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Men’s Basketball

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LAST WEEK: Tuesday – Albertson 60 vs. Northwest Nazarene 54 (Idaho Center (exh)). Thursday – UAF Top of the World (Tennessee State 78, Alaska Fairbanks 64). Friday – Brevard 53 at Alaska Anchorage 80; CUW Tournament #1 (Northwest Nazarene 91, Chico State 77, Notre Dame de Namur 85, Central Washington 84, ot); SU Elgin Baylor Tip-Off (Saint Martin’s 116, CSU Stanislaus 113 (ot); Seattle 92, Humboldt State 80); SPU Sodexho Tip-Off (CSU San Bernardino 74, Western Washington 68; Seattle Pacific 81, CSU Monterey Bay 68). Saturday – Brevard 48 at Alaska Anchorage 80; UAF Top of the World (Alaska Fairbanks 62, Oregon State 60); CUW Tournament #1 (Northwest Nazarene 69, Notre Dame de Namur 65; Central Washington 89, Chico State 81); SU Elgin Baylor Tip-Off (Humboldt State 87, Saint Martin’s 69; Seattle 60, CSU Stanislaus 59); SPU Sodexho Tip-Off (Western Washington 82, CSU Monterey Bay 77, CSU Bernardino 53, Seattle Pacific 49); Corban 88 at Western Oregon 110. Sunday - UAF Top of the World (IUPUI 82, Alaska Fairbanks 47).

UPCOMING: Monday – CUW Monterey Bay at Western Washington. Thursday – Great Alaska Shootout (Alaska Anchorage vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m.). Friday – Great Alaska Shootout (Alaska Anchorage vs. Western Kentucky or Gonzaga, 2 or 8); Nebraska Omaha Invitational (MSU Billings vs. St. Cloud State, 3 p.m.); CSLA Classic (Cal State L.A. vs. Saint Martin’s, 5 p.m.); Notre Dame de Namur Classic (Seattle vs. Monterey Bay, 5 p.m.); WWU Chuck Randall (Bloomfield vs. Seattle Pacific, 3 p.m.); Northwest vs. Western Washington, 7 p.m.; North Dakota Invitational (Western Oregon vs. Montevallo, 4 p.m.). Saturday - Great Alaska Shootout (Alaska Anchorage vs. Michigan, Butler, Virginia Tech or Eastern Washington, noon, 2, 6 or 8:30); Montana Tech at Central Washington; Nebraska Omaha Invitational (MSU Billings vs. Nebraska Omaha, 8 p.m.); Pacific at Northwest Nazarene, 4 p.m.; CSLA Classic (CSU Dominguez Hills vs. Saint Martin’s, 3 p.m.); Notre Dame de Namur Classic (Seattle vs. San Francisco State, 5 p.m.); WWU Chuck Randall (Northwest vs. Seattle Pacific, 3 p.m.; Bloomfield vs. Western Washington, 7 p.m.); North Dakota Invitational (Western Oregon vs. North Dakota or Minnesota – Crookston, 4 or 6 p.m.).

ALL-TOURNAMENT:
- UAF Top of the World (Nov. 15-18) – Mladen Begojevic, UAF. Central Washington (Nov. 16-17) – Jake Beiting, CWU. Brandon Foote, CWU; Tyler Roberts, NNU; Adam Shildmyer, NNU. Seattle Pacific (Nov. 16-17) – Rob Will, SPU; Ira Graham, WWU.


GNAC PLAYER-OF-THE-WEEK: Adam Shildmyer, Northwest Nazarene (G, 6-5, Jr., Bremerton, WA – King’s West & Olympic CC) shot 65 percent from the floor (13 of 20) and scored a team-best 34 points as the Crusaders, who were picked to finish seventh in the GNAC Coaches’ poll, opened their 2007-08 season with wins over Chico State and Notre Dame de Namur in the Tarp-It Classic at Ellensburg. Shildmyer scored 12 of his 16 points in the second-half in Friday’s 14-point win over Chico State, then scored a game-high 18 in a four-point win over Notre Dame de Namur to earn all-tournament honors.

HONORABLE MENTION: Mladen Begojevic, Alaska Fairbanks (F, 6-5, Jr., Ruma, Serbia) scored 45 points and had 10 rebounds to earn all-tournament honors in the Top of the World Classic. Begojevic was shot 51.6 percent (16-31) from the floor and 50 percent (5-10) on three-pointers. Rob Will, Seattle Pacific (C, 6-10, Sr., Seattle, WA – O’Dea & Bellevue CC) scored 31 points and had 21 rebounds and was selected to the all-tournament team as the Falcons split two games in the Sodexho Tip-Off Classic. Will also blocked eight shots. Ira Graham, Western Washington (G, 6-1, Jr., Fontana, CA) netted 35 points and also had eight assists to earn all-tournaments honors in the Sodexho. Graham was 12 of 21, 12 of 21 inside the arc. Ricky Berry, Seattle (G, 6-3, So., Phoenix, AZ – Paradise Valley) scored 25 points as the Redhawks opened with West Region wins over defending CCAA champion Humboldt State and Cal State Stanislaus. Berry banked in a three-pointer at the buzzer to beat the Warriors 60-59. Jake Linton, Saint Martin’s (G, 5-10, 145, Jr., Lynnwood, WA – Meadowdale) scored 45 points and also had nine assists, seven rebounds and five steals as the Saints split two games. Linton was perfect from the foul line, cashing in on all 22 of his attempts. Jake Beiting, Central Washington (F, 6-8, Jr., Port Orchard, WA – South Kitsap & Olympic CC) had 48 points (16-32 FGs, 6-10 three-pointers) and earned all-tournament honors as the Wildcats splits two games in the Tarp-It Classic at Nicholson Pavilion. Beiting, who also led CWU with 13 rebounds, netted 25 in an eight-point win over Chico State after scoring 23 before fouling out in regulation in an overtime loss to Notre Dame de Namur.
AROUND THE GNAC: Linton extended his two-season free throw streak to a GNAC record 38. He broke the old record of 35 set by Eric Draper of Alaska Anchorage between Nov. 24, 2006 and Feb. 17, 2007. It is the seventh streak of 30 or more in GNAC history. His 14 for 14 effort in Saturday’s loss to Humboldt State equaled the fourth best single-game performance (most made without a miss) in conference history. GNAC teams finished 5-14 in exhibition games, including 1-11 against NCAA Division I programs. The lone win was Alaska Anchorage’s win at Cal State Bakersfield.

TEAM NOTES

Alaska Anchorage: Drake transfer Chris Bryant and Carl Arts each scored 35 points and McCade Olsen had 26 points and 19 rebounds as the Seawolves debuted with a pair of lopsided wins over Brevard. Point guard Luke Cooper had 11 assists in Saturday’s game (his 18th career double-digit assist game) to improve his career assist total to 590, 10 short of the GNAC record.

Alaska Fairbanks: Kevin Adkins (30 points) joined Begojevic averaging in double figures in the Top of the World Classic. He also had 17 rebounds one fewer than Colin Matteson. Both players had eight off the offensive glass. UAF won one of three games, defeating Oregon State 62-60.

Central Washington: Brandon Foote earned all-tournament honors at CWU shooting a team-best 59.1 percent (min. 10 attempts) from the floor as the Wildcats split two games. Foote made 13 of 22 shots and 10 of 11 free throws.

Northwest Nazarene: Justin Parnell scored 20 points in NNU’s win over Chico State, then added seven points and played terrific defense as the Crusaders beat Notre Dame de Namur to post a tournament-best 2-0 record in CWU’s Tarp-It Classic. The Crusaders also got an outstanding effort from Tyler Roberts (26 points, 13 assists, five steals) who joined teammate Adam Shildmyer on the all-tournament team.

Saint Martin’s: Linton, Brendan Campbell (36) and Bill Richardson (31) combined for 112 points as the Saints averaged 92.5 in splitting two games at the Elgin Baylor Classic. Tyler Nixon and Richardson led SMU on the boards with 15 and 13 rebounds, respectively.

Seattle: Leigh Swanson (28 points), Berry (25) and Ryan Coldren (25) combined for 78 of Seattle’s 152 points in wins over Humboldt State and Cal State Stanislaus. Coldren also had a team-best 17 rebounds.

Seattle Pacific: Rob Diederichs had 11 offensive rebounds in SPU’s opening weekend. Diederichs led the Falcons with 32 points and had 17 total rebounds. SPU held its opponents to 36.5 percent, but shot just 41.7, only 30.8 (12-39) from the arc.

Western Oregon: Travis Kuhns scored 27 points (12-17, 3-4) and Sam Kelly added 19 in the Wolves’ 22-point home win against Corban. Kelly was perfect from the floor, making seven of seven, including four of four from beyond the arc.

Western Washington: Calin Schell had 22 points and 19 rebounds and Derrick Webb scored 21 points and also had eight rebounds and eight assists as the Vikings split two single-digit games.

Women’s Basketball

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West Region Game (3-4): Seattle 1-0, Northwest Nazarene 1-1, Western Washington 1-1, Alaska Anchorage 0-0, Alaska Fairbanks 0-0, Central Washington 0-0, Seattle Pacific 0-0, Saint Martin’s 0-0, Western Oregon 0-2.

LAST WEEK: Tuesday – Western Oregon 46 at Oregon State 66 (exh). Friday – SPU Sodexho Tip-Off (Central Washington 75, North Alabama 57); Seattle Pacific 73, Regis 54); North Dakota Invitational (Moorhead State 89, MSU Billings 65); CSU Stanislaus Classic (Northwest Nazarene 79, Cal State Stanislaus 63); Notre Dame De Namur Tip-Off (Humboldt State 106, Western Oregon 79); BYU-Hawaii 39 at Western Washington 69; Seattle 75 at Northwest 51. Saturday – SPU Sodexho Tip-Off (Central Washington 96, Regis 60); Seattle Pacific 65 North Alabama 44; North Dakota Invitational (North Dakota 77, MSU Billings 45); CSU Stanislaus Classic (Cal State Dominguez Hills 77, Northwest Nazarene 68); BYU-Hawaii 29 at Seattle 82, Notre Dame De Namur Tip-Off (Cal State San Bernardino 76, Western Oregon 52)

UPCOMING: Monday - BYU-Hawaii at Saint Martin’s. Tuesday – UAA Great Alaska Shootout (UA vs. Cleveland State, 6 p.m.). Wednesday – UAA Great Alaska Shootout (UA vs. Santa Clara or Bradley, 2:30 or 5 p.m.); San Francisco State at Seattle. Friday – UAF Mt. McKinley Bank North Star (Chico State vs. Fort Valley, 5:30 p.m.; Merrimack vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 8 p.m.), MSUB Yellowjacket Classic (Mary vs. Regis, 5 p.m.; Northwest Missouri State at MSU Billings, 7 p.m.); NNU Hampton Inn Classic (Humboldt State vs. Western Oregon, 5 p.m.); CSU Stanislaus vs. Northwest Nazarene, 7 p.m.; WWU Goodrich Classic (Western State vs. Saint Martin’s, 1 p.m.; San Francisco State vs. Western Washington, 5 p.m.). Saturday - UAF Mt. McKinley Bank North Star (Consolation game at 5:30; title game at 8 p.m.); MSUB Yellowjacket Classic (Mary vs. Northwest Missouri State, 1 p.m.; Regis vs. MSU Billings, 3 p.m.); NNU Hampton Inn Classic (Western Oregon vs. CSU Stanislaus, 2 p.m.; Humboldt State vs. Northwest Nazarene, 6 p.m.); WWU Goodrich Classic (San Francisco State vs. Saint Martin’s, 1 p.m.; Western State vs. Western Washington, 5 p.m.); Cascade at Seattle. Sunday – Cascade at Central Washington, 5 p.m. Tuesday (Nov. 27) – Puget Sound at Seattle Pacific. Wednesday (Nov. 28) – Notre Dame de Namur at Saint Martin’s; Hawaii Pacific at Central Washington.

AROUND THE GNAC: GNAC teams finished 5-7 in exhibition games, including 2-5 against NCAA Division I.

Holland scored 31 points, converting on six of 10 three-pointers, and also had seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Hull scored 31 points (11-25 FGs, 5-14 three-pointers) and had 12 rebounds, 11 assists and five steals to lead the defending GNAC champions. .Hull and Brooke Fernandez (5 of 10) combined for 11 of 22 points, reversing the backboards 95-57. .Shaina Afoa had 17 rebounds, nine at the offensive end, as Central dominated the backboards 95-57. .CWU, Western Oregon, and Juniata, respectively.  WWU outhit its three opponents .231 to .158 and outblocked them 34-13. .Jaime Anderson and 25 each from Tiana Roma and Angie Alvord.  Alvord and Roma led WWU with 19 and 14 blocks, respectively.  WWU outblocked its three opponents .231 to .158 and outscored them 34-13. .Alvord and Roma led WWU with 19 and 14 blocks, respectively.  WWU lost two senior starters to season-ending injuries, beating BYU-Hawaii by 30 points.

VOLLEYBALL

AROUND THE GNAC: GNAC teams finished 5-7 in exhibition games, including 2-5 against NCAA Division I.

Central Washington: The Wildcats shot 53.1 percent (17-32) on three-pointers in the Sodexo Tip-Off Classic as Hull and Brooke Fernandez (5 of 10) combined for 11 of 20. Shaina Afoa had 17 rebounds, nine at the offensive end, as Central dominated the backboards 95-57. .Shaina Afoa had 17 rebounds, nine at the offensive end, as Central dominated the backboards 95-57. .CWU, which picked to finish seventh in the GNAC Coaches’ pre-season poll had a wider margin of victory (54 points) than SPU (40 points), the GNAC favorites, against the same two opponents.

MSU Billings: Alira Carpenter led the Yellowjackets with 38 points in two losses at North Dakota. The ‘Jackets shot just 30.4 percent and were outrebounded 96-64.

Northwest Nazarene: Jennifer Williams came off the bench to lead the Crusaders with 30 points and 13 rebounds in a tournament at Stanislaus. NNU split two games, losing by nine to pre-season CCAA favorite Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Seattle: Laina Sobczak missed just one free throw in scoring 27 points in wins over Northwest and BYU-Hawaii. Sobczak made all nine of her field goal attempts and nine of 10 free throws. He also had 11 rebounds and five steals.

Seattle Pacific: Kelsey Hill had 22 points and 17 rebounds and Jesse Christensen had 22 points and 12 rebounds to join Hollands in double figures as the Falcons opened their season with two wins.

Western Oregon: Shayla Corder led the Wolves with 35 points and Leada Berkey had 19 points and 10 rebounds as WOU dropped a pair of games in the Notre Dame Tip-Off Classic.

Western Washington: Sarah Schramm scored 14 points to lead four players in double figures as the Vikings, who have already lost two senior starters to season-ending injuries, beat BYU-Hawaii by 30 points.

Vikings advance to Elite Eight: Emily Castro led Western Washington with 41 kills and a .279 hitting percentage (min. 25 kills) as the Vikings won their first-ever Pacific Regional volleyball title. The Vikings also got 38 kills from Jaime Anderson and 25 each from Tiana Roma and Angie Alvord. Alvord and Roma led WWU with 19 and 14 blocks, respectively. WWU outhit its three opponents .231 to .158 and outscored them 34-13. .Castro, Anderson, Alvord and libero Courtney Schneider, who had 72 digs, were all selected to the all-tournament team.


NCAA Elite Eight (Nov. 29-Dec. 1 at Topkea, KS): Thursday – Concordia-St. Paul (33-4) vs. California, Penn. (36-3); West Texas A&M (35-7) vs. Grand Valley State (33-3); Western Washington (24-4) vs. Dowling (39-7); Washburn (37-3) vs. Tampa (31-2). Start times are noon, 2:30, 5 and 7:30 p.m. Friday – Semifinals at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday – Championship at 5 p.m. (All games CST).


VIKINGS EVEN PLAYOFF RECORD AT 4-4: With its three wins at San Bernardino, Western Washington evened its all-time NCAA post-season record at 4-4. The GNAC’s all-time record is 5-13 with the only other win by Central Washington in the opening round in 2005. No GNAC team had ever before advanced beyond the semifinals. Only three had previously reached the semifinals – third-seeded WWU in 2001 and seventh-seeded CWU in 2005 by virtue of first-round wins and second-seeded WWU in 2003 via an opening round bye. . .WWU’s two sweeps were the first time a GNAC team has won a playoff match by that margin.

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WINS AND LOSSES: Seattle Pacific long ago broke their own GNAC record for most consecutive wins of 13 set in 2004 and they are now just one short of their own 2005 GNAC record of 24 for most consecutive wins or ties. Their 23 wins is already a conference record, snapping the old mark of 20 when they reached the 2005 national championship game.

ALL-TOURNAMENT: Sonoma State (Aug. 23-25) – Jasmine Wilson, SU; Madison Collins, SU; Ashley Porter, SU; Leah Wymer, SU; Kaitlyn Jackson, SU; Kate Edstrom, SU. Humboldt State (Aug. 30-Sept. 1) – Trisha Halvorson, SMU (MVP); Julianna Sackeyfio, SMU.

ALL REGION TEAMS

DAKTRONICS (SIDs): First Team, Forwards - Sarah Martinez, SPU (Sr., Bothell, WA); Leah Wymer, Seattle (Sr., Bothell, WA). Midfielders - Meredith Teague, SPU (Jr., Redmond, WA). Defenders - Madison Collins, Seattle (Jr., Boise, ID); Claire Grubbs, SPU (Jr., Sterling, VA).

Player-of-the-Year - Sarah Martinez, SPU. Second Team, Forwards - Claire Morgan, WWU (Fr., Bellingham, WA). Midfielders - Kara Hambry, SPU (Sr., Spokane, WA); Shannon Oakes, SPU (Jr., Boise, ID); Ashley DeOliveira, SU (Sr., Redmond, WA). Defenders - Abby Bennett, SU. Goalkeeper - Jesslyn Rahm, SPU (So., Eugene, OR).


Men’s Soccer


ALL-TOURNAMENT: Sonoma State (Aug. 24-26) – Jason Cascio, SU (Offensive MVP); John Fishbaugh, SU; Andrew Kreiter, SU; Emerson DeOliveira, SU. Humboldt State (Aug. 30-Sept. 1) – Tucker Maxwell, SMU; Vlad Voin, SMU; Daniel Palermo, SPU.

ALL REGION TEAMS

DAKTRONICS (SIDs): Forwards - Sam Charles, MSUB (So., Redmond, WA); Jason Cascio, SU (Sr., Gilbert, AZ). Midfielders - John Fishbaugh, Seattle (Sr., Redmond, WA); Jeff Hallenbeck, SPU (Sr., Redmond, WA). Defenders - Dustin Allbery, Seattle (Sr., Spokane, WA).

Second Team, Forwards - Gibson Bardsley, WWU (Fr., Fall City, WA). Midfielders - Matt Pele, WWU (Jr., Kennewick, WA). Defenders - Matt Komper, SPU (Sr., Colorado Springs, CO). Goalkeepers - Michael Lockwood, WWU (Sr., Canby, OR); Kellen Rosten, SPU (Sr., Colorado Springs, CO).

Academic District VIII (First Team): Forward - James Coggan, SPU (Biology, Sr., 3.70, San Jose, CA). Midfield - Jeff Hallenbeck, SPU (Business Administration, Sr., 3.71, Redmond, WA). Defender - Drew Maka, SPU (Business Administration, Sr., 3.82, Eugene, OR). Coaches Association Division II Women’s Cross Country Athlete-of-the-Year. PiXler, who placed 10th as a freshman, won the title with a 6,000 meter time of 20:29.1, finishing 13.6 seconds ahead of the field. PiXler led SPU to a second-place team finish, its best in school history.

ALL-AMERICANS: Joining PiXler on the USTFCCCAA’s All-American team which are awarded to the Top 30 finishers and the Top 30 Americans were teammates Jane Larson (9th) and Ashley Puga of Northwest Nazarene (19th). Two male athletes – David Kiplagat of Alaska Anchorage (26th) and Bennett Grimes of Western Washington (43rd) – also earned All-American honors. Grimes led the Vikings to an 11th place team finish. WWU missed the Top 10 by just 19 points. Kiplagat had the best finish by a Seawolf since Tobias Schwoerer placed 35th in 2001.

ONE MORE NEXT YEAR: Three West Region teams placed in the Top Eight (Chico State and Cal State L.A.) were fourth and fifth, respectively) which means the region will receive five of the 24 team berths in the 2008 national championships. The region will once again receive three men’s team berths as Chico State (6th) was the only team in the Top 8. Each region receives two automatic berths plus one additional one for each team in the Top 8 the previous season.


**Football**

**CoSIDA All-District (Academic):**

**Quarterback** – Mike Reilly, CWU (Mechanical Engineering, 3.49, Jr., Kalispell, MT).

**Offensive Line** – David Lambo, CWU (Graphic Design, 3.41, Sr., Woodinville, WA); Brett Rhodes, WOU (Physical Education, 3.57, Sr., Canby, OR). **Linebackers** – Buddy Wood, CWU (Exercise Science, 3.50, So., Chattaroy, WA). **Defensive Backs** – Zach Christopherson, WOU (Chemistry, 3.37, Sr., Portland, OR); Jon Rogers, CWU (History, 3.34, Jr., North Pole, AK).

**All-Sports Standings**

**GNAC All-sports standings after end of fall sports:**


**Men (2 of 7 sports):** Western Washington 26, Seattle 20, Western Oregon 18, Alaska Anchorage 16, Central Washington 14, Alaska Fairbanks 12, MSU Billings 10, Northwest Nazarene 8, Seattle Pacific 8, Saint Martin’s 8.