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Oregon Sports Awards

Ad Rutschman Small College Male Athlete of the Year

2006 Winner

Nick Symmonds, Willamette
Track and Field, Cross Country

Other 2006 Finalists

Eric Fiegi, Corban
Basketball

Scott Halley, Concordia
Track and Field

Derrick Jones, George Fox
Baseball

Nick Waechter, Western Oregon
Baseball

Ad Rutschman Small College Female Athlete of the Year

2006 Winner

Sarah Zerzan, Willamette
Cross Country, Track and Field

Other 2006 Finalists

DeeDee Arnall, Pacific
Basketball, Track and Field

Brooke Barker, Pacific
Track and Field

Lauren Sexton, Concordia
Track and Field

Shelly Steinke, Linfield
Softball

Sweep for Willamette at Oregon Sports Awards Symmonds and Zerzan are Ad Rutchman Small College Players of the Year

Former Willamette University track and field and cross country athlete Nick Symmonds and current Bearcat cross country and distance runner Sarah Zerzan were chosen as the 2006 Ad Rutschman Small College Athletes of the Year at the 55th Annual Oregon Sports Awards show on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike Campus in Beaverton, Ore. Symmonds won the Small College Male Athlete of the Year Award and Zerzan received the Small College Female Athlete of the Year Award.

Symmonds, from Boise, Idaho (Kelly HS) won seven NCAA Division III individual track and field titles while running for the Bearcats. In 2006, he earned two NCAA titles for the second year in a row and the third time overall. He claimed the 800-meter championship with a time of 1:49.59 and took the 1,500-meter crown in 3:49.24. Symmonds also set the Division III record in the 800-meter run last spring, with a time of 1:47.34 at the Tennessee Distance Running Solution at Vanderbilt University.

After completing his collegiate career, Symmonds provided a thrilling finish in the 800-meter run at the U.S.A. Outdoor Track and Field Championships on June 25. He rallied to take second place, after moving forward from seventh place during the final 120 meters. Symmonds was timed at 1:45.83.

Symmonds was selected as the 2006 NCAA Division III Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. He also was named to the USTFCCCA Men's All-Academic Team for NCAA Division III. Symmonds graduated this past spring with a 3.27 GPA and a major in chemistry.

Zerzan (Jr., San Carlos, CA/Notre Dame HS) battled a wet and muddy course to win the women's individual title at the NCAA Division III Cross Country National Championships, held in West Chester, Ohio, on Nov. 18. Zerzan was the first of 279 runners to cross the finish line, as she became WU's first national champion in cross country. She completed the 6-kilometer course in 22:31 to win by 20 seconds.

The Willamette women's cross country team placed 20th at the NCAA National Championships, won the Northwest Conference title for the fifth year in a row and claimed its fourth straight NCAA West Regional title. Individually, Zerzan won the NCAA, West Regional and NWC championships. She set school records in the 5K and the 6K, and received All-America honors for the second year in a row.

Zerzan has been chosen as the cross country nominee for the NCAA Division III Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year Award, presented by Honda. A total of 12 student-athletes, one from each of 12 women's sports, are nominated for the award, which will be presented in June of 2007.

Zerzan missed much of the 2006 track and field season after being hit by a car in mid-April. She had already set school records in the 5,000-meter and 3,000-meter races prior to the accident. She then missed a month of practice and returned with just 1 1/2 to practice before the NCAA Division III National Championships. At Nationals, she took 11th place in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:41.82.

A talented student, Zerzan was chosen for the USTFCCCA Women's All-Academic Team for NCAA Division III this past spring. She began the current academic year with a 3.95 GPA. She is majoring in chemistry (biochemistry track).



	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	11	3	20	3
Lewis & Clark	11	3	16	6
Puget Sound	10	4	17	5
George Fox	7	7	12	11
Pacific	6	8	10	12
Willamette	6	8	10	13
Pacific Lutheran	5	9	8	13
Whitman	4	10	8	15
Linfield	3	11	8	15

2006-07 Willamette University Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 17	at Albertson#	116-77 L
Nov. 18	vs. Eastern Oregon#	84-81 W
Nov. 24	at Claremont-M.-S.^	60-50 L
Nov. 25	at Pomona-Pitzer^	80-68 L
Dec. 1	at Puget Sound* (3 OT)	140-137 L
Dec. 2	at Pacific Lutheran*	90-84 L
Dec. 8	Concordia (Ore.)	96-93 W
Dec. 9	Southern Oregon	66-51 W
Dec. 19	at Western Oregon	94-58 L
Dec. 29	at California Lutheran%	85-72 W
Dec. 30	vs. Bethany (Kan.)%	79-64 L
Jan. 5	Pacific*	66-62 W
Jan. 6	Lewis & Clark*	76-66 L
Jan. 12	at George Fox*	72-52 L
Jan. 13	Linfield*	80-68 W
Jan. 19	Whitworth*	79-66 L
Jan. 20	Whitman*	89-80 W
Jan. 26	Puget Sound*	119-108 W
Jan. 27	Pacific Lutheran*	90-67 W
Feb. 2	at Pacific*	69-60 L
Feb. 3	at Lewis & Clark*	60-55 L
Feb. 9	George Fox*	84-79 W
Feb. 10	at Linfield*	83-80 L
Feb. 16	at Whitworth*	8 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Whitman*	8 p.m.

Duane Wolfe Golden Rule Shootout, Caldwell, Idaho
 ^ David Wells Classic, Claremont, Calif.
 % Thrivent Financial Tourn., Thousand Oaks, Calif.
 * Northwest Conference Home games in **Bold Face**

Men's Basketball (10-13 Overall, 6-8 NWC)

Last Weeks Results:

Bearcats Defeat George Fox; Lose at Linfield

The Willamette University men's basketball team split a pair of NWC games last weekend, defeating George Fox University 84-79 at home on Friday, Feb. 9, before losing 83-80 on the road to Linfield College the following night. Saturday's loss to Linfield eliminated the Bearcats from contention for one of the three spots in the NWC Tournament.

Against George Fox, Bearcat senior wing Rob Andrus (Chimacum, WA/Chimacum HS) scored a career-high 27 points and tied a school record by hitting 12 of 12 free throws, as he led WU to the victory over the Bruins in his final game at Cone Field House. Fellow senior C.J. Stuvland (Pt. Guard/Wing, Portland, OR/University of Oregon) added 18 points for the Bearcats.

The Bearcats and the Bruins each finished with 27 field goals and 10 three-pointers, but Willamette connected on 20 of 23 free throws (87.0%), while GFU made 15 of 23 charity shots (65.2%). Stuvland led the 3-point attack for Willamette by hitting 5 of 6 attempts from long-range, including three from about 30-feet.

On Saturday, Linfield connected on six 3-pointers in the final 9:28 and shot 61.3% from the field in the second half (19 of 31), as the Wildcats rallied to defeat visiting Willamette. The Bearcats held a 63-54 advantage with 9:54 left, before Linfield concluded the game with a 29-17 run.

Willamette's top scorer was freshman Dan Nugent (Wing/Post, Portland, OR/Jesuit HS), who tallied 14 points in the second half to finish with 16 points overall. Andrus scored 12 points and Simon Currie (So., Wing/Post, Bend, OR/Mt. View HS) supplied 11 points.

This Week's Games:

Willamette Closes Season at Whitworth and Whitman

Willamette will travel to eastern Washington this weekend to play its final two games of the season. The 'Cats play at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., on Friday, Feb. 16, then play the next night at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Both games are set for 8 p.m. (PST). Earlier this year, WU defeated Whitman, 89-80, and lost to Whitworth, 79-66, in home games at Cone Field House.

The Bearcats' game against Whitman will mark the final game for three WU seniors. Andrus and Stuvland will be making their final appearances in a Willamette uniform, while senior point guard Josh Erickson (Keizer, OR/McNary HS) also will be finishing his WU career, although not on the court. Erickson played in only two games this year after re-injuring his right knee. He also missed the entire 2004-05 season with a similar injury.

Bearcat Notes:

- Andrus has reached double digits in scoring in 10 of Willamette's last 12 games. During those 12 games, Andrus has averaged 12.6 points per game, and shot 55% (44 of 80) from the field, including 51.7% (15 of 29) from 3-point range.
- Andrus was nominated for NWC Player of the Week after averaging 19.5 points and shooting 45.8% (11 of 24) over the Bearcats' two games last weekend.
- Andrus' 12-for-12 performance from the free-throw line against George Fox matched the single game school record held by Ross Sovde, who achieved the mark against Pacific on Jan. 16, 1990.



NWC Statistics

**Willamette Men's Basketball
Team Rankings**

Scoring Offense.....	4th tie.....	77.2 ppg
Scoring Defense.....	6th.....	80.8 ppg
Scoring Margin.....	8th.....	-3.7 ppg
Free Throw Pct.....	1st.....	75.4%
Field Goal Pct.....	2nd.....	48.0%
Field Goal Defense.....	5th.....	46.0%
3-Point FG Pct.....	6th.....	34.5%
3-Point Defense.....	9th.....	38.2%
Rebounding.....	5th.....	34.7 rpg
Rebounding Defense.....	5th.....	35.3 rpg
Rebounding Margin.....	5th.....	-0.7 rpg
Blocked Shots.....	1st.....	3.52 bpg
Assists.....	4th.....	14.52 apg
Steals.....	9th.....	5.30 spg
Turnover Margin.....	9th.....	-3.91 tpg
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	8th.....	0.83
Offensive Rebounds.....	9th.....	8.52 rpg
Defensive Rebounds.....	1st.....	26.13 rpg
3-Point FG Made.....	8th.....	6.30 per gm.

**Willamette Men's Basketball
Individual Rankings (Top 10)**

Scoring.....	Dan Nugent.....	5th tie.....	16.0 ppg
Rebounds.....	Ian Mansfield.....	3rd.....	7.5 rpg
FG Pct.....	Dan Nugent.....	4th.....	59.0%
Assists.....	Ian Mansfield.....	9th.....	2.74 apg
FT Pct.....	Rob Andrus.....	2nd.....	83.0%
.....	Dan Nugent.....	6th.....	80.6%
Steals.....	Dan Nugent.....	6th.....	1.48 spg
3 FG Pct.....	Michael Smith.....	9th.....	39.2%
Blocks.....	Dan Nugent.....	2nd.....	1.57 bpg
.....	Ian Mansfield.....	6th.....	0.78 bpg
Def. Rebs....	Ian Mansfield.....	2nd.....	6.30 rpg
.....	Dan Nugent.....	6th.....	4.43 rpg
Minutes.....	Kyler McClary.....	9th.....	30.65 mpg

- Nugent has scored in double figures in nine straight games, and 17 of Willamette's 23 games this year. He has produced 20 or more points eight times, including a season-high 34 points against the University of Puget Sound on Dec. 1. He is averaging 16.0 points per game for the season, which puts in him in a tie for fifth place in the NWC in scoring. His 59.0% shooting (135 of 229) ranks fourth best in the conference.
- In their win over Linfield, the Bearcats converted 20 of 23 free throws as a team. The 87% success rate tied for 11th on Willamette's all-time single game list (min. 20 attempts). The school record for free throw percentage is .955 (21 of 22) against Whitman on Jan. 23, 1999. This year's team also has tied for second on the list (.950, 19 of 20, vs. California Lutheran University, Dec. 29) and for eighth overall (.880, 22 of 25, vs. Whitman, Jan. 20).
- WU concluded its home schedule with an 8-2 record at Cone Field House. The Bearcats averaged 82.2 points per game at home, while shooting 51.1% from the field and 78.3% at the line. WU's only home losses were to Lewis & Clark (currently 16-6, 11-3 in the NWC) and Whitworth (currently 20-3, 10-3 in the NWC).
- Willamette leads the Northwest Conference in two statistical categories: free throw shooting at 75.4% (398 of 528), and blocked shots per game at 3.52 (81 total).
- Junior post Ian Mansfield (Hillsboro, OR/Century HS) is third in the NWC in rebounding with an average of 7.5 boards per game (172 total). He hauled down a season-high 16 rebounds at Puget Sound on Dec. 1. Against George Fox last Friday, he led all players with 11 rebounds. Willamette teammates Nugent and Kyler McClary (So., Post, Hillsboro, OR/Glencoe HS) are tied for 11th in the NWC in rebounding with an average of 5.4 rebounds per game.
- Saturday's game against Linfield featured 13 ties and 15 lead changes, including eight ties and six lead changes in the first half.



NWC Women's Basketball Standings Through February 11, 2007

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Puget Sound	12	2	19	4
George Fox	11	3	15	6
Lewis & Clark	8	6	15	8
Whitworth	7	7	13	10
Linfield	8	6	13	9
Pacific Lutheran	7	7	11	10
Whitman	6	8	12	12
Pacific	2	12	7	15
Willamette	2	12	4	19

2006-07 Willamette University Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 17	vs. St. Mary's (Minn.)#	56-43 L
Nov. 18	vs. Wartburg (Iowa)#	64-41 L
Nov. 21	at Corban College	71-62 L
Nov. 24	vs. Eastern Oregon^	81-50 L
Nov. 25	at Albertson^	70-54 L
Dec. 1	at Puget Sound*	60-47 L
Dec. 2	at Pacific Lutheran*	57-30 L
Dec. 5	Corban College	74-53 L
Dec. 8	at Western Oregon	71-51 W
Dec. 29	at Menlo College%	47-31 L
Dec. 30	vs. CSU-East Bay%	66-52 W
Jan. 5	Pacific* (OT)	71-66 W
Jan. 6	Lewis & Clark*	60-48 W
Jan. 12	at George Fox*	72-35 L
Jan. 13	Linfield*	66-53 L
Jan. 19	Whitworth*	64-58 W
Jan. 20	Whitman*	52-41 L
Jan. 26	Puget Sound*	75-36 L
Jan. 27	Pacific Lutheran*	58-42 L
Feb. 2	at Pacific*	63-48 L
Feb. 3	at Lewis & Clark*	60-46 L
Feb. 9	George Fox*	75-32 L
Feb. 10	at Linfield*	62-38 L
Feb. 16	at Whitworth*	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Whitman*	6 p.m.

Bon Appetit Tournament in Portland, Ore.

^ Lady 'Yote Classic in Caldwell, Idaho

% Peninsula Hoops Classic in Atherton, Calif.

* Northwest Conference Home games in **Bold Face**

Women's Basketball (4-19 Overall, 2-12 NWC)

Last Week's Results:

Willamette Falls to George Fox and Linfield

The Willamette women's basketball squad dropped a pair of NWC games this past weekend, losing 75-32 to George Fox University on Friday, Feb. 9, and dropping a 62-38 decision to Linfield College the following day. With the two losses, the Bearcats fell to 4-19 overall, 2-12 in the NWC.

On Friday, George Fox raced out to a 10-0 lead and then led 35-14 at the intermission, before eventually winning, 75-32. The Bruins held Willamette to just 22.6% shooting (14 of 62) for the game.

WU's top scorers were Laura Payne (Jr., G, Sammamish, WA/Skyline HS) and Rebekah Wells (Jr., G, Lynnwood, WA/Edmonds-Woodway HS) with seven points each. Maggie Hake (Sr., F, Kentfield, CA/Marin Catholic HS) and Tracie Nygaard (Jr., F, Knappa, OR/Knappa HS) added six points apiece.

The 'Cats Kari Woody (Sr., F, Boise, ID/Timberline HS) tied for game-high rebounding honors, as she hauled down nine boards. The Bearcats also received a game-high four steals from Sara Brooks (Sr., G, Rainier, OR/Rainier HS).

Brooks, Hake and Woody all started in their final home game for Willamette. The three seniors were honored prior to the start of the game in recognition of their career with the Bearcats.

On Saturday, Linfield built a 25-18 halftime lead, then converted 21 of 27 free throws in the second half, as the Wildcats defeated Willamette 62-38.

Willamette was led by Woody and Hake with eight points each. Maggie Wilkens (So., G, Seattle, WA/Lakeside HS) tacked on seven points for the Bearcats, while Payne contributed six points.

This Week's Games:

Bearcats Finish Season with Road Games at Whitworth and Whitman

Willamette will play its final two games of the 2006-07 season when the Bearcats travel to eastern Washington for a pair of NWC road games. WU plays this Friday at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash., and then plays the next night at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Both games are set for 6 p.m. (PST). Earlier this year at home, WU defeated Whitworth, 64-58, and lost to Whitman, 52-41.

Bearcat Notes:

- Willamette played without leading scorer and rebounder Keilyn Fujioka (Fr., Forward, Kailua, HI/Iolani HS) against George Fox and Linfield. Fujioka injured her right knee late in the game against Lewis & Clark College on Feb. 3. She is doubtful for this weekend's games at Whitworth and Whitman.

- Before her injury, Fujioka was having an impressive freshman campaign for the Bearcats. Even now, she is second in the NWC in field goal percentage, shooting 53.0% (89 of 168). She is tied for second in the conference in rebounding, with an average of 8.4 boards per game. In addition, she is fourth in the NWC in blocked shots (1.14 per game, 24 total) and is 15th in scoring, with an average of 10.0 points per game.

- Payne is leading the NWC in minutes played per game (34.7). She is third in the NWC in assists per game (2.6), and tied for 20th in points per game (8.7).



NWC Statistics

**Willamette Women's Basketball
Team Rankings**

Scoring Offense.....	9th.....	47.9 ppg
Scoring Defense.....	8th.....	63.0 ppg
Scoring Margin.....	9th.....	-15.1 ppg
Free Throw Pct.....	9th.....	60.1%
Field Goal Pct.....	9th.....	33.7%
Field Goal Defense.....	5th.....	39.1%
3-Point FG Pct.....	9th.....	24.3%
3-Point Defense.....	8th.....	31.4%
Rebounding.....	7th.....	36.3 rpg
Rebounding Defense.....	9th.....	42.8 rpg
Rebounding Margin.....	9th.....	-6.4 rpg
Blocked Shots.....	5th.....	2.30 bpg
Assists.....	7th.....	10.96 apg
Steals.....	8th.....	6.22 spg
Turnover Margin.....	9th.....	-3.70 tpg
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	8th.....	0.52
Offensive Rebounds.....	8th.....	11.57 rpg
Defensive Rebounds.....	5th.....	24.78 rpg
3-Point FG Made.....	8th.....	2.73 per gm.

**Willamette Women's Basketball
Individual Rankings (Top 20)**

Scoring.....	Keilyn Fujioka..	15th.....	10.0 ppg
	Laura Payne..	20th tie.....	8.7 ppg
Rebounds....	K. Fujioka.....	2nd tie.....	8.4 rpg
	Kari Woody.....	15th.....	4.8 rpg
FG Pct.....	K. Fujioka.....	2nd.....	53.0%
Assists.....	Laura Payne.....	3rd.....	2.57 apg
Steals.....	Rebekah Wells..	13th.....	1.25 spg
3 FG Pct.	Laura Payne.....	15th.....	25.3%
3 FG Made .	Laura Payne..	14th tie....	1.0 per gm.
Blocks.....	K. Fujioka.....	4th.....	1.14 bpg
	Kari Woody.....	9th.....	0.65 bpg
Asst/TO Ratio..	Laura Payne.....	15th.....	0.66
Off. Rebs....	K. Fujioka.....	3rd.....	2.67 rpg
Def. Rebs....	K. Fujioka.....	2nd.....	5.71 rpg
Minutes.....	Laura Payne.....	1st.....	34.65 mpg

- When the 'Cats finish the season on the road at Whitworth and Whitman, they will be seeking their first NWC road wins of the year. Two of Willamette's four wins have been on the road, but the Bearcats have yet to win a road game in Northwest Conference action (0-6 on the season).
- Both Fujioka and Payne have scored in double digits in 10 of the Bearcats' 21 games. Fujioka has reached double digits in rebounds in eight games and has been the 'Cats leading rebounder in 15 games this year.
- Woody has now started eight consecutive games at forward for WU, after coming off the bench in each of the Bearcats' first 15 games. She has averaged 6.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game in her eight starts. In her first start of the season, against Whitworth College on Jan. 19, she logged a season-high 31 minutes, and finished with 12 points, which matched her season-high for points in a game. She also scored 12 points against California State University-East Bay on Dec. 30.
- Hake was nominated for NWC Player of the Week for her efforts against George Fox and Linfield. Hake, who was thrust into a starting role when Fujioka injured her right knee against Lewis & Clark, averaged 7.0 points and 6.0 rebounds over the weekend. She played 30 minutes against GFU and 28 minutes against Linfield, after averaging just 8.2 minutes per game in Willamette's first 21 games.



**NWC Baseball Standings
Through February 11, 2007**

	NWC		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	T
Lewis & Clark	2	0	2	0	0
Pacific Lutheran	0	0	3	0	0
Puget Sound	0	0	1	2	1
George Fox	0	0	0	0	0
Linfield	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific	0	0	0	0	0
Whitman	0	0	0	0	0
Whitworth	0	0	0	0	0
Willamette	0	2	1	2	0

**2007 Willamette University
Baseball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 3	Corban	9-7 W
Feb. 10	at Lewis & Clark*	9-8 L
Feb. 10	at Lewis & Clark#* (DH)	8-3 L
Feb. 11	at Lewis & Clark#*	^Leading 5-3
Feb. 17	at Pomona-Pitzer (DH)	11 a.m.
Feb. 18	at CSU-San Marcos	12 p.m.
Feb. 24	at CSU-East Bay (DH)	11 a.m.
Feb. 25	at CSU-East Bay	12 p.m.
Mar. 3	George Fox* (DH)	11 a.m.
Mar. 4	George Fox*	12 p.m.
Mar. 9	Menlo	3 p.m.
Mar. 10	Menlo	3 p.m.
Mar. 11	Menlo	12 p.m.
Mar. 17	at Whitman* (DH)	12 p.m.
Mar. 18	at Whitman*	12 p.m.
Mar. 24	Whitworth* (DH)	12 p.m.
Mar. 25	Whitworth*	12 p.m.
Mar. 29	Patten	1 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Puget Sound* (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 1	at Puget Sound*	12 p.m.
Apr. 3	at Corban	4 p.m.
Apr. 6	Pacific Lutheran* (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 7	Pacific Lutheran*	12 p.m.
Apr. 10	vs. Western Oregon%	7 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Linfield* (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 15	at Linfield*	12 p.m.
Apr. 17	Corban	4 p.m.
Apr. 21	Pacific* (DH)	12 p.m.
Apr. 22	Pacific*	12 p.m.
Apr. 25	vs. Corban%	6 p.m.
Apr. 26	vs. Lewis & Clark%	6 p.m.
May 17-21	at NCAA Regional	TBA
May 26-30	at NCAA Finals	TBA

* Northwest Conference
At Tigard HS % At Volcanoes Stadium
^ Suspended in middle of 7th inning and will be completed on Apr. 26 prior to scheduled game
Home games in **Bold Face**

Baseball (1-2 Overall, 0-2 NWC)

Last Weeks Result:

Bearcats Drop Two Games To Lewis & Clark; Third Game Suspended Due to Weather

Lewis & Clark College slipped past Willamette University, 9-8, in the first game of a NWC doubleheader at the Tigard High School Field on Saturday, Feb. 10. Willamette outhit the Pioneers, 9-4, in the second game, but L&C took advantage of three Willamette errors to score six unearned runs and complete the sweep with an 8-3 victory.

Weather forced game three on Sunday to be suspended in the middle of the seventh inning. Willamette was leading 5-3 when the game was suspended. A make-up date was tentatively set for April 26 at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer, Ore., prior to the start of a previously scheduled 9-inning game.

During Saturday's doubleheader, Matthew Rasmussen (Sr., SS, Sandy, UT/Bingham HS) led the Bearcats offensively, going 5 for 9 overall at the plate. He was 2 for 4 with two runs and an RBI in the opener. He added a 3-for-5 performance with one run scored in the second game. Grant Yamaguchi (Sr., 1B, Aiea, HI/Mid Pacific Institute) went 2 for 3 with an RBI in the second game, while Kelly Gilmore (Sr., RF, Keizer, OR/McNary HS) added four RBIs over the two games.

Lewis & Clark managed to sweep the double-header despite giving up a total of 21 walks. The Bearcats also battled control problems, as Willamette walked a total of 15 batters. The 'Cats gave up nine walks in the second game, which included several short rain delays lasting a combined time of about one hour.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

Willamette Travels To California for Spring Break Action

The Bearcats will return to action on Saturday, Feb. 17 when they play a doubleheader at Pomona-Pitzer in Pomona, Calif. The first pitch is slated for 11 a.m. (PST). On Sunday, WU plays a single game against Cal State-San Marcos at noon.

Pomona-Pitzer is currently 2-1 on the year, including a 32-6 win over La Sierra University. Cal-State San Marcos is 2-8 on the season.

Bearcat Notes:

- In Saturday's first game against L&C, Willamette starter Tye Sundlee (Jr., RHP, Yakima, WA/West Valley HS) struck out five batters in 4 2/3 innings, but gave up six runs — five unearned — as WU committed two errors in the fourth inning and one error in the fifth. Bearcat reliever Kelsey Nakata (So., RHP, Mililani, HI/Mililani HS) suffered the loss. He allowed four hits and three runs. One of the runs was unearned after Willamette committed its fourth error of the game.
- Clint Moran (Jr., LHP, Mission Viejo, CA/Capistrano Valley HS) took the loss for WU in game two. He threw the first 5 2/3 innings and gave up one earned run in both the second and third innings, before the Bearcats' committed two errors in the sixth inning that led to five unearned runs.
- WU benefited from 10 walks during game two, but stranded 15 runners on the base paths. The second game also featured four doubles by the 'Cats, including two by Rasmussen.
- With the season opener already completed, the Bearcats must wait a full month before they are scheduled to play at home again. Willamette's next home game is part of a Northwest Conference double-header against five-time defending champion George Fox University on Mar. 3. The action is slated to get underway at 11 a.m. (PST).



**NWC Men's Swimming Standings
Through February 11, 2007**

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	7	0	7	1
Linfield	6	1	6	3
Pacific Lutheran	5	2	6	2
Puget Sound	4	3	4	4
Whitman	3	4	4	4
Lewis & Clark	2	5	3	5
Willamette	1	6	1	6
Pacific	0	7	0	7

**NWC Women's Swimming Standings
Through February 11, 2007**

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	7	0	7	1
Puget Sound	6	1	6	2
Lewis & Clark	5	2	6	2
Whitman	3	4	4	4
Pacific Lutheran	3	4	4	4
Linfield	3	4	5	6
Willamette	1	6	2	6
Pacific	0	7	1	7

Men's & Women's Swimming

Last Weeks Result:

**Otawa and Schmit Lead WU Men at NWC Championships;
Fischer and Gima Lead WU Women**

Willamette University senior swimmer Kei Ottawa (Moscow, ID/Moscow HS) capped a stellar season by taking home three top-three finishes at the Northwest Conference Championships over the weekend at Whitman College. The event was held from Friday, Feb. 9 through Sunday, Feb. 11. The Bearcat men finished the weekend in sixth place with 263 points, while the women's team finished seventh in the standings with 201 points.

Otawa finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke on Sunday with a time of 2:09.51. On Friday, he placed third in the 50-yard freestyle, swimming a season-best time of 21.67 seconds. His other top-three finish was on Saturday, when he took third place in the 100-yard breaststroke. His time in the event was 59.22 seconds.

Cason Schmit (Oakland, CA/Bishop O'Dowd HS) also had a good weekend in the pool for the 'Cats, finishing in the top eight of three events. Schmit took third in the 100-yard backstroke (54.51), sixth in the 50-yard freestyle (22.39), and eighth in the 100-yard freestyle (53.78). Matthew Tanigawa (Fr., Kailua, HI/Baptist Academy) was the only other Willamette male swimmer to qualify for the championship finals, as he finished eighth in the 200-yard butterfly after earning a time of 2:13.52.

On the women's side for the Bearcats, Becca Fischer (Sr., Billings, MT/Billings West HS) and Shannon Gima (Jr., Alameda, CA/Lick-Wilmerding HS) were the leaders on Saturday, as Fischer claimed fourth place in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:10.15) and eighth place in the 100-yard backstroke (1:04.82), while Gima took fifth place in the 100-yard backstroke. Fischer achieved her two top-eight finishes with only a short break between the races.

On Sunday, Fischer (Sr., Billings, MT/Billings West HS) led the WU women's team by taking fifth place in the 200-yard breaststroke. She clocked in at 2:32.19. Also on Sunday, Gima finished eighth in the 200-yard backstroke, as she recorded a time of 2:21.74.

In the men's team standings, Whitworth College claimed first place with 627 points. The women's team title was won by the University of Puget Sound with 703 points. It was Puget Sound's 11th consecutive NWC women's championship.

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**2007 Willamette University
Rowing Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 11	at Tough Love Erg Race <i>Portland, Ore.</i>	NTS
Mar. 10	at Behind Ross Island #2 <i>Portland, Ore.</i>	8 a.m.
Mar. 24	at Daffodil Cup <i>Tacoma, Wash.</i>	8 a.m.
Mar. 31	at NWCRC Invitational <i>Vancouver Lake, Wash.</i>	8 a.m.
Apr. 7	Governor's Cup Willamette River Salem, Ore.	8 a.m.
Apr. 14	at Covered Bridge <i>Eugene, Ore.</i>	7 a.m.
Apr. 21	at NWCRC Championships <i>Lake Stevens, Wash.</i>	7 a.m.
Apr. 28-29	at WIRA Championships <i>Lake Natoma, Calif.</i>	8 a.m.
May 25-27	at NCAA Championships* <i>Oak Ridge, Tenn.</i>	8 a.m.

Governor's Cup held on the Willamette River near Riverfront Park in Salem, Ore.

NTS - No Team Scoring

* Must qualify to compete

Men's & Women's Rowing

Last Week's Results:

Willamette Opens Spring at "Tough Love" Ergometer Race

Willamette University rowers Kimber Grady (Sr., Seattle, WA/Ballard HS), Megan Meidinger (Sr., Sandy, UT/West HS), and Rebecca Ralston (Sr., Salt Lake City, UT/Judge Memorial Catholic HS) competed in the "Tough Love" Indoor Rowing Challenge on Concept II ergometer rowing machines, Sunday Feb. 11, in Portland, Ore. The event was hosted by the University of Portland.

Competitors were juniors, masters, and collegiate rowers, including Willamette opponents from Portland State University, the University of Portland, and Evergreen College. Grady, who competed in the women's lightweight event, finished second out of nine rowers with a time of 8:09.00, less than three seconds out of first place.

Additionally, Grady helped the Willamette Rowing Club's master's team (based in Portland) place third in the 4 x 500-meter relay. Meidinger and Ralston competed in the 500-meter coxswain sprint. Meidinger won the event and Ralston took second place.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

Willamette Returns to Portland on March 10

The Willamette men's and women's rowing teams will take to the water for their next competition on Saturday, March 10, when they compete in the Behind Ross Island #2 Regatta. The event will be held in Portland, Ore., starting at 8 a.m. (PST).

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2007 Willamette University Women's Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 27	at Portland	7-0 L
Feb. 17	Whitworth**	12 p.m.
Feb. 17	Southern Oregon#	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	Whitman**	10 a.m.
Feb. 23	Pacific**	12 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Pacific Lutheran*	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Lewis & Clark*	10 a.m.
Mar. 4	at Linfield*	1 p.m.
Mar. 9	George Fox**	3 p.m.
Mar. 10	Puget Sound**	11 a.m.
Mar. 17	at Whitworth*	10 a.m.
Mar. 18	at Whitman*	9:30 a.m.
Mar. 26	at Texas Lutheran	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 27	at Trinity (Texas)	4 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Pacific*	4 p.m.
Mar. 31	Pacific Lutheran**	11 a.m.
Apr. 6	Linfield**	3 p.m.
Apr. 7	Lewis & Clark**	10 a.m.
Apr. 13	at George Fox*	3 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Puget Sound*	1 p.m.
Apr. 20	at NWC Tournament%	All Day
Apr. 21	at NWC Tournament%	All Day

Courthouse Tennis Club (1339 Madison NE, Salem)
 ^ WU Tennis Courts near the Sparks Center
 * Northwest Conference match
 % At Yakima, Wash. Home matches in **Bold Face**

Women's Tennis (0-1 Overall, 0-0 NWC)

Up Next for the Bearcats:

Willamette Opens Home Schedule on Feb. 17

The Bearcats will return to action on Saturday, Feb. 17, with the home opener against Whitworth College at 12 p.m. (PST), followed by a match with Southern Oregon University at 6:30 p.m. (PST). The Whitworth match will open Northwest Conference play for the Bearcats, while the meeting with Southern Oregon will be a non-conference match. Willamette also plays at home on Sunday, Feb. 18, when the Bearcats will take on Whitman College at 10 a.m. (PST). All three matches will be held at the Courthouse Tennis Club at 1339 Madison NE in Salem, Ore.

Willamette, currently 0-1 on the season, is scheduled to play nine matches at home this season. The first four matches are scheduled for the Courthouse Tennis Club. If weather permits, the final five home matches will be held at the Willamette University Tennis Courts near the Sparks Center parking lot on the WU campus.

2007 Willamette University Men's Tennis Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 16	at Whitworth*	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. Colorado Christian	9 a.m.
Feb. 17	at Whitman*	1 p.m.
Feb. 24	Pacific Lutheran**	10 a.m.
Feb. 24	Pacific Lutheran**	3 p.m.
Feb. 25	Whitman**	10 a.m.
Mar. 3	Lewis & Clark**	11 a.m.
Mar. 4	Linfield**	1 p.m.
Mar. 9	at George Fox*	3 p.m.
Mar. 10	at Puget Sound*	2 p.m.
Mar. 17	Whitworth**	11 a.m.
Mar. 26	at Vanguard (Calif.)	2 p.m.
Mar. 27	at Whittier (Calif.)	3 p.m.
Mar. 28	Opponent TBA	TBA
Apr. 1	Pacific**	1 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Lewis & Clark*	11 a.m.
Apr. 8	at Linfield**	1 p.m.
Apr. 13	George Fox**	3 p.m.
Apr. 14	Puget Sound**	12 p.m.
Apr. 20	at NWC Tournament%	All Day
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Men's Tennis (0-0 Overall, 0-0 NWC)

Up Next for the Bearcats:

Bearcats Open Season in Spokane and Walla Walla

The Willamette University men's tennis team will open the 2007 spring season this weekend, with one match in Spokane, Wash. and two matches in Walla Walla, Wash. The first match will be in Spokane on Friday, Feb. 16 against Northwest Conference rival Whitworth College. Match time is set for 4 p.m. (PST). The road swing will continue on Saturday, Feb. 17, when the Bearcats take on Colorado Christian University in a non-conference match at Whitman College in Walla Walla at 9 a.m. (PST). Willamette also will play Whitman on Saturday, with the match scheduled to start at 1 p.m. (PST).

Willamette's season-opening four-game road trip will conclude at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., on Friday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. (PST). The Bearcats will play their first home matches of the season on Saturday, Feb. 24, when WU is slated to host two matches against Pacific Lutheran University. Start times for the doubleheader are 10 a.m. (PST) and 3 p.m. (PST).