

# GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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## 2007-08 Report 39 (May 12, 2008)

### Baseball

	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
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-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 (39-17) 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> game to follow, if needed).

**POLLS: Collegiate Baseball (May 12)** – 25. Western Oregon. **NCAA Division II West Region (Final)** - 1. UC San Diego; 2. Sonoma State; 3. Cal State Stanislaus; 4. Chico State; 5. Western Oregon; 6. Mesa State; 7. Metro State; 8. Central Washington. **Note:** Final rankings taken prior to final weekend and don't necessarily reflect seedings at regional tournament. **NCBWA West Region (May 5)** – 1. Sonoma State (42-12); 2. UC San Diego (41-14); 3. Chico State (37-13); 4. Mesa State (40-15); 5. Cal State Stanislaus (36-19); 6. Western Oregon (36-16); 7. Metro State (38-17); 8. Central Washington (29-18); 9. Cal State L.A. (29-22); 10. Hawaii Pacific (31-20).

**HITTING STREAKS (10 or more):** 21 – Jonathan Schlender, MSUB. 20 – Dylan Bruck, WOU. 16 – 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.

**NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through May 4): Individuals (Top 50):** Batting – 8. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, .465. Runs Per Game – 43. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 1.23. Doubles Per Game – 32. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 0.40; 40. Dylan Bruck, WOU, 0.40. Triples Per Game – 37. Dylan Bruck, WOU, and Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 0.13; 43. Brandon Kuykendall, SMU, and Shane Schoeneberg, SMU, 0.12. Triples – 25. Dylan Bruck, WOU, 6; 42. A.J. Gosney, CWU, Brandon Kuykendall, SMU, and Shane Schoeneberg, SMU, 5. Home Runs Per Game – 39. Zach Aakhus, NNU, 0.28. Home Runs – 35. Zach Aakhus, NNU, 14. RBI Per Game – 43. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 1.23. RBI – None. Slugging – 17. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, .797; 31. Zach Aakhus, NNU, .742. Total Bases – 46. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 137. On Base – 5. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, .555; 19. Nathan Baker, SMU, .528; 42. Zach Aakhus, NNU, .511. Stolen Bases Per Game – 9. Dylan Bruck, WOU, 0.76; 34. Shane Schoeneberg, SMU, 0.55. Stolen Bases – 6. Dylan Bruck, WOU, 36; 44. Shane Schoeneberg, SMU, 23. Walks Per Game – 45. Nathan Baker, SMU, 0.71. Walks – 44. Zach Aakhus, NNU, 35. HBP Per Game – 8. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 0.49; 17. Tyler Moore, WOU, 0.39; 48. Taylor Mieras, WOU, 0.30. Hit By Pitch – 7. Jamie Nilsen, CWU, 23; 18. Tyler Moore, WOU, 19. Sacrifice Flies – 35. Luke Abbott, SMU, 6. Wins – 17. Mike Eisenhauer, WOU, 9; 38. Mike Ward, WOU, 8. Saves – 38. Nate Slonaker, NNU, 6. Strikeouts – 24. Tyler Levin, CWU, 81. Walks Allowed Per 9 Innings – 6. Mike Ward, WOU, 0.92; 23. Tyler Levin, CWU, 1.49. **Team (Top 50):** Triples Per Game – 10. Saint Martin's 0.48; 36. Montana State Billings 0.33. Triples – 19. Saint Martin's 20; 42. Montana State Billings 16. SB Per Game – 22. Western Oregon 2.02; 46. Saint Martin's 1.69. Stolen Bases – 19. Western Oregon 105. Sacrifice Bunts – 37. Western Oregon 4; 49. Central Washington 35. HBP – 9. Western Oregon 88; 17. Central Washington 81; 25.

Northwest Nazarene 77. ERA – 20. Western Oregon 3.72. Strikeouts (Per Nine Innings) – 32. Central Washington 7.7. Hits (Per Nine Innings) – 447. Western Oregon 9.52. Walks (Per Nine Innings) – 4. Western Oregon 2.63; 46. Central Washington 3.38. Fielding – 21. Western Oregon .965. Double Plays Per Game – 23. Montana State Billings 0.96. Double Plays – 36. Montana State Billings 46.

**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 figured 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

	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
Seattle	18	6	.750	--	38	14	.731
Western Oregon	18	6	.750	--	33	18	.647
MSU Billings	16	8	.667	2	28	21	.571
Central Washington	12	12	.500	6	17	27	.386
Western Washington	11	13	.458	7	24	24	.500
Saint Martin's	7	17	.292	11	21	33	.389
Northwest Nazarene	2	22	.083	16	9	43	.173

**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, CSU Stanislaus 2 (loser out); CSU San Bernardino 10, Seattle 8 (loser out); Western Oregon 7, CSU Dominguez Hills 0; Humboldt State 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. **NCAA Division II West Region (Final)** – 1. Humboldt State; 2. Cal State Monterey Bay; 3. Cal State Stanislaus; 4. UC San Diego; 5. CSU Dominguez Hills; 6. Western Oregon; 7. Seattle; 8. San Francisco State; 9. Cal State San Bernardino; 10. Hawaii Pacific. (Note: Final rankings taken prior to final weekend of regular-season play and do not necessarily reflect playoff seedings). **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.).

**HITTING STREAKS (10 or more):** 16 – Megan MacIsaac, SU. 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).

**NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through May 4): Individuals (Top 50):** Home Runs Per Game - 40. Holly Morris, SMU, 0.24. Triples Per Game - 18. Mallory Holtman, CWU, 0.14. ERA - 45. Katie Fleer, WOU, 1.47. Stolen Bases Per Game - 33. Katie Antich, SU, 0.55. Strikeouts (Per 7 Innings) - 37. Katie Fleer, WOU, 7.8. Wins - 19. Erin Martin, SU, 24. Slugging PCT. - 22. Mallory Holtman, CWU, .801. HBP Per Game - 16. Jenna Mohrweis, WWU, 0.24; 19. Tarn Potter, CWU, 0.23. Most ABs Per Strikeout - 18. Logan Mohr, CWU, 33.8; 29. Stephanie Gosselin, MSUB, 26.0. Walks (Per 7 Innings) - 4. Erin Martin, SU, 0.51; 11. Jessica Rosencrants, WWU, 0.84. Sacrifice Flies - 8. Terina Stacks, MSUB, 5; 16. Lauren Berin, SU, and Holly Rossman, CWU, 4. **Team (Top 50):** Batting - 27. Montana State Billings .322; 32. Seattle .318. ERA - 29. Western Oregon 1.92. Fielding - 3. Seattle .976; 30. Montana State Billings .968; 37. Western Oregon .967. Scoring - 32. Seattle 5.92. Home Runs - 22. Montana State Billings 0.88. Doubles - 10. Seattle 1.78. Slugging - 25. Montana State Billings .483. Double Plays - 3. Saint Martin's 0.56; 8. Northwest Nazarene 0.46; 9. Western Washington 0.46; 28. Montana State Billings 0.37; 40. Western Oregon 0.33.

**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 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 GNAC 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 two 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 leading and automatic qualifying mark. . Fischer placed second in the hammer with a throw of 177-5, four inches more than his previous PNQ. . Jaclyn 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 - Keever 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) 3:59.33.

**Western Oregon Twilight (May 10 at Monmouth): GNAC Winners: Men:** 1500 - Zeke Van Patten, WOU, 3:55.05. 110 Hurdles - Andy Luscutoff, WOU, 15.41. Triple Jump - Greg Hamm, NNU, 45-5 3/4. **Women:** 100 - Lauren Duckett, WOU, 12.58. 400 Hurdles - Sarah Barker, WOU, 1:03.20.

## Men's Golf

**NCAA Division II West Regional (May 5-7 at Adobe Creek Golf Club, Petaluma, CA): Team Scores** - 1. Sonoma State 861 (285-277-299); 2. Western Washington 873 (293-292-288); 3. Grand Canyon 880 (303-289-288); 4. Cal State Stanislaus 881 (298--290-293) and Cal State San Bernardino 881 (296-290-295); 6. Cal State Monterey Bay 883 (298-283-302); 7. Chico State 895 (303-290-302); 8. Hawaii Hilo 903 (305-294-304). **Individuals (Par 72-6,840)** - 1. Ryan Sperry, Grand Canyon, 211 (74-68-69); 2. Jake Koppenberg, WWU, 212 (72-71-69); 7. Thomas Jun, WWU, 215 (72-70-73); 9. Sean Packer, WWU, 217 (75-72-70); 25. Hiro Nezu, SMU, 225 (74-77-74); 33. John Eisentrout, SMU, 229 (76-76-77); 37. Julian Peters, WWU, 231 (74-79-78); 41. Brandon Brown, WWU, 236 (81-79-76); 42. Dale Raybould, NNU, 238 (77-82-79).

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

**Scoring Leaders (Through May 7):** 1. Jake Koppenberg, WWU, 71.3; 2. Sean Packer, WWU, 30-73.2; 3. Thomas Jun, WWU, 30-74.3; 4. Julian Peters, WWU, 30-74.6; 5. Hiro Nezu, SMU, 25-75.2; 6. John Eisentrout, SMU, 25-75.5; 7. Brandon Brown, WWU, 27-75.6; 8. Justin Lanman, SMU, 22-76.0; 9. Olof Rosborg, SMU, 17-76.31; 10. Dale Raybould, NNU, 76.42.

## All-Sports Standings

**GNAC (Final): Overall** - Western Oregon 158, Western Washington 152, Seattle Pacific 134, Northwest Nazarene 127, Central Washington 125, Seattle 111, Alaska Anchorage 96, Saint Martin's 78, MSU Billings 71, Alaska Fairbanks 30. **Men** - Western Oregon 72, Western Washington 70, Central Washington 64, Alaska Anchorage 52, Northwest Nazarene 50, Seattle 42, Saint Martin's 39, Seattle Pacific 35, MSU Billings 22, Alaska Fairbanks 16. **Women** - Seattle Pacific 99, Western Oregon 86, Western Washington 82, Northwest Nazarene 77, Seattle 69, Central Washington 61, MSU Billings 49, Alaska Anchorage 44, Saint Martin's 39, Alaska Fairbanks 14.

**Conference Champions: Titles Won** - Western Oregon 5, Seattle Pacific 4, Western Washington 3, Seattle 2, Alaska Anchorage 1. **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. **Men's Basketball** - Alaska Anchorage. **Women's Basketball** - Seattle Pacific. **Men's Golf** - Western Washington. **Softball** - Western Oregon and Seattle University. **Men's Outdoor Track** - Western Oregon. **Women's Outdoor Track** - Western Oregon. **Baseball** - Western Oregon.

**NACDA (End of Winter):** 1. Grand Valley State 719 ¼; 10. Seattle Pacific 356; 32. Alaska Anchorage 232; 51. Seattle University 181; 64. Alaska Fairbanks 154; 68. Western Washington 147; 112. Central Washington 81; 118. Northwest Nazarene 81; 158. Saint Martin's and Western Oregon 25.