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2007 Willamette University Track & Field Schedule

| Date | Event/Host | Time |
|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Mar. 3 | Willamette Opener <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 9 a.m. |
| Mar. 10 | Willamette Mini Meet <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 10 a.m. |
| Mar. 16 | Linfield Open Linfield College | 12 p.m. |
| Mar. 17 | Oregon Preview Univ. of Oregon | 11:30 a.m. |
| Mar. 23 | Charles Bowles Classic <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 12 p.m. |
| Apr. 6-7 | Willamette Invite <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 4 p.m./ 10:30 a.m. |
| Apr. 9-10 | NWC Multi Champs <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 9 a.m. |
| Apr. 14 | Willamette Mini Meet <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 11 a.m. |
| Apr. 20-21 | NWC Championships <i>Univ. of Puget Sound</i> | 2 p.m./ 10:30 a.m. |
| Apr. 27 | WOU Twilight* <i>Western Oregon Univ.</i> | TBA |
| May 5 | Oregon Twilight <i>Univ. of Oregon</i> | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 5 | Ken Shannon Invite* <i>Univ. of Washington</i> | TBA |
| May 11 | Western Oregon* <i>Western Oregon Univ.</i> | TBA |
| May 12 | Ken Foreman Invite* <i>Seattle Pacific Univ.</i> | TBA |
| May 16 | WU Last Chance <i>Willamette Univ.</i> | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 24-26 | NCAA Championships <i>Univ. of Wis-Oshkosh</i> | All Day |

* Tentative
Home games in **Bold Face**

Men's & Women's Track & Field

Last Weeks Results:

WU Women Take Home Sixth Straight NWC Title

Willamette University won its sixth consecutive Northwest Conference women's track and field championship on Saturday, April 21, while the Bearcat men's team finished in second place, on the final day of the 2007 NWC Track and Field Championships. Willamette was led by Andrea May (Sr., Bellingham, WA/Sehome HS), who was selected Athlete of the Meet. WU Head Coach Matt McGuirk was named NWC Women's Track and Field Coach of the Year.

In the final women's team standings, Willamette had 257.33 points for a margin of victory of 133.33 points. George Fox University was second with 124 points. Linfield College won the men's team title with 211.83 points. Willamette trailed by just 16.83 points, as the Bearcats finished with a total of 195 points for second place.

May won two events for the Bearcats, taking first place in the 100-meter dash in 12.80 seconds, and first in the 100-meter hurdles in 14.97 seconds. Her time in the hurdles would have been an NCAA Division III provisional qualifier, but the hurdles were not set at the correct height.

Julio Vieyra (Sr., Salem, OR/McKay HS) also won two events on Saturday. He outran the field in the 800-meter run, finishing in 1:55.05, then won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:57.21.

Jennifer Luecht (Fr., Milwaukie, OR/Rex Putnam HS) won the women's 200-meter dash, leading a 1-2-3-4-5 sweep by Willamette after clocking in at 25.95 seconds.

Mariah Hanson (Sr., Poulsbo, WA/North Kitsap HS) won the women's 400-meter dash with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 57.38 seconds, as she helped WU take first through third in the event.

Sarah Zerzan (Jr., San Carlos, CA/Notre Dame HS) continued her stellar spring by winning the women's 1,500-meter run, as she improved her NCAA provisional time with a result of 4:33.87. The Bearcats finished first and second in the event.

Jordyn Smith (Jr., Henderson, NV/Green Valley HS) took first in the women's 400-meter hurdles with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 1:02.95.

The Willamette women's 4 x 100-meter relay team of Autumn Schmeck (Fr., Beaverton, OR/Aloha HS), Lydia Marsalli (Fr., Klamath Falls, OR/Klamath Union HS), Kaitlin St. John (Fr., Bend, OR/Mountain View HS) and Katie Klein (So., Forest Grove, OR/Forest Grove HS), won their event in 49.33 seconds.

WU's 4 x 100-meter women's relay team of Hanson, Klein, Sascha Larsen-Helbing (So., Honokaa, HI/Hawaii Preparatory Academy) and Luecht, also won their event by nearly 11 seconds with an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 3:53.20.

Ian Batch (Jr., Eagle, ID/Capital HS) captured the men's 5,000-meter run title. Batch, who won the 10,000-meter run on Friday, led a 1-2-3-4-5 sweep by the Bearcats in the 5,000.

Individual champions for the Bearcats on the first day of competition included Jena Winger (So., Bonney Lake, WA/Sumner HS), who won the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase in an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying time and Baker Stadium record at 10:52.71.

Melinda Fahey (Jr., Salem, OR/McKay HS) won the discus throw with a toss of 131'10", while Batch claimed first in the 10,000-meter run in a time of 31:52.95.



Bearcat Track & Field Top Three Finishes at NWC Championships

Men's

| Name | Event | Place |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Julio Vieyra | 800-Meter Run | 1st |
| Julio Vieyra | 1500-Meter Run | 1st |
| Kyle Kotaich | 1500-Meter Run | 3rd |
| Lucas Nebert | 3000-Meter Steeple | 2nd |
| Taylor Roholt | 3000-Meter Steeple | 3rd |
| Ian Batch | 5000-Meter Run | 1st |
| Josh Clough | 5000-Meter Run | 2nd |
| Taylor Roholt | 5000-Meter Run | 3rd |
| Ian Batch | 10000-Meter Run | 1st |
| T. Knutson-Lombardo | 10000-Meter Run | 2nd |
| Drew Lackman | 110-Meter Hurdles | 2nd |
| Garrison Coy | 110-Meter Hurdles | 3rd |
| Garrison Coy | 400-Meter Hurdles | 2nd |
| Jacob Monroe | Shot Put | 3rd |
| Grant Piros | Javelin Throw | 2nd |
| Jacob Monroe | Hammer Throw | 2nd |

Women's

| Name | Event | Place |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Andrea May | 100-Meter Dash | 1st |
| Kaitlin St. John | 100-Meter Dash | 2nd |
| Jennifer Luecht | 200-Meter Dash | 1st |
| Lydia Marsalli | 200-Meter Dash | 2nd |
| Kaitlin St. John | 200-Meter Dash | 3rd |
| Mariah Hanson | 400-Meter Dash | 1st |
| Jennifer Luecht | 400-Meter Dash | 2nd |
| Lydia Marsalli | 400-Meter Dash | 3rd |
| Sarah Zerzan | 1500-Meter Run | 1st |
| Maddie Coffman | 1500-Meter Run | 2nd |
| Hannah Vietmeier | 10000-Meter Run | 3rd |
| Jena Winger | 3000-Meter Steeple | 1st |
| Andrea May | 100-Meter Hurdles | 1st |
| Jordyn Smith | 400-Meter Hurdles | 1st |
| Brooke Smith | High Jump | 2nd |
| Elizabeth Andrews | Pole Vault | 2nd |
| Autumn Schmeck | Pole Vault | 3rd |
| Brittany Farrer | Shot Put | 3rd |
| Melinda Fahey | Discus Throw | 1st |
| Melinda Fahey | Hammer Throw | 2nd |
| Jordyn Smith | Heptathlon | 3rd |

Up Next for the Bearcats:

WU to Compete at Western Oregon Twilight Meet

Willamette's next action will be at the Western Oregon Twilight Meet on Friday, April 27, starting at 2:30 p.m. (PDT).

Bearcat Notes:

- Second place finishes on the women's side at the NWC Championships included:
 - St. John in the 100-Meter Dash (12.97)
 - Marsalli in the 200-Meter Dash (25.97)
 - Luecht in the 400-Meter Dash (57.70)
 - Maddie Coffman (So., Boise, ID/Boise HS) in the 1,500-Meter Run (4:35.68)
 - Brooke Smith (So., Idleyld Park, OR/Glide HS) in the high jump (5'1.25").
 - Elizabeth Andrews (Fr., Bellevue, WA/Bellevue Senior HS) in the pole vault (10'6")
 - Fahey in the hammer throw (135'3")
- Second place finishes on the men's side at the NWC Championships included:
 - Lucas Nebert (Jr., Cincinnati, OH/Wyoming HS) in the 3,000-Meter steeplechase (9:32.65).
 - Josh Clough (So., Auburn, WA/Auburn Riverside HS) in the 5,000-Meter run (15:16.39).
 - Tristan Knutson-Lombardo (So., Juneau, AK/Juneau-Douglas HS) in the 10,000-Meter run (31:58.67).
 - Drew Lackman (So., Gig Harbor, WA/Gig Harbor HS) in the 110-Meter hurdles (15.78)
 - Garrison Coy (So., Gig Harbor, WA/Gig Harbor HS) in the 400-Meter hurdles (56.44)
 - Grant Piros (So., Newberg, OR/Newberg HS) in the javelin (196'5")
 - Jacob Monroe (Keizer, OR/McNary HS) in the hammer throw (154'6")



NWC Baseball Standings Through April 23, 2007

| | NWC | | Overall | | |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|----|---|
| | W | L | W | L | T |
| Pacific Lutheran | 18 | 3 | 29 | 7 | 0 |
| George Fox | 19 | 5 | 28 | 5 | 0 |
| Linfield | 14 | 7 | 19 | 14 | 0 |
| Puget Sound | 13 | 8 | 16 | 18 | 1 |
| Whitworth | 9 | 12 | 13 | 21 | 0 |
| Willamette | 9 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 0 |
| Lewis & Clark | 8 | 15 | 12 | 20 | 0 |
| Pacific | 5 | 16 | 12 | 24 | 0 |
| Whitman | 3 | 18 | 5 | 27 | 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#* | 8-3 L |
| Feb. 11 | at Lewis & Clark#* | ^Leading 5-3 |
| Feb. 17 | at Pomona-Pitzer | 9-7 L |
| Feb. 17 | at Pomona-Pitzer | 11-6 L |
| Feb. 18 | at CSU-San Marcos | 9-6 W |
| Feb. 24 | at CSU-East Bay | 13-4 W |
| Feb. 24 | at CSU-East Bay | 8-1 L |
| Feb. 25 | at CSU-East Bay | 9-1 L |
| Mar. 3 | George Fox* | 9-1 L |
| Mar. 3 | George Fox* | 10-4 L |
| Mar. 4 | George Fox* | 12-2 L |
| Mar. 9 | Menlo | 6-4 W |
| Mar. 10 | Menlo | 3-0 W |
| Mar. 10 | Menlo | 4-3 W |
| Mar. 17 | at Whitman* | 7-6 L |
| Mar. 17 | at Whitman* | 6-1 W |
| Mar. 18 | at Whitman* | 6-2 W |
| Mar. 25 | Whitworth* (DH) | 9-3 L |
| Mar. 25 | Whitworth | 7-4 W |
| Mar. 26 | Whitworth* | 2-1 W |
| Mar. 31 | at Puget Sound* | 6-3 W |
| Mar. 31 | at Puget Sound* | 4-1 L |
| Apr. 1 | at Puget Sound* | 8-4 W |
| Apr. 3 | at Corban | 5-4 W |
| Apr. 6 | Pacific Lutheran* | 7-0 L |
| Apr. 6 | Pacific Lutheran* | 14-6 L |
| Apr. 7 | Pacific Lutheran* | 4-0 L |
| Apr. 10 | vs. Western Oregon% | 13-3 L |
| Apr. 14 | at Linfield* (DH) | 9-0 L |
| Apr. 14 | at Linfield* | 6-3 L |
| Apr. 15 | at Linfield* | 9-8 W |
| Apr. 17 | Corban | 8-5 W |
| Apr. 22 | Pacific* | 12-11 L |
| Apr. 22 | Pacific* | 9-7 W |
| Apr. 23 | Pacific* | 5-2 W |
| Apr. 25 | vs. Corban% | 6 p.m. |
| Apr. 26 | vs. Lewis & Clark% | 6 p.m. |

* 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 (17-19 Overall, 9-14 NWC)

Last Weeks Results:

Bearcats Take Two of Three From Pacific

The Willamette University baseball team took two of three games last week from visiting Pacific University. Kelly Gilmore (Sr., Keizer, OR/McNary HS) hit three home runs over the three-game NWC series to pace the 'Cats offensively. During game one of a doubleheader on Sunday, April 22, Pacific rallied for a 12-11 win, before WU took game two, 9-7. On Monday, Ty Sundlee (Jr., RHP, Yakima, WA/West Valley HS) pitched a complete game to lead the Bearcats to a 5-2 win. Willamette upped its record to 17-19 overall, and 9-14 in the NWC.

In the opener, Gilmore hit home runs in the first inning and the sixth inning, and Grant Yamaguchi (Sr., 1B, Aiea, HI/Mid Pacific Institute) blasted a grand slam in the second stanza, but it wasn't enough, as the Boxers overcame an early 7-2 deficit. Trailing 11-8 at the start of the ninth inning, Pacific sent nine batters to the plate and scored four runs on four hits a walk and hit batsman.

Gilmore finished 3 for 4 for Willamette, with three runs and three RBIs, while Yamaguchi went 2 for 5 with a run and four RBIs.

During game two on Sunday, Colin Young (Jr., LF, Portland, OR/Lincoln HS) belted a three-run homer in the fourth inning and Gilmore smacked a solo homer -- his third of the afternoon -- in the sixth inning, as WU rallied for a 9-7 victory.

Willamette starter Jarrid Summers (So., RHP, Boise, ID/Boise HS), who weathered the Boxers' early fourth inning 7-3 lead, shut down Pacific over the final five innings to earn a complete-game victory. He improved to 6-3 on the season, while earning three strikeouts and allowing three walks.

Young went 3 for 4 with four RBIs and a run scored for Willamette in the second game. He also had a pinch-hit single in his only at bat in the opener. Players with two hits for WU in the nightcap were David Tufo (Sr., 3B, San Bruno, CA/Burlingame HS), Sean Anderson (Sr., CF, Klamath Falls, OR/Klamath Union HS), Yamaguchi and Matt Rasmussen (Sr., SS, Sandy, UT/Bingham HS).

On Monday, Sundlee struck out nine batters in a complete-game performance, Rasmussen drove in three runs and Young belted a two-run homer in the third inning, as Willamette defeated Pacific, 5-2.

Sundlee, who improved to 5-3 on the season, allowed just five hits and two walks during the game. He held Pacific off the scoreboard until the Boxers tallied both of their runs in the top of the eighth inning.

Rasmussen drove in Willamette's first three runs. He gave the Bearcats a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, when his single to left center brought home Anderson and Yamaguchi.

In the bottom of the third, Tufo and Anderson opened the stanza with back-to-back walks. Boxers' starting pitcher Tyler Fransen committed a balk, moving the runners to second and third. Rasmussen then lifted a sacrifice fly to center field, scoring Tufo for a 3-0 lead.

Young followed with his second homer of the season -- and second in as many days -- as WU's lead increased to 5-0.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

Willamette Hosts Corban in Final Home Game of the Season

Willamette will play its final home game on Tuesday, April 24 against Corban College. Game time at John Lewis Field is set for 4 p.m. (PDT).



WU Offensive Statistics

| Player | Avg. | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI |
|--------------|------|------|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| C. Young | .364 | 66 | 12 | 24 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| G. Yamaguchi | .315 | 127 | 16 | 40 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 18 |
| S. Anderson | .307 | 127 | 29 | 39 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| M. Rasmussen | .297 | 111 | 14 | 33 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| D. Tufo | .293 | 116 | 19 | 34 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 15 |
| T. Eriksen | .263 | 76 | 12 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 11 |
| K. Gilmore | .250 | 120 | 18 | 30 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 22 |
| Z. Kimball | .245 | 49 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| R. Peterson | .234 | 47 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| D. Maslanik | .220 | 59 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| K. Stalker | .207 | 82 | 12 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 13 |
| E. Webster | .204 | 103 | 15 | 21 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| J. Perez | .400 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Roberts | .350 | 20 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| C. Clark | .278 | 18 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| K. Struble | .250 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. McGee | .231 | 26 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| A. Ross | .179 | 28 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| Totals | .270 | 1184 | 182 | 320 | 65 | 5 | 20 | 161 |
| Opponents | .285 | 1265 | 235 | 360 | 60 | 3 | 22 | 206 |

WU Pitching Statistics

| Player | ERA | W-L | APP | SV | IP | H | BB | SO |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|
| T. Sundlee | 4.54 | 5-3 | 14 | 0 | 75.1 | 77 | 25 | 48 |
| J. Summers | 4.99 | 6-3 | 11 | 0 | 74.0 | 82 | 19 | 36 |
| C. Moran | 7.02 | 2-4 | 13 | 0 | 50.0 | 64 | 50 | 49 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| C. Young | 0.00 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| J. McGee | 0.00 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| J. Meuel | 3.91 | 1-1 | 17 | 1 | 23.0 | 19 | 8 | 7 |
| R. Smith | 4.09 | 0-1 | 14 | 1 | 22.0 | 27 | 6 | 11 |
| K. Nakata | 4.75 | 2-2 | 14 | 2 | 30.1 | 30 | 8 | 8 |
| S. Martin | 4.80 | 0-3 | 10 | 0 | 15.0 | 19 | 8 | 4 |
| T. Mitchell | 6.75 | 0-0 | 3 | 0 | 2.2 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| M. Bicocca | 9.00 | 0-2 | 14 | 2 | 15.0 | 30 | 5 | 4 |
| C. Clark | 9.00 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| J. Penkala | 13.50 | 0-0 | 4 | 1 | 2.2 | 3 | 8 | 2 |
| S. Lane | 18.00 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 1.0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 5.33 | 17-19 | 36 | 7 | 314.0 | 360 | 142 | 171 |
| Opponents | 4.53 | 19-17 | 36 | 7 | 315.2 | 320 | 161 | 211 |

Bearcat Notes:

- The Bearcats played one other game last week, as they defeated cross-town rival Corban College 8-5 on Tuesday, April 17 at home. Gilmore hit a two-RBI double and scored twice, while Anderson hit a two-run double and scored once, to lead WU to the victory. The Bearcats have now won all three games that the two teams have played this season. They conclude their four-game series on Tuesday, April 24.
- WU pitcher Kelsey Nakata (RHP, Mililani, HI/Mililani HS) threw four innings of middle relief against Corban, and allowed just one run on two hits. He picked up the win, as the improved to 2-2 on the season. Matt Bicocca (Jr., RHP, San Andreas, CA/Calaveras HS) recorded his second save of the season after facing the minimum of three batters in the ninth inning.
- The Bearcats will conclude the season on Thursday, April 26, when they travel to McMinnville, Ore., to take on Lewis & Clark College at 6 p.m. (PDT) in the continuation of a game suspended on Feb. 11. The teams also will play a non-conference game later that night. Linfield College is providing a neutral site for Thursday's action.
- Summers earned Honorable Mention NWC Pitcher of the Week honors for his performance against Pacific on Sunday. It was the fourth straight week he has earned the honor, and fifth time overall.
- Gilmore earned Honorable Mention NWC Offensive Player of the Week for his play in the 'Cats four games last week. He batted .357 (5 for 14) with three home runs, seven runs scored and six RBIs.
- Young continues to swing a hot bat for WU. He has played in 15 of WU's last 17 games, and hit .476 (20 for 42).



NWC Softball Standings Through April 23, 2007

| | NWC | | | Overall | | |
|------------------|-----|----|---|---------|----|---|
| | W | L | T | W | L | T |
| Whirworth | 24 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 3 | 0 |
| Linfield | 21 | 1 | 0 | 30 | 4 | 0 |
| Pacific | 16 | 6 | 0 | 24 | 8 | 0 |
| Willamette | 11 | 13 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 0 |
| Pacific Lutheran | 10 | 14 | 0 | 16 | 15 | 0 |
| Puget Sound | 9 | 15 | 0 | 20 | 16 | 0 |
| George Fox | 5 | 23 | 0 | 7 | 29 | 0 |
| Lewis & Clark | 2 | 26 | 0 | 4 | 34 | 0 |

2007 Willamette University Softball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Feb. 23 | NW Christian# | 2-0 W |
| Feb. 24 | Lewis & Clark* (DH) | Rained Out |
| Feb. 25 | vs. Albertson# | Rained Out |
| Feb. 25 | Corban# | Rained Out |
| Mar. 3 | Linfield* | 6-5 L |
| Mar. 3 | Linfield* | 9-8 L |
| Mar. 4 | at Linfield* | 6-3 L |
| Mar. 4 | at Linfield* | 4-1 W |
| Mar. 9 | vs. William Paterson^ | 9-1 W |
| Mar. 9 | vs. Wisc-Eau Claire^ | 8-4 W |
| Mar. 10 | vs. Central^ | 12-4 W |
| Mar. 10 | vs. Wheaton^ | 13-7 W |
| Mar. 11 | vs. Chapman^ | 8-1 W |
| Mar. 11 | vs. St. Thomas^ | 4-0 L |
| Mar. 25 | George Fox* | 7-0 W |
| Mar. 25 | George Fox* | 9-1 W |
| Mar. 27 | at NW Christian | Rained Out |
| Mar. 28 | Oregon Tech | 10-5 L |
| Mar. 28 | Oregon Tech | 8-3 L |
| Mar. 31 | at Puget Sound* | 3-1 L |
| Mar. 31 | at Puget Sound* | 5-3 W |
| Apr. 1 | at Pacific Lutheran* | 8-0 W(5) |
| Apr. 1 | at Pacific Lutheran* | 4-3 L(9) |
| Apr. 6 | at Lewis & Clark* | 19-8 W |
| Apr. 6 | at Lewis & Clark* | 3-2 L |
| Apr. 14 | Puget Sound* | 2-0 W |
| Apr. 14 | Puget Sound* | 6-1 L |
| Apr. 15 | Pacific Lutheran* | 2-0 W |
| Apr. 15 | Pacific Lutheran* | 3-0 L |
| Apr. 17 | at George Fox* | 7-4 L |
| Apr. 19 | at George Fox* | 7-5 W |
| Apr. 21 | at Whitworth* | 8-2 L |
| Apr. 21 | at Whitworth* | 8-0 L |
| Apr. 22 | at Whitworth* | 9-7 L |
| Apr. 22 | at Whitworth* | 9-4 L |
| Apr. 28 | Pacific* (DH) | 12 p.m. |
| Apr. 29 | Pacific* (DH) | 12 p.m. |

* Northwest Conference
 # Capitol Cup (Salem, OR/Monmouth, OR/Newberg, OR)
 ^ NFCA Leadoff Classic (Panama City, FL)
 Home games in **Bold Face**

Softball (17-16 Overall, 11-13 NWC)

Last Weeks Results:

Hale Sets Single Season Home Run Record

The Willamette University softball team lost five of their six NWC games they played last week, with their lone victory coming on Thursday, April 19 at George Fox, 7-5. Earlier in the week on Tuesday, GFU downed WU, 7-4, and then the Bearcats lost four straight games over the weekend to NWC-leader Whitworth. Willamette's record now stands at 17-16 overall, and 11-13 in the NWC.

In the 'Cats win over GFU, junior first baseman Geneva Hale (Shoreline, WA/Shorecrest HS) picked a great time to hit a home run. With Willamette trailing the Bruins by one run in the top of the seventh inning, Hale blasted a three-run shot to right center, giving the Bearcats the lead, on their way to a 7-5 victory.

The powerful hit by Hale allowed her to break the Willamette single season home run record with her seventh homer of the year. She surpassed the previous record of six, which she set last year, equaled herself with two homers against Pacific Lutheran University on April 1 and had tied by teammate Molly Barnes (Sr., 3B, Salem, OR/Sprague HS) against GFU on Tuesday (April 17).

The home run by Hale provided the key play in a game that began on Tuesday, April 17 as the second half of a Northwest Conference doubleheader, but was suspended due to rain with Willamette leading 4-3 in the bottom of the second inning. George Fox won the first game on April 17 by a 7-4 final score.

Liz Gilgan (Jr., SS, Sherwood, OR/Sherwood HS) led the Bearcats on offense during their win with a 3-for-4 effort at the plate. She also scored two runs and had two RBIs.

When the teams returned to action on Thursday, Leighann Auer (Fr., RHP, Independence, OR/Central HS) went into the circle for Willamette. She threw the remainder of the game and allowed one run and five hits in six innings. She recorded four strikeouts and allowed four walks. Two of the walks started the bottom of the seventh inning, before Auer got a fly out, a strike out and a ground out to end the game.

Auer, who suffered the loss in Tuesday's first game, earned the win in the suspended game to up her record to 5-5.

In the first game against GFU, Barnes tied a school record with her sixth home run of the season, but three Bruins players hit one homer apiece, as George Fox defeated the Bearcats, 7-4.

In the four game series with Whitworth, Nikki Franchi (So., RHP, Los Gatos, CA/Saratoga HS) went 7 for 13 with two RBIs and two doubles, while Gilgan was 5 for 12 with four runs scored and two RBIs.

Whitworth, which is currently 24-0 in the NWC, is ranked No. 8 in the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) D3 Top 25 Poll.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

Willamette Concludes Season with Four Games versus Pacific

The Bearcats close out the season at home against NWC rival Pacific University on Saturday, April 28 and Sunday, April 29. Action at the Willamette University Softball Field is scheduled to begin each day at 12 p.m. (PDT).



WU Offensive Statistics

| Player | Avg. | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | RBI |
|-------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| M. Barnes | .434 | 106 | 26 | 46 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 26 |
| N. Franchi | .389 | 95 | 14 | 37 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 28 |
| E. Gilgan | .369 | 111 | 37 | 41 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| G. Hale | .314 | 86 | 12 | 27 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 22 |
| L. Holcomb | .302 | 106 | 24 | 32 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| D. Bohren | .265 | 49 | 10 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| N. Wallace | .250 | 92 | 15 | 23 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| M. Richards | .241 | 58 | 5 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| C. Anthony | .235 | 68 | 11 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| C. Waugh | .189 | 37 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
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| A. Schlegal | 1.000 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| K. Peterson | .313 | 32 | 4 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| C. Schrueth | .227 | 22 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| C. Griffith | .182 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| M. Ward | .167 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| C. Clark | .125 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| L. Auer | .100 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Morris | .000 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| S. Mix | .000 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | .309 | 748 | 150 | 231 | 51 | 4 | 17 | 129 |
| Opponents | .261 | 717 | 95 | 187 | 38 | 3 | 10 | 87 |

WU Pitching Statistics

| Player | ERA | W-L | APP | GS | SV | IP | BB | SO |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----|----|----|--------|-----|-----|
| N. Franchi | 2.58 | 9-7 | 22 | 15 | 2 | 108.2 | 38 | 127 |
| L. Auer | 4.06 | 5-6 | 20 | 15 | 0 | 72.1 | 44 | 41 |
| ----- | | | | | | | | |
| C. Clark | 4.86 | 3-2 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 31.2 | 24 | 27 |
| A. Schlegal | 15.27 | 0-0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3.2 | 3 | 0 |
| E. Gilgan | 63.00 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.1 | 2 | 0 |
| Totals | 3.68 | 17-16 | 33 | 33 | 3 | 3216.2 | 111 | 195 |
| Opponents | 4.91 | 16-17 | 33 | 33 | 3 | 1218.0 | 85 | 161 |

Bearcat Notes:

- Gilgan was named Honorable Mention NWC Player of the Week for the second straight week after her play in the 'Cats six games last week. She hit .474 (9 for 19) with eight runs scored and four RBIs. She also had seven stolen bases.
- WU is hitting .307 (277 for 902) as a team, which ranks them third behind Linfield and Whitworth. Willamette is also third in the conference in home runs, with 19. Whitworth leads the NWC with 33, while Linfield is second with 25.
- The 'Cats 82 stolen bases puts them second in the NWC behind Linfield, who has 97.
- Barnes is fifth in the NWC in hitting with a .434 (46 of 106) average. In addition, she is second in doubles (12), fourth in slugging percentage (.717) and on base percentage (.483), tied for fourth in home runs (6), fifth in hits (46), and ninth in RBIs (26).
- Franchi leads the NWC in doubles with 14. She is sixth in RBIs with 28, and 10th in slugging percentage at .621.
- Franchi is tied for sixth in the NWC in RBIs with 25, is 10th in slugging percentage at .653, and is 10th in on base percentage at .452.
- Gilgan is second in the NWC in stolen bases with 22, is tied for second in runs scored with 37, is tied for third in triples with two, and is eighth in hits with 41.
- Hale is tied for second in the conference in home runs with seven and is eighth in the NWC in slugging percentage at .651.
- As a pitcher, Franchi is tied for first in the NWC in batters struck out looking (45) and saves (2), second in strikeouts (127), fourth in innings pitched (108.2), tied for fourth in wins (9), and is 10th in opponents batting average (.249).



| | NWC | | Overall | |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Whitman | 16 | 0 | 23 | 7 |
| Pacific Lutheran | 14 | 2 | 16 | 9 |
| Linfield | 12 | 4 | 16 | 12 |
| Puget Sound | 9 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| Willamette | 8 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| Whitworth | 6 | 10 | 7 | 16 |
| George Fox | 4 | 12 | 4 | 12 |
| Lewis & Clark | 3 | 13 | 3 | 13 |
| Pacific | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 |

2007 Willamette University Men's Tennis Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|----------------|--|--------------|
| Feb. 16 | at Whitworth* | 7-2 W |
| Feb. 17 | vs. Colorado College | 6-3 L |
| Feb. 17 | at Whitman* | 9-0 L |
| Feb. 23 | at Pacific* | 9-0 L |
| Feb. 24 | Pacific Lutheran*# | 8-1 L |
| Feb. 24 | Pacific Lutheran*# | 8-1 L |
| Feb. 25 | Whitman*# | 9-0 W |
| Mar. 3 | Lewis & Clark*# | 6-3 W |
| Mar. 4 | Linfield*# | 8-1 L |
| Mar. 15 | at George Fox* | 8-1 W |
| Mar. 10 | at Puget Sound* | 5-4 L |
| Mar. 17 | Whitworth* | 6-3 W |
| Mar. 26 | at Vanguard (Calif.) | 9-0 L |
| Mar. 28 | at Orange Coast (Exhibition) | 6-3 W |
| Mar. 29 | at Whittier | 7-2 W |
| Apr. 1 | Pacific*^ | 9-0 W |
| Apr. 7 | at Lewis & Clark* | 8-1 W |
| Apr. 13 | George Fox*^ | 9-0 W |
| Apr. 14 | Puget Sound*^ | 5-4 L |
| Apr. 15 | at Linfield* | 6-3 L |
| Apr. 20 | at NWC Tournament vs. Puget Sound | 5-4 W |
| Apr. 20 | at NWC Tournament vs. Whitman | 9-0 L |
| Apr. 21 | at NWC Tournament vs. Linfield (3rd Place Match) | 5-4 L |

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**

Men's Tennis (10-12 Overall, 8-8 NWC)

Last Week's Results:

LeDoux Chosen First Team All-NWC; Endrikat Named NWC Men's Coach of the Year

The Willamette University men's tennis team closed out the season by finishing in fourth place at the NWC tournament last weekend in Yakima, Wash., with freshmen Donovan LeDoux (Fr., Keizer, OR/McNary HS) being named a First Team All-NWC selection following the tourney. The Bearcats opened the tournament on Friday, April 20 with a 5-4 win over the University of Puget Sound, before losing 9-0 to NWC runner-up Whitman College, 9-0, later in the day.

On Saturday, WU lost a close match, 5-4, to Linfield College in the third place match. Linfield fell behind in the doubles matches, but earned wins at the bottom four singles positions, to take the victory.

Willamette gained a 2-1 lead over Linfield with wins at #1 doubles and #2 doubles. Eric MacMillan (Jr., Twin Falls, ID/Twin Falls HS) and Shaun Mihalick (Sr., Mukilteo, WA/Eastlake HS) edged Wes Gabrielsen and Kyle Anderson at #1 doubles, 9-7, while Donovan LeDoux (Fr., Keizer, OR/McNary HS) and Micah Mack (Fr., Wenatchee, WA/Wenatchee HS) won a close match at #2 doubles, 8-6, over Linfield's Ian McGrath and Jon Roberts. Linfield was victorious at #3 doubles, as Nick Reuss and Cole Shelton defeated Ethan Heinrich (Fr., San Carlos, CA/Davis HS) and Geoff Klein (Jr., Sagle, ID/Sandpoint HS), 8-0.

The Bearcats received wins from LeDoux at #1 singles and from MacMillan #2 singles, but the Wildcats won the remaining singles matches. LeDoux downed Ian McGrath in three sets, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3. MacMillan also went three sets to defeat Gabrielsen, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-4.

In their win over UPS on Friday, WU got singles wins from LeDoux at the #1 position, MacMillan at #2, Fitz Paccione (Jr., Encinitas, CA/Cathedral Catholic HS) at #3, and Klein at #6. MacMillan and Mihalick teamed up for a win at #1 doubles.

LeDoux closed out a stellar freshman season by being named one of eight players selected for the First Team. An additional six players earned Second Team honors. Throughout the season, LeDoux played #1 singles and saw action at #1 and #2 doubles. Including the NWC Tournament, LeDoux went 9-7 against NWC opponents in singles and was 9-7 in doubles. Overall, he achieved a 9-11 record in singles and an 11-9 record in doubles.

WU men's tennis Head Coach Jon Endrikat was chosen NWC Men's Tennis Coach of the Year. He guided the Bearcats to the NWC Tournament, including a stretch in which Willamette won five consecutive NWC matches and six of seven matches overall. Willamette ended the season with a 10-12 overall record, after going 4-7 in 2004-05 and 5-11 in 2005-06. Endrikat completed his second season at WU's head coach.

Bearcat Notes:

- LeDoux was joined on the First Team list by Phalkun Mam, Steven Ly and Robbie Munday from Whitman, David Miller, Jeff Loranger and Kevin Floyd of Pacific Lutheran University and Ian McGrath from Linfield. Mam was selected as the NWC Men's Player of the Year, while McGrath was named NWC Men's Sportsman of the Year.

- The Bearcats 10-12 overall record, and 8-8 record in the NWC, were their best records since 2001. That year, the WU men were 7-6 overall and 6-6 in the NWC. This season marked the first time since 2001 that the 'Cats finished at .500, or better, in NWC play.



NWC Women's Tennis Standings Final Standings

| | NWC | | Overall | |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Linfield | 16 | 0 | 18 | 5 |
| Puget Sound | 12 | 4 | 14 | 5 |
| Whitman | 12 | 4 | 18 | 7 |
| Pacific Lutheran | 11 | 5 | 14 | 7 |
| Whitworth | 8 | 8 | 10 | 12 |
| Willamette | 6 | 10 | 7 | 15 |
| Lewis & Clark | 5 | 11 | 7 | 13 |
| George Fox | 1 | 15 | 1 | 16 |
| Pacific | 1 | 15 | 1 | 17 |

2007 Willamette University Women's Tennis Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result |
|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Jan. 27 | at Portland | 7-0 L |
| Feb. 17 | Whitworth** | 8-1 W |
| Feb. 17 | Southern Oregon# | 7-2 L |
| Feb. 18 | Whitman** | 7-2 L |
| Feb. 23 | Pacific** | 9-0 W |
| Feb. 24 | at Pacific Lutheran | 7-2 L |
| Mar. 3 | at Lewis & Clark* | 5-4 L |
| Mar. 4 | at Linfield* | 8-1 L |
| Mar. 9 | George Fox**^ | 6-3 W |
| Mar. 10 | Puget Sound**^ | 5-0 L |
| Mar. 17 | at Whitworth* | 5-4 L |
| Mar. 18 | at Whitman* | 7-2 L |
| Mar. 26 | at Texas Lutheran | Rained Out |
| Mar. 27 | at Trinity (Texas) | 8-1 L |
| Mar. 30 | at Pacific* | 8-1 W |
| Mar. 31 | Pacific Lutheran**^ | 6-3 L |
| Apr. 6 | Linfield**^ | 7-2 L |
| Apr. 10 | Lewis & Clark**^ | 8-1 W |
| Apr. 13 | at George Fox* | 8-1 W |
| Apr. 14 | at Puget Sound* | 6-3 L |
| Apr. 20 | at NWC Tournament | |
| | vs. Whitman | 5-4 L |
| Apr. 21 | at NWC Tournament | |
| | vs. Whitworth | 5-4 L |

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Women's Tennis (7-15 Overall, 6-10 NWC)

Last Week's Results:

Anderson Named First Team All-NWC

The Willamette University women's tennis team closed out the season by finishing in sixth place at the NWC tournament last weekend in Yakima, Wash., with junior Alaine Anderson (Santa Ana, CA/Foothills HS) being named a First Team All-NWC selection following the tourney. The Bearcats opened the tournament on Friday, April 20 with a 5-4 loss to Whitman College, and then lost 5-4 to Whitworth College on Saturday.

Anderson was one of eight women's tennis players selected for the First Team. An additional six players earned Second Team honors.

Anderson concluded the season with an 18-3 overall record in singles, playing mostly at the #3 position. She was 14-1 against NWC competition during the regular season, then added two wins in the NWC Tournament. She ended the season with a 13-match winning streak.

In doubles, Anderson teamed with Tiffany Kam (Jr., Pearl City, HI/Punahou HS) to play #1 doubles in most matches. Anderson and Kam went 10-10 on the season, while Anderson achieved a 1-1 record with Susan Butler (Sr., Boise, ID/Boise, ID).

Willamette provided strong opposition for #3-seeded Whitman College in the first round of the NWC Tennis Championships on Friday, but the Missionaries took a 5-4 victory to advance to the semifinals. The Bearcats, seeded #6, won the #1 doubles match and claimed wins at #2, #3 and #4 singles, but lost a close match at #5 singles, as Maura Flaherty slipped past Abby Funabiki (So., Pullman, WA/Pullman HS), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4).

Butler picked up a win #2 singles, Anderson was victorious at the #3 position, and Alyssa Morrison (Fr., Anacortes, WA/Anacortes HS) won at #4 singles. Kam and Anderson teamed up at #1 doubles for a victory for the 'Cats.

On Saturday, Whitworth won two of three doubles flights, which allowed the Pirates to lose #1, #2 and #3 singles, but still edge Willamette, 5-4, in the fifth place match.

Kam and Anderson again won at #1 doubles, while Kam (#1), Butler (#2), and Anderson (#3) all won their matches in singles play. At #1 singles, Kam downed Rachael McCoola, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5). Butler was victorious at #2 singles, 6-4, 7-5, over Linh Aven. In the #3 singles match, Anderson rallied after losing the first set to defeat Katie Troxell, 2-6, 6-1, 6-0, extending her singles winning streak to 13 matches. (Whitworth, 8-8).

Bearcat Notes:

- Anderson earned three straight Honorable Mention NWC Player of the Week awards over the final three weeks of regular season action. In all, she won the recognition five times throughout the year.
- Butler and Morrison were the only other two Bearcat players that earned Honorable Mention NWC Player of the Week honors throughout the season. Morrison won the award on March 5, while Butler winning it a week later on March 12.
- Joining Anderson as First Team All-NWC selections were Becca Johnson and Megan Rodgers of Linfield College, Erika Feltus and Nicole Petrzelka of Pacific Lutheran University, Courtney Dunham from the University of Puget Sound, Lisa Harunaga of Lewis & Clark College and Hadley DeBree of Whitman. Johnson was chosen NWC Women's Tennis Player of the Year and Linfield Head Coach Amy Dames Smith was named NWC Women's Tennis Coach of the Year. Maura Flaherty from Whitman was selected NWC Women's Tennis Sportswoman of the Year.



**2007 Willamette University
Men's Golf Schedule**

| Date | Event | Time/Result |
|----------------|--|-----------------|
| Mar. 8-9 | Logger Invitational <i>Fircrest Country Club Tacoma, WA</i> | 11 p.m./8 a.m. |
| Mar. 19 | Willamette Invitational Creekside Golf Club Salem, OR | 9 a.m. |
| Mar.24-25 | Pacific Invitational <i>Forest Hills/Ghost Creek Banks, OR</i> | 12 p.m./8 a.m. |
| Apr. 1-2 | NWC Spring Classic <i>The Classic Golf Club Spanaway, WA</i> | 11 a.m./10 a.m. |
| Apr. 11 | Linfield Invitational <i>Michaelbook Country Club McMinnville, OR</i> | 10 a.m. |
| Apr. 16 | Corban Invitational <i>Elkhorn Golf Club Elkhorn, OR</i> | 10 a.m. |
| Apr.22-23 | NWC Championships <i>Tokatee Golf Club Blue River, OR</i> | 8 a.m./8 a.m. |

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Men's Golf

Last Week's Results:

Kraal Ties For Eighth At NWC Championships

Martin Kraal (Sr., Springfield, OR/Springfield HS) tied for eighth place with a 54-hole total of 223 and Willamette University took sixth place in the team standings at 935, as the NWC Men's Golf Championship ended at the Tokatee Golf Club on Monday, April 23. Whitworth College led all teams with a three-round total of 870 for an 18-stroke victory. The Pirates also claimed the overall NWC title. The NWC Championships was the final event of the 2007 season for the Bearcats.

Medalist honors went to Steven Johnson of Whitworth, who shot a 218 (69-73-76) during the two-day event. Brian Misterek (75-67-77) and Jason Casey (74-74-71), both from Pacific Lutheran University, tied for second at 219. Fourth place went to Andrew Parrott from Whitworth at 221 (80-70-71).

Three golfers tied for fifth place at 222. They were Patrick Dorsing of Whitworth (76-70-76), Chris Packard of PLU (75-74-73) and Sean Thompson of Whitworth (73-77-72). Kraal (74-73-76) and Jordan Carter of Whitworth (76-70-77) tied for eighth place, just one stroke away from the tie for fifth and only five strokes off the lead.

In the team standings, Whitworth's 870 was followed by Pacific Lutheran in second place at 889. Linfield College was third at 904, while Pacific University finished fourth at 910, the University of Puget Sound was fifth at 922, Willamette was sixth at 935, Whitman College was seventh at 962 and Lewis & Clark College took eighth at 1000.

Willamette fielded a complete six-man team. Kraal led the way and was followed by Ben Bryant (So., Albany, OR/West Albany HS) at 233 (82-74-77). Shane Adversalo (Fr., Honolulu, HI/The University Laboratory School) achieved a score of 235 (75-76-84). Dave Bennett (Jr., Coos Bay, OR/Marshfield HS) finished at 246 (81-81-84), while Grant Leslie (Fr., Bainbridge Island, WA/Bainbridge HS) shot 249 (80-85-84) and Tyler Robinson concluded the event at 256 (90-82-84).

The NWC Championship tournament provided one-half of the total points in the overall NWC point standings. Final point standings, which determined the NWC champion, were:

1. Whitworth College, 26.5 points
2. Linfield College, 23.5 points
3. Pacific Lutheran University, 19 points
4. Pacific University, 16 points
5. University of Puget Sound, 15 points
6. Willamette University, 8 points
7. Whitman College, 4 points
8. Lewis & Clark College, 0 points



**2007 Willamette University
Men's and Women's
Rowing Schedule**

| Date | Event | Time/Result |
|---------------|---|--------------------|
| Feb. 11 | Tough Love Indoor <i>Univ. of Portland Portland, OR</i> | TBA. |
| Mar. 10 | Behind Ross Island #2 <i>Oaks Park Portland, OR</i> | 8 a.m. |
| Mar. 24 | Daffodil Cup <i>American Lake Tacoma, WA</i> | 8 a.m. |
| Mar. 31 | NCRC Invitational <i>Vancouver Lake Vancouver, WA</i> | 8 a.m. |
| Apr. 7 | Governor's Cup Regatta Riverfront Park Salem, OR | 8 a.m. |
| Apr. 14 | Covered Bridge Regatta <i>Dexter Lake Eugene, OR</i> | 7 a.m. |
| Apr. 21 | NCRC Championships <i>Lake Stevens Lake Stevens, WA</i> | 7 a.m. |
| Apr. 27-29 | WIRA Championships <i>Lake Natoma Sacramento, CA</i> | 8 a.m. |
| May 25-27 | DIII Women's Rowing Championships <i>Melton Hill Lake Oak Ridge, TN</i> | 8 a.m. (EDT) |

Home matches in **Bold Face**

Men's & Women's Rowing

Last Week's Results:

Women's Varsity 4+ Takes Fourth at NCRC Championships

The Willamette University women's varsity 4+ placed fourth last Saturday, April 21 at the Northwest Collegiate Rowing Conference (NCRC) Championships. The women's varsity 4+ team clocked in at 8:14.18, finishing behind two NCAA Division II schools.

The Western Washington women's rowing team won five of six races, including the featured varsity eight and four events, to take its third straight title Saturday at the seventh annual NCRC Championships held at Lake Stevens, Wash.

The Vikings, who have won the last two national titles, are ranked No.1 nationally in the USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association NCAA Division II Poll. They dominated the day with Puget Sound second and Humboldt State third.

In the women's varsity 4+, Western Washington took home the top two spots, with their "B" team placing first in 7:57.80, and their "A" team taking second in 7:58.41. Fellow NCAA Division II school Seattle Pacific University finished in third place with a time of 8:02.65.

While the Bearcats finished more than 10 seconds out of third place, they did beat fellow NCAA Division III opponents the University of Puget Sound (5th place), Pacific Lutheran University (6th place), and NCAA Division II school Humboldt State (7th place).

In the coxswain 4, which has four coxswain rowing with a person that normally rows acting as the coxswain, the Bearcats took first with a time of 1:57.21.

The WU women also took second place out of three teams in the women's varsity lightweight 4+, finishing in 8:27.96. Pacific Lutheran took first with a time of 8:22.40, while Seattle Pacific came in third at 8:36.09.

On the men's side, the Lewis & Clark College men's crew team won the team title. Victories in the Novice 8, Novice 4, and Second Novice Four helped lead the Pioneers to the title. The men's varsity eight finished third.

The WU men's pairs team took home first with a time of 7:50.22, defeating Lewis & Clark, who finished with a time of 7:55.57.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

WU Returns To Action this Weekend on Lake Natoma

Willamette's rowing teams will return to the water this weekend for the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) Championships in Sacramento, Calif. The event, which will be held on Lake Natoma, starts on Friday, April 27 and concludes two days later on Sunday, April 29.