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Baseball

Western Oregon 24 8 .767 -- 39 17 .696
Central Washington 20 12 .667 4 30 21 .588
Northwest Nazarene 15 17 .469 9 32 22 .593
Saint Martin’s 14 16 .467 9 18 24 .429
MSU Billings 5 25 .167 18 14 38 .269

LAST WEEK: Friday – Central Washington 6-9 at Northwest Nazarene 9-4; MSU Billings 3-4 at Western Oregon 5-6. Saturday – Central Washington 8-5 at Northwest Nazarene 10-6; MSU Billings 4-2 at Western Oregon 3-3. (End-of-season regular season.

NCAA West Regional (May 15-18 at Chico): Thursday: #6 Nebraska Kearney (33-25) vs. #1 Sonoma State (46-13), 11 a.m.; #5 Western Oregon (38-17) vs. #2 UC San Diego (41-16), 3 p.m.; #4 CSU Stanislaus (37-21) vs. #3 Chico State (39-15), 7 p.m. Friday: Games at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday: Games at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday: Championship game at noon (2nd place to follow, if needed).


Hitting Streaks (10 or more): 21 – Jonathan Schlender, MSUB. 20 – Dylan Bruck, WOU; Jamie Nilsen, CWU; 13 – A.J. Gosney, CWU; Eric Renander, WOU; 11 – Severo Rodriguez, NNU; Cesar Lopez, WOU; Hank Anderson, CWU; 10 – Ryne Phillips, NNU; Tyler Moore, WOU.


Players-of-the-Week: Player – Mitch Kochis, Northwest Nazarene (OF, 5-10, Sr., Camas, WA – Cumberland) had a pair of game-winning RBI as the Crusaders won three of four games with Central Washington. His two-run home run in the third inning snapped a 4-4 tie in NNU’s 9-6 win in the opening game of the series on Friday. He then singled to drive in the winning run in the seventh inning in a 6-5 win in Saturday’s second game. In the four game series, he had nine hits in 16 at bats, scored five runs and drove in four.

Pitcher – Jared Neyens, Western Oregon (6-0, Sr., Marysville, WA – Pilchuck & Edmonds CC) allowed just one run and three hits in four innings, earning a win and two saves as the Wolves wrapped up their seventh straight GNAC title with three wins against Montana State Billings. In three relief appearances, Neyens didn’t walk a batter and fanned four.

Honorable Mention: Dylan Bruck, Western Oregon (OF, 6-0, Sr., Wilsonville, OR - Chemeketa) had nine hits in 16 at bats, including two doubles and two triples. He figures in more than half of WOU’s 17 runs in its series with Montana State Billings, scoring four and driving in five. He also stole four bases increasing his GNAC single-season record total to 40. He also set a GNAC single-season record with his seventh and eighth triples of the season, breaking the old record of six held by three different players. . .Kevin Walkenhauer, Central Washington (2B, 6-1, So., Yakima, WA – West Valley) had seven hits in 13 at bats, including three doubles and two home runs. He also scored three runs and drove in eight and finished the Wildcats’ series with NNU with a 1.077 slugging percentage.

Around the GNAC: Western Oregon will be making its fourth NCAA post-season appearance this week. The Wolves lost two straight in 2003 and had 2-2 records in 2005 and 2006 finishing second and third, respectively. . .The Wolves recorded a 2.73 team earned run average in its series with Montana State Billings, allowing just 13 runs (10 earned) and 33 hits in 33 innings. MSUB’s pitching staff had its best series of the season, also allowing just 33 hits. The Yellowjackets’ Steve Scott scattered 10 hits in a nine-inning 4-3 win over the Wolves. Matt Schoonover led MSUB offensively with six hits in 13 at bats. Jonathan Schlender extended his hitting streak to a GNAC season-best 21 before it was snapped in Friday’s second game. Schlender, however, was just three of 14 in the series. . .Central Washington’s Jamie Nilsen had seven hits in 14 at bats and scored seven runs. Nilsen finished his career with a GNAC record .399 batting average. . .NNU’s Ryne Phillips had seven hits in 16 at bats including a grand slam in Saturday’s 10-8 victory.
Softball

NCAA West Regionals (May 7-11 at Arcata): Wednesday – #6 Western Oregon 9, #3 Cal State Monterey Bay 1; #2 Cal State Stanislaus 4, #7 Seattle 0; #5 Cal State Dominguez Hills 6; #4 UC San Diego 4, #8 Cal State San Bernardino 10, #1 Humboldt State 1. Thursday – Seattle 4, Cal State Monterey Bay 2 (loser out); Humboldt State 3, UC San Diego 1 (loser out); Western Oregon 4, Cal State Stanislaus 0; Cal State Dominguez Hills 4, Cal State San Bernardino 2. Friday – Humboldt State 9, Cal State Stanislaus 2 (loser out); Cal State San Bernardino 10, Seattle 8 (loser out); Western Oregon 7, CSU Dominguez 5, Cal State San Bernardino 1 (loser out). Saturday – Humboldt State 8, Cal State Dominguez Hills 1; Humboldt State 1, Western Oregon 0. Sunday – Humboldt State 9, Western Oregon (championship).

POLLS: NFCA (May 7) – No GNAC teams ranked.


HITTING STREAKS (10 or more): 16 – Megan MacIsaac, Seattle, 14 – Jessica Hallmark, WOU. 12 – Kelly Parsons, MSUB. 11 – Jamie Foote, SU; Liz Wallace, CWU; Leslie Davis, MSUB; Tyler Sutherland, WOU. 10 – Kasey Druffel, CWU (twice); Lauren Berin, SU; Michelle Wrigley, WWU.

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


NCAA WEST REGIONAL: After outscoring its opponents 20-1 in its first three games to reach the championship game, Western Oregon was shutout by Humboldt State 1-0 and 9-0 and finished its first-ever NCAA post-season championship tournament in second place... Tyler Sutherland and Jessica Hallmark led WOU offensively. Sutherland batted .625 with 10 hits in 16 at bats. Hallmark had five hits in 15 at bats, including two home runs and drove in eight runs. Katie Fleer was brilliant through the first four games, allowing just two runs and still finished the tournament with a 1.83 earned run average despite giving up six earned runs in the final game. In 30 2/3 innings, she walked just one and fanned 28.

ALL REGION TEAMS

NFCA (Coaches): First Team - Erin Martin, Seattle (P, 5-7, Sr., Valencia, CA); Jane Purdy, Seattle (2B, 5-4, Sr., Missoula, MT), Katie Antich, Seattle (OF, 5-6, So., Spokane, WA). Second Team - Katie Fleer, Western Oregon (P, 6-2, Sr., Salem, OR); Holly Rossman, Central Washington (C, 5-6, Jr., Olympia, WA); Mallory Holtman, Central Washington (1B, 5-9, Sr., White Salmon, WA), Megan MacIsaac, Seattle (SS, 5-10, Jr., Santa Barbara, CA); Tyler Sutherland, Western Oregon (SS, 5-3, So., Gold Hill, OR); Trina Dorn, Western Oregon (3B, 5-4, Sr., Henderson, NV); Kasey Druffel, Central Washington (OF, 5-6, Sr., Colton, WA); Lauren Berin, Seattle (UT, 5-3, So., Lacey, WA).

DAKTRONICS (SIDs): First Team - Katie Antich, Seattle (OF, 5-6, So., Spokane, WA). Second Team - Katie Fleer, Western Oregon (P, 6-2, Sr., Salem, OR); Erin Martin, Seattle (5-7, Sr., Valencia, CA); Holly Rossman, Central Washington (C, 5-6, Jr., Olympia, WA); Mallory Holtman, Central Washington (1B, 5-9, Sr., White Salmon, WA). Jane Purdy, Seattle (2B, 5-4, Sr., Missoula, MT), Holly Morris, Saint Martin's (3B, 5-10, Jr., Richland, WA); Michelle Wrigley, Western Washington (OF, 5-7, Fr., Bothell, WA).

CoSIDA Academic: First Team – Jane Purdy, Seattle (Biology, Sr., 3.46, Missoula, MT).

Track & Field

UPCOMING: NCAA Nationals (May 22-24 at Walnut, Calif.).

ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK: Men – Kevin Myhre, Western Washington (JR, Edmonds, WA – Meadowdale) won the 400 hurdles in a time of 54.36 at the Ken Shannon/Ken Foreman Invitational at Husky Stadium. A week earlier, Myhre won the same event at the NCAA championships in a time of 53.75, the sixth fastest in GNAC history. In the past four years, only one other GNAC athlete has posted a time better than either of those marks. Women – Karin Rohde, Seattle Pacific (Sr., Bellingham, WA – Mount Baker) established an automatic national qualifying time in the women's steeplechase at the Ken Shannon/Ken Foreman Invitational. Rohde finished third in the steeple in a time of 10:54.73, cutting 14 seconds off her previous PNQ in bettering the automatic standard.

AROUND THE GNAC: In addition to Rohde, four GNAC athletes improved previous national qualifying marks at the Ken Shannon/Ken Foreman Invitational. Sarah Benson of Central Washington finished fifth in the women's steeplechase in a time of 11:14.82, shaving eight seconds off her PNQ. Heidi Dimmitt of Western Washington in the 400 hurdles, Jeeni Schantin of Seattle Pacific in the javelin and Tyler Fischer of Central Washington in the men's hammer also had improvements in their qualifying marks. Dimmitt won the hurdle event in a time of 1:01.69, cutting .09 seconds off her PNQ and GNAC season-best mark. Schantin placed second in the javelin with a throw of 151-5, adding a foot to her GNAC second-place effort in the event. Fischer placed second in the hammer with a throw of 177-5, four inches more than his previous PNQ. Jacyln Puga of Northwest Nazarene established a provisional national qualifying time in the women's 800 and two other athletes improved previous PNQs...
Saturday at the Western Oregon Twilight... Puga placed fourth in the 800 in a time of 2:14.03. Ashley Berry of Western Oregon finished third in a time of 2:14.01, improving her PNQ by .14. In the women's hammer, Sara Cole of Western Oregon placed third with a mark of 165-4, adding 10 inches to her previous PNQ.

Ken Shannon/Ken Foreman Invitational (May 10 at Seattle): GNAC Winners, Men: 5000 - Jordan Welling, WWU, 15:03.95. 400 Hurdles - Kevin Myhre, WWU, 54.36. Steeplechase - Keefer Henry, WWU, 9:36.81. 4x100 - Seattle University 42.34. Long Jump - Justin Felt, SPU, 22-3 1/2. Shot Put - Sam Washington, SMU, 52-11 1/2. Women: 100 Hurdles - Michelle Howe, WWU, 15.06. 400 Hurdles - Heidi Dimmitt, WWU, 1:01.69. 4x100 - Western Washington (Dimmitt, Thornton, O'Connell, Brownell) 3:58.33.


Men’s Golf


Golf Coaches Association of America NCAA Division II West All-Region: Jake Koppenberg, WOU; Sean Packer, WOU.


All-Sports Standings

