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### Bruin Basketball:

#### HOW IT LOOKS FOR 1983-84

Look for improvement in the 1983-84 Bruins.

But if the looking is long, the record may not be what's hoped by Bruin Coach Mark Vernon.

After guiding his first college team to a 15-16 mark a year ago, Vernon is hoping for improvement. "Our goal is to be over .500 and make the (NAIA District 2) playoffs," says Vernon.

But he cautions that reaching the goal may not occur early. "We're a very young team and the future looks bright," Vernon says. "But we may take time to gel; we should get better as the year goes on."

That description "young" includes both age (nine freshmen) and newness to the Bruin system (seven of the top Bruins new to the program). The Bruins have just two seniors and only one returning junior.

"On paper this should be a building year," Vernon says. With optimism, however, he notes "if our players mature fast enough we could have a good season; we should get tougher as the season goes along."

The Bruins' main weakness, perhaps, is the lack of NAIA experience. There's much talent in the fold, but most of it untested in either college ball or District 2 action.

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Despite that observed weakness, Vernon, however, sparkles at what-- or who--he has to build around. Few coaches can boast the talent of All-American candidate Randy Dunn, perhaps the best returning player in the district.

All Dunn did last season as a junior was lead NAIA District 2 in rebounding (11.8) and finish second in scoring (21.2). His combination finish was best among players in four Northwest states. His rebounding was 17th in the nation as he was chosen to the NAIA All-American Honorable Mention team to go with his All-District and All-Northwest honors.

But it's not a one-man show. The 1983-84 Bruins have more talent than a year ago, more depth than a year ago. In his first full year of recruiting Vernon tabbed five players for five positions. He recruited five players or five positions, he got five players for five positions.

Dunn this season will be allowed to be a full-time big forward. The new "true center" being counted on is 6-8 freshman Tom Ketelsen.

Joining him in top five newcomers is 6-5 forward-center Kenny Stone, one of Southwest Washington's top high school players, recruited by 18 colleges after scoring 21.4 points a game last season, along with grabbing 11.2 rebounds. With a seven-foot arm spread he averaged eight blocked shots a game.

Another outstanding newcomer is 6-2 forward-guard Larry Jury, the top community college scorer last season in the State of Washington with 23 points a game at Big Bend.

Two outstanding high school teammates join up again as Greg Bolt and Scott Johnson put on Bruin uniforms. They played together at Clackamas High as they helped their team to a 22-4 record, seventh in Oregon prep action.

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The quintet joins another top returner, forward Iiley Thompson, who stepped in at mid-season last year and averaged 10.1 points a game. Also returning is guard Al Vasey, a playmaker who averaged 4.4 assists a game as a freshman starter.

Overall, Vernon sees more of a running team, a better rebounding squad, and a team with better ball handling. "We should be exciting to watch," he says. And, as is a Vernon characteristic, look for defense to be emphasized.

The Bruins face a 27-game slate that includes 13 home games and six games in three tournaments.

#### EXPERIENCE CHART

LETTERMEN RETURNING: Randy Dunn, Matt Mount, Dwight Patterson, Todd Rettmann, Iiley Thompson, Al Vasey

STARTERS RETURNING: Randy Dunn, Iiley Thompson, Al Vasey

NEWCOMERS: Greg Bolt, Todd Farmer, Scott Johnson, Larry Jury, Tom Ketelsen, Curtis Kimbrough, Mike Lightfoot, Kenny Stone, Virgil Voth

BY CLASSES: Seniors--Randy Dunn, Iiley Thompson; Juniors--Greg Bolt, Larry Jury, Dwight Patterson; Sophomores--Matt Mount, Todd Rettmann, Al Vasey; Freshmen--Todd Farmer, Scott Johnson, Tom Ketelsen, Curtis Kimbrough, Mike Lightfoot, Kenny Stone, Virgil Voth.



GEORGE FOX COLLEGE  
1983-84 BASKETBALL



NAME OF INSTITUTION: George Fox College LOCATION: Newberg, Ore.

PRESIDENT: Edward F. Stevens COLLEGE ESTABLISHED: 1891 ENROLL: 675

INSTITUTIONS'S PROGRAM: A four year, Christian liberal arts college founded by the Friends Church. 27 majors in six divisions. Accredited by the Northwest

Association Secondary and Higher School

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Rich Allen FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE: Mike Allen

HEAD COACH: Mark Vernon YEARS AT GFC 2 LAST YEAR'S GFC RECORD: 15-16

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LAST SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS: Mark Vernon, in his first year of collegiate coaching, took the Bruins to a 15-16 season mark and the NCCAA championship game. The Bruins put together a four-game win string, but tempered that with three straight losses at one point. Junior Randy Dunn earned All-American honorable mention after leading district in rebounding and finishing second in scoring.

ATHLETIC AFFILIATION: Independent, NAIA; NCCAA MEMBER SINCE: 1965/1981

TEAM NAME: Bruins TEAM COLORS: Old Gold and Navy Blue

TOP RETURNERS:

Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	RPG	PPG
Randy Dunn	F	Sr.	6-5	205	Milwaukie, Ore.	11.8	21.2
Iiley Thompson	F	Sr.	6-5	200	Vancouver, Wash.	5.2	10.1
Al Vasey	G	So.	6-0	175	Sweet Home, Ore.	1.0	2.8
						4.4	assts.

TOP NEWCOMERS:

Greg Bolt	G	Jr.	6-4	185	Portland, Ore.	3.0	6.7
Scott Johnson	F	Fr.	6-4	200	Portland, Ore.	8.3	14.8
Larry Jury	F-G	Jr.	6-2	180	Indianapolis, Ind.		23
Tom Ketelsen	C	Fr.	6-8	220	Grants Pass, Ore.	7.4	10.3
Kenny Stone	C-F	Fr.	6-5	175	Winlock, Wash.	11.2	21.4

SEASON OUTLOOK: Looking for improvement over last season. A young team that may take

time to gel but get better as year progresses. Nine freshmen and seven of the top

ten Bruins new to the program. Could be a good year if players mature fast enough.

Lack of experience in NAIA action, but the Bruins have the best returning player in

NAIA District 2 with Randy Dunn back as an All-American candidate.

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 GEORGE FOX COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
 ACCUMULATIVE

Thru Game No. 31

RECORD 15-16

	FIELD GOALS				FREE THROWS			REBOUNDS				RECORD					AST AVG		
	G	SM	SA	PCT	SM	SA	PCT	O	D	T	RPG	PF	TP	PPG	TO	BLKS		STL	AST
Almquist, Paul	22	12	28	.429	2	10	.200	11	24	35	1.6	23	26	1.2	15	8	0	2	0.1
Barkdull, Brian	29	138	272	.507	46	59	.780	32	77	109	3.8	59	322	11.1	32	2	12	50	1.7
Dunn, Randy	29	246	441	.558	122	164	.744	132	211	343	11.8	65	614	21.2	56	8	27	64	2.2
Iverson, Scott	11	2	5	.400	4	5	.800	1	2	3	0.2	2	8	0.7	5	0	1	0	0.0
Lowe, Bob	11	26	58	.448	6	8	.750	5	7	12	1.1	9	58	5.3	23	1	9	26	2.4
Mauermann, Dave	31	148	271	.546	55	77	.714	66	132	198	6.4	116	351	11.3	94	19	27	69	2.2
Mount, Matt	12	5	17	.294	10	21	.476	3	14	17	1.4	11	20	1.7	8	0	3	9	0.8
Patterson, Dwight	23	8	26	.308	4	11	.364	3	10	13	0.6	26	20	0.9	33	2	11	34	1.5
Rettmann, Todd	24	7	22	.318	12	20	.600	2	2	4	0.2	22	26	1.1	19	0	3	25	1.1
Russell, Stan	27	25	64	.391	19	43	.442	9	26	35	1.3	35	69	2.6	39	3	15	31	1.1
Thompson, Iiley	21	89	170	.524	34	42	.810	38	72	110	5.2	67	212	10.1	39	6	9	41	1.9
Vasey, Al	31	25	64	.391	37	42	.881	10	21	31	1.0	59	87	2.8	76	7	32	135	4.4
Whitham, Nathan	23	20	35	.571	20	28	.714	13	32	45	1.9	26	60	2.6	17	2	4	12	0.5
Wilson, Tobi	31	121	250	.484	54	81	.667	32	62	94	3.0	102	296	9.5	99	5	45	75	2.4
TEAM REBOUNDS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	94	42	126	4.1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GFC	31	872	1724	.506	425	609	.698	439	738	1177	38.0	621	2174	70.1	555	62	202	574	18.1
OPPONENTS	31	874	1882	.464	396	611	.648	471	611	1082	34.9	597	2148	69.3	450	46	225	490	15.8

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