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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 11	Western Oregon <i>Western Oregon 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

Home games in **Bold Face**

Men's & Women's Track & Field

Last Weeks Results:

WU Women Take Home Sixth Straight NWC Title

The Willamette University women's 4 x 100-meter relay team had to achieve a provisional qualifying standard twice, but this time it counted. After a timing malfunction prevented the team from counting its time of 48.50 seconds (48.74 converted) on April 7, the Bearcats didn't give up. The talented group of mostly first-year collegiate runners kept up their efforts, which paid off on Friday, April 27, when they won the 4 x 100-meter race at the Western Oregon Twilight Meet with a time of 48.48 seconds.

Freshmen Autumn Schmeck (Beaverton, OR/Aloha HS), Lydia Marsalli (Klamath Falls, OR/Klamath Union HS) and Kaitlin St. John (Bend, OR/Mountain View HS) ran the first three legs on Friday, with senior Andrea May (Bellingham, WA/Sehome HS) providing the anchor leg. The NCAA Division III provisional qualifying standard in the women's 4 x 100-meter relay is 48.88 seconds. Willamette will now try to attain the automatic qualifying standard of 47.50 seconds.

The Willamette women's 4 x 400-meter relay team, which achieved a provisional qualifying time at the NWC championships on April 21, lowered its time with a first place finish at the WOU Twilight Meet. Willamette's time of 3:50.19 edged out Portland State University for the win, as the Vikings reached the finish line in 3:50.21.

WU's time in the 4 x 400 was just over three seconds faster than a week ago and just 0.59 seconds away from the automatic qualifying standard of 3:49.60. Running for the Bearcats were May, Jordyn Smith (Jr., Henderson, NV/Green Valley HS), Jennifer Luecht (Fr., Milwaukie, OR/Rex Putnam HS) and Mariah Hanson (Sr., Poulsbo, WA/North Kitsap HS).

Jordyn Smith improved her time in the women's 400-meter hurdles. She won the event in 1:02.34, lowering her provisional qualifying time by 0.56 seconds. The automatic qualifying time is 1:02.00.

St. John finished third for Willamette in the women's 400-meter dash. She clocked in at 59.72 seconds, missing second place by just two one-hundredths of a second. Sascha Larsen-Helbing (So., Honokaa, HI/Hawaii Preparatory Academy) of WU took fourth place with a time of 59.93 seconds.

Garrison Coy (So., Gig Harbor, WA/Gig Harbor HS) earned fifth place in the men's 400-meter hurdles. His time was 55.88 seconds.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

WU to Compete at Oregon Twilight Meet

Willamette's next action will be at the Oregon Twilight Meet hosted by the University of Oregon in Eugene on Saturday, May 5 at Hayward Field. The meet is set to begin at 3:30 p.m. (PDT).

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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

Bearcat Notes:

- In addition to winning the event at Western Oregon and achieving the provisional qualifying time, Willamette's 4 x 100-meter relay team also set a school record. The previous record was the 48.74 converted time on April 7. Prior to that race, WU's record in the women's 4 x 100-meter relay was 49.04, set in 1989.
- Other top performances for the Bearcats at the WOU Twilight Meet included:
 - Holly Winter (Fr., Dundee, OR/Newberg HS) was fifth in the hammer throw with a throw of 126'8". Emilie Burger (Jr., Saint Helena, CA/Saint Helena HS) took sixth at 122'10".
 - Katie Klein (So., Forest Grove, OR/Forest Grove HS) was seventh in the women's 100-meter dash. She was timed at 12.97 seconds. Klein also took ninth place in the women's 200-meter dash in 26.63 seconds.
 - Brittany Farrer (So., Medford, OR/South Medford HS) claimed eighth place in the women's shot put with a toss of 38'8". Christina Edholm (Fr., Pleasanton, CA/Foothill HS) was 12th at 36'2".
 - Brooke Smith (So., Idleyld Park, OR/Glide HS) took ninth in the women's long jump, as she went 14'10".
 - Elizabeth Andrews (Fr., Bellevue, WA/Bellevue HS) finished seventh in the women's pole vault after clearing 10'4".
 - Andrew Welch (Fr., Daly City, CA/Terra Nova HS) and Andy Meuser (Fr., Portland, OR/Woodrow Wilson HS) competed in the men's 100-yard dash. Welch was 10th with a time of 11.38 seconds, while Meuser was 17th at 11.62 seconds. The event featured a total of 33 entries.
 - Chris Platano (Fr., Myrtle Point, OR/Myrtle Point HS) finished 13th in the men's 1,500-meter run. He was timed at 4:05.52.
 - Jonathan Woodland (So., Creswell, OR/Creswell HS) took ninth in the men's triple jump at 42'6".
 - Jacob Monroe (So., Keizer, OR/McNary HS) was 11th in the men's hammer throw at 156'7". Monroe also placed 11th in the men's discus with a throw of 130'11".



NWC Baseball Standings Final Standings

	NWC		Overall		
	W	L	W	L	T
Pacific Lutheran	21	3	32	7	0
George Fox	19	5	30	6	0
Linfield	17	7	22	14	0
Puget Sound	13	11	16	21	1
Willamette	9	15	18	21	0
Lewis & Clark	9	15	13	21	0
Whitworth	9	15	13	24	0
Pacific	7	17	14	26	0
Whitman	4	20	6	29	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. 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%	8-7 L
Apr. 26	vs. Lewis & Clark	7-5 L
Apr. 26	vs. Lewis & Clark	8-7 W

* Northwest Conference

At Tigard HS

^ Suspended in middle of 7th inning and will be completed on Apr. 26 prior to scheduled game

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Baseball (18-21 Overall, 9-15 NWC)

Last Weeks Results:

Bearcats Defeat Lewis & Clark in Season Finale

Willamette University seniors Ty Eriksen (LF/1B, Vancouver, WA/La Salle HS) and Kelly Gilmore (RF, Keizer, OR/McNary HS) each blasted a two-run homer, as the Bearcats defeated Lewis and Clark College, 8-7, in the final game of the season for both teams on Thursday, April 26 at Helser Field on the campus of Linfield College. Lewis and Clark opened the evening by winning a previously suspended NWC game, 7-5.

Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, April 24, the 'Cats lost a 7-5 lead in the ninth inning to Corban College and eventually lost 8-7. Including all three games, Willamette finished the season with an 18-21 overall record, 9-15 in the NWC.

In their 8-7 win over Lewis & Clark, Willamette won the game with just five hits. Gilmore's homer was his team-leading fifth of the season, all hit in the final two weeks of the season. His first homer was hit at Helser Field against Linfield on April 15. Eriksen's homer was his third of the year. Young and Eriksen led Willamette with two runs apiece.

Middle reliever Kelsey Nakata (So., RHP, Mililani, HI/Mililani HS) picked up the win and improved to 3-2. Clint Moran (Jr., LHP, Mission Viejo, CA/Capistrano Valley HS) threw the final three innings to earn his first save of the season.

Willamette led 5-3 when the suspended game was stopped due to rain on Feb. 11. Lewis and Clark quickly tied the game and took the lead with three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning when the game resumed.

The Pioneers held Willamette hitless in the eighth and ninth innings to win the resumed game. Sean Anderson (Jr., CF, Klamath Falls, OR/Klamath Union HS) was 3 for 4 with a run and two RBIs for the Bearcats. Eriksen went 2 for 4 with an RBI. 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.

With L&C leading 6-4 heading into the bottom of the sixth, WU answered with four runs in the inning. Dan Maslanik (So., C, Boulder, CO/Fairview HS) walked with the bases loaded to bring in one run. Two runs scored when Ryan Peterson (Sr., 2B, Grangeville, ID/Grangeville HS) singled through the left side of the infield, giving WU a 7-6 lead. Gilmore walked and David Tufo (So., 3B, San Bruno, CA/Burlingame HS) was hit by a pitch, as the Bearcats' advantage reached 8-6.

On Tuesday, Brett Timmerman of Corban hit a three-run homer, his first of the season, with two outs in the top of the ninth inning to lead the Warriors to an 8-7 victory. Even with the loss, the Bearcats won the season series with their crosstown rivals, 3-1. Willamette won 9-7 at home on Feb. 3, then claimed a 5-4 win at Corban on April 3, before downing the Warriors 8-5 at John Lewis Field on April 17.

Willamette received one hit each from six different players, including doubles by Gilmore, Tufo, Colin Young (Jr., LF, Portland, OR/Lincoln HS) and Ryan Peterson (Sr., 2B, Grangeville, ID/Grangeville HS). Relief pitcher Jimmy Meuel (So., RHP, Palo Alto, CA/Palo Alto HS) fell to 1-2 with the pitching loss.



WU Offensive Statistics

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
C. Young	.351	74	14	26	7	0	2	14
S. Anderson	.312	138	32	43	15	0	3	21
G. Yamaguchi	.296	135	16	40	8	3	1	18
D. Tufo	.290	124	21	36	9	0	1	17
M. Rasmussen	.280	118	15	33	11	0	1	16
T. Eriksen	.264	87	14	23	3	0	3	14
K. Gilmore	.250	128	23	32	7	1	5	24
R. Peterson	.241	54	6	13	1	0	0	9
Z. Kimball	.236	55	6	13	0	1	1	9
D. Maslanik	.213	61	13	13	1	0	0	8
K. Stalker	.207	87	13	18	2	0	5	14
E. Webster	.198	106	16	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
K. Struble	.250	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
C. Clark	.238	21	2	5	1	0	0	1
J. McGee	.226	31	4	7	2	0	0	4
A. Ross	.179	28	0	5	1	0	0	0

Totals	.265	1276	202	338	72	5	22	180
Opponents	.284	1371	257	390	68	3	24	224

WU Pitching Statistics

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
T. Sundlee	4.42	5-3	15	0	79.1	82	25	51
J. Summers	5.27	6-4	12	0	82.0	90	22	39
C. Moran	6.62	2-4	14	1	53.0	65	53	53

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
R. Smith	3.45	0-1	15	1	28.2	34	8	12
J. Meuel	4.68	1-2	18	1	25.0	25	8	8
S. Martin	4.80	0-3	10	0	15.0	19	8	4
K. Nakata	4.96	3-2	16	2	32.2	33	9	9
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	5.29	18-21	39	8	340.0	390	151	184
Opponents	4.58	21-18	39	8	341.2	338	181	229

Bearcat Notes:

- Anderson was nominated for NWC Offensive Player of the Week honors for his play in the 'Cats three games last week. He batted .364 (4 for 11) with two doubles, three runs scored, three RBIs and a stolen base. On March 12, Anderson was named NWC Player of the Week when he hit .636 (7 for 11) in three games (all wins) with five RBIs and three runs scored. He had two home runs, a double and a stolen base.
- Moran was nominated for NWC Pitcher of the Week recognition after throwing three innings for a save against Lewis & Clark. In those three innings, Moran allowed one unearned run and one hit, while striking out four and walking three Pioneer hitters. It was the second time this season that Moran has been nominated for Pitcher of the Week.
- Young finished eighth in the NWC in batting average at .351 (26 for 74). He also finished sixth in slugging percentage at .527.
- Anderson was tied for second in the conference in doubles with 15.
- Gilmore led the NWC in walks with 36 on the year. In addition, he finished second in the final NCAA DIII statistics in walks per game (0.97). Last season, Gilmore led all players at the NCAA DIII level with 44 walks.
- Gilmore and Kyle Stalker (So., 1B, Bellevue, WA/Sammamish HS) were tied for fourth in home runs at five apiece.
- Yamaguchi tied for third in triples with three, while Rasmussen was tied for seventh in doubles with 11.
- Sundlee finished eighth in the NWC in opposing batting average at .258, sixth in innings pitched at 79.1, tied for seventh in strikeouts with 51 and fifth in batters struck out looking with 21.
- Summers ended the season fifth in the conference in innings pitched (82.0) and was tied for seventh in wins (6).
- Moran finished fifth in the conference in strikeouts with 51.
- Meuel tied for the third most appearances in the NWC with 18, while Nakata had the fifth most with 16.



NWC Softball Standings Final Standings

	NWC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Linfield	26	2	0	35	5	0
Whirworth	25	3	0	30	6	0
Pacific	17	11	0	25	13	0
Willamette	14	14	0	20	17	0
Puget Sound	12	16	0	23	17	0
Pacific Lutheran	11	17	0	17	18	0
George Fox	5	23	0	7	29	0
Lewis & Clark	2	26	0	4	34	0

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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*	3-0 W
Apr. 28	Pacific*	2-1 W
Apr. 29	Pacific*	3-0 L
Apr. 29	Pacific*	4-3 W

* Northwest Conference

Capitol Cup (Salem, OR/Monmouth, OR/Newberg, OR)

^ NFCA Leadoff Classic (Panama City, FL)

Home games in **Bold Face**

Softball (20-17 Overall, 14-14 NWC)

Last Weeks Results:

WU Takes Three of Four from Pacific to Finish 2007 Season

The Willamette University softball team closed out the 2007 season by taking three of four games from NWC-rival Pacific University last weekend. The 'Cats took the first two games, 3-0 and 2-1, on Saturday, April 28 at the WU Softball Field. On Sunday, Pacific won game one, 3-0, before WU rallied for a 4-3 win in the second game. Willamette finished the season at 20-17 overall, and 14-14 in the NWC.

Sophomore pitcher Nikki Franchi (Los Gatos, CA/Saratoga HS) threw a two-hit shutout and senior third baseman Molly Barnes (Salem, OR/Sprague HS) belted a two-run homer, as WU took a 3-0 win over Pacific in the first game on Saturday. Willamette completed the sweep by rallying from a 1-0 deficit to take a 2-1 victory in the second game. Cirbi Anthony (So., CF, Vale, OR/Vale HS) scored the winning run with one out in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Barnes' home run went over the left field fence with two outs in the bottom of the fifth inning. It was her seventh homer of the season, tying the Willamette record, set by Geneva Hale (Jr., DP/1B, Shoreline, WA/Shorecrest HS) earlier this month.

Franchi, who struck out seven Boxers, improved to 10-7 on the season. Offensively, Barnes went 2 for 2, as she earned half of the Bearcats' four hits. LaShawna Holcomb (So., 2B/OF, Renton, WA/Hazen HS) singled and Franchi had a double for WU's only other hits.

In the second game, neither team produced a run until the top of the fifth inning. In the seventh, with the score tied 1-1, Anthony started Willamette's half of the seventh inning by sending the ball over the second baseman for a single to right field. Debra Bohren (Fr., RF, Tillamook, OR/Tillamook HS) tacked on a bunt single, putting runners at first and second with no outs. Liz Gilgan (Jr., SS, Sherwood, OR/Sherwood HS) grounded out to first base, as the runners moved to second and third.

Nicole Wallace (Fr., C/2B, Roseville, CA/Roseville HS) batted next and hit the ball slowly toward first. Pitcher Andrea Bansen grabbed the ball and threw home, but just missed Anthony sliding into the plate with the winning run.

Anthony was 3 for 3 during the game, while Wallace went 2 for 4 and earned both RBIs for the Bearcats.

On Sunday, Willamette scored three runs in its final at bat of the season, as the Bearcats rallied to defeat Pacific University, 4-3, in the second game of a doubleheader. Pacific won the first game, 3-0, behind 15 strikeouts from pitcher Miranda McNealy.

WU's rally in the final inning began with the bottom of the order. Anthony, batting seventh in the lineup, opened the inning with a bunt single toward third base. Anthony moved to second when Bohren grounded out, then reached third on a wild pitch. Jayleen Morris (Fr., C, Waldport, OR/Waldport HS) walked and was replaced by pinch-runner Caitlin Waugh (Fr., OF, Lodi, CA/Tokay HS). Waugh stole second base, as the tying run moved into scoring position.

Gilgan singled to right field, scoring Anthony to cut Pacific's lead to 3-2. Gilgan moved to second when right fielder Amy Walters threw home on the play.

Wallace (Fr., C/2B, Roseville, CA/Roseville HS) followed Gilgan with a line drive to left field. Pacific's left fielder, Kim Whittaker, took several steps toward center field and appeared ready to make the catch, but the ball bounced off the webbing of her glove. Waugh scored the tying run and Gilgan brought home the winning run.

Willamette relief pitcher Casey Jarzombek-Clark (Jr., RHP, Aloha, OR/Aloha HS) threw the final 2 2/3 innings and was credited with the win. She improved to 5-2 on the season.



WU Offensive Statistics

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
M. Barnes	.427	117	27	50	12	0	7	28
N. Franchi	.390	105	14	41	15	1	2	29
E. Gilgan	.355	124	39	44	7	3	2	17
K. Peterson	.316	38	4	12	1	0	0	4
G. Hale	.303	89	12	27	6	1	7	22
L. Holcomb	.284	116	24	33	7	0	1	16
D. Bohren	.271	59	10	16	1	0	0	6
N. Wallace	.255	102	16	26	2	1	1	16
C. Anthony	.253	79	13	20	0	0	0	4
M. Richards	.230	61	5	14	3	0	0	5
C. Waugh	.189	37	8	7	1	0	0	7

A. Schlegal	1.000	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
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	.111	9	0	1	0	0	0	1
L. Auer	.067	15	0	1	0	0	0	0
J. Morris	.000	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
S. Mix	.000	1	6	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	.302	996	183	301	57	6	20	160
Opponents	.268	967	148	259	54	3	21	139

WU Pitching Statistics

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	SV	IP	BB	SO
N. Franchi	2.45	10-8	24	17	2	122.2	41	144
L. Auer	3.81	5-6	22	17	0	82.2	46	48

C. Clark	4.56	5-2	22	1	0	35.1	26	28
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	3.46	20-17	37	37	3	244.2	118	220
Opponents	4.63	17-20	37	37	1	243.2	95	193

Nikki Franchi (So., RHP/DP, Los Gatos, CA/Saratoga HS) was 2 for 3 on offense for Willamette in the second game. Gilgan went 2 for 4 with a run and an RBI. Willamette outhit Pacific 9-6 during the game.

In the first game, McNealy dominated the Bearcats, as she struck out the first 10 batters she faced and allowed just three hits -- all singles -- in a full seven innings of work. She finished with 15 strikeouts on the afternoon, while achieving 26 strikeouts in two appearances during the four-game series. Franchi also was in control for most of the game, as she struck out 10 batters and allowed just two hits. McNealy upped her record to 14-6, while Franchi dropped to 10-8.

WU's three hits were by three players. Barnes singled in the fourth inning, while Katie Peterson (Fr., LF/C, Independence, OR/Independence HS) singled in the fifth and Bohren hit a single in the sixth.

Bearcat Notes:

- Barnes was nominated for NWC Player of the Week after her play in the 'Cats four games last week, while Franchi was nominated for NWC Pitcher of the Week. It was the fifth time this season that Barnes was nominated, while it was Franchi's sixth time to be nominated in 2007. Franchi earned the NWC Pitcher of the Week honor once this season and was nominated for NWC Player of the Week once.
- WU is hitting .302 (301 for 996) as a team, which ranks them third behind Linfield and Whitworth. Willamette is also third in the conference in home runs, with 20. Whitworth leads the NWC with 36, while Linfield is second with 32.
- The 'Cats 87 stolen bases were second in the NWC behind Linfield, which had 111.
- Barnes finished the year sixth in the NWC in batting average (.427), fifth in slugging percentage (.709), eighth in on base percentage (.477), tied for fifth in hits (50), tied for sixth in doubles (12), tied for third in home runs (7) and fourth in total bases (83).
- Franchi finished tied for the conference lead in doubles (15), 10th in batting average (.390), 10th in on base percentage (.453) and tied for eighth in RBIs (29).
- Hale ended the season eighth in the conference in slugging percentage (.629), tied for third in home runs (7) and tied for fifth in walks (17).
- Gilgan finished fourth in the NWC in runs scored (39), ninth in hits (44), tied for second in triples (3) and second in stolen bases (24).
- Bohren finished the season tied for the eighth most stolen bases in the NWC with 13.
- As a pitcher, Franchi ended the year eighth in the NWC in ERA (2.45), fifth in opponent batting average (.233), fourth in innings pitched (122.2), second in strikeouts (144), first in batters struck out looking (53), tied for fourth in wins (10), tied for first in saves (2) and tied for first in appearances (24).

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**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 5	Windermere Cup Opening Day Regatta <i>Montlake Cut Seattle, WA</i>	10 a.m.
May 25-27	DIII Women's Rowing Championships <i>Melton Hill Lake Oak Ridge, TN</i>	8 a.m. (EDT)

Home event in **Bold Face**

Men's & Women's Rowing

Last Week's Results:

Willamette Women's Varsity Four Earns Fifth Place in Grand Final at WIRA Championships

The women's varsity four from Willamette University won its heat and took fifth place in the Grand Final at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) Championships, held from Friday, April 27 through Sunday, April 29 on Lake Natoma. Willamette also competed in the women's varsity eight, women's novice four and men's varsity two events.

Forming the WU women's varsity four were coxswain Rebecca Ralston (Sr., Sal Lake City UT/Judge Memorial HS), stroke Lauren Schwartz (Jr., Medford, OR/Saint Marys HS), three seat Laura Jones (Jr., Boise, ID/Boise HS), two seat Ashley San Blise (Sr., Salem, OR/South Salem HS), and bow Kimber Grady (Sr., Seattle, WA/Ballard HS).

Their efforts allowed WU to win its heat with open water, while qualifying for the Grand Final. The Bearcats crossed the finish line in 8:07.1 The women's four took fifth place against strong competition in the Grand Final. Willamette's time was 8:17.1, with the Bearcats trailing St. Mary's' College of NCAA Division I, the University of San Diego from Division I, Orange Coast College's club team and Sacramento State University of Division I. Willamette's crew was the highest finisher from NCAA Division III in the field of 18 colleges entered in the WV4 race.

WU's women's varsity eight took second place in the Petite Final with a time of 7:36.4. The Bearcats finished just 5.3 seconds behind Chapman University and just 0.1 second in front of Humboldt State University. WU accomplished its goal of defeating regional rivals Lewis & Clark College and Humboldt State.

The women's novice four stepped up its level of competition at the WIRA Championships. Willamette finished third in the Third Final of the WN4 with a time of 9:20.3, as the Bearcats finished ahead of Santa Clara by 16.5 seconds.

Also competing for Willamette at Lake Natoma where stroke Greg Henselman (Jr., Oregon City, OR/Kamiak HS) and bow seat Brice Miyasaki (Sr., Scio, OR/Northgate HS) in the men's varsity two race. After a quick start in fourth place, the two lightweight men competing for Willamette had to deal with asthma conditions in the 90-degree heat and finished seventh in their heat with a time of 8:40.3 to qualify for the Petite Final. Health issues prevented the men from participating in the Petite Final, which was won by Loyola Marymount.

Up Next for the Bearcats:

WU Women's Varsity 4+ to Race at Windermere Cup

The women's four from Willamette will compete again on Saturday, May 5 at the Windermere Cup Opening Day Regatta on the Montlake Cut in Seattle, Wash. Race time is scheduled for 10 a.m. (PDT).

**J.H. Booth Award
Co-Winners**

Kevin Dean

Sr., Football

Kei Otawa

Sr., Swimming

**Jean Williams Award
Winner**

Andrea May

Sr., Track and Field

Willamette Athletics

***Dean and Otawa Win Booth Award,
May Earns Williams Award, at WU Athletic Awards Night***

Senior running back Kevin Dean, senior swimmer Kei Otawa and senior track and field athlete Andrea May received the top awards during Willamette University's Athletic Awards Night on Monday, April 30. Dean and Otawa were chosen as co-winners of the J.H. Booth Award, which goes to the senior male athlete who most exemplifies and demonstrates outstanding leadership, scholarship and athleticism. May received the Jean Williams Award, which is presented each year to the senior female athletes who provided exceptional leadership, scholarship and athletic success.

Willamette also honored the seniors on its 20 intercollegiate teams during the Athletic Awards Night. The traditional Willamette blankets were distributed to four-year seniors, along with certificates for seniors who competed as Bearcats for only a portion of their collegiate careers. A total of 71 seniors were recognized for contributions to Willamette Athletics.

The J.H. Booth Award co-winners and the Jean Williams Award winner all achieved significant athletic, academic and community service success during their Willamette careers. They also were noted as team leaders for their respective intercollegiate squads.

Dean, who played a total of four seasons on the Willamette football team, graduated in December. He majored in Chemistry with a minor in Classical Studies. He achieved a 3.64 career grade point average. Dean is from Weed High School in Weed, Calif.

As a player for the Bearcats, Dean earned Honorable Mention All-Northwest Conference honors in 2005 and 2006. He also was named First Team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District VIII as a junior and a senior.

A tremendous blocking back, Dean contributed to the Willamette offense rushing for an average of 261.2 yards and 2.6 touchdowns per game during his career. During his 39 games, WU earned 10,188 rushing yards and 103 rushing touchdowns.

Individually, he carried the ball 98 times for 559 yards during his career for an average of 5.7 yards per carry. In 2006, he rushed for 310 yards on 50 carries (6.2 yards per carry) and tied for the team lead with five touchdowns.

His most visible community service activity was Coast 2 Coast 4 Kalan, in which Dean and fellow WU football players Alex MacKenzie and Wesley Randall traveled by bicycle from San Diego, Calif., to Miami, Fla. — roughly 3,000 miles — to honor the memory of their friend and fraternity brother, Kalan Morinaka, and to raise money for the ALS Association in its fight against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Their successful journey was relayed to the nation through the Coast 2 Coast 4 Kalan web site and its daily blog updates.

Dean also has participated with the football team in the United Way Days of Caring. He has contributed to the community as a mentor for troubled youngsters and through the Reading is Leading program. On campus, he has been a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the WU Football Leadership Council.

As a Chemistry major, Dean has been involved with the Science Collaborative Research Project and has received a Sigma Xi Research Fellowship. He received the Peterson Family Scholarship in Chemistry, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Scholarship and the Haynes McHale Award. He attended the Northwest Undergraduate Science Research Conference at the Oregon Health and Science University and was honored at the Student Scholarship Recognition Day.

Booth and Williams Award Winners (Continued)

Otawa competed for the Willamette men's swimming team each of the past four seasons. He is majoring in Mathematics and has earned a 3.55 cumulative grade point average. He attended Moscow High School in Moscow, Idaho.

During his four years with the Bearcats, Ottawa finished in the Top 10 at the Northwest Conference Swimming Championships a total of 11 times, including eight Top 3 finishes. In 2006-07, he took second at the NWC Championships in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:12.28) and was third in the 100-yard breaststroke (59.22 seconds) and the 50-yard freestyle (21.67 seconds). He was chosen NWC Swimmer of the Week once and was nominated for the award four other times. Ottawa was selected NWC Swimmer of the Week two times in 2005-06.

He has the third, fifth and ninth fastest times in Willamette history in the 100-yard breaststroke. He also owns the seventh, eighth and ninth best times in WU history in the 200-yard breaststroke, as well as the 10th fastest time in the 100-yard freestyle.

Otawa has been a quiet, yet effective leader of the Willamette swimming team. He was a key reason the team remained focused during this season's challenging practice and competition schedule — all on the road. He was WU's team MVP in 2005-06 and 2006-07.

In his first three seasons, he was chosen as a Northwest Conference Scholar-Athlete and is eligible to receive the honor again this season. He was named Willamette Male Athlete of the Month in November, 2006.

He is the president of the local chapter of the Circle K philanthropic organization. He organizes many of the local Circle K activities, which are designed to improve the community and to help charitable organizations. He also has participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. He was chosen Phi Delta Theta Man of the Year and is a volunteer coach with the Bearcat Swim Club for area youngsters.

Otawa was actively involved in the reconstruction of Bogalusa, Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. He provided hands-on assistance, as he worked during the summer of 2005 to rebuild the Louisiana town.

At Willamette, Ottawa has received the Taul Watanabe Scholarship, the Phi Delta Theta Paul G. & Ruth R. Palmer Scholarship and the Sam Walton Scholarship. He has participated in the Associated Students of Willamette University, has been an Opening Days Leader and has been an assistant in the Language Learning Center. He serves on the Senior Class Gift Committee. He was recognized during the 2006 Student Scholarship Recognition Day for his work on the short animated film "Penguins."

May has been a member of the WU women's track and field team for four years. She is majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry and has a career 3.57 grade point average. May is from Bellingham, Wash., where she graduated from Sehome High School. She attended Brown University in the Ivy League for one year, before transferring to Willamette.

She has earned All-America honors twice, by placing eighth in the 4 x 400-meter relay at the 2005 NCAA National Championships and by helping the relay team take second place in 2006. She has achieved a provisional qualifying mark for the 2007 NCAA National Championships in the 100-meter hurdles.

May has won a total of seven Northwest Conference individual track and field titles. She won the 100-meter dash in 2005, 2006 and 2007; took first place in the 200-meter dash in 2005 and 2006; and won the 100-meter hurdles in 2006 and 2007.

She holds the Willamette record with this year's top time of 14.84 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles. She was part of WU's 4 x 400-meter relay team that established the school record at 3:47.85 in 2006.

In 2005 and 2006, May was named to the NTFCCCA All-Academic Team and is on target to be an All-Academic selection in 2007. The NTFCCCA All-Academic Team requires a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average and a national qualifying mark in at least one event.

At Willamette, she has received the P.L. Heitmeier Scholar Award. She has served an internship at Salem Hospital and has been a Summer Events and Conferences Coordinator at Willamette for two years. She has helped the Willamette baseball team with operations and fund raising and has been the Willamette Track and Field Kid Camp Coordinator.

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