GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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Western Oregon (27-13); 7. Mesa State (30-13); 8. Central Washington (19-14).

THIS WEEK: Wednesday

at MSU Billings (2), cancelled.

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Saturday

Billings 13-4; Northwest Nazarene 3-2 at Western Oregon 10-1 (2nd game, 11

NEXT WEEK: Tuesday

at Western Oregon (2), 1 p.m.; CSU Monterey Bay at Western Oregon, 11 a.m.

WHAT’S LEFT: May 5-11; Friday

at Western Oregon (2), 4 p.m.; MSU Billings at Western Oregon (2), 1 p.m. Saturday – Central Washington at Western Oregon (2), 1 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at MSU Billings (2), 1 p.m.; CSU Monterey Bay at Western Oregon (2), noon. Sunday – Central Washington at Saint Martin’s (2), 1 p.m.; CSU Monterey Bay at Western Oregon, 11 a.m.

PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: Player – A.J. Gosney, Central Washington (OF, 5-9, Jr., Spokane – Central Valley & CCS) and Tyler Moore, Western Oregon (2B, 5-10, Sr., Portland, OR – David Douglas & Mount Hood) . . .Gosney had eight hits in 16 at bats, scored five runs and drove in three to lead the Wildcats to a three-game sweep of Dixie State. In his last seven games, he has had 17 hits in 29 at bats to raise his average from .250 to .326 . . .Moore had six hits in 12 at bats and drove in a team-best four runs as the Wolves protected their conference lead winning three of four games with Northwest Nazarene. In Friday’s 2-0 win, he drove in WOU’s first-inning run and then doubled and scored its run in the fourth. Pitcher – Mike Ward, Western Oregon (6-4, So., Eugene, OR – South Eugene) and Tyler Moore, Western Oregon (OF, 5-9, Jr., Spokane – Central Valley & CCS) and

HONORABLE MENTION: Luke Abbott, Saint Martin’s (C, 6-0, So., Chehalis, WA – West & Lassen CC) had five hits, including two doubles, in five at bats and drove in four runs in the Saints twinbill sweep of Montana State Billings. . .Severo Rodriguez, Northwest Nazarene (SS, 6-1, Sr., Othello, WA – WVC) had eight hits in 16 at bats to extend his hitting streak to 10 games.

AROUND THE GNAC: Western Oregon’s pitching staff had a 2.83 earned run average in winning three of four games. Three pitchers – Ward, Greg Bobnick (4 1/3 innings) and Jared Nyeens (3 2/3 innings) – didn’t allow a run . . .WOU’s Dylan Bruck stole five bases to increase his season total to 29, five short of the GNAC single-season record. . .Frank Donangelio batted .455 (5 of 11) and drove in six runs in Central Washington’s three-game sweep of Dixie. Donangelio won Saturday’s game with a
three-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth. . Six-foot, 10-inch Michael McIver, who also plays basketball for the Saints, had four hits in five at bats including a home run in SMU’s sweep of MSUB. Cole Pryor had five hits in seven at bats and Levi Johnson drove in six runs for the Yellowjackets. . Northwest Nazarene’s Tyler Liebelt didn’t allow an earned run in two relief appearances covering 7 2/3 innings against Western Oregon. He gave up just three hits and two unearned runs.

### Softball

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#### LAST WEEK: Monday - Great Falls 2-4 at Northwest Nazarene 1-7. Tuesday - Saint Martin’s 2-0 at Western Oregon 13-8. Thursday – Northwest Nazarene 2-1 at Seattle 9-10. Friday – MSU Billings 2-1 at Western Oregon 7-6; Northwest Nazarene 2-0 at Western Washington 4-11. Saturday – Central Washington at Seattle (2), postponed until Apr. 27, noon; Northwest Nazarene 1 at Western Washington 9 (non-conference); Saint Martin’s 4-4 at Simon Fraser 0-0. Sunday – Central Washington 13-1 at Western Washington 1-4; MSU Billings 11-4 at Saint Martin’s 0-0 (2nd game, 8 innings).

#### THIS WEEK: Thursday – Saint Martin’s at Central Washington (2), 1 p.m.; Seattle at MSU Billings (2), 3 p.m.; Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (2), 3 p.m. Friday – Seattle at MSU Billings, 1 p.m. (non-conference); Saint Martin’s at Northwest Nazarene, 3 p.m. (non-conference). Saturday – Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), noon; Western Washington at MSU Billings (2), noon; Saint Martin’s at Northwest Nazarene (2), noon. Sunday – Central Washington at Seattle (2), noon; Western Washington at MSU Billings (2), 10 a.m. (non-conference).

#### NEXT WEEK: Tuesday – Seattle at Western Washington (2), 3 p.m. Thursday – Western Washington at Saint Martin’s (2), 1 p.m.; Seattle at Western Oregon (2), 2:30 p.m. Friday – Seattle at Western Oregon, 2 p.m. (non-conference). Saturday – Central Washington at MSU Billings (2), 2 p.m.; Saint Martin’s at Seattle (2), noon; Western Washington at Western Oregon (2), noon. (End-of-regular-season).


#### HITTING STREAKS (10 or more): 16 – Megan McIver, SU, 11 – Jamie Foote, SU, 10 – Kasey Druffel, CWU; Lauren Berin, SU; Michelle Wrigley, WWU. Current: 8 – Kelly Parsons, MSUB; Leslie Davis, MSUB; Tyler Sutherland, WOU; Jessica Hallmark, WOU.

#### ALL-TOURNAMENT: CSUS Mizuno Best of the West (Feb. 1-2) – Kelsey Reynolds, Seattle (P, MVP); Megan McIver, Seattle (SS); Sandra Hernandez, Seattle (2B-OF). CSUS Tournament of Champions (Mar. 28-30) – Lauren Berin, Seattle (1B-DP); Holly Rosman, Central Washington (C).


#### HONORABLE MENTION: Lisa Moore, Montana State Billings (P-DP, 5-6, Jr., Bakersfield, CA – Liberty) led the Yellowjackets in hitting and earned run average as they split four road games. She had five hits in nine at bats and also had a 1.45 earned run average, allowing just two runs in 9 2/3 innings and winning her only decision.

#### AROUND THE GNAC: Dorn more than doubled her season RBI total in Western Oregon’s sweeps of SMU and MSUB. She began the week with just nine but had a pair of four RBI games in increasing her season-total to 20. The Wolves, who have won seven straight, were also led offensively by Whitney Lee (6 of 9) and Amanda Fleer (8 of 13). WOU hit .431 in its four contests. . . Jamie Foote drove in six runs and Lauren Berin scored four in Seattle University’s sweep of Northwest Nazarene. . Kelsey Anderson had six hits in 12 at bats and Liza Teichler went seven of 16 and drove in five runs as Western Washington won four of five games. Jessica Rosencrans, who had been out two weeks with tendonitis in her shoulder, pitched a four-hitter as the Vikings earned a split of a doubleheader Sunday, defeating Central Washington 4-1. The Wildcats won the opener 13-1 as catcher Holly Rossman had four hits and drove in five runs. Leslie Davis had seven hits in 13 at bats and Kelly Parsons led MSU Billings with six RBI on its four-game road trip to Monmouth and Lacey. . Lisa Holombo had seven hits, a quarter of her team’s total, in 14 at bats as Saint Martin’s lost five of six games. She also scored three of SMU’s 10 runs. . Katie Free
had nine hits in 17 at bats and drove in five runs as Northwest Nazarene won one of seven contests.

**Track & Field**

THIS WEEK: Monday-Tuesday – GNAC Multis at Ellensburg; Friday – WWU Twilight (SPU, SU, SMU, WWU); NNU Twilight (NNU); Oregon Relays (WOU). Saturday – Cougar Invitational (CWU); Oregon Relays (SU, SPU, CWU, WOU); Montana Invitational (MSUB); NNU Twilight (NNU).

NEXT WEEK: Friday-Saturday - GNAC Championships at Ellensburg.


**ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK: Male** – David Kiplagat, Alaska Anchorage (Jr., Kapsabet, Kenya – Kaptuma Boys) ran the fastest steeplechase in the GNAC in six years and also posted a provisional national qualifying time in the 5,000 meters in meets at Long Beach and Walnut, Calif., respectively. He won the steeplechase Saturday at the Long Beach State Invitational in a time of 9:07.20, cutting 10 seconds off his previous provisional national qualifying time and missing the automatic standard by two-tenths of a second. His mark ranks second all-time in the GNAC trailing only a 9:58.62 by Jason Walker of Humboldt State in 2002. He also ran a provisional national qualifying time of 14:34.42 in the 5,000 meters Thursday in the Mount Sac Relays. That time is .33 seconds off the best time this spring in the conference. Kiplagat set the GNAC record of 14:24.92 in the 5,000 last spring.

Female – Ashley Puga, Northwest Nazarene (Jr., Meridian, ID – Nampa Christian) and Kim Brady, Alaska Anchorage (So., Odessa, TX). Puga recorded a pair of national provisional qualifying times in leading Northwest Nazarene to the women's team title in the Spike Art Invitational track-and-field meet Saturday at Ellensburg. She won the 1500 meters in a PNQ of 4:36.09 and also won the 3000 in a PNQ of 10:14.52. Brady set a GNAC record in the triple jump and posted a provisional national qualifying mark in the long jump in the Azusa Pacific Invitational. She added 8 1/4 inches to her previous PNQ in the triple jump with a leap of 38-11 ½, eclipsing the previous GNAC record of 38-10 1/4 set by Shelley Comstock of Western Oregon in 2002. Brady added five inches to her previous GNAC season-best mark in the long jump with a leap of 18-6. That mark ranks seventh in GNAC history.

HONORABLE MENTION: David Registe, Alaska Anchorage (So., Palmer, AK - Colony) ran two of the fastest sprint times in GNAC history and also had a 24-foot long jump in meets at Walnut and Long Beach, Calif. On Friday, he placed 10th in the 100 meters in a time of 10.69 and seventh in the 200 meters in 21.71 at the Mount Sac Relays, setting UAA school records in both events. His 100 time is the second fastest in GNAC history and is 200 time ranks third on the GNAC Top 10 chart. On Saturday, he finished second in the long jump at the Long Beach State Invitational with a leap of 24-2 ½.

OTHER NATIONAL QUALIFIERS: Laura Carr of Alaska Anchorage and Sarah Porter, Jordan Welling and Bennett Grimes, all of Western Washington, all had national qualifying times in the 10,000 Thursday in the Mount Sac Relays. Carr’s automatic qualifying time of 35:41.98 ranks second all-time in the GNAC. Porter had a provisional time of 36:45.1. Both Carr and Porter’s times are school records for their respective universities. . Welling and Grimes had PNQs of 30:35.72 and 30:46.15, which are the third and fourth fastest 10K times in GNAC history . .WWU’s Keith Lemay and Sam Washington of Saint Martin’s had PNQs in the Azusa Pacific Invitational. Lemay ran a GNAC-season best time of 3:52.35 in the 1500 meters. Washington added two feet to his previous GNAC-leading mark in qualifying in the shot with a put of 52-6 ¼, the second longest in GNAC history.

**IMPROVING THEIR MARKS:** Five SPU athletes improved on previous national qualifying marks at various venues. . Brittany Bekins added 127 points to her previous PNQ in finishing eighth in the California Invitational heptathlon with a score of 4,681 points. . Karin Rohde cut nine seconds off her previous PNQ in winning the steeplechase in a time of 11:08.5 at the Spike Art Invitational. . In the Mount Sac Relays, Lisa Anderberg ran a GNAC season-best mark of 2:12.52, cutting 1 ½ seconds off her previous PNQ, while teammate Jane Larson ran a 2:28.08, shaving 1.57 seconds off her previous automatic national qualifying time. Larson’s time ranks second all-time in the GNAC. . At the Long Beach State Invitational, Lauren VerMulm finished fourth in the javelin with a throw of 148-10, adding 3 ½ feet to her previous automatic mark.

**LAST WEEK’S RESULTS:**


Men’s Golf

THIS WEEK: Monday-Tuesday – GNAC Championships (at Indian Canyon, Spokane).


PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK: Brandon Brown, Western Washington (Jr., Kent, WA) finished fourth in the Cal State Stanislaus Invitational at Turlock, Calif., with a 54-hole total of even par 216. Brown came into the tournament ranked just sixth in the GNAC in scoring and fifth on his own team with a 75.7 average. His 54-hole total was 11 shots lower than any of his teammates and his bogey-free round on Tuesday was one of just five below par for the day. “With the high winds he had to deal with, that was a very impressive round of golf,” said Western coach Steve Card. “It’s arguably one of the most impressive performances I’ve seen in my 15 years coaching here. It was by far his best performance as a Viking.”


All-Sports Standings

