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## 2023 GNAC Softball Championships

### Northwest Nazarene

# NIGHTHAWKS



Wagner



Booth



McNicoll

**Overall Record:** 33-15 **GNAC:** 21-3 (1st)

Northwest Nazarene earned its third straight GNAC regular-season title with a torrid April, going 15-3. The Nighthawks enter the GNAC Championships on a seven-game win streak. In conference games, NNU is hitting .309 and owns a 1.60 ERA, leading the GNAC in both categories.

Senior Tori Hensley leads NNU in both hitting and pitching, ranking third with a .373 batting average and second with a 1.94 ERA. Junior Sidney Booth is third in the conference with a 1.98 ERA and is also doing the job at the plate, batting .271 with 28 RBI.

Senior Maia McNicoll is batting .299 on the season. She is tied for first in the GNAC with 41 RBIs and is second with 86 total bases. Freshman Jami Obringer is batting .313 in 42 games in her freshman campaign.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Siolo Church	OF	L/R	5-4	Jr.	Meridian, Idaho (Mountain View)
2	Gina Skinner	P/IF	L/R	5-5	Jr.	Moses Lake, Wash. (Moses Lake)
3	Abigail Gagnon	IF	R/R	5-7	Jr.	Meridian, Idaho (Meridian)
4	Clarissa Moreno	IF	R/R	5-6	So.	Selma, Calif. (Boise State Univ.)
6	Emalee Romero	IF	R/R	5-7	Fr.	Eastvale, Calif. (Eleanor Roosevelt)
8	Kaylee Duncan	IF/OF	R/R	5-6	Fr.	Yuba City, Calif. (Sutter Union)
9	Maia McNicoll	OF	R/R	5-5	Sr.	Kaneohe, Hawaii (Maryknoll)
10	Mari Kamemoto	OF	L/R	5-2	So.	Seattle, Wash. (Bishop Blanchet)
11	Lynsey Chiala	P	R/R	5-4	Fr.	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos)
12	Emma Bumatay	UT	R/R	5-9	Fr.	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis North)
13	Dominique Trevino	OF	L/L	5-2	Jr.	Selma, Calif. (Selma)
14	Emma Mulligan	IF	R/R	5-3	Jr.	Reedley, Calif. (Reedley)
17	Charlotte Forniss	P/IF	R/R	5-8	So.	Paso Robles, Calif. (Templeton)
18	Tori Hensley	P	R/R	5-9	Sr.	Kirkland, Wash. (Boise State Univ.)
19	Emilie Hernandez	IF	L/L	5-8	Jr.	Visalia, Calif. (Redwood)
20	Jami Obringer	UT	R/R	5-7	Fr.	Newbury Park, Calif. (Newbury Park)
21	Kellcie Adams	C	R/R	5-6	So.	Bakersfield, Calif. (Frontier)
22	Madison Felter	OF	R/R	5-8	Jr.	Reno, Nevada (Damonte)
23	Olivia Bailey	UT	R/R	5-2	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nevada (Bishop Gorman)
24	Sidney Booth	P/UT	L/L	5-4	Jr.	Puyallup, Wash. (Puyallup)

**Head Coach:** Rich Wagner

**Assistant Coaches:** Hallie Swanson, Brittany Genuardi, Rylee Thomas

# NIGHTHAWKS

### Saint Martin's

# SAINTS



Peterson



Agena



Patrick

**Overall Record:** 28-16 **GNAC:** 15-9 (2nd)

Thanks to inclement weather earlier in the season, Saint Martin's played one-third of its conference season over the final week of the regular season. The Saints met the challenge, going 6-2 to earn the tournament's No. 2 seed.

The Saints rank second in the GNAC with a 3.13 ERA and third with a .282 batting average. Junior Tia Ridings is sixth in the GNAC with a 2.69 ERA while sophomore Chloe Leverington is top-five in Division II with 12 saves.

Offensively, freshman Haley Agena leads the conference with a .434 batting average and ranks third with 59 hits. Junior Britney Patrick is seventh in the GNAC with a .341 average while junior Vanessa Smoke has 17 hits and six doubles on the season.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Shay Lopes	UT	R/R	5-4	So.	Waianae, Hawaii (Waianae)
2	Tia Ridings	P	L/L	5-4	Jr.	Tualatin, Ore. (Tualatin)
4	Kekai Schultz	C	R/R	5-3	So.	Ridgefield, Wash. (Ridgefield)
5	Destiny Conerly	IF	R/R	5-9	Jr.	Spanaway, Wash. (Puyallup)
6	Malia Pinder	IF	L/L	5-2	Jr.	Bothell, Wash. (North Creek)
7	Vanessa Smoke	UT	R/R	5-2	Jr.	Troutdale, Ore. (Reynolds)
8	Rylee Gaudia	C/IF	R/R	5-8	Fr.	Kaneohe, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
9	Destiny Salamanca	IF	R/R	5-6	So.	Norwalk, Calif. (Saint Paul)
10	Britney Patrick	IF	R/R	5-8	Jr.	Raymond, Wash. (Willapa Valley)
13	Abby Runyon	P	R/R	5-8	Jr.	Brush Prairie, Wash. (Hockinson)
15	Shelby Lawson	IF	R/R	5-7	Fr.	Des Moines, Wash. (Kennedy Catholic)
18	Chloe Leverington	P	R/R	6-0	So.	Forks, Wash. (Forks)
19	Olivia Matlock	IF/P	R/R	5-9	Fr.	Menlo, Wash. (Willapa Valley)
20	Olivia Schmidt	OF	R/R	5-9	Jr.	Eugene, Ore. (Sheldon)
21	Kayleigh Lugowski	OF	R/R	5-10	Fr.	Rocklin, Calif. (Del Oro)
23	Megan Convery	OF	L/R	5-2	Jr.	Fairview, Ore. (Reynolds)
24	Marisol Bergstrom	OF	L/L	5-6	So.	Port Orchard, Wash. (South Kitsap)
25	Haley Agena	OF	L/R	5-1	Fr.	Mililani, Hawaii (Kamehameha)
28	Jaycee Schmolli	OF	R/R	5-6	Fr.	Bothell, Wash. (North Creek)
30	Kaleena Yra	OF	L/L	5-3	So.	Vallejo, Calif. (St. Patrick - St. Vincent)

**Head Coach:** Jim Peterson

**Assistant Coaches:** Amber Manuel, Tess Dixon, Adrian Manuel

## Western Oregon WOLVES



Boytz Doig McGough

**Overall Record:** 22-28 **GNAC:** 11-13 (4th)

Western Oregon is in the GNAC Championships thanks to a little help from its friends. After going 9-3 over the first three series of the season, the Wolves have lost seven straight entering the tournament.

The Wolves have excelled in the circle, ranking third in the GNAC with a 3.16 ERA. Senior Maddie Mayer is fourth in the conference with a 2.24 ERA while senior Chelsea Smith is ninth with a 3.20 ERA.

Sophomore Maddie Doig is the Wolves' leading hitter, ranking 10th with a .330 batting average. Senior Natalie Willoughby is batting .320 while junior Katelyn McGough is hitting .281 and is tied for fourth in the GNAC with 12 doubles.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Bella Valdes	IF	L/R	5-2	Jr.	Tualatin, Ore. (Tualatin)
2	Kate Ronning	IF	R/R	5-6	So.	Keizer, Ore. (McNary)
3	Logan Carlos	IF	R/R	5-2	Sr.	Mililani, Hawaii (Maryknoll)
4	Katelyn McGough	OF	R/R	5-6	Jr.	Raymond, Wash. (Lower Columbia CC)
5	Karly Tiedeman	OF	R/R	5-7	Jr.	Lake Tapps, Wash. (Auburn Riverside)
6	Maddie Thomasetti	IF	R/R	5-10	So.	Belgrade, Mont. (Belgrade)
7	Maddie Doig	OF	R/R	5-5	So.	Dallas, Ore. (Dallas)
8	Sophie Franklin	OF	R/R	5-5	Jr.	Camas, Wash. (Camas)
9	Sydney Conklin	IF	R/R	5-5	Fr.	Corvallis, Ore. (Corvallis)
10	Nicki Derrick	UT	R/R	5-5	Jr.	Drain, Ore. (North Douglas)
11	Kirah McGlothan	OF	R/R	5-6	Sr.	Pendleton, Ore. (Pendleton)
12	Carly Turpen	UT	R/R	5-5	Fr.	Boise, Idaho (Capital)
13	Carley Schlag	OF	L/R	5-5	Fr.	Salem, Ore. (Sprague)
14	Reese Prater	UT	R/R	5-8	Fr.	Steilacoom, Wash. (Steilacoom)
15	Baylie Kahele	C	R/R	5-3	Sr.	Mililani, Hawaii (Maryknoll)
16	Chelsea Smith	P	R/R	5-7	Sr.	Tacoma, Wash. (Hesston Coll.)
18	Maddie Brander	IF	L/R	5-7	Sr.	Pasco, Wash. (Tri-Cities Prep)
19	McKenna Marshall	C	R/R	5-6	Jr.	Brentwood, Calif. (Southwest Oregon CC)
21	Victoria Zimmerman	OF	L/R	5-0	Fr.	Ellensburg, Wash. (Ellensburg)
22	Natalie Willoughby	C	R/R	6-0	Jr.	Junction City, Ore. (Willamette)
24	Ellie Ravins	IF	R/R	5-5	Fr.	Hillsboro, Ore. (Glencoe)
25	Erica Soliz	UT	R/R	5-7	Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Alta Loma)
27	Chelby Smalley	C	R/R	5-7	Jr.	Medford, Ore. (Clackamas CC)
28	Isabelle Lewis	IF	R/R	5-3	Jr.	Oregon City, Ore. (Oregon City)
30	Savina Molina	IF	R/R	5-3	So.	Manteca, Calif. (East Union)
32	Emma Cordero	UT	R/R	5-3	Fr.	Salem, Ore. (South Salem)
33	Maddie Mayer	P	L/L	5-8	Sr.	Portland, Ore. (Rex Putnam)

**Head Coach:** Aly Boytz

**Assistant Coaches:** Zoe Butterfield, Nikki Miller

## Western Washington VIKINGS



Gilmore Fesenbek Ramirez

**Overall Record:** 24-21 **GNAC:** 13-11 (3rd)

Western Washington secured its sixth GNAC Championships appearance by winning six of its last seven games. The Vikings took all four games in a neutral-site showdown with Montana State Billings and split four games with Saint Martin's.

The top hitting team in the GNAC, Western Washington has a .301 batting average on the season. Freshman Hailey Rath leads the team and is sixth in the GNAC with a .345 batting average. Senior Brooke Fesenbek is one of seven WWU batters hitting .300 or better with a .318 average.

Senior Mareena Ramirez has emerged as one of the top pitchers in the GNAC. She is tied for first in the conference with 16 wins and a 1.87 ERA. Ramirez also ranks among the leaders in Division II with 162 strikeouts.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Hailey Rath	IF	R/R	5-8	Fr.	Eatonville, Wash. (Eatonville)
2	Rachel Christensen	C	L/L	5-5	Sr.	Snohomish, Wash. (Everett)
8	Mareena Ramirez	P	R/R	5-4	Sr.	Maple Valley, Wash. (Idaho State)
10	Kinzey Williams	UT	L/R	5-7	Sr.	Kelso, Wash. (Lower Columbia)
12	Hanako Hirai	P	L/L	5-4	Jr.	Bellevue, Wash. (Newport)
13	Joie Baker	P	R/R	5-5	So.	Mililani, Hawaii (Easton Preps)
14	McKenna Crum	OF	L/R	5-3	So.	Southridge, Wash. (Seattle Univ.)
15	Kanilehua Pitoy	UT	R/R	5-5	So.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Easton Prep)
16	Taylor Khorrami	OF	L/R	5-7	Jr.	Snohomish, Wash. (Snohomish)
18	Isabella Bay	IF	L/R	5-7	Fr.	Spokane, Wash. (North Central)
19	Kya Jenkins	IF	R/R	5-4	Fr.	Vancouver, Wash. (Skyview)
20	Mikayla Liljenberg	IF	L/R	5-2	Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Stadium)
21	Lexi Barcomb	OF	L/R	5-3	So.	Pasco, Wash. (Chiawana)
22	Emily Paulson	C	R/R	5-6	Jr.	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard)
23	Isabel Cargill	OF	L/R	5-4	Jr.	Tracy, Wash. (Idaho State Univ.)
24	Amaya Davis	3B	R/R	5-3	So.	Kennewick, Wash. (Kennewick)
27	Paris Dellamaggiore	C/IF	R/R	5-4	Fr.	Clovis, Calif. (Clovis East)
32	Alexis Slater	P	R/R	5-6	Fr.	Everett, Wash. (Mariner)
44	Brooke Fesenbek	1B	R/R	5-7	Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Olympia)

**Head Coach:** Sheryl Gilmore

**Assistant Coaches:** Shearyan Labasan, Leah Francis

**Graduate Assistant:** Megan Marino



# 2023 GNAC Softball Championships

## 2023 Regular Season Standings

	GNAC			All			H	A	N
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Northwest Nazarene	21	3	.875	33	15	.688	15-5	15-2	3-8
Saint Martin's	15	9	.625	28	16	.636	12-4	8-10	8-2
Western Washington	13	11	.542	24	21	.533	6-3	7-14	11-4
Western Oregon	11	13	.458	22	28	.440	9-4	5-18	8-6
Montana St. Billings	10	14	.417	18	28	.391	8-4	4-14	6-10
Central Washington	9	15	.375	21	27	.438	9-9	8-12	4-6
Simon Fraser	5	19	.208	11	36	.234	2-10	3-16	6-10

## Tournament Schedule

May 4-6, 2023

Beedie Field

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C.

Thurs., May 4

Game 1: No. 2 Saint Martin's vs. No. 3 Western Washington, Noon

Game 2: Northwest Nazarene vs. No. 4 Western Oregon, 2:30 p.m.

Game 3: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 5 p.m.

(Elimination Game)

Fri., May 5

Game 4: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, Noon

Game 5: Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 2:30 p.m.

(Elimination Game)

Sat., May 6

Game 6: Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5, Noon

Game 7: Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6 (if necessary),

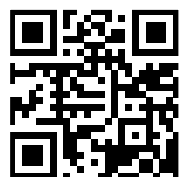
2:30 p.m.

**Live Video:** Live video for all GNAC Championships games will be available at GNAC.tv.

## On The Cover

The quest for the GNAC trophy travels north of the border for three days of softball action in Burnaby, B.C. Clockwise from top left: Hailey Rath (Western Washington), Vanessa Smoke (Saint Martin's), Maddie Mayer (Western Oregon) and Tori Hensley (Northwest Nazarene).

## History & Records



History and records for both the GNAC Softball Championships and GNAC softball can be found by scanning the QR Code or visiting <http://bit.ly/2oObbvY>

## Tournament Preview

BURNABY, B.C. – Northwest Nazarene was almost impossible to beat in the conference regular season. Now the Nighthawks lead the field as the GNAC Softball Championships begin on Thursday at Beedie Field on the campus of Simon Fraser University.

The Nighthawks won their third consecutive regular-season title with an impressive 18-3 conference mark and enter the GNAC Championships with a 33-15 overall record. Northwest Nazarene is on a seven-game win streak and went 15-3 in the month of April.

While leading the GNAC with a 2.07 ERA and ranking fourth with a .273 batting average, NNU finished with a 1.60 ERA and a .309 batting average in conference play, leading the GNAC in both categories. The Nighthawks outscored GNAC teams 140-46 and limited opponents to a .227 batting average.

Senior Tori Hensley leads NNU both in the circle and at the plate. She ranks second in the GNAC with a 1.94 ERA, compiling a 14-5 record, and ranks third in the conference with a .373 batting average and is fourth with 57 hits. Junior Sidney Booth continues to be a two-way threat in 2023, ranking third in the conference with a 1.98 ERA and sharing the GNAC lead with 16 wins. At the plate, Booth is hitting .271 with 39 hits and 28 RBIs.

Senior Maia McNicoll enters the championships with a .299 batting average. She ranks second in the GNAC with 86 total bases, is fourth with a .585 slugging percentage and is tied for fourth with 12 doubles.

Thanks to inclement weather early in the season, Saint Martin's was forced to play one-third of its conference schedule over the final week of the regular season. The Saints met the challenge, going 6-2 over that stretch to clinch the No. 2 seed and their third straight GNAC Championships berth.

Finishing 15-9 in GNAC play and 28-16 overall, the Saints enter the tournament ranked second in the GNAC with a 3.13 ERA and third with a .282 batting average. The Saints' 24 home runs are second among the teams in the championships field.

Junior Tia Ridings leads the SMU pitching staff, ranking sixth with a 2.69 ERA. She has 15 wins and a .239 opponent batting average in 112 innings. Sophomore Chloe Leverington has a 2.81 ERA and her 12 saves rank in the top five in Division II.

Offensively, freshman Haley Agena leads the conference with a .493 batting average and a .493 on-base percentage. Junior Britney Patrick is batting .341 while freshman Shelby Lawson is batting .320.

Western Washington secured the No. 3 seed with a late-season run, sweeping four games from Montana State Billings in a neutral-site series in Yakima on April 22 and 23 before splitting a rain make-up doubleheader with Saint Martin's on April 26. The Vikings won six of their final seven games of the regular season.

The only GNAC team hitting above .300 this season, Western Washington leads the conference with a .301 batting average and is fourth with a 3.21 ERA. The team's .239 opponent batting average ranks second in the league.

Senior Mareena Ramirez has been a flamethrower for the Vikings in the circle, leading the conference with a 1.87 ERA. She tied for first with 16 wins and is among the Division II leaders with 162 strikeouts. In 157.1 innings, Ramirez has allowed 56 runs and just 25 extra-base hits.

Freshman Hailey Rath has been the Vikings' top offensive threat, ranking sixth in the GNAC with a .345 batting average and fifth with 51 hits. Senior Kinzey Williams is hitting .331 on the season and is sixth in the conference with 49 hits.

Despite losing its last seven games of the regular season, Western Oregon reached the GNAC Championships as the No. 4 seed. The Wolves howled over the first half of the conference season, going 9-3 in their first three series. They were stung late, dropping three of four games at Montana State Billings and all four games in the final weekend to Northwest Nazarene.

Western Oregon has excelled in the circle, ranking third in the GNAC with a 3.16 ERA. Senior Maddie Mayer ranks fourth in the conference with a 2.24 ERA while limiting opponents to a .229 batting average. Senior Chelsea Smith owns a 3.20 ERA and a .223 opponent batting average while striking out 148 in 122.2 innings.

The Wolves own a .237 team batting average with sophomore Maddie Doig ranking 10th individually with a .330 batting average. Senior Natalie Willoughby owns a .320 batting average.