon	10	8	0.80
7.	Simon Fraser	10	6	0.60
	Saint Martin's	10	6	0.60

SAVES		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Northwest Nazarene	10	66	6.60
2.	Saint Martin's	10	64	6.40
3.	Western Oregon	10	62	6.20
4.	Central Washington	10	57	5.70
5.	Simon Fraser	10	39	3.90
6.	Western Washington	10	30	3.00
7.	Seattle Pacific	9	27	3.00
8.	MSU Billings	8	19	2.38

ASSISTS		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Northwest Nazarene	10	16	1.60
2.	Seattle Pacific	9	15	1.67
	Western Washington	10	15	1.50
4.	Central Washington	10	13	1.30
5.	MSU Billings	8	6	0.75
6.	Simon Fraser	10	5	0.50
	Western Oregon	10	5	0.50
8.	Saint Martin's	10	4	0.40

SHUTOUTS		GP	Shutouts	Avg/G
1.	Western Washington	10	8	0.80
2.	Western Oregon	10	5	0.50
3.	MSU Billings	8	3	0.38
	Central Washington	10	3	0.30
5.	Northwest Nazarene	10	2	0.20
	Simon Fraser	10	2	0.20
7.	Seattle Pacific	9	1	0.11
8.	Saint Martin's	10	0	0.00

GNAC Individual Statistics

*As of Oct. 6

SHOTS PER GAME		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Farrell, Isabel-SPU	9	39	4.33
2.	Moore, Laura-SPU	9	33	3.67
3.	Bertucci, Jessica-WWU	10	34	3.40
4.	Sagdahl, Alisa-MSUB	8	24	3.00
5.	Huesers, Hannah-SPU	9	25	2.78
6.	Miles, Catherine-WWU	10	27	2.70
	Nsa, Nicole-NNU	10	27	2.70
8.	Farrand, Hadli-CWU	10	25	2.50
	Nolte, Mackenzie-CWU	10	25	2.50
10.	Shuman, Chelsea-MSUB	8	19	2.38

ASSISTS PER GAME		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Fesenbek, Lexi-NNU	10	8	0.80
2.	Moore, Laura-SPU	9	5	0.56
3.	Higa, Taylor-WOU	9	4	0.44
4.	Webster, Emily-WWU	10	4	0.40
	Farrand, Hadli-CWU	10	4	0.40
6.	Farrell, Isabel-SPU	9	3	0.33
7.	Kollmyer, Devon-SFU	10	3	0.30
	Nolte, Mackenzie-CWU	10	3	0.30
	Seymour, Laura-NNU	10	3	0.30
10.	DeWeirdt, Anna-WWU	8	2	0.25

POINTS		GP	Goals	Ast.	Pts.	Avg/G
1.	Farrell, Isabel-SPU	9	5	3	13	1.44
2.	Huesers, Hannah-SPU	9	6	0	12	1.33
	Fesenbek, Lexi-NNU	10	2	8	12	1.20
4.	Nolte, Mackenzie-CWU	10	4	3	11	1.10
5.	Farrand, Hadli-CWU	10	3	4	10	1.00
6.	Bertucci, Jessica-WWU	10	3	2	8	0.80
	Blum, Sarah-NNU	10	3	2	8	0.80
8.	Moore, Laura-SPU	9	1	5	7	0.78
	Jones, Brianna-WWU	10	3	1	7	0.70
	Nsa, Nicole-NNU	10	3	1	7	0.70
	Seymour, Laura-NNU	10	2	3	7	0.70

GOALS AGAINST AVG		GP	GA	Minutes	GaAvg
1.	Haden, Ashley-WWU	10	2	921:55	0.20
2.	Johnson, Amanda Rose-WOU	8	5	765:36	0.59
3.	Daniels, Krystal-MSUB	8	6	740:00	0.73
4.	Hughes, Alexa-SPU	8	9	740:00	1.09
5.	Lipston, Kayla-CWU	10	15	940:00	1.44
6.	Ortiz, Daniele-NNU	10	16	980:00	1.47
7.	De Boer, Sunny-SMU	10	18	956:06	1.69
8.	Sandhu, Priya-SFU	10	22	905:50	2.19

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1.	Farrell, Isabel-SPU	9	5	3	13	1.44
2.	Huesers, Hannah-SPU	9	6	0	12	1.33
3.	Fesenbek, Lexi-NNU	10	2	8	12	1.20
4.	Nolte, Mackenzie-CWU	10	4	3	11	1.10
5.	Farrand, Hadli-CWU	10	3	4	10	1.00
6.	Blum, Sarah-NNU	10	3	2	8	0.80
	Bertucci, Jessica-WWU	10	3	2	8	0.80
8.	Moore, Laura-SPU	9	1	5	7	0.78
9.	DeWeirdt, Anna-WWU	8	2	2	6	0.75
10.	Jones, Brianna-WWU	10	3	1	7	0.70
	Nsa, Nicole-NNU	10	3	1	7	0.70
	Seymour, Laura-NNU	10	2	3	7	0.70

SAVE PERCENTAGE		GP	Saves	GA	SavePct
1.	Haden, Ashley-WWU	10	29	2	.935
2.	Johnson, Amanda Rose-WOU	8	45	5	.900
3.	Ortiz, Daniele-NNU	10	65	16	.802
4.	Lipston, Kayla-CWU	10	54	15	.783
5.	De Boer, Sunny-SMU	10	62	18	.775
6.	Daniels, Krystal-MSUB	8	18	6	.750
7.	Hughes, Alexa-SPU	8	25	9	.735
8.	Sandhu, Priya-SFU	10	38	22	.633

GOALS PER GAME		GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Huesers, Hannah-SPU	9	6	0.67
2.	Farrell, Isabel-SPU	9	5	0.56
3.	Nolte, Mackenzie-CWU	10	4	0.40
4.	Cook-Cox, Ashley-NNU	10	3	0.30
	Nsa, Nicole-NNU	10	3	0.30
	Blum, Sarah-NNU	10	3	0.30
	Pundyke, Makana-WOU	10	3	0.30
	Aguiar, Olivia-SFU	10	3	0.30
	Bertucci, Jessica-WWU	10	3	0.30
	Farrand, Hadli-CWU	10	3	0.30
	Miles, Catherine-WWU	10	3	0.30
	Jones, Brianna-WWU	10	3	0.30

SHUTOUTS PER GAME		GP	Shutouts	Sho/G
1.	Haden, Ashley-WWU	10	7	0.70
2.	Johnson, Amanda Rose-WOU	8	4	0.50
3.	Daniels, Krystal-MSUB	8	3	0.38
4.	Lipston, Kayla-CWU	10	3	0.30
5.	Sandhu, Priya-SFU	10	2	0.20
	Ortiz, Daniele-NNU	10	2	0.20