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Washington Huskies



Washington guard C.J. Wilcox, left, returns for his final season hoping to get the Washington Huskies back in the NCAA tournament.

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CHANCE TO DANCE

Final season motivates Wilcox to lead UW

By Percy Allen
Seattle Times

C.J. Wilcox arrived a few minutes early for a Monday morning photo shoot inside a near empty Alaska Airlines Arena.

Having earned a sociology degree at Washington, the fifth-year senior is required to take a few graduate classes to retain his NCAA eligibility.

But mostly he fills his days with hours of basketball, including shooting drills in the morning, weight lifting and conditioning in the afternoon, followed by practice with the Huskies later in the day.

"I guess this kind of routine will get me ready for the NBA when you don't have to worry about class and all there is basketball," he said, jokingly.

Wilcox considered entering the NBA draft in June, but returned to school partly because of a bothersome stress fracture in his left foot that required surgery in May and months of rehabilitation.

It might seem as if Wilcox has one eye on a future professional playing career, but less than a week before Sunday's season opener against Seattle University he swears he's focused on his final season at Washington.

"This is my team," he said. "I have to make sure I get these guys back to the NCAA tournament and we can try to do some special things."

"We have captains, but I feel like everyone is looking at me to be that lone leader. If we lose a game, it's going to be on me. If we win a game, it'll be because I did this or did that. More of the pressure and more of the blame will be put on me, so I feel like I need to take more responsibility."

After years of reluctance, Wilcox is finally ready to claim ownership of the Huskies.

Admittedly, he's been more comfortable in an ensemble cast that has included future NBA players Isaiah Thomas, Terrence Ross, Tony Wroten Jr. and Justin Holiday.

But now they're gone and Wilcox is the lone holdover to the Huskies' last great run when they made three straight trips to the NCAA tournament.

"He is a guy that can definitely point the way because he knows what it took



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With a degree in hand, Wilcox has plenty of time to work on his game.

for those teams to be successful," UW coach Lorenzo Romar said. "When you're on your way out as a fifth-year senior, there's a certain way you want to leave. And he wants to leave the right way."

Wilcox, who turns 23 in December, almost sounds nostalgic when he talks about Washington's last NCAA tournament appearance in 2011.

"It's just so exciting," he said. "It's an experience I feel every college basketball player should experience. It's just a lot of fun. It's really what you work all year for and to not be able to make it these last couple of years — some of the guys don't know what it's like."

"They want to get there, but they don't know what it's like to be there. I want to make sure everyone gets a chance to play in that tournament."

To return to the Big Dance, Washington, which finished 18-16 last season, will need to overcome modest expectations. The Huskies were picked to finish eighth in the Pac-12 in a preseason media poll.

Romar likens Wilcox to former Huskies great Jon Brockman, who made the NCAA tournament as a freshman and senior.

"I remember how Jon felt and it was like he said, 'No one is going to mess this

up for me,'" Romar said. "That's how C.J. is approaching this year."

Romar said Wilcox has quietly positioned himself for a breakout season.

"C.J. Wilcox is under the radar... I don't think people understand how good of a basketball player he is," Romar said. "The last time you heard me say that was about Brandon Roy going into his senior year."

Maybe so, but Wilcox surely isn't sneaking up on anyone.

The 6-foot-5 shooting guard averaged 16.8 points last season, which ranked sixth in the Pac-12. He led Washington in average minutes played (34.8), 3-pointers (20), free throws (93) and steals (37). He was second in blocked shots (35) and third in assists (65).

Washington added fifth-year senior Perris Blackwell, a 6-9, 275-pound forward who transferred from San Francisco, where he averaged 12.7 points and 6.1 rebounds as an All-West Coast Conference honorable-mention selection in the 2011-12 season.

Touted freshman Nigel Williams-Goss and redshirt sophomore Andrew Andrews will likely start alongside Wilcox in the backcourt while redshirt sophomore Jernard Jarreau and junior Desmond Simmons are competing for the final open spot in the lineup.

5 Keys to success

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

1 Wilcox and who else? Where will Washington get its scoring aside from Wilcox? He averaged 16.8 points last season and played most of the year with an injured foot. Even with Wilcox ailing, the Huskies still had enough scoring options to stay competitive. Wilcox is healthy, but who will help score is unknown. Guard Andrew Andrews is the top returning scorer other than Wilcox at 7.8 points per game. Perris Blackwell averaged 12.7 points during his last season at San Francisco and Nigel Williams-Goss averaged 18 points as a high school senior.

2 Relying on Perris. There are a lot of expectations being placed on Blackwell for the one season Washington will have him on the floor. Blackwell was a serviceable scorer at San Francisco, averaging double figures his final two seasons for the Dons. Romar believes Blackwell can be the consistent interior answer the Huskies were missing last season. Blackwell spent all last season learning Washington's system in the hope he is fluent when he hits the floor.

3 Depth to run. Romar never felt Washington had the depth or health last season to push the tempo the way he wanted both offensively and defensively. The Huskies averaged just 67.9 points last season, the lowest since the 2000-01 season and the only time during Romar's tenure that Washington has failed to score at least 72 points per game. On the defensive side, the 12.3 turnovers per game the Huskies forced were the fewest during Romar's tenure.

4 Nigel's hype. Williams-Goss is just the fifth Washington player to have participated in the McDonald's All-American game. He played for Team USA in the FIBA under-19 World Championships this summer. He joins the Huskies with a wealth of experience most college freshmen don't have. Then throw in that he averaged 18 points and seven assists playing for Findlay Prep in Henderson, Nev., and it's easy to see why he is expected to be a leader immediately.

5 Nonconference tests. Washington has put together a worthy nonconference schedule. Their home slate lacks excitement with a Dec. 22 meeting against Connecticut the highlight, but away from Seattle the Huskies will face Indiana in the 2K Sports Classic in New York and play either Boston College or Connecticut a night later. They also have two true nonconference road games, going to San Diego State and Tulane.

Fast facts

Conference: Pac-12

Colors: Purple, gold

Ticket office: (206) 543-2200

Home Court: Alaska Airlines Arena (0,000)

Website: gohuskies.com

Head coach: Lorenzo Romar, 12th season

Record at UW: 237-129

Assistants: Brad Jackson, Raphael Chiloas, T.J. Otzelberger

2012-13 record: 18-16 overall, 9-9 Pac-12

Letterwinners: 7 back, 5 lost

Starters: 2 back, 3 lost

Newcomers: 6

2013-14 Huskies men's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. School)
11	Anderson, Mike	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Hartford, Conn. (Moberly Area CC)
12	Andrews, Andrew	G	6-2	195	So.	Portland (Benson Tech)
2	Blackwell, Perris	F	6-9	275	Sr.	Etiwanda, Calif. (San Francisco)
34	Dierickx, Gilles	C	7-0	235	So.	Ghent, Belgium (Florida International)
33	Jarreau, Jernard	F	6-10	220	So.	New Orleans, La. (McDonogh)
1	Johnson, Darin	G	6-5	200	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif. (Sheldon)
40	Kemp, Jr., Shawn	F	6-9	250	Jr.	Canton, Ga. (Hargraves Military)
30	Simmons, Desmond	F	6-7	225	Jr.	Vallejo, Calif. (Salesian)
10	Smith, Connor	F	6-9	200	Sr.	Wenatchee (Wenatchee)
22	Sterling, Quinn	G	6-5	195	Jr.	Mercer Island, Wash. (Mercer Island)
4	Stewart, Hikeem	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Seattle (Rainier Beach)
21	Taylor, Jahmel	G	6-0	175	Fr.	Los Angeles (Pacific Hills)
24	Upshaw, Robert	C	6-11	255	So.	Fresno, Calif. (Fresno State)
23	Wilcox, C.J.	G	6-5	195	Sr.	Pleasant Grove, Utah (Pleasant Grove)
5	Williams-Goss, Nigel	G	6-3	185	Fr.	Happy Valley, Ore. (Findlay Prep)

Washington State Cougars

BIGGER, BETTER



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During very long off-season, Washington State senior D.J. Shelton added more than 25 pounds and a leadership mentality.

Shelton steps up his game, leadership role

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PULLMAN — A day after Washington State's 64-62 loss to Washington in the first round of last season's Pac-12 tournament, D.J. Shelton was in the weight room. It was the first step in a transformative offseason that has seen the forward add more than 25 pounds to his frame.

"I changed my body a lot. I was 230 pounds last year, now I'm like 256," Shelton said.

Shelton's physical metamorphosis wasn't prompted by prodding from coach Ken Bone, nor was it spurred by talent evaluators at the professional level. Rather, it was the result of the mental transformation undergone by Shelton, one that has the fifth-year

senior ready to lead a team he can finally call his own.

"I have a lot of moments where I'm like, 'Dang, I'm here, I'm a starter on the Washington State basketball team,'" Shelton said. "I can be proud of this and I can make the best of this. A lot of people don't get this opportunity and I'm blessed."

The athletic ability was never in question for Shelton, whose family tree is littered with relatives far outside the spectrum of most people's sporting ability. Uncle Lonnie Shelton was a star at Oregon State and played for a decade in the NBA; uncle Damien Shelton and cousin L.J. played professional football. Cousins Marlon, Tim and Titus each played Division-1 basketball.

But when a player's career is more notable for than for his exploits on the court, it can be difficult for a leadership style to develop at the same rate as his basketball skills.

Shelton played at four different high schools, had a redshirt year at Cal-State Fullerton and a season at Citrus College. The Cougars are the first basketball team that Shelton has been with long enough to develop relationships with, much less take ownership of.

"I think he's been able to grow as much as any person in our program during my time at WSU," Bone said. "I think we're seeing a different D.J.



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Shelton will be counted on for more scoring and rebounding this season.

Shelton than when we brought him here a couple years ago, and that's because of the stability of him being here for two-plus years."

The results from those physical and mental changes are already apparent. Shelton's game is showing more refinement in the low post, and his already sweet shot has gotten even sweeter. More importantly, the senior post finally has the credibility with a team to hold teammates accountable.

"He's always had that mentality, but I feel like this being his senior year, he's really stepped up and he's really worked on his game," guard Royce Woolridge said.

"He knows that he's a senior and we're all younger than him. We take after him and he definitely has taken on a leadership role this year."

The new and improved D.J. Shelton will play a critical role for the Cougars with the departure of Brock Motum — the Pac-12's leading scorer this past season and WSU's leading rebounder. While picking up Motum's scoring slack will be a communal effort for the

Cougars this season, Shelton will bear much of the rebounding burden.

There have been other improvements as well, although it may be hard to see the difference.

"I would foresee the astute basketball fan recognizing the difference," Bone said of Shelton's development. "It may not be what he does as much as he's not doing."

Maybe he's not traveling, maybe he's not charging. He's just slowing down the game and not making as many mistakes. So in my mind, he's really elevated himself as a basketball player, but a lot of those things a typical fan just doesn't see."

With so much on his shoulders, perhaps the biggest challenge for the 6-foot-10 senior will simply be staying on the court.

"I've really got to be smart on reaching and getting dumb fouls too early," Shelton said. "That's something new for me because of the depth. I'm going to have to adjust to it and play physical and not get fouls — own the paint, but in a smart way."

Forecast

1. Oregon
2. Arizona
3. Colorado
4. California
5. Stanford
6. Washington
7. UCLA
8. California
9. WSU
10. Oregon St.
11. Utah
12. USC

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Keys to success

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1 Wings must step up.

Forward Brock Motum is gone and he took his 18.7 points per game with him. That's nearly 30 percent of last season's scoring that the Cougars will need to replace, and the burden of filling Motum's sizable shoes will fall largely on WSU's wing players. Royce Woolridge and DaVonte Lacey averaged 11.0 and 10.5 points per game last season, respectively, and will need to get those numbers up a tick. A dark horse to score more points is 6-foot-7 junior guard Dexter Kernich-Drew. The Australian is a capable shooter and a gifted athlete. If he can put those skills together he could assume some of his departed countryman's scoring load.

2 Improve rebounding.

The Cougars finished dead last in rebounding a season ago and Motum was their leading rebounder. If WSU is to find success this season the team will need to do a much better job of corralling missed shots. The backcourt has size and can contribute to the effort, and sophomore Junior Longrus was active on the boards in WSU's exhibition game against Central Washington, collecting 10 in 22 minutes.

3 Quick frosh progress.

Que Johnson has yet to play a college basketball game. In fact, he hasn't played any organized basketball in two years after sitting out last season. But the Cougars are counting on the heralded freshman to provide energy and a scoring punch. Coach Ken Bone has spoken highly of Johnson and new comers Josh Hawkins and Ike Iroegbu. All will be counted on to contribute this season.

4 Find a point guard.

The team took a big hit when junior college transfer Danny Lawhorn left following a suspension in September, as he was going to be the true point guard the team desperately needs. Both Lacey and Woolridge can play the position, but appear more comfortable in an off-guard role.

5 Maintain focus.

The Cougars were picked by a wide margin to finish last in the Pac-12 media poll, and there will likely be grumblings from WSU fans unless the team goes on a tear. The Cougars can't let low attendance or external expectations distract them from their goals.

Fast facts

Conference: Pac-12

Colors: Crimson, gray

Ticket Office:

(800) GO-COUGS

Home Court: Friel

Court (16x7)

Website:

wsucougars.com

Head Coach:

Ken Bone, 5th season

Record at WSU:

70-65

Assistants: Curtis

Allen, 5th season; Rod

Jensen, 1st season; Ray

Lopes, 2nd season

2012-13 record:

13-19 overall, 4-14 Pac-12

Lettermen:

10 back, 3 lost

Starters: 3 back, 2 lost

Newcomers: 4

2013-14 Cougars men's roster

No.	Name	P	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
21	Dominic Ballard	G	6-4	199	So.	Seattle (Bothell HS)
33	Brett Boese	F	6-7	230	So.	Spokane (Shadle Park HS)
5	Will Dilorio	G	6-6	195	Sr.	Bainbridge Island, Wash. (Bainbridge HS)
24	Josh Hawkinson	F	6-10	245	Fr.	Shoreline, Wash. (Shorewood HS)
31	Keaton Hayenga	F	6-5	209	Jr.	Sammamish, Wash. (Eastlake HS)
13	James Hunter	F	6-10	265	Jr.	Sydney, Australia (Cranbrook School)
0	Ike Iroegbu	G	6-2	190	Fr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Oak Hill Academy)
32	Que Johnson	G	6-5	205	RFr.	Pontiac, Mich. (Westwind Prep-Ariz.)
10	Dexter Kernich-Drew	G	6-7	190	Jr.	Melbourne, Australia (Caulfield Grammar)
25	DaVonte Lacey	G	6-4	215	Jr.	Tacoma (Curtis HS)
15	Junior Longrus	F	6-7	240	So.	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd)
20	Jordan Ralley	C	7-0	245	Jr.	Beaverton, Ore. (Beaverton HS)
23	D.J. Shelton	F	6-10	250	Sr.	Rialto, Calif. (East Bakersfield HS)
22	Royce Woolridge	G	6-3	180	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Sunnyslope HS)

Eastern Washington Eagles



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Eastern Washington big men Martin Seiferth, left, and Venky Jois can carry the coach, Jim Hayford, and will be expected to carry the team this season.

A LOAD TO CARRY

Hayford needs Jois, Seiferth to lead Eagles

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Venky Jois kept the interview short; chemistry class was a few minutes away.

The chemistry practicum – a 2 1/2-hour exercise in bonding and basketball at Reese Court – had just ended. The nucleus is Jois himself, last year's Big Sky Conference freshman of the year.

"He's the kind of player you can build a program on," third-year coach Jim Hayford said of Jois, a 6-foot-7 forward from Australia, who along with center Martin Seiferth gives the Eagles one of the top returning frontcourts in the Big Sky Conference.

Jois averaged 12.3 points and nine rebounds, while Seiferth, a German-born transfer from Oregon, led the conference in field-goal shooting at 62.3 percent while averaging 8.2 points and 6.3 rebounds.

Good numbers for sure, but the pair made history last year by blocking a combined 134 shots, the top two

single-season performances at Eastern. The 6-10 Seiferth, with 68 blocks overall and 2.2 per game, was a defensive highlight reel all season.

So was Jois, a lithe 230-pounder Hayford describes as "solid and talented."

"If you're an Eastern fan, come watch this guy, because some school records are going to be his," Hayford said.

"That Eastern's record last year was 7-15 in the Big Sky and 10-21 overall spoke more to youth, inexperience and chemistry than anything else, players and coaches said.

"A year ago we had so many guys at the same time, with everybody feeling each other out," Hayford said. "This year everything seems a lot more cohesive and a lot more enjoyable."

"That goes double for Jois, who admits he wasn't sure what to expect when he arrived in Cheney last year. He said the Eagles have improved "leaps and bounds" from a year ago, especially on the offensive end.

On both sides of the court, Jois said he and his teammates need to show more toughness, as well as "those little intangibles that people don't pay much



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Venky Jois, right, collected 66 blocks last season as a freshman.

attention to."

Seiferth too was a bit of an unknown last year. A youth spent in Berlin and two seasons on the bench at Oregon meant that last season was his first against top competition. "It was a year of investment, and the return will be high," Hayford said.

That may be true for the entire team, which was among the youngest in the conference last year, and has no seniors this season. Jois is a true sophomore and Seiferth a redshirt junior, so they're expected to provide leadership as well as rebounds.

"I feel like everyone is more focused... and we've grown mentally older," said Seiferth.

Hayford has several choices at small forward, including not having one at all if he goes with a three-guard lineup. Last year, the Eagles got a solid effort from another German, Thomas Reuter, who averaged 5.4 points and 3.1 points while playing 22 minutes a game as a true freshman.

Newcomer Ognjen Miljkovic, a 6-7, 220-pounder from Serbia, "is one of the freshmen who's poked his head out a little bit" since practice began Oct. 1, Hayford said.

"He's hard to guard and he can shoot the 3," said Hayford, who will count on reserves Garrett Moon and Felix Von Hofe on the bench.

The backcourt is full of potential, starting with redshirt sophomore Tyler Harvey, who turned in perhaps the best crunch-time performance of the 2012-13 season. With the Eagles trailing by 18 at Northern Arizona with 7 1/2 minutes to play, Harvey scored 14 points as Eastern rallied for an overtime win that kept it in the playoff hunt.

The 6-4 Harvey is athletic and can play either guard position. "I really like blurring positions," Hayford said. "You have to guard him as a distributor and you have to defend him as a shooter."

Along with junior college transfer Drew Brandon, an experienced 6-3 point guard, the Eagles can offer a backcourt that will play a greater role on the boards.

Junior Parker Kelly, who played 28 minutes a game last year, will again see plenty of action. The Eagles' top outside scoring threat, Kelly averaged 9.5 points last year – second only behind Jois among returnees.

Forecast

1. Weber St.
2. North Dakota
3. Montana
4. No. Colorado
5. EWU
6. Montana St.
7. So. Utah
8. NAU
9. Sac State
10. Portland St.
11. Idaho St.

5 Keys to success

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1 A new leader. Jim Hayford gets the point this has been a troublesome position almost since the day he arrived from Whitworth in 2011. That's when incumbent point Glen Dean departed for Utah; 18 months later, Justin Crossgile quit in midseason. Now it's up to junior college transfer Drew Brandon, a 6-foot-4, 180-pound junior from Corona, Calif., to run the offense. Brandon impressed Hayford with his ability to control the pace of the game – fast or slow – and his composure. Brandon was multiple a threat last year at Sierra College, averaging 15.5 points, 7.4 rebounds, 6.8 assists and 1.2 steals.

2 Hitting the glass. The Eagles were second in the Big Sky last year in first-shot field-goal defense. The killer was second and third shots, the product of a minus-4.2 rebound differential for the season and minus-3.3 in conference games. For the year, opponents grabbed 420 offensive rebounds, 78 more than the Eagles. Besides the maturation of forward Venky Jois (9.0 rebounds a game) and center Martin Seiferth (6.3 rpg), Hayford expects more boards from hard-working 6-6 small forward Thomas Reuter, the 6-4 Brandon and 6-3 shooting guard Tyler Harvey.

3 Kelly for 3. If the Eagles are going to break down opposing defenses, they'll need an even better long-range shot from Parker Kelly, who shot 40.1 percent from 3-point range last year. That's a solid number, but if Kelly "can get it up to 45 percent, that's elite," said Hayford, who has named Kelly a team captain along with Jois. That's especially important on Hayford's offense, which last year took 775 shots from long range, hitting 34.1 percent as a team. Guard Tyler Harvey and newcomer Ognjen Miljkovic, a 6-7 forward from Serbia, also are threats from three.

4 When game's on line... Poor free-throw shooting – 65.5 percent overall – cost the Eagles several games last season, but there may be a bright side: Opponents frequently targeted Seiferth, who in one mid-season stretch was 13-for-40 from the line, but he was 13 for 19 in the last six games of the season. Departing players hit 69.5 percent of their free throws, so the new players will need to step up and deliver.

5 And a little luck. Just a run of average fortune would be better than last year, which included a prolonged absence for personal reasons by Collin Chiverton; the untimely departure of Crossgile, several injuries and even a car accident in Grand Forks, N.D., that sidelined senior guards Kevin Winford and Jeffrey Forbes. To top things off, Jois suffered an ankle injury that cost him several games during the final month of the season.

Fast facts

Conference: Big Sky
Colors: Red and white
Ticket office:
(866) 4GO EAGS
Home Court: Reese Court (6,000)
Website: goeags.com
Head coach: Jim Hayford, third season
Record at EWU: 25-38
Assistants: Craig Fortner, Shantay Legans, Alex Pribble
2012-13 record: 10-21 overall, 7-13 Big Sky
Letterwinners: 1 back, 5 lost.
Starters: 4 back, 1 lost
Newcomers: 4

2013-14 Eagles men's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
0	Ognjen Miljkovic	F	6-7	220	Fr.	Belgrade, Serbia (Bishop Montgomery)
1	Tyler Harvey	G	6-4	180	So.	Torrance, Calif. (Bishop Montgomery)
2	Daniel Hill	G	5-9	165	So.	Sydney, Australia (Newington College)
4	Danny Powell	F	6-6	230	Fr.	Phoenix, (Desert Vista)
10	Parker Kelly	G	6-4	195	Jr.	Spokane (Gonzaga Prep)
11	Sir Washington	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Las Vegas (Clark)
12	Martin Seiferth	F	6-10	235	Jr.	Berlin, Germany (Oregon)
13	Thomas Reuter	F	6-6	230	So.	Breckerfeld, Germany (Theodor-Heuss)
21	Frederik Jörg	F	7-1	290	Rso.	Korschenbroich, Germany (Gym. Eversten)
22	Drew Brandon	G	6-4	180	Jr.	Corona, Calif. (Sierra College)
33	Garrett Moon	F	6-5	190	Jr.	San Francisco (City Col. of San Fran.)
44	Felix Von Hofe	F	6-5	200	Fr.	Melbourne, Australia (Wesley College)
55	Venky Jois	F	6-7	230	So.	Boronia, Australia (Box Hill)

Idaho Vandals

DEAN OF VANDALS



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Well-traveled Glen Dean is spending his final year of basketball eligibility at Idaho, where he has become a mentor and a leader.

Point guard new to Idaho, but has connections

By Josh Wright
Correspondent

MOSCOW, Idaho — They grew up in the same house in Seattle, half-brothers with a mother who held jobs that often bled into the evening or night. T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, the open-at-all-hours QFC grocery store — these were Judi Sinclair's places of work at different times, and her sons knew what she required of them when she worked late.

Glen Dean had to watch over Perrion Callandret, his younger brother by six years, after school. Callandret had to listen to his big brother, who at times seemed more like a father to him. And together they made a pledge to not let their mom down.

It's something Dean, 24, remembers well as he embarks on his final year of college basketball with Callandret by his side as a freshman at Idaho.

"She had some crazy hours; it seemed like she worked all night," says Dean, the former Eastern Washington guard. "And I'm mean, shoot, we have a roof over our heads, food, clothes. (She was) doing everything she can to make sure we have all the necessities to be successful. And we just took it upon ourselves: 'Look, let's stay out of trouble. It's not her fault; she's doing everything she can, so we've got to take on more responsibility than the average kid. We're probably going to have to feed ourselves. We're got to get ourselves up and get ready for school.'

"Shoot, I mean, we just made it work."

After transferring from Utah to Idaho as a graduate transfer (under NCAA rules, he doesn't have to sit out a year), Dean has a fresh set of responsibilities. He's the most experienced point guard on a team that's been almost completely rebuilt by Don Verlin and a staff that includes his coach at Eastern, Kirk Earlywine.

He's expected to be a playmaker, a facilitator for shooters like Stephen Madison and Connor Hill and a leader. But he'll no longer try to be a father figure to his brother.



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Glen Dean, right, is reunited with coach Kirk Earlywine, center, at Idaho.

That time, he says, has passed.

Calling home

Once he knew he would graduate from Utah this past summer, Dean started pondering his second jump in three years between Division I schools, after transferring from Eastern Washington to Utah in 2011. But first he had to make a call.

A few calls, actually. Callandret had already committed to play for the Vandals out of Bothell (Wash.) High School. And when Dean broached the subject of joining him on the Palouse, he was on board immediately.

Dean, however, wanted to be 100 percent sure his brother was OK with his move, so he kept calling back and asking the same question.

"Of course I was happy about it," Callandret says. "He asked me multiple times, though, and I was fine. Still am fine that it all went this way, even though he had to leave another situation. I feel like everything happens for a reason, and this is a good one right here."

Callandret, 18, is a 6-foot-2 guard who used to go to the gym with Dean as a boy and watched for his brother's approval (or criticism) from the sideline when he got older. Although he wants to learn all he can from Dean, the two have a different relationship than the one they had growing up.

"My brother is 18 years old. He's a college freshman," Dean says. "I've got to let that father figure thing die out and I've got to be more of a friend and a brother and a teammate first."

Dean hasn't just reunited with his brother and Earlywine. He's also closer to his mother, who still lives in the Seattle area (he and have Callandret have

separate fathers who were in and out of picture). And he's playing one more collegiate season with a deep appreciation of his opportunity to be on the court.

In December of 2011, while redshirting at Utah, Dean was lifting weights during a morning workout session when a blood vessel ruptured in

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Forecast

1. N. Mexico St.
2. Idaho
3. Seattle U
4. Utah Valley
5. Bakersfield
6. Chicago St.
7. Grand Canyon
8. Texas-Pan Am.
9. UMKC

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Keys to success

By Josh Wright
Correspondent

1 Sustain intensity. Verlin has seen his young team play at a high level at practice and scrimmages, but only for brief stretches. Part of the issue, he said, is fighting through fatigue. "That's part of youth," the sixth-year coach said. It's also to be expected with so many new faces. Still, maintaining intensity throughout the season is Verlin's top key for the season — and it's perhaps his top concern, too.

2 Rebounding. The WAC's top rebounder last year, Kyle Barone, is no longer at Idaho. In his place is a group of unproven post players. The Vandals have talented guards, but will they be able to rebound against bigger teams? Verlin sees promise in Paulin Mpaawe, a 6-foot-10 junior-college transfer, and wing Stephen Madison, who averaged 4.8 rebounds per game last season.

3 Limit turnovers. Idaho was uncharacteristically sloppy last season, when it averaged 15.5 turnovers (and just 13.1 assists). Verlin has emphasized taking care of the ball and playing sound fundamentally. The addition of transfer Glen Dean at point guard should help stabilize the Vandals' backcourt, but they'll also have several newcomers — and freshmen, potentially — in their guard rotation.

4 Production in the paint. The only player with D-I experience is redshirt senior Joe Kammerer, but he's played sparingly. UI will need solid minutes from Mpaawe, Ty Egbert and Robert Asencio. All three have yet to play at the Division I level, although Egbert was with the team last year as a redshirt and impressed Verlin at times during the preseason. "It's still a wildcard," Verlin said of UI's rotation in the post. "They're still battling like crazy. I've got about four or five guys down there that are battling for minutes; one guy is good one day, one guy is good the next."

5 Stephen Madison. He's the Vandals' best all-around player and top returning scorer, but he struggled last season with his outside shooting. In his first two seasons, Madison hit 38 percent of his 3-point attempts before dropping to 28 percent last season. The senior wing will need to be more consistent with his stroke, and this will be the first time he tries to carry the load without Barone as a complement down low. Though Dean and Madison have yet to play a game together, Dean has been impressed with Madison's versatility. "(He) just knows how to play the game," Dean said. "Has a great feel for it. Can do so many different things."



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Fast facts

Conference: WAC
Colors: Silver and Gold
Ticket office:
(208) 885-6466
Home court: Cowan
Spectrum (6,000)
Website:
govandals.com
Head coach: Don
Verlin, 6th season
Record at UI: 81-78
Assistants: Kirk
Earlywine, 2nd season;
Tim Murphy, 4th; Chris
Helling, 6th
2012-13: 12-18 overall,
7-11 WAC
Letterwinners:
13 back, 8 lost.
Starters: 2 back, 3 lost
Newcomers: 12

2013-14 Vandals men's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
1	Dean, Glen	PG	5-10	175	Sr.	Seattle (Utah)
2	Wiggs, Sekou	PG	6-3	182	Fr.	Seattle (O'Dea)
3	Callandret, Perrion	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell)
5	Hill, Connor	G	6-3	190	Jr.	Post Falls (Post Falls)
10	Ball, Patrick	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Seattle (Franklin)
12	Scott, Mike	PG	6-0	180	Jr.	Los Angeles (Antelope Valley CC)
13	Seck, Bira	PF	6-6	215	Jr.	Dakar, Senegal (Oiney Central)
14	Sherwood, Chad	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Albany, Ore. (West Albany)
15	Mpaawe, Paulin	F	6-10	227	So.	San Bernardino, Calif. (San Bern. Valley)
32	Jiles IV, Allen	G	6-3	200	Jr.	Los Angeles (Cal State Northridge)
34	Madison, Stephen	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Portland (Jefferson)
41	Egbert, Ty	F	6-9	195	Rfr.	Coulee Dam, Wash. (Lake Roosevelt)
42	Kammerer, Joe	C	6-9	225	Sr.	Eugene (North Eugene)
44	Scott, Jordan	SF	6-6	200	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Lewis-Palmer)
50	Asencio, Roberto	C	6-9	245	Jr.	Haina, Dom. Rep. (Des Moines Area CC)

College basketball 2013



Guard Louisville's Russ Smith is back to defend the Cardinals' national title, but he'll have to get past Michigan's Mitch McGary.

Alford OK with that UCLA pressure

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Steve Alford faces as big a test in Westwood as his UCLA players do.

He takes over from the fired Ben Howland, who left a team that lacked consistency and cohesion. It'll be up to Alford to foster an improved atmosphere that will make his players want to win and fans want to come out and see the Bruins.

Alford needs a strong start to win over a fan base that was less than impressed when he was hired in late March. The boosters had bigger names in mind to take over a program that has won a record 11 national championships.

"I would much rather be in a situation where there's pressure of success versus the pressure of not caring," he said. "To be at a place like UCLA, it should be about winning national championships."

Alford has one national title to his credit, having played on Indiana's 1987 championship team under coach Bob Knight.

No. 22 UCLA went 25-10 and won the Pac-12 regular season title before Howland was fired in late March.

This season, the Bruins were picked by the media to finish second behind Arizona in the league. Alford has just six returning players and a slew of newcomers.

"The newcomers and the returnees have to blend nicely," he said. "That's going to be a big part of our success or lack of. If those things mesh together, we have got the talent and we have got the pieces to have a very good year."

The Bruins open the season at home against Drexel on Friday. Here are three things to watch from UCLA this season:



Alford

Anderson and Adams

Swingman Kyle Anderson and guard Jordan Adams are two of UCLA's three returning starters. They'll help replace Shabazz Muhammad, whose 17.9-point average led the Bruins during his lone season before leaving for the NBA draft. Anderson can play nearly any position, although he'll handle the point more often since Larry Drew II graduated.

Tony and the twins

Tony Parker returns for his sophomore season, and could prove to be a reliable big man after dropping some weight. He fell out of favor with Howland and will be looking to improve on the 6.3 minutes he averaged last season. Travis Wear, the Bruins' other returning starter, and his twin brother, David, are fifth-year seniors who will provide leadership.

Newcomers

The 2013 class lacks the star power of Howland's last group of recruits, but some of the players could make an impact. Freshman guard Zach LaVine from Seattle averaged 28.5 points as a high school senior and could get time as the backup point guard.

Freshman forward Wanaah Bail of Houston was granted eligibility by the NCAA after originally signing with Texas Tech. He has been limited while recovering from offseason knee surgery, but could be a key member of the frontcourt.

Freshman guard Bryce Alford, the coach's son, finished his prep career as New Mexico's career single-season scoring leader and is a solid outside shooter.

Freshman guard Isaac Hamilton, who signed with UTEP as a high school senior last year, is waiting to hear from the NCAA on whether he'll be eligible this season.



Steve Alford has two sons on his roster at UCLA — Bryce (pictured) and Kory.

GET READY

Quick look at babies, big shots and bracket busters

By John Marshall
Associated Press

Talented freshmen are sprinkled all over the country. There's a high concentration in Kentucky, pockets at Kansas and Arizona, singular stars-in-the-making at other hoops hotbeds.

Teams are spread all across new conferences, too. Realignment hit full gear this season, scattering teams like a game of Boggle. It's going to take half a season just to figure out which 18 teams swapped in and out of the WAC.

There also will be plenty of coaches in new places, including one interesting choice to run the show in Westwood and a relocation of Dunk City.

Needless to say, it's going to be an interesting and, likely, unpredictable season in college basketball.

To get you ready, here's a few things to keep an eye on:

Top teams

Kentucky. Coach Cal may have outdone even himself with this class of freshmen. Could be another ring-and-done for some of them.

Michigan State. Tom Izzo has been a consistent winner in East Lansing. This team could add another title to his resume.

Louisville. The defending national champs have a new conference, but the same objective as always.

Duke. The Blue Devils are consistent national-title contenders. Fab freshman Jabari Parker could be the ticket to reaching that goal this season.

Kansas. Andrew Wiggins. Watch this guy. Kinda good. So are the Jayhawks.

Arizona. The Wildcats have their own fabulous freshman in Aaron Gordon and he may not even be the best player on this loaded team.

The freshmen: Wiggins and



Creighton's Doug McDermott, right, driving past Wichita State's Cleanthony Early, is one of the top players in the nation.

Tim Hardaway Jr. are gone, but the Wolverines still have plenty of talent left from a team that came up just short against Louisville in last year's national championship game.

Top Players

Doug McDermott, F. Creighton. McDermott will turn 31 in January and is entering his 10th season of college basketball. OK, those are exaggerations — he's 20 and a senior — but it sure seems like he's been one of the nation's best players for a long time. Should be no different this season.

Aaron Craft, G. Ohio State. They might make defensive instructional videos based on this guy after he's done in Columbus.

Marcus Smart, G. Oklahoma State. Could have been a lottery pick in the NBA had he come out last season. Will be one of the best players in college basketball this season.

Russ Smith, G. Louisville. There's a reason he's been called "Russdicious."

Jahlil Carson, G. Arizona State. He is dynamic personified in a 5-foot-10 frame. Carson's last season in the desert should be a good one.

The freshmen: Wiggins of

Kansas, Julius Randle and the Harrison twins at Kentucky, Gordon at Arizona and Duke's Parker.

Top out-of-leaguers

Kentucky vs. MSU in Chicago, on Tuesday. If their rankings hold, it'll be the earliest 1-vs.-2 meeting since 1975.

Duke vs. Kansas in Chicago, also on Tuesday. Not a bad opener for Kentucky-Michigan State at the United Center.

Louisville at Kentucky. Dec. 28. Always a can't-miss game.

Arizona at Michigan. Dec. 14. Deep, talented teams get a big early test.

Kentucky at UNC. Dec. 14. Basketball blue bloods meet in the Tar Heel State.

Michigan at Duke. Dec. 3. Jabari gets a chance to see how he matches up against Michigan brute Mitch McGary — as long as the sophomore's bulky back holds up.

New coaches

Steve Alford. UCLA. He wasn't the most popular choice in Westwood for fans and boosters who wanted a bigger name. The former Indiana star would like nothing more than to prove

them wrong.

Andy Enfield. Southern California. Dunk City will make its Hollywood debut after he led Florida Gulf Coast on a surprising NCAA tournament run last season.

Richard Pitino. Minnesota. Rick's son tries to right the Gophers after one season at Florida International.

Tubby Smith. Texas Tech. The Red Raiders will play in some shootouts in West Texas under the former national champion coach.

Joe Dooley. Florida Gulf Coast. Bill Sell's longtime right-hand man at Kansas gets his first shot at running the show in Dunk City.

Eddie Jordan. Rutgers. The longtime college and NBA coach will try to calm the storm after Mike Rice was fired for berating players and AD Tim Pernetti was forced to resign.

Mid-major monsters

It's getting to the point where mid-majors are no different than any other program, particularly after Wichita State reached the Final Four last season and Florida Gulf Coast destroyed brackets across the country. Still, it seems worthy to mention some of the best among the non-power programs. Here's a few:

Wichita State. The rugged Shockers made it to the Final Four last season. Don't put it past them to do it again.

UCU. The fast-paced Rams are always a tough out under Shaka Smart.

Creighton. McDermott will be a man on a mission in his last season playing under his pops, Greg.

Gonzaga. No mention of mid-majors can be without the Zags.

Butler. Brad Stevens is gone, but the Bulldogs will still be good.

Florida Gulf Coast. Just so we could get in one more Dunk City reference.

Commentary



This season, Oregon's State's Jamal Reid, right, may have to back off of WSU's Royce Woolridge unless he likes that whistle noise the referees make.

COMMISH, PLEASE

More rules changes this season, but here are a few in need

Eliminating the ridiculous flying-out-of-bounds timeout a few years ago seemed like the last turn of the wrench before college basketball could be declared perfect in every way.

Now the fun police want to snuff the wildfire of storming the court, so Mike Krzyzewski can go back to cussing out student reporters instead of opposing fans that invade his space.

So that will be the final — wait, what? Oh, right. One-and-done, the alternating possession and runaway realignment all need surgery. In fact, the OR looks pretty backed up.

Guess there's no telling which loose lugnut will lead to the wheels coming off.

There are 351 schools playing NCAA Division I basketball, and it turns out just about that many notions as to what needs banned, adopted or tweaked to make the college game better.

Every coach has a couple. Every sportswriter has a couple dozen. Like the overinflated roster of Division I schools, they pile up.

In fact, that's one place to start. Incarnate Word is Division I? Couldn't IUPUI and IPFW be combined to form IUPUIFW, or just be given their own can of Campbell's?

When the music stops and someone can't find a chair, isn't he supposed to be out? But New Jersey Tech, the last team without a conference, plays on.

Somebody close the barn door, please. But it's not all theory over beers, of course. Whether a rule change or administrative legislation, each year somebody's idea of a Band-Aid gets applied — and there's a drastic one this season.

Game officials have been

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given a mandate to clean up some aspects of physical play, in particular hand-checking. Keeping a hand or forearm on an opponent away from the ball is now a rule, not a guideline.

So is putting two hands on an opponent, continual jabbing and using an arm bar on a dribbler.

The block-charge call — everyone's favorite source of dispute — gets another eye job, too. No longer can a defender slide in under a player with the ball after he's begun his upward motion.

So when a few coaches hereabouts were asked to be college basketball czar for a day and fix what's wrong, it wasn't surprising to hear more than one fret about physical play — or the pendulum suddenly swinging back too far.

"If you would have asked me a couple of months ago, I would have said the physicality of the game has gotten away from us," said Washington State coach Ken Bone.

"But now that we've had some officials come in and work some scrimmages and intrasquad games, I'm a little nervous about the fact that it's gone from being overly physical to now it's like almost anything's a foul."

He won't be alone. Fans will hate at what's likely to be an endless parade to the foul line in the season's first couple of months until players adjust — or until the refs slowly slide back into calling things the way they always have.

If they're going to clean up the rough stuff, Gonzaga's Mark Few wouldn't mind if they took it all the way to the hoop.

"I'd like to see them clean up finishes around the basket," he said. "All through the NCAA tourney, it was unbelievably physical around the basket — on



Arizona State's Jordan Bachynski shoots while WSU's Will Dilorio tries to draw a charge. This season, a defender cannot slide in under a player with the ball after he's begun his upward motion.

arms, heads, everything. A lot of no calls. All through our games in Salt Lake. The Final Four was crazy physical."

In the bigger picture, a spatial makeover might be in order — in both the men's and women's games. Bone would like to see the international game's trapezoidal key adopted. Gonzaga women's coach Kelly Graves goes further: he'd be for widening the court.

"Just to make it a more free-flowing game," said Graves. "Just like the wider ice in Olympic hockey opens up the game."

While he's expanding the court, Graves would also

shrink time. "Give us a 24-second clock and an eight-second count in the backcourt," he offered.

"Make the game faster. We can use an infusion of more excitement. Then it's more about the players."

If the wider lane could be swiped from the international game, why stop there? "I'd like to see their rule on goaltending, where once it's on the rim it's live and either an offensive or defensive player can touch it," said Eastern Washington men's coach Jim Hayford.

"I just think it's an athletic play, and both players have equal access. Anything that

rewards more scoring in the game, I'd be in favor of."

Not all the coaches' fixes would apply to the playing rules, naturally. The administration of the sport is a constant chew toy, and the latest teeth marks are from the recent spate of hardship and graduate transfers that are allowing players to suit up at their new colleges without the traditional forced year off.

"They need to get the transfer thing cleaned up," said Few, whose program hasn't been beyond trying to leverage the current rule. "Everybody needs to sit a year if you transfer. These last couple of waivers have been jokes, absolute jokes."

Though essentially beyond the NCAA's reach, Bone would like to see shoe companies removed from the high school AAU equation, believing some brand-affiliated colleges "do a great job in using that to their advantage." And Hayford has one pie-in-the-sky wish that's undoubtedly echoed by every one-bid conference coach.

"I'd make every high-major team play one road game at a low-major," he said.

Sounds fun. But while we're at it, can we ratchet the NCAA Tournament back to 64 teams and lose the contrived play-in round? And speaking of contrived, those come-lately IV post-season tournaments — the College Insider and CBI? Done. Nobody would miss the Independence Bowl, and no one will miss them.

But here's what the sport needs most: a commissioner.

Whether the ideas floated here are crackpot notions or not, there's nobody in charge of the game to stow its development, health and fairness. Big ideas — like a tournament or something that could crystallize attention to the game during the mess of November and December when no one can track what's going on — have no one to vet and champion them. The NFL, MLB and NBA didn't get where they are without a back-stop-here guy.

But at least the flying timeout got fixed.

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Gonzaga tickets



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When Gonzaga built the 6,000-seat McCarthy Athletic Center, it wanted an arena that would give the Zags a competitive advantage. Mission accomplished.

ZAGONOMICS 101

A good problem: Finding seats for excited, wallets-open fan base

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Rod Butler started attending Gonzaga basketball games in 1980 when a guy named John Stockton began throwing the ball around on his way to the NBA Hall of Fame.

Just weeks ago, Butler received the last pair of season tickets, only the 30th such pair that have become available in the decade since Gonzaga opened the McCarthy Athletic Center.

"I'm happy to be there," said Butler, a 60-year-old architect. "It's a path, but it's achievable."

While the waiting list doesn't rival some of the great decades-long waits for season tickets in places like Green Bay, the quest to get season tickets to watch the Gonzaga men's basketball team has become the holy grail of Spokane sporting events as the Zags continue their unprecedented run of success.

With this the 10th anniversary of the opening of the McCarthy Athletic Center, the perennial success of the team has funneled cash into the school ever seeking to turn its "mid-major" David-and-Goliath mantra into a national championship.

"If you are not winning, you are dead in the water," said associate athletic director Chris Standiford said. "The true nature of success begins and

ends with the success of the team."

Last year for the first time, the Zags attained a No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press poll for the last three weeks of the season before falling to Wichita State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Last year also marked the 14th straight year that Gonzaga has made the tournament dating back to 1999.

As a result of that success, the demand for season tickets has skyrocketed. And nobody is getting rid of them.

Some people have had their name on the list since it was created a decade ago. But only those, such as Butler — who committed to pay \$5,000 to the Bulldog Club over three years — have a real chance of getting tickets, Standiford said.

"We have a list of everyone who has expressed interest in tickets," Standiford said. "But priority is not based on when you get on the list. It's really just how much money you have donated over time."

In Green Bay, parents put their children on the Packers waiting list as soon as they can obtain copies of their birth certificates. That wait is currently somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 years. In college football, Nebraska has sold out every game since 1962.

The Zags don't have that pedigree — yet — but Standiford noted that the

Season tickets

If you're lucky enough to make it to the top of the waiting list, here is how many bones you'll have to cough up to make it into the Kennel Club.

PLATINUM LEVEL: \$750
\$3,100 required Bulldog Club donation

GOLD LEVEL: \$450
\$850 required Bulldog Club donation

SILVER LEVEL: \$450
\$450 required Bulldog Club donation

BULLDOG LEVEL: \$275
\$350 required Bulldog Club donation

ZAG LEVEL: \$275
\$250 required Bulldog Club donation

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Bulldogs have sold out every game since they opened McCarthy, which is the kind of clout that allows school officials to ask supporters to continually dig a little deeper.

"Basketball is a very important economic driver for us," he said. "It's the centerpiece of our revenue. It's the generosity that drives the model." The "model" came from several places, but Gonzaga mostly based its ticket selection system on the bluest blood of them all: the Duke Blue Devils.

"From the very beginning, we tried

to determine the best practices in our industry. We visited Duke. If you go back to the 2000, 2001, 2002, they are who we aspired to be," Standiford said. "We found out we had several common problems."

The legendary Cameron Indoor Stadium seats 9,314. Gonzaga officials discussed with their counterparts at Duke how they maximize donations; reward loyalty and parse out tickets to games when students are away from campus or for matchups that don't have the draw of a North Carolina.

"We are basically an open book with the fund raising development," said Jack Winters, an assistant director of athletics at Duke. "If they can take pieces of what we are doing and incorporate it into what they are doing, great."

Just like Gonzaga, Duke doesn't have much turnover each year on season tickets. But it has something Gonzaga doesn't: a drop-dead number.

"If you donate \$7,000 you will have the opportunity to purchase two season tickets in Cameron," Winters said. "We haven't missed that projection in our history."

But in Spokane, Gonzaga officials don't keep any seats in reserve. "We can't fix a number because we don't have the seats to deliver on it," Standiford said. "But we can make those seats that do come available based on the point system and the wait list."

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Kaitlin Ballantyne, 20, did her homework in a tent outside the McCarthy Athletic Center for a game on Jan. 23, 2013, in order to get a seat at the Gonzaga men's basketball games, students must remain with the tents to keep their place in the ticket line. There are 1,250 tickets available to students for each game.



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Gonzaga tickets

5 THINGS ABOUT HOTTEST TICKET

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1 In the past 10 years, just 60 seats have become available in the McCarthy Athletic Center to watch Gonzaga men's basketball.

2 Of the 6,000 seats, some 1,250 student tickets set aside for the games. Students don't get actual tickets. If they are lucky enough to get in the front of the line, the school electronically activates their student-identification cards. The students have 24 hours before

the game to call in absent.

If they miss a game, the student gets a reminder. If the student misses as second game, they lose ticket privileges for the next two games. A third no-show and the student is barred for the season.

3 The number of available tickets varies on the contest. Typically, about 4,000 go to season ticket holders and 1,250 to students.

Those who contribute at least \$250 to the Bulldog Club – but don't have season tickets – get the first crack to purchase any tickets made available

through students being gone on holidays or any unused tickets allotted to opponents.

"When we talk about the wait list, we are talking about how we manage the Bulldog Club and the tickets we have," Standiford said. "We try to create opportunities either for the season or individual games to experience the environment and be part of the McCarthy Athletic Center experience."

4 McCarthy construction cost was \$25 million. That bill has already been paid off.

5 In the past, the school gave incentives to students who made every game, which made it easier for them to get tickets to the West Coast Conference Tournament. "But we found some of our incentives were creating negative outcomes. Some students would come to a game, swipe in and leave because they have other obligations and didn't want to miss that opportunity," Gonzaga's Chris Standiford said. "We have gone away from that. We want our students to stay to the end of the game. They are such an important part of our environment and to create energy in our stadium."



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The success of the women's basketball team has also created the option to ask ticket holders for more money for priority seating at McCarthy.

TICKETS

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Giving tickets away

Both Winters and Standiford started for their respective schools about the same time, more than 23 years ago. At the time, both schools struggled to fill their arenas. Back then, Gonzaga played inside the Martin Centre. It had a listed capacity of about 4,000 but in reality it was about 3,200, Standiford said.

"We used to have table tents at the (Center of Gonzaga dining hall) and encouraged our students to come to games," Standiford said. "It was a different time for college basketball. Its evolution has been quite remarkable."

Two decades later, students brave winter storms in tents for more than a day to have a chance at the 1,250 tickets set aside for the games.

Superior Court Judge Sam Cozza, who splits season tickets with a friend, pointed out that students aren't the only ones who have to wait in the cold. Cozza's wife is an adjunct professor at Gonzaga.

"She can get faculty tickets for games that we don't have," said Cozza, who splits season tickets with a friend. "The holders themselves (no substitutes) start lining up at about 4 a.m. on Monday of each week before the home games and are let in the building at about 6 a.m. That is quite a thing to observe on cold, dark winter mornings."

Standiford confirmed the arrangement, but said school officials have a good reason for making faculty brave the elements for access.

"We don't want to create a situation where they are missing work while standing in line to get basketball tickets," Standiford said. "There is a set amount of tickets to distribute. Some people choose to come down and stand in line for two or three hours to ensure they get those tickets."

Bigger not better
With the demand currently outstripping supply, some have questioned why Gonzaga didn't build a bigger basketball venue.

Standiford took part in those planning discussions and the university used focus groups to determine how big to build the McCarthy Athletic Center.

"You could have made the argument that we should have built 8,000 seats instead of 6,000. We already had to raise \$25 million. To ask for another \$10-or-\$12 million for 2,000 lesser seats just wasn't practical at the time," Standiford said.

"All you would be doing is driving up the overall ticket price."

Winters said similar discussions were had at Duke. But long-time athletic director Tom Butters decided in the 1980s to renovate, rather than replace, Cameron Indoor.

"Bigger may not necessarily be better," Winters said.

"We have a small arena and a great team that people want to watch and be a part of. We've turned Cameron into ... a bucket list situation."

Standiford said one of the cornerstone goals for McCarthy was to keep the charged atmosphere that can change the momentum for the home team.

"We were able to replicate the experience they had in the old Martin Centre," Standiford said. "Six thousand seats is an unbelievable basketball environment."

The university is now seeing the same season-ticket revolution take place with the women's team, which has eight straight West Coast Conference championships and has made it to the NCAA Tournament in five of the last six years, Standiford said.

The school already has sold about 4,400 season tickets and plans to cap it at 4,600.

In fact, the school sent letters to current season ticket holders informing current women's season-ticket holders that they can retain their seats without a donation to the Bulldog Club. "However, accounts located within the priority seating areas that elect NOT to make a gift are at risk of having their seats relocated," the letter states.

Standiford said the new arrangement for women's tickets is simply an example of the never-ending needs of a program trying to compete.

"We have a relatively distinct, but incredibly passionate fan base," Standiford said. "We are doing everything we can to retain them and at the same time continue to grow the program. That puts us in a position to further do great things on a national level."

Reaping the rewards
As a result of the new stadium, Gonzaga officials asked season ticket holders to contribute to a building fund to help pay off the \$25 million construction cost. That bill has already been paid off, Standiford said.

Copying how Notre Dame University charges prices for its football tickets, Gonzaga officials years ago stopped charging a flat rate for tickets and instead based the prices based on proximity to the court.

"There is no such thing as being ahead of the game," Standiford said. "You are constantly striving to move that next step forward because everybody else is at a dead sprint."

The stadium currently has five levels, from the handful of exclusive "platinum" seats to the upper reaches of the "Zag" section, which is near the top. The platinum seats require a minimum \$3,100 contribution and the season ticket costs \$750. The "Zag" seat requires a minimum \$250 Bulldog Club donation and \$275 ticket cost.

Zag supporter Jeff Colliton, 72, and his wife, Susan, have been season ticket holders since 1988.

They contributed \$20,000 over the first five years after the McCarthy Athletic Center opened. They currently pay \$1,800 to the Bulldog Club and \$1,800 for four season tickets in an area known as "silver" seats.

"It's been super," said Colliton, a 1962 Gonzaga grad. "We don't go south for the winter. This becomes our winter activity and the things we like to do. It's been great for us."

The Collitons also bought 13 season tickets to the women's games. They mostly use their tickets to give to family or friends or donate the extra tickets for Gonzaga fund raisers, he said.

"We are satisfied," he said. "It takes about 15 seconds to get from my seat to the bathroom. During timeouts I can make it quickly."

Standiford said the Bulldog Club brought in about \$2.4 million last year and raised another \$1.7 million in ticket revenue from all spots.

"For us to compete, there's an exhaustive laundry list of things we must

pay for. Recruiting is a huge line item, travel is a huge line item," Standiford said. "And we have to fund our own scholarships, which are just north of \$46,000 per student athlete."

As a result, the university continually approaches season ticket holders to see if they can give just a little more. Until recently, former player David Pendergraft would personally escort supporters to premium seats and provide the dollar figure for it would take to get them.

"If that is where their passion is at, we expose them to the needs of the program," Standiford said. "Hopefully, they have the inclination to support our student athletes."

Gonzaga officials then do everything they can to use those donations to fuel continued success of the team that has to recruit players from warmer climates and bigger cities and universities.

"We don't have a Phil Knight in our back pocket. We don't depend on one person," Standiford said.

"We depend on a large number of people who support us. That's the secret to our success."

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GONZAGA BULLDOGS

A FEW GOOD YEARS AT GONZAGA

Successful coach begins 25th year in Bulldogs' program

By Jim Meehan
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Mark Few was with the Fighting Irish in 1989 when Gonzaga called and wooed him with an offer he couldn't refuse.

The program was one of the best in the West and the pay was mind-boggling. It was an absolute no-brainer.

OK, the last line and maybe some portions of the first paragraph are partially true.

Few was an assistant coach for the Sheldon High Fighting Irish in Eugene. He was working then-Oregon coach Don Monson's basketball camps and he'd met Don's son, Dan, a first-year assistant at Gonzaga under Dan Fitzgerald. GU was hiring a graduate assistant coach and Few happily accepted.

"Other schools had more resources for the grad assistant, here it was basically an unpaid position," Few recalled. "For every class you taught you got three credits of free tuition on your master's (degree) so I taught tennis, flag football, basketball."

"I took out two student loans. I think the pay was literally \$1,500 a year."

That was Year 1 for Few at Gonzaga. The Bulldogs went 8-20, 11 in conference and finished eighth in the WCC. Few's tasks included working out players and contributing to the scouting report.

The 2012-13 season will be Few's 25th at Gonzaga, the last 15 as head coach. He became a full-time assistant in 1992 — his paycheck climbed to \$22,000 annually — and was promoted to head coach in 1999 when Dan Monson left for Minnesota.

It's been a memorable 25-year ride for Few and for Gonzaga. Fifteen straight NCAA Tournaments. Shelves filled with WCC regular-season and tournament trophies. Conference MVPs. All-Americans. A new building. Academic All-Americans. Co-National player of the year. Seven NBA draft picks since 2002. Four first-rounders. Unforgettable moments in games, good and bad. Every game televised.

It's a source of immense pride for Few, whose primary goal upon taking over as head coach after GU crashed the 1999 NCAA Tournament party was "not being a one-hit wonder."

"We've never sacrificed our values to build a national program and we've done it the right way and there are a lot of people that don't," Few said. "We've done it with good guys and we've stayed nationally relevant the whole time."

Monson was scarce in Few's first years at Gonzaga, but it was in meetings on the East Coast.

"You have to remember it was a whirlwind into our success and Fr. Spitzer was still in his first year as president," Roth said. "He said, 'Who are we going to hire?' I told him that we had an agreement with Mark. He said, 'That's great. Which one is it?'"

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"We captured lightning in a bottle



Mark Few, with his children Julia (in red shirt), Colt (being held) and Joe, after the final regular-season game in 2012, has stayed at Gonzaga in large part because of his family, which "has been the greatest perspective giver by far."

keep Few on staff. Roth inserted a contract stipulation — at a time when it wasn't common practice — that Few would be next in line if Monson departed. Less than a year later Gonzaga made its Elite Eight run. When Monson boarded a private plane for Minnesota, Roth placed a call to update Fr. Robert Spitzer, who was in meetings on the East Coast.

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that year (1999)," said Few, recalling a December game in which Gonzaga trailed woeful Texas-Pan American by 21 in the closing seconds. The Broncos missed a pair of free throws and Matt Santangelo nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"That was a good chance if we didn't win the WCC Tournament we weren't going to the NAAs, and it happened to us the year before," he said. "In fairness to Dan, the money and facilities were vastly different

than the year before. That's a kind of what we've always done."

There was no, uh, Gonzaga, to emulate at the time.

"We were the Cinderella story," Roth said. "I think Valparaiso was the team that had done it before us and that's how people viewed us. We were the feel-good story and it was only going to be that way for a short period of time."

The Bulldogs have won at least 23 games every season under Few. Last year they reached the program's zenith with 32 wins, a No. 1 ranking and No. 1 seed in the tournament before falling to Wichita State. Along the way Few has worked with or for several of his closest friends, including Monson, Billy Grier, coming aboard in 1992, Leon Rice in 1998, Tommy Lloyd in 2001 and Ray Giaocotti in 2007.

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Fast facts

Conference: WCC
Colors: Blue, white and red
Home court: McCarthy Athletic Center (6,000)
Website: gonzaga.com
Head coach: Mark Few
Record: 374-93, 6th season
Assistants: Tommy Lloyd, 13th season, Donny Daniels, 6th, Brian Nicholson, 1st
2012-13: 32-3 overall, 16-0 WCC
Letterwinners: 9 back, 4 lost
Starters: 9 back, 3 lost
Newcomers: 7

"We've been in this tournament now 15 years so you understand how fleeting and fickle it is, how much good fortune and luck have to be involved," he said. "Hey look, I would love to get our program there, our players there, our fans there, but I also know that it's been blown up to be this thing that's the end-all, be-all and it isn't."

"You ask (Florida coach) Billy Donovan. It hasn't changed his life at all, he always tells me that. My key is if we're always relevant and really good we'll have a chance to advance there."

Staying relevant and really good isn't guaranteed, Few said. "It doesn't just magically keep happening. I always say this and Gonzaga's been pretty good about this, if we're not growing then we're standing still and somebody is passing us."

Roth shares the same opinion. Few has a rollover contract, so there's always X amount of years

remaining. How many years? "More than eight," Roth said.

Few's pay is commensurate with coaches at other Top 25 programs. That's not by accident. Years ago Roth and Few's attorney studied contracts from coaches across the country, including some from schools that had gauged Few's interest in their job openings, copying ideas they liked while dismissing others.

"As a private school we have some flexibility others don't," Roth noted. "The last 14 years have been crazy successful so why wouldn't we do what we can within the abilities we have to make sure that continues."

It was solely about the money, Few would have left for greener pastures long ago, Roth said. Suits with thicker wallets have failed to uproot Few. His ties to the region run deep. He met Marcy, whose on-campus job was checking ID badges to enter the athletic

department, and they married in 1994. Few relies nearly fishing spots and the program's success, but above all the area perfectly suits his family.

"Family," he said, "has been the greatest perspective giver by far."

That's been demonstrated in numerous ways. Few's four children hang out at practice or sit near the bench during games. The Few's Coaches vs. Cancer events have raised nearly \$7 million. Gonzaga players make annual visits to area hospitals and Camp Goodtimes in Post Falls.

"He doesn't take stuff in the community lightly," junior guard Kevin Pangos said. "He notices more than basketball. That's a side I see to him. When we're doing charity work it really hits him deep in his heart. He truly gets emotional about it."

"He tells us basketball is good but to sometimes take a moment to see how fortunate we are."

5 Keys to success

By Jim Meehan
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1 Big deal. The loss of Kelly Olynyk and Elias Harris to the NBA opens up major minutes inside for Przemek Karnowski and Sam Dower Jr. It's doubtful the left-handed tandem will replace the 32 points and nearly 15 rebounds per game of Olynyk and Harris, but they need to be a presence inside and provide balance to GU's offensive attack. Both are in the best shape of their careers, both are capable scorers and both should eventually have an opportunity in the NBA. They should form one of the better front-court duos in the West.

2 Defense and rebounding. A year ago the Bulldogs relied on Olynyk, Harris and Mike Hart, particularly on the glass, and they had the benefit of a deeper bench if front-court players got into foul trouble. Karnowski and Dower will be challenged to defend without fouling and bring on the boards while logging extended playing time. Rebounding could become a bigger concern when Gonzaga goes with just one big and an undersized "4." Likely Drew Barham or possibly Kyle Dranginis. Guards and wings will have to help out on the boards.

3 New-look offense. Last year Gonzaga's offense ran through Olynyk and Harris. The Zags still have scoring options with Karnowski and Dower, but there will be a new look as guards take on a bigger role, there's potential for more scoring punch at the '3' and the Bulldogs look to get out more in transition. Gonzaga's lack of interior depth means it will often utilize a one-post, four-guard lineup with all four guards being 3-point threats — and Dower has range to the 3-point line. Strong perimeter shooting could open up room for GU's inside players.

4 The Coleman factor. Providence transfer Grant Coleman brings unique qualities to Gonzaga's program with his slinging open-court game. He's up to face quality competition in a GU uniform but he was able to operate in the rugged Big East, averaging double-figure points in his freshman (0.5) and sophomore (12.3) seasons. He should thrive in transition with his ability to finish and pass. Another factor that could help the wily, 6-foot-6 Coleman secure additional playing time: He averaged 5 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

5 Stepping up. The exit of Olynyk/Harris creates an opportunity for someone else to step up. The most likely candidates are Kevin Pangos and Gary Bell Jr. on the guard line and Dower in the front court. Pangos and Bell are entering their third season and both have become better at creating their own shots. Both are solid 3-point shooters and they'll be asked to hunt more shots. Dower has a nice shooting touch inside and out, and he's capable of 25-point nights. He wants on the precision All-WCC team, but it wouldn't be a surprise if he emerged as a candidate for WCC-player of the year.

Best career coaching starts

Sorted by NCAA Division I wins over 14 seasons

Name	School(s)	Years	Wins
Roy Williams	Kansas	1989-2002	388
► Mark Few	Gonzaga	2000-13	374
Jim Boeheim	Syracuse	1977-90	343
Tubby Smith	Three*	1992-2005	343

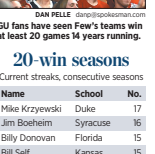
*Tulsa/Georgia/Kentucky



GU fans have seen Few's teams win at least 20 games 14 years running.



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Gonzaga coaching records

Sorted by number of victories while head coach for the Bulldogs

Name	Years	Win-loss	Pct.
► Mark Few	2000-current	374-93	.801
Hank Anderson	1952-72	290-275	.513
Dan Fitzgerald	1979-81, 86-97	252-171	.596
Claude McGrath	1934-42, 47-49	129-133	.492



Fan-favorite center Robert Sacre enjoyed success with Few's program for four seasons, winning 106 games from 2007-12.



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Few tops a star-studded list of active head coaches with his .801 career winning percentage.

Winning active coaches

By percentage, minimum of five years in Division I

Name	School	Win-loss	Pct.
► Mark Few	Gonzaga	374-93	.801
Roy Williams	N.Carolina	700-180	.795
Brad Stevens	Butler	166-49	.772
Thad Matta	Ohio State	352-104	.771
John Calipari	Kentucky	526-164	.762

*Now with NBA's Boston Celtics

2013-14 Bulldogs men's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
0	Gerard Coleman	G	6-4	180	Jr.	Boston (Providence College)
2	Angel Nunez	F	6-8	200	Sr.	Washington Heights, NY (Louisville)
3	Kyle Dranginis	G	6-5	200	So.	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview)
4	Kevin Pangos	G	6-2	182	Jr.	Newmarket, Ontario (Densom)
5	Gary Bell Jr.	G	6-11	165	Jr.	Kent, Wash. (Kentridge)
11	David Stockton	G	5-11	165	Sr.	Spokane, (Gonzaga Prep)
14	Connor Griffin	F	6-4	205	Fr.	Portland (Lake Oswego)
15	Rem Barkauskas	G	6-0	150	So.	Longview, Wash. (Mark Morris)
21	Luke Meikle	F	6-8	200	Fr.	Tacoma (Bellarmine Prep)
22	Brian Bhaskar	G	6-2	185	Sr.	Monterey, Calif. (Stevenson)
23	Luke Reese	G	6-1	184	Fr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil (Timperley)
24	Przemek Karnowski	C	7-1	305	So.	Torun, Poland (Nicolaus Copernicus)
25	Ryan Edwards	C	7-1	300	Fr.	Kalispell, Mont. (Glacier)
33	Kyle Wiltjer	F	6-10	239	Jr.	Portland (Kentucky)
35	Sam Dower	C	6-9	255	Fr.	Minneapolis (Osseo)
40	Dustin Triano	G	6-3	173	Fr.	Vancouver, B.C. (New Hantsport)
43	Drew Barham	G	6-6	185	Fr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Memphis)



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Gonzaga looks to F Sam Dower Jr. to step up this season.

Division I women

NEW INGREDIENT



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Zionaga University woman's basketball newcomer Lindsay Sherbert is a transfer from Cal and is expected to have a big impact on the Zags this season.

Sherbert brings considerable skills to GU lineup

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Senior Stephanie Golden was introduced to the ultra-competitive Lindsay Sherbert quickly last year after she transferred to Gonzaga from the University of California.

"When (Sherbert) first gets here, I'm like, 'What's your go-to move?' She says, 'I'm not going to tell you that,'" Golden said.

Golden, a 6-foot-3 center, said Sherbert's mystery lasted "three seconds, because she did it right after that."

After a full year of competing against the Zags in practice, Sherbert, a 21-year-old junior communications major, is expected start for Gonzaga as it pursues its 10th straight West Coast Conference Championship and seeks a deeper run into March.

Coach Kelly Graves said the 6-foot Sherbert, who is expected to mostly play wing for the team that went 27-6, won the WCC and lost to Iowa State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Zags open the season Friday against Idaho.

The team returns starters Haiden Palmer, a 5-8 senior guard, who averaged 12.5 points and 3.8 rebounds; Jazmine Redmon, a 5-9, senior guard who averaged 6.1 points and 3.8 assists; Sunny Greinacher, a 6-4 junior forward who averaged 9.2 points and 4.9 rebounds; and Shelby Cheslek, a 6-5 sophomore center, who averaged 5.9 points and 5.7 rebounds a game.

Gonzaga lost Taelor Karr, who averaged 11 points and 3.6 rebounds, to graduation, opening a spot for Sherbert. Graves said she has lived up to expectations after she came to Gonzaga after averaging 5.2 points and 2.8 rebounds as a guard for Cal during her sophomore year. As a freshman, Sherbert averaged 8.1 points and 4.8 rebounds at the Pac-12 school.

"Lindsay has been great. She is super competitive. She tries to win every drill, every scrimmage," Graves said.

Just recently, the team held a full scrimmage in which Graves brought in officials and kept statistics similar to a real game.

Graves said Sherbert had the second-best scrimmage in history behind Courtney Vandersloot, a WBNA All-Star who as a senior at Gonzaga was named the top player at her position in all of Division I.

The coach explained that he graded the scrimmage differently than the average fan would study a stat sheet. "She did have 30 points. But that's only part of it," Graves said.

Sherbert didn't know that her scrimmage marks scored that high. "Coach Graves didn't tell me that," she said behind a grin.

Sherbert expected to use her redshirt year to



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get stronger and work on specific aspects of her game. But when the games started, the native of Temecula, Calif., found it difficult to sit out.

"Last year, you come to practice and you know your role," she said. "But now, I am competing for a spot and minutes and that mentality changes completely."

The coach who recruited Sherbert left Cal and the new coach brought in a new system. Sherbert said she stuck it out her sophomore year before deciding to come to Gonzaga.

"Here, there's a lot more cutting and motion. It's fun to watch and fun to play," she said of Graves' offense.

With senior leadership from Palmer, Redmon and Golden, Graves said he is confident about his team's prospects heading into his 14th season.

"We are still relatively young inside. Shelby (Cheslek) has been very good defensively. She is still trying to figure out some things offensively," he said. "But I really like this team. I think we have a chance to be a tough out for somebody come March. These kids have the talent, the depth, the play makers and they know how to win."

An underrated key for success is chemistry, which often comes from senior leadership, he said.

"Peer pressure is a wonderful thing. It's one thing for me to say this or that," Graves said. "It's another thing if Jazmine or Haiden walk up and say, 'You need to do this or that.' The girls listen to them."

A driving Haiden Palmer of Gonzaga is hounded by WSU's Washington State's Sage Romberg, left, and Tia Pressley in last year's game won by WSU. All three players return this season.

Forecast



1. Gonzaga
2. San Diego
3. Saint Mary's
4. BYU
5. Pacific
6. Santa Clara
7. San Francisco
8. Portland
9. Pepperdine



1. Stanford
2. California
3. UCLA
4. Colorado
5. Washington
6. USC
7. WSU
8. Utah
9. Arizona St.
10. Arizona
11. Oregon St.
12. Oregon



1. Seattle Univ.
2. Idaho
3. Utah State
4. UTSA
5. Louisiana Tech
6. Denver
7. San Jose State
8. N. Mexico St.
9. Texas St.
10. Texas-Arl.



1. Montana
2. EWU
3. No. Colorado
4. Sac. St.
5. Idaho State
6. Montana St.
7. Southern Utah
8. N. Arizona
9. Portland St.
10. North Dakota
11. Weber St.



Conference: WCC
Colors: Blue, white and red
Home court: McCarterby Athletic Center
Website: gozags.com
Head coach: Kelly Graves, 14th season
Record at GU: 287-131
Assistants: Jodie Kaczor Berry, Lisa Mispeler Fortier, Nicole Powell
2012-13: 27-6 overall, 15-1 West Coast
Letterwinners: 12 back, 2 lost
Starters: 4 back, 1 lost
Newcomers: 2

Conference: Pac-12
Colors: Crimson and gray
Home court: Friel Court (11,677)
Website: wscougars.com
Head coach: June Daugherty, 7th season
Record at WSU: 56-129
Assistants: Mike Daugherty, Brian Holsinger, Ashley Grover
2012-13: 11-20 overall, 6-12 Pac-12
Letterwinners: 11 back, 3 lost
Starters: 3 back, 2 lost
Newcomers: 1

Conference: Pac-12
Colors: Purple and Gold
Home court: Alaska Airlines Arena (10,000)
Website: gohuskies.com
Head coach: Mike Neighbors, 1st season
Record at UW: 0-0
Assistants: Kevin Morrison, Adia Barnes, Fred Castro
2012-13: 21-12 overall, 11-7 Pac-12
Letterwinners: 7 back, 2 lost
Starters: 4 back, 1 lost
Newcomers: 3

Conference: Big Sky
Colors: Red and White
Home court: Reese Court (6,000)
Website: goeags.com
Head coach: Wendy Schuller, 13th season
Record at EWU: 161-193
Assistants: Steve Lowe, Jessica Huntington
2012-13: 19-13 overall, 14-6 Big Sky
Letterwinners: 9 back, 5 lost
Starters: 4 back, 1 lost
Newcomers: 4

Conference: WAC
Colors: Silver and Vandal Gold
Home court: Cowan Spectrum (7,000)
Website: govandals.com
Head coach: Jon Newlee, 6th season
Record at Idaho: 68-87
Assistants: Jordan Green, Chris Sanford, Kristi Zeller
2012-13: 17-15 overall, 11-7 Western Athletic
Letterwinners: 8 back, 2 lost
Starters: 5 back, 0 lost
Newcomers: 4

Division I women

WOMEN

Continued from O12

presence offensively and defensively that we haven't seen in a long time."

After Presley went down with a knee injury, Daugherty was forced to play freshman guards Dawnyelle Awa and Alexas Williamson at point guard. "That experience from kind of being thrown in the fire, if you will, has come back to help us. I feel we are really really solid at that position."

Daugherty said the expected starters are Presley, Awa, Romberg, Galdeira — who is the top returning scorer — and Dheensaw.

The Cougars open the season Sunday at home against Syracuse.

EWU Eagles

Eastern Washington returns a young team that exceeded expectations by going 14-6 in the Big Sky and 19-13 overall. But the Eagles are not expected to surprise anyone as they have been picked in a preseason poll to win the conference.

"It is nice to know some people believe in us and think we can play good basketball," coach Wendy Schuller said.

"Not all teams can handle a preseason ranking like that. It's great having so many kids back."

The team returns four starters including All-Big Sky first-teamer Lexie Nelson, a 5-6 junior guard, and Big Sky Freshman of the Year Hayley Hodgins. They are joined by

returning starters Aubrey Ashenfelter, a 6-0 senior guard, and 5-9 junior guard Kylie Huerta.

The Eagles open the season Friday at Portland and begin Big Sky play Dec. 29 at home against Portland State. They also play Nov. 20 at Gonzaga.

Hodgins "has picked up where she left off ... just playing with a lot of confidence," Schuller said. "Aubrey (Ashenfelter) is just the glue. Offensively and defensively, she has a great feel for what we want to do as a team."

Idaho Vandals

The Idaho Vandals return all five starters on a team that went 17-16 and 11-7, won the Western Athletic Conference tournament and the automatic entry into the NCAA tournament.

Coach John Newlee, entering his sixth season at Moscow, said he is excited to have so much talent returning along with four freshmen, including Reilly Brooke, a 6-1 post player from Mount Spokane.

"We've got a lot of work to do as a team," Newlee said. "We have a great core of returning players, everybody back who started last year, and some key reserves."

Leading the group is senior Alyssa Charlston, a 6-1 post player who averaged 13.4 points and 6.9 rebounds a game. Also returning are starters Stacey Barr, a 5-8 junior guard who averaged 10.9 points and 5.3 rebounds a game; Christina Salvatore, a 5-11 sophomore



Alyssa Charlston, right, and Idaho made it to the NCAA tournament last season, losing to eventual champion UConn.

guard who averaged 10.2 and 4.9 rebounds a game; Connie Ballester, a 5-9 sophomore guard who averaged 7.4 points and 3.7 rebounds a game; and

Addie Schivo, a 5-6 senior guard, who averaged 4.3 and 1.4 rebounds a game.

Newlee said the key for the preseason was to see how the

incoming freshmen, including 6-5 post Nejra Solo, from Zenica, Bosnia, learn to play with the starting core and key reserves.

"I love our freshmen so far," Newlee said. "I've got to get everybody meshing as a group before we play Gonzaga."

That game tips off 6 p.m. Friday at the McCarty Athletic Center.

Washington Huskies

New coach Mike Neighbors won't have to introduce himself.

An assistant to the past two years of departed coach Kevin McGuff (Ohio State), Neighbors is very familiar with the team and will have junior star Jazmine Davis to lean on.

With incoming freshman Kelsey Plum handling the point guard role, Davis will move to her natural shooting guard position.

Nicknamed "Nabes" by his players, Neighbors primarily worked with guards as an assistant coach, and has helped develop Davis' game. Davis is on pace to surpass Jamie Redd as UW's career leader in points scored and was named to the Wooden Award preseason top 30 list.

Davis was second in the conference in scoring as a sophomore (19.3 a game) to help UW finish 21-11. The Huskies lost in the second round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Seattle Times reporter Jayda Evans contributed to this report.

2013-14 Cougars women's roster

No.	Name	Po.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. School)
11	Dawnyelle Awa	G	5-9	So.	Kailua-Kona, Hawaii (Konawaena)
34	Mariah Cooks	F	6-0	So.	Santa Maria, Calif. (Ernest Righetti)
23	Shalie Dheensaw	F/C	6-4	Jr.	Victoria, B.C. (Claremont)
12	Taylor Edmondson	G	5-11	So.	Carlsbad, N.M. (Carlsbad)
3	Lia Galdeira	G	5-11	So.	Kamuela, Hawaii (Konawaena)
15	Ivana Kmetovska	F	6-3	Fr.	Skopeje, Macedonia (Orce Nikolov)
42	Hana Potter	F	6-2	Sr.	St. Louis Park, Minn. (Hopkins)
5	Tia Presley	G	5-9	Jr.	Spokane (Gonzaga Prep)
22	Sage Romberg	G/F	6-1	Sr.	McKinleyville, Calif. (McKinleyville)
24	Brandi Thomas	G/F	6-1	Sr.	McCleary, Wash. (Elma)
30	Whitney Tinjum	F	6-1	So.	Stacy, Minn. (Chisago Lakes)
10	Alexas Williamson	G	5-8	So.	Chino Hills, Calif. (Mater Dei)

2013-14 Huskies women's roster

No.	Name	Po.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. School)
32	Davis, Jazmine	PG	5-7	Jr.	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian)
3	Walton, Talia	F	6-2	So.	Federal Way, Wash. (Federal Way)
24	Atchley, Alexus	G	5-9	So.	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Yorba Linda)
13	Collier, Katie	F/C	6-3	RFr.	Covington, Wash. (Seattle Chr.)
14	Corral, Heather	G/F	6-1	So.	Vancouver, Wash. (Prairie)
30	Fortier, Kassia	G	5-8	Sr.	Issaquah, Wash. (Skyline)
11	Gilling, Mathilde	F/C	6-3	So.	Rungsted Kyst, Denmark
0	Osahor, Chantel	F/C	6-2	Fr.	Phoenix (Saint Mary's)
10	Plum, Kelsey	G	5-9	Fr.	San Diego (La Jolla Country Day)
21	Ruiz, Brianna	G	5-10	Fr.	Roseville, Calif. (Del Oro)
1	Wetmore, Mercedes	G	5-8	Sr.	Lake Tapps, Wash. (Auburn-River)
23	Williams, Aminah	F	6-0	Jr.	Seattle (Kennedy)

2013-14 Bulldogs women's roster

No.	Name	Po.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. School)
1	Chelsea Waters	G/F	6-1	So.	Lewiston (Lewiston)
3	Haiden Palmer	G	5-8	Sr.	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Oregon St.)
5	Maiki Viela	G	5-6	Jr.	Lahaina, Hawaii (Lahainaluna)
10	Danielle Walter	G	6-0	Jr.	Pasco (Pasco)
11	Laura Sullivan	G	5-4	Jr.	Seattle (Holy Names)
12	Emma Wolfram	C	6-5	Fr.	Kamloops, B.C. (South Kamloops)
14	Sunny Greinacher	F	6-4	Jr.	Essen, Germany (Grashof Gym.)
22	Shaniqua Nilles	F	6-0	So.	Spokane (West Valley)
23	Kiara Kudron	F	6-2	So.	New Boston, Mich. (Huron)
24	Keani Albanaz	G	5-10	Jr.	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Buena)
30	Stephanie Golden	C	6-3	Sr.	Clayton, Calif. (Miramonte)
31	Elle Tinkle	G	6-2	So.	Missoula (Big Sky)
33	Lindsay Sherbert	G	6-0	Jr.	Temecula, Calif. (Cal)
34	Jazmine Redmon	G	5-9	Sr.	Spokane (Mead)
44	Shelby Cheslek	C	6-5	So.	Pullman (Pullman)

2013-14 Vandals women's roster

No.	Name	Po.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
1	Salvatore, Christina	G	5-11	So.	Anaheim, Calif. (Canyon)
2	Wilson, Karlee	PG	5-4	Fr.	Lewiston (Lewiston)
4	Reilly, Brooke	P	6-1	Fr.	Spokane (Mt. Spokane)
10	Barr, Stacey	G	5-8	Jr.	Melbourne, Aus. (Maribyrnong)
12	Solo, Nejra	P	6-5	Fr.	Zenica, Bosnia (PRVA Zenica Gym)
13	Forde, Ali	P	6-2	So.	Woodinville, Wash. (Woodinville)
14	Austgulen, Maren	P	6-0	Jr.	Bergen, Norway (Pinewood Prep.)
20	Schivo, Addie	G	5-6	Sr.	San Francisco (Foothill JC)
22	Chow, Janelle	G	5-8	RSr.	Mercer Island (Mercer Island HS)
32	Trujillo Frndz, Ageda	G	6-0	Fr.	Manacor, Spain (IES CTEIB)
33	Charlston, Alyssa	P	6-1	Sr.	Sammamish, Wash. (Eastlake)
35	Ballester, Connie	G	5-9	So.	Orange, Calif. (Villa Park)

2013-14 Eagles women's roster

No.	Name	Po.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
4	Kylie Huerta	G	5-1	Jr.	Covington, Wash. (Kentwood)
11	Cece Pearl	F	5-11	RFr.	Peoria, Ariz. (Peoria)
12	Hanna Mack	C	6-4	So.	Eugene (Marist)
13	Lexie Nelson	G	5-6	Jr.	Butte, Mont. (Butte)
20	Tisha Phillips	G	5-9	RFr.	Lapwai, Idaho (Lewiston)
22	Kayleigh Ryan	G/F	5-10	So.	Lynden, Wash. (Lynden Christian)
24	Miranda Mielke	G	5-5	So.	Davenport (Davenport)
25	Hayley Hodgins	G	5-10	So.	Pasco (Chiawana)
32	Aubrey Ashenfelter	G	6-0	Sr.	Portland (Southridge)
33	Marly Anderson	C	6-2	Fr.	Portland (Glencoe)
34	Jade Redmon	G	5-7	Fr.	Spokane (Mead)
35	Haley Shaner	F	5-11	Fr.	Sacramento, Calif. (West Campus)
42	Melissa Williams	F	6-1	Jr.	Camas, Wash. (Camas)
54	Laura Hughes	C	6-2	Sr.	West Richland (Hanford)
55	Bethany Montgomery	G	5-9	Fr.	Tacoma (Wilson)

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Whitworth Pirates



Senior guards Dustin McConnell, left, and Colton McCargar give the 12th-ranked Whitworth Pirates a one-two punch that will be tough to defend.

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SHOOTING STARS

McConnell, McCargar take lead for Pirates

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Their coach calls them "Flash and Substance." One plays tenaciously and piles points up quietly. The other creates points in a flurry.

One has curly blond locks and the other has a crew cut. About the only thing similar between Whitworth's senior guard duo of Dustin McConnell and Colton McCargar is that they are both left handed.

"They are almost like yin and yang. They kind of feed off of each other," Coach Matt Logie said of his two guards. "I don't know where they rank exactly. I just know from a coach's perspective, those are the two best shooters in the conference."

Last year, Logie brought McCargar off the bench on the team that for the second-straight year had a 26-4 record.

The Pirates also went 14-2 in winning the Northwest Conference and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III

Tournament for the fifth time in school history. The Pirates are ranked 12th in the D3hoops.com Top-25 poll to begin the season.

"Colton has a little bit more of a free spirit, as scorers often do. He really throws off his creative and his aggressive nature to score," Logie said. "With Colton, he's not afraid of the moment. There is nothing too big for him."

Logie said he will rely heavily on their senior leadership as he looks to replace starting guard Wade Gebbers and inside players Zach Payne and Mack Larkin. In addition to the two senior guards, Whitworth returns 6-foot-4 forward George Valle and 6-8 forward Taylor Farnsworth, who continues to rehabilitate a shoulder injury.

"Despite all that turnover, I think that we are deeper this year than we have been in previous years just from a talent and depth standpoint," Logie said. "What that talent and depth doesn't possess yet is experience. That's why the core group of returners



Whitworth coach Matt Logie says the Pirates are talented, but lack experience.

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will be critical from a leadership aspect."

Logie returns four of his top five scorers returning along seven promising freshmen. To ease that transition, Logie said he will rely on McConnell, a 5-11 senior from Clarkston, who was a first-team all-conference player and led the Pirates in scoring with 13.7 points and 4.2 rebounds a game last year.

"Dustin is a very disciplined, extremely-hard working, tenacious competitor," Logie said. "Dustin is more of a grinder. He's always there. He's always consistent and he never gets tired. You might not notice him all game and sure enough he has 17 points and only missed two shots the whole game."

But ask McConnell and he says McCargar, who was a second-team conference selection despite coming off the bench, has the better shot.

"He's definitely more of a pure shooter than I am," McConnell said. "And, he can guard guys one-through-four because of his size."

The 6-2 McCargar, from Richland, averaged 13 points and four rebounds mostly coming off the bench.

"We feel really good about that core group and experience they bring back," Logie said.

Logie also spoke highly of senior guard Robby Douglas, who averaged 3.7 points and 9 rebounds last year. However, Douglas recently had a procedure on his knee and his availability may be limited to start the season.

Of his new players, Logie also had high praise for incoming freshman guard Kenny Love, a 6-1 guard from Santa Rosa, Calif. Love "has been off to a great start. We are very excited about him," Logie said. "And Christian

Jurlina, a 6-5 forward, gives us a skilled perimeter player with some size."

Jurlina, from Sydney, Australia, averaged 22.5 points a game for the New South Wales U20 team in a series of games with the Chinese U17 team.

Logie said he will continue to

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5 Keys to success

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1 Follow the leaders. Younger players need to follow the flow of the game provided by senior guards Colton McCargar and Dustin McConnell.

2 Develop big men. The key to that development will be getting 6-foot-8 junior forward Taylor Farnsworth healthy after his shoulder injury. The Pirates also need to find him help in the paint along with 6-7 Adam Wilks and 6-6 forward Brandon Loller. Freshmen getting a chance to contribute will be 6-5 Christian Jurlina, 6-7 Riley Moreen and 6-10 Drew Sears.

3 Outwork opponents. Logie, who runs a perimeter-based attack, must continue to find ways for his players to out-hustle opponents, especially in rebounding. Scoring shouldn't be a problem as Logie returns four of his five top scorers.

4 Develop freshmen. With the core of McCargar, McConnell, Valle and Farnsworth, Logie needs to find minutes for the seven freshmen. Logie is already singing the praises of freshman Kenny Love, who is a big body at the guard position, and forward Christian Jurlina, from Australia. The development of young players this year will help ease the loss next year of the senior guards.

5 Guard the ship. Just as Gonzaga teams get the best every night from conference foes, Whitworth's run of success means that Northwest Conference opponents seek to knock off the Pirates at every opportunity. Both McConnell and McCargar said they thrive on that competition, but answering that challenge will determine how far the Pirates can go this season.



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1. Whitworth
2. Whitman
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5. Pacific (Ore.)
6. Pac. Lutheran
7. Willamette
8. Puget Sound
9. Linfield

2013-14 Pirates men's roster

Conference: Northwest
Colors: Crimson, black
Ticket office: (509) 777-3224
Home: Whitworth Fieldhouse (1,625)
Website: whitworthpirates.com
Head coach: Matt Logie, 3rd season
Record: 52-9
Assistants: Damien Jablonski, Matt Melka, Patrick Frost, Zach Payne
2012-13: 26-4 overall, 14-2 NWC
Letterwinners: 6 back, 3 lost
Starters: 3 back, 2 lost
Newcomers: 7

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
1	Robby Douglas	G	6-2	165	Sr.	Spokane (Shadle Park)
3	Dustin McConnell	G	5-11	172	Sr.	Clarkston (Clarkston)
4	Grant McNeil	G	6-2	170	So.	Wilsonville, Ore. (Wilsonville)
5	Austin Wood	G	5-10	150	Fr.	Broomfield, Colo. (Hawaii Pacific)
12	Drew Adams	G	6-1	173	So.	Clarkston (Clarkston)
15	Christian Jurlina	F	6-5	184	Fr.	Sydney, Australia (Sydney Boys)
20	Colton McCargar	G	6-2	187	Sr.	Richland (Richland)
22	Kionte Brown	G	6-1	181	Fr.	Spokane (Shadle Park)
23	Kenny Love	G	6-1	212	Fr.	Santa Rosa, Calif. (Cardinal Newman)
24	Taylor Farnsworth	P	6-8	225	Jr.	Spokane (Mead, Montana)
32	George Valle	G	6-4	213	So.	Bellevue, Wash. (Sammamish)
34	Gabe Carter	F	6-4	179	Fr.	Sequim, Wash. (Sequim)
35	Riley Moreen	F	6-7	182	Fr.	Coeur d'Alene (Lake City)
40	Drew Sears	P	6-10	215	Fr.	Stanwood, Wash. (Stanwood)
42	Brandon Loller	F	6-6	215	So.	Lake Oswego, Ore. (Lakeridge)
44	Adam Wilks	F/P	6-7	215	Jr.	Andover, Kan. (Andover Central)



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Junior forward Taylor Farnsworth is coming off a shoulder injury

Junior colleges

MOMMA'S BOY



Kwinn Hanson, a 6-6 all-region forward, set a team record for field goals last year, hitting 64 percent of his shots for the Sasquatch.

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CCS standout Hanson credits his mom for on-court success

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Whenever a teammate would gripe about having Kwinn Hanson's mother as a basketball coach, the proud son had an instant response.

"I would say, 'My mom can probably beat you,'" Hanson said.

Hanson, a 6-foot-6 sophomore all-region player for Community Colleges of Spokane, learned his basketball essentials through the eighth grade from his mother Kaylene.

"A lot of people talk about how good my footwork is, and that's directly related to my mom," said Hanson, who set school records last season for field-goal shooting in a game (9 for 9) and season (64 percent).

Kaylene Krug, a 6-foot post, led Cle Elum, Wash., to three state girls basketball titles before helping the Spokane Falls CC Spartans to a 49-9 record in two seasons, winning the NWAACC title in 1983-84 and placing second the following season. She transferred from there and played two seasons at Whitworth.

Her time at SFCC gave CCS an "in" when recruiting Hanson to play for the Sasquatch.

"When we were able to convince him that he was coming here, we knew we had somebody special, as far as a person, who fits in well with our program," CCS coach Jeremy Groth said. "He's achieved our expectations and then some."

Hanson's Northwest Christian Crusaders won State 2B titles during his freshman and junior seasons. The Crusaders placed second to Colfax during Hanson's senior year.

"I try to keep up with my mom for ... championships," Hanson said. "I only have two and she has four."

Hanson burst onto the prep scene as a sophomore. Early in the season, after starting for NWC but never scoring more than nine points, he began a game against Almira/Coulee-Hartline on the bench. Once inserted into the game, Hanson caught fire and piled up 45 points and 19 rebounds.

"That's where it kind of took off and people started noticing me," Hanson said. "Pretty soon I was getting double-teamed and it was pretty amazing."

The Hansons lived in the Spokane Valley until they moved close to Mead High when



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Kwinn was 8. Kwinn's mother home-schooled him – and coached him – until he entered NWC for high school.

Father Eric Hanson, raised in McMinnville, Ore., is a retired state patrolman.

Kaylene has a flair for names, giving all four of her sons five-letter names starting with 'K.' Kalib is the oldest, followed by Kwinn, Kobie and Kiylu.

Kwinn, who dreams of being an orthodontist, has loaded up on calculus and chemistry courses this year at SCC.

Groth said NCAA Division II schools and NAIA Division I and II schools have expressed an interest in Hanson for next season.

"He signifies what our program's all about – hard work, competing, and giving your best effort at all times," Groth said.

CCS finished 21-10 and third place in the NWAACC tournament last season. Chase Haack, a 6-4 wing from Ferris, started most of CCS' games last year. T.J. Bracey, a returning point guard from Gonzaga Prep, was a part-time starter. Jack Nygaard (Kamiah), Jared Miller (University High) and Sam Druffel (Genesee) saw quality time. Dustin Patchen (6-7) of Colton redshirted.

The Sasquatch have jamborees and scrimmages leading to their Nov. 15 alumni game at SFCC. The three-day Red Devil Classic in Longview, Wash., begins Nov. 29.

CCS women

Bruce Johnson enters his 29th year with the program and 26th year as head coach. Johnson's overall record is 486-240, including last year's 17-13 finish when his Sasquatch went 1-2 at the NWAACC tournament. The Sasquatch return four players, including first-team All-Eastern Region player Riley Holsinger (North Central), who led the Sasquatch with 15 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals per game.

The other returners are centers Tamar Williams (5-11) and Morgan Freeman (6-0), who combined to average 13 points and nine rebounds per game, and 5-7 forward Alicia Christiansen (East Valley). Top newcomers include Brianna Anderson, post, Townsend, Mont.; Bianca Gonzalez, point guard, Chiawana High of Pasco; and Emily Schramm, wing, Chelan.

"We have nine freshmen joining a fairly strong nucleus of sophomores," Johnson said. "We have more size and depth than we have had for a few years. The basketball IQ of this team makes my job a little easier. As long as we stay healthy, this group could

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Fast Facts



CCS Conference: Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC)
Colors: Navy, Columbia Blue and Gold
Ticket office: (509) 533-7445
Home Court: SFCC Gymnasium (3,200) and Walter S. Johnson Sports Complex (2,000)
Website: athletics.spokane.edu

Men Head coach: Jeremy Groth, 2nd season
Record at CCS: 21-19
Assistants: Brad Johnson, Jesse Vowels
2012-13 record: 21-19

Women Head coach: Bruce Johnson, 26th season
Record at CCS: 486-240
Assistants: Rick Walter, Ashley Munsy
2012-13 record: 16-13



NIC Conference: Scenic West Athletic Conference (SWAC)
Colors: Maroon and gray
Ticket office: (208) 769-3548
Home Court: Christianson Gym (1,520)
Website: nicalthletics.com

Men Head coach: Jared Play, 10th season
Record at NIC: 200-85
Assistants: Corey Symons, Thane Jackson
2012-13 record: 26-5 overall

Women Head coach: Chris Carlson, 10th season
Record at NIC: 225-70
Assistants: Cal DeHaas, Carey Carlson
2012-13 record: 28-5 overall



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CCS sophomore standout forward Kwinn Hanson credits his mom, former SFCC player Kaylene Krug, for his abilities on the basketball floor.

2013-14 Sasquatch roster (men)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
1	Dean Richey	W	6-4	Fr.	Spokane (Lewis and Clark)
2	TJ Bracey	G	6-0	So.	Spokane (Gonzaga Prep)
3	Jack Nygaard	G	6-2	So.	Kamiah (Kamiah)
4	Jared Miller	G	5-10	So.	Spokane (University)
5	Kellen Miller	G	6-1	Fr.	Spokane (Freeman)
10	Keith Ainsworth	G	6-3	Fr.	Juneau-Douglas (Alaska)
13	Alex Brown	W	6-3	Fr.	Samuel Clemens (Texas)
14	Chase McDuffie	G	5-11	Fr.	Spokane (North Central)
15	Sam Druffel	G	6-2	So.	Genesee (Genesee)
20	Conner Moffatt	G	6-3	Fr.	Nine Mile (Lakeside)
22	Chase Haack	W	6-4	So.	Spokane (Ferris)
24	Kwinn Hanson	C	6-6	So.	Spokane (Northwest Chr.)
32	Dustin Patchen	C	6-7	Fr.	Colton (Colton)
33	Brady Bergman	C	6-6	Fr.	Spokane (West Valley)
42	Jon Thompson	C	6-5	Fr.	Rathdrum (Timberlake)

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his brain. He didn't get checked by doctors for two days, but he immediately had a headache, felt lightheaded and noticed his vision was impaired.

Dean was rushed to University Hospital in Salt Lake City, where he underwent surgery to repair the blood vessel. He spent nine days in the hospital and was told he couldn't play live basketball for six months, which was better than what he and others had feared.

"This can all end very quick, as he found out when they cut his skull open," Earlywine said. "He could have very easily never played basketball again. He could have lost his life. But if he can't play basketball anymore, he's still got his degree. That's really important."

Making a connection

Though Earlywine went just 42-78 in four years at Eastern, Dean says the coach's dismissal in March of 2011 was painful.

The two stayed in touch via text messages after Dean moved on to Utah. And they connected this spring when the guard started to explore his options after graduating with a degree in mass communications.

As Dean looks back at his time in Cheney, he realizes how much he grew up there. For that, he credits Earlywine.

"My two years at Eastern Washington turned me into a man," he says. "It was under Coach Earlywine's guidance. I mean, he made take a lot of responsibility."

Dean flourished from the beginning at EWU, starting 29 of 30 games his first year and averaging 14.4 points per game in Big Sky games to collect the conference's freshman of the year award. By his sophomore season, "it was



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Glen Dean was a part-time starter for Utah last season, averaging 5.5 points, 2.1 rebounds and 2.1 assists a game.

pretty much my team," he said. "He's always, really since the day he got to Eastern, he is mature beyond his years," Earlywine says. "That's because he had to help raise Perrion. He's been more like a father to Perrion than a brother because of the age difference and just the circumstances of his life. So maturity was never an issue with

Glen." That maturity should serve him well as one of 12 newcomers on the Idaho roster. He already feels a connection with Madison and Hill — "I like to play with shooters," he says — and he's tried to mentor Sekou Wiggins and Patrick Ball, both freshmen like his brother, as well as junior-college point guard Mike Scott.

One of his immediate goals is to earn his graduate degree at UI in adult organizational leadership. He also hopes to play (and eventually coach) basketball professionally. But he has another goal, too: to make sure his brother graduates. "Hopefully," Dean says, "I can leave the blueprint for him to carry on after I'm gone."

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experiment with several players and lineups before the Pirates play their first game on Nov. 15 against Trinity University, an NCAA tournament team last year. That matchup is followed by a Nov. 22 home game against Old Westbury, which won 25 games last year.

Women's Forecast

1. Lewis & Clark
2. Whitworth
3. Whitman
4. George Fox
5. Puget Sound
6. Pacific (Ore.)
7. Pac. Lutheran
8. Willamette
9. Linfield

"We are going to be tested early," Logie said. "Our goal every year is to schedule the most difficult teams we can so we can prepare for an NCAA berth," he said. "We feel that also prepares us very well for our conference."

McCormick said he hopes for big things for the team. "Being our senior year, you try to make the most of your opportunity and enjoy every part of it," he said.

Pirates women
Losing nearly 27 points and 11 rebounds a game to three graduated players, Whitworth coach Helen Higgs

2013-14 Pirates women's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
3	Jamie Lyons	F	5-10	Sr.	Kennewick (Southridge)
4	Kendra Knutsen	G	5-5	Jr.	Spokane (Shadle Park)
5	Briann Maley	PF	5-10	So.	Rosalia (Rosalia)
10	JoJo Nicolas	F	5-7	Fr.	Honolulu (Moanalua)
11	KC McConnell	G	5-6	So.	Clarkston (Clarkston)
12	Jessica Kramer	F	5-9	Jr.	Lewiston (Eastern Oregon)
13	Mikayla Kraemer	F/P	6-0	So.	West Linn, Ore. (West Linn)
15	McKenzie Harsin	F	5-10	Fr.	Mead (Mt. Spokane)
20	Alexis McLeod	G	5-7	So.	Kirkland, Wash. (Woodinville)
21	Kendra Lahue	F/P	5-10	Sr.	Nine Mile Falls (Lakeside)
22	Lexie Zappone	G	5-7	So.	Spokane (Lakeside)
24	Kylie Richard	F	5-10	Fr.	Spokane (Lewis and Clark)
25	Faith Emerson	F	6-0	So.	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Prov. Hall)
32	Kayla Johnson	G	5-7	Sr.	Colfax (Colfax)
33	Katarata Belton-Sharp	F	5-9	Jr.	Spokane (Ferris)

enters her 20th season hoping to develop existing players to score more as she tries to build on a breakout 21-7 record overall and 12-4 in the Northwest Conference.

Lost are Emily Guthrie, leading scorer Emily Travis and Lauren Picha. But the Pirates get back returning starters 5-10 senior forward Jamie Lyons, 5-10 senior

forward Kendra Lahue; and 5-7 guard Kayla Johnson. Higgs also returns 5-6, sophomore guard K.C. McConnell, who provided a spark off the bench. She averaged 8.4 points and 4.4 rebounds a game last year.

"K.C. and Kayla are going to get more minutes. Jamie has a mindset that she has to score a little more," Higgs said.

"With the younger players, I think we have the capability to do that. We do have a transfer in Jessica Kramer from Lewiston and Alexis McLeod who was hurt last year."

The Pirates finished third in the conference and then upset Lewis and Clark in the NWC tournament to qualify for the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The season ended with a first-round loss to Emory University. Higgs said she feels confident in several returning players, including Lexie Zappone, Katarata Belton-Sharp and Bethany Fleming. "We want to win the conference, but we also want to go to the NCAA tournament," Higgs said.

"To do that, it's work ethic. It's daily work. We want to meet or exceed our level from last year."

The first game is Nov. 15 against Pomona-Pitzer at Whitworth Fieldhouse.

Fast facts

Head Coach: Helen Higgs
Record: 284-199, 20th season
Assistant: Heather Bowman, Chene Cooper, Morgan Wolff
2012-13: 21-7 overall, 12-4 NWC
Letterwinners: 8 back, 5 lost
Starters: 3 back, 2 lost
Newcomers: 4

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have a great season." The Sasquatch will play their alumni on Nov. 15 and compete at the three-day Everett Classic, starting Nov. 22.

NIC men

Six players from last year's 26-5 team signed with Division I programs, leaving this year's Cardinals top-heavy with freshmen.

That group includes seven Seattle-area players, highlighted by a quartet from defending State 3A champion Rainier Beach: guards Will Dorsey (5-9), Marquis Davis (6-10) and Jordan King (6-4); and 6-11 center Fuquan Niles and Coach Jared Phay, entering his 10th season, has led the Cardinals to three SWAC regular-season titles and last year picked up his 200th career win.

The Cardinals placed second in the SWAC last year and lost in the semifinals of the conference tournament. NIC returns 6-9 forward Nathan Rathburn, Deary, Idaho; 6-2 guard Jason Wheelock, Lake City High; and 6-7 forward Ty Higbie, Coeur d'Alene High, who redshirted last season and is a freshman. The team's third sophomore is 6-5

2013-14 Sasquatch women's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
4	Karlee Martin	G	5-5	F	Almira/Coulee-Hartline
10	Ivionna Reece	G	5-8	S	Legacy, Nev.
12	Alex Overton	G	5-7	S	Tekoa-Oakesdale
14	Riley Holsinger	G	5-10	S	Spokane (North Central)
20	Aurora Davis	F	6-0	F	Quincy (Quincy)
22	Bianca Gonzales	F	5-3	F	Chiawana (Chiawana)
24	Morgan Freeman	F	5-11	S	Hanford (Hanford)
30	Maria Guske	G	5-5	F	Spokane (Northwest Christian)
31	Hailey Habich	G	5-7	F	Chelan (Chelan)
32	Tamar Williams	C	5-10	S	Centennial (Centennial)
34	Emily Schramm	G	5-6	F	Chelan (Chelan)
40	Dezaree Dargan	C	6-0	F	Missoula
42	Alicia Christiansen	F	5-7	S	Spokane (East Valley)
44	Briana Anderson	C	6-1	F	Townsend, Mont.

guard Bryce Leavitt, who played at Washington State.

NIC brought in two Australians: 6-5 guard Jamaal Robateau of Sunshine Coast and 6-7 forward Tatafu Nuku of Brisbane.

After a pair of late-October exhibitions, the Cardinals opened their

season Tuesday at Salish Kootenai Community College in Pablo, Mont. They host Gonzaga's club team today.

NIC women

The Cardinals have won back-to-back SWAC regular-season titles and finished 28-5 last season, losing in the first round

of the NJCAA Division I tournament. Chris Carlson enters his 10th year as head coach, with nine consecutive 20-win seasons and an overall record of 225-70. NIC won its first national title in 2011, when Carlson was named national coach of the year.

The Cardinals return four players, including second-team All-American Georgia Stirtion, a 5-8 point guard from Melbourne, Australia, who recently gave an oral commitment to Gonzaga University.

Also back are 5-9 guard Jansen Butler of Lake City High; 5-9 forward Maggie Kirscher of Sandpoint; and 6-0 forward Renae Mokrzycki of Cranbourne, Australia.

"Look for (Mokrzycki) to make her mark," Carlson said.

Top freshmen include 5-7 guard Kara Staggs, Okanogan, Wash.; 6-2 post Panisesi Taimani, Kennewick; 5-9 guard Bailey Schroeder, Kiona-Benton (Wash.) High; and 6-0 forward Mariah Swanson, Burlington-Edison (Wash.) High.

"(An) early pre-season scrimmage against Lewis-Clark State revealed another strong (NIC) team on the rise," Carlson said.

NIC played the North Idaho All-Stars on Saturday and travels to Casper, Wyo., on Nov. 14 for three consecutive games.

2013-14 Cardinals men's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
1	Jason Wheelock	G	6-2	RS-S	Coeur d'Alene (Lake City)
3	Braxton Tucker	F	6-6	F	Tacoma (Spanaway Lake)
4	Brad Wallace	PG	5-11	F	Lacey (River Ridge)
5	Bryce Leavitt	G	6-5	S	Kennewick (Kennewick)
10	Nathan Rathburn	F	6-9	S	Deary, Idaho (Deary)
11	Will Dorsey	PG	5-9	F	Seattle (Rainier Beach)
14	Marquis Davis	G	5-10	F	Seattle (Rainier Beach)
15	Cole Kesler	G	6-3	F	Laguna Beach, Calif.
20	Fuquan Niles	C	6-11	F	Seattle (Rainier Beach)
22	Jamaal Robateau	G	6-5	F	Sunshine Coast, Australia
23	Tatafu Nuku	F	6-7	F	Brisbane, Australia
24	Jordan King	G	6-4	F	Seattle (Rainier Beach)
31	Shikai Blake	F	6-6	F	Wilmingon, DE (Newark)
42	Ty Higbie	F	6-7	RS-F	Coeur d'Alene (Coeur d'Alene)

2013-14 Cardinals women's roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Prev. school)
5	Georgia Stirtion	G	5-8	S	Melbourne, Australia (Wesley)
10	Katie King	G	5-3	F	Post Falls (Post Falls)
12	Jansen Butler	G	5-9	S	Coeur d'Alene (Lake City)
15	Bailey Schroeder	G	5-9	F	Benton City, Wash. (Kiona-Benton)
21	Morgan Grier	G	5-8	F	Spokane (Shadle Park)
22	Ryleigh Swagerty	G	5-4	F	Burlington, Wash. (Burl. Edison)
23	Kara Staggs	G	5-7	F	Okanogan, Wash. (Okanogan)
25	Sabrina Earle	P	6-1	F	Medical Lake (Medical Lake)
30	Renae Mokrzycki	F	6-0	S	Cranbourne, Australia (Lyndhurst)
32	Caitlyn Behymer	F	5-11	F	Okanogan, Wash. (Okanogan)
33	Mariah Swanson	F	6-0	F	Burlington, Wash. (Burl. Edison)
44	Maggie Kirscher	F	5-9	S	Sandpoint (Sandpoint)
55	Panisesi Taimani	P	6-2	F	Kennewick (Kennewick)

Schedules

Gonzaga men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 9	Bryant University	4 p.m.
Nov. 11	Colorado St.	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	Oakland Univ.*	5 p.m.
Nov. 21	WSU	6 p.m.
Nov. 25	Dayton#	9 p.m.
Nov. 26	Chaminade/Baylor#	TBA
Nov. 27	TBA#	TBA
Dec. 1	Coppin St.	5 p.m.
Dec. 7	New Mexico St.	8 p.m.
Dec. 10	West Virginia	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	South Alabama*	7 p.m.
Dec. 21	Kansas St. \$	12:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	Santa Clara	5 p.m.
Dec. 30	San Francisco	6 p.m.
Jan. 2	Saint Mary's	6 p.m.
Jan. 4	Pacific	5 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Portland	8 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Pepperdine	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Loyola W'mount	1 p.m.
Jan. 23	San Diego	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	BYU	7 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Santa Clara	8 p.m.
Feb. 1	at San Francisco	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	Portland	8 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Memphis	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	Pepperdine	6 p.m.
Feb. 15	Loyola Marymount	5 p.m.
Feb. 20	at BYU	6 p.m.
Feb. 22	at San Diego	9 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Pacific	7 p.m.
March 1	At Saint Mary's	7 p.m.

WSU men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8	CSU Bakersfield	7 p.m.
Nov. 16	Lamar	TBA
Nov. 21	at Gonzaga	6 p.m.
Nov. 24	TCU	3 p.m.
Nov. 28	Butler*	11 a.m.
Nov. 29	TBD*	TBA
Dec. 1	TBD*	TBA
Dec. 7	at Idaho	TBA
Dec. 15	Pepperdine	5 p.m.
Dec. 18	San Francisco St.#	7 p.m.
Dec. 21	UTEP	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	Mississippi Valley	5 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Arizona	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Arizona St.	3 p.m.
Jan. 8	Colorado %	6 p.m.
Jan. 12	Utah	4 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Stanford	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	at California	1 p.m.
Jan. 22	Oregon St.	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	Oregon	4 p.m.
Feb. 1	Washington	3 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Colorado	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Utah	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	California	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	Stanford	4 p.m.
Feb. 20	at Oregon St.	6 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Oregon	6 p.m.
Feb. 28	at Washington	7:30 p.m.
March 6	USC	8 p.m.
March 8	UCLA	8 p.m.

*Old Spice Tourney in Orlando, Fla.; #Toyota Center, Kennewick; %Spo. Arena

EWU men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 10	Pacific (Ore.)	2 p.m.
Nov. 17	at Washington	5 p.m.
Nov. 19	Walla Walla	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Boston U. *	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 23	LIU Brooklyn*	3 p.m.
Nov. 24	UC Irvine*	4 p.m.
Nov. 29	Seattle	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	at St. Mary's (Cal.)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	UC Irvine	2 p.m.
Dec. 22	at Seton Hall	2 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Connecticut	10 AM
Jan. 2	at Weber St.	6 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Idaho St.	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	Montana	6 p.m.
Jan. 11	Montana St.	2 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Northern Ariz.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Sacramento St.	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	Southern Utah	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Portland St.	7 p.m.
Jan. 30	North Dakota	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	Northern Colo.	2 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Montana St.	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Montana	6 p.m.
Feb. 13	Sacramento St.	6 p.m.
Feb. 15	Northern Ariz.	2 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Southern Utah	6 p.m.
Feb. 24	Portland St.	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Northern Colo.	6 p.m.
Mar. 1	at North Dakota	Noon
March 6	Idaho St.	6 p.m.
March 8	Weber St.	2 p.m.

* 2K Sports Classic in Irvine, Calif.

Idaho men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 9	Western Illinois	7 p.m.
Nov. 13	at Oklahoma	5 p.m.
Nov. 16	Northwest Nazarene	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	Portland*	5 p.m.
Nov. 22	North Texas*	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	Columbia*	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 27	at Boise St.	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	at UC Davis	2 p.m.
Dec. 7	Washington St.	7 p.m.
Dec. 11	at Montana	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Portland St.	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Idaho St.	6 p.m.
Dec. 22	at CSU Northridge	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	Montana	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	Kansas City	7 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Chicago St.	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Texas-Pan Am.	5 p.m.
Jan. 11	at New Mexico St.	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Utah Valley	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	Bakersfield	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Grand Canyon	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	Seattle U.	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	New Mexico St.	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	Texas-Pan American	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Bakersfield	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	at Utah Valley	6 p.m.
Feb. 18	CSU Northridge	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	Grand Canyon	7 p.m.
March 1	at Seattle U.	7 p.m.
March 6	at Chicago St.	5 p.m.
March 8	at Kansas City	5 p.m.

*Coaches vs. Cancer Tourney in Portland



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Watching GU teams means seeing a lot of junior Kevin Pangos ...

UW men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 10	Seattle	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	UC Irvine	8 p.m.
Nov. 17	EWU	5 p.m.
Nov. 21	Indiana*	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	TBD*	TBA
Nov. 26	Montana	6 p.m.
Nov. 30	Long Beach St.	TBA
Dec. 8	at San Diego St.	12:05 p.m.
Dec. 14	Idaho St.	1 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Tulane	5 p.m.
Dec. 22	Connecticut	12:30 p.m.
Dec. 27	Mississippi Valley	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	Hartford	6 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Arizona St.	5 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Arizona	11 a.m.
Jan. 8	Utah	8 p.m.
Jan. 12	Colorado	12 p.m.
Jan. 15	at California	8 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Stanford	8 p.m.
Jan. 23	Oregon	8 p.m.
Jan. 25	Oregon St.	2 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Washington St.	3 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Utah	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Colorado	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	Stanford	6 p.m.
Feb. 15	California	12 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Oregon	6 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Oregon St.	1 p.m.
Feb. 28	Washington St.	7:30 p.m.
March 6	UCLA	6 p.m.
March 8	USC	1:30 p.m.

*At New York

Whitworth men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 15	vs. Trinity (Tex.)*	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Old Westbury#	8 p.m.
Nov. 23	Colorado Col.#	8 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Carleton#	2 p.m.
Dec. 1	at Colorado Col.%	1 p.m.
Dec. 7	UC Santa Cruz	8 p.m.
Dec. 16	Southwestern (Tex.)	8 p.m.
Dec. 28	Wis.-Stevens Point#	2 p.m.
Dec. 29	Wis.-Platteville#	8 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Pacific (Ore.)	8 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Willamette	6 p.m.
Jan. 10	Pacific Lutheran	8 p.m.
Jan. 11	Puget Sound	8 p.m.
Jan. 17	at George Fox	8 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Linfield	8 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Whitman	8 p.m.
Jan. 25	Lewis & Clark	8 p.m.
Jan. 31	Willamette	8 p.m.
Feb. 1	Pacific (Ore.)	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Puget Sound	8 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Pacific Lutheran	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Linfield	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	George Fox	8 p.m.
Feb. 18	Whitman	8 p.m.
Feb. 21	Lewis & Clark	8 p.m.

Quality Inn Okwood Invite at home % Colorado College Thanksgiving Classic at Colorado Springs, Colo., *at Tacoma \$ DShops.com Classic at Las Vegas, Nev.

CCS men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 2	Alumni game#	8 p.m.
Nov. 29-1	Red Devil Classic	TBA
Dec. 6-8	Bigfoot-Card. Shootout	TBA
Dec. 13-14	Bevs Invitational#	TBA
Dec. 14-16	NWAACC Crossover\$	TBA
Jan. 4	NW Indian*	4 p.m.
Jan. 8	Wenatchee Valley#	8 p.m.
Jan. 11	Yakima Valley#	4 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Treasure Valley	8 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Blue Mountain	4 p.m.
Jan. 22	Walla Walla*	8 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Columbia Basin	4 p.m.
Jan. 29	Big Bend#	5 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Wenatchee Valley	4 p.m.
Feb. 7	Blue Mountain*	8 p.m.
Feb. 15	Columbia Basin#	4 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Walla Walla	8 p.m.
Feb. 19	at Yakima Valley	8 p.m.
Feb. 22	at Big Bend	4 p.m.

*at Spokane CC #at Spokane Falls CC #at Eugene, #at Everett

NIC men

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 15	Central Wyoming	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 16	Arizona Western	5 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Columbia Basin	8 p.m.
Nov. 20	at Blue Mountain	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Treasure Valley	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	Blue Mountain	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Williston St.	5 p.m.
Dec. 1	Blue Mountain	1 p.m.
Dec. 3	Columbia Basin	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6-8	Bigfoot-Card. Shootout	TBA
Dec. 12	at Eastern Utah	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Colorado NW	4 p.m.
Dec. 27	Treasure Valley	8 p.m.
Jan. 2	Snow College	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	Salt Lake CC	5 p.m.
Jan. 11	Southern Idaho	5 p.m.
Jan. 16	Colorado NW	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Eastern Utah	5 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Salt Lake CC	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Snow College	4 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Southern Idaho	4 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Colorado NW	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 8	at Eastern Utah	4 p.m.
Feb. 13	Salt Lake CC	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Snow College	5 p.m.
Feb. 22	Southern Idaho	5 p.m.

*at Spokane Community College

Gonzaga women

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8	Idaho	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Ga. St./Tenn.-Martin*	TBA
Nov. 14	TBA	TBA
Nov. 17	TBA	TBA
Nov. 20	EWU	6 p.m.
Nov. 30	Colgate	2 p.m.
Dec. 2	Fairfield	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	Portland St.	6 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Ohio St.	9 a.m.
Dec. 10	at Wisconsin	5 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Stanford	1 p.m.
Dec. 16	UC Riverside	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	at WSU	11:30 a.m.
Dec. 28	at Saint Mary's	1 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Pacific	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Portland	7 p.m.
Jan. 9	BYU	6 p.m.
Jan. 11	San Diego	2 p.m.
Jan. 17	at San Francisco	TBA
Jan. 17	at Santa Clara	2 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Loyola Marymount	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Pepperdine	2 p.m.
Jan. 30	Santa Clara	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	San Francisco	2 p.m.
Feb. 6	Pepperdine	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Loyola Marymount	2 p.m.
Feb. 13	at San Diego	6 p.m.
Feb. 15	at BYU	1 p.m.
Feb. 22	Portland	2 p.m.
Feb. 27	at Saint Mary's	6 p.m.
March 1	Pacific	2 p.m.

WSU women

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 10	Syracuse	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	at Seattle	7 p.m.
Nov. 15	Hawaii*	10 p.m.
Nov. 16	West Virginia*	3 p.m.
Nov. 17	Ole Miss	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 22	Fresno St.	7 p.m.
Nov. 26	at Brigham Young	6 p.m.
Nov. 30	at Nebraska	3 p.m.
Dec. 4	Cal St. Northridge	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Dayton	11 a.m.
Dec. 18	UC Riverside#	4 p.m.
Dec. 21	Gonzaga	11:30 a.m.
Jan. 3	Arizona St.	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	Arizona	12 p.m.
Jan. 7	Washington	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Washington	3 p.m.
Jan. 17	Colorado	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	Utah	12 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Oregon	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Oregon St.	2 p.m.
Jan. 31	USC	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	at UCLA	12 p.m.
Feb. 7	Stanford	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	California	2 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Utah	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Colorado	12 p.m.
Feb. 21	Oregon St.	6 p.m.
Feb. 23	Oregon	1 p.m.
Feb. 27	at California	6 p.m.
March 1	at Stanford	7:30 p.m.

#at Toyota Center, Kennewick

EWU women

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8	at Portland	5:15 p.m.
Nov. 16	SMU	1 p.m.
Nov. 20	at Gonzaga	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	vs. Iowa St.*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	vs. Butler*	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Cal St. Northridge	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	Idaho	2 p.m.
Dec. 17	Northwest	6 p.m.
Dec. 21	Boise St.	1 p.m.
Dec. 29	Portland St.	2 p.m.
Jan. 2	Weber St.	6 p.m.
Jan. 4	Idaho St.	2 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Montana	6 p.m.
Jan. 11	at Montana St.	1 p.m.
Jan. 16	Northern Ariz.	3 p.m.
Jan. 18	Sacramento St.	2 p.m.
Jan. 25	at Southern Utah	1 p.m.
Jan. 30	at North Dakota	5 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Northern Colo.	1 p.m.
Feb. 6	Montana St.	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Montana	2 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Sacramento St.	7 p.m.
Feb. 15	at North Dakota	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Southern Utah	6 p.m.
Feb. 24	at Portland St.	7 p.m.
Feb. 27	Northern Colo.	6 p.m.
March 1	North Dakota	2 p.m.
March 6	at Idaho St.	7 p.m.
March 8	at Weber St.	1 p.m.

*at Las Vegas

Idaho women

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8	at Gonzaga	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Ga. St./Tenn.-Martin*	6 TBA
Nov. 17	TBA	TBA
Nov. 23	UC Irvine	2 p.m.
Nov. 26	at San Diego	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	Nevada#	5 p.m.
Nov. 30	Cal/Wako Forest#	TBA
Dec. 3	Carroll College	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	Montana*	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	UC Irvine/App. St.#	TBA
Dec. 11	Lewis-Clark St. Col.	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	at EWU	12 p.m.
Dec. 21	Wyoming	12 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Texas	12 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Missouri-KC	5 p.m.