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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Barnett, Davis Named to All-West Region Team

NEWBERG, Ore. --- The honors continue to pile up for George Fox University's senior volleyball stars, **Sharon Barnett** and **Beth Davis**, who have been named to the NCAA Division III All-West Region Team, according to information released through the American Volleyball Coaches Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Barnett, a 5-9 outside hitter, and Davis, a 5-11 middle blocker, both hail from Salem, Ore., and Salem Academy. Starters for all four of their George Fox years, they were instrumental in the Bruins' success in 1999, the school's first year as NCAA-only members, leading the team to a 19-7 overall record and a tie for second in the Northwest Conference with a 12-4 league mark.

Barnett, the NWC "Player of the Year" for a second straight season and a two-time NWC "Player of the Week" this year, finished her career as the Bruins' all-time leader in kills (1,449) and digs (1,641). She led the team in hitting percentage (.260), kills-per-game (4.21), and digs-per-game (3.58). In the conference, she ranked 1st in kills, 3rd in hitting, and 5th in digs, despite missing four matches in mid-season due to a sprained ankle.

Davis led the Bruins in games (92), kills (326), total attacks (829), digs (275), blocks solo (47), block assists (81), total blocks (128), and blocks-per-game (1.39), and was 2nd in hitting percentage (.258), kills-per-game (3.54), and digs-per-game (2.99). For her career, she totaled 1,123 kills, 6th-best all-time at George Fox, and 730 digs, 9th-best ever. A First Team All-Northwest Conference selection, she led the league in blocks, was 4th in hitting percentage, and 5th in kills. She ranked 7th nationally in blocks in the latest NCAA statistics, and was a GTE Academic All-District VIII College Division pick.

Barnett and Davis were joined on the All-West Region Team by Allison Bender (Sr., OH), Kathleen Hentz (So., MB), and Leslie Punelli (Jr., OH) of California-San Diego; Marion Champion (Sr., OH) and Annie Shrieve (So., S) of California State-Hayward; Larissa Enns (So., S) and Carrie Repp (Jr., RS/O) of Colorado College; Becky Mondon (Fr., MB) of Chapman; Renee Purdy (Sr., OH) of Willamette; and Barby Ream (Sr., MB) of Whitman.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DAVIS RECEIVES ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Middle blocker **Beth Davis (Sr., Salem, Ore.)**, whose fine play helped the George Fox University Bruins to a 19-7 season, has been named to the 1999 GTE Academic All-District VIII College Division Women's Volleyball Team.

The GTE Academic Teams are voted on by each district's members of CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America. District VIII includes the western United States and British Columbia. To be nominated, a student-athlete must have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher, be in his or her second year of competition at the school, and be a significant contributor to the team.

Davis was indeed that. In her senior season, she led the Bruins in games (92), kills (326), total attacks (829), digs (275), blocks solo (47), block assists (81), total blocks (128), and blocks per game (1.39), while finishing second in hitting percentage (.258), kills per game (3.54), and digs per game (2.99). She recorded 14 double-doubles in kills and digs, with highs of 23 kills and 24 digs against Colorado College. For her four-year career, all as a starter, she totaled 1,123 kills, sixth-best all-time at George Fox, and 730 digs, ninth-best ever.

A First Team All-Northwest Conference selection, Davis led the league in blocks per game, was fourth in hitting percentage, and fifth in kills per game. She earned NWC "Player of the Week" honors for the week of Oct. 10, and was ranked seventh nationally in blocks per game in the latest NCAA statistics of Nov. 7.

In addition to her excellent play on the court, Davis has been an exceptional student, compiling a 3.84 GPA as a history major. This is her second straight year as a GTE Academic All-District VIII pick, and she was also an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete last year.

"Considering that only six players are chosen to be Academic All-District, this is certainly a major honor for Beth," said her coach, veteran Bruins mentor Steve Grant. "She has worked hard both on the volleyball court and in the classroom, and is being justifiably rewarded for her efforts. She is an excellent representative of the kind of all-around program we are striving to achieve at George Fox."

Joining Davis on the 1999 GTE Academic All-District VIII College Division Women's Volleyball Team are Allison Bender of California-San Diego (OH, Jamul, Calif., 3.74 in biology), Danielle Dettore of Seattle Pacific (OH, Vancouver, Wash., 3.88 in biology), Leanne Knight of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (MB, Lake Forest, Calif., 3.93 in history/economics), Ingrid Lindeblad of Pacific Lutheran (S, Spokane, Wash., 3.91 in English), and Kasey Jungwirth of California State-Los Angeles (OH, Camarillo, Calif., 3.89 in liberal arts). All are seniors but Jungwirth, who is a junior, and all will be nominated for the GTE Academic All-America Team.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall: 19-7; NWC: 12-4; Home: 8-2; Road: 7-3; Neutral 4-2)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Denied a Bid to NCAAs After Loss to PLU
Barnett Repeats as "Player of the Year"; Three Named All-Conference**

LAST WEEK:

GF def. Lewis & Clark 15-8, 15-13, 15-8
Pacific Lutheran def. GF 13-15, 15-10, 15-17, 15-4, 15-10

Northwest Conference Standings (Final, Regular Season)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>GW</u>	<u>GL</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>GW</u>	<u>GL</u>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	3-3	42	15	19-5	60	22
George Fox Bruins	12-4	41	17	19-7	65	27
Willamette Bearcats	12-4	40	21	17-9	58	37
Whitman Missionaries	11-5	35	29	15-12	49	52
Whitworth Pirates	8-8	29	30	11-14	40	50
Puget Sound Loggers	7-9	32	28	10-14	45	43
Linfield Wildcats	6-10	23	35	10-13	38	50
Pacific Boxers	3-13	11	43	7-16	24	55
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	0-16	13	48	0-24	15	72

NO NCAA BID FOR VOLLEYBALL

Despite an outstanding 19-7 record and a second-place finish in the Northwest Conference, the George Fox volleyball team was not extended an invitation to the NCAA Division III Tournament which begins play this week.

Pacific Lutheran, which defeated the Bruins 3-2 Saturday night for the NWC title before what is believed to be a record volleyball crowd of 1,000 at the Wheeler Sports Center, was the only conference team invited. The Lutes will play in the six-team West Regional along with host California-San Diego, Cal State-Hayward, Colorado College, Bethel (Minn.), and California Lutheran.

BARNETT AGAIN "PLAYER OF THE YEAR"; THREE MAKE ALL-NWC

Sharon Barnett (Sr., Salem, Ore.), George Fox's record-setting outside hitter, captured her second straight Northwest Conference volleyball "Player of the Year" award as announced by the conference office today.

Barnett is joined on the All-Conference First Team by middle blocker teammate **Beth Davis (Sr., Salem, Ore.)**, while middle blocker **Wendy Clark (Sr., Bainbridge Island, Wash.)** made Second Team.

Barnett is the Bruins' all-time leader in career kills (1,449) and digs (1,641). This year, she leads the team in hitting percentage (.260), kills-per-game (4.21), and digs-per-game (3.58). In the conference, she ranks 1st in kills, 3rd in hitting, and 5th in digs.

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Davis ranks 6th all-time at George Fox in kills (1,123) and 9th in digs (730). She leads the Bruins in games (92), kills (326), attacks (829), digs (275), blocks solo (47), block assists (81), total blocks (118), and blocks-per-game (1.39). In the conference, she ranks 1st in blocks (1.39 bpg), 4th in hitting percentage (.258), and 5th in kills (3.54 kpg).

Clark is second on the team in blocks solo (34), block assists (74), total blocks (108), and blocks-per-game (1.27), and is third in kills (219), kills-per-game (2.58), and hitting percentage (.249). She is 3rd in the NWC in blocks and 5th in hitting.

1999 All-NWC First Team: Barnett, Davis, GFU; Ingrid Lindeblad, Eileen Gamache, PLU; Barby Ream, Whitman; Renee Purdy, Willamette.

1999 All-NWC Second Team: Clark; Suzanne Beachene, Amy Sloboden, PLU; Anna Gradek, Linfield; Lindsey Wagstaff, Whitworth; Kelly Sorenson, Willamette.

1999 All-NWC Honorable Mention: Valerie Hamm, Kelly Williams, Heather Cushing, Whitman; Mettie Burris, PLU; Anna Crase, Karen Thomas, Lindsey Webber, UPS; Abby Jo Hornstein, Whitworth; Shannon Pun, Willamette; Ann Kaltwasser, Pacific; Denise Lum-Lung, Linfield; Devon McGinnis, Amber Smith, Lewis & Clark.

GF def. Lewis & Clark 15-8, 15-13, 15-8

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Sharon Barnett notched 16 kills and **Beth Davis** 15 as the visiting Bruins swept the Pioneers 15-8, 15-13, 15-8 Wednesday night (Nov.3) at the Pamplin Sports Center, maintaining a share of first place in the NWC with Willamette

Barnett and Davis were the only Bruins in double figures in kills, though **Wendy Clark** hit .667 with six kills and no errors in nine attacks. Davis and Clark had six blocks apiece to lead the Bruin defense, while Davis had a team-high 11 digs. **Tristan Nicholas (Sr., Camano Island, Wash.)** had 26 assists in two games and **Mindi Yost (Fr., Rogue River, Ore.)** had 15 in one.

Pacific Lutheran def. GF 13-15, 15-10, 15-17, 15-4, 15-10

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Needing back-to-back road wins to capture the NWC title, PLU, after beating Willamette in Salem Friday, did the same thing to the Bruins Saturday night (Nov.6) before a stunned record crowd of 1,000 on "Parents' Night", posting a 13-15, 15-10, 15-17, 15-4, 15-10 win over the hometown favorites in a match worthy of the top two teams in the conference.

George Fox, the defending conference champion, opened the match by racing out to a 12-3 lead, only to see the Lutes storm back to take a brief 13-12 lead before the Bruins rallied to win the first game. The second game was all PLU, and the Lutes took a 15-14 lead in the third game before three strong serves by **Beth Davis** gave George Fox the game. PLU zipped through the fourth game quickly to tie it at two apiece, then after falling behind 3-0 to start the rally-scoring fifth game, battled back to claim the game and the championship.

George Fox got 17 kills from **Sharon Barnett** and 12 each from **Wendy Clark** and Davis, while Davis led the Bruins on defense with 18 digs and eight blocks.

BRUIN BITS:

*** In NCAA statistics of Oct.24, George Fox as a team ranks 16th nationally in kills-per-game (14.08) and 7th in blocks-per-game (2.99), while Beth Davis is 14th individually in blocks-per-game (1.38).

*** In the latest NWC stats (Nov. 7), George Fox is the team leader in hitting percentage (.205), kills per game (14.26), assists per game (12.38), and blocks per game (2.96). Individually, Sharon Barnett is 3rd (.256), Beth Davis 4th (.255), and Wendy Clark 5th (.243) in hitting percentage; Barnett is 1st (4.17), Davis 5th (3.52), and Clark 12th (2.59) in kills; Davis is 1st (1.40) and Clark 3rd (1.27) in blocks per game.

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PLU STUNS BRUINS IN FIVE-SET ROAD WIN FOR NWC TITLE

NEWBERG, Ore. --- They pulled off what seemed to be impossible.

Needing back-to-back road wins to capture the Northwest Conference volleyball title, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, after beating Willamette University in Salem Friday, did the same thing to the George Fox University Bruins Saturday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center, posting a 13-15, 15-10, 15-17, 15-4, 15-10 win in a match worthy of the top two teams in the conference.

George Fox opened the match by racing out to a 12-3 lead, only to see the Lutes storm back to take a brief 13-12 lead before the Bruins rallied to win the first game. The second game was all PLU, and the Lutes took a 15-14 lead in the third game before three strong serves by Beth Davis gave George Fox the game.

PLU zipped through the fourth game quickly to tie it at two apiece, then after falling behind 3-0 to start the rally-scoring fifth game, battled back behind some stellar defensive work to claim the game and the championship.

PLU upended the defending conference champion Bruins by placing five players in double figures in kills: Mettie Durriss with 16, Suzanne Beauchene with 14, Renee Beauchene with 12, and Kaitlin Glines and Aimee Sloboden with 11 each. George Fox got 17 kills from Sharon Barnett and 12 each from Wendy Clark and Davis.

Suzanne Beauchene led the Lute defense, which recorded 124 digs to 103 for the Bruins, with a game-high 30, while Ingrid Lindeblad had 22, and Renee Beauchene had 10 blocks. Davis led the Bruins with 18 digs and eight blocks.

PLU finished the regular season with a 19-5 overall mark and 13-3 in the conference, while George Fox finished at 19-7 and 12-4. Both teams now await the possibility of at-large bids to the NCAA Division III Regionals, which will be announced some time Sunday.

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-- add George Fox-Pacific Lutheran box score --

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BRUINS SWEEP L&C TO MAINTAIN SHARE OF FIRST

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Sharon Barnett notched 16 kills and Beth Davis 15 as the visiting George Fox University Bruins swept the Lewis and Clark College Pioneers 15-8, 15-13, 15-8 in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Nov.3) here at the Pamplin Sports Center.

With the win, the Bruins maintained a share of first place in the conference with Willamette University, which defeated Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., 15-5, 15-5, 15-7. Both the Bruins and the Bearcats are 12-3 in the league, while Pacific Lutheran University lurks just behind at 11-3. PLU plays at Willamette Friday and at George Fox Saturday (match time is 7:00 p.m.), setting up a wild finish to the NWC volleyball season in which any of the three teams could win it.

George Fox improved to 19-6 overall, while Lewis and Clark fell to 0-23 overall and 0-15 in the league.

Barnett and Davis were the only Bruins in double figures in kills, though Wendy Clark hit .667 with six kills and no errors in nine attacks. Davis and Clark had six blocks apiece to lead the Bruin defense, while Davis had a team-high 11 digs. Tristan Nicholas had 26 assists in two games and Mindi Yost had 15 in one.

The Bruins hit .226 in the match to .081 for the Pioneers, who got 13 kills and 14 digs from Kasey Cordell.

In other George Fox news, the Bruins have moved up to No. 4 in the NCAA West Region rankings after last week's wins over Linfield and Willamette, trailing only nationally-ranked California-San Diego, Colorado College, and California State-Hayward in the region.

In the latest NCAA statistics (Oct.24), George Fox as a team ranks 16th nationally in kills-per-game (14.08) and 7th in blocks-per-game (2.99), while Beth Davis is 14th individually in blocks-per-game (1.38).

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

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BRUINS DOWN WILLAMETTE TO CLIMB INTO FIRST-PLACE TIE

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a “must-win” situation for George Fox University, seniors Sharon Barnett and Beth Davis came through with 27 and 20 kills respectively, lifting the Bruins to a 12-15, 15-12, 15-8, 15-5 victory over the visiting Willamette University Bearcats’ in women’s volleyball action Saturday night (Oct. 30) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

With the win, the Bruins moved into a dead heat with the Bearcats for first place in the Northwest Conference, each with 11-3 league marks – and with Pacific Lutheran University also winning 3-0 Saturday night at Whitman College, the Lutes have made it a three-way tie. George Fox improved to 18-6 overall, while Willamette dropped to 16-8.

“Willamette came out with a brilliant plan against us, using tips and dinks instead of power attacks, and we were too slow reacting early in the match,” said Bruins coach Steve Grant. “By the time we started to adjust, we were too far down to catch up in that first game.”

The Bruins fell behind in that game 6-0 before narrowing the final gap to 15-12, then trailed most of the second game before finally tying it a 12-12 and then pulling out the win. A 9-1 run to start the third game gave the Bruins a big start toward the 15-win, and then George Fox put it away in the fourth game by hitting .378 to .086 for the Bearcats.

Barnett hit .317 for the match and Davis .350, and Shelly Schultens chipped in with 10 kills. Mindi Yost contributed 52 assists in the final three games. On defense, Barnett led the way with 20 digs, and got help from Amy Forbes with 17, Davis with 16, and Brandy Mailer with 11.

Double-digit killers for Willamette were Renee Purdy with 20, Kelly Sorenson with 14, and Shannon Punn with 12. Sorenson had a match-high 21 digs, followed by Purdy with 16, Andrea Cruickshank with 13, Blair Hanson with 12, and Diana Chamberlain with 11. Hanson also had a match-high six blocks.

Willamette visits Pacific University and George Fox is at Lewis and Clark College Wednesday night, Nov. 3, both matches starting at 7:00 p.m.

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BRUINS SWEEP LINFIELD TO TIGHTEN NWC RACE

NEWBERG, Ore. --- George Fox University's "twin terrors" from Salem struck again.

Outside hitter Sharon Barnett hit .500 with 12 kills and middle blocker Beth Davis hit .429 with 11 kills, leading the Bruins to a 15-6, 15-2, 15-8 win over the Linfield College Wildcats in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

After taking the first game, the Bruins fell behind 2-0 in the second – and then reeled off 15 unanswered points to win the game. The Bruins added four more points in the early stages of the third game before the Wildcats finally snapped the 19-point skein.

As a team, the Bruins hit .384, with 47 kills and only nine errors in 99 attacks, completely reversing their performance in a four-set loss to Linfield earlier in the season in McMinnville in which they had more errors than kills.

"As bad as we were down there, that's how much better we were tonight," said George Fox coach Steve Grant. "Sharon and Beth with only three errors between them all night – I'm not sure they can play much better. And this is just the time we need everyone to put it together, coming down the conference stretch run."

The win improved the Bruins to 17-6 overall and 10-3 in the NWC, moving them within one game of first-place Willamette University, which stands at 11-2 in the league and was idle Friday. In an admittedly-crucial match, George Fox hosts Willamette, to whom it lost in four games in Salem, Saturday night, Oct. 30, at 7:00 p.m.

Linfield, which fell to 9-11 overall and 5-8 in the conference, hit only .135 in the match, making 21 errors with 34 kills, almost half of those by Anna Gradek, who had 16 kills. The Wildcats host Pacific University Saturday night, Oct. 30, at 7:00 p.m. in a match being played at McMinnville High School.

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WHITMAN DEFENSE DIGS OUT WIN OVER GEORGE FOX

WALLA WALLA, Wash. --- Despite a 24-kill, 21-dig effort performance by senior outside hitter Sharon Barnett, the George Fox University Bruins dropped a crucial four-set match to the Whitman College Missionaries in women's college volleyball Saturday afternoon here at the Sherwood Center. Whitman won the match 15-9, 7-15, 15-13, 15-10.

The victory vaults the Missionaries (14-9 overall, 10-3 in the Northwest Conference) into at least third place in the league, a half-game ahead of the Bruins (16-6 overall, 9-3 in the NWC). The two teams split the season series.

"This was by far our biggest win of the season," said Whitman head coach Dean Snider. "I think we really proved to a lot of people how good we are by defeating the Bruins in four games." The Bruins were ranked 5th in the West Region coming into the weekend, and the Missionaries were ranked 8th, the first time Whitman has ever been ranked in volleyball.

After splitting the first two games, George Fox took an 11-3 lead in the third game, only to watch it slip away, and the Missionaries closed out the match in the fourth game. Heather Cushing had 50 assists for Whitman, Barby Ream hit .297 with a team-high 14 kills and seven blocks, and Val Hamm led the defense with 37 digs and also added 10 kills and four blocks.

In addition to Barnett's contributions, the Bruins got 16 kills and six blocks from Beth Davis, 12 kills from Wendy Clark, and 25 digs and 40 assists from Mindi Yost.

Whitman travels to Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran next weekend in what looks to be a tight finish in the Northwest Conference. George Fox returns home for 7:00 p.m. matches next Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29-30, hosting Linfield on Friday and Willamette, another league contender, on Saturday.

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-- add George Fox-Whitman box score --

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BRUINS START LATE, FINISH EARLY IN WIN AT WHITWORTH

SPOKANE, Wash. – They got a late start, but settled matters quickly.

In a women's volleyball match that did not start until 9:00 p.m. because their bus broke down near Pasco, Wash., the George Fox University Bruins dispatched the Whitworth College Pirates in a snappy 1:01, winning 15-4, 15-13, 15-2 late Friday night here at the Whitworth Fieldhouse.

Whitworth picked the wrong night for its worst attacking match of the season, as the Pirates hit only -.025 for the match, committing 32 errors against only 29 kills. The visiting Bruins contributed to the error total by recording 12 team blocks against only two for Whitworth.

George Fox broke open a close first game by scoring the final ten points, eight of them on Pirate attack errors.

Whitworth jumped to an early 7-2 lead in game two before the Bruins rallied. After George Fox tied the match at 8-8, the teams traded points until the Bruins scored the final two points of the game to win 15-13.

Whitworth fell apart in the third game, finishing with nine attack errors and only three kills. George Fox, meanwhile, hit .636 for the game to roll to the 15-2 win that took only 11 minutes, and finished with a .250 hitting percentage for the entire match.

The Bruins, who are in a four-way battle for the NWC top spot with Willamette, Pacific Lutheran, and Whitman, were led on offense by Wendy Clark, who had 10 kills and a .533 attack percentage, and Sharon Barnett, who also had 10 kills. Mindi Yost chipped in with 23 assists. Beth Davis with six blocks, and Barnett and Jennifer Westerberg with 11 digs each, led the defense.

Whitworth (8-13 overall, 5-7 in the Northwest Conference) lost its third straight match, the Pirates' longest losing streak of the season, while George Fox (16-5 overall, 9-2 in the NWC) won its third in a row.

Whitworth hosts Pacific University Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. George Fox (provided its bus doesn't break down again!) will play at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., at 4:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX USES THREE GAMES TO BEAT BOXERS

FOREST GROVE, Ore. --- Playing their seventh straight match away from home, the George Fox University Bruins wasted little effort in dispatching the Pacific University Boxers 15-7, 15-12, 15-3 in women's volleyball Wednesday night here at the Pacific Athletic Center.

The Bruins used a strong serving game to knock out the Boxers, Wendy Clark recording four service aces and Sharon Barnett three.

Pacific's best chance to win a game came in the second game when the home team battled back from an 8-3 deficit to take a 12-11 lead. But the Bruins served out the remaining four points to take the game and any momentum the Boxers might have gained.

Barnett led the George Fox attack with 10 kills and a .381 attack percentage. Pacific was led by Erin Brady, who had six kills and a .167 percentage.

Pacific fell to 5-11 overall and 1-9 in the Northwest Conference, while George Fox improved to 15-5 overall and 8-2 in the conference, moving up into a three-way tie for the league lead with Pacific Lutheran University and Willamette University.

The Boxers and Bruins will make the NWC eastern Washington swing this weekend, George Fox at Whitworth College and Pacific at Whitman on Saturday, and the two reversing opponents on Sunday. Saturday's GFU-Whitworth match is set for 7:00 p.m., while on Sunday, match time is 4:00 p.m.

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BRUINS FINISH 3-1 IN UC-SANTA CRUZ TOURNAMENT

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. --- No. 20-ranked California State University-Hayward ended a five-game winning streak by George Fox University, but the Bruins rebounded to down the host team and finish with a 3-1 record in the University of California-Santa Cruz women's volleyball Tournament here Saturday.

It took CSU-Hayward's Pioneers four games to defeat George Fox, winning 17-15, 3-15, 16-14, 15-11, but the Bruins came back to beat the UCSC Banana Slugs in three straight, 15-5, 15-9, 15-9.

The CSU-Hayward game was the Bruins' third match against a team ranked in the Top 20 of the AVCA/NCAA Division III, and all have ended in a GFU loss, though the Bruins have proved competitive in matches against No. 2-ranked California-San Diego and 13th-ranked Colorado College as well as against CSUH.

"Hayward is one of those teams that is both big AND scrappy, whereas the other teams we played in this tournament were scrappy, but didn't have the size," said GFU coach Steve Grant. "We've held our own against teams like Hayward, and I'd like another chance at them, but we're going to have to finish strong in our conference if we're to get that opportunity, since we don't have an automatic bid yet."

GFU seniors Sharon Barnett at outside hitter and Beth Davis at middle blocker were both named to the All-Tournament Team. Barnett had 39 kills in nine games, a 4.33 per-game average, and 34 digs for a 3.78 average, while Davis had 44 kills in 13 games for a 3.38 average, 34 digs for a 2.62 average, and had 17 blocks.

Coupled with the Bruins' wins Friday over Mills College (15-2, 15-3, 15-1) and Whittier College (15-8, 15-9, 15-4), the Bruins now stand at 14-5 overall, and will take a 7-2 Northwest Conference record into their next tilt, an NWC match Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at Pacific University.

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BRUINS ROLL OVER LOGGERS IN NWC ACTION

TACOMA, Wash. --- Having gone five games with the University of Puget Sound in their last meeting in Newberg almost a month ago, the George Fox University Bruins might have expected a similar struggle Wednesday night here at UPS's Memorial Fieldhouse.

Instead, the Bruins, sparked by senior Wendy Clark's 14 kills and .464 attack percentage, rolled over the Loggers in three straight games, winning 15-10, 16-14, 15-8, taking a key Northwest Conference match and maintaining at least a share offirst place in the league standings.

In game one, Clark led the way with five kills for the Bruins in a tight game. The Loggers committed a number of unforced errors to allow the Bruins momentum late in the game.

In game two, the Loggers had their game on as junior Eileen Gamache tossed down four kills and looked to have things well in hand with a 14-8 lead -- but it was not enough. The defending NWC champion Bruins would not go easily and came back for a 16-14 victory on four straight points by senior Beth Davis, who blocked for three points and put away a kill on an overpass to close out game two.

The disappointing loss in game two was too much for the Loggers, as they never gained the momentum back and lost game three 15-8.

Gamache led the Loggers with 11 kills in the game, while Lindsi Weber had 32 assists for Puget Sound. Gamache also had 15 digs to lead all players.

Clark made only one error in 28 attacks in addition to her 14 kills, and Davis ended with 10 kills. Clark, Davis, and Shelly Schultens had 6 blocks apiece, and the Bruins got 22 assists from Mindi Yost and 16 from Tristan Nicholas.

Puget Sound fell to 6-10 overall and 3-5 in the NWC, while George Fox improved to 11-4 overall and 7-2 in the conference with its third straight impressive win.

Puget Sound hosts Linfield in NWC action Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

George Fox will participate in the University of California-Santa Cruz Tournament this weekend. The tournament schedule:

Friday, Oct. 15

- 11 am - George Fox vs. Mills
- 1 pm - UC-Santa Cruz vs. Whittier
- 3 pm - CSU-Hayward vs. Mills
- 7 pm - UC-Santa Cruz vs. CSU-Hayward
- 5 pm - George Fox vs. Whittier

Saturday, Oct. 16

- 10 am - Whittier vs. Mills
- 12 pm - George Fox vs. CSU-Hayward
- 2 pm - UC-Santa Cruz vs. Mills
- 4 pm - CSU-Hayward vs. Whittier
- 6 pm - George Fox vs. UC-Santa Cruz

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BRUINS SNAP LOSING STREAK WITH 3-0 WIN OVER LEWIS & CLARK

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Led by senior middle blocker Beth Davis' .650 attack percentage, the George Fox University Bruins snapped a three-match losing streak with a 15-5, 15-3, 15-4 win over the Lewis and Clark College Pioneers in women's volleyball action Wednesday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

Davis had a match-high 14 kills and only one error in 20 attempts, leading the Bruins to a season-high .393 attack percentage with 47 kills and 12 errors in 89 attacks. Wendy Clark and Jennifer Westerberg added nine kills apiece, Clark hitting a season-high .500, while Tristan Nicholas passed out 26 assists in two games.

Kasey Cordell led the Pioneers with 10 kills, but the Lewis and Clark offense struggled to a negative attack percentage, hitting only -.011 on 24 kills and 25 errors in 92 attempts. Kate McKay had 20 assists.

With the win, George Fox climbed to 9-4 overall and 5-2 in the Northwest Conference, a half-game behind NWC co-leaders Pacific Lutheran University and Willamette University, both 5-1. Lewis and Clark slumped to 0-11 overall and 0-7 in the conference.

George Fox visits Pacific Lutheran Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7:00 p.m., while Lewis and Clark will be at the University of Puget Sound at the same time.

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COLORADO COLLEGE OUTLASTS BRUINS IN VOLLEYBALL MARATHON

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a marathon match that took almost two-and-a-half hours, the Colorado College Tigers outlasted the George Fox University Bruins 15-13, 13-15, 11-15, 15-12, 16-14 in women's volleyball action Thursday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

George Fox was ranked No. 4 in the NCAA Division III West Region entering the contest and Colorado College was ranked No. 5, and the closeness showed in the final score. George Fox fell to 8-3 overall, while Colorado College improved to 7-2.

The Bruins' Beth Davis led all players on both offense and defense, recording 23 kills and 24 digs. Jennifer Westerberg and Amy Forbes added 17 and 15 kills each for the Bruins, who hit .165 on the night with 80 kills and 43 errors in 224 attacks. Mindi Yost passed out 55 assists.

The visiting Tigers hit .223 on 76 kills and 31 errors in 202 attacks. Carrie Repp led the way with a .364 average, knocking down 22 kills with only 6 errors in 44 attempts, and was joined on offense by Meggan Grant with 14 kills, Larissa Enns with 13, and Julie Britt with 12. Enns handed out 60 assists.

George Fox returns to action Saturday night, visiting Willamette University in Salem for a 7:00 p.m. contest that will pit the two first-place teams in the Northwest Conference against each other. Both are 4-1 in conference play.

Colorado College will hang around the area, playing Willamette Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at Linfield College in McMinnville, then take on host Linfield later that night at 7:00 p.m.

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DAVIS STEPS UP AGAIN AS BRUINS WHIP WHITMAN; BARNETT TIES KILLS RECORD

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For the second match in a row, senior middle blocker Beth Davis took charge when the George Fox University Bruins needed her the most.

With senior outside hitter Sharon Barnett forced to leave the third game with an ankle injury, Davis stepped forward with 20 kills and only one error on offense, and had 15 digs and five blocks on defense, as the Bruins downed the Whitman College Missionaries 15-9, 15-6, 13-15, 15-9 in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Saturday afternoon here at GFU's Wheeler Sports Center.

The night before, Davis had hit .423 with 14 kills and only three errors in 26 attacks as George Fox defeated Whitworth College 3-0, but this time, her performance even astounded her coach.

"We've had people have 20 or more kills, of course, but never with only one error!" said veteran GFU coach Steve Grant after Davis had helped keep the Bruins undefeated in conference play with the win over NWC co-leader Whitman. "I'm not sure we've ever had anyone put together back-to-back .400-hitting games with as many kills as she's had."

After taking the first two games, the Bruins held a 12-10 lead when Barnett twisted her ankle and had to leave the match. Her night ended with 11 kills for a career total of 1,270, tying her with Cindy Warner for the all-time kills record at GFU. With Barnett out, the Missionaries rallied to win the third game 15-13, and took a 6-1 lead in the fourth game before the Bruins rallied behind Davis.

"It would have been so easy for our players to say, 'Oh, well, we can't win this one; let's just get on with the fifth game and take our chances', but they didn't do that," Grant praised his team. "It's not that we don't need Sharon, but they fought hard after she went out and I think proved to themselves that they can be a pretty good ballclub even without our top offensive threat. I'm very proud of our team for that fine effort."

The Bruins, who also got 11 kills from Wendy Clark, had a season-high .300 attack percentage (69 kills, 21 errors in 160 attacks) while holding an opponent under a .200 hitting mark for the sixth match in a row. Whitman, which was led by Kelly Williams with 19 kills and Valarie Hamm with 12, hit .125 (46 kills, 26 errors in 160 attacks).

George Fox is now 8-1 overall with its fifth straight win and 4-0 in the NWC, a half-game ahead of Pacific Lutheran University, while Whitman fell to 7-7 overall and 3-1 in the conference. The Bruins return to action Wednesday, Sept. 29, visiting Linfield College for a 7:00 p.m. match, while Whitman hosts the University of Puget Sound Friday, Oct. 1, at 7:00 p.m.

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DAVIS LEADS BRUINS OVER WHITWORTH 3-0 IN NWC ACTION

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Senior middle blocker Beth Davis hit .423 with a game-high 14 kills and recorded six blocks for winners as George Fox University downed Whitworth College 15-12, 15-12, 15-4 in women's volleyball action Friday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The victorious Bruins improved their overall record to 7-1 with their fourth straight win, and at 3-0 in Northwest Conference play, are guaranteed at least a share of first place in the league standings. Pacific Lutheran University and Whitman College, also entering Friday night's play at 2-0 in the NWC, were at Lewis and Clark College and Pacific University respectively Friday.

The visiting Pirates, who got 10 kills and 12 digs from Abby Jo Hornstein and 32 assists from Nicole Weedman, fell to 4-6 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

Davis had only three errors in 26 attacks, three solo blocks, and three block assists in sparking the Bruins. Senior outside hitter Sharon Barnett led the defense with 17 digs and had 11 kills, giving her 1,259 for her career and moving her within 11 of Cindy Warner's school-record 1,270. Jennifer Westerberg also was in double figures in kills with 10.

George Fox gets no time to breathe easy, however, as co-leader Whitman (6-6, 2-0 prior to Friday) visits the Bruins Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., while Whitworth will be at Pacific at 3:00 p.m.

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BRUINS OVERCOME SLUGGISH START TO DROP PACIFIC 3-0

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Despite a sluggish start, George Fox University's Bruins recovered in time to post a 15-11, 15-9, 15-3 straight-set win over the Boxers of Pacific University in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Wednesday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins broke from an 11-11 tie on four straight kills by Sharon Barnett, the NWC's "Player of the Week" last week, to win the first game, and had to rally from a 7-2 deficit in the second game before taking the third game handily.

"I told our girls not to have a 'mental letdown' against this team because we've dominated them over the past few seasons, and I'm afraid that's what happened to us," admitted GFU coach Steve Grant afterward. "Pacific is an improved team, and while their offense wasn't great, they scrapped and hustled and took it to us early on. We were fortunate to right ourselves in time."

Barnett was the only player in the game in double figures in kills with 13, making only two errors in 23 attempts for a .478 attack percentage. As a team, the Bruins hit .238 to a mere .073 for the Boxers, who had 23 attack errors. Mindi Yost had 24 assists, while Beth Davis led the way on defense for GFU with eight digs and eight blocks (four solo, four assists).

Julie Lines was high for the Boxers with eight kills and seven digs, and Meghan Muxen had 17 assists.

George Fox improved to 6-1 overall, 2-0 in the conference, while Pacific fell to 3-3 overall and 0-2 in the NWC. Both teams are at home Friday, Sept. 24, for 7:00 p.m. conference matches, George Fox hosting Whitworth College and Pacific entertaining Whitman College.

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BRUINS RALLY TO DEFEAT PUGET SOUND IN NWC VOLLEYBALL OPENER

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Defending Northwest Conference women’s volleyball champion George Fox University began a defense of its title Saturday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center, coming from behind to defeat the University of Puget Sound 15-6, 11-15, 10-15, 15-13, 15-6.

It was the second consecutive win for the Bruins over the Loggers this season, George Fox having beaten UPS 3-1 in the final match of the Puget Sound Classic last weekend. Last season, while edging out UPS by a game for the NWC title, the Bruins rolled the Loggers four times.

With the loss of co-conference MVP Anna Dudek to graduation, the Loggers have struggled this year and are 1-5 overall now, 0-2 in the conference, yet gave GFU all it could handle. Said a relieved George Fox coach Steve Grant afterward, “I was worried there for a while – real worried!”

After coasting to an easy win in the first game, the Bruins fell behind by wide margins in the next two games, even though they eventually closed the gap to make the scores more respectable. The Bruins maintained a slim lead to the end after going up 9-8 in the fourth game, then played their best ball of the night in the rally-scoring fifth game.

Sharon Barnett, last year’s co-MVP in the conference with Dudek, led a well-balanced George Fox attack with 21 kills, Beth Davis and Wendy Clark added 16, and Shelly Schultens chipped in with 11. Barnett led all defenders in the match with 20 digs, while Tristan Nicholas and Mindi Ypst passed out 39 and 24 assists each.

Eileen Gamache of Puget Sound recorded 22 kills for the game high, and Sarah Hesselstine added 12. Tasha Wong was the top digger for the Loggers with 19, and Lindsie Weber had 51 assists.

George Fox improves to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference. The Bruins return to Northwest Conference action Wednesday night, Sept. 22, hosting Pacific University at 7:00 p.m. Puget Sound will play again Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24-25, in the California State University-Hayward Tournament.

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SALEM SENIORS SLUG SLUGS IN GEORGE FOX OPENING VOLLEYBALL WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Beth Davis and Sharon Barnett, a pair of seniors from Salem, recorded 18 and 14 kills respectively, leading the George Fox University Bruins to a 15-4, 15-9, 17-15 sweep of the University of California-Santa Cruz Banana Slugs in women's volleyball action Wednesday night here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

It was the season-opening match for GFU, while UCSC, which had lost earlier in the day to Willamette University in a match played at Wheeler, fell to 0-4.

Attacking without an error in the first game, the Bruins coasted to an easy win, but the final two games were more of a struggle. The Slugs led 9-8 in the second game before the Bruins rallied to take the final six points, sparked by three straight service aces from Heidi Vander Stoep. In the final game, GFU had to comeback twice from game points before ending the match.

Barnett's 14 kills moved her into a third-place tie with Kari Bashford-Cline in all-time kills at 1,164, and she needs only two more to pass Michelle Nelsen for second place. She and Davis also led the team with nine and 12 digs respectively, while the assists were spread around among Mindi Yost (18), Jerrah Vail (16), and Tristan Nichols (11).

For UC-Santa Cruz, Danielle Martinelle led the way with eight kills, Becky Lavelle had a team-high 10 digs, and Kara Yeoman passed out 22 assists.

George Fox returns to action this Friday and Saturday in the University of Puget Sound Tournament in Tacoma, Wash., while UC-Santa Cruz on the same days will participate in the California State University-Monterey Bay Tournament.

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--- add George Fox-UCSC box score ---