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## Western Washington Narrow To Pick Win Fourth Straight GNAC Volleyball Title

PORTLAND, Ore. – Western Washington has won the last three conference titles and coaches don’t expect that roll to slow down.

The Vikings collected five first-place votes to be selected as the narrow favorite in the 2021 GNAC Volleyball Preseason Coaches Poll. Western Washington received all first and second-place votes to finish with a total of 95 points.

Alaska Anchorage, which won the previous two titles before Western Washington’s current run, is picked a close second with 92 points. The Seawolves received the other five first-place votes.

Central Washington is picked third with 73 points, followed by Alaska in fourth with 66 points and Seattle Pacific in fifth with 56 points. Rounding out the poll is Simon Fraser (54), Northwest Nazarene (47), Montana State Billings (35), Saint Martin’s (21) and Western Oregon (11).

In winning their last conference title in 2019, Western Washington was simply dominant. The Vikings led Division II in blocks per set (2.99), ranked fifth in hitting percentage (.270) and ninth in assists per set (13.15), leading the GNAC in all those categories. They also led the conference in opponent hitting percentage (.132) and kills per set (13.93). Finishing with a 27-3 record, Western Washington advanced to the NCAA West Region semifinals after making it to the Division II championship match in 2018.

During the COVID abbreviated 2020-21 season, Western Washington finished with a 9-2 record and led all GNAC programs in kills per set (13.40) and blocks per set (2.65).

Junior **Gabby Gunterman** and sophomore **Calley Heilborn** lead the Vikings’ offense at the outside hitter positions. Gunterman, who was named a Third Team AVCA All-American in 2019, averaged 2.45 kills and 2.95 digs per set in the spring. Heilborn, the 2019 GNAC Freshman of the Year, led WWU in the spring with 3.53 kills and four digs per set. Sophomore setter **Malia Aleaga** was a Third Team D2CCA All-American in 2019 and averaged 7.76 assists per set in the spring season. Junior middle blocker **Chloe Roetsisoender**, an Honorable Mention All-GNAC selection in 2019, averaged 1.70 kills and 1.30 blocks per set last spring.

Always ranking among the teams to beat, Alaska Anchorage is the only GNAC squad to beat Western Washington over the last two full seasons. The Seawolves led the conference and finished ninth in Division II with 2.11 aces per set in 2019 and finished second to WWU in the conference rankings in hitting percentage (.233) and blocks (2.56 per set). Playing 15 matches during the spring 2021 season, UAA led all competing GNAC squads with a .238 hitting percentage while averaging 12.89 kills per set.

Senior right-side hitter **Eve Stephens** sets the pace for the UAA offense. A Second Team AVCA All-American in 2019, Stephens averaged 4.16 kills and 2.54 digs per set with a .290 hitting percentage last spring. Junior setter **Ellen Floyd** was a First Team All-West Region selection and Honorable Mention All-American in 2019. She averaged 9.53 assists per set over the spring. Senior middle blocker **Vera Pluharova** adds stability at the net, averaging 1.07 kills and 1.02 blocks per set during the spring season.

**2021 GNAC Preseason Volleyball Coaches Poll**

Team (1st Place Votes)	2019 Record (GNAC)	Pts.
1. Western Washington (5)	27-3 (18-2, 1st)	95
2. Alaska Anchorage (5)	23-7 (17-3, 2nd)	92
3. Central Washington	18-11 (13-7, tie 3rd)	73
4. Alaska	15-13 (12-8, 5th)	66
5. Seattle Pacific	13-15 (10-10, 6th)	56
6. Simon Fraser	17-11 (13-7, tie 3rd)	54
7. Northwest Nazarene	13-14 (9-11, tie 7th)	47
8. Montana State Billings	8-22 (5-15, 9th)	35
9. Saint Martin’s	1-28 (1-19, 11th)	21
10. Western Oregon	5-22 (3-17, 10th)	11

Points awarded on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

Central Washington has finished no worse than third in each of the last three full seasons. The Wildcats went 23-7 in 2019, finishing with a .191 hitting percentage and ranked third in the GNAC at 12.88 kills per set and finished second with a .159 opponent hitting percentage. Central Washington compiled a 1-6 record in the abbreviated spring 2021 season, averaging 10.29 kills per set.

Sophomore outside hitter **Ashley Kaufman** steps in as the offensive leader. She opened her CWU career with averages of 2.50 kills and 2.96 digs per set in 2019 with 39 service aces. She did not play last spring. Freshman **Kylie Thorne** led the team during the spring with 2.47 kills per set while freshman defensive specialist **Hannah Stires** averaged five digs per set. Sophomore setter **Sydney Remsberg** averaged 4.22 assists and 2.30 digs per set during the spring.

Picked to finish fourth, Alaska continues to be the most improved team in the GNAC. The Nanooks finished fifth in the conference in both 2018 and 2019 after having placed no better than seventh in the decade before. Alaska averaged 12.01 kills per set in 2019 and ranked third in the conference and 19th in Division II with 2.33 blocks per set. The Nanooks amassed a 5-6 record last spring, averaging 11.44 kills and 1.81 blocks per set.

Senior setter **Cate Whiting** was a First Team All-GNAC selection in 2019. She averaged 7.49 assists and 2.73 digs per set last spring with 17 aces. Senior outside hitter **Lahra Weber** earned Honorable Mention All-GNAC honors in 2019 and led the Nanooks during the spring season with 2.50 kills per set. Senior outside hitter **AveRee Reynolds** was named the GNAC Newcomer of the Year in 2019 and was an Honorable Mention All-GNAC selection. She averaged 1.12 kills per set during the spring after averaging 2.49 kills per set in 2019.

Seattle Pacific is expected to continue its steady climb up the standings, picked for fifth after finishing sixth in 2019. The Falcons' 10-10 conference record in 2019 was just the program's second .500 or better record since 2014. The team averaged 12.26 kills per set with a .172 hitting percentage and ranked third with 1.79 aces per set. The Falcons went 11-7 during the spring 2021 season, averaging 12.36 kills per set with a .195 hitting percentage.

The offense is led by senior outside hitter **Maddie Batiste**. The Honorable Mention All-GNAC selection in 2019 averaged 2.76 kills and 2.57 digs per set in the spring with 21 aces. Freshman middle blocker **Hannah Hair** adds a new dimension for the Falcons at the net. She averaged 2.54 kills and 1.34 blocks per set with a .340 hitting percentage that was second-best in the GNAC over the spring. Sophomore setter **Lindsay Lambert** averaged 7.87 assists and 2.61 digs per set in the spring.

Simon Fraser is looking forward to a return to the court after not being able to play last year due to the pandemic. The team tied with Central Washington for third in 2019, ranking second in the GNAC with 13.06 kills and 12.42 assists per set and third with a .200 hitting percentage. Simon Fraser led the conference and ranked 27th in Division II with 18.47 digs per set.

Senior setter **Julia Tays** is Simon Fraser's most experienced returner. The First Team All-GNAC selection in 2019 averaged 9.57 assists and 2.49 digs per set that season with 40 aces. Sophomore middle blocker **Kalyn Hartmann** averaged two kills and 0.72 blocks per set with a .262 hitting percentage as she developed into a regular starter as a freshman.

Northwest Nazarene had a solid base of competition over the spring, compiling a 6-9 record after finishing at 13-14 during the 2019 campaign. The Nighthawks finished 2019 averaging 11.81 kills per set with a .183 hitting percentage while ranking third in the conference with 17.94 digs per set. During the spring 2021 season, NNU ranked third among GNAC teams with a .205 hitting percentage while averaging 11.69 kills per set.

The Nighthawks' offense is led by junior outside hitter **Brooke Foster**. The First Team All-GNAC selection and Honorable Mention AVCA All-American averaged 2.69 kills and 2.90 digs per set during the spring with a .211 hitting percentage and 22 aces. Junior setter **Mckenzie Lee** averaged 5.77 assists and 1.69 digs per set during the spring while junior middle blocker **Taylor Markland** averaged 1.52 kills and 1.08 blocks per set with a .335 hitting percentage.

Picked to finish eighth, Montana State Billings impressed in the spring with a 5-1 record. The Yellowjackets averaged 12.14 kills per set with a .160 hitting percentage while also leading all GNAC programs with 17.64 digs per set. In 2019, MSUB averaged 11.43 kills per set with a .183 hitting percentage while ranking fifth in the GNAC with 1.91 blocks per set.

Senior right-side hitter **Bayli Monck** returns after earning First Team All-GNAC honors in 2019. She paced the Yellowjackets' offense in the spring with averages of 3.29 kills and 3.07 digs per set with a .204 hitting percentage. Junior outside hitter **Skylar Reed** averaged 3.32 kills per set with a .211 hitting percentage while senior middle blocker **Jackie Mahowald** compiled totals of 2.61 kills and 0.64 blocks per set with a .314 hitting percentage.

Saint Martin's will finally get to play its first full season under head coach **Dan Behnke**, who took over the program just before the pandemic began. With 11 players returning, the Saints hope to improve on their 1-28 record in 2019 and their 1-6 record during the spring season. In 2019, SMU averaged 9.94 kills per set.

Sophomore outside hitter **Kylie Coon** averaged 2.96 kills and 2.04 digs per set with a .191 hitting percentage the spring to lead the Saint Martin's offense. The Saints should benefit from a solid defense in junior defensive specialist **Kylie Alos** and sophomore **Giselle Benetti**. Alos averaged 2.11 digs per set in the spring while Benetti averaged 3.92 digs per set.

Western Oregon finished the 2019 season with a 5-22 record and went 0-7 in the abbreviated spring 2021 season. The Wolves averaged 10.59 kills per set in 2019 with a .160 hitting percentage and averaged 10.41 kills per set in the spring. Sophomore outside hitter **Lauren Smith** led the offense last spring with 2.77 kills per set while junior setter **Aubrey Stanton** averaged six assists per set.

Alaska and Alaska Anchorage will open the 2021 season with matches in Hawaii against Hawaii Pacific and Chaminade on August 27, 28 and 29. All 10 conference teams are scheduled to be in action over Labor Day Weekend. The GNAC season begins with four matches on Thursday, September 16.

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## 2021 GNAC Volleyball Teams At A Glance

### ALASKA

**Head Coach:** Brian Scott (Weber State, 2007, 58-88, 7th Season)

**Assistant Coach:** Meagan Woods

**2020-21 Overall Record:** 5-6

**2019 Overall Record:** 15-13

**Conference Record (Finish):** 12-8 (Tie 5th)

**Players Returning:** 15

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 6/0

**Returning Starters:** Dani Dodge (L/DS, 5-6, Sr., Topeka, Kan., 2020-21: 4.30 digs per set), Zoey Keene (OH/RS, 5-10, Sr., Anchorage, Alaska, 2020-21: 1.12 kills per set, 0.86 digs per set, 0.69 blocks per set), Emily Moorhead (MB, 5-11, Sr., Chugiak, Alaska, 2020-21: 1.74 kills per set, .237 hitting pct., 0.86 blocks per set), AveRee Reynolds (OH, 6-1, Sr., Petersboro, Utah, GNAC Newcomer of the Year in 2019, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 2.43 kills per set, .141 hitting pct., 1.48 digs per set, 0.60 blocks per set), Lahra Weber (OH, 5-10, Sr., Berlin, Germany, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 2.50 kills per set, .156 hitting pct., 12 service aces, 2.50 digs per set), Cate Whiting (S, 5-10, Sr., Rapid City, S.D., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 7.49 assists per set, 17 service aces, 2.72 digs per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Karli Neilson (OH, 5-11, So, South Weber, Utah, 2020-21: 1.31 kills per set), Rilee White (PIN, 5-11, So., Goodyear, Ariz., 2020-21: 1.61 kills per set, 15 service aces, 1.95 digs per set).

**Key Losses:** Markie Miller (OH).

**Key Freshmen:** Kinley Erickson (L, 5-4, North Pole, Alaska – North Pole), Elizabeth Jackson (MB, 6-2, Fr., Graham, N.C. – Alamance CC).

**Key Transfers:** N/A

### ALASKA ANCHORAGE

**Head Coach:** Chris Green (Nebraska, 1991, 258-101, 14th Season)

**Assistant Coach:** Stacie Meisner

**2020-21 Overall Record:** 11-4

**2019 Overall Record:** 23-7

**Conference Record (Finish):** 17-3 (2nd)

**Players Returning:** 4

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4+libero/3

**Returning Starters:** Eve Stephens (RS, 6-1, Sr., Palmer, Alaska, AVCA Second Team All-America in 2019, First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 15 MP, 4.16 kills per set, .290 hitting pct., 2.54 digs per set, 0.68 blocks per set), Ellen Floyd (S, 5-10, Jr., Pensacola, Fla., Honorable Mention AVCA All-American in 2019, First Team AVCA All-West Region in 2019, First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 15 MP, 9.53 assists per set, 28 aces, 2.72 digs per set), Vera Pluharova (MB/RS, 6-2, Sr., Nechanice, Czech Republic, 2020-21: 15 MP, 1.70 kills per set, .253 hitting pct., 1.02 blocks per set), Talia Leauanae (DS/L, 5-8, Jr., Wailuku, Hawaii, 2020-21: 15 MP, 0.47 assists per set, 3.91 digs per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Mahala Kaapuni (OH/MB, 5-9, Fr., Hilo, Hawaii, 2020-21: 15 MP, 1.79 kills per set, .245 hitting pct., 0.69 blocks per set), Nicole Blue (OH, 5-9, Fr., Cerritos, Calif., 2020-21: 15 MP, 2.37 kills per set, .205 hitting pct., 0.85 digs per set), Reilly Plumhoff (DS/L, 5-5, Fr., Anchorage, Alaska, 2020-21: 15 MP, 20 aces, 1.88 digs per set), Julia Fetko (S/DS, 5-6, Fr., Anchorage, Alaska, 2020-21: 15 MP, 1.08 digs per set).

**Key Losses:** Vanessa Hayes (OH, First Team All-GNAC in 2019), Kayla McGlathery (MB, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019), Hannah Pembroke (OH), Anjoilyn Vreeland (DS/L).

**Key Freshmen:** Leilani Elder (MB, 6-0, Kansas City, Mo. – Bishop Meige).

**Key Transfers:** Lisa Jaunet (OH, 5-10, So., Saint-Denis, France – State Coll. of Florida), Ceyna Kahraman (OH, 6-1, So., Istanbul, Turkey – Chicago State Univ.).

**CENTRAL WASHINGTON****Head Coach:** Mario Andaya (Central Washington, 1993, 336-183, 26th Season)**Assistant Coach:** Lauren Herseth**2020-21 Overall Record:** 1-6**2019 Overall Record:** 18-11**Conference Record (Finish):** 13-7 (tie 3rd)**Players Returning:** 4**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/4

**Returning Starters:** Sydney Remsberg (S, 5-4, So., Yakima, Wash., 2020-21: 4.22 assists per set, 2.30 digs per set), Kylee Yamashita (MB, 6-1, Jr., Pukalani, Hawaii, 2020-21: 0.87 kills per set, 0.87 blocks per set), Laynie Erickson (OH, 5-9, So., La Center, Wash., 2020-21: 1.50 kills per set, 2.17 digs per set), Ashley Kaufman (OH, 5-8, So., Hayden, Idaho, Did Not Play in 2020-21, 2019: 2.50 kills per set, .143 hitting pct., 39 aces, 2.96 digs per set), Kylie Thorne (OH, 5-11, Fr., Pasco, Wash., 2020-21: 2.47 kills per set, .142 hitting pct., 2.60 digs per set), Hannah Stires (DS/L, 5-5, Fr., Nine Mile Falls, Wash., 2020-21: 1.36 assists per set, 5.00 digs per set), Leanna Shymanski (MB, 6-0, Sr., Kennewick, Wash., 2020-21: 1.50 kills per set, .214 hitting pct., 0.90 blocks per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Shaunessy Fisk (DS/L, 5-4, Fr., Ellensburg, Wash., 2020-21: 0.43 assists per set, 2.79 digs per set).

**Key Losses:** Kyla Morgan (DS/L, 2019 GNAC Defensive Player of the Year, First Team All-GNAC in 2019), Gabrielle Aihara (S, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019), Makala Swart (OH, First Team All-GNAC in 2019, First Team AVCA All-Region in 2019, Honorable Mention AVCA All-American in 2019).

**Key Freshmen:** Scottie Ellsworth (OH, 6-2, Kent, Wash. – Kentwood), Mikayla Uhlenkott (OH, 6-0, Pullman, Wash. – Pullman).

**Key Transfers:** Tia Andaya (S/OH, 5-9, So., Ellensburg, Wash. – Gonzaga Univ.).

**MONTANA STATE BILLINGS****Head Coach:** Casey Williams (West Alabama, 2012, 42-84, 6th Season)**Assistant Coach:** Morgan Walters**2020-21 Overall Record:** 5-1**2019 Overall Record:** 8-22**Conference Record (Finish):** 5-15 (9th)**Players Returning:** 13**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5+libero/1

**Returning Starters:** Bayli Monck (RS, 5-10, Sr., Colorado Springs, Colo., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 3.29 kills per set, .204 hitting pct., 3.07 digs per set, 0.57 blocks per set), Skylar Reed (OH/RS, 5-10, Jr., Buckeye, Ariz., 2020-21: 3.32 kills per set, .211 hitting pct., 2.07 digs per set), Joelle Mahowald (MB, 6-1, Sr., Nine Mile Falls, Wash., 2020-21: 2.61 kills per set, .314 hitting pct., 0.64 blocks per set), Marissa Logozzo (DS/L, 5-6, So., Pasco, Wash., 2020-21: 2.56 digs per set), Hannah Hashbarger (S, 5-8, So., West Linn, Ore., 2020-21: 9.82 assists per set, 2.43 digs per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Hannah Hayden (MB, 6-1, So., Lakewood, Colo., 2020-21: 0.68 kills per set, 0.71 blocks per set), Olivia Schwartz (OH, 5-9, Fr., Spokane, Wash., 2020-21: 1.27 kills per set, 1.07 digs per set), Kennedy Juranek (DS/L, 5-9, Fr., Wilsonville, Ore., 2020-21: 0.60 assists per set, 5.20 digs per set).

**Key Losses:** Maddi Vigil (OH), Eaven Taylor (MB).

**Key Freshmen:** Briel Norman (S, 6-1, Knoxville, Tenn. – Carter), Christine Funk (DS/L, 5-5, Choteau, Mont. – Choteau), Tiffany Chandler (OH/RS, 5-9, La Center, Wash. – La Center).

**Key Transfers:** N/A.

**NORTHWEST NAZARENE****Head Coach:** Doug English (Cal State Northridge, 2004, 132-75, 9th Season)**Assistant Coaches:** Jessie Haragos, Hailey Bland, Dee Shefa**2020-21 Overall Record:** 6-9**2019 Overall Record:** 13-14**Conference Record (Finish):** 9-11 (tie 7th)**Players Returning:** 13**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/1

**Returning Starters:** Brooke Foster (OH, 6-1, Jr., Boise, Idaho, First Team All-GNAC in 2019, Honorable Mention AVCA All-West Region in 2019, Honorable Mention AVCA All-American in 2019, 2020-21: 2.69 kills per set, .211 hitting pct., 22 service aces, 2.90 digs per set), McKenzie Lee (S, 6-1, Jr., Eagle, Idaho, 2020-21: 5.77 assists per set, 1.69 digs per set), Tayler Markland (MB, 6-1, Jr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 2020-21: 1.52 kills per set, .335 hitting pct., 1.08 blocks per set), Anna Gable (MB, 5-11, So., Boise, Idaho, 2020-21: 1.07 kills per set, .228 hitting pct., 12 service aces, 0.98 blocks per set), Molly Anderson (DS, 5-9, Fr., Nampa, Idaho, 2020-21: 14 service aces, 2.45 digs per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Caroline McMahon (L, 5-8, So., Medford, Ore., 2020-21: 0.50 assists per set, 17 service aces, 4.63 digs per set), Natalie Sullivan (OH, 6-0, Jr., Boise, Idaho, 2020-21: 2.40 kills per set, .214 hitting pct.), Mattysyn Cope (OH, 6-0, Jr., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 2020-21: 1.44 kills per set, .168 hitting pct., 0.61 blocks per set).

**Key Losses:** Abbey Blum (OH), Casey Kispert (S).

**Key Freshmen:** Miya Koch (RS, 5-11., Meridian, Idaho – Centennial), Maren Dent (OH, 5-10, Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup).

**Key Transfers:** N/A.

**SAINT MARTIN'S****Head Coach:** Dan Behnke (Alma Mater, Year, 1-5, 2nd Season, 11th Year Overall, 95-57)**Assistant Coach:** Chon Clayton**2020-21 Overall Record:** 1-5**2019 Overall Record:** 1-28**Conference Record (Finish):** 1-19 (11th)**Players Returning:** 11**Starters Returning/Lost:** 3+libero/3**Returning Starters:** Kylie Alos (DS/L, 5-3, Jr., Mililani, Hawaii, 2020-21: 2.11 digs per set), Gracie Brenner (MB, 6-1, So., Vancouver, Wash., 2020-21: 0.82 kills per set, .263 hitting pct., 0.60 blocks per set), Emily Gooding (RS, 5-11, Sr., Renton, Wash., 2020-21: 1.08 kills per set, .240 hitting pct., 0.56 blocks per set), Kylie Coon (OH, 5-8, So., Beaumont, Calif., 2020-21: 2.96 kills per set, .191 hitting pct., 2.04 digs per set).**Other Key Returners:** Giselle Benetti (DS/L, 5-10, So., Newberg, Ore., 2020-21: 3.92 digs per set), Britney Duvall (RS, 6-1, So., Veneta, Ore., 2020-21: 1.28 kills per set, .194 hitting pct.), Analiese Hitchcock (S, 5-9, Fr., Meridian, Idaho, 2020-21: 5.32 assists per set, 1.28 digs per set), Maddy Gooding (MB, 6-1, Fr., Renton, Wash., 2020-21: 1.08 kills per set, .240 hitting pct., 0.72 digs per set).**Key Losses:** Mackenzie Carter (OH, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019).**Key Freshmen:** Tia Allen (OH, 5-11, Clayton, Wash. – Mt. Spokane), Abbey Halstead (DS/L, 5-7, San Antonio, Texas – Louis D. Brandeis), Jennifer Soha (MB, 6-0, Henderson, Nev. – Green Valley), Mahina Pescala (S, 5-8, Kailua, Hawaii – Kamehameha).**Key Transfers:** N/A.**SEATTLE PACIFIC****Head Coach:** Abbie Wright (Biola, 2010, 50-51, 5th Season)**Assistant Coach:** Hailey Gaines**2020-21 Overall Record:** 11-7**2019 Overall Record:** 13-15**Conference Record (Finish):** 10-10 (6th)**Players Returning:** 16**Starters Returning/Lost:** 6+Libero/0**Returning Starters:** Maddie Batiste (OH, 6-0 Sr., Portland, Ore., Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 2.76 kills per set, 21 service aces, 2.57 digs per set), Erin Gould (OH, 5-10, Jr., Kent, Wash., 2020-21: 1.81 kills per set, .176 hitting pct., 0.40 blocks per set), Hannah Hair (MB, 6-1, Fr., Walla Walla, Wash., 2020-21: 2.54 kills per set, .340 hitting pct., 1.34 blocks per set), Lindsey Lambert (S, 5-10, So., Beaverton, Ore., 2020-21: .254 hitting pct., 7.87 assists per set, 2.61 digs per set), Maddie Pruden (OPP, 6-0, Fr., Poulsbo, Wash., 2020-21: 2.38 kills per set, .270 hitting pct., 0.58 blocks per set), Lindsay Rosenthal (OH, 6-0, Fr., Richland, Wash., 2020-21: .155 hitting pct., 17 service aces, 2.79 digs per set).**Other Key Returners:** Ashley Antoniak (OH, 6-0, So., Litchfield Park, Ariz., 2020-21: 0.57 kills per set, 1.67 digs per set), Sarah Brachvogel (OH/OPP, 6-0, Fr., Mukilteo, Wash., 2020-21: 1.08 kills per set, 1.08 digs per set), Paige Dawson (LDS, 5-8, So., Spokane, Wash., 2020-21: 0.48 assists per set, 3.27 digs per set), Sarah Day (OH, 5-11, Fr., Spokane, Wash., 2020-21: 0.67 kills per set, .133 hitting pct.), Maya Holmen (MB, 6-1, Fr., Redmond, Wash., 2020-21: 0.67 kills per set, 1.33 blocks per set), Austin Ibale (S, 5-9, So., Renton, Wash., 2020-21: 2.74 assists per set, 1.62 digs per set), Sydney Perry (OH/OPP, 6-3, Fr., Cave Creek, Ariz., 2020-21: 1.76 kills per set, 0.65 blocks per set), Zoe Shuckhart (DS/L, 5-4, Fr., University Place, Wash., 2020-21: 1.46 digs per set), Erin Smith (MB, 6-1, Fr., Carlsbad, Calif., 2020-21: 1.18 kills per set, 0.82 blocks per set), Allison Wilks (OH/MB, 6-1, Fr., Bothell, Wash., 2020-21: 0.92 kills per set, 0.53 blocks per set).**Key Losses:** None.**Key Freshmen:** Abby Cunningham (L, 5-5, Tulsa, Okla. – Lincoln Christian), Emily Tulino (S, 5-7, Carlsbad, Calif. – La Costa Canyon).**Key Transfers:** N/A.**SIMON FRASER****Head Coach:** Gina Schmidt (Oregon State, 2002, 111-78, 9th Season)**Assistant Coach:** Tessa May**2020-21 Overall Record:** Did Not Compete**2019 Overall Record:** 17-11**Conference Record (Finish):** 13-7 (tie 3rd)**Players Returning:** 6**Starters Returning/Lost:** 2+libero/4**Returning Starters:** Julia Tays (S, 5-10, Sr., Winnipeg, Man., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 2019: 9.57 assists per set, 40 service aces, 2.49 digs per set), Bianca Te (DS/L, 5-7, St., Burnaby, B.C., 2019: 4.79 digs per set), Kalya Hartmann (MB, 6-2, So., Langley, B.C., 2019: 2.00 kills per set, .262 hitting pct., 0.72 blocks per set).**Other Key Returners:** Farnaaz Johal (MB, 6-1, Jr., Penticton, B.C., 2019: 1.48 kills per set, 2.07 hitting pct., 0.76 blocks per set), Camryn Vosloh (OH, 6-0, So., Blaine, Wash., 2019: 1.36 kills per set).**Key Losses:** Kirsten Pinkney (OH, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019), Betsie de Beer (OH, First Team All-GNAC in 2019), Tamara Clarke (RS).**Key Freshmen:** Jocelyn Sherman (OH, 5-10, Victoria, B.C. – Belmont), Brooke Dexter (RS, 6-2, Anchorage, Alaska – West).**Key Transfers:** N/A.

**WESTERN OREGON****Head Coach:** Stacy Metro (Northern Michigan, 1994, 5-29, 3rd Season)**Assistant Coach:** Traci Stephenson**2020-21 Overall Record:** 0-7**2019 Overall Record:** 5-22**Conference Record (Finish):** 3-17 (10th)**Players Returning:** 6**Starters Returning/Lost:** 4/2+Libero

**Returning Starters:** Lauren Smith (OH, 6-1, So., Highland, Utah, 2020-21: 2.77 kills per set, 0.41 digs per set), Aubrey Stanton (S, 5-7, Jr., Camas, Wash., 2020-21: 6.00 assists per set, 1.40 digs per set), Delaney Smith (MB, 6-2, Jr., Salem, Ore., 2020-21: 0.31 kills per set, 0.38 blocks per set), Sarah Crowell (OH, DS, 5-9, So., Puyallup, Wash., 2020-21: 1.57 kills per set, .184 hitting pct., 1.29 digs per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Makenzie York (MB/OPP, 6-0, So., Florence, Ore., 2020-21: 1.76 kills per set, .170 hitting pct., 0.57 blocks per set), Emily West (S, 5-11, So., Salem, Ore., 2020-21: 1.80 assists per set, 1.20 digs per set), Belle Maclellan (MB, 6-0, Fr., Santa Ana, Calif., 2020-21: 0.73 kills per set, 0.55 blocks per set), Laney O'Neil (S, 5-7, Fr., Santa Rosa, Calif., 2020-21: 4.67 assists per set, 1.67 digs per set), Isabelle Hurliman (OH, 5-11, So., Tillamook, Ore., 2020-21: 3.00 kills per set, .130 hitting pct., 2.77 digs per set), Carly Cox (L, 5-5, So., Spokane, Wash., 2020-21: 1.19 digs per set).

**Key Losses:** Allie Spear (L, Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019), Allyson Crisp (MB), Sianna DeCarli (OH).

**Key Freshmen:** Madison Hornback (MB, 5-8, Oregon City, Ore. – Oregon City), Ally Henry (DS, 5-4, Redmond, Ore. – Ridgeview), Bailee Hartsok (OH/MB, 5-9, Sweet Home, Ore. – Sweet Home).

**Key Transfers:** Tayler Lamb (OH, Fr., Oakdale, Calif. – Skagit Valley CC), Kiana Pel (DS, 5-3, So., Lynnwood, Wash. – Edmonds CC).

**WESTERN WASHINGTON****Head Coach:** Diane Flick-Williams (Washington, 1993, 436-103, 21st Season)**Assistant Coach:** James Suh**2020-21 Overall Record:** 9-2**2019 Overall Record:** 27-3**Conference Record (Finish):** 18-2 (1st)**Players Returning:** 13**Starters Returning/Lost:** 8/1

**Returning Starters:** Calley Heilborn (OH, 6-1, So., Auburn, Wash., GNAC Freshman of the Year in 2019, First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 2020-21: 3.53 kills per set, .256 hitting pct., 10 service aces, 4.00 digs per set), Malia Aleaga (S, 5-7, So., Buriem, Wash., Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019, First Team D2CCA All-West Region in 2019, Third Team D2CCA All-American in 2019, 2020-21: 7.76 assists per set, 1.22 digs per set), Gabby Gunterman (OH, 5-10, Jr., Lake Stevens, Wash., First All-GNAC in 2019, AVCA First Team All-West Region in 2019, Third Team AVCA All-American in 2019, 2020-21: 2.45 kills per set, .155 hitting pct., 2.95 digs per set), Chloe Roetcisoender (MB, 6-0, Jr., Duvall, Wash., Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019, 1.70 kills per set, .293 hitting pct., 1.30 blocks per set), Olivia Fairchild (MB, 6-2, Jr., Olympia, Wash., 2020-21: 2.15 kills per set, .346 hitting pct., 1.31 blocks per set), Kasey Woodruff (DS/L, 5-6, So., University Place, Wash., 2020-21: 3.59 digs per set).

**Other Key Returners:** Tupu Lologo (DS/L, 5-7, So., Federal Way, Wash., 2020-21: 3.11 digs per set), Tess Biscup (OH, 5-10, Jr., Duvall, Wash., 2020-21: 2.00 kills per set, .220 hitting pct., 0.61 blocks per set), Anna Maracich (MB, 6-0, So., Auburn, Wash., 2020-21: 1.33 kills per set, .198 hitting pct., 1.14 blocks per set).

**Key Losses:** Alison Davenport (OPP), Janae Payne (S).

**Key Freshmen:** Kylie Honrud (OH, 6-0, Ferndale, Wash. – Ferndale), Gabby Kepley (OH, 5-11, Fr., Bothell, Wash. – North Creek), Adele Holland (S, 5-8, Fr., Puyallup, Wash. – Puyallup).

**Key Transfers:** N/A.