



## 2021 GNAC Football Teams At A Glance

### CENTRAL WASHINGTON

**Head Coach:** Chris Fisk (Jamestown, 2001, 7-4, 3rd Season)

**Assistant Coaches:** John Picha (Asst. Head Coach/Tight Ends), Zach Tinker (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks), Nate Johnson (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers), Spencer Capitani (Safeties/Special Teams), Grant Torgerson (Defensive Line), Braelon Roberts (Wide Receivers), Winterhawk Leighton (Running Backs), Jacob Gottlieb (Defensive Line), Jon Kuhn (Kickers).

**2019 Overall Record:** 7-4 **GNAC Record (Finish):** 5-1 (Tie 1st)

**Total Players Returning:** 41 (20 Offense, 20 Defense, 1 Special Teams)

**Starters Returning:** 12 (7 Offense, 5 Defense) **Starters Lost:** 10 (4 Offense, 6 Defense)

**Basic Offense:** Pistol Spread **Basic Defense:** 4-2-5

**Top Offensive Returners:** Tony Archie (WR, 6-1, 180, Sr., Tacoma, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC in 2019, 49 receptions, 651 yards, 8 TD), JoJo Hillel (WR, 6-1, 190, Sr., Snoqualmie, Wash., Second Team All-GNAC in 2019, 30 receptions, 438 yards, 7 TD).

**Top Defensive Returners:** Donte Hamilton (LB, 6-3, 215, Sr., Mukilteo, Wash., 3 games, 33 tackles, 16 solo tackles, 1 sack, 1 forced fumble), Isaiah Carbajal (DL, 6-3, 270, Jr., Vancouver, Wash., 53 tackles, 18 solo tackles, 10 tackles for loss, 4 sacks, 1 forced fumble).

**Top Returning Special Teams:** Patrick Hegarty (P/K, 6-4, 200, Jr., Ferndale, Wash., First Team All-GNAC, 7-9 FG, 49 punts, 1.854 punting yards, 37.8 avg.).

**Key Losses:** Michael Roots (RB, First Team All-GNAC, Honorable Mention D2Football.com All-American), Christian Moore (QB, Second Team All-GNAC), Tyson Rainwater (WR, First Team All-GNAC), Hamilton Hunt (LB, First Team All-GNAC).

**Key Freshmen Newcomers:** Slade Edwards (OL, 6-2, 270, Yelm, Wash. – Yelm), Kingston Grey (OL, 6-4, 230, Mead, Wash. – Mt. Spokane), Jackson McCann (RB, 5-9, 180, Enumclaw, Wash. – Enumclaw), Max Moenoa (TE, 6-2, 230, Lake Stevens, Wash. – Lake Stevens), Kekoa Pele-Allen (OL, 6-3, 290, Westlake Village, Calif. – Oaks Christian).

**Key Transfers:** Elijah Grace-Golston (DL, 6-4, 240, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Old Dominion Univ.), Zach Matlock (QB, 6-0, 205, So., Las Vegas, Nev. – Boise State Univ.), Cameron McKinney (RB, 5-10, 175, Jr., Beaumont, Texas – Univ. of North Dakota), Tannor Park (WR, 6-1, 180, Jr., Elgin, Ill. – Arizona State Univ.), Jack Smith (QB, 6-0, 190, Jr., Phoenix, Ariz. – Arizona State Univ.), Matt Wiitanen (S, 5-11, 200, Jr., Seattle, Wash. – Gannon Univ.).

### SIMON FRASER

**Head Coach:** Mike Rigell (Brigham Young, 2001, 1st Season)

**Assistant Coaches:** Jerome Erdman (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers), Dan Dorazio (Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line), Wayne Dickens (Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Line), Jordan Linnen (Special Teams/Safeties), Michael Spencer (Running Backs).

**2019 Overall Record:** 1-9 **GNAC Record (Finish):** 1-5 (tie 3rd)

**Total Players Returning:** 65 (30 Offense, 32 Defense, 3 Special Teams)

**Starters Returning:** 12 (5 Offense, 4 Defense, 2 Special Teams) **Starters Lost:** 9 (5 Offense, 4 Defense)

**Basic Offense:** Spread/Multiple Personnel **Basic Defense:** 4-3/4-2-5 Multiple Personnel

**Top Offensive Returners:** Brandon Niksich (QB, 6-5, 180, So., Federal Way, Wash., 150 completions, 1,926 passing yards, 10 TD), Mason Glover (RB, 5-9, 200, Jr., Kent, Wash., 89 rushes, 189 rushing yards, 1 TD, 9 receptions, 78 yards), Ethan Beselt (WR, 5-9, 165, Sr., West Kelowna, B.C., 37 receptions, 461 receiving yards), Nick Giffen (OL, 6-4, 280, Jr., Surrey, B.C.).

**Top Defensive Returners:** Griffin Barrett (LB, 5-11, 280, Sr., Moose Jaw, Sask., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 105 tackles, 49 solo tackles, 8 tackles for loss, 1 sack), Isaac Evans (DL, 6-2, 240, Sr., Coquitlam, B.C., 41 tackles, 14 solo tackles, 6 tackles for loss, 2 sacks), Jerrell Cummings (DB, 5-10, 185, So., Vancouver, B.C., GNAC Freshman of the Year in 2019, Second Team All-GNAC, 30 tackles, 19 solo tackles, 0.5 tackles for loss, 1 interception, 1 forced fumble).

**Top Returning Special Teams:** Kees Metselaar (P, 6-3, 235, Jr., Port Orchard, Wash., 80 punts, 3.047 punting yards, 38.1 yards per punt).

**Key Losses:** Rysen John (WR, First Team All-GNAC), Ian Crocker (LB, Second Team All-GNAC), Solomon Hines (RB).

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**Key Freshman Newcomers:** Jordan Sims (RB, 6-0, 195, Mountlake Terrace, Wash. – Mountlake Terrace), Key-shaun Dorsey (QB, 6-0, 194, Surrey, B.C. – Lord Tweedsmuir), Richard Lugumire (QB, 6-0, 180, Winnipeg, Man. – Sisler), Logan Buckwitz (TE, 6-4, 240, Chilliwack, B.C. – G.W. Graham), Maliq Washington (OL, 5-10, 210, Lakewood, Wash. – Lakes), Cole Bunting (LB, 6-1, 225, Victoria, B.C. – Mt. Douglas), Vishaan Narayan (DL, 6-2, 285, New Westminster, B.C. – New Westminster), Aidan Estabrooks (DL, 6-2, 285, Frisco, Texas – Frisco).

**Key Transfers:** Hayden Santsche (LB, 6-2, 205, So., Arcata, Calif. – Azusa Pacific Univ.), Rueben Buchanan (OL, 6-1, 285, Jr., Vancouver, B.C. – McMaster Univ.), Jerimiah Famor (DL, 6-0, 260, Jr., San Leandro, Calif. – Chabot JC).

**WESTERN OREGON**

**Head Coach:** Arne Ferguson (Western Oregon 1991, 89-72, 17th Season, 32nd Season Overall At WOU)

**Assistant Coaches:** Brian Harris (Offensive Coordinator), Matt Overlin (Wide Receivers/Special Teams), Josh Manning (Offensive Line), Jason Slowey (Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers), Trey Shimabukuro (Quarterbacks), Joe Mortensen (Assistant Defensive Line), Ty Currie (Offensive GA/Running Backs), Leif Schanche (Offensive Assistant/Video Coordinator)

**2019 Overall Record:** 7-4 **GNAC Record (Finish):** 5-1 (tie 1st)

**Total Players Returning:** 53 (30 Offense, 22 Defense, 3 Special Teams)

**Starters Returning:** 13 (6 Offense, 5 Defense, 2 Special Teams)

**Starters Lost:** 10 (4 Offense, 4 Defense)

**Basic Offense:** Spread

**Basic Defense:** Multiple

**Top Offensive Returners:** Omari Land (RB, 5-11, 185, Jr., Oakland, Calif., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 172 rushes, 1,014 rushing yards, 9 TD, 10 receptions, 178 receiving yards, 2 TD), Marquis Sampson (WR, 5-7, 155, Jr., Portland, Ore., Second Team All-GNAC in 2019, 21 receptions, 348 receiving yards, 4 TD), Thomas Wright (WR, 6-6, 195, Jr., Reno, Nev., Honorable Mention All-GNAC in 2019, 26 receptions, 526 receiving yards, 5 TD), Jakob Pruitt (OL, 6-2, 285, Sr., Beaverton, Ore., Second Team All-GNAC in 2019).

**Top Defensive Returners:** Jaylin Parnell (LB, 6-0, 215, Jr., Medford, Ore., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 68 tackles, 44 solo tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks, 1 interception, 3 forced fumbles), Blayne Burnett (DL, 6-2, 275, Sr., Eugene, Ore., GNAC Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2019, First Team All-GNAC, 41 tackles, 19 solo tackles, 4 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks), Curtis Anderson (DB, 6-2, 205, Sr., Klamath Falls, Ore., First Team All-GNAC in 2019 at both defensive back and kick return, 40 tackles, 27 solo tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, 5 interceptions, 29 kick returns, 636 yards, 21.9 yards per return), Joey Sinclair (DB, 6-0, 180, Jr., Tacoma, Wash., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 49 tackles, 33 solo tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 3 interceptions, 1 fumble recovery).

**Top Returning Special Teams:** Andrew Gross (K/P, 6-1, 180, Sr., Gladstone, Ore., First Team All-GNAC in 2019, 3-6 FG, 33 punts, 1,272 yards, 38.5 yards per punt).

**Key Losses:** Ty Currie (QB, GNAC Offensive Player of the Year), Joseph Gonzales (OL, GNAC Offensive Lineman of the Year, AFCA All-American), Nate Proctor, Jr. (LB, First Team All-GNAC), Avery Bilensky (OL, Second Team All-GNAC, GNAC Newcomer of the Year), Braelen Evans (DB, Second Team All-GNAC), Aaron Turner (OL, Second Team All-GNAC), Tyrell Cummings (DL, Second Team All-GNAC), Tyler Wharf (LB, Second Team All-GNAC), Nico Jackson (RB, Second Team All-GNAC).

**Key Freshman Newcomers:** Isaako Manu (DL/DE, 6-5, 360, Anchorage, Alaska – East Anchorage), Keenan O'Donnell (DL, 6-5, 360, Springfield, Ore. – Thurston), Jalyen Fite (WR, 6-1, 175, Vancouver, Wash. – Evergreen).

**Key Transfers:** N/A.