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2023 GNAC Baseball Championships

Central Washington WILDCATS



Storey Leid Ohland

Overall Record: 22-27 GNAC: 16-15 (3rd)

Central Washington clinched its GNAC Championships berth on the penultimate day of the regular season. The Wildcats finished the season strong, winning seven of their last eight games to secure their tournament berth. The Wildcats rank third in the GNAC with a 5.74 ERA and are fourth with a .273 batting average.

Individually, Central Washington is led by sophomore Ben Leid at the plate. Leid owns a .343 batting average to rank ninth in the conference and is tied for second in the conference with 61 hits on the season. Senior Trevor Tripoli is batting .317 while junior Austin Ohland has a .247 batting average.

Senior Brayde Hirai leads the Wildcats on the mound as one of the best pitchers in the conference. Hirai ranks third in the GNAC with a 4.12 ERA in 67.2 innings, the most in the conference.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Trevor Tripoli	IF	R/R	5-8	Sr.	Miliani, Hawaii (University Lab)
3	Kyle Rodriguez	IF	R/R	6-0	Sr.	Issaquah, Wash. (St. Cloud State Univ.)
5	Trenton Love	IF	R/R	5-9	Jr.	Richland, Wash. (Richland)
6	Divine Ayemere	OF	R/R	5-11	Jr.	Federal Way, Wash. (Decatur)
8	Nick Lindholm	P	L/L	5-10	So.	Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin)
9	Daniel Charron	P	R/R	5-10	So.	Pasco, Wash. (Spokane Falls CC)
10	Brayde Hirai	P	L/L	5-11	Sr.	Pasco, Wash. (Walla Walla CC)
11	Jonathan Garza II	P	R/R	6-0	So.	Othello, Wash. (Columbia Basin CC)
12	Austin Ohland	C	R/R	6-1	Jr.	Maple Valley, Wash. (Lafayette)
13	Zach Conners	P	R/R	6-3	So.	Danville, Calif. (Dougherty Valley)
14	Charlie Larson	IF	R/R	5-11	Sr.	Tacoma, Wash. (Everett CC)
15	Kevin Varner Jr.	OF	L/R	5-11	Jr.	Wailuku, Hawaii (Pierce CC)
17	Beau Kearsey	P	R/L	5-11	Jr.	Vancouver, Wash. (Union)
18	Alex Brady	P	L/L	5-10	Jr.	Longview, Wash. (Louisiana State Univ.)
19	Travis Helm	C	R/R	5-11	So.	Beaverton, Ore. (Clark CC)
20	Ben Leid	C	R/R	6-2	So.	Corvallis, Ore. (Wenatchee Valley CC)
21	Nolan Milliman	P	R/R	6-3	So.	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Esperanza)
22	Jake Felton	C/OF	R/R	6-0	So.	Port Angeles, Wash. (Port Angeles)
23	Sam Lauderdale	OF	L/L	6-2	Jr.	Vancouver, Wash. (Tacoma CC)
24	Ryan Arredondo	P	R/R	6-1	So.	Warden, Wash. (Warden)
25	Carter Olsen	IF	R/R	5-11	Fr.	Montesano, Wash. (Montesano Jr./Sr.)
26	Colton Anardi	P	R/R	5-11	Fr.	Auburn, Wash. (Auburn)
27	Colby Musselmann	C/OF	R/R	6-2	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy College Prep)
28	Nolan Murphy	P/OF	R/R	6-0	So.	Wasilla, Alaska (Mat-Su Career & Technical)
30	Nate Nadeau	IF	L/L	6-2	Fr.	Lacey, Wash. (Timberline)
31	Garrett Bova	P	L/L	6-1	Fr.	Corona, Calif. (Santiago)
32	Reid Rasmussen	P	R/L	6-3	So.	Selah, Wash. (Yakima Valley CC)
33	Drew Richardson	IF/P	R/R	6-0	Sr.	Spokane, Wash. (Wenatchee Valley CC)
34	Andrew Van Kemseke	IF	L/R	6-0	Sr.	Zillah, Wash. (Yakima Valley CC)
37	Aaron Robertson	P	L/L	6-2	So.	Everett, Wash. (Lower Columbia CC)
43	Brady Hinkle	C	R/R	5-11	Jr.	Puyallup, Wash. (Univ. of S. Carolina Upstate)
44	Gabe Bustamante	C/P	R/R	6-2	So.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (The Webbs School)

Head Coach: Desi Storey
Assistant Coaches: Joel Johnson, Alex Reffner

Northwest Nazarene NIGHTHAWKS



Schaefer Jamison Pohlmann

Overall Record: 23-27 GNAC: 17-15 (2nd)

Northwest Nazarene was the first team to complete its regular season slate and should be well-rested heading into the tournament after more than a week off.

As a team, NNU ranks second in the GNAC with a 4.80 ERA and is third with a .277 batting average. The Nighthawks are arguably the most offensively prolific team in the tournament field with 262 runs scored and 27 home runs on the season.

Northwest Nazarene is led by junior Mason Leavitt with a batting average of .363 that ranks fourth in the GNAC. Seniors Shane Jamison and Duke Pahukoa are both batting .298.

On the mound, senior Ty Pohlmann enters the GNAC Championships with 57 strikeouts through just 31.2 innings of work in 16 appearances. His strikeout total ranks fifth in the GNAC and his three saves are tied for fourth.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Isaiah McLeod	P/OF	L/L	6-1	Fr.	Vancouver, Wash. (King's Way)
2	Drew Deal	C/OF	R/R	5-7	So.	Homedale, Idaho (Homedale)
4	Mason Leavitt	IF	R/R	5-10	So.	Eagle, Idaho (Eagle)
5	Dylan Plutner	P	R/R	6-1	Fr.	Winchester, Calif. (Tahquitz)
7	Colby Moran	IF	L/R	6-2	So.	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Mesa)
8	Brexton Clubb	OF	R/R	6-0	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. (Liberty)
9	Kaden Miller	OF	R/R	6-0	Fr.	Riverton, Utah (Riverton)
10	Nick Irwin	P	R/R	6-0	Sr.	Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin)
11	Nolan Walker	IF	L/R	6-0	Sr.	Meridian, Idaho (Colorado Mesa Univ.)
12	Tyler Best	UT	R/R	6-1	Sr.	Eagle, Idaho (Univ. of Hawaii)
13	Quentin Ayres	C	R/R	5-11	Jr.	Spokane, Wash. (Mt. Spokane)
14	Wade Duncan	P	R/R	6-0	Fr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Los Osos)
16	Manny Casillas	P	L/L	6-2	Jr.	West Covina, Calif. (Cal State Northridge)
17	Spencer Schwehr	P	R/L	6-0	Sr.	Boise, Idaho (Borah)
18	Austin Thomason	IF/C	R/R	6-2	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. (Sunrise Mountain)
19	Kailer Saunders	P/IF	R/R	6-1	Fr.	Boise, Idaho (Timberline)
20	Brock Moffitt	P	L/L	6-0	Sr.	Valley Center, Calif. (UC Davis)
21	Kyle Ethridge	P	L/L	6-0	Jr.	Alta Loma, Calif. (Los Osos)
22	Adam Brooks	P	L/L	6-3	Fr.	Puyallup, Wash. (Puyallup)
23	Duke Pahukoa	IF	R/R	6-2	Sr.	Maui, Hawaii (Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas)
24	Carson Atwood	P	R/R	6-7	Fr.	Meridian, Idaho (Nampa Christian)
25	Joseph Ihli	P	R/R	6-2	Jr.	Caldwell, Idaho (Nampa Christian)
28	Josh Bishopp	P	R/R	6-2	So.	Sydney, Australia (Missouri Valley Coll.)
29	Shane Martin	P	R/R	6-4	Sr.	Richland, Wash. (Columbia Basin CC)
30	Kellen Newsome	IF	R/R	5-8	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Brophy College Prep)
32	Blake Hammond	P	R/R	6-3	Fr.	Peoria, Ariz. (Sunrise Mountain)
33	Rumble Reyes	C	L/R	6-0	So.	Chula Vista, Calif. (San Diego Mesa Coll.)
34	Matthew Reynolds	OF	R/R	6-3	Jr.	Meridian, Idaho (Mountain View)
35	Jonathan Zayas	P	R/L	6-0	Jr.	Williamsport, Penn. (Arizona Western Coll.)
36	Shane Jamison	UT	R/R	5-9	Sr.	Lummi, Wash. (Seattle Univ.)
37	Gunnar Mansfield	P	R/R	6-1	Fr.	Orange, Calif. (Orange Lutheran)
38	Ty Pohlmann	P	R/R	6-4	Sr.	Chandler, Ariz. (Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas)
39	Adrian De Orta	OF	R/R	5-11	So.	Whittier, Calif. (La Habra)
41	Kaleb Karpenstein	C/IF	L/R	6-0	Fr.	Bend, Ore. (Bend)
42	Cooper Nixon	OF	R/R	6-0	Fr.	Boise, Idaho (Boise)
43	Henry Clark	P	R/R	6-5	So.	Melba, Idaho (Melba)
44	Nick Black	IF	L/L	6-2	So.	Boise, Idaho (Boise)
45	Nathan Galusha	P/IF	R/R	5-11	So.	Fallon, Nev. (Churchill Count)
46	CD Sharples	P/IF	L/R	6-1	Fr.	Post Falls, Idaho (Post Falls)
47	Adam Paganelli	OF	R/R	5-10	Jr.	Maple Valley, Wash. (Sacramento CC)
48	Kyle Payne	IF	R/R	5-10	Jr.	Bellingham, Wash. (Skagit Valley CC)
51	Jakob Rochelle	P/OF	R/R	6-0	Fr.	San Marcos, Calif. (Classical Academy)

Head Coach: Joe Schaefer Assistant Coaches: Matt Hollod, Billy Newbery, Max Holtzclaw

Western Oregon WOLVES



Walker D. Maiben J. Maiben

Overall Record: 27-13 GNAC: 20-9 (1st)

Western Oregon comes into the 2023 GNAC Baseball Championships as the reigning regular-season champion and defending tournament winner.

Western Oregon has been the class of the field this season, leading the conference with a .315 batting average, a 4.02 ERA and a team on base percentage of .395. The Wolves have played some of their best baseball down the stretch, going on an 11-game win streak from March 11 to May 4.

Individually, the Wolves are led by twin brothers Derek and Jacob Maiben. The senior brothers are first and second in the GNAC with .421 and .405 batting averages, respectively. Derek Maiben has knocked in 27 runs and drawn six walks while Jacob Maiben has 25 RBIs and has been walked seven times.

On the mound, sophomore Dylan Chalmers has led the GNAC with a 2.63 ERA through 51.1 innings in 10 starts.

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Zack Valdez	UT	R/R	5-11	Jr.	Moses Lake, Wash. (Big Bend CC)
2	Levi Cummings	IF	R/L	5-9	Jr.	Kappa, Hawaii (Kappa)
3	Randy Stultz	IF	R/R	5-11	So.	Bigfork, Mont. (Lassen)
4	Justyn Herzog	IF	L/R	6-2	Sr.	Hillsboro, Ore. (Century)
5	Collin Irwin	C	R/R	6-0	Fr.	Pinole, Calif. (Pinole Valley)
6	Chris Hardin	P	R/R	6-2	Sr.	Highland, Calif. (Univ. of Redlands)
7	Ryan Witt	IF	R/R	6-1	Sr.	Monroe, Wash. (Everett CC)
8	Mason Whitehead	IF	R/R	5-11	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Granite Hills)
9	Owen Bischoff	OF	R/R	5-11	Jr.	Mt. Angel, Ore. (Yakima Valley CC)
10	Hibiki Ouchi	C	R/R	5-6	Sr.	Yokohama, Japan (Skagit Valley CC)
11	Devin Bell	P	R/R	6-4	Fr.	La Grande, Ore. (La Grande)
12	Bryce Bond	P	R/R	6-4	So.	Simi Valley, Calif. (Sierra Canyon)
13	Curran Mitzel	OF/P	L/L	6-0	Sr.	Hillsboro, Ore. (Lane CC)
14	Dylan Mohler	IF	R/R	5-10	Fr.	Alta Loma, Calif. (Los Osos)
15	Connor Thomas	C	R/R	5-10	Fr.	Farmington, Utah (Viewmont)
16	Kadin Hanta	IF	L/R	5-10	Fr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Kalani)
17	Sebasten Boivin	P	R/R	6-5	Sr.	Medford, Ore. (Gardner Webb)
18	Sebastian Morales	OF	R/R	6-0	So.	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)
19	Cedric Gatter	IF	R/R	5-9	So.	Anchorage, Alaska (Skagit Valley CC)
20	Kadysh Shelton	P	R/R	5-10	Jr.	Portland, Ore. (Mt. Hood CC)
21	John Oleson	IF	R/R	6-4	So.	Portland, Ore. (Ventura CC)
22	Dylan Chalmers	P	R/R	6-2	So.	Missoula, Mont. (Lassen CC)
23	Arturo Alvarez	P	R/R	6-4	Sr.	Inglewood, Calif. (Los Angeles Harbor Coll.)
24	Chris Jones	P	R/R	5-10	So.	Lakewood, Calif. (St. Anthony)
25	Judah Graham	P	L/L	6-1	Fr.	Fife, Wash. (Skagit Valley CC)
26	Derek Maiben	IF	R/R	5-10	Sr.	Newberg, Ore. (Newberg)
27	Trae Perkins	P	R/R	6-4	Sr.	Eagle Point, Ore. (Feather River CC)
28	Jacob Maiben	OF	R/R	5-9	Sr.	Newberg, Ore. (Newberg)
30	Yuzo Ishioka	P	R/R	5-5	Fr.	Tokyo, Japan (IMG Academy)
31	Matthew Jernigan	P/IF	L/L	6-2	Fr.	Rancho Cordova, Calif. (Cordova)
32	Tyler Mohler	OF	L/L	6-0	Fr.	Alta Loma, Calif. (Los Osos)
33	Jacob Memmott	P	R/R	6-5	Jr.	Central Point, Ore. (Crater)
34	Dominic Miller	P	R/R	6-2	Sr.	Mill Creek, Wash. (Skagit Valley CC)
35	AJ Cortese	IF	R/R	6-1	Jr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
36	John Stark	C	R/R	6-1	So.	Riverside, Calif. (Martin Luther King Jr.)
37	Danny Alvarado	C	R/R	6-1	So.	Salem, Ore. (Wenatchee Valley CC)
38	Devin Fry	P	R/R	6-4	So.	Asotin, Wash. (Wenatchee Valley CC)
39	Ryan Shipley	P	R/R	6-4	Sr.	Ravensdale, Wash. (Big Bend CC)
40	Logan Ho	IF/OF	R/R	5-10	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii (Skagit Valley CC)

Head Coach: Kellen Walker

Assistant Coaches: Trevor Podratz, Grady Wood, Mike Peterson, Leighton Moniz

Past GNAC Champions & Award Winners (2005-Present)

GNAC Champions	2010	Kyle Boe, WOU (3B)	2016	Brady Miller, WOU	2013	Kramer Ferrell, CWU (OF)
2005	Western Oregon	Daniel Dillard, WOU (OF)	2017	Mackenzie Gaul, CWU	2014	Zack Larsen, SMU (SS)
2006	Western Oregon	Bo Folklinga, WOU (1B)	2018	Steen Fredrickson, MSUB	2015	Brady Miller, WOU (P)
2007	Western Oregon	Blake Miller, WOU (SS)		Alex Roth, WOU	2016	Mickey Walker, SMU (P)
2008	Western Oregon	Kyle Sani, CWU (C)	2019	Alex Roth, WOU	2017	Connor McCord, WOU (UT)
2009	Western Oregon	Brody Miller, MSUB (2B)	2020	Not Awarded - COVID-19	2018	Kolbe Bales, WOU (P)
2010	Western Oregon	Brody Miller, MSUB (2B)	2021	Mike Peterson, WOU	2019	Jacob Maiben, WOU (OF)
2011	Western Oregon	Tyler Davis, NNU (2B)	2022	Arturo Alvarez, WOU	2020	Not Awarded - COVID-19
2012	Western Oregon	Billy King, NNU (OF)			2021	Austin Ohland, CWU (C)
2013	Western Oregon	James Smith III, CWU (OF)	Newcomer Of The Year		2022	Cooper Dulich, MSUB (SS)
2014	Central Washington	Daniel Cipriano, MSUB (1B)	2005	Josh Small, CWU (OF)		
2015	Western Oregon	Not Awarded - COVID-19	2006	Boo Christenson, WOU (OF)	Coach Of The Year	
2016	Northwest Nazarene	Connor McCord, WOU (1B)	2007	Nick Ray, NNU (OF)	2005	Terry Baumgartner, WOU
2017	Western Oregon	Adam Fahsel, CWU (OF)	2008	Dylan Bruck, WOU (OF)		Desi Storey, CWU
2018	Western Oregon		2009	Justin Speer, WOU (OF)	2006	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
2019	Montana State Billings	GNAC Championships MVP	2010	Daniel Dillard, WOU (OF)	2007	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
2020	No Champion - COVID-19	2013	2011	Colby Robison, MSUB (SS)	2008	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
2021	Western Oregon	2014	2012	Blake Miller, WOU (SS)	2009	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
2022	Western Oregon	2015	2013	Spenser Watkins, WOU (P)	2010	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
		2016	2014	Cory Welch, CWU (RP)	2011	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
Regular Season Champions		2017	2015	Darren Honeysett, CWU (OF)	2012	Jeremiah Robbins, WOU
2013	Western Oregon	2018	2016	Tyler Davis, NNU (2B)	2013	Kellen Walker, WOU
2014	Western Oregon	2019	2017	Trevor Podratz, WOU (DH)	2014	Ken Garland, SMU
2015	Montana State Billings	2020	2018	Nyles Nygaard, WOU (3B)	2015	Rob Bishop, MSUB
2016	Montana State Billings	2021	2019	Kaleo Johnson, MSUB (3B)	2016	Rocke Musgraves, NNU
2017	Western Oregon	2022	2020	Daniel Cipriano, MSUB (1B)	2017	Kellen Walker, WOU
2018	Montana State Billings		2021	Not Awarded - COVID-19	2018	Aaron Sutton, MSUB
2019	Montana State Billings	Pitcher Of The Year	2022	Grant Kerry, NNU (OF)		Rob Vance, CU
2020	No Champion - COVID-19	2005	2005	Arturo Alvarez, WOU (P)	2019	Aaron Sutton, MSUB
2021	Northwest Nazarene	2006	2006		2020	Not Awarded - COVID-19
2022	Western Oregon	2007	2007		2021	Joe Schaefer, NNU
	Northwest Nazarene	2008	2008		2022	Kellen Walker, WOU
		2009	2009			
Player Of The Year		2010	2010			
2005	Greg McCarthy, WOU (C)	2011	2011			
2006	Boo Christenson, WOU (OF)	2012	2012			
2007	Jamie Nilsen, CWU (SS)	2013	2013			
2008	Jamie Nilsen, CWU (SS)	2014	2014			
2009	Travis Fox, WOU (OF)	2015	2015			
		2016	2016			
		2017	2017			
		2018	2018			
		2019	2019			
		2020	2020			
		2021	2021			
		2022	2022			
				Freshman Of The Year		
				2005	Jamie Nilsen, CWU (SS)	
				2006	Ryan Brilhante, SMU (OF)	
				2007	Randy Summers, WOU (3B)	
				2008	Nate Slonaker, NNU (RP)	
				2009	Thomas McCarthy, WOU (1B)	
				2010	Zeb Sneed, NNU (P)	
				2011	Logan Parker, NNU (OF)	
				2012	Chandler Tracy, SMU (C)	

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2023 Regular Season Standings

	GNAC			All			H	A	N
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Western Oregon	20	9	.689	27	13	.675	17-4	10-9	0-0
Northwest Nazarene	17	15	.531	23	27	.460	16-7	7-20	0-0
Central Washington	16	15	.516	22	27	.449	14-7	8-20	0-0
Montana St. Billings	12	18	.400	21	27	.438	10-8	11-18	0-1
Saint Martin's	11	19	.367	15	29	.341	8-13	6-16	1-0

Tournament Schedule

May 11-12, 2023

SMU Baseball Field, Saint Martin's Univ., Lacey, Wash.

Thurs., May 12

Game 1: No. 2 Northwest Nazarene vs. No. 3 Central Washington, 10 a.m.

Game 2: No. 1 Western Oregon vs. No. 3 Central Washington, 1 p.m.

Game 3: No. 1 Western Oregon vs. No. 2 Northwest Nazarene, 4 p.m.

Fri., May 13

Game 4: Teams To Be Determined, Noon

Game 5: Teams To Be Determined, 3 p.m. (if necessary)

After day one, if teams are 2-0, 1-1 and 0-2, the 0-2 team is eliminated and the remaining teams will play on Friday.

If there is a 1-1 tie after day one, the No. 1 team will automatically advance to the championship game. The No. 2 and 3 seeds will play a loser out game on Friday at noon.

History & Records



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

On The Cover

The conference's top-three teams congregate in Lacey, Washington for the chance to earn the GNAC's automatic berth to the NCAA Championships. Clockwise from top left: Duke Pahukoa (Northwest Nazarene), Trevor Tripoli (Central Washington) and Dylan Chalmers (Western Oregon).

Tournament Preview

LACEY, Wash. – The best of the GNAC are set to take the field in Lacey, Washington for the 2023 GNAC Baseball Championships.

No. 1 seed Western Oregon comes into the tournament looking to defend its title from last season after securing its second consecutive regular-season championship while No. 2 seed Northwest Nazarene and No. 3 seed Central Washington aim to spoil the Wolves' party.

Western Oregon raced away with the regular-season title late in the season, winning 11 of its last 12 games to finish the conference slate with a 20-9 GNAC record (27-13 overall). The Wolves have been lights out on both sides of the ball, leading the GNAC with a .315 batting average and a 4.02 ERA.

At the plate, the Wolves are led by the two most reliable hitters in the league, twin brothers Derek and Jacob Maiben. The seniors from Newberg, Oregon are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the GNAC with .421 and .405 batting averages, respectively. Both Maiben brothers also own on base percentages over .450 and bring the power with slugging percentages over .500 on the season. Derek Maiben leads Division II as the toughest to strike out batter, only going down on strikes three times in 159 at-bats heading into the GNAC Championships.

The Wolves' league-leading pitching has been led by the deadly one-two punch of sophomores Dylan Chalmers and Bryce Bond. Chalmers leads the GNAC with a 2.63 ERA through 51.1 innings this season. He is followed by Bond with a 3.51 ERA through 41 innings.

Northwest Nazarene finished the regular season with a 17-15 GNAC record (23-27 overall) and was the first team to conclude its conference schedule. The Nighthawks rank second in the GNAC with a 4.80 ERA and are third with a .277 batting average heading into the tournament. They also lead the GNAC Championships field with 27 home runs on the season.

Leading the way at the plate for NNU is junior Mason Leavitt with a .363 batting average that ranks fourth in the conference. Leavitt has also shown patience in the batter's box drawing 34 walks while stealing 11 bases.

Northwest Nazarene's bullpen, led by senior Ty Pohlmann, is one of the most dangerous in the conference. Pohlmann enters the GNAC Championships with 57 strikeouts in just 31.2 innings this season. He is joined by junior Joseph Ihili, who leads the GNAC and ranks 12th in Division II with eight saves on the year.

Central Washington secured its place in the GNAC Championships in the final week of the regular season, rounding out its conference games with a 16-15 record (22-27 overall). The Wildcats used a late push to earn a tournament berth, winning seven of their last eight games. They rank third in the GNAC with a 5.74 ERA and a .273 batting average.

At the plate, Central Washington is led by sophomore Ben Leid and senior Trevor Triopli. Leid ranks ninth in the GNAC with a .343 batting average and is tied for second in the conference with 61 hits while Tripoli is second for CWU with a .317 batting average.

Senior southpaw Brayde Hirai leads the Wildcats on the mound with a 4.12 ERA to rank third in the conference. Hirai has started 11 games for CWU this season and his 67.2 innings are the most of any pitcher in the GNAC. He has gone the distance twice to tie for third in the conference.

Western Oregon is no stranger to GNAC Championships hardware and has come away with tournament victories on four of the eight occasions. Northwest Nazarene comes into this year's tournament looking for its first GNAC Championships title since 2021 while Central Washington is on the hunt for its first title since 2014.

The 2023 GNAC Baseball Championships will be held on the campus of Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington from May 11-12. Advance daily session tickets are available for purchase at GNACTickets.com. All games will be streamed live at GNAC.tv.