# GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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#### Men's Basketball

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Alaska Anchorage	14	2	23	5	13-3	10-2	0-0
Central Washington	13	3	19	6	9-3	7-2	3-1
Seattle Pacific	11	5	19	6	11-3	5-3	3-0
Seattle University	10	7	17	9	8-3	5-5	4-1
Northwest Nazarene	9	7	17	8	10-3	3-5	4-0
Western Washington	7	9	14	11	9-3	3-6	2-2
Western Oregon	7	9	14	11	10-4	2-6	2-1
Saint Martin's	7	9	12	13	7-4	3-7	2-2
Alaska Fairbanks	2	14	5	20	4-7	1-11	0-2
Montana State Billings	1	16	1	27	1-13	0-8	0-6

**Division II Games:** Alaska Anchorage 23-2, Seattle Pacific 18-6, Central Washington 17-6, Seattle 17-9, Northwest Nazarene 13-7, Western Washington 11-11, Western Oregon 10-12, Saint Martin's 10-13, Alaska Fairbanks 2-17, MSU Billings 1-25.

West Region Games: Alaska Anchorage 17-2, Central Washington 16-6, Seattle Pacific 13-6, Seattle 15-8, Northwest Nazarene 11-7, Western Washington 10-11, Western Oregon 8-11, Saint Martin's 8-12, Alaska Fairbanks 2-15. MSU Billings 1-17.

LAST WEEK: Thursday – Alaska Anchorage 77 at Northwest Nazarene 59; Alaska Fairbanks 77 at Seattle Pacific 91; Central Washington 88 at MSU Billings 72; Western Washington 56 at Seattle 73. Saturday – Alaska Anchorage 58 at Seattle Pacific 65; Alaska Fairbanks 60 at Northwest Nazarene 77; Central Washington 77 at Seattle 72; Western Washington 93 at MSU Billings 67; Saint Martin's 71 at Western Oregon 86.

**THIS WEEK: Thursday** – Saint Martin's at Alaska Anchorage; Western Oregon at Alaska Fairbanks; Northwest Nazarene at Central Washington; Seattle Pacific at Western Washington. **Saturday** – Western Oregon at Alaska Anchorage; Saint Martin's at Alaska Fairbanks, 3 p.m.; Seattle Pacific at Central Washington; MSU Billings at Seattle; Northwest Nazarene at Western Washington. **(End-of-regular season)**.

POLLS: NABC (Feb. 26) - 9. Alaska Anchorage; 33. Central Washington. NCAA West Region (Feb. 27) – 1. Alaska Anchorage (22-1), 2. Cal State San Bernardino (21-4), 3. Seattle Pacific (16-6), 4. Chaminade (15-4); 5. Central Washington (15-6); 6. Humboldt State (16-7); 7. BYU-Hawaii (16-7); 8. Seattle (16-8); 9. Cal State Dominguez (14-8); 10. UC San Diego (14-8). Note: Records are versus Division II schools. Note: Records are versus Division II schools. GNAC Coaches Pre-Season - 1. Alaska Anchorage (7) 104; 2. Seattle Pacific (1) 87; 3. Seattle (2) 84; 4. Western Washington and Central Washington 62; 6. Saint Martin's 52; 7. Northwest Nazarene 40; 8. Western Oregon 35; 9. Montana State Billings 18; 10. Alaska Fairbanks 16.

DOUBLE DOUBLES: 8 - Carl Arts, UAA. 6 - Jake Beitinger, CWU; Luke Cooper, UAA. 5 - Liam Hughes, WOU; Rob Will, SPU; Mike McLaughlin, WOU. 4 - Kevin Atkins, UAF. 3- Michael Wright, SU; Calin Schell, WWU; McCade Olsen, UAA; Brendan Campbell, SMU. 2 - Steve Severin, WWU; Cameron Khoury, MSUB; JoJay Jackson, SPU; Adonal Arrington, WOU. 1 - Fourteen with.

NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Feb. 24): Individuals (Top 50): Scoring - 41. Ira Graham, WWU, 18.6; 43. Carl Arts, UAA, and Jake Linton, SMU, 18.5. FG PCT. - 30. Rob Will, SPU, 60.4; 42. Bill Richardson, SMU, 56.6. Three-Point FGs - 36. Jake Linton, SMU, 2.9. Three-Point PCT. - 20. Chris Bryant, UAA, 44.6; 37. Jake Linton, SMU, 41.6; 42. Marques Echols, SPU, 41.3. Free Throw PCT. - 1. Jake Linton, SMU, 96.4; 5. Justin Parnell, NNU, 91.7; 32. Travis

Kuhns, WOU, 84.8: 38. Rvan Coldren, SU, 84.5. Rebounding - None, Assists -1. Luke Cooper, UAA, 8.8; 47. Tyler Roberts, NNU, 4.8. Blocks - 13. Steve Severin, WWU, 2.6; 39. Robbie Will, SPU, 1.9. Steals - None. Assist/Turnover -4. Luke Cooper, UAA, 3.72; 24. Jared Moultrie, SPU, 2.29; 50. Shaun Burl, SU, 1.96. Team (Top 50): Scoring - 5. Central Washington 87.1; 26. Western Washington 80.4; 49. Western Oregon 78.5. Scoring Defense - 5. Alaska Anchorage 58.8. Scoring Margin - 9. Alaska Anchorage 15.0; 21. Central Washington 12.0; 44. Western Washington 9.3. Field Goal PCT. - 13. Western Oregon 50.7; 24. Alaska Anchorage 49.2; 31. Western Washington 48.7; 34. Seattle Pacific 48.5. Field Goal PCT. Defense - 32. Western Washington 41.0; 39. Alaska Anchorage 41.2. Three-Pointers - 33. Central Washington 8.4; 50. Northwest Nazarene 8.2. Three-Point Percentage - 11. Alaska Anchorage 40.8; 30. Central Washington 39.4; 35. Northwest Nazarene 39.1. Free Throw Percentage - 2. Northwest Nazarene 80.2; 17. Seattle 75.2; 23. Saint Martin's 74.6; 28. Alaska Anchorage 74.3. Rebounding - 3. Western Oregon 9.5; 40. Alaska Anchorage 4.4; 47. Seattle 4.1. Assists - 4. Seattle Pacific 20.1; 23. Alaska Anchorage 17.4; 41. Western Oregon 16.4. Blocks - 9. Western Washington 5.5: 42. Seattle Pacific 4.0. Steals - None. Fewest Turnovers - 10. Alaska Anchorage 12.5; 29. Seattle 13.3; 40. Seattle Pacific and Western Washington 13.7. Fewest Fouls - None. Assist/Turnover - 3. Seattle Pacific 1.47; 8. Alaska Anchorage 1.39; 35. Western Washington 1.17.

ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS: UAF Top of the World (Nov. 15-18) - Mladen Begojevic, UAF. Central Washington (Nov. 16-17) - Jake Beitinger, CWU; Brandon Foote, CWU; Tyler Roberts, NNU; Adam Shildmyer, 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 Beitinger, CWU; Sam Kelly, WOU; Brad Krichevsky, WOU. CSU Pueblo (Nov. 30-Dec. 1) - Bill Richardson, SMU. WWU Great Western Shootout (Dec. 18-19 at Las Vegas) - Ira Graham, WWU; Calin Schell, WWU; Jake Beitinger, 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 Beitinger, CWU. Seattle Pacific (Dec. 28-29) - Margues Echols, SPU; Rob Diederichs, SPU; Michael Knight, SU. Alaska Anchorage (Dec. 28-29) - Chris Bryant, UAA (MVP); McCade Olsen, UAA; Luke Cooper, LIAA

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-REGION: Second Team - Jake Linton, Saint Martin's (Business Administration, Jr., 3.33, Lynnwood, WA).

**GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK:** Rob Will, Seattle Pacific (C, 6-10, Sr., Seattle, WA – O'Dea) was nearly perfect converting on 21 of 22 shots as the Falcons solidified their No. 3 West Regional ranking and all but clinched a playoff berth with wins over Alaska Fairbanks and regionally top-ranked Alaska Anchorage. Will, who set a GNAC record by making 22 consecutive shots going back to SPU's previous contest at Western Oregon on Feb. 23, finished the week with 48 points, 17 rebounds and five blocked shots

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Bryce Daub, Central Washington (F, 6-6, Sr., Bellevue, WA – Newport & Bellevue CC) scored 25 points and had 22 rebounds as the Wildcats extended their win streak to eight games and finished 7-2 on the road in conference games. Daub, who had a season-high 18 points in a five-point road win at Seattle University, made 10 of 16 shots and also had seven assists. . .Ryan Coldren, Seattle University (F, 6-8, Sr., Fall Creek, OR - Marist) scored 36 points and had 11 rebounds

as the Redhawks earned a split with Western Washington and Central Washington. Coldren scored 21 points against the Wildcats, making all seven of his field goal attempts, including five three-pointers. . .Ira Graham, Western Washington (G, 6-1, Jr., Fontana, CA) scored 44 points, including 31 in a 26-point road win at Montana State Billings. It was the third 30-point game this season for Graham, who made 19 of 37 shots and also had six assists. Graham and Jake Linton of Saint Martin's who has four, are the only players in the GNAC who have had more than one 30-point game this season.

AROUND THE GNAC: Will broke the old GNAC record for most consecutive shots made of 18 set by Yuri Whyms of Western Oregon in 2002. He'll finish his career as the No. 2 percentage field goal shooter in GNAC history. Currently, he has a career percentage of 60.5, making 448 out of 741. .Despite its two second-half losses, Alaska Anchorage is virtually assured to be the top seed in next week's West Regionals. The Seawolves still have three fewer Division II losses than anyone else in the region. The NCAA Division II selection show will be streamed Sunday beginning at 7:30 p.m. at www.cstv.com. A link is available on the GNAC web site . . . UAA needs two wins this weekend to set a new conference record for most conference victories. Central Washington could equal the current record of 15 with two wins. Neither the Wildcats or Seawolves have ever won a GNAC men's basketball title. . .UAA point guard Luke Cooper, who ranks fifth in NCAA Division II history with 817 career assists, is one of two Division II players among the finalists for the Bob Cousy award for the top point guard in college basketball. Fans may vote for their favorite on-line at: www.cousyaward.com. A link is also available on the conference web site.

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. GNAC (5) vs. PacWest (3) - UAA 3-0, NNU 1-0, SPU 1-0, WOU 0-1, CWU 0-2. CCAA (10) 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. PacWest (3) vs. GNAC (5) - BYU-Hawaii 2-2, Notre Dame de Namur 1-1, Chaminade 0-1, Hawaii Hilo 0-1.

#### **TEAM NOTES**

**Alaska Anchorage:** Luke Cooper had 37 points, including a career-high 31 in a 18-point win at Northwest Nazarene. Cooper exceeded his previous career-high of 21 in the first half when he netted 22 points. Cooper also had 17 assists to move into fifth-place in NCAA Division II history with 817. He also had 10 assists at NNU, recording his 30<sup>th</sup> career double-digit assist game and his ninth career double-double, six of them this season.

**Alaska Fairbanks:** Colin Matteson scored 42 points and Kevin Atkins had 11 rebounds in road games at Brougham Pavilion and Nampa. Matteson made 11 of 23 shots, including four of 11 treys.

**Central Washington:** Jake Beitinger and Matt Penoncello had 30 and 29 points, respectively, in CWU's road sweep at Billings at the Connolly Center. Penoncello made 12 of 15 shots as the Wildcats shot 50.9 percent. CWU also had seven more

rebounds (71-64) and nine fewer turnovers (30-39) in the two victories.

**Montana State Billings**: John Brooks and Aaron Terry each accounted for about one-quarter of the Yellowjackets points. Brooks scored 33 and Aaron had 32 in home losses to Central and Western Washington.

**Northwest Nazarene:** Justin Parnell made seven of 13 three-point shots and led the Crusaders with 30 points. Parnell also had 11 rebounds and eight assists. Kendall Gielow (12-21 FGs) and Joel Ryman (6 of 11 three-pointers) each had 25 points.

**Saint Martin's:** Jake Linton led the Saints with 21 points and Brendan Campbell added 16 in a 15-point road loss at Western Oregon.

**Seattle University:** Chris Gweth had 37 points and 12 rebounds in a pair of games. Gweth was perfect from the foul line (10-10) and also made five of 11 three-pointers.

**Seattle Pacific:** Seattle Pacific shot 60.2 percent from the floor, obviously aided by Will's 21 of 22 performance, in wins over UAF and UAA. JoJay Jackson, who had 32 points and 15 rebounds, made 13 of 22. Guard Marques Echols scored 26 points and earned 15 assists.

**Western Oregon:** Travis Kuhn led five players in double figures with 20 points and Mike McLaughlin had his fifth double-double (13 points, 11 rebounds) of the season in a 15-point home win over Saint Martin's. WOU, which ranks third nationally in rebounding margin (9.5), outboarded the Saints by nine (43-34).

**Western Washington:** Ira Graham needs 75 more points to join the 1,000 point club. He currently ranks 45<sup>th</sup> in career scoring in the GNAC with 925 points. He also leads the GNAC this winter with a 19.0 average. In conference games, he ranks third with an 18.4 average trailing Jake Linton by 10 points and Carl Arts of Alaska Anchorage by five.

## GNAC CAREER LEADERS (Through Mar. 1)

1. 14. 18. 23. 31.	Austin Nichols, Humboldt State (2001-04) Carl Arts, Alaska Anchorage (2005-08) Jake Linton, Saint Martin's (2006-08)	2501 1406 1307 1212 1115
Thre	e-Pointers	
1.	Grant Dykstra, Western Washington (2003-06)	266
10.	Jake Linton, Saint Martin's (2006-08)	199
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13.	Nob Will, Seattle Facilic (2000-00)	555

#### **Steals**

١.	Grant Dykstra, western washington (2005-06)	210
9.	Luke Cooper, Alaska Anchorage (2005-08)	150
16	Jake Linton, Saint Martin's (2006-08)	122
Bloc	ks	
1.	Brannon Stone, Seattle Pacific (1999-02)	269

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# Steve Severin, Western Washington (2007-08) Carl Arts, Alaska Anchorage (2005-08) Travis Kuhns, Western Oregon (2006-08)

#### Women's Basketball

4. Rob Will, Seattle Pacific (2006-08)

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Seattle Pacific	16	0	25	0	12-0	11-0	2-0
Alaska Anchorage	14	2	25	3	17-1	8-1	0-1
Northwest Nazarene	10	6	17	8	10-2	7-4	0-2
Saint Martin's	10	6	17	8	11-3	4-3	2-2
Montana State Billings	7	9	10	15	6-4	4-9	0-2
Seattle University	6	10	15	10	8-4	7-6	0-0
Central Washington	5	12	13	12	5-5	2-7	6-0
Western Washington	5	12	8	21	5-7	1-8	2-6
Alaska Fairbanks	4	12	11	13	5-7	4-6	2-0
Western Oregon	4	12	8	17	4-8	3-6	1-3

**Division II Games:** Seattle Pacific 24-0, Alaska Anchorage 21-3, Northwest Nazarene 14-8, Saint Martin's 14-8, Seattle 12-10, Central Washington 12-12, Alaska Fairbanks 11-13, MSU Billings 9-15, Western Oregon 6-16, Western Washington 8-21.

West Region Games: Seattle Pacific 22-0, Alaska Anchorage 18-2, Saint Martin's 14-7, Northwest Nazarene 14-8, Seattle 12-10, Central Washington 10-12, MSU Billings 9-13, Alaska Fairbanks 8-13, Western Oregon 6-16, Western Washington 7-19.

LAST WEEK: Thursday - Central Washington 53 at Alaska Anchorage 85; Western Washington 72 at Alaska Fairbanks 78; MSU Billings 45 at Saint Martin's 73; Seattle 88 at Western Oregon 75. Saturday - Western Washington 53 at Alaska Anchorage 65; Central Washington 44 at Alaska Fairbanks 47; MSU Billings 80 at Western Oregon 79 (20t); Seattle 52 at Saint Martin's 53; Northwest Nazarene 58 at Seattle Pacific 75.

**THIS WEEK: Thursday** – Alaska Anchorage at Seattle; Alaska Fairbanks at MSU Billings; Saint Martin's at Northwest Nazarene (at Skyview HS); Western Oregon at Seattle Pacific. **Saturday** – Alaska Anchorage at MSU Billings; Alaska Fairbanks at Seattle, 5 p.m.; Western Washington at Central Washington, 5 p.m.; Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (at Skyview HS); Saint Martin's at Seattle Pacific. **(End-of-regular-season).** 

POLLS: WBCA (Feb. 26) — 2. Seattle Pacific; 9. Alaska Anchorage. NCAA Division II West Region (Feb. 27) — 1. Seattle Pacific (23-0), 2. Chico State (225); 3. Cal State San Bernardino (18-5), 4. Alaska Anchorage (19-3); 5. UC San Diego (20-8); 6. Sonoma State (17-7), 7. Northwest Nazarene (14-7), 8. Central Washington (12-10); 9. Saint Martin's (12-8); 10. Seattle (11-9). Note: Records are versus Division II schools. GNAC Coaches Pre-Season - 1. Seattle Pacific (5) 99; 2. Alaska Anchorage (4) 95; 3. Western Washington (1) 80; 4. Seattle 71; 5. Northwest Nazarene 57; 6. Montana State Billings 56; 7. Central Washington 43; 8. Saint Martin's 24; 9. Western Oregon and Alaska Fairbanks 19.

ALL-TOURNAMENT: Notre Dame (Nov. 16-17) – Shayla Corder, WOU. UAA Great Alaska Shootout (Nov. 20-21) – Rebecca Kielpinski, UAA (MVP); Maria Nilsson, UAA; Kalhie Quinones, UAA. Western Washington (Nov. 23-24) – India Soo, WWU; Tara Holgate, WWU; Jamey Gelhar, SMU. Northwest Nazarene (Nov. 23-24) – Jennifer Williams, NNU; Kristin Hein, NNU; Leada Berkey, WOU. UAA Glacier Classic (Nov. 30-Dec. 1) – Maria Nilsson, UAA (MVP); Dasha Basova, UAA; Rebecca Kielpinski, UAA; Cristina Bruketta, UAF;

Sarah Herrin, UAA. Seattle Pacific (Dec. 7-8) – Beth Christensen, SPU (MVP); Libby Magnuson, SPU; Kelsey Hill, SPU; Amanda Dunbar, WWU. Western Oregon (Dec. 21-22) - Kassie Ludeman, SMU (MVP); Amber Harmon, SMU; Leada Berkey, WOU; Katie Torland, WOU. UC San Diego (Dec. 28-29) – Jackie Hollands, SPU (MVP); Kelsey Hill, SPU; Beth Christensen, SPU; India Soo, WWU. Sonoma State (Dec. 28-29) – Alira Carpenter, MSUB.

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-REGION: Second Team - Libby Magnuson, Seattle Pacific (Visual Communication, Sr., 3.83, White Bear Lake, MN); Sade Smith, Saint Martin's (Psychology, Sr., 3.94, Pullman, WA). Third Team - Alira Carpenter, MSU Billings (Chemistry/Biology, Jr., 3.56, Lewistown, MT.

DOUBLE DOUBLES: 9 - Rebecca Kielpinski, UAA. 7 - Kristin Hein, NNU. 4 - Kelsey Hill, SPU; Leada Berkey, WOU; Katie Torland, WOU; Nichole Schutte, NNU; Laina Sobczak, SU. 3 - Claire Pallansch, WWU; Kari Reabold, UAF; Jennifer Williams, NNU; Shantell Marquis, MSUB; Shaina Afoa, CWU.; Dara Zack, SMU. 2 - Ruby Williams, UAA; Kristina Klapperich, CWU; Whitney Chase, WOU; Vanessa Wyffels, WOU; Kayla Ryan, MSUB; Kassie Ludeman, SMU. 1 - Eight with.

NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Feb. 24): Individuals (Top 50): Scoring -16. Alira Carpenter, MSUB, 20.3; 41. Sheena Brown, UAF, 17.7; 48. Leada Berkey, WOU, 17.1. Rebounding - None. Assists - 27. Beth Christensen, SPU, 5.4; 42. Mallory Whipple, NNU, 4.8. Blocks - 28. Shaina Afoa, CWU, 2.0; 30. Rebecca Kielpinski, UAA, 2.0. Steals - 19. Shantell Marquis, MSUB, 3.3; 21. Jackie Thomas, SU, 3.3; 49. Kari Reabold, UAF, 2.6. FG Percentage - None. FT Percentage - 3. Jamey Gelhar, SMU, 91.4; 34. Katie Torland, WOU, 84.3; 38. Alira Carpenter, MSUB, 83.9. Three-Point Percentage - 18. Alira Carpenter, MSUB, 42.4; 27. Maria Nillson, UAA, 40.5; 44. Hanna Hull, CWU, 39.0. Three-Pointers - 12. Alira Carpenter, MSUB, 3.0; 34. Maria Nilsson, UAA, 2.5. Assist/Turnover - 24. Beth Christensen, SPU, 1.92, 48. Beth Christensen, SPU. 1.68. Team (Top 50): Scoring - 23. Northwest Nazarene 75.0; 43. Alaska Anchorage 72.7. Scoring Defense - 3. Alaska Anchorage 50.6; 18. Seattle 56.0; 20. Seattle Pacific 56.2; 29. Saint Martin's 57.7. Scoring Margin - 2. Alaska Anchorage 22.0: 15. Seattle Pacific 15.2: 30. Seattle 11.3. Field Goal Percentage - 31. Seattle 44.6; 46. Central Washington 43.9; 49. Seattle Pacific 43.7. FG Percentage Defense - 4. Alaska Anchorage 33.2; 16. Seattle 35.2; 21. Saint Martin's 35.4; 35. Seattle Pacific 36.2; 43. Central Washington 36.9. Free Throw Percentage - 18. Saint Martin's 75.2; 31. Montana State Billings 74.5; 43. Seattle Pacific 73.5; 50. Northwest Nazarene 73.1. Rebounds - 4. Alaska Anchorage 10.6; 22. Northwest Nazarene 6.5. Three Pointers - 21. Alaska Anchorage 7.4; 33. Central Washington 6.9; 49. Montana State Billings 6.4. Three-Point Percentage - 16. Seattle 37.9; 20. Central Washington 37.0; 37. Alaska Anchorage 35.6. Assists - 13. Seattle Pacific 18.0; 15. Alaska Anchorage 17.7; 39. Central Washington 16.3. Blocks - 17. Central Washington 4.7; 31. Alaska Anchorage 4.2; 38. Western Washington 4.1. Steals - 39. Seattle Pacific 11.4; 41. Alaska Anchorage 11.3; 45. Seattle Pacific 11.2. Fewest Turnovers -None. Fewest Fouls - 26. Seattle Pacific 14.8. Assist/Turnover - 16. Seattle Pacific 1.06; 20. Alaska Anchorage 1.05.

**GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK:** Cristina Bruketta, Alaska Fairbanks (G, 5-9, Jr., Ellensburg, WA – Kittitas) contributed offensively and defensively in the Nanooks sweep of Western Washington and Central Washington as UAF doubled its season conference win total. In the two contests she scored 26 points (9-22 FGs, 4-13 on three-pointers) and also had seven rebounds and three steals. Playing against her hometown team, she had a team-high 14 points in UAF's three-point win over CWU and also took a hard charge on the right baseline to force a turnover with just seven seconds to play as Central's Ashley Fenimore was driving for the game-tying basket.

**HONORABLE MENTION:** Leada Berkey, Western Oregon (G, 5-8, Sr., Amity, OR) scored 46 points to move into first-place on WOU's all-time career scoring list with 1,545 points. Berkey also had 11 rebounds, six assists and four steals in a pair of losses, including a double overtime session with Montana State Billings. . .Jessie Christensen, Seattle Pacific (F, 5-9, Sr.,

Enumclaw) had a double-double – her first of the season – in the Falcons' 17-point home win over Northwest Nazarene. Christensen finished with 10 points, making four of seven shots and two of two free throws, and 11 rebounds.

**AROUND THE GNAC:** Seattle Pacific clinched at least a share of its fifth conference title in six seasons and the GNAC's automatic berth in next week's NCAA Regionals with Saturday's 75-58 home win over Northwest Nazarene. Though it won't be official until next Sunday's announcement, the Falcons are also a lock to be the No. 1 seed, and presumably the host for the West Regional playoffs. The official announcement will be made Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at www.cstv.com.

AGAINST THE WEST REGION: GNAC (16) vs. CCAA (17) - SPU 5-0, CWU 2-0, Seattle 1-0, SMU 2-1, NNU 3-2, WOU 2-4, WWU 1-7, UAF 0-1, MSU Billings 0-2. GNAC (21) vs. PacWest (0) - Seattle 5-0, UAA 4-0, UAF 4-0, CWU 3-0, SMU 2-0, SPU 1-0, NNU 1-0, WWU 1-0. CCAA (17) vs. GNAC (16) - CSU Dominguez Hills 1-0, Chico State 4-1, Sonoma State 2-1, CSU San Bernardino 2-1, UC San Diego 3-2, Cal Poly Pomona 2-2, San Francisco State 1-2, CSU Stanislaus 1-2, Humboldt State 1-3, CSU Monterey Bay 0-2. PacWest (0) vs. GNAC (21) - Dixie State 0-2, Hawaii Hilo 0-2, Notre Dame de Namur 0-3 Hawaii Pacific 0-4, Chaminade 0-5, BYU-Hawaii 0-5.

#### **TEAM NOTES**

**Alaska Anchorage:** Rebecca Kielpinski had team-highs for points (28), rebounds (18), assists (11) and blocks (2) as the Seawolves recorded their 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> wins to set a school single-season record for victories. UAA finished its home campaign with a 17-1 record improving its home record to 32-1 over the past two seasons under coach Tim Moser. Moser is 48-9 overall in his two seasons in Anchorage.

**Alaska Fairbanks:** Sheena Brown had team-high for points (33), assists (9), steals (4) and blocks (2) in the Nanooks' six and three-point wins over Western Washington and Central Washington. Nicole Bozek led UAF with 18 rebounds.

Central Washington: No one averaged in double figures for the Wildcats in their two-game road trip to Alaska. CWU scored just 97 points in the two contests, shooting just 31.5 percent. The two losses dropped the Wildcats to 12-12 in Division II games. CWU was ranked eighth last week in the West Region, but will need a win Saturday against arch-rival Western Washington to become playoff-eligible.

Montana State Billings: Alira Carpenter scored 32 points and Kayla Ryan had 22 rebounds as the Yellowjackets split two road games. Carpenter made four of 13 three-pointers, but her teammates converted on only two of 24. MSUB got a split despite having almost twice as many turnovers (47-25) in the two contests.

**Northwest Nazarene:** Kristin Hein led the Crusaders with 13 points and nine rebounds in a 17-point road loss at Seattle Pacific. Point guard Mallory Whipple had eight points and five assists.

**Saint Martin's:** Twice this season Dara Zack has hit nearly last second shots to beat Seattle University. Her jumper with five seconds left gave the Saints a crucial 53-52 win in the match-up between the regionally ninth and 10<sup>th</sup> ranked teams Saturday at

Lacey. On Jan. 31 she made a basket with three seconds left in overtime in a 62-60 victory. Sade Smith had 24 points, 14 rebounds and eight steals as SMU earned two wins last week.

**Seattle:** Jackie Thomas led the Redhawks with 27 points, 10 assists and six steals as they split two road games. Kamrica Ary-Turner and Laina Sobczak each had 24 points. Sobczak had a team-high 13 rebounds. Thomas has 231 career steals and needs seven more to move into a tie for second place on the GNAC's all-time career list.

**Seattle Pacific:** The Falcons will attempt to become the fourth team in GNAC history this weekend to complete the conference season unbeaten. SPU also posted perfect 18-0 records in 2002-03 and 2003-04, while Western Washington finished the 2005-06 season with a 18-0 record. In the seven-year history of the conference, SPU has lost just 11 games, while winning 111.

**Western Oregon:** Vanessa Wyffels scored 32 points, shooting 70 percent from the floor (7 of 10) and 75 percent from the foul line (18 of 24). She also had 19 rebounds, 11 at the offensive end. Katie Torland had 28 points and 21 rebounds in the two contests.

**Western Washington:** Amanda Dunbar had 42 points – one-third of the Vikings' total – in losses at Fairbanks and Anchorage. Dunbar shot 50 percent from the floor (14 of 28) and 60 percent (9 of 15) from the three-point line. Claire Pallansch added 27 points and 11 rebounds to move into 19<sup>th</sup> place on the GNAC all-time career list with 611.

# GNAC CAREER LEADERS (Through Mar. 1)

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1. 9. 14. 15. 20.	Mandy Wood, Seattle Pacific (2003-06) Hanna Hull, Central Washington (2005-08) Jackie Hollands, Seattle Pacific (2006-08) Cristina Bruketta, Alaska Fairbanks (2006-08) Maria Nilsson, UAA (2007-08) MSUB Career Totals Alira Carpenter, MSU Billings (2006-08) Kayla McPherson, MSU Billings(2006-08)	234 156 131 128 118 207 118
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1. 6. 10. 18. 19. 22. 23.	Carli Grant, Seattle Pacific (2003-06) Rebecca Kielpinski, Alaska Anchorage (2006-08) Leada Berkey, Western Oregon (2005-08) Kari Reabold, Alaska Fairbanks (2005-08) Claire Pallansch, Western Washington (2006-08) Laina Sobczak, Seattle (2005-08) Kelsey Hill, Seattle Pacific (2006-08)	1083 827 769 616 611 583 575
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Stea	Is	
1.	Alysson Kollman, Northwest Nazarene (2000-03)	326
3.	Jackie Thomas, Seattle (2005-07)	231
15.	Mallory Whipple, Northwest Nazarene (2006-08)	173
19.	Beth Christensen, Seattle Pacific (2005-08)	165
Bloc	ks	
1.	Brittney Kroon, Seattle Pacific (2003-06)	419
3.	Krystal Robinson, Western Washington (2004-08)	190
4.	Rebecca Kielpinski, Alaska Anchorage (2006-07)	169
9.	Claire Pallansch, Western Washington (2006-08)	87
17.	Kelsey Hill, Seattle Pacific (2006-08)	58
	Joscelyn Shumate, Alaska Fairbanks (2005-08)	58
18	Kari Reahold, Alaska Fairbanks (2005-08)	56

#### Track & Field

**THIS WEEK:** Saturday – UPS Joe Peyton Open (SPU, SMU, SU, WWU, CWU); UNLV Collegiate Classic (UAA).

ATHLETES-OF-THE-WEEK: Male – Zeb Udell, Western Oregon (Jr., Dallas, OR - Central) added 7 ½ inches to his provisional national qualifying mark and recorded the second best indoor pole vault mark in GNAC history with a winning vault of 16-2 ¾ in the SPU Last Chance Invitational at UW Saturday. Female – Christy Miller, Western Washington (Jr., Boise, ID – Bishop Kelly) added 7 ¼ inches to her PNQ in winning the women's pole vault at UW with a vault of 12-4 ¼. Miller's mark is also the second best in GNAC history only topped by Melissa Peaslee of Seattle Pacific who won the GNAC championships two weeks ago at Nampa with a vault of 12-9.

SPU LAST CHANCE (Mar 1 at Seattle): Western Washington had two school-record performances, both of them NCAA Division II national provisional qualifying efforts. The Vikings' Christy Miller cleared a school-record 12-4 1/4 to win the women's pole vault. The previous standard of 12-0 was set by Danielle Juarez in 2004. Two Seattle Pacific athletes - Tracie Lundsteen and Monica Anderson - also posted PNQs in the pole vault with jumps of 11-8. Anderson added 1 3/4 inches to her previous PNQ. For Lundsteen, it was a first-time PNQ. . Western's Sarah Porter won the women's mile with a time of 5:04.91, breaking the school record by over 31 seconds. The old mark of 5:36.62 was set by Katrina Schwerdtfeger in 2006. . . Ryan Brown of Western Washington improved his provisional qualifying mark in the pole vault adding an inch in finishing second (15-11).

LINFIELD ICEBREAKER (Mar. 1 at McMinnville): Astin Mott won two events and Western Oregon had three provisional national qualifying marks in the Icebreaker. Mott swept the 100 (11.03) and 200 meters (22.40) to account for two of WOU's 11 victories. . Establishing PNQs were Sara Cole in the women's hammer (164-4) and Jessica Harper in the steeplechase (11:21.66) with first-place marks. . . Anthony Marin also posted a provisional national qualifying mark in the hammer placing second with a throw of 176-2. . . In all Western Oregon posted nine automatic marks and 26 provisional qualifying marks for the GNAC championship meet in May.

## **Baseball**

	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
Central Washington	2	1	.667		7	8	.467
Saint Martin's	1	2	.333		5	6	.455
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	.000		10	3	.769
Western Oregon	0	0	.000		10	8	.556
MSU Billings	0	0	.000		2	3	.400

LAST WEEK: Thursday – Northwest Nazarene 12-0 at Hawaii Pacific 7-7. Friday – Central Washington 5 at Saint Martin's 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> game, rained out); Northwest Nazarene 4-4 at Hawaii Pacific 3-1. **Saturday** – Saint Martin's 10-4 at Central Washington 11-12; Northwest Nazarene 7-4 at Hawaii Pacific 5-6; Western Oregon at Concordia, postponed. **Sunday** – Whitman 9-1 at Central Washington 10-12; Russ Matt Invitational at Phoenix (MSU Billings 8, Madonna 5); Concordia 4 at Western Oregon 8.

THIS WEEK: Monday - Russ Matt Invitational at Phoenix (MSU Billings vs. St. Cloud State, 2, noon). Wednesday - Russ Matt Invitational at Phoenix (MSU Billings vs. Mayville State, 2 p.m.). Thursday - Russ Matt Invitational at Phoenix (MSU Billings vs. Madonna, 2, 9:30 a.m.). Friday - Russ Matt Invitational at Phoenix (MSU Billings vs. Mary, 2, 9:30 a.m.); Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's (2), 1 p.m. Saturday - Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), noon; Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's (2), noon. Sunday - Western Oregon at Central Washington (2), noon.

POLLS: Collegiate Baseball (Feb. 25) - 38. Western Oregon. GNAC Coaches Pre-Season: 1. Western Oregon (4) 28; 2. Central Washington (1) 20; 3. MSU Billings 13; 4. Northwest Nazarene 10; 5. Saint Martin's 9. (Note: First-place votes in parenthesis. Points awarded on 6-4-3-2-1).

PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: Player – Jimmy VanBeek, Northwest Nazarene (1B-OF, 6-0, Jr., Yakima, WA - Riverside Christian) and Nate Rylaarsdam, Central Washington (1B, 6-5, Sr., Mount Vernon, WA - SVCC). . . VanBeek had nine hits, including three doubles, one triple and one home run, in 21 at bats. He also scored five runs and drove in five as the Crusaders won four of six NCAA Division II West Region games at Hawaii Pacific. He had four hits in Thursday's 12-7 win. In Friday's 4-3 victory, he tripled for one run and then scored the game-winning run as NNU scored twice in the seventh inning to overcome a 3-2 deficit. . . Rylaarsdam had 10 hits in 21 at bats and drove in 12 runs to lead the Wildcats to four wins, including a 2-1 series win over Saint Martin's. He had three home runs and eight RBI in Saturday's doubleheader sweep of the Saints. Among his hits were a pair of doubles and three home runs. For the week, Rylaarsdam posted a 1.000 slugging average and struck out only three times. Pitcher - None selected

AROUND THE GNAC: CWU shortstop Jamie Nilsen also had Player-of-the-Week type numbers, batting .600 (12 of 20) and driving in 10 runs. He had five doubles and a triple and scored eight runs. CWU had 14 stolen bases in its five contests and allowed just three in six attempts. . .Catcher Zach Aakhus had a team-best six RBI in Northwest Nazarene's six-game series in Hawaii. Aakhus had eight hits, including three doubles and a triple, in 21 at bats. Corey Warburton pitched just two innings in the series, but recorded a pair of saves as he allowed just one hit and struck out four. . .Brandon Kuykendall had six hits in 11 at bats to lead Saint Martin's in its opening conference series against Central Washington. Shane Schoeneberg hit three home runs, all in Saturday's 11-10 loss to the Wildcats, to increase his GNAC league-leading total to six. He also leads the GNAC in RBI with 19. . .Second baseman Cole Pryor had three hits to

lead Montana State Billings to an 8-5 win in their opening game of the Russ Matt Invitational at Phoenix, Ariz. The Yellowjackets will play seven more games in the tournament this week. . . Designated hitter Dylan Bruck led Western Oregon with three hits and two RBI in an 8-4 win over Concordia.

#### **Softball**

	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
Seattle	0	0	.000		12	1	.923
Western Oregon	0	0	.000		7	2	.778
Western Washington	0	0	.000		9	4	.692
MSU Billings	0	0	.000		5	6	.455
Saint Martin's	0	0	.000		7	10	.412
Central Washington	0	0	.000		3	9	.250
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	.000		0	13	.000

LAST WEEK: Tuesday - Albertson 2-9 at Northwest Nazarene 0-4. Thursday - CWU Invitational (Western Oregon 2, Central Washington 1; Western Washington 4, Saint Martin's 2; Sonoma State 3, MSU Billings 1; Seattle 4, Northwest Nazarene 0; Central Washington 9, Saint Martin's 1; Western Oregon 4, Sonoma State 0; Seattle 2, Western Washington 0; MSU Billings 8, Northwest Nazarene 0; Central Washington 8, Northwest Nazarene 0). Friday - CWU Invitational (Western Washington 1, Central Washington 0; Western Oregon 9, Montana State Billings 0; Saint Martin's 11, Northwest Nazarene 6; Seattle 7, Sonoma State 2; Central Washington 4, Sonoma State 2; Seattle 5, Saint Martin's 0; Western Oregon 8, Northwest Nazarene 5; Montana State Billings 3, Western Washington 2). Saturday - CWU Invitational (Seattle 4, Central Washington 3; Sonoma State 11, Northwest Nazarene 1; Saint Martin's 4, MSU Billings 2: Western Washington 4. Western Oregon 2: MSU Billings 5. Central Washington 1; Western Washington 6, Northwest Nazarene 3; Western Oregon 5, Seattle 1; Sonoma State 5, Saint Martin's 2. Sunday - CWU Invitational (Western Washington 4, Sonoma State 1; Seattle 3, MSU Billings 2; Saint Martin's 2, Western Oregon 0).

THIS WEEK: Thursday — Central Washington at Western Oregon (2), 2:30 p.m.; MSU Billings at Western Washington (2), 1 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at Saint Martin's (2), noon. Friday — MSU Billings at Western Washington (2), 1 p.m. (non-conference); Northwest Nazarene at Western Oregon (2), 2:30 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Saint Martin's (2), 1 p.m. Saturday — Central Washington at Saint Martin's (2), noon; MSU Billings at Seattle (2), 11 a.m.; Northwest Nazarene vs. Humboldt State (at Monmouth), 11 a.m. Sunday — MSU Billings at Seattle, 11 a.m. (non-conference); Humboldt State at Western Oregon (2), 11 a.m.; Simon Fraser at Western Washington (2), 11 a.m. (exh).

POLLS: NFCA (Pre-Season) – 18. Seattle University. GNAC Coaches Pre-Season: 1. Seattle (4) 49; 2. Western Washington (3) 39; 3. Western Oregon 34; 4. Central Washington 30; 5. Montana State Billings 27; 6. Saint Martin's 14; 7. Northwest Nazarene 10. (Note: First-place votes in parenthesis. Points awarded on 11-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.).

**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).

**CWU INVITATIONAL (Final Standings):** Western Oregon 6-1, Seattle 6-1, Western Washington 5-2, Montana State Billings 3-4, Central Washington 3-4, Sonoma State 3-4, Saint Martin's 2-5, Northwest Nazarene 0-7.

**PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: Player** – Jane Purdy, Seattle University (2B, 5-5, Sr., Missoula, MT - Sentinel) was the leading hitter in the CWU Invitational at Richland with a .579 average, banging out 11 hits in 19 at bats. She tied for the team lead with four RBI and also handled 19 chances defensively without an error in leading the Redhawks to a 6-1 record. **Pitcher** – Katie Fleer, Western Oregon (6-2, Sr., Salem, OR - McKay) allowed just two runs and six hits in 14 innings pitching the Wolves to wins over Central Washington (2-1) and Seattle

University (5-1). Fleer walked two and struck out 11 while holding opposing batters to a .118 average in her victories Fleer now has wins this season over two nationally ranked teams – No. 6 Humboldt State and No. 18 Seattle University.

HONORABLE MENTION: Jessica Rosencrants, Western Washington (5-8, Jr., Sequim, WA – Peninsula) posted a 3-1 record and a 1.15 earned run average at Richland. She allowed just 19 hits and five runs in 30 1/3 innings while fanning 28. . Leslie Davis, Montana State Billings (3B, 5-8, Jr., Federal Way, WA) batted .500 in leading the Yellowjackets to a 3-4 record. Davis tied Purdy for most hits with 11 and also led MSUB with five RBI. . Mallory Holtman, Central Washington (1B, 5-9, Sr., White Salmon, WA) batted .391 (9 of 23) and was the tournament leader in home runs (3), total bases (22) and RBI (9) and ranked second in runs scored (6).

AROUND THE GNAC: Western Oregon's pitching staff allowed just 11 runs in its seven Central Washington University Invitational games in finishing with a 6-1 record. The Wolves and Seattle University each finished the tournament with 6-1 records, but WOU was declared the champion on the basis of its win over Seattle. . .Jamie Becker led WOU offensively with eight hits in 17 at bats, including a pair of doubles and a pair of home runs. Whitney Lee had six extra bases hits (5 doubles, 1 triple). . . Western Washington had a tournament low 1.14 earned run average, though they did allow two more runs than WOU. Michelle Wrigley led WWU with a .364 average and scored a team-high five runs. . . Four pitchers each won three games in the tournament - Rosencrants, Jessica Wood of Western Oregon and Kelsey Reynolds and Erin Martin of Seattle University. . . .CWU outscored its seven opponents 26-15 and carded a 1.71 team earned run average, but still finished the tournament with a losing record (3-4). The Wildcats lost three one-run games and now are 0-7 in games decided by one run. . . Holly Morris batted .421 (8 of 19) to lead the Saint Martin's to a 2-5 tournament mark. Danni Ballard had seven hits in 18 at bats (.389) and a team-high three doubles. . . Haley Hevern and Katie Free each had seven hits for Northwest Nazarene.

#### Men's Golf

CSUB Poor Boy Invitational (Feb. 25-26 at Seven Oaks CC): Team Scores - 1. CSU Stanislaus 847 (284-280-283); 2. UCLA 848 (285-279-284); 3. Sonoma State 854 (286-278-290); 4. CSU Bakersfield 866 (286-292-288); 5. Grand Canyon 871 (290-293-288); 11. Saint Martin's 906 (300-208-298). Individuals (7,008 yards-Par 72): 1. Erik Flores, UCLA, 206 (68-69-69);22. Chris Poulakidas, SMU, 218 (70-74-74); 49. Justin Lanman, SMU, 228 (78-78-72); 51. Olof Rosborg, SMU, 229 (76-77-76); 58. John Eisentrout, SMU, 231 (76-79-76); 66. Hiro Nezu, SMU, 236 (78-79-79).

Northwest Shootout (Feb. 24-25 at Langdon Farms Golf Club, Aurora, OR): Team – 1. Oregon State 579 (282-297), 2. Oregon 599 (292-307), 3. Western Washington 602 (294-308); 4. British Columbia 615 (300-315); 5. Concordia 627 (314-313); 6. Linfield 636 (311-325). Individuals (Par 72) – 1. Alex Williams, OSU, 143 (69-74); 6. Jake Koppenberg, WWU, 146 (70-76); 10. Julian Peters, WWU, 150 (74-76); 19. Sean Packer, WWU, 154 (77-77); 22. Brandon Brown, WWU, 155 (76-79); 30. Thomas Jun, WWU, 159 (74-85).

**UPCOMING: Monday-Tuesday (Mar. 10-11)** - Notre Dame de Namur Invitational (SMU); UC San Diego Invitational (WWU).

# **All-Sports Standings**

GNAC: Overall (7 of 14 sports): Western Washington 94, Western Oregon 87, Seattle Pacific 77, Seattle 68, Northwest Nazarene 67, Central Washington 64, MSU Billings 37, Alaska Anchorage 32, Saint Martin's 29,Alaska Fairbanks 21, Men (3 of 7 sports): Western Washington 40, Western Oregon 34, Seattle 28, Central Washington 24, Northwest Nazarene 20, Alaska Anchorage 16, Seattle Pacific 14, Alaska Fairbanks 12, MSU Billings 12, Saint Martin's 12. Women (4 of 7 sports): Seattle Pacific 63, Western Washington 54, Western Oregon 53, Northwest Nazarene 47, Seattle 40, Central Washington 40, MSU Billings 25, Saint Martin's 17, Alaska Anchorage 16, Alaska Fairbanks 9.

Conference Champions: Men's Cross Country – Western Washington. Men's Soccer – Seattle University. Volleyball – Western Washington. Women's Cross Country – Seattle Pacific. Women's Soccer – Seattle Pacific. Men's Indoor Track – Western Oregon. Women's Indoor Track – Seattle Pacific.

NACDA (End of Fall): 1. Grand Valley State 404; 12. Seattle Pacific 173; 18. Western Washington 147; 53. Seattle 75; 64. Central Washington 70; 100. Northwest Nazarene and Western Oregon 25.