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Nighthawks, Wildcats Favorite To Battle For GNAC Softball Title

PORTLAND, Ore. – When all was said and done at the end of the 2018 GNAC softball season, it was the tale of the veteran and the newcomer.

The veteran was Central Washington, which won its third straight regular-season championship. The newcomer, Northwest Nazarene, tied the Wildcats to win the program’s first-ever GNAC regular-season crown. The Nighthawks then took it a step further, winning three close contests at the GNAC Championships to advance to the NCAA Championship.

Coaches expect another close battle between the Nighthawks and Wildcats again this year with the teams taking the top two spots in the 2019 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Preseason Softball Coaches Poll.

Northwest Nazarene picked up five of eight possible first-place votes to lead the poll with 61 points. The Wildcats earned the remaining three first-place votes to finish a close second with 59 points. The two teams split all eight second-place votes.

Western Oregon was a distant third with 42 points while Western Washington is picked fourth with 32 points. The Vikings are followed closely by Simon Fraser with 29 points and Saint Martin’s with 28 points. Montana State Billings (24 pts.) and Concordia (14 pts.) round out the poll.

It was not only Northwest Nazarene’s first trip to the postseason as a Division II member, but one of the best seasons in program history. The team’s first winning season since joining the GNAC, the Nighthawks improved by eight wins over 2017 with a 31-23 overall record. The Nighthawks hit a roll following the Tournament of Champions, going 15-5 in the final 20 games of the regular season. Northwest Nazarene led the league with a .313 batting average, 294 runs and 270 RBIs. The NNU pitching staff was second with a 3.43 earned run average and a GNAC-best .257 opponent batting average.

The Nighthawks’ lineup is loaded in 2019. A total of 17 players are back, including 10 position starters (20 or more games) and all four starting pitchers. Sophomore **Jordan Adams** was named both the GNAC Freshman and Pitcher of the Year in 2018, finishing with a 19-7 record and 1.54 earned run average. In 158.2 innings, Adams allowed just 35 earned runs and struck out 165 batters. Senior outfielder **Anna Williams** earned GNAC Newcomer of the Year honors after hitting .359 with 43 runs, 11 home runs and 39 RBIs. Junior catcher **Brittany Genuardi** earned First Team All-GNAC laurels after she hit .355 with seven homers 40 RBIs.

Northwest Nazarene’s returning lineup also includes Second Team All-GNAC selections in senior outfielder **Cassidy Fifield**, senior first baseman **Kylie Orr**, senior third baseman **Abigail Otto** and senior shortstop **Anna Olson**.

2019 GNAC Preseason Softball Coaches Poll

Team (1st Place Votes)	2018 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Northwest Nazarene (5)	31-23 (19-9, tie 1st)	61
2. Central Washington (3)	31-16 (19-9, tie 1st)	59
3. Western Oregon	28-25 (15-13, tie 3rd)	41
4. Western Washington	15-32 (7-19, 7th)	32
5. Simon Fraser	21-19 (15-13, tie 3rd)	29
6. Saint Martin’s	23-22 (13-15, 6th)	28
7. Montana State Billings	23-24 (13-13, 5th)	24
8. Concordia	20-28 (7-19, 8th)	14

Votes awarded on an 8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Central Washington has been on a winning roll since head coach **Mike Larabee** arrived in Ellensburg for the 2016 season. The Wildcats finished with a 30 or more wins for the third consecutive season and tied with Northwest Nazarene for the regular season crown. Central was second in the GNAC with a .309 team batting average, but used manufactured runs over power. Of the team's 402 hits, only 91 of those were extra-base hits and only 12 were home runs. At the same time, the Wildcats' 82 stolen bases were 18 more than any other GNAC and ranked in the top-40 in Division II.

The Wildcats also return an experienced lineup, which includes 10 returning starters. Junior infielder **Savannah Egbert** earned First Team All-GNAC and First Team NFCA All-West Region honors after she finished second in the league with a .453 batting average. In addition to her 72 hits and .516 slugging percentage, Egbert set a CWU record with 30 stolen bases. Sophomore pitcher **Lexi Strasser** earned First Team All-GNAC honors and rivaled Adams for top freshman honors after finishing with an 18-10 record and 2.91 earned run average.

Central Washington also welcomes back sophomore outfielder **Katie Kastning**, a First Team All-GNAC selection as a freshman, and a Second Team All-GNAC pick in senior outfielder **Rachael Johnson**.

Western Oregon continued to be the most consistent squad in the GNAC when it comes to success. The Wolves posted their sixth consecutive winning season, compiling a 28-25 overall record, and qualified for their sixth straight GNAC Championships. Western did its damage at the plate, finishing third in the GNAC with a .303 batting average and .453 slugging percentage. Solid defensively, the Wolves finished with a .960 fielding percentage and was second in Division II with 0.57 double plays turned per game.

The Wolves return eight position starters and three pitchers. Senior infielder **Ryanne Whitaker (Huffman)** earned First Team All-GNAC and NFCA All-West Region honors after she finished with a .397 batting average with 37 runs, 26 RBIs and a .517 slugging percentage. Sophomore outfielder **Tyler Creach** led WOU as a freshman with a .409 batting average and finished with 72 hits to earn First Team All-GNAC and Second Team NFCA All-West Region awards.

The lineup also includes returners in senior infielder **Cheyenne Rimer**, sophomore infielder **Sydney Bowers** and senior pitcher **Haley Fabian**.

After winning the GNAC Championships in 2017, Western Washington was a different team in 2018. With the loss of many of the team's top players, the Vikings finished under .500 for just the fifth time in the GNAC era. Western hit just .254 as a team, but was competitive in the circle with a solid 3.85 earned run average. The program's 252 strikeouts was second in the GNAC and their 2.68 strikeout-to-walk ratio was 31st in Division II.

The Vikings are led by senior pitcher/third baseman **Shearyna Labasan**, who earned First Team All-GNAC honors for her efforts at the plate. Labasan batted .421 with 11 doubles, four home runs and a .586 slugging percentage. As the Vikings' No. 2 pitcher, Labasan compiled a 3.48 earned run average and 102 strikeouts. Western Washington will return a pair of superstars in senior first baseman **Emily Benson** and senior pitcher/infielder **Makinlee Sellevold**, who sat out the 2018 campaign. Benson earned All-GNAC and All-West Region honors in 2017, hitting .418 with 44 runs, 12 homers, 37 RBIs and a blistering .733 slugging percentage. Sellevold batted .390 in 2017 and finished with 67 hits, eight homers and a .628 slugging percentage.

Picked to finish eighth in last year's preseason poll, Simon Fraser proved to be the surprise of the GNAC. The Clan secured the fourth and final spot in the GNAC Championships by winning five of their final seven games and then rode the stellar pitching of Alia Stachoski to the tournament final, losing to Northwest Nazarene. Simon Fraser finished the year batting .265 as a team. The Clan won 21 games despite a GNAC-high 4.18 earned run average.

The Clan will make plenty of adjustments with the departure of six starters, including Stachoski and First Team All-GNAC selection Taylor Lundrigan, and the arrival of first-year head coach **Michelle Peters**. The lineup is led by senior infielder **Hailey Gearey**, who earned Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors after hitting .303 with 21 runs and 11 stolen bases, and sophomore **Kate Fergusson**, who hit .315 with 18 RBIs and also earned Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors.

Saint Martin's experienced a transition year in 2018 under first-year head coach **Jim Peterson**. The Saints just missed the GNAC Championships with a 13-15 record, finishing sixth, but went 23-22 overall for the program's seventh straight winning season. Pitching is what kept the Saints competitive, finishing third in the GNAC with a 3.64 earned run average while hitting .290 with 195 runs.

The Saints feature an experienced lineup with 12 returners. Senior pitcher **Lauren Maley** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors, one of three SMU hurlers elected to the team. She finished with a 3.00 earned run average and a 16-14 record, allowing 59 earned runs while striking out 58. Senior outfielder **Lauren Diuco** also earned second-team honors after finishing with a .310 batting average, 40 hits and 18 stolen bases.

Picked to finish seventh in 2019, Montana State Billings just missed the postseason after a season that saw the Yellowjackets hit .298 and club a GNAC-high 52 home runs. The team's 1.11 home runs per game ranked MSUB 13th among Division II teams. The Yellowjackets will face a rebuild of sorts with the graduation of GNAC Player of the Year and All-American Heather Tracy and first-team first baseman Cameron Cassinelli.

Sophomore first baseman/pitcher **Brittane Fisher** leads the returners after earning Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors last year. She finished with a .311 average at the plate, which included 11 home runs and 30 RBIs. Junior pitcher **Maddy Lincoln** was the program's top hurler last year as she picked 12 wins and compiled a 3.20 earned run average to net Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors.

Concordia, picked eighth, finished 2018 at 20-28 overall. The Cavaliers were far from a pushover, however, finishing the year with a .268 batting average and 3.85 earned run average. The team's 1.49 double plays turned per game ranked fifth in Division II. Concordia will be led by senior **Mackenzie Smith**, who finished a .279 batting average and a 3.16 earned run average. She was the winning pitcher in eight of the Cavaliers' 20 victories. Junior outfielder **Macy Besuyen** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors with a .346 batting average, 33 runs and a .492 slugging percentage.

Seven of the GNAC's eight teams will open the season on Fri., Feb. 1 by competing in the Desert Stinger, hosted by Montana State Billings in Las Vegas. Conference play opens on the weekend of Mar. 1-3.

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2019 GNAC Softball Teams At A Glance

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Mike Larabee (Washington State 1986, 107-48, 4th Season, 15th Season Overall, 370-376)

Assistant Coaches: Mike Meyers, Kailyn Campbell, Alyssa Reuble

2018 Overall Record: 31-16

GNAC Record (Finish): 19-9 (Tie 1st, 0-2 at GNAC Championships)

Total Returners: 16

Total Returning Position Starters: 7

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

Key Returners: Savannah Egbert (IF, L/R, 5-7, Jr., Connell, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, First Team NFCA All-West Region, Second Team D2CCA All-West Region, 47 GP, .453 Batting Avg., 72 Hits, 40 Runs, 4 2B, 3 3B, 23 RBI, .516 Slugging Pct., 30/33 SB), Lexi Strasser (P, R/R, 6-2, So., Chehalis, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, 18-10, 2.91 ERA, 166 IP, 105 Runs, 69 ER, 77 K), Katie Kastning (OF, R/R, 5-10, So, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, First Team All-GNAC, 46 GP, .367 Batting Avg., 47 Hits, 26 Runs, 12 2B, 2 3B, 27 RBI, .492 Slugging Pct.), Rachael Johnson (OF, L/R, 5-5, Sr., Spokane, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC, 47 GP, .360 Batting Avg., 36 Hits, 26 Runs, 9 RBI, 19/20 SB).

Key Losses: Celine Fowler (OF), Jacie McDaniels (C).

Top Freshmen: Gracee Dwyer (IF, R/R, 5-9, Spokane, Wash. – University), Samantha Stanfield (P, R/R, 5-10, Montesano, Wash. – Montesano), Isabel Womack (P, R/R, 6-0, Hillsboro, Ore. – Glencoe).

Top Transfers: Mikayla Kopacz (IF, 5-8, R/R, So., Hermiston, Ore. – Columbia Basin CC).

CONCORDIA

Head Coach: Shelley Whitaker (Univ. of Rio Grande, 1995, 39-56, 3rd Season, 10th Season Overall, 176-222)

Assistant Coaches: Andrew Ysais, Angelena Mexicano, Leslie Poole, Katie Boos

2018 Overall Record: 20-28

GNAC Record (Finish): 7-19 (8th)

Total Returners: 14

Total Returning Position Starters: 4

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

Key Returners: McKenzie Smith (UT, L/L, 6-2, Sr., Victoria, B.C., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 48 GP, .279 Batting Avg., 38 Hits, 14 Runs, 7 2B, 21 RBI; Pitching: 8-9, 3.16 ERA, 113 IP, 79 Runs, 51 ER, 79 K), Macy Besuyen (OF, L/R, 5-2, Jr., Hillsboro, Ore., Second Team All-GNAC, 46 GP, .346 Batting Avg., 45 Hits, 33 Runs, 5 2B, 7 3B, 16 RBI, .492 Slugging Pct., 10/13 SB).

Key Losses: Tori Muir (P).

Top Freshmen: Mia Gomez (UT, R/R, 5-3, Rialto, Calif. – Citrus Valley), Kate Meredith (IF, R/R, 6-1, New Westminster, B.C. – Yale), Holly Brown (OF, R/R, 5-6, Beaverton, Ore. – Centennial).

Top Transfers: Allie Hancock (P, R/R, 5-9, Jr., Camas, Wash. – Southern Oregon Univ.), Chelsea Sligh (IF, R/R, 5-6, Jr., San Leandro, Calif. – Chabot Coll.), Hannah Self (OF/C, R/R, 5-11, Jr., Tigard, Ore. – Portland State Univ.).

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

Head Coach: Jessica Rayman (Colorado Mesa 2009, 39-57, 3rd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Taylor Jones, Madeline Richard

2018 Overall Record: 23-24

GNAC Record (Finish): 13-13 (5th)

Total Returners: 12

Total Returning Position Starters: 4

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

Key Returners: Brittanee Fisher (1B/P, R/R, 5-9, So., Billings, Mont., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 39 GP, .311 Batting Avg., 18 Runs, 11 HR, 30 RBI, .651 Slugging Pct.), Kelsee Bushnell (SS/3B, R/R, 5-5, Sr., Plain City, Utah, 43 GP, .261 Batting Avg., 22 Runs, 9 2B, 4 HR), Allie Hughes (OF, R/R, 5-8, So., Sparks, Nev., 38 GP, .252 Batting Avg., 22 Runs), Shayla Felix (C, R/R, 5-5, Sr., Bloomfield, N.M., 32 GP, .203 Batting Avg., 15 Hits, 13 RBI), Maddy Lincoln (P, L/L, 6-1, Jr., Olympia, Wash., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 12-13, 3.20 ERA, 157.2 IP, 104 Runs, 72 ER, 102 K), Haley Couch (P, R/R, 5-6, So., Yamhill, Ore., 3-5, 5.63 ERA, 32.1 IP, 32 Runs, 26 ER, 11 K).

Key Losses: Heather Tracy (RF, GNAC Player of the Year, First Team NFCA All-West Region, First Team D2CCA All-West Region, Third Team NFCA All-American, Honorable Mention D2CCA All-American), Cameron Cassinelli (1B/P, First Team All-GNAC), Myrissa Prince (2B), Megan Dettling (P/DP).

Top Freshmen: Skyler Jenkins (UT, R/R, 5-4, Santan Valley, Ariz. – Poston Butte), Cailee Morgan (UT, R/R, 5-4, Dewey, Ariz. – Bradshaw Mountain), Rylan Austin (SS, R/R, 5-8, Medford, Ore. – North Medford), Morgan Quimby (2B/OF, R/R, 5-5, Aurora, Colo. – Grandview), Sidney Pollard (UT, R/R, 5-4, Raymond, Wash. – Willapa Valley), Payton Meyer (2B, R/R, 5-7, Billings, Mont. – Billings Senior), Alyssa Etheridge (P/1B, R/R, 5-9, Grants Pass, Ore. – Grants Pass).

Top Transfers: Jolene House (OF, L/L, 5-9, Jr., Mead, Wash. – Bellevue CC), Payton Reynolds (3B/C, R/R, 5-3, Jr., Reno, Nev. – Feather River JC), Hailee Gregerson (OF/P, R/R, 5-5, Jr., Park City, Mont. – Dawson CC).

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NORTHWEST NAZARENE

Head Coach: Rich Wagner (Northwest Nazarene 1999, 98-189, 7th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Tim Souza, Hallie Swanson, Robert Malone

2018 Overall Record: 31-23

GNAC Record (Finish): 19-9 (Tie 1st, Won GNAC Championships, 0-2 in NCAA West Regional)

Total Returners: 17

Total Returning Position Starters: 10

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 4

Key Returners: Jordan Adams (P, R/R, 5-8, So., Gig Harbor, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Freshman & Pitcher of the Year, 31 GP, 19-7, 1.54 ERA, 158.2 IP, 53 Runs, 35 ER, 116 Hits, 165 K, .201 Opponent Avg.), Anna Williams (OF, R/R, 5-6, Sr., Filer, Idaho, Second Team All-GNAC, GNAC Newcomer of the Year, 46 GP, .359 Batting Avg., 52 Hits, 43 Runs, 11 2B, 2 3B, 11 HR, 39 RBI, 25 BB, .690 Slugging Pct., .466 On Base Pct., 13/13 SB), Cassidy Fifield (OF, R/R, 5-5, Sr., Lake Steven, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC, 44 GP, .355 Batting Avg., 55 Hits, 40 Runs, 12 2B, 6 HR, 26 RBI, .548 Slugging Pct., .402 On Base Pct., 16/20 SB), Kylie Orr (1B, R/R, 5-8, Sr., Meridian, Idaho, Second Team All-GNAC, 54 GP, .368 Batting Avg., 68 Hits, 30 Runs, 15 2B, 7 HR, 45 RBI, .573 Slugging Pct., .421 On Base Pct.), Brittany Genuardi (C/DP, R/R, 5-6, Jr., Spanaway, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, 54 GP, .355, 55 Hits, 29 Runs, 9 2B, 7 HR, 40 RBI, .561 Slugging Pct., .482 On Base Pct., 36 BB), Shelbie Martinez (2B, R/R, 5-3, Sr., Meridian, Idaho, 49 GP, .273 Batting Avg., 39 Hits, 14 Runs, 5 2B, 2 HR, 21 RBI), Abigail Otto (3B, R/R, Sr., Marysville, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC, 54 GP, .297 Batting Avg., 49 Hits, 27 Runs, 12 2B, 4 HR, 31 RBI, .455 Slugging Pct.), Anna Olson (SS, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Graham, Wash, Second Team All-GNAC, 53 GP, .319 Batting Avg., 45 Hits, 16 Runs, 11 RBI).

Key Losses: Lisa Sylvester (C, First Team All-GNAC), Lily Paschal (OF).

Top Freshmen: Maia McNicoll (P/IF, R/R, 5-5, Kaneohe, Hawaii – Maryknoll), Mckenzie Oakes (OF, R/R, 5-5, Redding, Calif. – Shasta), Ashlee Schriever (P/UT, R/R, 5-7, Clinton, Utah – Syracuse), Taylor Butterfield (OF, R/R, 5-5, Hillsboro, Ore. – Glencoe).

Top Transfers: None.

SAINT MARTIN'S

Head Coach: Jim Peterson (Central Washington, 1984, 23-22, 2nd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Mark Edmonston, Keilani Cruz, Matt Loes

2018 Overall Record: 23-22

GNAC Record (Finish): 13-15 (6th)

Total Returners: 12

Total Returning Position Starters: 9

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

Key Returners: Lauren Maley (P, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Ferndale, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC, 36 GP, 16-14, 3.00 ERA, 137.2 IP, 78 Runs, 59 ER, 148 Hits, 52 K), Nicki DeHan (IF, R/R, 5-5, Jr., Yelm, Wash., 44 GP, .313 Batting Avg., 40 Hits, 17 Runs, 5 2B, 4 3B, 18 RBI, .414 Slugging Pct., 8/11 SB), Sabrina Hicks (IF, R/R, 5-3, Sr., Elk Grove, Calif., 43 GP, .284 Batting Avg., 31 Hits, 16 Runs, 5 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR, 20 RBI, .422 Slugging Pct., .407 On Base Pct.), Lauren Diuco (OF, L/R, 5-5, Sr., Mission Viejo, Calif., Second Team All-GNAC, 41 GP, .310 Batting Avg., 40 Hits, 18 Runs, 5 2B, 13 RBI, 18/18 SB).

Key Losses: Lindsay Miller (OF/P, First Team All-GNAC), Tessani Dixon (IF), Kim Nelson (IF/P, Honorable Mention All-GNAC).

Top Freshmen: Kylee Vanderbout (C/IF, R/R, 5-8, Happy Valley, Ore. – Clackamas), Trinity Favela (IF, R/R, 5-1, Ewa Beach, Hawaii – James Campbell), Trinity Loeb (OF, R/R, 5-11, Happy Valley, Ore. – Clackamas), Gianna Marchese (IF, R/R, 5-9, Seattle, Wash. – Bishop Blanchet).

Top Transfers: Brandi Schoessler (P/IF, R/R, 5-6, Jr., Walla Walla, Wash. – Walla Walla CC), Kimberlyn Tutt (P, R/R, 5-11, Jr., Colbert, Wash. – Bellevue CC).

SIMON FRASER

Head Coach: Michelle Peters (LIU Post, 2003, First Season)

Assistant Coaches: Rob Warburton, Hillary Strelau, Emma Entzminger

2018 Overall Record: 21-19

GNAC Record (Finish): 15-13 (Tie 3rd, Lost In GNAC Championships Final)

Total Returners: 11

Total Returning Position Starters: 4

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 2

Key Returners: Hailey Gearey (UT/IF, R/R, 5-4, Sr., Montreal, Que., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 40 GP, .303 Batting Avg., 33 Hits, 21 Runs, 10 RBI, 11/12 SB), Kate Fergusson (1B/OF, L/L, 5-7, So., Vancouver, B.C., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 40 GP, .315 Batting Avg., 40 Hits, 20 Runs, 3 2B, 2 3B, 18 RBI, 8/10 SB), Chelsea Hotner (OF, L/R, 5-5, Jr., Abbotsford, B.C., 38 GP, .255 Batting Avg., 26 Hits, 9 Runs, 2 HR, 14 RBI), Alex Ogg (3B/UT, L/R, 5-6, So., Surrey, B.C., 37 GP, .260 Batting Avg., 26 Hits, 22 Runs, 5 2B, 9 RBI, 8/9 SB), Jessica Tate (P, R/L, 5-7, Sr., Georgetown, Ont., 5-7, 5.77 ERA, 87.1 IP, 78 Runs, 72 ER, 22 K), Amanda Janes (C/1B, R/R, 6-0, Jr., Brampton, Ont., 22 GP, .225 Batting Avg., 9 Hits, 4 Runs, 7 RBI).

Key Losses: Katherine Murnaghan (C, Second Team All-GNAC), Taylor Lundrigan (SS, First Team All-GNAC), Alia Stachoski (P, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Dallas Tilley (OF), Taylor Gillis (OF), Victoria Saunders (2B).

Top Freshmen: Anissa Zacharczuk (P/UT, L/R, 5-8, Kitchener, Ont. – Waterloo Collegiate Institute), Georgia Ogg (C/UT, L/R, 5-2, Surrey, B.C. – Earl Marriott), Rebecca Kirkpatrick (2B/SS, R/R, 5-4, Surrey, B.C. – White Rock Christian), Bonnie Whitford (CF, R/R, 5-9, Surrey, B.C. – Earl Marriott).

Top Transfers: Jessica Fasolino (P, R/R, 5-2, So., Surrey, B.C. – Douglas Coll.).

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WESTERN OREGON

Head Coach: Lonny Sargent (Warner Pacific 2001, 170-150, 6th Season, 13th Season Overall, 376-315)

Assistant Coaches: Mariah Jimenez, Alyson Boytz, Zoe Clark

2018 Overall Record: 28-25

GNAC Record (Finish): 15-13 (Tie 3rd, 1-2 at GNAC Championships)

Total Returners: 14

Total Returning Position Starters: 8

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

Key Returners: Ryanne Whitaker (Huffman) (IF, R/R, 5-4, Sr., Monmouth, Ore., First Team All-GNAC, First Team NFCA All-West Region, Second Team D2CCA All-West Region, 52 GP, .397 Batting Avg., 69 Hits, 37 Runs, 5 2B, 5 3B, 2 HR, 26 RBI, .517 Slugging Pct., 17/20 SB), Tyler Creach (OF, L/R, 5-3, So., Bend, Ore., First Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA All-West Region, 52 GP, .409 Batting Avg., 72 Hits, 42 Runs, 8 2B, 4 3B, 13 RBI, .517 Slugging Pct., 16/21 SB), Sydney Bowers (IF, R/R, 5-4, So, Eugene, Ore., 53 GP, .285 Batting Avg., 41 Hits, 19 Runs, 7 2B, 3 3B, 20 RBI, .417 Slugging Pct.).

Key Losses: Zoe Clark (OF, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Lizzet Dominguez (P, Second Team All-GNAC).

Top Freshmen: Maddie Mayer (P, L/R, 5-8, Portland, Ore. – Rex Putnam), Baylie Kahele (C, R/R, 5-3, Mililani, Hawaii – Maryknoll), Zoie Recolan (IF, L/L, 5-5, Ewa Beach, Hawaii – James Campbell).

Top Transfers: None.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Sheryl Gilmore (Western Washington 2011, First Season)

Assistant Coach: Amanda Flores

2018 Overall Record: 15-32

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-19 (7th)

Total Returners: 15

Total Returning Position Starters: 12

Total Returning Starting Pitchers: 3

Key Returners: Emily Benson (1B, R/R, 5-10, Sr., West Richland, Wash., Did Not Play in 2018; 2017: 53 GP, .418 Batting Avg., 61 Hits, 44 Runs, 8 2B, 12 HR, 37 RBI, .733 Slugging Pct., .548 On Base Pct., 40 BB), Shearyna Labasan (P/3B, R/R, 5-3, Sr., Mililani, Hawaii, First Team All-GNAC, 46 GP, .421 Batting Avg., 59 Hits, 31 Runs, 11 2B, 4 HR, .586 Slugging Pct., .500 On Base Pct., 8/9 SB; Pitching: 5-18, 3.48 ERA, 142.2 IP, 97 Runs, 71 ER, 102 K), Lauren Ho (OF, L/R, 5-7, So., Issaquah, Wash., 45 GP, .273 Batting Avg., 33 Hits, 15 Runs, 7 2B, 10 RBI), Jackie Lucido (OF, R/R, 5-4, Jr., San Jose, Calif., 47 GP, .213 Batting Avg., 26 Hits, 15 Runs, 4 2B, 5 HR, 6/6 SB), Mackenzie Palmer (OF, L/L, 5-1 So., Federal Way, Wash., Did Not Play in 2018; 2017: 45 GP, .304 Batting Avg., 34 Hits, 15 Runs, 6 2B, 11 RBI), Makinlee Sellevold (P/IF, R/R, 5-4, Sr., Everett, Wash., Did Not Play in 2018; 2017: 53 GP, .390 Batting Avg., 67 Hits, 34 Runs, 13 2B, 8 HR, .628 Slugging Pct.).

Key Losses: Carlie Richards (OF/C, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Anna Kasner (P).

Top Freshmen: Rachel Christensen (C/OF, L/L, 5-5, Everett, Wash. – Everett), Brooke Fesenbek (3B, R/R, 5-7, Olympia, Wash. – Olympia), Sam Mutolo (C/UT, R/R, 5-5, Bothell, Wash. – Jackson), Ciara Ortiz (IF, L/R, 5-4, Edmonds, Wash. – Edmonds-Woodway).

Top Transfers: Tamia Hirano (SS/2B, R/R, 5-3, Jr., Mililani, Hawaii – Edmonds CC), Seli Aholelei (P/UT, R/R, 5-8, Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii – Edmonds CC).