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## Nighthawks Unanimous Favorite To Repeat As Softball Champs In 2023

PORTLAND, Ore. – Northwest Nazarene won it all in 2022 and, with a loaded lineup returning, they are the favorites to win it again in 2023.

The Nighthawks picked up all seven first-place votes to emerge as the unanimous favorite in the 2023 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Softball Preseason Coaches Poll.

With 49 total points, Northwest Nazarene leads a poll that matches the final 2022 regular-season standings for the top five spots. Saint Martin's is picked second with 36 points with Western Washington close behind in third with 35 points. Central Washington is picked fourth with 32 points.

Western Oregon, which tied with Simon Fraser for fifth in 2022, is picked fifth with 21 points. The Wolves are followed by Montana State Billings in sixth (12 points) and Simon Fraser in seventh (11 points).

Northwest Nazarene was solid in all areas of the game last season. In the circle, Nighthawks led the conference and ranked 34th in Division II with a 2.33 ERA and led the conference with 171 runs allowed and a .227 opponent batting average. Offensively, NNU was third in the conference with a .285 batting average and led the way with 303 runs, 219 walks and a .381 on-base percentage. The Nighthawks were second in the GNAC with 414 hits and 35 home runs.

The Nighthawks return just about every difference-maker from last year, including eight starting position players and all three starting pitchers. Junior **Sidney Booth** was the 2022 GNAC Pitcher of the Year and earned Second Team All-West Region honors with her league-leading 1.71 ERA and 18-12 record. In 201 innings, Booth allowed just 72 runs, limited opponents to a .199 batting average and finished 17th in Division II with 218 strikeouts. At the plate, she was fifth in the GNAC with a .372 batting average and ranked third with 14 doubles and 47 RBIs.

In fact, NNU returns multiple two-way threats. Senior **Tori Hensley** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors after finishing with a 10-5 record and 2.92 ERA while batting .323 with 43 hits and 22 RBIs. Sophomore **Charlotte Forniss** was a First Team All-GNAC honoree and the GNAC Freshman of the Year after she posted a 3.03 ERA, allowing just 22 runs in 39.1 innings while batting .290 with a .484 slugging percentage.

Senior outfielder **Maia McNicoll** batted .290, was tied for first in the GNAC with 11 RBI and finished seventh in Division II with 66 RBI to earn First Team All-GNAC honors. Junior infielder **Abigail Gagnon** batted .303 with 46 hits and 25 RBIs to earn Second Team All-GNAC distinction.

Saint Martin's posted its first 30-win season since 2016 and just its fourth in the GNAC era. The Saints were most formidable in the circle, ranking third in the conference with a 3.72 ERA. While the Saints' .271 batting average ranked sixth in the conference, their power numbers

### 2023 GNAC Softball Preseason Coaches Poll

Team (1st Place Votes)	2022 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Northwest Nazarene (7)	35-21 (18-6, 1st)	49
2. Saint Martin's	31-20 (17-7, 2nd)	36
3. Western Washington	29-24 (15-9, 3rd)	35
4. Central Washington	20-27 (10-14, 4th)	32
5. Western Oregon	24-26 (9-15, tie 5th)	21
6. Montana State Billings	13-34 (6-18, 7th)	12
7. Simon Fraser	18-22, 9-15 (tie 5th)	11

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

made up the difference with 109 extra-base hits and 76 doubles. Like Northwest Nazarene, SMU returns an experienced lineup with seven returning position players and all three starting pitchers.

The pitching staff is led by sophomore **Chloe Leverington**, who earned First Team All-GNAC and Second Team D2CCA All-West Region honors thanks to 13 wins and a 2.27 ERA. In 114 innings, Leverington struck out 109 batters and allowed just 52 runs and 15 walks. She ranked 10th in Division II with a 7.27 strikeout-to-walk ratio and 20th with 0.92 walks per seven innings. Junior **Tia Ridings** compiled a 3.78 ERA with nine wins while junior **Abby Runyon** had eight wins with a 4.28 ERA.

Junior infielder **Malia Pinder** collected First Team All-GNAC and Second Team D2CCA All-West Region honors after finishing fourth in the conference with a .377 batting average and 28 walks. She finished second with a .473 on-base percentage while compiling 58 hits and 38 RBIs. Junior utility player **Vanessa Smoke** batted .291 with 42 hits, 21 runs and 24 RBIs while sophomore **Shay Lopes** batted .273 with 35 hits and seven stolen bases. Junior infielder **Destiny Conerly** was an Honorable Mention All-GNAC choice while batting .325 with 28 hits and 30 runs.

Western Washington continued to be a well-rounded program, finishing second in the GNAC with a .291 batting average and 3.91 ERA. The Vikings led the conference with 442 hits, 88 doubles and 15 triples and were among the best fielding teams in Division II with a .969 fielding percentage.

The Vikings lose some key parts to the offensive puzzle but return a number of experienced starters. Senior catcher **Rachel Christensen** batted .261 with 24 hits and 10 RBIs. She also did her part to limit the opponent's offense, throwing out 20 of 34 possible base stealers. Senior outfielder **Taylor Khorrami** batted .213 in 46 games last year while sophomore **Kanilehua Pitoy** hit .289 with 10 doubles and 16 RBIs.

Junior **Sydney Brown** was the Vikings' top pitcher in 2022, ranking third in the GNAC with a 2.50 ERA. In 103.2 innings, Brown allowed just 46 hits, struck out 88 batters and ranked second in the conference with a .211 opponent batting average.

Central Washington placed fourth in the GNAC in the program's first season under longtime Division I coach **Joe DiPietro**. The Wildcats finished with a .282 batting average and 4.26 ERA. The Wildcats will aim to move up in the standings with eight returning starters who all contributed at the plate.

Senior outfielder **Allie Thiessen** earned First Team All-GNAC honors after she finished eighth in the conference with a .358 batting average and 34 runs and ninth with 53 hits and a .429 on-base percentage. Senior catcher **Alyssa Benthagen** was also a First Team All-GNAC choice after she batted .313 with 47 hits, 11 home runs and 39 RBIs. Her .580 slugging percentage ranked eighth in the GNAC. Senior infielders **Myiah Seaton** and **Harlee Carpenter** were both named Honorable Mention All-GNAC as both players batted .289. Seaton finished with 41 hits, 18 RBIs and 10 stolen bases while Carpenter finished with 32 runs and 19 RBIs.

The Wildcats bring back one pitcher in senior **Isabel Womack**, who had seven wins in 22 appearances and 20 starts with a 4.19 ERA. She allowed 84 runs, struck out 70 and limited opponents to a .240 batting average.

Western Oregon will rely on a corps of eight returning position players and two starting pitchers to lead the way under interim head coach and program alumnae **Aly Boytz**, who took over after the retirement of Lonny Sargent. The Wolves finished 2022 batting .280 as a team, hitting 28 home runs and finishing third in the conference with 212 RBIs and a 3.85 ERA.

Senior second baseman **Logan Carlos** leads the returners. The First Team All-GNAC and All-West Region selection led the conference with 65 hits and a .678 slugging percentage and was third with a .380 batting average. She finished third in the GNAC with 37 runs scored and was tied for fourth with 10 home runs. Junior catcher **Natalie Willoughby** earned Second Team All-GNAC honors as she batted .355 with 50 hits. She tied for first in the conference with 11 home runs and was second to Carlos with a .674 slugging percentage.

In the circle, senior **Maddie Mayer** was named Second Team All-GNAC after she earned nine wins and compiled a 3.11 ERA in 17 starts. She struck out 83 and allowed opponents a .264 batting average. Senior **Chelsey Smith** finished with nine wins and a 3.81 ERA and had a .237 opponent batting average in 93.2 innings.

Montana State Billings is expected to inch up in the standings after finishing seventh in 2022 with 13 total wins. The Yellowjackets were one of the top power-hitting teams, leading the conference with 45 home runs and ranking 32nd in Division II with 0.96 home runs per game. They finished the year with a .245 batting average and a 4.76 ERA.

The Yellowjackets will aim to reload with just three returning position starters while bringing back all three starting pitchers. Senior third baseman **Marin Penney** was an Honorable Mention All-GNAC selection after batting .239 with 28 hits, six home runs and a .444 slugging percentage. Senior catcher **Maycen O'Neal**, the 2022 GNAC Newcomer of the Year, batted .240 with 29 hits and 20 RBIs. Senior pitcher **Alyssa Etheridge** was also an Honorable Mention All-GNAC choice after finishing with five wins and a 3.42 ERA in 23 appearances and 15 starts.

Despite tying for fifth last year with Western Oregon, Simon Fraser was the top-hitting team in the conference. In just 40 games, the Red Leafs led the conference with a .320 batting average and a .462 slugging percentage. Simon Fraser also excelled in putting the game in motion with a league-leading 57 stolen bases.

The Red Leafs are also looking to reload with the departure of four All-GNAC players. Sophomore outfielder **Janique Balcaen** leads the returns after she hit .333 as a freshman with 37 hits, nine doubles, 17 RBIs and a .468 slugging percentage. Junior outfielder **Megan Dulcos** batted .254 with 21 runs and 11 RBIs. Sophomore **Shaneika Hollingworth** leads two starting SFU pitchers with five wins and a 5.78 ERA.

The 2023 softball begins on Feb. 1 with Western Oregon hosting Bushnell for a doubleheader in Monmouth. All seven conference teams will be in action in tournaments in California and New Mexico beginning on Feb. 3. Conference play begins on Friday, Mar. 10 when Northwest Nazarene hosts Montana State Billings.

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## 2023 GNAC Softball Teams At A Glance

### CENTRAL WASHINGTON

**Head Coach:** Joe DiPietro (2nd Season, 20-27, 17th Season Overall, 267-440-1)

**Assistant Coach:** Haley Schimmel, Rhaney Harris

**2022 Overall Record:** 20-27

**GNAC Record (Finish):** 10-14, 4th

**Total Returners:** 17

**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 8/0

**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 1/1

**Key Returning Position Players:** Makenna King (IF, R/R, 5-4, Jr., Puyallup, Wash. – Emerald Ridge, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 45 GP, .341 batting avg., 12 runs, 43 hits, 7 2B, 1 3B, 17 RBI, .413 slugging pct.), Myiah Seaton (IF, R/R, 5-6, Sr., Tumwater, Wash. – Tumwater, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 47 GP, .289 batting avg., 23 runs, 41 hits, 8 2B, 1 3B, 18 RBI, 10 SB), Alyssa Benthagen (C/IF, R/R, 5-6, Sr., Spokane Valley, Wash. – University, First Team All-GNAC, 47 GP, .313 batting avg., 17 runs, 47 hits, 7 2B, 11 HR, 39 RBI, .580 slugging pct.), Allie Thiessen (OF, L/L, 5-5, Sr., Chilliwick, B.C. – Yale, First Team All-GNAC, 47 GP, .358 batting avg., 34 runs, 53 hits, 9 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 18 RBI, .453 slugging pct., .429 on-base pct.), Harlee Carpenter (IF, L/R, 5-2, Sr., Snohomish, Wash. – Glacier Peak, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 47 GP, .289 batting avg., 32 runs, 43 hits, 9 2B, 2 3B, 19 RBI, 5 SB).

**Key Returning Pitchers:** Isabel Womack (P, R/R, 6-0, Sr., Hillsboro, Ore. – Glencoe, 22 appearances, 20 starts, 7-10, 4.19 ERA, 107 IP, 101 hits, 84 runs, 64 earned runs, 78 K, .240 opponent batting avg.).

**Key Losses:** Rhaney Harris (P, Honorable Mention All-GNAC).

**Top Freshmen:** Payton Kessler (P, R/R, 5-7, Castle Rock, Wash. – Castle Rock), Anika Garcia (OF, R/R, 5-6, Yakima, Wash. – West Valley), Brina Baysinger (P, R/R, 5-5, Colorado Springs, Colo. – Air Academy).

**Top Transfers:** Heidi Heytvelt (OF, R/L, 5-6, Jr., Pomeroy, Wash. – Walla Walla CC), Anna Fridell (C, R/R, 5-10, Jr., Kenmore, Wash. – Edmonds CC), Kate Hopkins (OF, R/R, 5-3, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Walla Walla CC), Laney Kaysner (IF, B/R, 5-9, Jr., Snohomish, Wash. – Skagit Valley CC), Hannah Hvitved (C, R/R, 5-1, So., Snohomish, Wash. – Bellevue Coll.), Elise Allen (IF, R/R, 5-1, So., Snohomish, Wash. – Bellevue Coll.), Serena Perez (IF, R/R, 5-3, Sr., Round Rock, Texas – Tarleton State Univ.).

### MONTANA STATE BILLINGS

**Head Coach:** Lisa McKinney (Oregon State 2006, 9th Season, 148-174 (2011-2015, 2020-22), 11th Season Overall, 200-244)

**Assistant Coaches:** Taylor Olsen, Meg Harasymczuk

**2022 Overall Record:** 13-34

**GNAC Record (Finish):** 6-18 (7th)

**Total Returners:** 12

**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/5

**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/2

**Key Returning Position Players:** Lauren Blaschak (SS, R/R, 5-6, So., Billings, Mont. – Billings West, 25 GP, .358 batting avg., 13 runs, 24 hits, 6 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 17 RBI, .612 slugging pct.), Marin Penney (3B, R/R, 5-6, Sr., Lake Oswego, Ore. – Lake Oswego, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 42 GP, .239 batting avg., 16 runs, 28 hits, 4 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 21 RBI, .444 slugging pct.), Jazlyn Kalehuawehe (3B/1B, R/R, 5-7, So., Folsom, Calif. – Folsom, 35 GP, .247 batting avg., 9 runs, 21 hits, 1 2B, 6 HR, 13 RBI, .471 slugging pct.), Maycen O'Neal (C, R/R, 5-4, Sr., Brigham City, Utah – Dawson CC, GNAC Newcomer of the Year, 41 GP, .240 batting avg., 11 runs, 29 hits, 6 2B, 5 HR, 20 RBI, .413 slugging pct.).

**Key Returning Pitchers:** Alyssa Etheridge (P, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Grants Pass, Ore. – Grants Pass, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 23 appearances, 15 starts, 5-10, 3.42 ERA, 106.1 IP, 110 hits, 66 runs, 52 earned runs, 93 K, .270 opponent batting avg.), Julia Qualteri (P, R/R, 5-7, Sr., Parker, Colo. – Ponderosa, 23 appearances, 12 starts, 5-9, 5.03 ERA, 71 IP, 103 hits, 72 runs, 51 earned runs, 49 K).

**Key Losses:** Brittanee Fisher (1B, Second Team All-GNAC), Skyler Jenkins (C, Second Team All-GNAC).

**Top Freshmen:** Madelyne Elbert (2B/SS, R/R, 5-2, Arvada, Colo. – Pomona), Makayla Stoker (C/1B, R/R, 5-7, Meridian, Idaho – Bishop Kelly).

**Top Transfers:** None.

**2023 GNAC SOFTBALL TEAMS AT A GLANCE****NORTHWEST NAZARENE****Head Coach:** Rich Wagner (Northwest Nazarene 1999, 200-256, 11th Season)**Assistant Coaches:** Hallie Swanson, Brittany Genuardi**2022 Overall Record:** 35-21**GNAC Record:** 18-6 (1st, Won GNAC Championships)**Total Returners:** 13**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 8/1**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/0

**Key Returning Position Players:** Sidney Booth (P/UT, L/L, 5-4, Jr., Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Pitcher of the Year, GNAC Championships MVP, 56 GP, .372 batting avg., 36 runs, 58 hits, 14 2B, 1 3B, 7 HR, 47 RBI, .609 slugging pct., .495 on-base pct., Pitching: 33 appearances, 30 starts, 18-12, 1.71 ERA, 2 saves, 201 IP, 147 hits, 72 runs, 49 earned runs 218 K, .199 opponent batting avg.), Tori Hensley (P, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Kirkland, Wash. – Boise State Univ., Second Team All-GNAC, 50 GP, .323 batting avg., 15 runs, 43 hits, 5 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 22 RBI, Pitching: 20 appearances, 18 starts, 10-5, 2.92 ERA, 93.1 IP, 83 hits, 52 runs, 39 earned runs, 86 K, .226 opponent batting avg.), Abigail Gagnon (IF, R/R, 5-7, Jr., Meridian, Idaho – Meridian, Second Team All-GNAC, 56 GP, .303 batting avg., 24 runs, 46 hits, 12 2B, 3 HR, 25 RBI, .441 slugging pct.), Maia McNicoll (OF, R/R, 5-5, Sr., Kaneohe, Hawaii – Maryknoll, First Team All-GNAC, 56 GP, .290 batting avg., 32 runs, 47 hits, 5 2B, 2 3B, 11 HR, 66 RBI, .549 slugging pct.), Charlotte Forniss (P/IF, R/R, 5-8, So., Paso Robles, Calif. – Templeton, First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Freshman of the Year, 52 GP, .290 batting avg., 10 runs, 36 hits, 9 2B, 5 HR, .484 slugging pct., .400 on-base pct., Pitching: 12 appearances, 6 starts, 3-2, 3.03 ERA, 39.1 IP, 45 hits, 22 runs, 17 earned runs, 7 K, .290 opponent batting avg.), Emma Mulligan (IF, R/R, 5-3, Jr., Reedley, Calif. – Reedley, 56 GP, .52 batting avg., 56 runs, 41 hits, 11 2B, 1 3B, 18 RBI, .400 on-base pct., 22 SB).

**Key Retuning Pitchers:** Sidney Booth (P/UT, L/L, 5-4, Jr., Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Pitcher of the Year, GNAC Championships MVP, 33 appearances, 30 starts, 18-12, 1.71 ERA, 2 saves, 201 IP, 147 hits, 72 runs, 49 earned runs 218 K, .199 opponent batting avg.), Tori Hensley (P, R/R, 5-9, Sr., Kirkland, Wash. – Boise State Univ., Second Team All-GNAC, 20 appearances, 18 starts, 10-5, 2.92 ERA, 93.1 IP, 83 hits, 52 runs, 39 earned runs, 86 K, .226 opponent batting avg.), Charlotte Forniss (P/IF, R/R, 5-8, So., Paso Robles, Calif. – Templeton, First Team All-GNAC, GNAC Freshman of the Year, 12 appearances, 6 starts, 3-2, 3.03 ERA, 39.1 IP, 45 hits, 22 runs, 17 earned runs, 7 K, .290 opponent batting avg.), Gina Skinner (P/IF, L/R, 5-5, Jr., Moses Lake, Wash. – Moses Lake, 15 appearances, 2 starts, 4-2, 3.47 ERA, 1 save, 36.1 IP, 47 hits, 25 runs, 18 earned runs, 22 K).

**Key Losses:** Ivy Hommel (SS, Second Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, First Team All-GNAC).

**Top Freshmen:** Emalee Romero (IF, R/R, 5-7, Eastvale, Calif. – Eleanor Roosevelt), Kaylee Duncan (UT, R/R, 5-6, Yuba City, Calif. – Sutter Union), Lynsey Chiala (P, R/R, 5-4, Los Gatos, Calif. – Los Gatos), Emma Bumatay (UT, R/R, 5-9, Fresno, Calif. – Clovis North), Jami Obringer (UT, R/R, 5-7, Newbury Park, Calif. – Newbury Park), Olivia Bailey (UT, R/R, 5-2, Las Vegas, Nev. – Bishop Gorman).

**Top Transfers:** Clarissa Romero (IF, R/R, 5-6, So., Selma, Calif. – Boise State Univ.).**SAINT MARTIN'S****Head Coach:** Jim Peterson (Central Washington, 1984, 112-94, 6th Season)**Assistant Coaches:** Amber Manuel, Adrian Manuel, Tess Dixon**2022 Overall Record:** 31-20**GNAC Record (Finish):** 17-7 (2nd)**Total Returners:** 14**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 7/2**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 3/0

**Key Returning Position Players:** Malia Pinder (IF, L/L, 5-2, Jr., Bothell, Wash. – North Creek, First Team All-GNAC, First Team D2CCA All-West Region, 50 GP, .377 batting avg., 18 runs, 58 hits, 11 2B, 6 HR, 38 RBI, .565 slugging pct., .473 on-base pct.), Vanessa Smoke (UT, R/R, 5-2, Jr., Troutdale, Ore. – Reynolds, Second Team All-GNAC, 49GP, .291 batting avg., 27 runs, 41 hits, 9 2B, 4 HR, 24 RBI, .440 slugging pct.), Shay Lopes (UT, R/R, 5-4, So., Waianae, Hawaii – Waianae, 50 GP, .273 batting avg., 27 runs, 35 hits, 12 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 14 RBI, .406 slugging pct, 7 SB), Britney Patrick (IF, R/R, 5-8, Jr., Raymond, Wash. – Willapa Valley, 50 GP, .257 batting avg., 22 runs, 37 hits, 9 2B, 3 3B, 1 HR, 22 RBI, 8 SB), Kekai Schultz (C, R/R, 5-3, So., Ridgefield, Wash. – Ridgefield, 41 GP, .245 batting avg., 17 runs, 23 hits, 3 2B, 2 HR, 9 RBI), Destiny Conerly (IF, R/R, 5-9, Jr., Spanaway, Wash. – Puyallup, Honorable Mention All-GNAC, 50 GP, .235 batting avg., 30 runs, 28 hits, 8 2B, 5 HR, 22 RBI, .429 slugging pct., 5 SB).

**Key Returning Pitchers:** Chloe Leverington (P, R/R, 6-0, So., Forks, Wash. – Forks, First Team All-GNAC, Second Team D2CCA All-West Region, 24 appearances, 5 starts, 13-4, 2.27 ERA, 2 saves, 114 IP, 107 hits, 52 runs, 37 earned runs, 109 K, .242 opponent batting avg.), Tia Ridings (P, L/L, 5-4, Jr., Tualatin, Ore. – Tualatin, 25 appearances, 25 starts, 9-9, 3.78 ERA, 96.1 IP, 100 hits, 57 runs, 52 earned runs, 103 K, .265 opponent batting avg.), Abby Runyon (P, R/R, 5-8, Jr., Brush Prairie, Wash. – Hockinson, 25 appearances, 21 starts, 8-7, 4.28 ERA, 99.2 IP, 133 hits, 70 runs, 61 earned runs, 64 K).

**Key Losses:** Devyn Connolly (C, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Kylee Vanderbout (IF).

**Top Freshmen:** Claudia Gaudia (C/IF, R/R, 5-8, Kaneohe, Hawaii – Kamehameha), Shelby Lawson (IF, R/R, 5-7, Des Moines, Wash. – Kennedy Catholic), Olivia Matlock (IF/P, R/R, 5-8, Menlo, Wash. – Willapa Valley), Kayleigh Lugowski (OF, R/R, 5-10, Fr., Rocklin, Calif. – Del Oro), Haley Agena (OF, L/R, 5-1, Mililani, Hawaii – Kamehameha), Jaycee Schmoll (OF, R/R, Bothell, Wash. – North Creek).

**Top Transfers:** None.

## 2023 GNAC SOFTBALL TEAMS AT A GLANCE

**SIMON FRASER****Head Coach:** Tina Andreana (Oregon State, 2013, 31-27, 4th Season)**Assistant Coach:** Stacy Founier, Keno Magano, Hannah Boulanger**2022 Overall Record:** 18-22**GNAC Record (Finish):** 9-15 (tie 5th)**Total Returners:** 12**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/5**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2/1**Key Returning Position Players:** Janique Balcaen (OF, L/R, 5-4, So., Winnipeg, Man. – St. Mary's, 37 GP, .333 batting avg., 19 runs, 37 hits, 9 2B, 2 HR, 17 RBI, .468 slugging pct.), Megan Dulcos (OF, R/R, 5-7, Jr., Saint-Eustache, Que. – Ecole St. Gabriel, 31 GP, .254 batting avg., 21 runs, 18 hits, 2 2B, 2 HR, 11 RBI, 13 SB), Caitlin Zagari (2B, R/R, 5-9, So., Winnipeg, Man. – Jeanne Sauve, 37 GP, .252, 12 runs, 27 hits, 6 2B, 2 HR, 13 RBI).**Key Returning Pitchers:** Julia Hansen (P, R/R, 5-9, So., Beaconsville, Que. – Beaconsville, 21 appearances, 12 starts, 3-6, 6.16 ERA, 83 IP, 124 hits, 78 runs, 73 earned runs, 46 K), Shaneika Hollingsworth (P, R/R, 5-10, So., Maple Ridge, B.C. – Yale, 16 appearances, 8 starts, 5-3, 5.78 ERA, 55.2 IP, 81 hits, 52 runs, 46 earned runs, 15 K).**Key Losses:** Alex Ogg (3B, GNAC Player of the Year, First Team All-GNAC, D2CCA Second Team All-West Region, NFCA Second Team All-West Region), Chelsea Hotner (OF, First Team All-GNAC), Hannah Boulanger (SS, Second Team All-GNAC), Hanna Finkelstein (1B, Second Team All-GNAC), Rebecca Kirkpatrick (IF), Georgia Ogg (C/OF), Anissa Zacharczuk (P).**Top Freshmen:** Cassidy Affeldt (P/SS, L/R, 5-7, Mission, B.C. – Thomas Haney), Reese Davies (P, R/R, 5-8, Surrey, B.C. – Semiahmoo), Cadence Dobranski (C, R/R, 5-3, Bolton, Ont. – St. Michael Catholic), Amy Hughes (SS, R/R, 5-4, Brampton, Ont. – St. Augustine), Anike Janzen (OF/UT, L/R, 5-4, Chilliwack, B.C. – G.W. Graham), Peyton Jones (P/IF, R/R, 5-11, Oshawa, Ont. – O'Neill CVI).**Top Transfers:** Nevada Johnson (P, L/R, 5-10, So., Delta, B.C. – Univ. of British Columbia-Okanagan).**WESTERN OREGON****Interim Head Coach:** Aly Boytz (Western Oregon 2016, First Season)**Assistant Coaches:** Zoe Clark, Nikki Miller**2022 Overall Record:** 24-26**GNAC Record (Finish):** 9-15 (tie 5th)**Total Returners:** 17**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 8/1**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 2/1**Key Returning Position Players:** Logan Carlos (2B, R/R, 5-2, Sr., Mililani, Hawaii – Maryknoll, First Team All-GNAC, First Team NFCA & D2CCA All-West Region, 50 GP, .380 batting avg., 37 runs, 65 hits, 9 2B, 6 3B, 10 HR, 37 RBI, .678 slugging pct., .465 on-base pct.).**Key Returning Pitchers:** Maddie Mayer (P, L/L, 5-8, Sr., Portland, Ore. – Rex Putnam, 24 appearances, 17 starts, 9-10, 3.11 ERA, 117 IP, 124 hits, 72 runs, 52 earned runs, 83 K, .264 opponent batting avg.).**Key Losses:** Zoie Recolan (1B, Second Team All-GNAC), Reilly Tidwell (P).**Top Freshmen:** Sydney Conklin (IF, R/R, 5-5, Corvallis, Ore. – Corvallis), Victoria Zimmerman (OF, L/R, 5-0, Ellensburg, Wash. – Ellensburg).**Top Transfers:** Katelyn McGough (OF, R/R, 5-6, Jr., Raymond, Wash. – Lower Columbia CC), Chelby Smalley (C, R/R, 5-7, Jr., Medford, Ore. – Clackamas CC), McKenna Marshall (C, R/R, 5-6, Jr., Brentwood, Ore. – Southwestern Oregon CC).**WESTERN WASHINGTON****Head Coach:** Sheryl Gilmore (Western Washington 2011, 89-68, 5th Season)**Assistant Coaches:** Shearyna Labasan, Leah Francis, Megan Marino**2022 Overall Record:** 29-24**GNAC Record (Finish):** 15-9 (3rd)**Total Returners:** 11**Total Position Starters Returning/Lost:** 3/5**Total Starting Pitchers Returning/Lost:** 1/1**Key Returning Position Players:** Rachel Christensen (C, L/L, 5-5, Sr., Everett, Wash. – Everett, 47 GP, .261 batting avg., 17 runs, 24 hits, 3 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 10 RBI), Taylor Khorrami (OF, L/R, 5-7, Sr., Snohomish, Wash. – Snohomish, 46 GP, .213 batting avg., 11 runs, 17 hits, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 5 SB), Kanilehua Pitoy (IF, R/R, 5-5, So., Honolulu, Hawaii – Roosevelt, 50 GP, .289 batting avg., 15 runs, 43 hits, 10 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 16 RBI).**Key Returning Pitchers:** Sydney Brown (P, R/R, 5-9, Jr., Vancouver, Wash. – Mountain View, 21 appearances, 18 starts, 8-7, 2.50 ERA, 103.2 IP, 80 hits, 46 runs, 37 earned runs, 88 K, .211 opponent batting avg.).**Key Losses:** Kira Doan (P, Honorable Mention All-GNAC), Lauren Lo (OF, Second Team All-GNAC), Tatum Dow (SS, Second Team All-GNAC), Dakota Brooks (1B, Second Team All-GNAC), Chantelle Shimabukuro (2B, First Team All-GNAC), Rylie Wales (OF).**Top Freshmen:** Isabella Bay (1B, L/R, 5-7, Spokane, Wash. – North Central), Paris Dellamaggio (C/IF, R/R, 5-4, Clovis, Calif. – Clovis East), Kya Jenkins (IF, R/R, 5-4, Vancouver, Wash. – Skyview), Hailey Rath (IF, R/R, 5-8, Eatonville, Wash. – Eatonville), Alexis Slater (P, R/R, 5-6, Everett, Wash. – Mariner).**Top Transfers:** Isabel Cargill (OF, L/R, 5-4, Jr., Tracy, Calif. – Idaho State Univ.), McKenna Crum (UT, L/R, 5-3, So., Southridge, Wash. – Seattle Univ.), Mareena Ramirez (P, R/R, 5-4, Jr., Maple Valley, Wash. – Idaho State Univ.).