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Vikings, Nighthawks Expected To Duel For GNAC Softball Title

PORTLAND, Ore. – One team won the regular-season championship. The other gave up just one run in an impressive roll through the GNAC Championships.

Both are expected to duel it out for conference supremacy again in 2022 as Western Washington and Northwest Nazarene top the GNAC Softball Preseason Coaches Poll.

The Vikings, who won the GNAC Championships, picked up four of seven first place votes and a total of 46 points. The Nighthawks, who earned their second GNAC regular-season title last year, received the other three first-place votes and are a close second in the poll with 44 points.

As close as No. 1 and No. 2 are, the rest of the poll is just as tight with just five points separating the other five teams. Western Oregon is picked third with 24 points, followed by Saint Martin’s with 22 points, Simon Fraser with 21 points, Montana State Billings with 20 points and Central Washington with 19 points.

After finishing third in the regular-season standings at 11-9, Western Washington was virtually unstoppable in the GNAC Championships. In their three games, the Vikings allowed just one run on five hits and received a five-inning no-hitter from ace pitcher Anna Kasner that was one walk shy of a perfect game. Western Washington went 23-14 overall, going 9-3 in the month of March, and led the conference with a 2.51 earned run average while amassing a .319 batting average.

The Vikings bring back an experienced squad with 20 returners, including the bulk of the offense that powered the team to the postseason. Senior shortstop **Tatum Dow** was named the GNAC Newcomer of the Year and earned Second Team NFCA All-American honors after leading the conference with a .417 batting average to go with 48 hits, 26 RBI and a .635 slugging percentage. Senior outfielder **Lauren Lo** batted .382, tying for second in the GNAC with 12 doubles en route to Second Team All-West Region honors. Junior third baseman **Brooke Fesenbek** earned Second Team All-GNAC accolades after hitting .347 with 17 RBI.

While WWU will certainly miss the arm of Kasner, the D2CCA West Region Pitcher of the Year, they return another First Team All-GNAC hurler in senior **Kira Doan**. The righty went 8-7 in 20 appearances with a 2.53 earned run average, allowing 30 earned runs with 67 strikeouts in 83 innings. Doan also performed at the plate with a .340 batting average.

Northwest Nazarene went 31-14 overall and 11-5 in GNAC play to win the regular-season championship. The Nighthawks won all but one regular-season conference series, taking advantage of a scheduling fluke that saw NNU play its first 20 games of the season at home. The team led the conference in most offensive categories, ranking 13th in Division II with a .413 on-base percentage, 18th with a .328 batting average and 79 doubles and 21st with 398 hits. The Nighthawks were also solid in the circle with a 3.02 earned run average, leading the conference with 279 strikeouts.

2022 GNAC Softball Preseason Coaches Poll

Team (1st Place Votes)	2021 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Western Washington (4)	23-14 (11-9, 3rd)	46
2. Northwest Nazarene (3)	31-14 (11-5, 1st)	44
3. Western Oregon	14-17 (9-11, 5th)	24
4. Saint Martin’s	19-18 (10-10, 4th)	22
5. Simon Fraser	Did Not Play (COVID)	21
6. Montana State Billings	10-26 (6-14, 6th)	20
7. Central Washington	18-16 (9-7, 2nd)	19

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

The Nighthawks return most of their starting lineup in an attempt to win it all again. Junior outfielder **Maia McNicoll** was named a Third Team D2CCA All-American after batting .369. She led the conference with 12 home runs and was tied for second with 48 hits and 36 RBI. Senior infielder **Ivy Hommel** was a Second Team All-West Region performer, batting .383 with GNAC-leading totals of 59 hits and 107 total bases. She also stole 27 bases, ranking 18th in Division II.

The team also returns a pair of pitchers who were just as potent at the plate as they were in the circle. Sophomore **Sidney Booth** was named the GNAC Pitcher of the Year en route to earning Third Team D2CCA All-American honors. Booth amassed a 16-4 record and 1.80 earned run average, allowing just 36 earned runs and a .193 opponent batting average, and ranked 17th in Division II with 176 strikeouts. She also batted .346 with nine home runs and 41 RBI. Junior **Tori Hensley** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors with her 8-5 record, 3.90 earned run average and .328 batting average.

Western Oregon returns 17 players and most of its starting lineup after a fifth-place finish in 2021. The Wolves played the least games of any GNAC team last season (31) but still ended up in the GNAC Championships as the No. 4 seed after Central Washington had to withdraw due to COVID protocols. Western Oregon finished 2021 with a .259 batting average and a 4.99 earned run average, leading the GNAC in sacrifice bunts (27) while ranking second with a .968 fielding percentage.

A pair of Second Team All-GNAC selections, junior first baseman **Zoie Recolan** and sophomore outfielder **Bella Valdes**, leads the returners. Recolan batted .258 with two home runs while Valdes batted .273 with a .422 slugging percentage. Senior infielder **Logan Carlos** is the Wolves' top returning batter with a .288 average. Senior **Reilly Tidwell** leads four returning pitchers. She finished with a .394 earned run average in 13 appearances. Senior **Maddie Mayer** amassed a 5-8 record and a 5.63 earned run average in seven starts and 14 appearances.

Picked to repeat in fourth place, Saint Martin's put together its 10th winning season in the last 11 years while finishing at 10-10 in conference play. The Saints' young roster finished the year hitting .268 with a 3.96 earned run average. The team played best at the beginning and end of the season, compiling a 7-1 record over the first eight games of the season and going 7-3 in the final 10 games of the regular season, which included a six-game win streak.

Sophomore infielder **Britney Patrick**, the 2021 GNAC Freshman of the Year, leads 13 returners for the Saints. The Second Team D2CCA All-West Region selection batted .328 with 31 runs, 11 doubles, five homers and 25 RBI. Sophomore outfielder **Olivia Schmidt** batted .315 and added 14 RBI. Sophomore **Abby Runyon** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors in the circle, going 11-8 with a 3.15 earned run average, 68 strikeouts and a .292 opponent batting average.

Simon Fraser is excited to return after missing the entire 2021 season due to the border closure necessitated by the pandemic. The team appeared headed for a shot at the GNAC championship in 2020 in **Tina Andreana's** first year as head coach, going 13-5 overall and 7-1 in conference play before the season was shut down. Simon Fraser batted .304 on the season and led the GNAC with a .497 slugging percentage in 2020.

Sophomore pitcher **Anissa Zacharczuk** has yet to lose a game for SFU. She compiled a 10-0 record in 2020 and a 3.58 earned run average in 2020 as she allowed 36 earned runs in 70.1 innings pitched. Junior third baseman **Alex Ogg** batted .521 that season with an impressive .704 slugging percentage and a .541 on-base percentage. In 74 plate appearances, Ogg walked twice and never struck out. Junior infielder **Hannah Boulanger** also returns after hitting .362 with a .660 slugging percentage in 2020.

Montana State Billings brings 15 players back in its quest to improve from a sixth-place finish. The Yellowjackets finished 2021 with a .280 batting average and 6.31 earned run average but excelled in the power department. The team finished fourth in Division II with 1.31 home runs per game and 18th with 47 total home runs. The team's .476 slugging percentage was second in the conference.

The Yellowjackets return their top slugger in senior first baseman **Brittanee Fisher**, who earned Second Team NFCA All-West Region honors after she hit .337 with 11 home runs, 29 RBI and a .705 slugging percentage that ranked third in the GNAC. Junior shortstop **Sidney Pollard** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors thanks a .329 batting average while sophomore third baseman **Marin Penney** batted .294 to be named Honorable Mention All-GNAC. Sophomore **Jenna Kister** leads three returning pitchers after going 3-5 with a 5.12 earned run average as a freshman.

Central Washington finished second in the GNAC last year. The Wildcats did not compete in the GNAC Championships due to health and safety protocols, but still earned selection to their second NCAA West Regional in the last three years. Central was second in the league with a .323 batting average and .407 on-base percentage and led Division II with a conference record 25 triples.

The Wildcats enter the season having lost six key players last season, including Honorable Mention All-American Theresa Moyle, as well as their head coach. New skipper **Joe DiPietro** will build around the likes of First Team All-GNAC infielder **Harlee Carpenter**, who batted .370 with eight doubles, seven triples and 14 RBI, and sophomore **Sasha Mitchell**, who earned Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors after batting .276 with a .621 slugging percentage. Senior pitcher **Rhane Harris** was also an Honorable Mention All-GNAC selection, going 5-1 with a 3.50 earned run average last year.

Four of the GNAC's seven teams will open play over the first week of February, with Western Oregon hosting Bushnell for a doubleheader on Tuesday, February 1 to open the season. Conference play will begin on Friday, March 11.

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2022 GNAC Softball Teams At A Glance

CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Head Coach: Joe DiPietro (First Season, 16th Season Overall, 247-413-1)

Assistant Coach: Haley Schimmel

2021 Overall Record: 18-16

GNAC Record (Finish): 9-7 (2nd)

Total Returners: 12

Total Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4

Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/2

Key Returning Position Players: Harlee Carpenter (IF, L/R, 5-2, Jr., Snohomish, Wash. – Glacier Peak, First Team All-GNAC, 34 GP, .370 batting avg., 34 runs, 37 hits, 8 2B, 7 3B, 14 RBI, .590 slugging pct., .475 on base pct., 8 SB), Allie Thiessen (OF, L/L, 5-5, Jr., Chilliwack, B.C. – Yale, 33 GP, .346 batting avg., 29 runs, 37 hits, 2 2B, 2 3B, 10 RBI, .402 slugging pct., .413 on base pct., 6 SB), Sasha Mitchell (IF, R/R, 5-3, So., Kirkland, Wash. – Juanita, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 22 GP, .276 batting avg., 13 runs, 8 hits, 2 2B, 2 HR, 7 RBI, .621 slugging pct., .462 on base pct.).

Key Returning Pitchers: Rhaney Harris (P, R/R, 5-8, Sr., Omak, Wash. – Concordia (Ore.) Univ., Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 11 appearances, 5-1, 3.50 ERA, 36 IP, 41 hits, 28 runs, 18 earned runs, 19 K, .277 opponent batting avg.).

Key Losses: Lexie Strasser (P), Sydney Brown (IF), Maddy Zerr (IF), Alycia Bannan (IF), Alee Cruz (OF), Theresa Moyle (OF, First Team All-GNAC, First Team D2CCA All-West Region, D2CCA Honorable Mention All-American).

Top Freshmen: Makayla Miller (P, R/R, 5-7, Snohomish, Wash. – Glacier Peak), Resse Schimmel (C, R/R, 5-5, Rainier, Ore. – Rainier), Riana Abeshima (UT, L/R, 5-2, Mililani, Hawaii – Mililani), Ashtyn Falor (C/OF, L/L, 5-4, Arlington, Wash. – Lakewood), Grace Godfrey (OF, L/L, 5-9, Homer, Alaska – Homer), Cady Wilton (OF, L/R, 5-1, Kent, Wash. – Kentlake), Karsyn Decker (OF, L/R, 5-3, Anchorage, Alaska – South Anchorage).

Top Transfers: Brooke Jordan (UT, L/R, 5-6, So., Snohomish, Wash. – Seattle Univ.).

MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

Head Coach: Lisa McKinney (Oregon State 2006, 8th Season, 141-151 (2011-2015, 2020-21), 10th Season Overall, 187-210)

Assistant Coaches: Taylor Olsen, Ashley Ruiz

2021 Overall Record: 10-26

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

Total Returners: 15

Total Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/2

Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 3/0

Key Returning Position Players: Brittane Fisher (1B, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Billings, Mont. – Billings Senior, First Team All-GNAC, NFCA Second Team All-West Region, 34 GP, .337 batting avg., 20 runs, 32 hits, 2 2B, 11 HR, 29 RBI, .705 slugging pct., .413 on base pct.), Allie Hughes (OF, R/R, 5-8, Sr., Sparks, Nev. – Edward C. Reed, First Team All-GNAC, 35 GP, .263 batting avg., 23 runs, 25 hits, 3 2B, 8 HR, 24 RBI, .547 slugging pct.), Brie Frazier (OF, R/R, 5-3, So., Nine Mile Falls, Wash. – Lakeside, Second Team All-GNAC, 36 GP, .321 batting avg., 22 runs, 35 hits, 5 2B, 1 HR, 5 SB), Sidney Pollard (SS, R/R, 5-4, Jr., Raymond, Wash. – Willapa Valley, Second Team All-GNAC, 33 GP, .329 batting avg., 13 runs, 27 hits, 5 2B, 2 HR, .463 slugging pct., .433 on base pct.), Marin Penney (3B, R/R, 5-6, So., Lake Oswego, Ore. – Lake Oswego, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 32 GP, .294 batting avg., 17 runs, 25 hits, 6 2B, 7 HR, 14 RBI, .635 slugging pct.).

Key Returning Pitchers: Jenna Kister (P, R/R, 5-5, So., Junction City, Ore. – Junction City, 16 appearances, 3-5, 5.12 ERA, 67 IP, 101 hits, 58 runs, 49 earned runs, 44 K), Julia Qualieri (P, R/R, 5-7, So., Parker, Colo. – Ponderosa, 14 appearances, 4-8, 6.10 ERA, 59.2 IP, 91 hits, 65 runs, 52 earned runs, 21 K), Alyssa Etheridge (P, R/R, 5-9, Jr., Grants Pass, Ore. – Grants Pass, 19 appearances, 2-8, 6.14 ERA, 70.2 IP, 107 hits, 70 runs, 62 earned runs, 38 K).

Key Losses: Taylor Anderson (C, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Hailee Gregerson (OF, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Payton Reynolds (C).

Top Freshmen: Lauren Blaschak (SS, R/R, 5-5, Billings, Mont. – Billings West), Preslee Christensen (P, R/R, 6-0, Heber City, Utah – South Summit), Jazlyn Kalehuawehe (3B/1B, R/R, 5-7, Folsom, Calif. – Folsom), Alexis Tovar (OF/1B, L/L, 5-6, Nampa, Idaho – Nampa).

Top Transfers: Shelby Martin (P, R/R, 5-8, Jr., Helena, Mont. – Dawson CC), Maycen O'Neal (C, R/R, 5-4, Jr., Brigham City, Utah – Dawson CC).

2022 GNAC SOFTBALL TEAMS AT A GLANCE

NORTHWEST NAZARENE

Head Coach: Rich Wagner (Northwest Nazarene 1999, 165-235, 10th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Hallie Swanson, Brittany Genuardi

2021 Overall Record: 31-14

GNAC Record: 11-5 (1st)

Total Returners: 19

Total Position Starters Returning/Lost: 6/2

Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/1

Key Returning Position Players: Ivy Hommel (IF, R/R, 5-6, Sr., Kuna, Idaho – Kuna, Second Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, 45 GP, .383 batting avg., 45 runs, 59 hits, 14 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 36 RBI, .695 slugging pct., .436 on-base pct., 27 SB), Maia McNicoll (OF, R/R, 5-5, Jr., Kaneohe, Hawaii – Maryknoll, First Team All-GNAC, First Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, Third Team D2CCA All-American, 43 GP, .369 batting avg., 26 runs, 48 hits, 8 2B, 12 HR, 36 RBI, .708 slugging pct., .458 on base pct.), Sidney Booth (UT, L/L, 5-4, So., Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup, GNAC Pitcher of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, First Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, NFCA Second Team All-American, D2CCA Third Team All-American, 45 GP, .364 batting avg., 26 runs, 47 hits, 7 2B, 2 3B, 9 HR, 41 RBI, .659 slugging pct., .441 on base pct.), Tori Hensley (UT, R/R, 5-9, Jr., Kirkland, Wash. – Boise State Univ., Second Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, 35 GP, .328 batting avg., 11 runs, 22 hits, 5 2B, 1 HR, 9 RBI, 3 SB), Abigail Gagnon (IF, R/R, 5-7, So., Meridian, Idaho – Meridian, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, NFCA Second Team All-West Region, 43 GP, .320 batting avg., 21 runs, 33 hits, 6 2B, 2 HR, 16 RBI), Emma Mulligan (IF, R/R, 5-3, So., Reedley, Calif. – Reedley, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 44 GP, 33 runs, 40 hits, 12 2B, 2 HR, 19 RBI, 12 SB), Madison Felter (OF, R/R, 5-8, So., Reno, Nev. – Damonte Ranch, 44 GP, .257 batting avg., 12 runs, 19 hits, 4 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 4 SB).

Key Retuning Pitchers: Sidney Booth (UT, L/L, 5-4, So., Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup, GNAC Pitcher of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, First Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, NFCA Second Team All-American, D2CCA Third Team All-American, 23 appearances, 16-4, 1.80 ERA, 140 IP, 99 hits, 42 runs, 36 earned runs, 176 K, .193 opponent batting avg.), Tori Hensley (UT, R/R, 5-9, Jr., Kirkland, Wash. – Boise State Univ., Second Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, 19 appearances, 8-5, 3.90 ERA, 73.2 IP, 77 hits, 52 runs, 41 earned runs, 60 K, .264 opponent batting avg.), Gina Skinner (P, L/R, 5-5, So., Moses Lake, Wash. – Moses Lake, 10 appearances, 3-2, 5.40 ERA, 23.1 IP, 24 hits, 20 runs, 4 K).

Key Losses: Brittany Genuardi (C, GNAC Player of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, NFCA & D2CCA First Team All-West Region, D2CCA West Region Player of the Year, D2CCA Honorable Mention All-American), Jackie Vargas (P, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Madison Strickler (OF).

Top Freshmen: Mari Kamemoto (OF, L/R, 5-2, Seattle, Wash. – Bishop Blanchet), Charlotte Forniss (P/IF, R/R, 5-8, Paso Robles, Calif. – Templeton), Kellcie Adams (C/IF, R/R, 5-6, Bakersfield, Calif. – Frontier).

Top Transfers: Mackenzie La Neve (UT, R/R, 5-6, So., Henderson, Nev. – Univ. of Hawaii), Rheanna Russo (OF, R/R, 5-6, Jr., Turlock, Calif. – Southwestern Oregon CC).

SAINT MARTIN'S

Head Coach: Jim Peterson (Central Washington, 1984, 71-74, 5th Season)

Assistant Coaches: Amber Manuel, Adrian Manuel

2021 Overall Record: 19-18

GNAC Record (Finish): 10-10 (4th)

Total Returners: 13

Total Position Starters Returning/Lost: 5/4

Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost: 2/0

Key Returning Position Players: Britney Patrick (IF, R/R, 5-8, So., Raymond, Wash. – Willapa Valley, GNAC Freshman of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team D2CCA All-West Region, 37 GP, .328 batting avg., 31 runs, 41 hits, 11 2B, 5 HR, 25 RBI, .536 slugging pct., 9 SB), Kylee Vanderbout (IF, R/R, 5-8, Jr., Happy Valley, Ore. – Clackamas, 36 GP, .281 batting avg., 29 runs, 27 hits, 4 2B, 3 HR, 19 RBI, .417 slugging pct., 9 SB), Destiny Conerly (IF, R/R, 5-9, So., Spanaway, Wash. – Puyallup, 36 GP, .235 batting avg., 19 runs, 20 hits, 4 2B, 3 HR, 19 RBI, .412 slugging pct.), Olivia Schmidt (OF, R/R, 5-9, So., Eugene, Ore. – Sheldon, 31 GP, .315 batting avg., 6 runs, 23 hits, 3 2B, 1 HR, 14 RBI, .402 on base pct.).

Key Returning Pitchers: Abby Runyon (P, R/R, 5-8, So., Brush Prairie, Wash. – Hockinson, Second Team All-GNAC, 22 appearances, 11-8, 3.15 ERA, 124.1 IP, 150 hits, 69 runs, 56 earned runs, 68 K, .292 opponent batting avg.), Tia Ridings (P, L/L, 5-4, So., Tualatin, Ore. – Tualatin, 13 appearances, 4-7, 5.72 ERA, 60 IP, 80 hits, 57 runs, 49 earned runs, 22 K).

Key Losses: Julia Lucas (C, Second Team All-GNAC), Emery Norwood (OF), Kylie Lopez (IF).

Top Freshmen: Chloe Leverington (P, R/R, 6-0, Forks, Wash. – Forks), Kylie Parson (P, R/R, 6-0, Pendleton, Ore. – Pendleton), Destiny Salamanca (IF, 5-6, Norwalk, Calif. – Saint Paul), Kekai Schultz (C, 5-3, Ridgefield, Wash. – Ridgefield), Kaleena Yra (OF, 5-3, Vallejo, Calif. – St. Patrick-St. Vincent).

Top Transfers: Natalie Zender (OF, 5-5, So., Bellingham, Wash. – Skagit Valley CC).

2022 GNAC SOFTBALL TEAMS AT A GLANCE**SIMON FRASER****Head Coach:** Tina Andreana (Oregon State, 2013, 13-5, 3rd Season)**Assistant Coach:** Stacy Founier, Keno Magano**2021 Overall Record:** Did Not Play **GNAC Record (Finish):** Did Not Play**Total Returners:** 12**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/4**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2/0**Key Returning Position Players:** Hannah Boulanger (IF, R/R, 5-5, Jr., Abbotsford, B.C. – Yale Secondary, 2020: 17 GP, .362 batting avg., 7 runs, 17 hits, 2 2B, 4 HR, .660 slugging pct., .415 on base pct.), Hanna Finkelstein (P/UT, R/R, 5-7, Jr., Richmond, B.C. – LIU Post, 2020: 18 GP, .297 batting avg., 15 runs, 19 hits, 4 2B, 3 HR, 20 RBI, .500 slugging pct., 2 SB), Chelsea Hotner (OF, L/R, 5-5, Jr., Abbotsford, B.C. – Yale, 2020: 18 GP, .323 batting avg., 14 runs, 21 hits, 4 2B, 1 HR, .462 slugging pct.), Alex Ogg (3B, L/R, 5-6, Jr., Surrey, B.C. – Earl Marriott, 2020: 18 GP, .521 batting avg., 21 runs, 37 hits, 9 2B, 2 3B, 15 RBI, .704 slugging pct., .541 on base pct., 3 SB).**Key Returning Pitchers:** Julia Hansen (P, R/R, 5-9, Fr., Beaconsfield, Que. – Beaconsfield, 2020: 12 appearances, 2-3, 5.35 ERA, 34 IP, 54 hits, 31 runs, 26 earned runs, 14 K), Anissa Zacharczuk (P/UT, L/R, 5-8, So., Kitchener, Ont. – Waterloo Collegiate Institute, 2020: 13 appearances, 10-0, 3.58 ERA, 70.1 IP, 97 hits, 47 runs, 36 earned runs, 25 K).**Key Losses:** Kate Fergusson (1B/OF), Amanda Janes (C).**Top Freshmen:** Janique Balcean (IF, R/L, 5-4, Winnipeg, Man. – St. Mary's Academy), Avery Barker (IF, R/R, 5-4, Abbotsford, B.C. – Yale), Breanne Beardsall (C, R/L, 5-4, Barrie, Ont. – St. Joseph's), Gabby Coderre (OF/C, R/R, 5-5, Calgary, Alta. – Calgary French & International), Kristen Davyduke (IF, R/R, 5-6, Saksatoon, Sask. – Tommy Douglas), Abby McGlynn (OF, L/R, 5-8, Langley, B.C. – Walnut Grove), Jasmine Polajzar (IF, R/R, 5-7, Langley, B.C. – Yale), Laura Winters (IF, R/R, 5-8, Brooklin, Ont. – Brooklin).**Top Transfers:** Makayla Benz (P, R/R, 6-1, So., Simcoe, Ont. – Lawrence Technological Univ.), Grace Peters (IF/OF, R/R, 5-3, R/R, 5-3, Fr., Melbourne, Australia – Deakin Univ. (Australia)).**WESTERN OREGON****Head Coach:** Lonny Sargent (Warner Pacific 2001, 230-195, 9th Season; 16th Season Overall, 436-360)**Assistant Coaches:** Alyson Boytz, Nikki Miller**2021 Overall Record:** 14-17**GNAC Record (Finish):** 9-11 (5th)**Total Returners:** 17**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/3**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 4/1**Key Returning Position Players:** Logan Carlos (2B, R/R, 5-2, Sr., Mililani, Hawaii – Maryknoll, 28 GP, .288 batting avg., 11 runs, 21 hits, 4 2B, 1 HR, 7 RBI), Kirah McGlothan (OF, R/R, 5-6, Jr., Pendleton, Ore. – Pendleton, 28 GP, .203 batting avg., 8 runs, 13 hits, 5 2B, 3 HR, 11 RBI, .422 slugging pct.), Bella Valdes (OF, L/R, 5-2, So., Tualatin, Ore. – Tualatin, Second Team All-GNAC, 20 GP, .273 batting avg., 6 runs, 9 hits, 1 2B, 3 RBI), Zoie Recolan (1B, L/L, 5-5, Jr., Ewa Beach, Hawaii – Campbell, Second Team All-GNAC, 23 GP, .258 batting avg., 4 runs, 17 hits, 3 2B, 2 HR, 9 RBI), Baylie Kahele (C, R/R, 5-3, Sr., Mililani, Hawaii – Maryknoll, 19 GP, .261 batting avg., 5 runs, 12 hits, 7 RBI).**Key Returning Pitchers:** Reilly Tidwell (P, R/R, 6-0, Sr., Marana, Ariz. – Mountain View, 13 appearances, 2-5, 3.94 ERA, 48 IP, 50 hits, 31 runs, 27 earned runs, 28 K, .284 opponent batting avg.), Erica Soliz (P, R/R, 5-7, So., Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. – Alta Loma, 9 appearances, 2-2, 4.38 ERA, 31 IP, 44 hits, 25 runs, 20 earned runs, 14 K), Nicki Derrick (P, R/R, 5-5, So., Drain, Ore. – North Douglas, 12 appearances, 3-1, 4.64 ERA, 24.2 IP, 27 hits, 21 runs, 17 earned runs, 16 K, .273 opponent batting avg.), Maddie Mayer (P, L/L, 5-8, Sr., Portland, Ore. – Rex Putnam, 14 appearances, 4-6, 5.63 ERA, 79 hits, 49 runs, 44 earned runs, 27 K).**Key Losses:** Chandler Bishop (P/UT, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA All-West Region), Aleya Turner (OF, Second Team All-GNAC), Sydney Bowers (SS, Second Team All-GNAC), Allyson Drury (OF, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA All-West Region).**Top Freshmen:** Kate Ronning (IF/OF, 5-6, Keizer, Ore. – McNary), Maddie Doig (OF, 5-5, Dallas, Ore. – Dallas).**Top Transfers:** Chelsea Smith (P, 5-7, Jr., Tacoma, Wash. – UT Tyler).

2022 GNAC SOFTBALL TEAMS AT A GLANCE**WESTERN WASHINGTON****Head Coach:** Sheryl Gilmore (Western Washington 2011, 60-44, 4th Season)**Assistant Coaches:** Shearyna Labasan, Leah Francis, Tamia Hirano**2021 Overall Record:** 23-14**GNAC Record (Finish):** 11-9 (3rd, won GNAC Championships)**Total Returners:** 20**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 8/3**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 1/1

Key Returning Position Players: Dakota Brooks (IF, R/R, 5-5, Sr., Pe Ell, Wash. – Centralia CC, 37 GP, .232 batting avg., 12 runs, 23 hits, 5 2B, 5 HR, 16 RBI, .434 slugging pct.), Tatum Dow (SS, R/R, 5-8, Sr., Issaquah, Wash. – Bellevue Coll., GNAC Newcomer of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, NFCA & D2CCA First Team All-West Region, Second Team NFCA All-American, 37 GP, .417 batting avg., 26 runs, 48 hits, 7 2B, 6 HR, .635 slugging pct., .481 on base pct.), Brooke Fesenbek (3B, R/R, 5-7, Jr., Olympia, Wash. – Olympia, Second Team All-GNAC, 34 GP, .347 batting avg., 12 runs, 35 hits, 6 2B, 2 HR, .465 slugging pct.), Lauren Lo (OF, L/R, 5-7, Sr., Issaquah, Wash. – Skyline, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, 37 GP, .382 batting avg., 27 runs, 42 hits, 12 2B, 3 HR, 19 RBI, .591 slugging pct., .432 on base pct.), Megan Marino (IF, R/R, 5-7, Sr., Bothell, Wash. – Bellevue Coll., 28 GP, .259 batting avg., 11 runs, 15 hits, 3 2B, 1 HR, 9 RBI), Chantelle Shimabukuro (IF, R/R, 5-6, Sr., Aiea, Hawaii – Edmonds CC, 37 GP, .292 batting avg., 21 runs, 33 hits, 8 2B, 1 HR, 20 RBI), Rylie Wales (OF, L/R, 5-8, Sr., Snohomish, Wash. – Snohomish, 35 GP, .292 batting avg., 12 runs, 26 hits, 10 2B, 3 HR, 20 RBI, .506 slugging pct.).

Key Returning Pitchers: Kira Doan (P/IF, L/R, 5-6, Sr., Brier, Wash. – Mountlake Terrace, First Team All-GNAC, 20 appearances, 8-7, 2.53 ERA, 83 IP, 83 hits, 43 runs, 30 earned runs, 67 K, .249 opponent batting avg.).

Key Losses: Anna Kasner (P, First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Championships MVP, D2CCA West Region Pitcher of the Year, First Team D2CCA & NFCA All-West Region), Makenzie Palmer (OF, Second Team All-GNAC), Erica Hardy (C).

Top Freshmen: Anna Hook (IF, R/R, 5-9, Bonney Lake, Wash. – Bonney Lake), Jenna Maxfield (IF, R/R, 5-8, Lynnwood, Wash. – Mountlake Terrace), Joie Baker (P, R/R, 5-5, Mililani, Hawaii – Mililani), Lexi Barcomb (UT, L/R, 5-3, Pasco, Wash. – Chiawana), Amaya Davis (IF, R/R, 5-3, Kennewick, Wash. – Kennewick), Kanilehua Pitoy (UT, R/R, 5-5, Honolulu, Hawaii – Roosevelt), Ellie Jespersen (IF, R/R, 5-3, Spruce Grove, Alta. – Spruce Grove Composite).

Top Transfers: Kinzey Williams (UT, L/R, 5-7, Jr., Kelso, Wash. – Lower Columbia CC).