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GEORGE FOX COLLEGE
1983 BASEBALL



NEWBERG, OREGON 97132

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

PRESIDENT (Interim) William Green COLLEGE ESTABLISHED: 1891 ENROLL: 656

INSTITUTION'S PROGRAM: A four year, Christian liberal arts college founded by the
Friends Church. 24 majors in six divisions. Accredited by the Northwest Association
of secondary and Higher Schools.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Rich Allen FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE: Dale Orkney

HEAD COACH: Wade Witherspoon YEARS AT GFC: First LAST YEAR'S GFC RECORD: 5-25

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LAST SEASON'S HIGHLIGHTS: Sophomore, John Votaw, hit .325 and broke the stolen base
record with 25. Dave Case led the team hitting .385.

ATHLETIC AFFILIATION: Independent, NAIA MEMBER SINCE: 1965

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

TOP RETURNERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Tom Evans	P/3rd	SR	5-9	165	Newberg, Ore.
John Votaw	C	JR	5-11	165	Whittier, Calif.
Dave Case	3rd	SR	6-0	185	Newberg, Ore.
Scott Kwasnitza	P/RF	JR	6-2	200	Winnipeg, Canada

TOP NEWCOMERS:

Dean Boening	OF	FR	6-2	185	Medford, Ore.
Ben Parker	SS/P	FR	5-9	170	Colton, Ore.
Russell Erickson	2ndB	FR	5-9	155	Junction City, Ore.

SEASON OUTLOOK: A young team with a new coach. Strengths will be speed, depth and
good hitters; weaknesses will be in lack of a power pitcher and long-ball hitters.



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BRUINS OPEN 1983 BASEBALL SEASON

George Fox College will open its 1983 baseball campaign Wednesday (Mar. 2) in La Grande to start a six-day road trip and a 30-game season.

The baseball Bruins are under the leadership of first-year coach Wade Witherspoon.

It's a young team with 11 of the 22 players freshmen or sophomores, eight of them freshmen.

"The program has nowhere to go but up," says Witherspoon. The Bruins were 5-25 a year ago. "We have a lot of returners with experience on this team and the ones who are not returners make up for lack of experience with talent."

"We have a lot of potential to do well," says Witherspoon. "If they put together what they've learned in practice, and don't make many mental mistakes, we're going to win the one-run ball games we lost last year."

Witherspoon was assistant coach a season ago, following two years with the Bruins as a catcher as a senior and an outfielder as a junior.

Witherspoon, named Most Inspirational in baseball last season, lead the Bruins in home runs as a junior. He came to George Fox after two

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seasons at Lane Community College where he lead the Oregon Community College Athletic Association in hitting at .444 and was a first-team all-star selection. He is originally from Cottage Grove.

The 1983 Bruins will be lacking the power hitters to hit the long balls and a power pitcher to shut out opponents. But Witherspoon points out that speed, depth, and no weak hitters in the lineup will make up the team's strengths.

The Bruins will be without a southpaw this year, but will have five strong starters and four relievers.

Among the key returners is senior pitcher Tom Evans, Cottage Grove, who won two games last year. Senior third baseman Dave Case, Newberg who led the Bruins a year ago with a .385 batting average also is back, as is junior outfielder John Votaw, Whittier, Calif., who broke the Bruin stolen base record with 25, and Scott Kwasnitza, a pitcher/right fielder combination.

The Bruins meet Eastern Oregon Wednesday in a single game, then Thursday and Friday (Mar. 3-4) participate in the Lewis and Clark State Tourney with three games. Saturday George Fox is at Northwest Nazarene for two seven-inning contests.

About starting on the road, Witherspoon says, "It's going to be good to get out of the rain and go someplace where we can play."

"We'll be going up against some stiff competition, but we have a week after the trip to work on our mistakes, he says. But that following game also will be on the road with three games Mar. 11-12 in The Dalles in the Judson Baptist Tournament. George Fox's first home game is Mar. 25 with Eastern Oregon State. The Bruins will have 16 road games and 14 at home.

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Baseball Roster
1983

PLAYER	CLASS	POS	HT	WT	B-T	HOMETOWN
Boening, Dean	Fr.	OF	6'2"	185	R-R	Medford, Ore.
Case, Dave	Sr.	3B	6-0"	185	R-R	Newberg, Ore.
Chambers, David	So.	SS	5'9"	150	R-R	Silverton, Ore.
Christian, Gene	So.	OF	6'0"	180	L-L	Silverton, Ore.
Erickson, Mark	Sr.	OF	6'2"	178	R-R	Great Falls, Mont.
Erickson, Russell	Fr.	2B	5'8"	155	R-R	Junction City, Ore.
Evans, Tom	Sr.	P/3B	5'9"	165	R-R	Newberg, Ore.
Gerig, Bob	Sr.	2B	5'7"	140	R-R	Newberg, Ore.
Kirk, Jim	Jr.	P	5'10"	160	R-R	Plainfield, Ind.
Kwasnitza, Scott	Jr.	OF/P	6'2"	200	L-R	Winnipeg, Canada
Laws, Todd	So.	OF	5'10"	146	R-L	Seaside, Ore.
Lincoln, Kelly	Fr.	C	6-1"	180	R-R	Missoula, Mont.
McGrath, Jim	Fr.	C	5'10"	150	R-R	Yorba Linda, Calif.
McNay, Shaun	Sr.	P	6'1"	176	R-R	Missoula, Mont.
Miller, Todd	Jr.	P	6'1"	180	R-R	Portland, Ore.
Montizingo, Dan	Fr.	P	6'3"	185	R-R	Seattle, Wash.
Parker, Ben	Fr.	SS/P	5'9"	170	R-R	Colton, Ore.
Roth, David	Sr.	3B	5'10"	165	R-R	Silverton, Ore.
Swartz, Lenny	Fr.	3B	5'6"	148	R-R	Rogue River, Ore.
Thompson, Rori	Sr.	1B	6'1"	175	R-R	Medford, Ore.
Villaneuva, Mike	Fr.	C	5'10"	170	R-R	Albany, Ore.
Votaw, John	Jr.	CF	6'0"	170	R-R	Whittier, Calif.

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Baseball Schedule

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SITE</u>
March 2	Eastern Oregon State*	3:00	La Grande
March 3	Lewis & Clark State Tourney*	3:00	Lewiston, Idaho
March 4	Lewis & Clark State Tourney	12:00	Lewiston, Idaho
March 5	Northwest Nazarene	12:00	Nampa, Idaho
March 11	Judson Baptist Tourney*	TBA	The Dalles
March 12	Judson Baptist Tourney	TBA	The Dalles
March 26	Eastern Oregon State	12:00	Newberg
April 2	Judson Baptist	12:00	The Dalles
April 4	Pacific*	3:00	Newberg
April 11	Concordia	1:00	Portland
April 15	Western Oregon State	1:00	Newberg
April 16	Lewis & Clark*	2:30	Monmouth
April 19	Judson Baptist	1:00	Newberg
April 23	Pacific	1:00	Forest Grove
April 26	Concordia	1:00	Newberg
April 30	Northwest Nazarene	1:00	Newberg
May 3	Lewis & Clark*	3:00	Newberg
May 7	University of Hawaii, Hilo	1:00	Newberg
May 9-14	NAIA Playoffs	TBA	TBA

NOTE: Two seven-inning games are scheduled each date, except those marked with an asterisk (*) which are single, nine-inning games.