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Viking Vengeance: Western Washington Picked For Men’s Basketball Title

PORTLAND, Ore. – One year ago, Western Washington found itself aced out of the GNAC Championships on its home floor, one of two teams left out in a three-way tie for sixth place.

This year, coaches believe the Vikings will not let a tournament berth slip away again as Western Washington is picked at the top of the 2019 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Men’s Basketball Preseason Coaches Poll.

With all five starters returning from last year’s squad and nine total players back, the Vikings received six first-place votes and a total of 112 points. Seattle Pacific, last year’s conference champion, garnered the other five first-place votes and is picked a close second with 107 points.

Picked to finish 11th in last year’s poll and the winner of the GNAC Championships spot in that sixth-place logjam, Simon Fraser is picked to

finish third this year with 90 points. Alaska Anchorage, the other odd team out, is one point behind in the preseason rankings with 90 points. Montana State Billings is picked to repeat its fifth-place finish with 79 points and Central Washington is picked sixth with 63 points.

Rounding out the poll is Northwest Nazarene (59 pts.), Western Oregon (56 pts.), Concordia (25 pts.), Alaska (23 pts.) and Saint Martin’s (21 pts.).

After starting the 2018-19 season out strong with a 7-2 record over the first month, Western Washington hit a speed bump in conference play. At one point, the Vikings lost a string of five games in six meetings and bounced back to finish winning three of their last five, but lost a spot in the GNAC Championships in that sixth-place tie. The Vikings certainly had the talent to win, finishing second in the GNAC with averages of 81.1 points and 37.4 rebounds per game while leading the league and ranking 17th in Division II with a .785 free throw percentage.

The corps of five starters is led by senior forward **Trevor Jasinsky**, who was a First Team All-GNAC and First Team D2CCA All-West Region selection. Jasinsky was second in the GNAC in scoring at 19.1 points per game, fourth with 7.1 rebounds per game and was 26th in Division II with a .887 free throw percentage. Junior forward **Luke Lovelady** averaged 10.1 points and 5.4 rebounds per game and was second in the GNAC with his .636 field goal percentage. The trio of returning guards, seniors **Cameron Retherford** and **Leif Anderson** and junior **Jalen Green**, all averaged around eight points per game.

The Western Washington lineup is further bolstered by the return of a pair of seniors in guard/forward **Siaan Rojas** and center **Logan Schilder**. Rojas averaged 8.1 points per game in 2017-18 while Schilder average 7.1 points and 6.2 rebounds per contest.

Strong from start to finish, Seattle Pacific roared into the GNAC Championships by sweeping the second half of its conference schedule. In the tournament, the Falcons handed Northwest Nazarene a solid 87-82 defeat before rolling past Western Oregon in the championship game, 78-66. The Falcons advanced to the semifinals of the NCAA West Regional, falling to Saint Martin’s. Seattle Pacific led the GNAC with 37.8 rebounds per game and was third in scoring defense, allowing 70.9 points per contest.

While the Falcons lost three starters from last year, they bring back a pair of solid scorers. Senior guard **Gavin Long** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors after he averaged 14.4 points per game, shooting 55.7 percent from the field and 46.2 percent from three-point range. Junior guard **Harry Cavell** averaged 10.2 points per game.

2019-20 GNAC Preseason Men’s Basketball Poll

Team (1st Place Votes)	2018-19 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Western Washington (6)	15-15 (9-11, tie 6th)	112
2. Seattle Pacific (5)	22-7 (16-4, 2nd)	107
3. Simon Fraser	15-14 (9-11, tie 6th)	91
4. Alaska Anchorage	14-14 (9-11, tie 6th)	90
5. Montana State Billings	15-14 (10-10, 5th)	79
6. Central Washington	11-17 (5-15, 10th)	63
7. Northwest Nazarene	20-8 (14-6, 3rd)	59
8. Western Oregon	22-11 (13-7, 4th)	56
9. Concordia	11-17 (6-14, 9th)	25
10. Alaska	5-22 (2-18, 11th)	23
11. Saint Martin’s	26-6 (17-3, 1st)	21

Votes awarded on an 11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Seattle Pacific also brings back four solid guards that played reserve roles, led by sophomore **Divant'e Moffitt** and his 7.6 points per game. Junior guard **Gabe Colosimo**, who played in just two games due to injury, also returns. Colosimo averaged 8.9 points per game during the 2017-18 campaign.

Simon Fraser surprised everyone by going 7-3 over the first two months of the season and then proved during conference play that the performance wasn't a fluke. The Clan scored a three-overtime win over Montana State Billings, a four-point overtime win on the road at Alaska Anchorage and shocked Saint Martin's in Lacey to earn the No. 6 berth in the GNAC Championships. Simon Fraser averaged 78.5 points per game, led the conference in three-point percentage (.380) and was third in assists (15.4 per game).

The Clan returns nine players, the most of any GNAC team, and five starters who all scored at least 10 points per game. Junior center **Julian Roche** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors after he averaged 13.4 points and 6.6 rebounds per game while shooting 55.3 percent from the field. Senior guard **Othniel Spence** averaged 13.7 points per game and shot 40.1 percent from three-point range while senior guard **Michael Provenzano** averaged 10.3 points per game and led the GNAC with five assists per game. Also among the returning starting five is sophomore guard **Wilfried Balata** (13.6 points per game) and junior forward **Jasdeep Singh** (11.4 points per game).

Alaska Anchorage started 2018-19 strong, going 6-4 through the first half of conference play. The magic ran out, however, in the second half as the Seawolves went 3-7 in their last 10 games. The team led the GNAC with 17.1 assists per game, ranked second in the GNAC with a .747 free throw percentage and was third with a .377 three-point percentage.

Senior guard/forward **Tyler Brimhall** returns after earning First Team All-GNAC honors last year. Brimhall ranked fourth in the GNAC with 18.7 points per game and seventh with 6.5 rebounds per game while shooting 47.1 percent from the field and 42.3 percent from three-point range. The Seawolves also welcome back senior forward **Niko Bevens**, who averaged 12.5 points per game, and senior guard **Jack Macdonald** and his 10.7 points per contest.

Montana State Billings took a step forward in its first season under head coach **Mick Durham**, finishing with a 15-14 record and returning to the GNAC Championships for the first time since 2017. The Yellowjackets were fourth in the GNAC in scoring at 79.2 points per game and ranked second with a .379 three-point percentage.

While MSUB lost a pair of its outside sharp-shooters, they also return a pair in senior guard **Tyler Green** and junior forward **Zharon Richmond**. Green averaged 15.1 points per game while making 43.1 percent from the field while Richmond was an inside force with his 10.8 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. Sophomore forward **Brendan Howard** is coming off a GNAC Freshman of the Year season that saw him lead the team with 15.7 points per game and a .535 field goal percentage.

Central Washington struggled in its transition under first-year coach **Brandon Rinta**, but coaches believe that the correction was short-lived. The Wildcats ranked third in the GNAC in scoring, averaging 81 points per game and was third with a .472 field goal percentage. Central will look to shore up a defense that allowed 81.7 points per game, the second most in the conference.

The Wildcats return two of their top scorers in senior guards **Gamaun Boykin** and **Jeryn Lucas**. Boykin earned Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors after he averaged 12 points and 5.1 rebounds per game while Lucas poured in 12.5 points per contest. Central returns three role players prepped to step into starting roles in senior guards **Malcolm Cola** (8.1 points per game) and **Zellie Hudson** (7.4 points per game) and sophomore forward **Matt Poquette** (9.8 points per game).

Northwest Nazarene was the team to beat in the GNAC for much of the season. The Nighthawks led the conference and was 30th in Division II with 84.5 points per game while also leading the GNAC with a .501 field goal percentage. Much of that offense came from the dynamic duo of Adonis Arms and Obi Megwa, who finished first and third in the conference in scoring, respectively.

Both Arms and Megwa are gone and the Nighthawks will look to a core of six returners to carry on. Senior guard **Jayden Bezzant** earned Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors in a sixth-man role, averaging 13.1 points per game while shooting 54.4 percent from the field and 40.5 percent from outside. The Nighthawks also bring back both starting forwards in seniors **Olamilekan "Spider" Adetunji**, who averaged 5.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, and **Adalberto Diaz** and his 7.4 points per game. Junior **Sam Roth** also returns after averaging 6.4 points per contest.

After finishing fourth in the GNAC regular-season standings, Western Oregon surprised the field by stunning Saint Martin's in the GNAC Championships semifinals to earn its fourth consecutive trip to the championship game. The Wolves distinguished themselves as a defensive team, leading the conference in scoring defense (66 points allowed per game), scoring margin (+10.6), steals (7.7 per game) and turnover margin (+4.6).

The Wolves are in rebuilding mode, though, with the departure of three starters and head coach Jim Shaw, who went to Washington State. The team will build around senior guard **Dalven Brushier**, who averaged 10.3 points per game and shot 41.7 percent from the field. Junior guard **Darius Lubom** performed well in a reserve role last year, averaging 10.5 points per game while shooting 50.9 percent from the field and dishing out 109 assists. Sophomore **Etan Collins** provides depth on the blocks after averaging 6.3 points and 4.2 boards per game in his first season.

Concordia is also in rebuilding mode after a ninth-place finish last year and the departure of longtime head coach Brad Barbarick. The Cavaliers brought in **Rodrick Rhodes** from Northwest Nazarene to lead eight returners into a new era. Junior **Hunter Sweet** leads the squad after he averaged 10.5 points per game while shooting 49.3 percent from the field and 48.6 percent from three-point range. Senior guard **Dom Bradley** contributed nine points and 6.3 rebounds per game while senior forward **Dakota Ayala** pulled in averages of 7.1 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

Alaska will look to build after winning five games in its first season under longtime Central Washington coach **Greg Sparling**. The Nanooks will build around senior **Spencer Sweet**, who averaged 11.9 points and three rebounds per game. The Nanooks also return senior guards **Jalon McCullough** and **Quinn Daugharty** along with junior guard **Zach Hatch**.

Saint Martin's put together a season for the ages in 2018-19, winning the GNAC regular-season title with a 17-3 record and advancing to the NCAA West Regional final before seeing the year end with a loss to eventual national runner-up Point Loma. But the Saints were built for last year as all five starters departed as did head coach Alex Pribble, who joined the staff at Seattle University.

First-year head coach **Aaron Landon** will start the rebuilding process with junior guard **Caden Smith**, who averaged 2.1 points in 21 games off the bench last year. The Saints will supplement the lineup with redshirt junior guard **Logan Rooney** and junior transfer guard **CJ Jennings**.

The 2019-20 season commences on Saturday, Nov. 2 when Alaska Anchorage hosts Portland Bible. The year kicks off in earnest on Friday, Nov. 8 as six teams open play. Conference play will open on Tuesday, Dec. 3 when Simon Fraser hosts Western Washington.

GNAC Team Capsules On Following Pages



GNAC Men's Basketball Teams At A Glance

ALASKA

Head Coach: Greg Sparling (Central Washington, 1993, 5-22, Second Season; 26th Season Overall, 391-275)

Assistant Coach: Jesse Brown

2018-19 Overall Record: 5-22

GNAC Record (Finish): 2-18 (11th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/6

Starters Returning/Lost: 1/4

Returning Starters: Spencer Sweet (G, 6-2, Sr., Longview, Wash., 11.9 ppg, 3 rpg, .412 FG Pct., .880 FT Pct., 36 assists, 18 blocks, 21 steals), Jalon McCullough (G, 5-10, Sr., Fairbanks, Alaska, 3.9 ppg, 0.9 rpg, .438 FG Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Zach Hatch (G, 6-3, Jr., Snohomish, Wash., 3.3 ppg, 1.2 rpg), Quinn Daugharty (G, 6-2, Sr., Homer, Alaska, 1.2 ppg, 1.2 rpg).

Key Losses: Michael Kluting (F, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Tymoryae Glover (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC).

Top Freshmen: Mawich Kachjanni (F/C, 6-11, Fangak, South Sudan – International School of Indiana), Marcus Lee (G, 5-10, Ketchikan, Alaska – Ketchikan), Matthew Scarboro (F, 6-3, North Pole, Alaska – Ben Eielson).

Top Transfers: Markel Banks (G, 6-4, Jr., Kent, Wash. – Olympic CC), Ousman Basir Gomez (G, 6-4, Jr., The Bronx, N.Y. – Chesapeake Coll.), Keshawn Howard (G, 6-3, Jr., Brooklyn, N.Y. – Herkimer Coll.), Shadeed Shabazz (G, 6-1, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Iowa Western Coll.).

ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Head Coach: Rusty Osborne (Texas, 1988, 279-166, 16th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Ryan Orton, Kyle Fossman

2018-19 Overall Record: 14-14

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11 (tie 6th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 4/7

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Tyler Brimhall (G/F, 6-5, Sr., Logan, Utah, First Team All-GNAC, 18.7 ppg, 6.5 rpg, .471 FG Pct., .423 3 Pt. Pct., .832 FT Pct., 1.8 apg), Niko Bevans (F, 6-6, Sr., Beaverton, Ore., 12.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 1.6 apg, .406 FG Pct., .368 3 Pt. Pct., .778 FT Pct., 12 blocks), Jack Macdonald (G, 6-0, Sr., Melbourne, Australia, 10.7 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 2.4 apg, .447 FG Pct., .393 3 Pt. Pct., .833 FT Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Tobin Karlberg (G, 6-0, So., Anchorage, Alaska, 3.4 ppg, 0.9 apg, .386 FG Pct., .317 3 Pt. Pct., .773 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: Brennan Rymer (G), Sjur Berg (F), Brian Pearson (C).

Top Freshmen: Danilo Guzman (G, 6-2, Anchorage, Alaska – Anchorage Christian).

Top Transfers: Tyrus Hosley (G, 6-1, Sr., Vancouver, Wash. – Northwest Christian Univ.), DeAndre Osuigwe (G, 6-0, Jr., Bradenton, Fla. – State Coll. of Florida), Amari Hale (G, 6-1, Jr., Portland Ore. – Eastern Arizona Coll.), David Riley (F, 6-8, Jr., Farmington, N.M. – Colorado Northwestern Coll.), Oggie Pantovic (F, 6-9, Jr., Kovin, Serbia – Utah State Univ.-Eastern).

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Brandon Rinta (Central Washington, 2001, 11-17, Second Season; 9th Season Overall, 175-79)

Assistant Coaches: Drew Church, Josh Calbert

2018-19 Overall Record: 11-17

GNAC Record (Finish): 5-15 (10th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/10

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Jeryn Lucas (G, 6-5, Sr., Sacramento, Calif., 12.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg, .414 FG Pct., .368 3 Pt. Pct.), Gamaun Boykin (G, 6-3, Sr., Youngstown, Ohio, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 12 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 3.7 apg, .445 FG Pct., .806 FT Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Malcolm Cola (F, 6-6, Jr., Federal Way, Wash., 8.9 ppg, 4.1 rpg, .556 FG Pct.), Zellie Hudson (F, 6-5, So., Los Angeles, Calif., 7.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg, .558 FG Pct., .755 FT Pct., 28 assists), Lewis Pope (G, 6-4, So., South Whidbey, Wash., 1.4 ppg, 1.3 rpg), Matt Poquette (F, 6-6, So., Morton, Wash., 9.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 1.4 apg, .562 FG Pct., .739 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: Jackson Price (G), Malik Montoya (G), Naim Ladd (G), Drake Rademacher (F).

Top Freshmen: Mitch Pollard (G, 6-0, Tacoma, Wash. – Foss).

Top Transfers: Trevion Brown (G, 6-2, So., Tacoma, Wash. – Coastal Carolina Univ.), Xavier Smith (G, 6-4, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Univ. of Idaho), Amari Stafford (G, 6-6, Jr., Portland, Ore. – Eastern Arizona Coll.), Davon Bolton (G, 6-1, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Northern Arizona Univ.), Rayvaughn Bolton (G, 6-3, Jr., Kent, Wash. – Eastern Arizona Coll.), Kevin Baker (F, 6-8, Jr., Kent, Wash. – Green River CC), Tariq Woody (F, 6-8, So., Canton, Mich. – Wheeling Univ.), Marqus Gilson (F, 6-5, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah – Centralia CC).

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CONCORDIA

Head Coach: Rodrick Rhodes (Southern California, 1997, First Season)

Assistant Coach: Rock Allen

Student Assistants: Bryce Nishida, Garrett Thibodeaux

2018-19 Overall Record: 11-17

GNAC Record (Finish): 6-14 (9th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 8/6

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Hunter Sweet (G/F, 6-4, Jr., Beaverton, Ore., 10.5 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 42 assists, .493 FG Pct., .486 3 Pt. Pct., .744 Ft Pct.), Dom Bradley (G, 6-6, Sr., Phoenix, Ariz., 9 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 21 assists, 19 blocks, .493 FG Pct.).

Other Returning Players: Dakota Ayala (F, 6-7, Sr., Troutdale, Ore., 7.1 ppg, 3.4 rpg, .566 FG Pct.), Xavier Smith (G, 6-0, Sr., Kansas City, Mo., 6.7 ppg, 1.7 rpg, 29 assists, .396 FG Pct., .318 3 Pt. Pct.), El-roi Butler (G, 5-11, Sr., Dimona, Israel, 3.8 ppg, 1.1 rpg, .444 FG Pct., .464 3 Pt. Pct., .727 FT Pct.), Mykale Williams (F, 6-7, So., Redlands, Calif., 2.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg, .468 FG Pct.), David Wheeler (G, 6-2, Sr., San Diego, Calif., 1.5 ppg, .429 FG Pct.), Dane Agost (F, 6-7, So., Happy Valley, Ore.).

Key Losses: Jarrett Gray (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Cody Starr (G), Jace Cates (G), Tyler Wells (G).

Top Freshmen: Isaac Morrow (G/F, 6-5, Lakewood, Wash. – Curtis), Dylan Sullivan (F, 6-5, Walla Walla, Wash. – Walla Walla).

Top Transfers: Bryce Cheney (G/F, 6-7, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz. – Mesa CC), Russell Tillery (G, 6-0, Jr., Portland, Ore. – CC of San Francisco), Geno West (G, 6-2, Jr., Portland, Ore. – Univ. of Idaho).

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

Head Coach: Mick Durham (Montana State, 1979, 15-14, 2nd Season; 24th Season Overall, 353-330)

Assistant Coaches: Bobby Howard

Graduate Assistant: Christian Butler

2018-19 Overall Record: 15-14

GNAC Record (Finish): 10-10 GNAC (5th, lost in GNAC Championships Quarterfinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 5/5

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Zharon Richmond (F, 6-7, Jr., Billings, Mont., 10.8 ppg, 4.5 rpg, .457 FG Pct., .859 FT Pct., 46 assists, 27 blocks), Tyler Green (G, 5-10, Sr., Redding, Calif., 15.1 ppg, 2.7 rpg, .431 FG Pct., .753 FT Pct., 103 assists, 29 steals), Brendan Howard (F, 6-6, So., Great Falls, Mont., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, GNAC Freshman of the Year, 15.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg, .535 FG Pct., .329 3 Pt. Pct., 24 assists).

Other Returning Players: Jordan Lehrer (F, 6-5, Sr., Livingston, Mont., 1.2 ppg, 1 rpg), Seth Christiaens (C, 6-11, Sr., Broadview, Mont., 1.9 ppg, 1.6 rpg, .686 FG Pct.).

Key Losses: Melvin Newbern, Jr. (F), Zack Rollins (G/F), Sven Jeuschede (G/F).

Top Freshmen: Sam Elliott (C, 6-7, R-Fr., Kalispell, Mont.), Clarence Daniels (F, 6-6, Columbia Heights, Minn. – Maranatha Christian Academy), Chrishon Dixon (G, 5-11, Richmond, Calif. – Billings Central), Anders Epperly (G, 5-11, Big Fork, Mont.).

Top Transfers: Kehmarr McMillan (G, 6-1, Jr., Chico, Calif. – Butte CC), Psalm Maduakor (G, 6-4, Jr., Carson, Calif. – Citrus CC), Ryan Perez (G, 6-1, Jr., Petaluma, Calif. – Santa Rosa CC), Stevie James (F, 6-7, Jr., Elk Grove, Calif. – Yuba CC).

NORTHWEST NAZARENE

Head Coach: Paul Rush (Boise State, 2006, 33-21, 3rd Season)

Assistant Coaches: Jon Hawkins, Chris Foss, Levi Stuart

2018-19 Overall Record: 20-8

GNAC Record (Finish): 14-6 (3rd, Lost in GNAC Championships Semifinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/7

Starters Returning/Lost: 3/2

Returning Starters: Sam Roth (G, 6-3, Jr., Salem, Ore., 6.4 ppg, 3.8 rpg, .527 FG Pct., 44 assists, 27 steals), Adalberto Diaz (F, 6-7, Sr., Nogales, Ariz., 7.4 ppg, 4.2 rpg, .453 FG Pct., .758 FT Pct., 24 assists, 15 blocks), Olamilekan Adetunji (F, 6-7, Sr., Lago, Nigeria, 5.5 ppg, 6.2 rpg, .513 FG Pct., 25 blocks, 22 steals).

Other Returning Players: Jayden Bezzant (G, 6-2, Sr., Tauranga, New Zealand, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 13.1 ppg, 2.1 rpg, .544 FG Pct., .405 3 Pt. Pct., 55 assists, 19 steals), Felix White (C, 6-9, Sr., Laos, Nigeria, 2.3 ppg, 2.2 rpg, .622 FG Pct.), Zac Fergerson (F, 6-4, Jr., Star, Idaho, 1.9 ppg, .444 FG Pct.).

Key Losses: Adonis Arms (G, GNAC Player of the Year, GNAC Newcomer of the Year, First Team All-GNAC), Obi Megwa (G, First Team All-GNAC), James Nelson (F).

Top Freshmen: Cody Frazer (G, 6-4, New York, N.Y. – Fellowship Christian), Jaylen Fox (G, 6-1, Las Vegas, Nev. – Faith Lutheran), Cayden Wright (G, 6-0, Nampa, Idaho – Skyview), George Reidy (G, 6-5, Edmonds, Wash. – Cedar Park Christian), Gabe Murphy (F, 6-9, Tracy, Calif. – Modesto Christian).

Top Transfers: Ezekiel Alley (PG, 6-2, Jr., Tucson, Ariz. – Fullerton JC), Delveion Jackson (F, 6-7, So., Boise, Idaho – UC Davis).

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SAINT MARTIN'S

Head Coach: Aaron Landon (La Verne 2007, First Season)

Assistant Coach: Tyler Velasquez

2018-19 Overall Record: 26-6

GNAC Record (Finish): 17-3 (1st, Lost in GNAC Chmp. Semis, NCAA Regional Quarters)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 3/12

Starters Returning/Lost: 0/5

Returning Starters: None.

Other Returning Players: Caden Smith (G, 6-3, Jr., Pendleton, Ore., 2.1 ppg, .438 FG Pct.), Marky Adams (C, 6-9, Jr., Forks, Wash., 1.8 ppg, 1.5 rpg, .556 FG Pct.), Logan Rooney (G, 6-5, Jr., Eureka, Calif., Redshirted In 2018-19).

Key Losses: Luke Chavez (G, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team D2CCA All-West Region), EJ Boyce (G, Second Team All-GNAC), Chandler Redix (G, Second Team All-GNAC), Jordan Kitchen (F, GNAC Defensive Player of the Year), Rhett Baerlocher (G), Tavian Henderson (F), BJ Standley (G).

Top Freshmen: Alex Schumacher (G, 6-3, Vancouver, Wash. – Skyview), Alex Clinton (G, 6-6, Newcastle, Australia – St. Francis Xavier's College), Cole Alton (G, 6-6, Boise, Idaho – Boise).

Top Transfers: CJ Jennings (G, 6-1, Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo. – South Plains CC).

SEATTLE PACIFIC

Head Coach: Grant Leep (Washington, 2002, 51-35, 4th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Keegan Bone, Keffrey Fazio, George Parker

2018-19 Overall Record: 22-7

GNAC Record (Finish): 16-4 (2nd, GNAC Chmp. Winner, Advanced to NCAA West Region Semis)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 6/6

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Gavin Long (G, 6-5, sr., Wenatchee, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC, 14.4 ppg, 3.9 rpg, .557 FG Pct., .462 3 Pt. Pct., .768 FT Pct., 40 assists, 21 steals), Harry Cavell (G, 6-5, Jr., Keizer, Ore., 10.2 ppg, 4.1 rpg, .427 FG Pct., .767 FT Pct., 49 assists, 30 steals).

Other Returning Players: Divant'e Moffitt (G, 6-2, So., Spanaway Lake, Wash., 7.6 ppg, 2.6 rpg, .517 FG Pct., .778 FT Pct., 57 assists), Sharif Khan (G, 6-1, Jr., Bellevue, Wash., 3.7 ppg, 1.2 rpg, .769 FT Pct.), Braden Olsen (G, 5-10, So., West Linn, Ore., DNP In 2018-19), Gabe Colosimo (G, 6-1, Jr., Sr., Sandy, Utah, 11.5 ppg, 1.5 rpg, .500 FG Pct., Played Just Two Games In 2018-19 Due To Injury).

Key Losses: Coleman Wooten (F, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA All-West Region), Nikhil Lizotte (G, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Nathan Streufert (C).

Top Freshmen: Jacob Medjo (F, 6-9, Bothell, Wash. – Bothell), Shaw Anderson (F, 6-6, Kelso, Wash. – Kelso), Jacob Parola (G, 5-10, Spokane, Wash. – Gonzaga Prep), Zack Paulsen (G, 6-4, University Place, Wash. – Curtis), Chris Penner (G, 6-1, Olympia, Wash. – Capital), Clayton Whitman (F, 6-5, Lynden, Wash. – Lynden).

Top Transfers: Medhi El Mahdi (C, 6-8, Jr., Rabat, Morocco – Trevecca Nazarene Univ.), Filip Fullerton (C, 6-9, Fr., Beaverton, Ore. – Portland State Univ.).

SIMON FRASER

Head Coach: Steve Hanson (Douglas, 2011, 29-66, 4th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Mike Hayward, Ibrahim Bayazit, Dany Charlery, Denis Beausoleil, Bret Macdonald

2018-19 Overall Record: 15-14

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11 (Tie 6th, Lost In GNAC Championships Quarterfinals)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 9/4

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0

Returning Starters: Michael Provenzano (G, 6-0, Sr., London, Ont., 10.3 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 145 assists, 34 steals, .442 FG Pct., .437 3 Pt. Pct., .831 FT Pct.), Othniel Spence (G, 6-1, Sr., Markham, Ont., 13.7 ppg, 3.5 rpg, .403 FG Pct., .401 3 Pt. Pct., .842 FT Pct., 35 assists, 37 steals), Wilfried Balata (G, 6-4, So., Montreal, Que., 13.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg, .425 FG Pct., 58 assists, 28 steals), Julian Roche (C, 6-11, Jr., Saint John, N.B., Second Team All-GNAC, 13.4 ppg, 6.6 rpg, .553 FG Pct., .395 3 Pt. Pct., 33 assists, 26 blocks), Jasdeep Singh (F, 6-8, Jr., Delta, B.C., 11.4 ppg, 4.1 rpg, .517 FG Pct., .488 3 Pt. Pct., 15 blocks).

Other Returning Players: Graham Miller (G/F, 6-7, Jr., Coquitlam, B.C., 5.4 ppg, 3.2 rpg, .808 FT Pct.), Drew Bryson (G, 6-2, So., Arlington, Wash., 6.3 ppg, 1.6 rpg, .445 FG Pct.).

Key Losses: Jordan Muir-Kueng (G).

Top Freshmen: Corey Nzigamsabo (F, 6-8, Montreal, Que. – Ecole Secondair Edouard Monpetit), Jusuf Sehic (F, 6-7, Burnaby, B.C. – Burnaby South), Matt Kaitipis (G, 6-3, Newmarket, Ont. – Cape Fear Academy), Devid Penney (G, 6-1, Guelph, Ont. – Middleburg Academy), Colten Northrop (G, 6-4, Richland, Wash. – Richland).

Top Transfers: None.

GNAC Men's Basketball Teams At A Glance

WESTERN OREGON

Head Coach: Wes Pifer (Penn State Altoona, 2004, First Season)

Assistant Coaches: Jordan Jamestown, Bryan Fisher, Emanuel Morgan

2018-19 Overall Record: 22-11

GNAC Record (Finish): 13-7 (4th, Lost In GNAC Championships Final)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 5/9

Starters Returning/Lost: 2/3

Returning Starters: Dalven Brushier (G, 6-3, Sr., Colorado Springs, Colo. – 10/3 ppg, 3.1 rpg, .445 FG Pct., .418 3 Pt. Pct., .707 FT Pct., 58 assists), Etan Collins (F, 6-6, So., Federal Way, Wash., 6.3 ppg, 4.2 rpg, .425 FG Pct., 21 blocks).

Other Returning Players: Darius Lubom (G, 6-1, Jr., Kent, Wash. – 10.5 ppg, 2.9 rpg, .509 FG Pct., .804 FT Pct., 109 assists, 39 steals), Jaylyn Richardson (G, 6-3, Sr., Waverly Hall, Ga., 5.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg, .434 FG Pct., .811 FT Pct.), Cam Cranston (F, 6-6, So., Vancouver, Wash., 3.8 ppg, 1.6 rpg, .433 FG Pct., .773 FT Pct.).

Key Losses: Riley Hawken (F, Second Team All-GNAC), Kaleb Warner (G), Brandell Evans (G).

Top Freshmen: Antonio Salinas (G, 6-0, Zillah, Wash. – Zillah), RJ Veliz (G, 6-2, Woodburn, Ore. – Woodburn), Zach Baugher (F, 6-7, Albany, Ore. – Santiam Christian).

Top Transfers: Emanuel Gant (G/F, 6-6, Jr., Tempe, Ariz. – Arizona Western Coll.), Tyreek Price (G, 6-1, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio – Clarendon CC), Riley Hamilton (G/F, 6-6, Sr., Monroe Valley, Calif. – Tuskegee Univ.), Jaquan Horne (F, 6-9, Jr., Knightdale, N.C. – Clarendon CC), Drew Rippingham (G, 6-3, Jr., Reno, Nev. – Lassen CC), John Morrill-Keeler (F, 6-10, So., Port Orford, Ore. – Umpqua CC).

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Tony Dominguez (Western Washington, 1994, 148-66, 8th Season)

Asst. Head Coach: David Dunham

Assistant Coaches: Bob Hofstetter, Atiavo Jude

2018-19 Overall Record: 15-15

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-11 (Tie 6th)

Total Players Returning/Lost: 9/4

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0

Returning Starters: Leif Anderson (G, 6-1, Sr., Bellingham, Wash., 8.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg, .488 FG Pct., .479 3 Pt. Pct., 67 assists), Jalen Green (G/F, 6-7, So., Renton, Wash., 7.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg, .439 FG Pct., .758 FT Pct., 39 assists), Trevor Jasinsky (F, 6-8, Sr., Camas, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, D2CCA First Team All-West Region, 19.1 ppg, 7.1 rpg, .416 FG Pct., .887 FT Pct., 70 assists, 21 blocks, 30 steals), Luke Lovelady (F, 6-8, Jr., Tacoma, Wash., 10.1 ppg, 5.4 rpg, .636 FG Pct., 27 assists, 24 blocks, 21 steals), Cameron Retherford (F, 6-9, Sr., Portland, Ore., 8.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, .447 FG Pct., .806 FT Pct., 26 assists, 20 blocks, 24 steals).

Other Returning Players: Braden Ahlemeyer (F, 6-8, Jr., Sammamish, Wash., 2.5 ppg, 2.1 rpg), Tucker Eenigenburg (G, 6-3, Sr., Bakersfield, Calif., 8.5 ppg, 1.9 rpg, .436 FG Pct., .440 3 Pt. Pct., .780 FT Pct.), Siaan Rojas (G/F, 6-6, Sr., Concord, Calif., Redshirted In 2018-19), Logan Schilder (C, 7-0, Sr., Bellingham, Wash., Redshirted In 2018-19).

Key Losses: KJ Bosco (F), Elijah Cotton-Welch (G.), Tyler Payne (G), Micah Winn (G).

Top Freshmen: Jaivion Garrett (F, 6-6, Seattle, Wash. – Rainier Beach), Christian Zamora (G, 6-5, Lynden, Wash. – Lynden).

Top Transfers: Sean Kirk (G, 6-4, So., Mountlake Terrace, Wash. – Edmonds CC), Bryce Knox (G, 6-5, Jr., Dublin, Calif. – Mt. San Antonio Coll.), Erwin Weary, Jr. (G, 6-5, So., Lynnwood, Wash. – Edmonds CC).