**GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

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**Men’s Basketball**

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**Division II Games:** Alaska Anchorage 16-0, Northwest Nazarene 9-2, Seattle Pacific 12-3, Central Washington 9-5, Seattle 10-0, Western Washington 7-4, Saint Martin’s 7-8, Western Oregon 5-8, Alaska Fairbanks 1-9, MSU Billings 1-15.

**West Region Games:** Alaska Anchorage 10-0, Northwest Nazarene 7-2, Seattle Pacific 7-3, Seattle 8-5, Central Washington 8-5, Western Washington 6-6, Saint Martin’s 5-7, Western Oregon 3-7, Alaska Fairbanks 1-7, MSU Billings 1-7.

**LAST WEEK:** Thursday – Alaska Anchorage 45 at Seattle 38; Alaska Fairbanks 55 at MSU Billings 65; Saint Martin’s 57 at Northwest Nazarene 74; Western Oregon 60 at Seattle Pacific 62. Saturday – Alaska Anchorage 79 at MSU Billings 43; Alaska Fairbanks 56 at Seattle 78; Western Washington 63 at Central Washington 86; Western Oregon 58 at Northwest Nazarene 84; Saint Martin’s 79 at Seattle Pacific 89.

**THIS WEEK:** Thursday – Seattle Pacific at Alaska Anchorage; Northwest Nazarene at Alaska Fairbanks; Seattle at Central Washington, 7:30 p.m.; MSU Billings at Western Washington, 7:30 p.m. Saturday – Northwest Nazarene at Alaska Anchorage; Seattle Pacific at Alaska Fairbanks, 1 p.m.; MSU-Billings at Central Washington; Western Oregon at Saint Martin’s; Seattle at Seattle Pacific.


**DOUBLE DOUBLES:** 6 – Carl Arts, UAA. 4 – Jake Beilting, CWU. 3 – Kevin Atkins, UAF; Rob Will, SPU. 2 – Calin Schell, WWU; Luke Cooper, UAA; Liam Hughes, WOU; Brendan Campbell, SMU. 1 – Fourteen with.


ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS: UAF Top of the World (Nov. 15-18) – Mladen Begovic, UAF. Central Washington (Nov. 15-17) – Jake Bellinger, CWU; Brandon Foote, CWU; Tyler Roberts, NNU; Adam Shidmyer, NNU. Seattle Pacific (Nov. 16-17) – Rob Will, SPU; Ira Graham, WWU. Western Washington (Nov. 23-24) – Ira Graham, WWU; Calin Schell, WWU; Rob Diederichs, SPU; Rob Will, SPU. UAA Great Alaska Shootout (Nov. 21-24) – Carl Arts, UAA. Central Washington (Nov. 30-Dec. 1) – Jake Bellinger, CWU; Sam Kelly, WOU; Brad Krivetsky, WOU. CSU Pueblo (Nov. 30-Dec. 1) – Bill Richardson, SMU. WWU Great Western Shootout (Dec. 15-19 at Las Vegas) – Ira Graham, WWU; Calin Schell, WWU; Jake Bellinger, CWU. Humboldt State (Dec. 21-22) – Michael Knight, Seattle; Ryan Coldren, Seattle. Western Oregon (Dec. 28-29) – Mike McLaughlin, WOU; Travis Kuhns, WOU; Nate Jackson, CWU; Jake Bellinger, CWU. Seattle Pacific (Dec. 28-29) – Marques Echols, SPU; Rob Diederichs, SPU; Michael Knight, SU. Alaska Anchorage (Dec. 28-29) – Chris Bryant, UAA (MVP); McCabe Olsen, UAA; Luke Cooper, UAA.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: Carl Arts, Alaska Anchorage (F, 6-6, Sr., Valdez, AK) scored 40 points and had 19 rebounds to key a two-game road sweep as the Seawolves tied a school record with their 13th and 14th consecutive victories. Arts made 15 of 26 shots and eight of nine free throws. Seven of his rebounds came at the offensive end.

HONORABLE MENTION: Justin Parnell, Northwest Nazarene (G, 6-4, So., Sutherlin, OR) scored 27 points and also sparked the Crusaders defensively in home wins over Saint Martin’s and Western Oregon. In the two contests, he also had nine assists and three steals. NNU held the Saints and Wolves to 57 and 58 points, respectively, and a combined field goal percentage of 38.6 percent.

AROUND THE GNAC: Alaska Anchorage’s 14-game win streak is one short of the GNAC record of 15 set by Seattle Pacific between Nov. 17, 2001 and Jan. 19, 2002 and equaled by Western Washington between Nov. 25, 2005 and Jan. 26, 2006. In its last three road games, the Seawolves have held their opponents to the three lowest single-game point totals (42, 38, 43) in GNAC history for conference games. . Northwest Nazarene set a GNAC single-game record for conference games by making all 20 of its free throws in Saturday’s 26-point win over Western Oregon. The previous record for most free throws made without a miss of 16 was set by Western Washington against Alaska Anchorage on Feb. 17, 2007.
AGAINST THE WEST REGION: GNAC (15) vs. CCAA (10) - NNU 1-0, WOU 1-0, Seattle 5-1, CWU 3-1, WWU 3-2, SPU 1-1, SMU 1-3, UAF 0-1, MSUB 0-1.

CCAA (10) vs. GNAC (5) - UAA 3-0, NNU 1-0, SPU 1-0, WOU 0-1, CWU 0-2.

GNAC (5) vs. PacWest (3) - UAA 3-0, NNU 1-0, SPU 1-0, WOU 0-1, CWU 0-2.

PacWest (3) vs. GNAC (15) - CSU San Bernardino 5-0, UC San Diego 1-0, Cal State L.A. 1-0, CSU Dominguez Hills 1-0, Humboldt State 2-1, San Francisco State 0-1, CSU Stanislaus 0-2, Sonoma State 0-2, Cal Poly Pomona 0-2, Chico State 0-3, CSU Monterey Bay 0-4.

TEAM NOTES

Alaska Anchorage: The Seawolves are on pace to smash GNAC single-game records for defense. Their current 57.7 defensive scoring average is well ahead of the single-season record of 65.6 and their 53.9 average for conference games is nearly 15 points better than the current record of 68.8. In road wins last weekend at Seattle and MSU Billings, UAA held its opponents to a 31.5 shooting percentage (29-92) and had a 89-56 rebounding advantage.

Alaska Fairbanks: Colin Matteson led the Nanooks with 32 points and Kevin Atkins scored 30 in losses at Billings and Seattle University. Matson was 13 of 25 from the floor and had 17 rebounds. Atkins was 12 of 26 and had 14 rebounds.

Central Washington: Matt Penoncello connected on his first eight shots and finished with a game-high 20 points, seven rebounds and three steals as the Wildcats beat Western Washington before a crowd of 3,172. Central rallied from a 13-2 deficit, scoring 17 consecutive points late in the first half to go ahead 32-23 on the way to a 23-point win.

Montana State Billings: Terry Allen was 10 of 18 from the floor and scored 26 points as the Yellowjackets split two games. Their win over Alaska Fairbanks ended an 18-game losing streak. Cameron Khoury had 16 rebounds and Kyle Palmer had 11 assists in the two contests.

Northwest Nazarene: Kendall Gielow made 15 of 24 shots (62.5) and had 36 points and 14 rebounds in NNU’s wins over Saint Martin’s and Western Oregon. Tyler Roberts led the Crusaders in the two contests with 10 assists and six steals, while Scott Helpenstell led the way with 20 rebounds. NNU made 34 of 37 free throws (91.9 percent).

Saint Martin’s: Brendan Campbell scored 38 points and had 18 rebounds in a pair of road losses. Campbell made 14 of 28 shots and nine of 10 free throws. Jake Linton scored 30 points at Seattle Pacific after being held to three Thursday at Northwest Nazarene. Linton has a GNAC-best three 30-point games this season and five in his career. He was 11 of 11 from the foul line at SPU to extend his latest streak to 33. Earlier this season he had strings of 44 (28 this season and 16 to close out the 2006-07 campaign) and 34. He has now made 67 of his last 68.

Seattle: Michael Wright made 10 of 14 shots and led the Redhawks with 24 points and 11 rebounds as Seattle U. split two games. Chris Gweth had 20 points and 10 rebounds. Seattle and its opponents shot identical field goal percentages of 39.8.

Seattle Pacific: Rob Diederichs had 27 points and JoJay Jackson and Casey Reed each added 26 points for the Falcons in wins over Western Oregon and Saint Martin’s. Reed missed just two of 11 shots. Marques Echols, who had 12 points in Saturday’s win, did not play Thursday against WOU.

Women’s Basketball

Western Oregon: Travis Kuhn led Western Oregon with 29 points and 11 rebounds in a pair of road games. Kuhns made five of 11 three-pointers. He also had five assists. Mike McLaughlin made nine of 12 shots and finished with 19 points and nine rebounds.

Western Washington: Ira Graham scored 17 points and Calin Schell had a double-double with 14 points and 15 rebounds in the Vikings’ loss at Central Washington. Despite Schell’s 15 rebounds and eight by Steve Severin, who also blocked five shots, CWU outboarded WWU 48-39. The Wildcats also had nine fewer turnovers.

GNAC CAREER LEADERS (Through Jan. 26)

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Montana State Billings 4 3 7 9 4-1 3-6 0-2
Seattle University 3 4 12 4 7-1 5-3 0-0
Central Washington 2 5 10 5 2-2 2-3 6-0
Alaska Fairbanks 1 6 8 7 3-5 3-2 2-0
Western Oregon 1 6 5 11 3-4 1-4 1-3
Western Washington 1 6 4 15 1-5 1-4 2-6


LAST WEEK: Thursday – Central Washington 59 at Saint Martin’s 56; Western Washington 76 at Western Oregon 72; MSU Billings 74 at Seattle Pacific 78; Seattle 62 at Northwest Nazarene 73. Saturday – Alaska Anchorage 61 at Alaska Fairbanks 46; Central Washington 55 at Western Oregon 65; Western Washington 37 at Saint Martin’s 54; MSU Billings 71 at Northwest Nazarene 90; Seattle 47 at Seattle Pacific 63.

THIS WEEK: Thursday – Alaska Anchorage at Western Washington, 5:30 p.m.; Alaska Fairbanks at Central Washington, 5:30 p.m.; Western Oregon at MSU Billings; Saint Martin’s at Seattle. Saturday - Alaska Anchorage at Central Washington, 5 p.m.; Alaska Fairbanks at Western Washington, 3 p.m.; Saint Martin’s at MSU Billings; Western Oregon at Seattle; Seattle Pacific at Northwest Nazarene.


GNAC PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK: Kelsey Hill, Seattle Pacific (C, 6-2, Jr., Portland, OR – Portland Christian) and Janee Olds, Northwest Nazarene (G, 5-7, Fr., Coos Bay, OR – North Bend). . Hill scored 38 points and had 11 rebounds and three blocks as the Falcons ran their win streak to 17 games with a pair of wins. She made 10 of 12 shots, including a jumper with 4:52 left to snap a 69-69 tie, in a four-point win against Montana State Billings. In the two contests, she made 14 of 21 field goal attempts and all 10 of her foul shots. . Olds came off the bench to lead Northwest Nazarene with 34 points in a pair of impressive double-digit wins over Seattle University and Montana State Billings. She was 10 of 17 from the floor, including five of 10 from the arc. Olds also had seven rebounds and five assists.

HONORABLE MENTION: Sheena Brown, Alaska Fairbanks (G, 5-8, Jr., Fairbanks) produced her second 30-point game of the season, scoring 28 of her 30 points in the second half in 61-46 loss to Alaska Anchorage. She was five of 10 from the three-point line and nine of 10 from the foul line. . .Rebecca Kielinski, Alaska Anchorage (C, 6-2, Jr., Mandan, N.D) led the Seawolves with 14 points and 16 rebounds to increase her career totals to 1,167 and 735, respectively, moving past Eva Robinson (1,162, 1979-81) for No. 6 on UAA's career scoring list (1,167) and surpassing Heidi Alderman (724, 1992-96) for No. 3 on the Seawolves career rebounding list. She also had six blocks. . .Whitney Chase, Western Oregon (F, 5-11, Fr., Beavercreek, OR – Oregon City) scored 31 points and had eight rebounds and three steals as the Wolves split two home games, ending a 10-game losing streak to Central Washington in the process. Chase made seven of 10 shots and 17 of 21 free throws.

AROUND THE GNAC: Brown has two of the three 30-point games this winter in the GNAC. Earlier this season she scored 34 against Northwest Nazarene. The only other player to score 30 or more this season is Leada Berkey of Western Oregon, who had 36 against Cal State Stanislaus.

AGAINST THE WEST REGION: GNAC (16) vs. CCAA (17) - SPU 5-0, CWU 2-0, Seattle 1-0, SMU 2-1, NNU 3-2, WWU 2-4, UAA 4-0, UAF 4-0, UC San Diego 2-0, Seattle 1-0, SMU 1-0, WWU 1-0. CCAA (17) vs. GNAC (16) - Dixie State 1-0, Hawaii Hilo 1-1, Hawai’i 0-1, Notre Dame 0-3 Hawaii Pacific 0-4, Chaminade 0-5, BYU-Hawaii 0-5.
The Crusaders used domination of the Northwest Nazarene. She broke the old record of nine held by four other GNAC single game record 10 steals against Northwest Marquis had 24 points, 10 assists and 13 steals, including a Dani Henderson had 32 in a pair of road losses. Shantell point home loss to Alaska Anchorage. NNU outrebounded backboards to run their win streak to five since sustaining a two-game losing streak. Pallansch also had 17 rebounds, six assists and four blocks and Dunbar had five steals in the two games.

**TEAM NOTES**

**Alaska Anchorage:** The Seawolves held Alaska Fairbanks to three field goals and nine points in grabbing a 35-9 halftime lead. Of the 15 previous lowest scoring conference games in GNAC history, the lowest point total for a single half was 10 points. UAA outshot their arch-rivals 50.0 percent to 23.3 percent and made eight of 18 three-pointers, including four of six by Danielle Dekel.

**Alaska Fairbanks:** In addition to her 30 points, Brown also had three steals and a block. Kari Rebold led UAF in both categories, finishing with six steals and two blocks.

**Central Washington:** Hanna Hull led Central Washington with 29 points and also had 13 rebounds as the Wildcats split a pair of road games. In its loss to Western Oregon, CWU didn’t have a player in double figures for the first time since Jan. 6, 2000, ending a string of 218 games in which at least one player had accomplished that feat. Hull scored 14 of her 20 points in the second half against Saint Martin’s as the Wildcats rebounded from a 15-point halftime deficit to win.

**Montana State Billings:** Alira Carpenter scored 39 points and Dani Henderson had 32 in a pair of road losses. Shantell Marquis had 24 points, 10 assists and 13 steals, including a GNAC single game record 10 steals against Northwest Nazarene. She broke the old record of nine held by four other players.

**Northwest Nazarene:** The Crusaders used domination of the backboards to run their win streak to five since sustaining a two-point home loss to Alaska Anchorage. NNU outrebounded Seattle and MSU Billings by a combined margin of 84-50, including 27-7 on the offensive glass. The Crusaders also outscored their opponents 42-15 from the three-point line.

**Saint Martin’s:** Dara Zack had 20 points and 19 rebounds and Amber Harmon and Kassie Ludeman each had 19 points as the Saints split two home games. SMU held Western Washington to 37 points, its lowest point total in 31 years.

**Seattle:** Jackie Thomas had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 steals in road losses at Northwest Nazarene and Seattle Pacific. The 10 steals increased her career total to 202 as she set a school career record and become the seventh player in GNAC history to record 200 or more steals.

**Seattle Pacific:** Jackie Hollands and Hill combined for 75 points in SPU’s two victories. Hollands had 37 points, 21 from the three-point arc where she made seven of 13. She also had team-highs of 10 assists and six steals.

**Western Oregon:** Leada Berkey scored 33 points to move into seventh place on the GNAC all-time career scoring list with 1,349 points. She also had 12 rebounds to increase her career total to 707 and become the 10th player in conference history to record 700 or more.

**Western Washington:** Amanda Dunbar scored 25 points and Claire Pallansch had 24 as the Vikings split a pair of road games, winning at Western Oregon to snap a school-record eight-game losing streak. Pallansch also had 17 rebounds, six assists and four blocks and Dunbar had five steals in the two games.

**GNAC CAREER LEADERS (Through Jan. 26)**

**Scoring**
1. Rose Shaw, Central Washington (1999-02) 1696
2. Rebecca Kielbinski, Alaskan Anchorage (2006-08) 1349
4. Hannah Hull, Central Washington (2005-08) 1091
5. Karri Rebold, Western Oregon (2005-08) 1005
6. Laina Sobczak, Seattle (2005-08) 973

**MSUB Career Totals**
Alira Carpenter, MSU Billings (2006-08) 1173

**Three-Pointers**
1. Mandy Wood, Seattle Pacific (2003-06) 234
2. Hannah Hull, Central Washington (2005-08) 144
3. Jackie Hollands, Seattle Pacific (2006-08) 113
5. Alira Carpenter, MSU Billings (2006-08) 108

**Rebounds**
1. Carli Grant, Seattle Pacific (2003-06) 1083
2. Rebecca Kielbinski, Alaskan Anchorage (2006-08) 735
3. Leada Berkey, Western Oregon (2005-08) 707
5. Claire Pallansch, Western Washington (2006-08) 542
6. Kelsey Hill, Seattle Pacific (2006-08) 525
7. Laina Sobczak, Seattle (2005-08) 523

**Assists**
1. Melanie Wagoner, Alaska Fairbanks (1999-02) 500
2. Beth Christensen, Seattle Pacific (2005-07) 432
3. Mallory Whipple, Northwest Nazarene (2006-08) 280

**Steals**
1. Alysson Kollman, Northwest Nazarene (2000-03) 326
2. Jackie Thomas, Seattle (2005-07) 202
3. Mallory Whipple, Northwest Nazarene (2006-08) 155

**Blocks**
1. Brittney Kroon, Seattle Pacific (2003-06) 419
2. Krystal Robinson, Western Washington (2004-08) 190
4. Claire Pallansch, Western Washington (2006-08) 74

**Indoor Track & Field**

**GNAC ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK: Female** – Jaclyn Puga, Northwest Nazarene (Fr., Meridian, ID – Nampa Christian) placed third in the 800 meters at the Boise State Blue & Orange Classic in a NCAA Division II provisional national qualifying time of 2:17.55. Her time is the quickest so far this winter in the GNAC. She also ran a leg on NNU’s 4x400 meter team that placed fifth in a school-record time of 4:02.69. Male – Mitch Ward, Northwest Nazarene (So., Nampa, ID - Skyview) finished fifth in the 400 meters in a GNAC season-best time of 50.06, improving on his own school record. Ward's time also ranks seventh all-time in the GNAC.

**AROUND THE GNAC:** Ward’s 400 and Northwest Nazarene’s women’s 4x400 accounted for two of four school
records set by the Crusaders Saturday. Lotoya Tidwell finished 12th in the 200 in a school-record time of 26.46 and Zach Barclay broke his own record in the men’s weight throw with a toss of 51-1 ¼ to finish fourth. Ashley Puga had NNU’s best individual finish in the meet, placing second in the mile in a provisional national qualifying time of 5:03.45.


THIS WEEK: Friday - Husky Indoor (WWU, CWU, WOU, SPU, SU); UI McDonald’s College (CWU); Black Hills State Dave Little Invitational (MSUB). Saturday - Husky Indoor (WWU, CWU, WOU, SPU, SU); UI McDonald’s College (CWU); BSU United Heritage (NNU).

All-Sports Standings


Baseball

THIS WEEK: Friday – Western Oregon at UC San Diego, 2 p.m. Saturday – Corban at Saint Martin’s (2), 11 a.m.; Western Oregon at UC San Diego (2), 11 a.m. Sunday – Western Oregon at UC San Diego, noon. Tuesday (Feb. 5) – Western Oregon at CSU Stanislaus, 2:30 p.m.

Softball

THIS WEEK: Friday – Dixie State Red Rock Invitational (NNU vs. Cal Baptist, 11 a.m.; NNU vs. Dixie State, 1:30 p.m.); CSUS Best of the West (Seattle vs. CSU Dominguez Hills, 10 a.m.; Seattle vs. CSU Stanislaus, 12:15 p.m.). Saturday – Dixie State Red Rock Invitational (NNU vs. Cal Baptist, 11 a.m.; NNU vs. Dixie State, 1:30 p.m.); CSUS Best of the West (Seattle vs. CSU Monterey Bay, 10:15 a.m.; Seattle vs. Davis & Elkins, 2:30 p.m.). Sunday – CSUS Best of the West (Seattle vs. Grand Canyon, 10 a.m.; Seattle vs. Humboldt State, 12:30 p.m.).