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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE --- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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Bruins Win Both Matches on First Day of Whittier Tournament

WHITTIER, Calif. --- Stretching their season-opening winning streak to three, the George Fox University Bruins posted wins over California State University-Hayward and host Whittier College on the first day of action in the Whittier Women's Volleyball Tournament here Friday (Sept. 7).

In their first match of the day, the Bruins came back twice to defeat the CSU-Hayward Pioneers 3-2, with scores of 26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9. The second win was a bit easier as the Bruins prevailed 3-0 over the Whittier Poets, though all the games were close at 30-28, 30-23, 30-26.

George Fox is now 3-0 on the season. The Bruins continue play Saturday (Sept. 8), taking on Pomona-Pitzer Colleges at 11:00 a.m. and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 4:00 p.m.

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Bruins Complete Sweep Through Whittier Tournament

WHITTIER, Calif. --- Completing a four-match sweep through the Whittier College Women's Volleyball Tournament and stretching their season-opening winning streak to five, the George Fox University Bruins defeated Pomona-Pitzer Colleges and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College, both in straight 3-0 matches, here Saturday (Sept. 8).

In their first match, the Bruins downed Pomona-Pitzer 30-16, 30-26, 30-28, then followed up with a 30-20, 30-27, 30-26 sweep of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. By going to 5-0, the Bruins equaled the start of the 1997 team and have the best start to a season since the 1988 squad opened with an 8-0 run.

The Bruins return to the court Wednesday (Sept. 12), visiting Warner Pacific College in Portland for a 7:00 game. Northwest Conference play begins the next weekend as Whitman College and Whitworth College come to town.

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GEORGE FOX 3, COLORADO COLLEGE 2: Bruins Nip Tigers in Nailbiter 3-2

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a match in which every game was in doubt until the very end, the George Fox University Bruins held off the Colorado College Tigers 3-2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10) in a non-conference women's volleyball battle Thursday night (Sept. 27) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The opening game was a nip-and-tuck affair throughout, neither team holding more than a four-point lead before the Bruins prevailed. George Fox appeared to have the second game well in hand with a 22-14 lead at one point, only to have the visitors from Colorado Springs outscore the hosts 16-6 to even the match at a game apiece.

The Bruins again took a big lead in the third game, leading 17-10, but the Tigers scored seven unanswered points to tie it at 17-17. Colorado College never took the lead, however, and the Bruins broke away from a 22-21 margin to score eight of the game's final 12 points.

Game four was the tightest of all, George Fox's early 4-1 lead the biggest either team had. There were 10 ties from 14-14 on before Colorado College squeezed out the last two points.

In the deciding contest, the Bruins raced out to leads of 4-0 and 8-2, only to have the Tigers claw their way back to a 10-10 tie. But Nicole Bostic served for five unanswered points to close out the match for the Bruins.

Bostic led a George Fox attack that hit .226 with 25 kills and a .339 attack percentage, while Heidi Vander Stoep added 15 kills and Shelly Schultens 13. Vander Stoep had a game-high 23 digs, Brandy Mailer added 19, Mindi Cotner dug 18, and Bostic saved 17. Schultens recorded six blocks, and Cotner passed out 53 assists.

Setter Larissa Enns had a rare triple-double for Colorado College, recording 11 kills, 43 assists, and 14 blocks. Christi Smirnoff paced a quintet of Tigers in double figures in kills with 18, Meggan Grant had 16, Sara Boyles 15, and Kristen Coutee 11. Five Tigers also had twin digits in digs, led by Boyles and Anne Griebel with 16 each, and Coutee had six blocks. In another rarity, a second Tiger had double figures in assists, Heather Newby adding 12 passes for kills. Colorado College hit .221 as a team.

George Fox, ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region, is now 9-2, while Colorado College, ranked 6th in the West, slipped to 10-3.

The Bruins return to Northwest Conference action Friday (Sept. 28), hosting Yamhill County rival Linfield College at 7:00 p.m. The Tigers, a D-III independent, continue their Pacific Northwest swing Friday, visiting Pacific University at 3:00 p.m., then remaining in Forest Grove to play Whitworth College at 7:00 p.m.

-- add George Fox-Colorado College box --

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BRUINS OPEN "RALLY SCORING" ERA WITH 3-1 WIN OVER EASTERN OREGON

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a brand-new era of college volleyball, in which "rally scoring" (scoring a point on every serve, rather than just the serving team getting a point) is to be used in every game of a match, the George Fox University Bruins made a successful debut, posting a 3-1 win over the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers Friday afternoon (Aug. 31) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

With setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** sparking the offense with 43 assists and leading the defense with 28 digs, the Bruins won 30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19 and ended a four-game losing streak. The win was the 11th straight for the Bruins over the Mountaineers, whom they had not met since 1997, and raised their series record over Eastern Oregon to 17-2 (since 1988, as far back as current records go).

Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.) led the Bruin attack with 13 kills while hitting .214, and **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** and **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.)** chipped in with 11 kills each. **Bostic** and **Langmade** recorded 18 digs apiece, while **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** dug 14.

The Bruins were also strong at the net, recording 13 blocks, with **Bostic** and **Mailer** assisting on seven, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** had one solo and five assists, and **Bostic** helped block five. **Schultens** also served six aces, **Cotner** four, and **Mailer** three out of the Bruins' total of 18.

Sara Kirby led Eastern Oregon with 13 kills and Elaine McKinstry had 12. Cassie Beyer passed out 41 assists and led a quintet of Mountaineers in double figures in digs with 24.

The Bruins next participate in the Whittier College Tournament Friday-Saturday (Sept. 7-8) in Whittier, Calif.

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11/3 - GEORGE FOX 3, LEWIS & CLARK 0: Grant Gets 450th Coaching Win as Bruins Crunch Pios

NEWBERG, Ore. -- Putting the finishing touches to a season full of surprises and nailing down coach Steve Grant's 450th career win, the George Fox University Bruins posted a 3-0 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in their final regular season women's volleyball match Saturday night (Nov. 3) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

Making extensive use of their bench, the Bruins won 30-18, 30-17, 30-23, finishing with a 19-5 overall record and an 11-5 in Northwest Conference play. Coming off a 7-15 season in 2000 and picked to finish seventh in the pre-season coaches' poll, the Bruins instead ended up in sole possession of third place after Pacific Lutheran University, with whom they had been tied, fell at home to Whitworth College Saturday afternoon.

Lewis & Clark completed a frustrating season in which the Pios lost every match, finishing 0-22 overall and 0-16 in the conference.

George Fox jumped out quickly in the opening game, recording six kills in racing to an 8-1 lead. The Pios got within six points three times but no closer as Heidi Vander Stoep led the Bruins to victory with seven kills in the game.

In game two, Lewis & Clark won the first two points and kept it close until the midway through the contest. With George Fox clinging to only a two-point lead at 14-12, the Bruins went on a 12-2 run to take command, sparked by three kills and a block from Lynette Domench.

The Bruins took control from the start in game three, opening up a 7-1 lead. The Pios closed within three at 16-13 before the Bruins again pulled away to complete the sweep.

Vander Stoep led the way for the Bruins offensively with 10 kills in two games, Brandy Mailer chipped in with 9, and Laura Bonner and Jeni Nelson came off the bench to record 7 and 6 kills respectively. George Fox out-hit Lewis & Clark .241 to .014 in the match.

Mindi Cotner had highs of 15 digs and 33 assists for the Bruins. Backup setter Monica Hill, making her first court appearance this season, replaced Cotner early in the third game and had 9 assists.

Krissy Forry and Alexis Hansen paced the Pioneers with 10 kills and 15 digs apiece, while Ashley Zerr-Smith passed out 22 assists.

The Bruins now await the draw for the NCAA Division III National Championships which begin Nov. 8, but Grant knows the odds are not in his team's favor.

"It would be a great surprise for the selection committee to dig as deep as a third-place team from somewhere, even though we've had a great season and the Northwest Conference is without a doubt one of the strongest in the country," admits Grant, whose 20-year record as a coach, all at George Fox, is 450-271. "Whitworth and Puget Sound are both outstanding teams from our conference who deserve to be in it, and I think they'll have to at least consider us, with some quality wins over teams like Puget Sound and Cal State-Hayward. But there are relatively few at-large bids, and while we're hopeful, we're not counting on it right now."

The brackets for the national tournament will be determined Sunday.

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10/3 - GEORGE FOX 3, LEWIS & CLARK 0: 24th-Ranked Bruins Block Out Pioneers for 4th Straight Win

PORTLAND, Ore. – Showing why they are the Northwest Conference leaders in blocks, the George Fox University Bruins blocked their way to victory with 10 team stuffs in posting a 3-0 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Oct. 3) here at the Pamplin Sports Center.

In sweeping to their fourth straight triumph, the visiting Bruins won by scores of 30-27, 30-18, 30-20 while posting their 20th consecutive victory over the Pioneers.

Leading the defensive effort for the Bruins were Heidi Vander Stoep and Jeni Nelson, each with three block assists, and Shelly Schultens tallied two solo blocks. Nicole Bostic with 23 digs and Mindi Cotner, last week's NWC "Player of the Week", with 13 digs led a Bruin defensive effort that out-dug the Pioneers 73-60. Offensively, George Fox out-hit Lewis & Clark .274 to .029, led by Lacey Langmade, who hit .462, and Laura Bonner with a .429 attack percentage. Bostic had 17 kills as the only Bruin in double figures, while Cotner passed out 33 assists.

Lewis & Clark was led by Jennifer Slaton with 11 kills and 14 digs, and Ashley Zerr-Smith had 16 assists.

Game one was tightly contested with the Bruins escaping with a narrow victory. They would not be seriously challenged in games two and three.

The win pushes George Fox, ranked 24th nationally with eight votes in the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3, to 12-2 on the season and 5-2 in the conference. Lewis & Clark drops to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in the league.

The Bruins visit Pacific University Friday (Oct. 5) in their next NWC match, while the Pioneers are at Linfield College in conference action Friday. Both contests start at 7:00 p.m.

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10/26 - LINFIELD 3, GEORGE FOX 1: Too Many Attack Errors Doom Bruins at Linfield

McMINNVILLE, Ore. - A season-high 41 attack errors and a hitting percentage of only .080, their second-lowest of the season, doomed the George Fox University Bruins to a 3-1 setback at the hands of the Linfield College Wildcats in Northwest Conference women's volleyball Friday night (Oct. 26) here at Ted Wilson Gym.

After taking the opener 30-22, the Bruins fell 27-30, 21-30, 27-30, splitting the season's two-game series with their Yamhill County rivals.

The Wildcats had to overcome a terrific individual performance by George Fox's Nicole Bostic, who accounted for a match-high 20 kills and 37 digs. Heidi Vander Stoep had 14 kills and 29 digs, Shelly Schultens added 14 kills, and Mindi Cotner had 29 digs and 51 assists for the Bruins, but the Bruins made 26 errors in the last two games to spoil the effort.

Linfield's front line of Sara Kaiser, Andrea Beck, and Krista Gardinier all reached double figures in kills in the closely-contested match. Kaiser totaled 14 kills and five block assists while Beck contributed 13 kills, 25 digs and four service aces. Gardinier came up with 10 kills, 17 digs and two aces. Katie Leitheiser picked up 27 assists while backup Kate Peterson had a dozen.

The Wildcats (11-17, 8-5 NWC) pulled even with the Bruins (16-5, 8-5 NWC) in the league standings with two matches remaining in the regular season. George Fox returns home to take on Pacific Lutheran University Saturday (Oct. 27), while Linfield hosts first-place University of Puget Sound Saturday. Both matches are at 7:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX 3, LINFIELD 0: Vander Stoep Sparks Bruins to 3-0 Sweep of Wildcats

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Heidi Vander Stoep is listed on the George Fox University roster as both an outside hitter and a defensive specialist, and she showed off both sides of her game Friday night (Sept. 28) here at the Wheeler Sports Center, sparking the Bruins to a 3-0 sweep of the Linfield College Wildcats in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match.

Vander Stoep totaled 15 kills, including seven in the second game, and picked up 21 digs, all game highs, as the Bruins prevailed over their Yamhill County rivals 30-26, 30-21, 30-24.

Though George Fox swept the match, all three games were tight until the Bruins pulled away late in each. In the opener, neither team had more than a three-point lead until the Bruins managed a 28-24 lead and hung on to win. It was the same story in the second game until Vander Stoep served the final six points of the contest, with the Bruins winning the final three points on blocks by Shelly Schultens. In the finale, it was no more than a two-point game until the home team took a 16-13 lead, and the Bruins gradually stretched the margin to as many as seven at 25-18 before sealing the win.

Schultens and Brandy Mailer chipped in with 10 kills apiece for the Bruins, and Lynette Domench added eight kills while hitting .538, with only one error in 14 attacks. As a team, George Fox out-hit Linfield .215 to .132. Defensively, the Bruins came up with 85 digs, over 28 a game, with Nicole Bostic adding 16 and Mailer and Mindi Cotner 14 to Vander Stoep's total. Cotner had 46 assists.

Sara Kaiser was the only Wildcat in double figures in kills with 10, hitting .474 with only one error in 19 attacks, and had a match-high five blocks. Andrea Beck and Liz McClung had 14 digs each, while Katie Leitheiser added 10 digs and 24 assists.

George Fox, ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region, is now 10-2 overall and 3-2 in the conference, while Linfield, ranked 8th in the West, slipped to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the league.

The Bruins are back in conference action Saturday (Sept. 29), visiting Pacific Lutheran University (10-2, NWC 4-1), ranked 3rd in the West, at 7:00 p.m. The Wildcats visit the University of Puget Sound Saturday, also at 7:00 p.m. in conference play.

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11/2 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Lead All the Way in 3-0 Sweep of Pacific

NEWBERG, Ore. - Never trailing at any point in the match, the George Fox University Bruins swept past the Pacific University Boxers 3-0 in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night (Nov. 2) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins posted scores of 30-21, 30-21, 30-22 in recording their 12th straight win over the Boxers. Heidi Vander Stoep did the most damage on offense for the Bruins, recording 18 kills, including eight in the opening game, while hitting .366. Brandy Mailer added seven kills while hitting .438 as George Fox out-hit Pacific .209 to .075. Mindi Cotner sparked the Bruin attack with 47 assists.

Defensively, Mailer led four Bruins in double figures in digs with 19, followed by Cotner with 16, Vander Stoep with 15, and Angie Frank with 11. Shelly Schultens, the NWC leader in blocks, had five in only two games.

Rachel Larson had 13 kills to pace the Boxers, while Kelsey Savage had 16 digs, Chrissi Beck 15, Larson 14, and Heather Klos 11. Kylie Olson posted 27 assists.

George Fox jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the opener behind two kills by Vander Stoep and a kill and two blocks by Schultens. Pacific got within two at 8-6, but the Bruins gradually pulled away and scored eight of the final 11 points.

The Bruins again took a 6-1 lead early in the second game and eventually stretched it to as many as 11 at 23-12. The Boxers went on a 7-1 run to cut the George Fox lead to 24-19, but that was as close as the visitors would get.

Game three saw the Bruins out in front quickly once more at 5-1, only to have the Boxers take advantage two Bruin service errors and an attack error to get within one at 7-6. However, the home team righted itself with four straight kills, two by Mailer and two by Jeni Nelson, to regain momentum and go on to complete the sweep.

George Fox is now 18-5 overall and 10-5 in the conference, while Pacific is 3-18 overall and 3-12 in the league. The regular season concludes for both teams Saturday (Nov. 3) as the Bruins host winless Lewis & Clark College at 7:00 p.m., and the Boxers entertain Willamette University Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

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10/5 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Overcome Slow Start to Bounce Boxers 3-0

FOREST GROVE, Ore. – Overcoming a sluggish start that nearly cost them the first game, the George Fox University Bruins recovered in time to post a 3-0 decision over the Pacific University Boxers in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night (Oct. 5) here at the Pacific Athletic Center.

The Bruins posted their fifth straight victory by scores of 33-31, 30-23, 30-14, finally getting things together after trailing most of the first game. Pacific actually served for game point on two occasions in game one, at 29-28 and 31-30, before the Bruins battled back to win. The Boxers kept pace in the first part of the second game, but five straight points gave George Fox a 17-12 lead and the Bruins gradually pulled away. In game three, the Bruins charged ahead early, taking a 20-9 lead, and never looked back.

Too many attack errors have been Pacific's story all season, and the George Fox match was no different as the Boxers made 42 errors to only 30 kills and hit -.079 for the match. The Bruins hit .126, with 36 kills and 21 errors. The Bruins also demonstrated superior defense, with 70 digs to 58 for the Boxers, and seven blocks to three for the hosts.

Shelly Schultens paced the Bruins with 12 kills and four blocks, while Mindi Cotner passed out 30 assists and had 22 digs. Angie Frank helped out defensively also with 18 digs.

Lindsey Jacobsen had seven kills for the Boxers, while Rachel Larson had 17 digs and Kylie Olson had 28 assists.

The Bruins, ranked 24th in the AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3 and 3rd in the West Region, are now 13-2 overall and 6-2 in the conference, while the Boxers fell to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in league play.

George Fox hosts Warner Pacific College Wednesday (Oct. 10) at 7:00 p.m. in their final non-conference match of the season. Pacific is on the road for the next three games, starting with a 7:00 p.m. NWC clash Saturday (Oct. 6) at Linfield College.

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10/27 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC LUTHERAN 2: Bruins Go to Rare 5th Game to Hold Off Lutes

NEWBERG, Ore. - Only three times all season had the George Fox University Bruins had a match go to a decisive fifth game, but Saturday night (Oct. 27) here at the Wheeler Sports Center, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes pushed them that far before the Bruins prevailed in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action.

The Bruins hung on for a 30-21, 24-30, 30-26, 25-30, 15-9 win, completing a season's sweep of the Lutes. George Fox took the first game as Nicole Bostic led the way with seven kills in the game. In game two, the Bruins jumped out to an 8-3 lead, only to have the Lutes rally and finally put the game away by scoring the final six points after breaking a 24-24 tie.

Shelly Schultens had five kills and three blocks in the third game to give the Bruins a 2-1 edge in games, and the home team built up an 11-7 lead in game four before the Lutes again bounced back. Leading only 23-21, the Lutes' Julie Locke ran off a string of five straight kills to give her team the edge and even the match at 2-2.

Taking a 5-2 lead in the fifth game, the Bruins got a boost when PLU coach Kevin Aoki was handed a red card for arguing too strenuously on a call on a kill by Bostic, resulting in a sixth point being awarded to George Fox. The Bruins stretched the lead to as many as eight points at 11-3 before the Lutes recovered and cut the lead to 12-8, but a kill by Heid Vander Stoep, a block by Schultens, and a final kill by Schultens ended the hard-fought match.

Bostic had 22 kills, Vander Stoep 17, and Schultens 15 to pace the Bruins, who out-hit the Lutes .235 to .158. Mindi Cotner had 35 digs and Brandy Mailer 29 to lead the George Fox defensive effort, and the Bruins also blocked 15 shots for winners, maintaining their status as the league leaders in that category. Schultens had 10 blocks. Cotner, who is 16th in the nation in assists per game, finished with a career-high 62 passes for winners.

Locke with 19 kills, Annie Rolph and Holly Nottingham with 13, and Aimee Sloboden with 11 were the top attackers for PLU. Nicole Snyder had 26 digs and Cailyn Akers 21 for the Lutes, while Jenne Heu-Weller handed out 54 assists.

George Fox is now 17-5 overall and 9-5 in the conference, while Pacific Lutheran is 16-6 overall and also 9-5 in league play.

The Bruins host Pacific University and the Lutes entertain Whitman College Friday (Nov. 2), both matches at 7:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC LUTHERAN 1: Surging Bruins Swamp Lutes 3-1 Behind Bostic's Big Night

TACOMA, Wash. --- Nicole Bostic posted 19 kills and made 36 digs, leading the surging George Fox University Bruins to a 3-1 win over the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Saturday night (Sept. 29) here at Olson Auditorium.

The Bruins won 30-27, lost 28-30, then won 30-28, 30-21, in a match that featured numerous long rallies. In just four games, the teams combined for 474 attacks (GFU 235, PLU 239) and made 247 digs (GFU 125, PLU 122).

Shelly Schultens added 12 kills and 6 blocks, Brandy Mailer had 12 kills and 26 digs, and Mindi Cotner passed out 51 assists to aid the Bruin cause. Heidi Vander Stoep and Heather Peebles were also in on the Bruins' big defensive night with 19 and 10 digs respectively, and Lynette Domench added 4 blocks.

Aimee Sloboden led the Lutes with 18 kills, while Holy Nottingham chipped in with 14 and Julie Locke added 13. Jen Edwards had 25 digs to pace PLU, with Cailyn Akers, Annie Rolph, and Jenne Heu-Weller digging 21 apiece. Heu-Weller had 51 assists.

The Bruins came into the contest ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region while PLU was ranked 3rd in the West. George Fox, with three straight wins, is now 11-2 overall and 4-2 in the conference, while Pacific Lutheran slipped to 10-3 overall and 4-2 in the league.

The Bruins visit Lewis & Clark College in Portland Wednesday night (Oct. 3) at 7:00 p.m., while the Lutes head for Whitman College Friday (Oct. 5) for a 7:00 p.m. match.

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10/20 - GEORGE FOX 3, PUGET SOUND 1: Bruins End No. 11 UPS Conference Win String at 26

NEWBERG, Ore. – Playing the role of “spoiler” to perfection, the George Fox University Bruins stunned the 11th-ranked University of Puget Sound 3-1 in a Northwest Conference women’s volleyball match Saturday night (Oct. 20) here at the Wheeler Sports Center, snapping the Loggers’ streak of 26 consecutive conference wins.

The Bruins won 30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 30-25 in handing the Loggers their first conference defeat since the end of the 1999 season. UPS was a perfect 16-0 in winning the 2000 NWC title and was 10-0 this season before George Fox pulled off the upset.

The first-game was a nip-and-tuck affair, neither team holding more than a two-point lead until the Bruins’ Heidi Vander Stoep broke a 23-23 tie with a kill, starting a string of four unanswered points that pushed the Bruins to a 27-23 lead. The Loggers rallied for a 28-28 tie behind two kills from Karen Elmgren, but Vander Stoep and Shelly Schultens responded with kills to win it for the Bruins.

Puget Sound took swift control of the second game, jumping out to leads of 5-1 and 14-5, but the Bruins answered with a 7-1 run that got them within 15-12. The Loggers pulled away after that, however.

Game three was another tight one, the final 30-26 score equaling the biggest lead either team had. Leading only 26-25, the Bruins took advantage of two attack errors by the Loggers and a block and a kill by Schultens to complete the win.

After breaking away from a 9-9 tie on two more hitting errors by the Loggers, the Bruins led the rest of the fourth game, but Puget Sound stayed close as Adriane Ougendal had nine kills to keep her team in the game. Holding a slim 25-23 lead, Brandy Mailer came up with two big kills, Jeni Nelson blocked an attack for a winner, and Mindi Cotner and Nelson teamed up for another critical block that made it 29-24 Bruins. After a kill by Ougendal, the match ended when UPS setter Trish Kawamoto slid under the net trying to set up an attack.

Schultens finished with 16 kills, Vander Stoep 15, and Nicole Bostic 13 for the Bruins, who hit .237 to .247 for the Loggers. Vander Stoep had 25 digs and Bostic 23 to lead a quintet of Bruins in double figures in digs, while Schultens had six blocks. Cotner passed out 54 assists.

Ougendal led the Loggers with 26 kills, Elmgren added 21, and Tera Anderson had 14. Anderson with 26 digs and Ougendal with 23 were the UPS leaders, while Megan Apperson had 44 assists and Kawamoto 18.

George Fox is now 16-4 overall and 8-4 in the conference, while Puget Sound is 13-3 overall and 10-1 in the league.

The Bruins visit Linfield College Friday (Oct. 26) for a 7:00 p.m. match against their Yamhill County rivals. The Loggers travel crosstown in Tacoma Tuesday (Oct. 23) to play Pacific Lutheran University at 7:00 p.m. in their next match.

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PUGET SOUND 3, GEORGE FOX 0: Bruins Fall to UPS in Battle of Nationally-Rated Teams

TACOMA, Wash. --- In a fast and furious contest that was even closer than the scores indicated, the University of Puget Sound Loggers held off the 16th-ranked George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball battle Saturday night (Sept. 22) here at Memorial Fieldhouse.

The Loggers, defending NWC champions and pre-season picks to repeat, stretched their winning streak in conference matches to 19 in a row with a 32-30, 30-27, 30-25 win over the Bruins. George Fox was 16th in the nation with 73 votes in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III poll of Sept. 19 on the strength of a 7-1 start. UPS was 24th with 32 points.

In game one, no more than three points separated the two teams until the Loggers opened up the lead to 24-19. The Bruins came charging back behind the hitting of Heidi Vander Stoep, who had seven kills in the game, to take a 30-29 lead. The Loggers battled back behind the arm of Karen Elmgren and solid serving to win game one 32-30. Megan Apperson collected 14 assists in the game for UPS.

Game two saw the Bruins jump on the Loggers early and take an 8-2 lead behind Nicole Bostic's four kills and Shelly Schultens' three kills. Logger coach Mark Massey made the move to Trisha Kawamoto as the setter and she directed the Logger comeback. Point by point UPS climbed back into the game as Adriane Ougendal came to life with five kills, Tera Anderson had seven, and Jessica Davis added four. Puget Sound out-hit the Bruins .288% to .184%.

Game three was reminiscent of game one, with the two teams battling for point after point. The Loggers turned the corner behind Sarah Hesseltine, who served six straight points to give the Loggers a commanding 27-21 lead. Puget Sound finished out the game and match by winning game three 30-25.

The Loggers collected 60 kills, hitting at a .263 clip while the Bruins had 42 kills and hit .171%. Elmgren (15 kills and 10 digs) and Ougendal (13 kills and 14 digs) were influential in the Puget Sound victory. The Loggers also got a solid performance from Anderson (11 kills) and superb setting from Kawamoto (33 assists).

Vander Stoep led the Bruins with 12 kills and Bostic collected 10. The Loggers amassed 55 assists in the match to the Bruins' 35. Mindi Cotner had 29 assists and 15 digs for the Bruins.

The Loggers moved to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in the NWC, while George Fox now stands at 8-2 overall and 2-2 in the NWC. The Loggers host Pacific Lutheran University on Tuesday (Sept. 25), with the match beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Bruins return home Thursday (Sept. 26) to face Colorado College in a 7:00 p.m. non-conference match.

-- add George Fox-Puget Sound box --

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10/10 - GEORGE FOX 3, WARNER PACIFIC 0: Bruins Knock Knights Out 3-0 for 6th Win in a Row

NEWBERG, Ore. -- Stretching their winning streak to six in a row, the George Fox University Bruins swept the Warner Pacific College Knights 3-0 in a non-conference women's volleyball match Wednesday night (Oct. 10) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins posted wins of 30-16, 30-22, 30-13, trailing only briefly at 0-1 to start the first two games. George Fox out-hit Warner Pacific .239 to .008 as the Knights made 25 attack errors. The Bruins had 45 kills to only 26 for the Knights, and served 11 aces, four by Angie Frank.

Nicole Bostic led the George Fox offense with 10 kills as the Bruins played their whole roster and spread the attacks around. Shelly Schultens added nine kills, while Jeni Nelson and Laura Bonner came off the bench to add eight and six kills respectively. Nelson hit .500 for the game and Bonner .429. The two subs were particularly effective in the clinching game as they combined for nine kills in a 14-2 run that gave the Bruins a 27-11 lead and firm control of the match.

Schultens had six block assists and Mindi Cotner had 13 digs to lead the Bruin defense, while Cotner passed out 36 assists.

Becki Brush was the pace-setter for Warner Pacific with 10 kills. Brush, Lori Barton, and Shannon Miller had eight digs each, and Beth Rector recorded five block assists. Devon Amidon had 21 assists.

The Bruins, who received nine votes in the AVCA/NCAA Division III poll released today, which would place them 25th in the country, are now 14-2 on the season, while the Knights remained winless at 0-15.

George Fox returns to Northwest Conference action this weekend with a trip to eastern Washington, starting with a Friday night (Oct. 12) encounter with Whitman College. Game time is 7:00 p.m. in Walla Walla.

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Bruins Make It Six in a Row with 3-1 Win at Warner Pacific

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Sparked by 14 kills from Heidi Vander Stoep and 13 by Brandy Mailer and a defense that recorded 23 blocks, the George Fox University Bruins defeated the Warner Pacific College Knights 3-1 in a non-conference women's volleyball match Wednesday night (Sept. 13) here at C.C. Perry Gymnasium.

The Bruins, winning 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17, stretched their season-opening winning streak to six in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Knights dropped to 0-6 on the season.

Mailer had 13 kills and only one error for a .364 attack percentage while Vander Stoep, with 14 kills and four errors, hit .357. Lynette Domench had eight solo blocks while Shelly Schultens chipped in with six solos and one block assist. Setter Mindi Cotner passed out 49 assists and had a game-high 18 digs on defense.

Lori Barton was the only Knight in double figures in kills with 17, but the Knights were plagued by too many offensive mistakes, making 49 errors and hitting a minus-.028.

The Bruins begin Northwest Conference play Friday (Sept. 14), hosting the Whitman College Missionaries (2-5) at 7:00 p.m.

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10/12 - WHITMAN 3, GEORGE FOX 2: Bruins Drop 3-2 Match at Whitman after Taking 2-0 Lead

WALLA WALLA, Wash. - Down two games to none to the George Fox University Bruins, the Whitman College Missionaries bounced back from the brink of oblivion to stun the Bruins 3-2 in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match Friday night (Oct. 12) here at the Sherwood Center.

George Fox took the first two games rather handily, 30-24, 30-24, only to have the Missionaries squeeze out wins of 30-27, 32-30, then clinch the match 15-11 in the fifth.

Shelly Schultens led the Bruins offensively with an outstanding night, hitting .409 with a match-high 23 kills. Heidi Vander Stoep added 14 kills, Nicole Bostic 13, and Brandy Mailer 10, while Mindi Cotner had 51 assists. On defense, Schultens led the way with nine blocks as the Bruins racked up 19 stuffs as a team, with Cotner contributing to seven blocks and Lynette Domench to five. Bostic led a quintet of Bruins in digs with 27, followed by Cotner and Vander Stoep with 24 each, Mailer with 15, and Angie Frank with 14.

Jill Huber topped the Missionaries with 20 kills and Denise Kirstein added 19. Kirstein had 26 digs as six Whitman players were in double figures, while Claire Novotny passed out 62 assists. Huber also served six aces.

The Bruins, ranked 25th in the nation and 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region, dropped to 14-3 overall and 6-3 in the conference as their six-game winning streak came to an end. The Missionaries climbed to 5-12 overall and 3-6 in the league.

George Fox continues its eastern Washington swing with a visit to 17th-ranked Whitworth College Saturday (Oct. 13), taking on the Pirates in an afternoon contest at 2:00 p.m. Whitman hosts Willamette University Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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Bruins Drop Missionaries in NWC Action for 7th Straight Win

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Middle blocker Shelly Schultens hit .421 with 11 kills and eight blocks on defense, and Brandy Mailer hit .450 with 10 kills, leading the George Fox University Bruins past the Whitman College Missionaries 3-0 in the Northwest Conference lidlifter for both teams Friday night (Sept. 14) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins, winning 30-21, 30-25, 30-10, stretched their season-opening winning streak to seven in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Missionaries dropped to 2-6 after having their two-game winning streak snap. George Fox is now 11-2 lifetime against Whitman and 7-0 in Newberg.

George Fox pulled away late to win the first two games before dominating the third game. The opener was close, the Bruins holding only a 19-17 edge, before outscoring the Missionaries 11-4 to close out the 30-21 win. In the second game, Whitman fought back from an 18-12 deficit to tie it at 22-22, but Schultens served two of her three aces in 6-0 run that gave the home team a comfortable 29-23 margin before the game ended. In the finale, Angie Frank had a pair of aces in a 7-0 run that gave George Fox an early 8-1 lead and control the game.

Heidi Vander Stoep led all attackers with 12 kills, while the Bruins hit .298 as a team to only .122 for the Missionaries. Vander Stoep and Mailer had 15 digs apiece while Frank and Mindi Cotner had 11 each, and Cotner passed out 42 assists.

For Whitman, Jill Huber had 10 kills and 10 digs, Megan Bessette added 10 digs, and Claire Novotny had 25 assists.

The Bruins return to NWC action Saturday (Sept. 15), hosting the Whitworth College Pirates (8-1, NWC 1-0), 3-0 winners at Willamette University Friday, in a match set at 1:00 p.m. for travel considerations for the visitors. The Missionaries visit Willamette Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

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Bruins Win Both Matches on First Day of Whittier Tournament

WHITTIER, Calif. --- Stretching their season-opening winning streak to three, the George Fox University Bruins posted wins over California State University-Hayward and host Whittier College on the first day of action in the Whittier Women's Volleyball Tournament here Friday (Sept. 7).

In their first match of the day, the Bruins came back twice to defeat the CSU-Hayward Pioneers 3-2, with scores of 26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9. The second win was a bit easier as the Bruins prevailed 3-0 over the Whittier Poets, though all the games were close at 30-28, 30-23, 30-26.

George Fox is now 3-0 on the season. The Bruins continue play Saturday (Sept. 8), taking on Pomona-Pitzer Colleges at 11:00 a.m. and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 4:00 p.m.

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10/13 - WHITWORTH 3, GEORGE FOX 2: No. 18 Pirates Ransack No. 25 Bruins in Three Straight

SPOKANE, Wash. - Led by Julie Weatherred's 20 kills, the 18th-ranked Whitworth College Pirates posted a 3-0 sweep over the 25th-ranked George Fox University Bruins in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match Saturday afternoon (Oct. 13) here at the Whitworth Fieldhouse.

In recording 30-23, 30-21, 30-25 wins, the Pirates out-hit the Bruins .204 to .068 during the match, led by Weatherred's .444 hitting percentage. Kristen Turner added 12 kills for Whitworth, with Nicole Weedman passing out 41 assists. Weatherred also had a game-high 12 digs.

George Fox, the top blocking team in the NWC, stayed in the match by out-blocking the Pirates 11-4, with Shelly Schultens posting a game-high seven blocks. Heidi Vander Stoep was the only Bruin in double figures in kills with 11, and Mindi Cotner had 28 assists. Vander Stoep and Nicole Bostic had 11 digs and Cotner added 10.

The Bruins led for much of the early portion of game one. A kill by Vander Stoep gave George Fox a 12-8 lead, but Whitworth rallied with a 10-1 run to take a 18-13 advantage. Whitworth never trailed in game two, leading by six to eight points for most of the game. The Pirates came out strong in the third game with an 11-4 run, benefiting from four Bruin attack errors during the run. A kill by Lindsey Wagstaff gave the Bucs a 20-12 advantage, but George Fox pulled to within 24-20 on a block by Cotner and Lynette Domench. That was the last rally the Bruins could muster, however.

George Fox dropped its second in a row to fall to 14-4 overall and 6-4 in the NWC, while Whitworth improved to 16-4 overall and 9-1 in the league.

The Bruins return home to host Willamette University Wednesday (Oct. 17), while the Pirates hit the road next weekend for the first time since September, heading to Lewis & Clark College on Friday (Oct. 19). Both NWC matches are at 7:00 p.m.

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Powerful Pirates Hand Bruins First Loss in 3-0 Sweep

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a meeting between the Northwest Conference's leading team in kills and the top team in digs and blocks, offense overpowered defense as the Whitworth College Pirates swept the George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in women's volleyball action Saturday afternoon (Sept. 15) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

In winning 30-25, 34-32, 30-18, the Pirates ended the George Fox season-opening win streak at seven while stretching their own current string to six. George Fox is now 7-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference, while Whitworth improves to 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the league.

The first two games were nip-and-tuck all the way, particularly the critical second game in which the Bruins held a narrow lead most of the way and had a chance to win it at 29-27. But the Pirates rallied to tie it and eventually pull out the 34-32 win, then jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the third game and maintained a comfortable margin to the end.

Coming into the match, Whitworth led the NWC in kills per game (16.08) and was second in hitting pct. (.290), while George Fox owned the top league mark in digs (24.28) and blocks (3.28). The Pirates did nothing to hurt their numbers, hitting .311 with 56 kills, while the Bruins hit only .197 with 45 kills. Defensively, George Fox managed only 53 digs (17.7 per game, almost seven below its average), and had only four blocks the entire match.

Julie Weatherred had 18 kills while hitting .444 to lead the Pirates, Lindsey Wagstaff had 13, and Abby Jo Hornstein 10. Weatherred had a match-high 20 digs, while Nicole Weedman passed out 50 assists.

For George Fox, Shelly Schultens had 11 kills and Heidi Vander Stoep and Brandy Mailer had 10 each. Vander Stoep hit .421 and Mailer hit .385 with no errors. Mindi Cotner led the Bruins with 13 digs and 40 assists.

George Fox plays its first conference road match next, visiting Willamette University Wednesday (Sept. 19), while Whitworth goes home to host Lewis & Clark College in NWC action Friday (Sept. 21). Both matches are set for 7:00 p.m.

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10/17 - GEORGE FOX 3, WILLAMETTE 0: Bruins Return to Winning Ways with 3-0 Sweep of Bearcats

NEWBERG, Ore. – Bouncing back from a tough two-game trip to eastern Washington, the George Fox University played a well-rounded game in handing the Willamette University Bearcats a 3-0 blanking in Northwest Conference women's volleyball Wednesday night (Oct. 17) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins were clicking on all cylinders in posting 30-27, 30-23, 30-20 wins over the Bearcats, completing a season sweep of the two-match series. As a team, George Fox hit .252 in the three games to .151 for Willamette, out-dug the visitors 79-70, and out-blocked the Bearcats 12 to 6.

Heidi Vander Stoep and Shelly Schultens led the Bruins with 13 kills apiece, Vander Stoep recording 11 of those in the second game alone. Nicole Bostic chipped in with 10. Bostic and Mindi Cotner had 18 digs each, and , Brandy Mailer added 17. Schultens was in on six blocks and Lynette Domench on five, while Cotner passed out 45 assists.

Jenni Linden was the only Bearcats in double figures in kills with 11. Jaimi Tautfest had 16 digs and Kristen Halleck had 15, while Jodi Zaffino handed out 20 assists and Diana Chamberlain 12.

George Fox jumped out to a 7-2 lead to start the match, but the Bearcats hung around and went to 23-21 with a five-point spurt, sparked by three service aces from Linden. But two kills by Vander Stoep around one by Domench got the Bruins rolling again toward the 30-27 first-game victory.

In the second game, the Bruins trailed 6-7 but took control with a 10-2 run, Vander Stoep collecting five or her 11 kills in the game in that stretch. In the finale, the Bruins never trailed, but pulled away late from a narrow 16-14 lead to take 14 of the final 20 points.

Snapping a short two-game losing streak, the Bruins improved to 15-4 overall and 7-4 in the conference, while Willamette dropped to 5-11 overall and 2-9 in league play.

George Fox hosts 12th-ranked University of Puget Sound Saturday (Oct. 20) at 7:00 p.m. Willamette welcomes Pacific Lutheran University Friday (Oct. 19), also at 7:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX 3, WILLAMETTE 1: Bruins Bash Bearcats 3-1 Behind Balanced Attack

SALEM, Ore. --- Nicole Bostic, Shelly Schultens and Brandy Mailer combined for 42 kills, leading the George Fox University Bruins past the Willamette University Bearcats 3-1 in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Sept. 19) here at the Cone Field House.

Rebounding from a 3-0 loss on Saturday at home to Whitworth that snapped their season-opening seven-game winning streak, the Bruins triumphed 30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19. Bostic led George Fox with 16 kills and added a match-high 23 digs, Schultens added 14 kills and three service aces, while Mailer contributed 12 kills and 17 digs. GFU setter Mindi Cotner had 22 digs to go along with 47 assists.

The home-standing Bearcats got a match-high 20 kills from Jenni Linden, but as a team, Willamette hit just .097 compared to .268 for the Bruins. Linden also had two total blocks and teammate Crystal DeMello chipped in with 13 kills and a pair of service aces.

With the victory, the Bruins improved to 8-1 overall and 2-1 in the NWC, while the Bearcats fell to 2-2 and 1-2 in the league.

George Fox continues on the road Saturday (Sept. 22), visiting pre-season NWC favorite and nationally-ranked University of Puget Sound for a 7:00 p.m. match in Tacoma, Wash. Willamette visits Pacific Lutheran University Friday (Sept. 21) for a 7:00 p.m. contest.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

*** Award Winners Announced for 2001 Season**

12/10 – AWARD WINNERS: Bruins Announce Honors for 2001 Volleyball Season

NEWBERG, Ore. – First Team All-Northwest Conference setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., Keizer, Ore.)** captured team Most Valuable Player honors for the George Fox University Bruins, highlighting the list of award winners for the 2001 women's volleyball season as announced recently by coach **Steve Grant**.

Other award winners included **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** for Best Offensive Player; **Brandi Mailer (Sr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** for Best Defensive Player; **Jeni Nelson (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.)** for Most Improved Player; and **Heidi Vander Stoop (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)** for Most Inspirational Player.

Cotner was an integral part of the Bruins' climb from 7-15 the year before to 19-5 and a third-place finish in the conference at 11-5. She led the team in assists (1,022), assists per game (11.88 apg), digs (433), and was second in digs per game (5.03), and contributed 54 kills while hitting .268, with 16 aces and 47 blocks (8 solo, 39 assisted). She was second in the conference in both assists and digs, and was NWC "Player of the Week" Sept. 17-23. She ranked 17th in the nation in assists per game and 23rd in digs per game.

Cotner's 11.88 apg was the second-best in single-season GFU history only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 in 1998, her 1,022 assists were the fourth-best in a single season, and her 433 digs were sixth-best. Her digs average of 5.03 would have broken the previous record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, had **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** not had a record-setting 5.13 average this season as well. She ranks fifth in career assists at George Fox (2,483) and seventh in digs (917).

Schultens led the team and conference in blocks (118, 53 solo, 65 assisted) and blocks per game (1.53) conference and was 21st nationally. She also led the team in service aces (35 total, 0.45 sapg), a figure which ranked fifth in the NWC. She was second on the team in hitting pct. (.218), third in kills (249), kills per game (3.23), and total attacks (618), and had 113 digs and 10 assists. Her 113 blocks and 1.53 bpg each rank as the seventh-best single-season numbers at GFU, while her 0.45 aces average tied for 10th-best in a season. On the career lists, she stands fourth in blocks (266) and 10th in aces (86).

Mailer bounced back from health problems that prevented her from playing last season to have an outstanding year both offensively and defensively. She led the team with a .239 attack percentage, recording 191 kills, and was second on the team with 64 assists and 23 service aces. She was third in blocks with 49 and in digs with 346, and ranked 4th in the Northwest Conference in digs (4.32) and 12th in blocks (.059). In her career, she had 223 career kills, 97 assists, 43 aces, 77 blocks, and 714 digs, which ranks 11th on the all-time list at George Fox.

Nelson showed she will be a important force on the team for the next two years by contributing 56 kills, 29 blocks (8 solo, 21 assisted), 15 digs, and 3 assists in 19 matches and 39 games. She hit .179 while starting four of those matches.

Vander Stoop, always a top-notch defensive player, stepped forward this year to become one of the team's top offensive threats as well. She was second on the team in total kills with 244 and in kills per game at 3.34, ranking 10th in the Northwest Conference. Defensively, she continued to sparkle, with 321 digs on the season, fourth on the team. Her digs per game average of 4.22 was sixth in the conference. She also had 14 blocks, 18 aces, and 10 assists. In her four-year career, she had 347 kills, 684 digs, 69 assists, 41 aces, and 48 blocks.

Coach **Grant** completed his 20th season as the head coach of the Bruins with a 450-271 record. Entering the season, he ranked 16th on the all-time winning list of active NCAA Division III coaches.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 19-5: Home 10-1, Road 6-4, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 11-5: Home 7-1, Road 4-4)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Cotner Named to Academic All-District VIII Second Team

Where Bruins Rank in National Stats

11/16 - ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA:

Bruins' Cotner Named to District VIII Academic All-America 2nd Team

NEWBERG, Ore. – Mindi Cotner, George Fox University's outstanding setter, has been named to the 2001 Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division Women's Volleyball All-District VIII Second Team as announced by district voting coordinator Hope Wagner of Elmhurst College.

Cotner, a junior who played high school ball at Rogue River, Ore., but now lives in Keizer, Ore., is an elementary education major who has compiled a 3.83 grade point average in her first two years at George Fox. On the court, she sparked the Bruins to a 19-5 record and earned First Team All-Northwest Conference honors. She led the Bruins in assists (1,022), assists per game (11.88 apg), digs (433), and was second in digs per game (5.03), and contributed 54 kills while hitting .268, with 16 aces and 47 blocks (8 solo, 39 assisted). She was second in the conference in both assists and digs, and was NWC "Player of the Week" Sept. 17-23. In the latest NCAA national stats (thru Nov. 4), she ranked 17th in the nation in assists per game and 23rd in digs per game.

Cotner's 11.88 apg was the 2nd-best in single-season GFU history only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 in 1998, her 1,022 assists were the 4th-best in a single season, and her 433 digs were 6th-best. Her digs average of 5.03 would have broken the previous record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, had **Nicole Bostic** not had a record-setting 5.13 average this season as well. She ranks 5th in career assists at George Fox (2,483) and 7th in digs (917).

First Team members, who are placed on the ballot for national Academic All-America honors, were Angela Igoe of Lewis-Clark State, Tiffany Massey and Janelle Veith of Alaska-Anchorage, Amy Pope of California State-San Bernardino, Laura Santerre of California-San Diego, and Andrea Wean of Hawaii Pacific.

Joining **Cotner** on the Second Team were Liz Bishop of Western Washington, Jenne Heu-Weller of Pacific Lutheran, Carly Merkel of Albertson, Bree Pollard of Oregon Tech, and Kristen Soliz of California State-San Bernardino.

District VIII Academic All-America teams are voted on by members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii, California, Nevada, and Utah. The College Division teams are comprised of all schools in NCAA Divisions II and III, the NAIA, and the NCCAA.

This year marks the 50th year of the Academic All-America program and the second year of sponsorship by Verizon. More than 12,000 student-athletes have been named Academic All-America team members at all levels. The program's popularity has resulted in a significant expansion for the current year, and 816 student-athletes – a 19 percent increase over the previous high number – will be selected to 12 different Academic All-America teams during the 2001-02 academic year.

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11/16 – NCAA STATS: Bruins Listed Among Leaders in Latest National Stats

NEWBERG, Ore. – Several George Fox University women's volleyball players and the Bruins as a team were among the national leaders in the latest NCAA Division III national statistics (thru Nov. 4 – final stats will be released after the national championships are completed).

As a team, **George Fox** ranked 9th in digs (24.34 dpg), 20th in assists (13.36 apg), and 22nd in kills (14.85 kpg).

Individually, **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** ranked 17th in assists (11.91 apg) and 23rd in digs (5.05); **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** was 20th in digs (5.12 dpg); and **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** was 21st in blocks (1.54 bpg).

George Fox led the Northwest Conference this year in digs and blocks (2.70 bpg), and was 3rd in assists (13.36 apg) and 4th in kills (14.85). Cotner was 2nd in the NWC in both digs and assists, Bostic was 1st in digs, and Schultens was 1st in blocks.

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Grant Earns 450th Career Win as Bruins Finish 3rd in NWC
Vander Stoep Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"
Players, Team Set New Records

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Nov. 2 - at George Fox 3, Pacific University 0 (30-21, 30-21, 30-22)

Nov. 3 - at George Fox 3, Lewis & Clark 0 (30-18, 30-17, 30-23)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Final Regular Season Standings

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
*Whitworth Pirates (2)	14-2	.875	-	46/9	21-5	.808	71/18
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	14-2	.875	-	45/14	17-4	.810	54/22
George Fox Bruins (7)	11-5	.688	3	36/20	19-5	.792	60/26
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	10-6	.625	4	36/23	17-7	.708	58/30
Linfield Wildcats (4)	10-6	.625	4	33/23	13-8	.619	45/30
Whitman Missionaries (5)	6-10	.375	8	23/35	8-16	.333	35/54
Willamette Bearcats (6)	4-12	.250	10	16/37	7-14	.333	27/45
Pacific Boxers (9)	3-13	.188	11	11/42	3-19	.136	14/60
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-16	.000	14	5/48	0-22	.000	8/66

* - Whitworth earns automatic bid to NCAA Championships on tiebreakers

11/5 -ALL-NORTHWEST CONFERENCE: Three Bruins Earn All-NWC Honors

NEWBERG, Ore. -- Three members of the 2001 George Fox University women's volleyball team have received All-Northwest Conference recognition for their contributions to the Bruins' surprising season, according to voting by the conference's eight coaches.

Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.) was named to the All-NWC First Team, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** received Second Team honors, and **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** was Honorable Mention. The three were major factors in the Bruins' turnaround from a 7-15 record in 2000 and a pre-season prediction of 7th in the conference to a 19-5 overall record and 3rd place in the NWC at 11-5.

Cotner, who was All-NWC Second Team last year, stepped up a level after an outstanding season in which she led the Bruins in assists (1,022), assists per game (11.88 apg), digs (433), and was second in digs per game (5.03). She also contributed 54 kills while hitting .268, 16 aces, and 47 blocks (8 solo, 39 assisted). She was second in the conference in both assists and digs, and was NWC "Player of the Week" Sept. 17-23. In the latest NCAA national state (thru Oct. 24), she ranked 20th in the nation in assists per game.

Cotner's 11.88 apg was the 2nd-best in single-season GFU history only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 in 1998, her 1,022 assists were the 4th-best in a single season, and her 433 digs were 6th-best. Her digs average of 5.03 would have broken the previous record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, had Nicole Bostic not had a record-setting 5.13 average this season as well. She ranks 5th in career assists at George Fox (2,483) and 7th in digs (917).

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Schultens was a strong defensive force in the middle for the Bruins, leading the team and conference in blocks (118, 53 solo, 65 assisted) and blocks per game (1.53) while ranking 25th nationally (thru Oct. 24). She also led the team in service aces (35 total, 0.45 sapg), a figure which ranked 5th in the NWC. She was 2nd on the team in hitting pct. (.2184), 3rd in kills (249), kills per game (3.23), and total attacks (618), and had 113 digs and 10 assists.

Schultens' 113 blocks and 1.53 bpg each rank as the 7th-best single-season numbers at GFU, while her 0.45 aces average tied for 10th-best in a season. On the career lists, she stands 4th in blocks (266) and 10th in aces (86).

Bostic blossomed in her sophomore season, leading the Bruins in kills (278), kills per game (3.56), total attacks (933), and digs per game (5.13), while finishing 2nd in total digs (400) and 3rd in service aces (21) and aces per game (0.27). She also had 9 assists and 27 blocks (3 solo, 24 assisted). She was the conference leader in digs per game, ranking 23rd nationally (thru Oct. 24), and was 6th in the NWC in kills per game.

Bostic's 5.13 dpg broke the GFU single-season record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, while her 400 digs was the 8th-best total in a single season.

Joining **Cotner** on the All-NWC First Team were league champion Whitworth's Jule Weatherred (MB), Lindsey Wagstaff (OH), and Kristen Turner (MB); Puget Sound's Adriane Ougendal (SW) and Karen Elmgren (MB); and Pacific Lutheran's Jenne Heu-Weller (S). Weatherred was named NWC "Player of the Year", while "Coach of the Year" went to Whitworth's Steve Rupe.

Second Team members, in addition to **Schultens**, were Whitman's Jill Huber (MB); Linfield's Andrea Beck (OH); PLU's Julie Locke (OH); Whitworth's Nicole Weedman (S); and Puget Sound's Karen Thomas (OH).

Besides **Bostic**, others receiving Honorable Mention were Pacific's Kelsey Savage (OH); Lewis & Clark's Krissy Forry (OH); Willamette's Jenni Linden (MH); Linfield Sara Kaiser (MB); UPS's Trisha Kawamoto (S); and PLU's Aimee Sloboden (RS).

2001 All-Northwest Conference Volleyball Team

Coach of the Year: Steve Rupe, Whitworth

Player of the Year: Julie Weatherred, Whitworth

All-NWC First Team

Julie Weatherred - Whitworth, Jr., MB, Spokane, Wash.

Adriane Ougendal - Puget Sound, So., SW, Portland, Ore. (2nd Team in 2000)

Karen Elmgren - Puget Sound, Jr., MB, Monroe, Wash. (1st Team, NWC MVP in 2000)

Lindsey Wagstaff - Whitworth, Jr., OH, Spokane, Wash. (2nd Team in 2000 and 1999)

Mindi Cotner - George Fox, Jr., S, Keizer, Ore. (2nd Team in 2000)

Jenne Heu-Weller - Pacific Lutheran, So., S, Olympic, Wash.

Kristen Turner - Whitworth, Sr., MB, Reardan, Wash. (1st Team in 2000)

All-NWC Second Team

Jill Huber - Whitman, So., MB, Enumclaw, Wash.

Andrea Beck - Linfield, So., OH, Canby, Ore.

Shelly Schultens - George Fox, Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.

Julie Locke - Pacific Lutheran, Fr., OH, West Linn, Ore.

Nicole Weedman - Whitworth, Jr., S, Yakima, Wash. (Honorable Mention in 2000)

Karen Thomas - Puget Sound, Sr., OH, San Clemente, Calif.

Honorable Mention

Kelsey Savage - Pacific, OH; Krissy Forry - Lewis & Clark, OH; Jenni Linden - Willamette, MH; Sara Kaiser - Linfield, MB; Trisha Kawamoto - Puget Sound, S; Aimee Sloboden - Pacific Lutheran, RS; Nicole Bostic - George Fox, OH.

11/5 - NCAA D-III CHAMPIONSHIPS: Bruins' Season Ends with No Playoff Spot

When the brackets for the NCAA Division III National Championships were announced Sunday night, the George Fox University Bruins were one of the teams left out of the tournament, despite their outstanding 19-5 record.

"It would have been a great surprise for the selection committee to dig as deep as a third-place team from somewhere, even though we've had a great season and the Northwest Conference is without a doubt one of the strongest in the country," admitted Bruin coach **Steve Grant**. "With quality wins over teams like Puget Sound and Cal State-Hayward, I'm sure we were considered, but there are relatively few at-large bids, and while we were hopeful, we weren't counting on it."

Whitworth secured the Northwest Conference's automatic bid when the Pirates defeated the Puget Sound Loggers Friday night. The two teams tied for the conference lead at 14-2 and split their regular season meetings, but Whitworth was 2-0 against 3rd-place George Fox while Puget Sound was 1-1 with the Bruins, thus giving the Pirates the tiebreaker.

A bigger astonishment was that Puget Sound, despite a 17-4 record and a #13 national ranking, was left out of the tournament. The 48-team field includes automatic bids for 32 conferences in Pool A, then a certain number of bids are given for "independents" (teams that are true independents or in conferences that do not have an automatic bid), and some for Pool C, which are teams from automatic-bid conferences that did not finish first. George Fox and Puget Sound would have been included in Pool C.

However, the number of possible teams that could come out of Pool B (the independents) has dwindled over the years as more teams have joined conferences and other conferences have received automatic bids (such as the NWC). As a result, a large number of spots are given to a relatively small group of Pool B teams, while teams with superior records (such as Puget Sound) from Pool C are excluded while teams with lesser records are invited.

11/5- BRUIN SENIORS: Mailer, Peeples, Vander Stoep Conclude Volleyball Careers

NEWBERG, Ore. – In pre-game ceremonies prior to the final regular season home game Saturday night (Nov. 3), George Fox University honored three seniors who were playing their final volleyball match for the Bruins: **Brandy Mailer, Heather Peeples, and Heidi Vander Stoep**.

Brandy Mailer (Sr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)

A quiet leader who brought consistency and intelligence to the court, Mailer bounced back from health problems that prevented her from playing last season to have an outstanding year both offensively and defensively. She led the team with a .239 attack percentage, recording 191 kills, and was second on the team with 64 assists and 23 service aces. She reached double figures in kills nine times this season, with a career high of 13 at Warner Pacific. She also reached double figures in digs 21 times, recording a career-high 29 against Pacific Lutheran. She was third in blocks with 49 and in digs with 346, and she ranked 4th in the Northwest Conference in digs (4.32) and 12th in blocks (.059).

As a freshman in 1998, Mailer played in 33 matches and 110 games, recorded 25 assists, which was third on the team, and 288 digs, which was fourth-best. Injuries hampered her 1999 season, and she was only able to appear in matches and 51 games. In her career, she had 223 career kills, 97 assists, 43 aces, 77 blocks, and 714 digs, which ranks 11th on the all-time list at George Fox.

Mailer is a junior eligibility-wise, but plans to graduate in May. Originally from Hawaii and Kamehameha High School, she now calls Ashland, Oregon, home.

Career Stats

Year	M/G	Kills	Errors	Att.	Att. %	Kpg	Ast	Apg	Aces	Digs	Dpg	BS/BA
1998	33/110	30	16	147	.095	0.27	25	0.23	15	288	2.62	7/21
1999	18/51	2	1	17	.059	0.04	8	0.16	5	80	1.57	0/0
2000	--- Redshirted due to injury ---											
2001	23/80	191	50	589	.239	2.39	64	0.80	23	346	4.32	9/40
3yrs	74/241	223	67	753	.207	0.92	97	0.40	43	714	2.96	16/61

Heather Peeples (Sr., DS, Olympia, Wash.)

Always in the right spot when a critical dig was needed, Peeples gave the team a lift every time she was on the court. An outstanding defensive player who was been a big contributor the Bruins' record-setting digs pace, she played in 22 matches this year, starting 7, and 70 games. She made 126 digs, averaging 1.80 digs per game, reaching double figures in digs 4 times, with a high of 11 against Pomona-Pitzer.

After one year at Pierce College in Tacoma and another at Vanguard University, Peeples came to George Fox last year and saw action in all 22 matches, playing 78 games. She made 166 digs, reaching double figures six

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times, with career highs of 14 against both La Verne and Pacific Lutheran. She had 4 kills from the back row against Lewis & Clark, and served three aces against Pacific. Her high in assists was three against La Verne.

At George Fox, she finished her career with 8 kills, 8 assists, 15 aces, and 292 digs.

Career Stats (1999 at Vanguard, 2000 at George Fox)

Year	M/G	Kills	Errors	Att.	Att. %	Kpg	Ast	Apg	Aces	Digs	Dpg	BS/BA
1999	29/88	5	4	20	.050	0.06	10	0.11	12	115	1.31	0/1
2000	22/78	7	4	28	.107	0.09	5	0.06	12	166	2.13	0/0
2001	22/70	1	5	15	-.267	0.01	3	0.04	3	126	1.80	0/0
3 yrs	73/236	13	13	63	.000	0.06	18	0.08	27	407	1.72	0/1

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)

Always a top-notch defensive player, Vander Stoep stepped forward this year to become one of the team's top offensive threats as well. She was second on the team in total kills with 244 and in kills per game at 3.34, ranking 10th in the Northwest Conference. She reached double figures in kills 15 times, reaching her career high with 18 vs. Pacific. Defensively, she continued to sparkle, with 321 digs on the season, fourth on the team. Her digs per game average of 4.22 was 6th in the conference. She had 16 games of double figures in digs, with a career-high 29 at Linfield. She reached 20 or more digs four other times this season, and also had 14 blocks, 18 aces, and 10 assists.

A veteran of four seasons of George Fox volleyball, in her career she had 347 kills, 684 digs, 69 assists, 41 aces, and 48 blocks.

Career Stats

Year	M/G	Kills	Errors	Att.	Att. %	Kpg	Ast	Apg	Aces	Digs	Dpg	BS/BA
1998	25/53	14	9	56	.089	0.26	9	0.17	3	81	1.53	0/4
1999	24/66	26	15	105	.105	0.39	21	0.32	6	107	1.62	1/8
2000	22/68	53	37	220	.073	0.78	29	0.43	14	175	2.57	3/18
2001	24/76	254	89	757	.218	3.34	10	0.13	18	321	4.22	1/13
4 yrs	95/263	347	150	1138	.164	1.28	69	0.20	41	684	2.60	5/43

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '69) earned his 450th career coaching victory when the Bruins defeated Lewis & Clark to end the season Saturday night (Nov. 3). He is 450-271 (.624) after 20 seasons as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches.

BRUIN BITS:

* Vander Stoep Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week":

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" honors for leading the George Fox Bruins to 3-0 wins over Pacific and Lewis & Clark the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 4. Against Pacific on Friday, she had 18 kills and 3 errors in 41 attacks (.366), with 15 digs, 1 assist, and 1 block assist. In the L&C match on Saturday, she played in only 2 of the 3 games, but had 10 kills and 4 errors in 25 attacks (.240), adding 11 digs and 2 service aces. For the week, she played in 5 games, with 28 kills (5.60 kpg), and 7 errors in 66 attacks (.318), with 26 digs (5.20 dpg), 2 aces, 1 assist, and 1 block assist.

NWC "Player of the Week" honors went to Kristen Turner of Whitworth, who had 42 kills and 19 blocks as the Pirates went 3-0 on the road and captured the conference title.

Setter **Mindi Cotner** is the only Bruin to receive "Player of the Week" honors this season, for Sept. 17-23.

* Bruins in National Rankings:

George Fox dropped out of the AVCA/NCAA Top 20 poll of Oct. 31 after being listed among "others receiving votes" the week before. Puget Sound was #12 and Whitworth #20 at the time ... In the West Region rankings of Oct. 28, George Fox was #4, trailing #1 California State-Hayward, #2 Puget Sound, #3 Whitworth, and ahead of #5 Pacific Lutheran, #6 La Verne, #7 California Lutheran, and #8 Colorado College ... The complete polls for national and regional rankings are available at www.avca.org.

*** Bruins in NCAA National Stats (released Oct. 24; next release Nov. 7):**

In NCAA national stats of Oct. 24, **Mindi Cotner** was 20th in assists (11.7), **Nicole Bostic** was 23rd in digs (4.98), and **Shelly Schultens** was 25th in blocks (1.56) ... As a team, **George Fox** ranked 16th in digs (23.17), 26th in assists (13.06) and kills (14.62), 29th in winning pct. (16-4, .800), and 30th in blocks (2.86)

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Nov. 4):**

Hitting Pct.:	.198	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.130	2nd
Assists:	13.36	3rd
Kills:	14.85	4th
Blocks:	2.70	1st
Service Aces:	1.70	8th
Digs:	24.34	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Nov. 4):**

Mindi Cotner - 2nd in digs (5.05), 2nd in assists (12.16)
Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.54), 5th in aces (0.44)
Nicole Bostic - 1st in digs (5.12), 6th in kills (3.62)
Heidi Vander Stoep - 6th in digs (4.11), 10th in kills (3.33)
Brandy Mailer - 4th in digs (4.29), 12th in blocks (0.59)
Lynette Domench - 6th in blocks (0.85)

*** On the All-Time Lists:**

Mindi Cotner ranks 5th all-time at GFU in assists (2,483). Next up is Stacy Wright with 2,681 ... With 917 career digs, **Cotner** ranks 7th, chasing Kari Bashford-Cline (1,034) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 266 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 81 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now has 86 service aces, needing 2 to pass Kari Bashford-Cline (87) and 3 to pass Rachel Evans (88) for 8th.

*** New Records Set in 2001:**

Nicole Bostic, with an average of 5.13 digs per game, broke the single-season record of 4.89 dpd by Sharon Barnett in 1998 ... The Bruins' average of 24.22 digs per game broke the team record of 20.4 in 1996 ... The team's average of 13.33 assists a game is another new mark, surpassing the 1998 team's 12.93 average.

*** Single-Season Stars:**

Mindi Cotner's assists average of 11.88 fell just short of the only other better mark, Jennie Rennie's 12.28 apg in 1998, while he 1,022 assists are the 4th-best in a single season, and her 433 digs are 6th-best ... **Shelly Schulten's** 113 blocks and 1.53 bpg each rank as the 7th-best single-season numbers at GFU, while her 0.45 aces average tied for 10th-best in a season ... **Nicole Bostic's** 400 digs was the 8th-best total in a single season.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

11/2 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Lead All the Way in 3-0 Sweep of Pacific

NEWBERG, Ore. - Never trailing at any point in the match, the George Fox University Bruins swept past the Pacific University Boxers 3-0 in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night (Nov. 2) at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins posted scores of 30-21, 30-21, 30-22 in recording their 12th straight win over the Boxers. **Heidi Vander Stoep** did the most damage on offense for the Bruins, recording 18 kills, including eight in the opening game, while hitting .366. **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** added seven kills while hitting .438 as George Fox out-hit Pacific .209 to .075. **Mindi Cotner** sparked the Bruin attack with 47 assists.

Defensively, Mailer led four Bruins in double figures in digs with 19, followed by Cotner with 16, Vander Stoep with 15, and **Angie Frank (Jr., OH/DS, Levanon, Ore.)** with 11. **Shelly Schultens**, the NWC leader in blocks, had five in only two games.

Rachel Larson had 13 kills to pace the Boxers, while Kelsey Savage had 16 digs, Chrissi Beck 15, Larson 14, and Heather Klos 11. Kylie Olson posted 27 assists.

George Fox jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the opener behind two kills by Vander Stoep and a kill and two blocks by Schultens. Pacific got within two at 8-6, but the Bruins gradually pulled away and scored eight of the final 11 points.

The Bruins again took a 6-1 lead early in the second game and eventually stretched it to as many as 11 at 23-12. The Boxers went on a 7-1 run to cut the George Fox lead to 24-19, but that was as close as the visitors would get.

Game three saw the Bruins out in front quickly once more at 5-1, only to have the Boxers take advantage two Bruin service errors and an attack error to get within one at 7-6. However, the home team righted itself with four straight kills, two by Mailer and two by **Jeni Nelson (So., MB, Seattle Wash.)**, to regain momentum and go on to complete the sweep.

11/3 – GEORGE FOX 3, LEWIS & CLARK 0: Grant Gets 450th Coaching Win as Bruins Crunch Pios

NEWBERG, Ore. – Putting the finishing touches to a season full of surprises and nailing down coach Steve Grant's 450th career win, the George Fox University Bruins posted a 3-0 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in their final regular season women's volleyball match Saturday night (Nov. 3) at the Wheeler Sports Center.

Making extensive use of their bench, the Bruins won 30-18, 30-17, 30-23, finishing with a 19-5 overall record and an 11-5 in Northwest Conference play. Coming off a 7-15 season in 2000 and picked to finish seventh in the pre-season coaches' poll, the Bruins instead ended up in sole possession of third place after Pacific Lutheran University, with whom they had been tied, fell at home to Whitworth College Saturday afternoon.

Lewis & Clark completed a frustrating season in which the Pios lost every match, finishing 0-22 overall and 0-16 in the conference.

George Fox jumped out quickly in the opening game, recording six kills in racing to an 8-1 lead. The Pios got within six points three times but no closer as **Heidi Vander Stoep** led the Bruins to victory with seven kills in the game.

In game two, Lewis & Clark won the first two points and kept it close until the midway through the contest. With George Fox clinging to only a two-point lead at 14-12, the Bruins went on a 12-2 run to take command, sparked by three kills and a block from **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground Wash.)**.

The Bruins took control from the start in game three, opening up a 7-1 lead. The Pios closed within three at 16-13 before the Bruins again pulled away to complete the sweep.

Vander Stoep led the way for the Bruins offensively with 10 kills in two games, **Brandy Mailer** chipped in with 9, and **Laura Bonner (So., OH, Kennewick, Wash.)** and **Jeni Nelson** came off the bench to record 7 and 6 kills respectively. George Fox out-hit Lewis & Clark .241 to .014 in the match.

Mindi Cotner had highs of 15 digs and 33 assists for the Bruins. Backup setter **Monica Hill (Jr., S., Medford, Ore.)**, making her first court appearance this season, replaced Cotner early in the third game and had 9 assists.

Krissy Forry and Alexis Hansen paced the Pioneers with 10 kills and 15 digs apiece, while Ashley Zerr-Smith passed out 22 assists.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Overall: 19-5 (H: 10-1 R: 6-4 N: 3-0)
NWC: 11-5 (H: 7-1 R: 4-4)

Games: 60-26
Games: 36-20

<u>DATE</u>		<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
8/31		EASTERN OREGON	W	3-1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19)	100
9/7 #	vs	California State-Hayward	W	3-2 (26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9)	-
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9/14 *		WHITMAN	W	3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10)	150
9/15 *		WHITWORTH	L	0-3 (25-30, 32-34, 18-30)	135
9/19 *	at	Willamette	W	3-1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19)	150
9/22 *	at	Puget Sound	L	0-3 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30)	275
9/27		COLORADO COLLEGE	W	3-2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10)	100
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9	Heidi Vander Stoep	76	24-21	254	3.34	89	757	.218	10	0.13	18	0.24	8
11	Shelly Schultens	77	24-23	249	3.23	114	618	.218	10	0.13	35	0.45	27
6	Brandy Mailer	80	23-17	191	2.39	50	589	.239	64	0.80	23	0.29	19
7	Laura Bonner	17	12-0	29	1.71	11	112	.161	1	0.06	3	0.18	2
10	Lacey Langmade	42	20-2	66	1.57	22	255	.173	3	0.07	8	0.19	7
5	Jeni Nelson	39	19-4	56	1.44	23	184	.179	3	0.08	0	0.00	0
8	Lynette Domench	65	21-3	87	1.34	61	277	.094	0	0.00	0	0.00	2
3	Mindi Cotner	86	24-24	54	0.63	12	157	.268	1022	11.88	16	0.19	10
4	Stephanie Reedal	11	7-1	4	0.36	0	19	.211	2	0.18	0	0.00	0
12	Angie Frank	81	24-17	4	0.05	2	27	.074	10	0.12	19	0.23	22
2	Heather Peeples	70	22-7	1	0.01	5	15	-.267	3	0.04	3	0.04	9
1	Jessi Williams	1	1-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
13	Monica Hill	1	1-0	0	0.00	1	1	-1.000	9	9.00	0	0.00	1
	GEORGE FOX.....	86	24-24	1273	14.80	488	3944	.199	1146	13.33	146	1.70	124
	Opponents.....	86	24-24	1058	12.30	580	3710	.129	942	10.95	157	1.83	139

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6	Brandy Mailer	80	20	346	4.32	9	40	49	0.61	5 3
7	Laura Bonner	17	9	34	2.00	0	1	1	0.06	0 2
10	Lacey Langmade	42	13	79	1.88	3	9	12	0.29	3 3
5	Jeni Nelson	39	2	15	0.38	8	21	29	0.74	3 0
8	Lynette Domench	65	4	33	0.51	16	39	55	0.85	8 1
3	Mindi Cotner	86	1	433	5.03	8	39	47	0.55	4 12
4	Stephanie Reedal	11	0	3	0.27	0	1	1	0.09	1 0
12	Angie Frank	81	32	178	2.20	0	2	2	0.02	1 0
2	Heather Peeples	70	26	126	1.80	0	0	0	0.00	0 0
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0 0
13	Monica Hill	1	0	1	1.00	0	1	1	1.00	0 0
TEAM			9							
GEORGE FOX.....		86	178	2083	24.22	101	255	228.5	2.66	42 26
Opponents.....		86	124	1694	19.70	25	189	119.5	1.39	28 22

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 17-5: Home 8-1, Road 6-4, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 9-5: Home 5-1, Road 4-4)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Move into Tie for 3rd in NWC with Win Over PLU
Bostic Receives Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"
Players, Team Approaching New Records
Regular Season Concludes with Two Home Matches This Weekend

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Nov. 2, 7:00 pm – vs. Pacific University, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Bruins lead the series with the Boxers 29-11 (since 1988), 12-6 in Newberg, 12-3 in Forest Grove, 5-2 on neutral courts ... George Fox defeated Pacific 3-0 on Oct. 5 in Forest Grove in their first meeting of the year, the Bruins' 11th straight win in the series ... Pacific's last win was a 2-0 decision at the Pacific Invitational on Oct. 4, 1996.

Sat., Nov. 3, 7:00 pm – vs. Lewis & Clark College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Bruins lead the series with the Pioneers 25-8 (since 1988), 10-4 in Newberg, 12-1 in Portland, 3-3 on neutral courts ... On Oct. 3, when the two teams met in Portland, George Fox defeated the Pioneers 3-0 for their 20th straight win in the series ... L&C's last win was a 3-1 decision in Newberg on Oct. 5, 1991.

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Oct. 26 - at Linfield 3, George Fox 1 (30-22, 27-30, 21-30, 27-30)

Oct. 27 - at George Fox 3, Pacific Lutheran 2 (30-21, 24-30, 30-26, 25-30, 15-9)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Oct. 27

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	13-1	.929	-	40/11	16-3	.842	49/19
Whitworth Pirates (2)	11-2	.846	1.5	37/7	18-5	.783	62/16
George Fox Bruins (7)	9-5	.643	4	30/20	17-5	.773	54/26
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	9-5	.643	4	33/19	16-6	.727	55/26
Linfield Wildcats (4)	8-6	.571	5	27/23	11-8	.579	39/30
Whitman Missionaries (5)	6-7	.462	6.5	22/26	8-13	.381	34/45
Willamette Bearcats (6)	3-11	.214	10	13/33	6-13	.316	24/41
Pacific Boxers (9)	3-11	.214	10	10/36	3-17	.150	13/54
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-14	.000	13	5/42	0-20	.000	8/60

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '69) is 448-271 (.623) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Bostic Receives Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week":**

Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" with two strong performances as the Bruins went 1-1 in conference play during the week of Oct. 22-28. In a 3-1 loss at Linfield, she had 20 kills and 7 errors in 80 attacks, hitting .162, with 37 digs, one assist, one block assist, and two aces. In a 3-2 win over Pacific Lutheran, she had 22 kills and only 4 errors in 60 attacks for a .300 percentage,

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with 20 digs. For the week, she played in 9 games, with 42 kills (4.67 kpg) and 11 errors in 140 attacks (.221), 57 digs (6.33 dpg), one assist, one block assist, and two aces.

NWC "Player of the Week" honors went Karen Elmgren of Puget Sound, who led the first-place Loggers to a 3-0 week with 77 kills, a .400 hitting pct., and 32 digs.

Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.) is the only Bruin to receive NWC "Player of the Week" honors this year, being cited Sept. 24-30. For the week, in 12 games she had 11 kills and 2 errors in 39 attempts (.231), passed out 150 assists (12.50), and had 48 digs (4.0), 7 block assists, and 1 ace as the Bruins went 3-0 against regionally-ranked opponents Colorado College, Linfield, and Pacific Lutheran.

* Bruins in National Rankings:

George Fox was listed among "others receiving votes" in the latest AVCA/NCAA Top 20 national poll of Oct. 24. The Bruins received 7 votes, tying for 24th. Puget Sound was ranking 13th and Whitworth was 20th ... The complete poll for national rankings is available at www.avca.org.

* Bruins in NCAA National Stats (released Oct. 24; next release Nov. 7):

In NCAA national stats of Oct. 24, **Mindi Cotner** was 20th in assists (11.7), **Nicole Bostic** was 23rd in digs (4.98), and **Shelly Schultens** was 25th in blocks (1.56) ... As a team, **George Fox** ranked 16th in digs (23.17), 26th in assists (13.06) and kills (14.62), 29th in winning pct. (16-4, .800), and 30th in blocks (2.86)

* Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 29):

Hitting Pct.:	.196	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.137	3rd
Assists:	13.18	3rd
Kills:	14.69	4th
Blocks:	2.75	1st
Service Aces:	1.75	8th
Digs:	24.12	1st

* Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 29):

Mindi Cotner - 2nd in digs (5.01), 2nd in assists (11.77)
Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.51), 5th in aces (0.45)
Nicole Bostic - 1st in digs (5.14), 6th in kills (3.64)
Heidi Vander Stoep - 7th in digs (4.01), 12th in kills (3.16)
Brandy Mailer - 4th in digs (4.21)
Lynette Domench - 5th in blocks (0.85)

* On the All-Time Lists:

Mindi Cotner ranks 5th all-time at GFU in assists (2,403). Next up is Stacy Wright with 2,681 ... With 886 career digs, **Cotner** ranks 8th, chasing Tricia Branderhorst (891) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 260 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 87 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now has 86 service aces, needing 2 to pass Kari Bashford-Cline (87) and 3 to pass Rachel Evans (88) for 8th.

* Closing in on Some Records:

Nicole Bostic, averaging 5.16 digs per game, is on a pace to break the single-season record of 4.89 dpg by Sharon Barnett in 1998 ... The Bruins' average of 24.02 digs per game would break the team record of 20.4 in 1996 ... **Mindi Cotner's** assists average of 11.77 would be the 2nd-best in a season only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 apg in 1998 ... The team's average of 13.15 assists a game would be another new mark, surpassing the 1998 team's 12.93 average.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

10/26 - LINFIELD 3, GEORGE FOX 1: Too Many Attack Errors Doom Bruins at Linfield

McMINNVILLE, Ore. - A season-high 41 attack errors and a hitting percentage of only .080, their second-lowest of the season, doomed the George Fox University Bruins to a 3-1 setback at the hands of the Linfield College Wildcats, in Northwest Conference women's volleyball Friday night (Oct. 26) here at Ted Wilson Gym.

After taking the opener 30-22, the Bruins fell 27-30, 21-30, 27-30, splitting the season's two-game series with their Yamhill County rivals.

The Wildcats had to overcome a terrific individual performance by George Fox's **Nicole Bostic**, who accounted for a match-high 20 kills and 37 digs. **Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)** had 14 kills and 29 digs, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** added 14 kills, and **Mindi Cotner** had 29 digs and 51 assists for the Bruins. But the Bruins made 26 errors in the last two games to spoil the effort.

Linfield's front line of Sara Kaiser, Andrea Beck, and Krista Gardinier all reached double figures in kills in the closely-contested match. Kaiser totaled 14 kills and five block assists while Beck contributed 13 kills, 25 digs and four service aces. Gardinier came through with 10 kills, 17 digs and two aces. Katie Leitheiser picked up 27 assists while backup Kate Peterson had a dozen.

10/27 – GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC LUTHERAN 2: Bruins Go to Rare 5th Game to Hold Off Lutes

NEWBERG, Ore. – Only three times all season had the George Fox University Bruins had a match go to a decisive fifth game, but Saturday night (Oct. 27) here at the Wheeler Sports Center, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes pushed them that far before the Bruins prevailed in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action.

The Bruins hung on for a 30-21, 24-30, 30-26, 25-30, 15-9 win, completing a season's sweep of the Lutes. George Fox took the first game as Nicole Bostic led the way with seven kills in the game. In game two, the Bruins jumped out to an 8-3 lead, only to have the Lutes rally and finally put the game away by scoring the final six points after breaking a 24-24 tie.

Shelly Schultens had five kills and three blocks in the third game to give the Bruins a 2-1 edge in games, and the home team built up an 11-7 lead in game four before the Lutes again bounced back. Leading only 23-21, the Lutes' Julie Locke ran off a string of five straight kills to give her team the edge and even the match at 2-2.

Taking a 5-2 lead in the fifth game, the Bruins got a boost when PLU coach Kevin Aoki was handed a red card for arguing too strenuously on a call on a kill by Bostic, resulting in a sixth point being awarded to George Fox. The Bruins stretched the lead to as many as eight points at 11-3 before the Lutes recovered and cut the lead to 12-8, but a kill by **Heidi Vander Stoep**, a block by Schultens, and a final kill by Schultens ended the hard-fought match.

Bostic had 22 kills, Vander Stoep 17, and Schultens 15 to pace the Bruins, who out-hit the Lutes .235 to .158. **Mindi Cotner** had 35 digs and **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** 29 to lead the George Fox defensive effort, and the Bruins also blocked 15 shots for winners, maintaining their status as the league leaders in that category. Schultens had 10 blocks. Cotner, who is 16th in the nation in assists per game, finished with a career-high 62 passes for winners.

Locke with 19 kills, Annie Rolph and Holly Nottingham with 13, and Aimee Sloboden with 11 were the top attackers for PLU. Nicole Snyder had 26 digs and Cailyn Akers 21 for the Lutes, while Jenne Heu-Weller handed out 54 assists.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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NWC: 9-5 (H: 5-1 R: 4-4)

Games: 54-26
Games: 30-20

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11/3 *	LEWIS & CLARK	7:00 p.m.		
11/8-10	NCAA Division III First Round	TBA		
11/17	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	TBA		
11/30	NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA		
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	TEAM		9								
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	GEORGE FOX.....	80	170	1922	24.02	98	239	217.5	2.72	36	26
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HIGHLIGHTS:

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THIS WEEK:

Fri., Oct. 26, 7:00 pm - at Linfield College, in McMinnville, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest conference match ... The Bruins lead the series with the Wildcats 23-14 (since 1988, as far back as current GFU records go), 14-4 in Newberg, 3-5 in McMinnville, 6-5 on neutral courts ... George Fox swept Linfield 3-0 (30-26, 30-21, 30-24) on Sept. 28 in McMinnville in their first meeting of the year ... Linfield is coming off an upset win over 17th-ranked Whitworth Saturday.

Sat., Oct. 27, 7:00 pm - vs. Pacific Lutheran University, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Bruins lead the series with the Lutes 14-6 (since 1988, as far back as current GFU records go), 8-3 in Newberg, 4-2 in Tacoma, 2-0 on neutral courts ... On Sept. 29, when the two teams first met in Tacoma, George Fox defeated the Loggers 3-1 (30-27, 28-30, 30-28, 30-21) ... PLU was ranked 5th in the latest NCAA Division III West Region poll.

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Oct. 17 - at George Fox 3, Willamette 0 (30-27, 30-23, 30-20)

Oct. 20 - at George Fox 3, Puget Sound 1 (30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 30-25)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Oct. 21

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	10-1	.909	.-	31/8	13-3	.813	40/16
Whitworth Pirates (2)	10-2	.833	.5	34/7	17-5	.773	59/16
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	8-3	.727	2	26/12	15-4	.790	48/19
George Fox Bruins (7)	8-4	.800	2.5	26/15	16-4	.800	50/21
Linfield Wildcats (4)	7-5	.583	3.5	24/19	10-7	.588	36/26
Whitman Missionaries (5)	5-7	.417	5.5	19/25	7-13	.350	31/44
Pacific Boxers (9)	2-9	.182	8	6/29	2-15	.118	9/47
Willamette Bearcats (6)	2-10	.167	8.5	9/30	5-12	.294	21/38
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-11	.000	11	3/33	0-17	.000	6/51

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BRUIN BITS:

*** Schultens Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week":**

Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.) received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for helping the Bruins to two big wins during the week of Oct. 15-21. In a 3-0 win over Willamette, she had a game-high 13 kills with 7 errors in 27 attacks for a .222 percentage, had 6 blocks (2 solo, 4 assisted), with 6 digs and an assist. In a 3-1 win over 11th-ranked Puget Sound, which snapped the Loggers' 26-game winning streak against conference opponents, she hit .378 with 16 kills and only 2 errors in 37 attacks, again had 6 blocks (2 solo, 4 assisted), and made 5 digs. For the week, in 7 games she had 29 kills (4.14 kpg) and 9 errors in 64 attacks (.313), made 12 blocks (3.0 bpg), and had 11 digs (1.57 dpg) and an assist. Schultens is the NWC leader in blocks and ranked 30th nationally in the last NCAA statistics. NWC "Player of the Week" honors went to Andrea Beck of Linfield, who had 32 kills, 35 digs, 6 aces, and 3 blocks as the Wildcats went 2-0, including an upset of 17th-ranked Whitworth.

*** Bruins in National, Regional Rankings:**

After two losses on their eastern Washington road trip, the Bruins dropped out of the AVCA/NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Coaches' Top 20 poll on Oct. 17, after receiving votes in all the other polls of the season. NWC teams in the national ratings were Puget Sound at 11th and Whitworth at 17th ... George Fox was ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region rankings of Oct. 10, behind #1 Cal State-Hayward (whose only loss at that time was to the Bruins), #2 Puget Sound, and #3 Whitworth, and ahead of #5 Pacific Lutheran. No regional poll was released on Oct. 17 ... Complete polls for both national and regional rankings are available at www.avca.org.

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*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 21):**

Hitting Pct.:	.203	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.136	3rd
Assists:	13.06	3rd
Kills:	14.62	4th
Blocks:	2.86	1st
Service Aces:	1.86	7th
Digs:	23.17	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 21):**

Mindi Cotner - 2nd in digs (4.77), 2nd in assists (11.70)
Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.56), 4th in aces (0.50)
Nicole Bostic - 1st in digs (4.98), 8th in kills (3.52)
Heidi Vander Stoep - 7th in digs (3.83)
Brandy Mailer - 6th in digs (4.00), 11th in blocks (0.63)
Lynette Domench - 5th in blocks (0.89)

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 6th all-time at GFU in assists (2,290). Next up is Jennie Rennie with 2,330 ... With 822 career digs, **Cotner** ranks 8th, chasing Tricia Branderhorst (891) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 245 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 102 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 83 career service aces, needing 5 to pass Kari Bashford-Cline (87) for 9th all-time.

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

10/17 - GEORGE FOX 3, WILLAMETTE 0: Bruins Return to Winning Ways with 3-0 Sweep of Bearcats

NEWBERG, Ore. – Bouncing back from a tough two-game trip to eastern Washington, the George Fox University played a well-rounded game in handing the Willamette University Bearcats a 3-0 blanking in Northwest Conference women's volleyball Wednesday night (Oct. 17) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins were clicking on all cylinders in posting 30-27, 30-23, 30-20 wins over the Bearcats, completing a season sweep of the two-match series. As a team, George Fox hit .252 in the three games to .151 for Willamette, out-dug the visitors 79-70, and out-blocked the Bearcats 12 to 6.

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) and **Shelly Schultens** led the Bruins with 13 kills apiece, Vander Stoep recording 11 of those in the second game alone. **Nicole Bostic** (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) chipped in with 10. Bostic and **Mindi Cotner** had 18 digs each, and **Brandy Mailer** (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.) added 17. Schultens was in on six blocks and **Lynette Domench** (So., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.) on five, while Cotner passed out 45 assists.

Jenni Linden was the only Bearcats in double figures in kills with 11. Jaimi Tautfest had 16 digs and Kristen Halleck had 15, while Jodi Zaffino handed out 20 assists and Diana Chamberlain 12.

George Fox jumped out to a 7-2 lead to start the match, but the Bearcats hung around and went to 23-21 with a five-point spurt, sparked by three service aces from Linden. But two kills by Vander Stoep around one by Domench got the Bruins rolling again toward the 30-27 first-game victory.

In the second game, the Bruins trailed 6-7 but took control with a 10-2 run, Vander Stoep collecting five or her 11 kills in the game in that stretch. In the finale, the Bruins never trailed, but pulled away late from a narrow 16-14 lead to take 14 of the final 20 points.

Snapping a short two-game losing streak, the Bruins improved to 15-4 overall and 7-4 in the conference, while Willamette dropped to 5-11 overall and 2-9 in league play.

10/20 - GEORGE FOX 3, PUGET SOUND 1: Bruins End No. 11 UPS Conference Win String at 26

NEWBERG, Ore. – Playing the role of "spoiler" to perfection, the George Fox University Bruins stunned the 11th-ranked University of Puget Sound 3-1 in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match Saturday night (Oct. 20) here at the Wheeler Sports Center, snapping the Loggers' streak of 26 consecutive conference wins.

The Bruins won 30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 30-25 in handing the Loggers their first conference defeat since the end of the 1999 season. UPS was a perfect 16-0 in winning the 2000 NWC title and was 10-0 this season before George Fox pulled off the upset.

The first-game was a nip-and-tuck affair, neither team holding more than a two-point lead until the Bruins' **Heidi Vander Stoep** broke a 23-23 tie with a kill, starting a string of four unanswered points that pushed the Bruins to a 27-23 lead. The Loggers rallied for a 28-28 tie behind two kills from Karen Elmgren, but Vander Stoep and **Shelly Schultens** responded with kills to win it for the Bruins.

Puget Sound took swift control of the second game, jumping out to leads of 5-1 and 14-5, but the Bruins answered with a 7-1 run that got them within 15-12. The Loggers pulled away after that, however.

Game three was another tight one, the final 30-26 score equaling the biggest lead either team had. Leading only 26-25, the Bruins took advantage of two attack errors by the Loggers and a block and a kill by Schultens to complete the win.

After breaking away from a 9-9 tie on two more hitting errors by the Loggers, the Bruins led the rest of the fourth game, but Puget Sound stayed close as Adriane Ougendal had nine kills to keep her team in the game. Holding a slim 25-23 lead, **Brandy Mailer** came up with two big kills, **Jeni Nelson** (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.) blocked an attack for a winner, and **Mindi Cotner** and Nelson teamed up for another critical block that made it 29-24 Bruins. After a kill by Ougendal, the match ended when UPS setter Trish Kawamoto slid under the net trying to set up an attack.

Schultens finished with 16 kills, Vander Stoep 15, and Nicole Bostic 13 for the Bruins, who hit .237 to .247 for the Loggers. Vander Stoep had 25 digs and Bostic 34 to lead a quintet of Bruins in double figures in digs, while Schultens had six blocks. Cotner passed out 54 assists.

Ougendal led the Loggers with 26 kills, Elmgren added 21, and Tera Anderson had 14. Anderson with 26 digs and Ougendal with 23 were the UPS leaders, while Megan Apperson had 44 assists and Kawamoto 18.

George Fox is now 16-4 overall and 8-4 in the conference, while Puget Sound is 13-3 overall and 10-1 in the league.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Overall: 16-4 (H: 7-1 R: 6-3 N: 3-0)
NWC: 8-4 (H: 4-1 R: 4-3)

Games: 50-21
Games: 26-15

<u>DATE</u>		<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
8/31		EASTERN OREGON	W	3-1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19)	100
9/7 #	vs	California State-Hayward	W	3-2 (26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9)	-
9/7 #	at	Whittier	W	3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-26)	-
9/8 #	vs	Pomona-Pitzer	W	3-0 (30-16, 30-26, 30-28)	-
9/8 #	vs	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	3-0 (30-20, 30-27, 30-26)	-
9/12	at	Warner Pacific	W	3-1 (30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17)	70
9/14 *		WHITMAN	W	3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10)	150
9/15 *		WHITWORTH	L	0-3 (25-30, 32-34, 18-30)	135
9/19 *	at	Willamette	W	3-1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19)	150
9/22 *	at	Puget Sound	L	0-3 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30)	275
9/27		COLORADO COLLEGE	W	3-2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10)	100
9/28 *		LINFIELD	W	3-0 (30-26, 30-21, 30-24)	180
9/29 *	at	Pacific Lutheran	W	3-1 (30-27, 28-30, 30-28, 30-21)	225
10/3 *	at	Lewis & Clark	W	3-0 (30-27, 30-18, 30-20)	65
10/5 *	at	Pacific	W	3-0 (33-31, 30-23, 30-14)	56
10/10		WARNER PACIFIC	W	3-0 (30-16, 30-22, 30-13)	150
10/12 *	at	Whitman	L	2-3 (30-24, 30-24, 27-30, 30-32, 11-15)	-
10/13 *	at	Whitworth	L	0-3 (23-30, 21-30, 25-30)	107
10/17 *		WILLAMETTE	W	3-0 (30-27, 30-23, 30-20)	150
10/20 *		PUGET SOUND	W	3-1 (30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 30-25)	200
10/26 *	at	Linfield	7:00 p.m.		
10/27 *		PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7:00 p.m.		
11/2 *		PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
11/3 *		LEWIS & CLARK	7:00 p.m.		
11/8-10		NCAA Division III First Round	TBA		
11/17		NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	TBA		
11/30		NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA		
12/1		NCAA Division III Finals	TBA		

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

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George Fox 2001 Volleyball Statistics (as of Oct 21)

Overall record: 16-4 Conf: 8-4 Home: 7-1 Away: 6-3 Neutral: 3-0

##	Name	GP	MP-MS	-----ATTACK-----				---SET---		-----SERVE-----			
				K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SA/Gm	SE
1	Nicole Bostic	66	20-20	229	3.47	82	764	.192	8	0.12	19	0.29	15
11	Shelly Schultens	65	20-19	209	3.22	89	511	.235	10	0.15	34	0.52	23
13	Heidi Vander Stoep	62	20-17	195	3.15	70	582	.215	9	0.15	14	0.23	7
6	Brandy Mailer	65	19-13	161	2.48	42	479	.248	49	0.75	20	0.31	16
10	Lacey Langmade	33	16-2	54	1.64	19	206	.170	2	0.06	8	0.24	7
7	Laura Bonner	13	10-0	20	1.54	7	74	.176	1	0.08	3	0.23	2
5	Jeni Nelson	30	15-4	41	1.37	16	134	.187	2	0.07	0	0.00	0
8	Lynette Domench	54	17-3	69	1.28	47	224	.098	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
3	Mindi Cotner	71	20-20	48	0.68	10	130	.292	829	11.68	13	0.18	10
4	Stephanie Reedal	11	7-1	4	0.36	0	19	.211	2	0.18	0	0.00	0
12	Angie Frank	67	20-14	3	0.04	2	23	.043	9	0.13	18	0.27	18
2	Heather Peeples	64	20-6	1	0.02	5	13	-.308	3	0.05	3	0.05	8
1	Jessi Williams	1	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	71	20-20	1034	14.56	389	3159	.204	924	13.01	132	1.86	107
	Opponents.....	71	20-20	860	12.11	470	2890	.135	771	10.86	133	1.87	119

		---DIG---				-----BLOCKING-----					
##	Name	G	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
1	Nicole Bostic	66	33	330	5.00	3	23	26	0.39	5	4
11	Shelly Schultens	65	8	77	1.18	45	56	101	1.55	9	1
13	Heidi Vander Stoep	62	13	247	3.98	1	11	12	0.19	1	0
6	Brandy Mailer	65	15	262	4.03	9	34	43	0.66	5	3
10	Lacey Langmade	33	13	68	2.06	3	8	11	0.33	3	3
7	Laura Bonner	13	7	27	2.08	0	1	1	0.08	0	2
5	Jeni Nelson	30	2	9	0.30	7	18	25	0.83	1	0
8	Lynette Domench	54	3	23	0.43	15	33	48	0.89	4	1
3	Mindi Cotner	71	1	338	4.76	7	32	39	0.55	3	12
4	Stephanie Reedal	11	0	3	0.27	0	1	1	0.09	1	0
12	Angie Frank	67	29	140	2.09	0	2	2	0.03	1	0
2	Heather Peeples	64	23	110	1.72	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
TEAM			6								
GEORGE FOX.....		71	154	1635	23.03	90	219	199.5	2.81	33	26
Opponents.....		71	110	1302	18.34	21	167	104.5	1.47	22	22

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 14-4: Home 5-1, Road 6-3, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 6-4: Home 2-1, Road 4-3)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Drop Two in Eastern Washington After Six Straight Wins
George Fox in National, Regional Rankings
Where the Bruins Stand in NWC, NCAA Stats

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Northwest conference match ... George Fox defeated the Bearcats 3-1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19) in Salem on Sept. 19 in their first meeting of the year ... The Bruins are 15-20 vs. the Bearcats (since 1988, as far back as current records go), 8-8 in Newberg, 4-10 in Salem, and 3-2 on neutral courts ... Jenni Linden is the Bearcat leader, ranking 7th in the NWC in kills (3.58 kpg), 10th in hitting pct. (.245), and 10th in blocks (0.63 bpg ... Kristen Halleck is 11th in digs (.340) ... Jodi Zaffino is 5th in assist (8.59).

Sat., Oct. 20, 7:00 pm - vs. University of Puget Sound, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Loggers defeated George Fox 0-3 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30) in their first meeting of the season on Sept. 22 in Tacoma ... Puget Sound, the NWC's top team and defending champion, is ranked 12th in the nation and 2nd in the West Region ... The Loggers have won 25 straight against NWC opponents ... The Bruins are 11-10 vs. the Loggers (since 1988, as far back as current records go), 4-2 in Newberg, 4-4 in Tacoma, 3-4 on neutral courts ... UPS leads the conference in lowest opponents' hitting pct. (.113), and is 2nd in hitting pct. (.232), kills (15.69), assists (13.57), and aces (2.37) ... Karen Elmgren and Adriane Ougendal give the Loggers a strong 1-2 punch, Elmgren ranking 2nd in the NWC in kills (4.32) and 4th in hitting pct. (.299) with Ougendal 3rd in kills (4.08) and 5th in hitting pct. (.297) ... Ougendal is 12th in digs (3.37) ... Tera Anderson is 1st in service aces (0.64).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Oct. 10 - at George Fox 3, Warner Pacific 0 (30-16, 30-22, 30-13)

Oct. 11 - at Whitman 3, George Fox 2 (30-24, 30-24, 27-30, 30-32, 11-15)

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*** Bruin NWC "Players of the Week" in 2001:**

Mindi Cotner - Sept. 24-30

Mindi led the Bruins to a 3-0 week. In 12 games she had 11 kills and 2 errors in 39 attempts (.231), passed out 150 assists (12.50), and had 48 digs (4.0), 7 block assists, and 1 ace ... She was NWC "Player of the Week" last year for the week of Sept. 18-24, and went on to make Second Team All-Conference.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

10/10 - GEORGE FOX 3, WARNER PACIFIC 0: Bruins Knock Knights Out 3-0 for 6th Win in a Row

NEWBERG, Ore. -- Stretching their winning streak to six in a row, the George Fox University Bruins swept the Warner Pacific College Knights 3-0 in a non-conference women's volleyball match Wednesday night (Oct. 10) at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins posted wins of 30-16, 30-22, 30-13, trailing only briefly at 0-1 to start the first two games. George Fox out-hit Warner Pacific .239 to .008 as the Knights made 25 attack errors. The Bruins had 45 kills to only 26 for the Knights, and served 11 aces, four by **Angie Frank (Sr., DS, Lebanon, Ore.)**.

Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) led the George Fox offense with 10 kills as the Bruins played their whole roster and spread the attacks around. **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** added nine kills,

while **Jeni Nelson** (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.) and **Laura Bonner** (Sr., OH, Kennewick, Wash.) came off the bench to add eight and six kills respectively. Nelson hit .500 for the game and Bonner .429. The two subs were particularly effective in the clinching game as they combined for nine kills in a 14-2 run that gave the Bruins a 27-11 lead and firm control of the match.

Schultens had six block assists and **Mindi Cotner** (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.) had 13 digs to lead the Bruin defense, while Cotner passed out 36 assists.

Becki Brush was the pace-setter for Warner Pacific with 10 kills. Brush, Lori Barton, and Shannon Miller had eight digs each, and Beth Rector recorded five block assists. Devon Amidon had 21 assists.

The Bruins, who received nine votes in the AVCA/NCAA Division III poll released today, which would place them 25th in the country, are now 14-2 on the season, while the Knights remained winless at 0-15.

10/12 – WHITMAN 3, GEORGE FOX 2: Bruins Drop 3-2 Match at Whitman after Taking 2-0 Lead

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Down two games to none to the George Fox University Bruins, the Whitman College Missionaries bounced back from the brink of oblivion to stun the Bruins 3-2 in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match Friday night (Oct. 12) at the Sherwood Center.

George Fox took the first two games rather handily, 30-24, 30-24, only to have the Missionaries squeeze out wins of 30-27, 32-30, then clinch the match 15-11 in the fifth.

Shelly Schultens led the Bruins offensively with an outstanding night, hitting .409 with a match-high 23 kills. **Heidi Vander Stoep** (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) added 14 kills, **Nicole Bostic** 13, and Brandy Mailer 10, while **Mindi Cotner** had 51 assists. On defense, Schultens led the way with nine blocks as the Bruins racked up 19 stuffs as a team, with Cotner contributing to seven blocks and **Lynette Domench** (So., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.) to five. Bostic led a quintet of Bruins in digs with 27, followed by Cotner and Vander Stoep with 24 each, Mailer with 15, and **Angie Frank** with 14.

Jill Huber topped the Missionaries with 20 kills and Denise Kirstein added 19. Kirstein had 26 digs as six Whitman players were in double figures, while Claire Novotny passed out 62 assists. Huber also served six aces.

The Bruins, ranked 25th in the nation and 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region, dropped to 14-3 overall and 6-3 in the conference as their six-game winning streak came to an end. The Missionaries climbed to 5-12 overall and 3-6 in the league.

10/13 – WHITWORTH 3, GEORGE FOX 2: No. 18 Pirates Ransack No. 25 Bruins in Three Straight

SPOKANE, Wash. – Led by Julie Weatherred's 20 kills, the 18th-ranked Whitworth College Pirates posted a 3-0 sweep over the 25th-ranked George Fox University Bruins in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match Saturday afternoon (Oct. 13) at the Whitworth Fieldhouse.

In recording 30-23, 30-21, 30-25 wins, the Pirates out-hit the Bruins .204 to .068 during the match, led by Weatherred's .444 hitting percentage. Kristen Turner added 12 kills for Whitworth, with Nicole Weedman passing out 41 assists. Weatherred also had a game-high 12 digs.

George Fox, the top blocking team in the NWC, stayed in the match by out-blocking the Pirates 11-4, with **Shelly Schultens** posting a game-high seven blocks. **Heidi Vander Stoep** was the only Bruin in double figures in kills with 11, and **Mindi Cotner** had 28 assists. Vander Stoep and **Nicole Bostic** had 11 digs and Cotner added 10.

The Bruins led for much of the early portion of game one. A kill by Vander Stoep gave George Fox a 12-8 lead, but Whitworth rallied with a 10-1 run to take a 18-13 advantage. Whitworth never trailed in game two, leading by six to eight points for most of the game. The Pirates came out strong in the third game with an 11-4 run, benefiting from four Bruin attack errors during the run. A kill by Lindsey Wagstaff gave the Bucs a 20-12 advantage, but George Fox pulled to within 24-20 on a block by Cotner and **Lynette Domench**. That was the last rally the Bruins could muster, however.

George Fox dropped its second in a row to fall to 14-4 overall and 6-4 in the NWC, while Whitworth improved to 16-4 overall and 9-1 in the league.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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Games: 44-20
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10/12 *	at Whitman	L	2-3 (30-24, 30-24, 27-30, 30-32, 11-15)	-
10/13 *	at Whitworth	L	0-3 (23-30, 21-30, 25-30)	107
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1	Nicole Bostic	59	18-18	206	3.49	78	685	.187	8	0.14	17	0.29	13
11	Shelly Schultens	58	18-17	180	3.10	80	447	.224	9	0.16	34	0.59	21
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	56	18-15	167	2.98	61	494	.215	7	0.13	14	0.25	7
6	Brandy Mailer	58	17-11	148	2.55	38	426	.258	43	0.74	18	0.31	15
10	Lacey Langmade	31	14-2	52	1.68	19	197	.168	2	0.06	8	0.26	7
7	Laura Bonner	12	9-0	18	1.50	7	68	.162	1	0.08	3	0.25	1
8	Lynette Domench	51	16-3	63	1.24	44	209	.091	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
5	Jeni Nelson	25	13-4	30	1.20	15	110	.136	2	0.08	0	0.00	0
3	Mindi Cotner	64	18-18	42	0.66	7	118	.297	730	11.41	12	0.19	9
4	Stephanie Reedal	10	6-1	4	0.40	0	18	.222	1	0.10	0	0.00	0
12	Angie Frank	60	18-12	3	0.05	2	21	.048	8	0.13	16	0.27	14
2	Heather Peeples	58	18-6	1	0.02	4	12	-.250	3	0.05	3	0.05	8
1	Jessi Williams	1	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	64	18-18	914	14.28	355	2805	.199	814	12.72	125	1.95	96
	Opponents.....	64	18-18	741	11.58	426	2529	.125	666	10.41	119	1.86	102

##	Name	---DIG---				-----BLOCKING-----					
		G	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
1	Nicole Bostic	59	29	289	4.90	3	19	22	0.37	4	4
11	Shelly Schultens	58	8	66	1.14	41	48	89	1.53	8	1
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	56	11	216	3.86	1	9	10	0.18	1	0
6	Brandy Mailer	58	15	227	3.91	9	30	39	0.67	5	3
10	Lacey Langmade	31	13	65	2.10	3	7	10	0.32	3	3
7	Laura Bonner	12	6	26	2.17	0	1	1	0.08	0	2
8	Lynette Domench	51	3	22	0.43	13	30	43	0.84	3	1
5	Jeni Nelson	25	2	8	0.32	6	15	21	0.84	1	0
3	Mindi Cotner	64	1	304	4.75	7	29	36	0.56	2	12
4	Stephanie Reedal	10	0	3	0.30	0	1	1	0.10	1	0
12	Angie Frank	60	28	121	2.02	0	2	2	0.03	1	0
2	Heather Peeples	58	19	104	1.79	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
TEAM			4								
GEORGE FOX.....		64	140	1452	22.69	83	191	178.5	2.79	29	26
Opponents.....		64	103	1121	17.52	20	147	93.5	1.46	19	22

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 13-2: Home 4-1, Road 6-1, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 6-2: Home 2-1, Road 4-1)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Sweep Conference Opponents During 2-0 Week
Cotner Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"
Bruins in National, Regional Rankings
Where the Bruins Rank in NWC, NCAA Stats

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Oct. 10, 7:00 pm - vs. Warner Pacific, in Newberg, Ore.

Non-conference match ... George Fox defeated the Knights 3-1 (30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17) in Portland on Sept. 12, their first meeting since 1991 (Warner Pacific was without an athletic program for several of those intervening years) ... The Bruins are 9-0 vs. the Knights since 1988 (records before then are incomplete), 4-0 in Newberg, 3-0 in Portland, 2-0 on neutral courts.

Fri., Oct. 11, 7:00 pm - at Whitman College, in Walla Walla, Wash. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... Since joining the NWC in 1995, the Bruins are 11-2 vs. the Missionaries (7-0 in Newberg, 4-2 in Walla Walla) ... George Fox defeated Whitman 3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10) on Sept. 14 in Newberg.

Sat., Oct. 12, 2:00 pm - at Whitworth College, in Spokane, Wash. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... Whitworth is ranked 13th in the latest AVCA/NCAA poll and 2nd in the West Region ... The Bruins are 10-3 vs. the Pirates since joining the NWC in 1995 (5-2 in Newberg, 5-1 in Spokane) ... The Bruins have dropped the last three meetings, including a 0-3 loss (25-30, 32-34, 18-30) on Sept. 15 in Newberg ... Whitworth ranked 5th nationally in kills (16.21 kpg), 11th in assists (13.97 apg), and 12th in hitting pct. (.300) in the latest NCAA stats thru Sept. 23 ... The Pirates currently lead the NWC in hitting pct. (.278), kills (15.82), and assists (13.84) ... Julie Weatherred tops the league in hitting pct. (.371) and kills (4.87), Nicole Weedman leads in assists (12.48), and Kristen Turner is 2nd in hitting pct. (.361) and blocks (1.20).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Oct. 3 - George Fox 3, at Lewis & Clark 0 (30-27, 30-18, 30-20)

Oct. 5 - George Fox 3, at Pacific 0 (33-31, 30-23, 30-14)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Oct. 7

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	8-0	1.000	.-	24/5	11-2	.846	33/13
Whitworth Pirates (2)	6-1	.857	1.5	20/3	13-4	.765	45/12
George Fox Bruins (7)	6-2	.750	2	18/8	13-2	.867	39/14
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	5-3	.625	3	17/11	11-4	.733	31/12
Linfield Wildcats (4)	5-4	.556	3.5	17/14	8-6	.571	29/21
Willamette Bearcats (6)	2-5	.286	5.5	7/15	5-7	.417	19/23
Whitman Missionaries (5)	2-5	.286	5.5	9/15	4-11	.267	21/34
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-7	.000	7.5	0/21	0-13	.000	3/39
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-7	.000	7.5	0/21	0-13	.000	4/39

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 444-268 (.624) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, his record (since 1988, most current GFU records) is 9-0 vs. Warner Pacific (4-0 at home, 3-0 on the road, 2-0 at neutral sites); 11-2 vs. Whitman (7-0 at home, 4-2 on the road); and 10-3 vs. Whitworth (5-2 at home, 5-1 on the road).

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

10/3 - GEORGE FOX 3, LEWIS & CLARK 0: 24th-Ranked Bruins Block Out Pioneers for 4th Straight Win

PORTLAND, Ore. – Showing why they are the Northwest Conference leaders in blocks, the George Fox University Bruins blocked their way to victory with 10 team stuffs in posting a 3-0 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Oct. 3) at the Pamplin Sports Center.

In sweeping to their fourth straight triumph, the visiting Bruins won by scores of 30-27, 30-18, 30-20 while posting their 20th consecutive victory over the Pioneers.

Leading the defensive effort for the Bruins were **Heidi Vander Stoep** (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) and **Jeni Nelson** (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.), each with three block assists, and **Shelly Schultens** (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.) tallied two solo blocks. **Nicole Bostic** (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) with 23 digs and **Mindi Cotner** (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.), last week's NWC "Player of the Week", with 13 digs led a Bruin defensive effort that out-dug the Pioneers 73-60.

Offensively, George Fox out-hit Lewis & Clark .274 to .029, led by **Lacey Langmade** (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.), who hit .462, and **Laura Bonner** (Sr., OH, Kennewick, Wash.) with a .429 attack percentage. Bostic had 17 kills as the only Bruin in double figures, while Cotner passed out 33 assists.

Lewis & Clark was led by Jennifer Slaton with 11 kills and 14 digs, and Ashley Zerr-Smith had 16 assists.

Game one was tightly contested with the Bruins escaping with a narrow victory. They would not be seriously challenged in games two and three.

The win pushes George Fox, ranked 24th nationally with eight votes in the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3, to 12-2 on the season and 5-2 in the conference. Lewis & Clark drops to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in the league.

10/5 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Overcome Slow Start to Bounce Boxers 3-0

FOREST GROVE, Ore. – Overcoming a sluggish start that nearly cost them the first game, the George Fox University Bruins recovered in time to post a 3-0 decision over the Pacific University Boxers in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night (Oct. 5) at the Pacific Athletic Center.

The Bruins posted their fifth straight victory by scores of 33-31, 30-23, 30-14, finally getting things together after trailing most of the first game. Pacific actually served for game point on two occasions in game one, at 29-28 and 31-30, before the Bruins battled back to win. The Boxers kept pace in the first part of the second game, but five straight points gave George Fox a 17-12 lead and the Bruins gradually pulled away. In game three, the Bruins charged ahead early, taking a 20-9 lead, and never looked back.

Too many attack errors have been Pacific's story all season, and the George Fox match was no different as the Boxers made 42 errors to only 30 kills and hit -.079 for the match. The Bruins hit .126, with 36 kills and 21 errors. The Bruins also demonstrated superior defense, with 70 digs to 58 for the Boxers, and seven blocks to three for the hosts.

Shelly Schultens paced the Bruins with 12 kills and four blocks, while **Mindi Cotner** passed out 30 assists and had 22 digs. **Angie Frank** (Jr., OH/DS, Lebanon, Ore.) helped out defensively also with 18 digs.

Lindsey Jacobsen had seven kills for the Boxers, while Rachel Larson had 17 digs and Kylie Olson had 28 assists.

The Bruins, ranked 24th in the AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3 and 3rd in the West Region, are now 13-2 overall and 6-2 in the conference, while the Boxers fell to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in league play.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Cotner HM for NWC "Player of the Week":** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** continues to be the "straw that stirs the drink" for the surprising Bruins, earning Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for Oct. 1-7 after winning it the week before (Sept. 24-30). In a 3-0 win at Lewis & Clark on Wednesday, she had 33 assists, 13 digs, 2 kills and no errors in 6 attacks, with 1 ace, 1 block solo, and 1 assist. In a 3-0 win at Pacific on Friday, she had 30 assists and 22 digs, 2 kills and 1 error in 4 attacks, and 1 block solo. For the week, in 6 games she had 63 assists (10.50 apg) and 35 digs (5.83 dpg), hit .300 (4 k, 1 e, 10 ta), and had 1 ace, 2 blocks solo, and 1 block assist. "Player of the Week" honors went to outside hitter Andrea Beck of Linfield, who had 42 kills, 48 digs, and 7 assists in the Wildcats' 3-0 week.

*** George Fox in National, Regional Rankings:** In the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Coaches' Top 20 poll of Oct. 3, the **George Fox Bruins** were listed among "Others receiving points" with 8 votes, a total that would place them 24th in the rankings. Washington (Mo.) was No. 1, while other NWC teams in the poll include Whitworth at No. 13 and Puget Sound at No. 18 ... In the NCAA Division III West Region rankings of Oct. 3, George Fox was ranked 3rd. California State-Hayward, whose only loss this season was to the Bruins, was 1st, followed by Whitworth, George Fox, Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran, La Verne, Colorado College, and California Lutheran ... Both complete polls for national and regional rankings are available online at www.avca.org.

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 6th all-time at GFU in assists (2,076). Next up is Jennie Rennie with 2,330 ... With 741 career digs, **Cotner** ranks 9th, chasing Coby Van der Meer (767) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 211 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 136 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 83 career service aces, needing 5 to pass Kari Bshford-Cline (87) for 9th all-time.

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 7):**

Hitting Pct.:	.207	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.125	2nd
Assists:	12.96	3rd
Kills:	14.60	4th
Blocks:	2.70	1st
Service Aces:	2.00	7th
Digs:	23.34	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 7):**

Mindi Cotner - 1st in digs (4.85), 2nd in assists (11.60)

Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.39), 2nd in aces (0.63)

Nicole Bostic - 2nd in digs (4.84), 5th in kills (3.64)

Heidi Vander Stoep - 6th in digs (3.89)

Brandy Mailer - 5th in digs (3.90), 10th in hitting pct. (.264)

*** Bruins in NCAA National Stats (released Sept. 26; next release Oct. 10):**

In the latest NCAA stats (thru games of Sept. 23), **Mindi Cotner** is 22nd nationally in assists (11.49), while as a team, **George Fox** ranks 21st in digs (22.60) and 30th in kills (14.37)

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11	Shelly Schultens	48	15-13	141	2.94	60	355	.228	7	0.15	32	0.67	17
13	Brandy Mailer	47	14-8	132	2.81	31	367	.275	37	0.79	14	0.30	11
10	Lacey Langmade	26	12-2	48	1.85	13	166	.211	2	0.08	6	0.23	7
8	Lynette Domench	41	13-3	55	1.34	38	176	.097	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
7	Laura Bonner	9	7-0	12	1.33	7	54	.093	1	0.11	2	0.22	0
5	Jeni Nelson	21	10-4	21	1.00	11	90	.111	2	0.10	0	0.00	0
3	Mindi Cotner	53	15-14	34	0.64	7	103	.262	615	11.60	11	0.21	8
4	Stephanie Reedal	7	5-1	3	0.43	0	10	.300	1	0.14	0	0.00	0
12	Angie Frank	49	15-8	3	0.06	2	14	.071	6	0.12	11	0.22	13
2	Heather Peeples	50	15-5	1	0.02	3	10	-.200	2	0.04	2	0.04	8
1	Jessi Williams	1	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	53	15-15	770	14.53	287	2325	.208	684	12.91	106	2.00	83
	Opponents.....	53	15-15	582	10.98	333	2020	.123	527	9.94	97	1.83	85

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##	Name	G	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
6	Nicole Bostic	50	25	242	4.84	3	17	20	0.40	4	4
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	46	9	179	3.89	1	8	9	0.20	1	0
11	Shelly Schultens	48	6	59	1.23	34	33	67	1.40	7	1
13	Brandy Mailer	47	13	196	4.17	7	27	34	0.72	4	3
10	Lacey Langmade	26	11	56	2.15	2	5	7	0.27	3	3
8	Lynette Domench	41	3	18	0.44	10	24	34	0.83	2	1
7	Laura Bonner	9	6	23	2.56	0	1	1	0.11	0	2
5	Jeni Nelson	21	2	8	0.38	4	14	18	0.86	1	0
3	Mindi Cotner	53	1	257	4.85	5	18	23	0.43	2	12
4	Stephanie Reedal	7	0	3	0.43	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
12	Angie Frank	49	23	92	1.88	0	2	2	0.04	1	0
2	Heather Peeples	50	14	92	1.84	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	TEAM		4								
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	53	118	1226	23.13	66	149	140.5	2.65	25	26
	Opponents.....	53	84	886	16.72	18	119	77.5	1.46	18	20

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 11-2: Home 4-1, Road 4-1, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 4-2: Home 2-1, Road 2-1)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Win Three Straight vs. West Region-Ranked Teams
Cotner Named NWC "Player of the Week"
Where the Bruins Rank in NWC, NCAA Stats

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm - at Lewis & Clark College, in Portland, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... Since 1988 (most current GFU records), George Fox is 24-8 vs. the Pioneers (10-4 in Newberg, 11-1 in Portland, 3-3 on neutral courts) ... The Bruins have won the last 19 meetings ... The last L&C victory in the series was a 3-2 win in Newberg on Oct. 5, 1991 ... George Fox defeated Lewis & Clark last season 3-1 (14-16, 15-10, 15-5, 15-8) in Portland on Sept. 23 and 3-0 (15-13, 15-2, 15-6) in Newberg on Oct. 21.

Fri., Oct. 5, 7:00 pm - at Pacific University, in Forest Grove, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... Since 1988 (most current GFU records), George Fox is 28-11 vs. the Boxers (12-6 in Newberg, 11-3 in Forest Grove, 5-2 on neutral courts) ... The Bruins have won the last 10 meetings ... Pacific's last victory was a 2-0 decision at the Pacific Invitational on Oct. 4, 1996 ... The Bruins won both matches last year, winning 3-0 at home on Sept. 22 (15-3, 15-12, 15-11), and 3-0 on the road on Oct. 20 (15-12, 15-12, 15-19).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Sept. 27 - at George Fox 3, Colorado College 2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10)

Sept. 28 - at George Fox 3, Linfield 0 (30-26, 30-21, 30-24)

Sept. 29 - George Fox 3, Pacific Lutheran 1 (30-27, 28-30, 30-28, 30-21)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 30

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	6-0	1.000	.-	18/3	9-2	.818	27/11
Whitworth Pirates (2)	5-0	1.000	.5	15/0	12-3	.800	40/9
George Fox Bruins (7)	4-2	.667	2	12/8	11-2	.846	33/14
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	4-2	.667	2	14/6	10-3	.769	31/12
Whitman Missionaries (5)	2-3	.400	3.5	7/9	4-9	.307	19/28
Linfield Wildcats (4)	2-4	.333	4	8/13	5-6	.455	20/20
Willamette Bearcats (6)	2-4	.333	4	7/12	3-4	.429	10/13
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-5	.000	5.5	0/15	0-11	.000	3/33
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-5	.000	5.5	0/15	0-11	.000	3/33

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 442-268 (.623) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, his record (since 1988, most current GFU records) is 24-8 vs. Lewis & Clark (10-4 in Newberg, 11-1 in Portland, 3-3 on neutral courts), and 28-11 vs. Pacific (12-6 in Newberg, 11-3 in Forest Grove, 5-2 on neutral courts).

COTNER WINS NWC "PLAYER OF THE WEEK" HONORS

Junior setter **Mindi Cotner (Keizer, Ore.)** is the Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for Sept. 24-30 for leading the Bruins to wins against three West Region-ranked opponents during the week.

On Thursday in a 3-2 win over No. 6 Colorado College, Cotner had 4 kills and 0 errors in 11 attempts (.364), passed out 53 assists, and had 18 digs, 3 block assists, and 1 ace. On Friday in a 3-0 win over No. 8 Linfield, she had 2 kills and 1 error in 9 attempts (.111), passed out 46 assists, and had 14 digs and 3 block assists. On Saturday in a 3-1 win at No. 3 Pacific Lutheran, she had 5 kills and 1 error in 19 attempts (.211), passed out 51 assists, and had 16 digs and 1 block assist. For the week, in 12 games she had 11 kills and 2 errors in 39 attempts (.231), passed out 150 assists (12.50), and had 48 digs (4.0), 7 block assists, and 1 ace.

Cotner, who played high school ball in Rogue River, now calls Keizer home after marrying Oregon State University student Kevin Cotner of Keizer during the summer. She earned NWC "Player of the Week" honors last year for the week of Sept. 18-24, and went on to make Second Team All-Conference.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

GEORGE FOX 3, COLORADO COLLEGE 2: Bruins Nip Tigers in Nailbiter 3-2

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a match in which every game was in doubt until the very end, the George Fox University Bruins held off the Colorado College Tigers 3-2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10) in a non-conference women's volleyball battle Thursday night (Sept. 27) at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The opening game was a nip-and-tuck affair throughout, neither team holding more than a four-point lead before the Bruins prevailed. George Fox appeared to have the second game well in hand with a 22-14 lead at one point, only to have the visitors from Colorado Springs outscore the hosts 16-6 to even the match at a game apiece.

The Bruins again took a big lead in the third game, leading 17-10, but the Tigers scored seven unanswered points to tie it at 17-17. Colorado College never took the lead, however, and the Bruins broke away from a 22-21 margin to score eight of the game's final 12 points.

Game four was the tightest of all, George Fox's early 4-1 lead the biggest either team had. There were 10 ties from 14-14 on before Colorado College squeezed out the last two points.

In the deciding contest, the Bruins raced out to leads of 4-0 and 8-2, only to have the Tigers claw their way back to a 10-10 tie. But **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** served for five unanswered points to close out the match for the Bruins.

Bostic led a George Fox attack that hit .226 with 25 kills and a .339 attack percentage, while **Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)** added 15 kills and **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** 13. Vander Stoep had a game-high 23 digs, Brandy Mailer added 19, **Mindi Cotner** dug 18, and Bostic saved 17. Schultens recorded six blocks, and Cotner passed out 53 assists.

Setter Larissa Enns had a rare triple-double for Colorado College, recording 11 kills, 43 assists, and 14 blocks. Christi Smirnoff paced a quintet of Tigers in double figures in kills with 18, Meggan Grant had 16, Sara Boyles 15, and Kristen Coutee 11. Five Tigers also had twin digits in digs, led by Boyles and Anne Griebel with 16 each, and Coutee had six blocks. In another rarity, a second Tiger had double figures in assists, Heather Newby adding 12 passes for kills. Colorado College hit .221 as a team.

George Fox, ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region, is now 9-2, while Colorado College, ranked 6th in the West, slipped to 10-3.

GEORGE FOX 3, LINFIELD 0: Vander Stoep Sparks Bruins to 3-0 Sweep of Wildcats

NEWBERG, Ore. --- **Heidi Vander Stoep** is listed on the George Fox University roster as both an outside hitter and a defensive specialist, and she showed off both sides of her game Friday night (Sept. 28) here at the Wheeler Sports Center, sparking the Bruins to a 3-0 sweep of the Linfield College Wildcats in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball match.

Vander Stoep totaled 15 kills, including seven in the second game, and picked up 21 digs, all game highs, as the Bruins prevailed over their Yamhill County rivals 30-26, 30-21, 30-24.

Though George Fox swept the match, all three games were tight until the Bruins pulled away late in each. In the opener, neither team had more than a three-point lead until the Bruins managed a 28-24 lead and hung on to win. It was the same story in the second game until Vander Stoep served the final six points of the contest, with the Bruins winning the final three points on blocks by **Shelly Schultens**. In the finale, it was no more than a two-point game until the home team took a 16-13 lead, and the Bruins gradually stretched the margin to as many as seven at 25-18 before sealing the win.

Schultens and **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** chipped in with 10 kills apiece for the Bruins, and **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battleground, Wash.)** added eight kills while hitting .538, with only one error in

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14 attacks. As a team, George Fox out-hit Linfield .215 to .132. Defensively, the Bruins came up with 85 digs, over 28 a game, with Nicole Bostic adding 16 and Mailer and **Mindi Cotner** 14 to Vander Stoep's total. Cotner had 46 assists.

Sara Kaiser was the only Wildcat in double figures in kills with 10, hitting .474 with only one error in 19 attacks, and had a match-high five blocks. Andrea Beck and Liz McClung had 14 digs each, while Katie Leitheiser added 10 digs and 24 assists.

George Fox, ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region, is now 10-2 overall and 3-2 in the conference, while Linfield, ranked 8th in the West, slipped to 5-5 overall and 2-3 in the league.

GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC LUTHERAN 1: Surging Bruins Swamp Lutes 3-1 Behind Bostic's Big Night

TACOMA, Wash. --- Nicole Bostic posted 19 kills and made 36 digs, leading the surging George Fox University Bruins to a 3-1 win over the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Saturday night (Sept. 29) here at Olson Auditorium.

The Bruins won 30-27, lost 28-30, then won 30-28, 30-21, in a match that featured numerous long rallies. In just four games, the teams combined for 474 attacks (GFU 235, PLU 239) and made 247 digs (GFU 125, PLU 122).

Shelly Schultens added 12 kills and 6 blocks, **Brandy Mailer** had 12 kills and 26 digs, and **Mindi Cotner** passed out 51 assists to aid the Bruin cause. **Heidi Vander Stoep** and **Heather Peeples (Sr., DS, Olympia, Wash.)** were also in on the big defensive night with 19 and 10 digs respectively, and **Lynette Domench** added 4 blocks.

Aimee Sloboden led the Lutes with 18 kills, while Holy Nottingham chipped in with 14 and Julie Locke added 13. Jen Edwards had 25 digs to pace PLU, with Cailyn Akers, Annie Rolph, and Jenne Heu-Weller digging 21 apiece. Heu-Weller had 51 assists.

The Bruins came into the contest ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region while PLU was ranked 3rd in the West. George Fox, with three straight wins, is now 11-2 overall and 4-2 in the conference, while Pacific Lutheran slipped to 10-3 overall and 4-2 in the league.

BRUIN BITS:

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 6th all-time at GFU in assists (2,013). Next up is Jennie Rennie with 2,330 ... With 706 career digs, **Cotner** ranks 10th, chasing Beth Davis (730) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 205 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 142 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 83 career service aces, needing 5 to pass Kari Bshford-Cline (87) for 9th all-time.

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 1):**

Hitting Pct.:	.207	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.152	3rd
Assists:	13.11	3rd
Kills:	14.72	4th
Blocks:	2.68	1st
Service Aces:	2.11	6th
Digs:	23.28	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 1):**

Mindi Cotner - 2nd in digs (4.72), 2nd in assists (11.74)

Shelly Schultens - 1st in aces (0.71), 1st in blocks (1.40)

Nicole Bostic - 1st in digs (4.80), 5th in kills (3.61)

Heidi Vander Stoep - 3rd in digs (4.12)

Brandy Mailer - 5th in digs (4.02)

*** Bruins in NCAA National Stats:**

In the latest NCAA stats (thru Sept. 23), **Mindi Cotner** is 22nd nationally in assists (11.49), while as a team, **George Fox** ranks 21st in digs (22.60) and 30th in kills (14.37)

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Overall: 11-2 (H: 4-1 R: 4-1 N: 3-0)
NWC: 4-2 (H: 2-1 R: 2-1)

Games: 33-14
Games: 12-8

<u>DATE</u>		<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
8/31		EASTERN OREGON	W	3-1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19)	100
9/7	#	vs California State-Hayward	W	3-2 (26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9)	-
9/7	#	at Whittier	W	3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-26)	-
9/8	#	vs Pomona-Pitzer	W	3-0 (30-16, 30-26, 30-28)	-
9/8	#	vs Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	3-0 (30-20, 30-27, 30-26)	-
9/12		at Warner Pacific	W	3-1 (30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17)	70
9/14	*	WHITMAN	W	3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10)	150
9/15	*	WHITWORTH	L	0-3 (25-30, 32-34, 18-30)	135
9/19	*	at Willamette	W	3-1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19)	150
9/22	*	at Puget Sound	L	0-3 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30)	275
9/27		COLORADO COLLEGE	W	3-2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10)	100
9/28	*	LINFIELD	W	3-0 (30-26, 30-21, 30-24)	180
9/29	*	at Pacific Lutheran	W	3-1 (30-27, 28-30, 30-28, 30-21)	225
10/3	*	at Lewis & Clark	7:00 p.m.		
10/5	*	at Pacific	7:00 p.m.		
10/10		WARNER PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
10/12	*	at Whitman	7:00 p.m.		
10/13	*	at Whitworth	2:00 p.m.		
10/17	*	WILLAMETTE	7:00 p.m.		
10/20	*	PUGET SOUND	7:00 p.m.		
10/26	*	at Linfield	7:00 p.m.		
10/27	*	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7:00 p.m.		
11/2	*	PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
11/3	*	LEWIS & CLARK	7:00 p.m.		
11/8-10		NCAA Division III First Round	TBA		
11/17		NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	TBA		
11/30		NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA		
12/1		NCAA Division III Finals	TBA		

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

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George Fox 2001 Volleyball Statistics (as of Sep 30)

Overall record: 11-2 Conf: 4-2 Home: 4-1 Away: 4-1 Neutral: 3-0

		-----ATTACK-----						---SET---		-----SERVE-----			
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7	Laura Bonner	8	6-0	11	1.38	6	51	.098	1	0.13	2	0.25	0
8	Lynette Domench	38	12-3	52	1.37	33	165	.115	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
5	Jeni Nelson	16	8-3	17	1.06	8	70	.129	1	0.06	0	0.00	0
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4	Stephanie Reedal	5	3-0	0	0.00	0	1	.000	1	0.20	0	0.00	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	47	13-13	692	14.72	257	2098	.207	616	13.11	99	2.11	72
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11	Shelly Schultens	45	6	54	1.20	31	32	63	1.40	7	1
13	Brandy Mailer	47	12	189	4.02	7	27	34	0.72	2	3
10	Lacey Langmade	21	10	49	2.33	2	1	3	0.14	1	0
7	Laura Bonner	8	6	20	2.50	0	1	1	0.13	0	2
8	Lynette Domench	38	3	18	0.47	9	23	32	0.84	2	1
5	Jeni Nelson	16	1	7	0.44	4	10	14	0.88	1	0
3	Mindi Cotner	47	1	222	4.72	4	17	21	0.45	2	9
12	Angie Frank	46	20	73	1.59	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
2	Heather Peeples	46	14	85	1.85	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	TEAM		3								
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
4	Stephanie Reedal	5	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	47	104	1094	23.28	60	132	126.0	2.68	20	18
	Opponents.....	47	77	768	16.34	17	113	73.5	1.56	14	15

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 8-2: Home 2-1, Road 3-1, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 2-2: Home 1-1, Road 1-1)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Surprising Bruins Ranked 16th in Latest National Poll
George Fox Splits NWC Matches with Willamette and Puget Sound
Where the Bruins Rank in NWC Stats

THIS WEEK:

Thurs., Sept. 27, 7:00 pm - vs. Colorado College, in Newberg, Ore.

Non-conference match ... The series is tied 1-1 ... George Fox defeated Colorado College on the road in the Pikes Peak Challenge last season 3-2 (15-13, 3-15, 15-13, 2-15, 15-11) ... The Bruins lost to the Tigers in Newberg 3-2 (13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 12-15, 14-16) in their first meeting in 1999.

Fri., Sept. 28, 7:00 pm - vs. Linfield College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... George Fox leads the series with the Wildcats 22-14 (since 1988, as far back as GFU records currently go), 13-4 in Newberg, 3-5 in McMinnville, and 6-5 on neutral courts ... The Bruins dropped both matches last year, losing 0-3 at home on Sept. 29 (11-15, 8-15, 3-15), and 1-3 in McMinnville on Oct. 27 (5-15, 9-15, 15-12, 5-15), and on the road on Oct. 14 (5-15, 3-15, 7-15) ... The Wildcats are 3rd in the NWC in hitting pct. (.240) ... Sara Kaiser ranks 3rd in hitting pct. (.360), 3rd in blocks (1.19), and 7th in kills (3.68) ... Laura Nielson is 5th in hitting pct. (.344).

Sat., Sept. 29, 7:00 pm - at Pacific Lutheran University, in Tacoma, Wash. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... George Fox leads the series with the Lutes 13-6 (since 1988, as far back as GFU records currently go), 7-3 in Newberg, 4-2 in Tacoma, 2-0 on neutral courts ... The Lutes have won the last three meetings ... The Bruins lost both matches to PLU last year, in Tacoma on Sept. 15 (10-15, 15-13, 16-14, 12-15, 5-15) and 1-3 in Newberg on Oct. 13 (11-15, 10-15, 15-12, 2-15) ... The Lutes are 2nd in the NWC in hitting pct. (.272) and aces (2.65), and 3rd in kills (15.29) and blocks (2.25) ... Aimee Sloboden is 4th in the NWC in hitting pct. (.351) and 9th in kills (3.65) ... Julie Locke is 6th in digs (3.79) and 7th in hitting pct. (.330) and 8th in kills (3.67) ... Jenne Heu-Weller is 2nd in aces (0.72) and 3rd in assists (10.72) ... Heather Johnson is 4th in blocks (1.07).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Sept. 19 - George Fox 3, at Willamette 1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19)

Sept. 22 - at Puget Sound 3, George Fox 0 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 23

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Whitworth Pirates (2)	4-0	1.000	-	12/0	11-1	.917	35/3
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	3-0	1.000	.5	9/0	9-1	.900	26/6
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	3-0	1.000	.5	9/0	6-2	.750	18/8
George Fox Bruins (7)	2-2	.500	2	6/7	8-2	.800	24/11
Linfield Wildcats (4)	2-2	.500	2	6/7	5-4	.556	18/14
Willamette Bearcats (6)	1-3	.500	3	4/9	2-3	.400	7/10
Whitman Missionaries (5)	1-3	.000	3	4/9	3-8	.273	16/25
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-2	.000	3	0/6	0-7	.000	3/21
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-3	.000	3.5	0/9	0-8	.000	1/24

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 439-268 (.621) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, he is 1-1 vs. Colorado College (0-1 at home, 1-0 on the road), 22-14 (since 1988) vs. Linfield (13-4 in Newberg, 3-5 in McMinnville, and 6-5 on neutral courts), and 13-6 (since 1988) vs. Pacific Lutheran (7-3 in Newberg, 4-2 in Tacoma, 2-0 on neutral courts).

SURPRISING BRUINS RANKED 16th IN THE NATION

Picked to finish 7th in the Northwest Conference in a pre-season poll of league coaches, the **George Fox Bruins** have surprised the conference with an 8-2 start that included a seven-game winning streak to start the season. That hot streak apparently caught the attention of voters in the weekly American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, who tabbed the Bruins 16th in the nation in the latest poll of Sept. 19, when the Bruins were 7-1. George Fox received 73 points, while Whitworth College, another NWC member, was 8th with 187 points, and the University of Puget Sound was 24th with 32 points. California State University-Hayward, whom the Bruins defeated in the Whittier Tournament, was 21st with 38 points. Whitworth and Puget Sound, the two favorites to win the NWC, are the only teams to defeat the Bruins thus far. Washington (Mo.) University was ranked 1st with 294 points and 12 1st-place votes.

For the complete weekly poll, visit the AVCA website at www.avca.org.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

GEORGE FOX 3, WILLAMETTE 1

SALEM, Ore. --- Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.), Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.) and Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.) combined for 42 kills, leading the George Fox University Bruins past the Willamette University Bearcats 3-1 in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Sept. 19) at the Cone Field House.

Rebounding from a 3-0 loss on Saturday at home to Whitworth that snapped their season-opening seven-game winning streak, the Bruins triumphed 30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19. Bostic led George Fox with 16 kills and added a match-high 23 digs, Schultens added 14 kills and three service aces, while Mailer contributed 12 kills and 17 digs. GFU setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** had 22 digs to go along with 47 assists.

The home-standing Bearcats got a match-high 20 kills from Jenni Linden, but as a team, Willamette hit just .097 compared to .268 for the Bruins. Linden also had two total blocks and teammate Crystal DeMello chipped in with 13 kills and a pair of service aces.

With the victory, the Bruins improved to 8-1 overall and 2-1 in the NWC, while the Bearcats fell to 2-2 and 1-2 in the league.

PUGET SOUND 3, GEORGE FOX 0

TACOMA, Wash. --- In a fast and furious contest that was even closer than the scores indicated, the University of Puget Sound Loggers held off the 16th-ranked George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in a Northwest Conference women's volleyball battle Saturday night (Sept. 22) at Memorial Fieldhouse.

The Loggers, defending NWC champions and pre-season picks to repeat, stretched their winning streak in conference matches to 19 in a row with a 32-30, 30-27, 30-25 win over the Bruins. George Fox was 16th in the nation with 73 votes in the latest American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III poll of Sept. 19 on the strength of a 7-1 start. UPS was 24th with 32 points.

In game one, no more than three points separated the two teams until the Loggers opened up the lead to 24-19. The Bruins came charging back behind the hitting of **Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)**, who had seven kills in the game, to take a 30-29 lead. The Loggers battled back behind the arm of Karen Elmgren and solid serving to win game one 32-30. Megan Apperson collected 14 assists in the game for UPS.

Game two saw the Bruins jump on the Loggers early and take an 8-2 lead behind **Nicole Bostic's** four kills and **Shelly Schultens'** three kills. Logger coach Mark Massey made the move to Trisha Kawamoto as the setter and she directed the Logger comeback. Point by point UPS climbed back into the game as Adriane Ougendal came to life with five kills, Tera Anderson had seven, and Jessica Davis added four. Puget Sound out-hit the Bruins .288% to .184%.

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Game three was reminiscent of game one, with the two teams battling for point after point. The Loggers turned the corner behind Sarah Hesselstine, who served six straight points to give the Loggers a commanding 27-21 lead. Puget Sound finished out the game and match by winning game three 30-25.

The Loggers collected 60 kills, hitting at a .263 clip while the Bruins had 42 kills and hit .171%. Elmgren (15 kills and 10 digs) and Ougendal (13 kills and 14 digs) were influential in the Puget Sound victory. The Loggers also got a solid performance from Anderson (11 kills) and superb setting from Kawamoto (33 assists).

Vander Stoep led the Bruins with 12 kills and **Bostic** collected 10. The Loggers amassed 55 assists in the match to the Bruins' 35. **Mindi Cotner** had 29 assists and 15 digs for the Bruins.

The Loggers moved to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in the NWC, while George Fox now stands at 8-2 overall and 2-2 in the NWC.

BRUIN BITS:

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,863). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 658 career digs, **Cotner** needs 65 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 189 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 158 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 76 career service aces, needing 7 to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Sept. 23):**

Hitting Pct.:	.211	5th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.141	3rd
Assists:	12.63	4th
Kills:	14.37	4th
Blocks:	2.83	1st
Service Aces:	2.20	5th
Digs:	22.60	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Sept. 23):**

Mindi Cotner - 1st in digs (4.97), 2nd in assists (11.49)

Shelly Schultens - 1st in aces (0.76), 1st in blocks (1.42)

Nicole Bostic - 2nd in digs (4.44)

Heidi Vander Stoep - 8th in digs (3.64)

Brandy Mailer - 7th in digs (3.71), 10th in hitting pct. (2.93)

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Overall: 8-2 (H: 2-1 R: 3-1 N: 3-0)
NWC: 2-2 (H: 1-1 R: 1-1)

Games: 24-11
Games: 6-7

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
8/31	EASTERN OREGON	W	3-1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19)	100
9/7 #	vs California State-Hayward	W	3-2 (26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9)	-
9/7 #	at Whittier	W	3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-26)	-
9/8 #	vs Pomona-Pitzer	W	3-0 (30-16, 30-26, 30-28)	-
9/8 #	vs Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	3-0 (30-20, 30-27, 30-26)	-
9/12	at Warner Pacific	W	3-1 (30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17)	70
9/14 *	WHITMAN	W	3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10)	150
9/15 *	WHITWORTH	L	0-3 (25-30, 32-34, 18-30)	135
9/19 *	at Willamette	W	3-1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19)	150
9/22 *	at Puget Sound	L	0-3 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30)	275
9/27	COLORADO COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.		
9/28 *	LINFIELD	7:00 p.m.		
9/29 *	at Pacific Lutheran	7:00 p.m.		
10/3 *	at Lewis & Clark	7:00 p.m.		
10/5 *	at Pacific	7:00 p.m.		
10/10	WARNER PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
10/12 *	at Whitman	7:00 p.m.		
10/13 *	at Whitworth	2:00 p.m.		
10/17 *	WILLAMETTE	7:00 p.m.		
10/20 *	PUGET SOUND	7:00 p.m.		
10/26 *	at Linfield	7:00 p.m.		
10/27 *	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7:00 p.m.		
11/2 *	PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
11/3 *	LEWIS & CLARK	7:00 p.m.		
11/8-10	NCAA Division III First Round	TBA		
11/17	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	TBA		
11/30	NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA		
12/1	NCAA Division III Finals	TBA		

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

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George Fox Volleyball Statistics (as of Sep 22)

Overall record: 8-2 Conf: 2-2 Home: 2-1 Away: 3-1 Neutral: 3-0

##	Name	ATTACK						SET		SERVE			SE
		GP	MP-MS	K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SA/Gm	
6	Nicole Bostic	32	10-8	107	3.34	35	356	.202	2	0.06	10	0.31	6
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	28	10-6	91	3.25	30	250	.244	4	0.14	7	0.25	3
11	Shelly Schultens	33	10-8	91	2.76	39	226	.230	5	0.15	25	0.76	12
13	Brandy Mailer	35	10-3	95	2.71	20	256	.293	23	0.66	11	0.31	9
10	Lacey Langmade	15	8-2	39	2.60	11	138	.203	1	0.07	6	0.40	6
7	Laura Bonner	6	4-0	10	1.67	4	44	.136	1	0.17	2	0.33	0
8	Lynette Domench	22	8-2	31	1.41	24	100	.070	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
5	Jeni Nelson	16	8-3	17	1.06	8	70	.129	1	0.06	0	0.00	0
3	Mindi Cotner	35	10-8	19	0.54	4	54	.278	402	11.49	10	0.29	4
8	Lynette Dornench	4	1-0	2	0.50	3	16	-.063	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
2	Heather Peeples	34	10-4	1	0.03	2	7	-.143	1	0.03	2	0.06	6
12	Angie Frank	34	10-4	0	0.00	1	7	-.143	2	0.06	4	0.12	11
4	Stephanie Reedal	1	2-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
1	Jessi Williams	1	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	35	10-10	503	14.37	181	1524	.211	442	12.63	77	2.20	58
	Opponents.....	35	10-10	340	9.71	186	1128	.137	311	8.89	57	1.63	42

##	Name	DIG				BLOCKING						
		G	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE	
6	Nicole Bostic	32	14	142	4.44	2	14	16	0.50	2	2	
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	28	5	102	3.64	1	4	5	0.18	1	0	
11	Shelly Schultens	33	5	39	1.18	23	24	47	1.42	6	1	
13	Brandy Mailer	35	11	130	3.71	7	23	30	0.86	1	3	
10	Lacey Langmade	15	9	48	3.20	2	1	3	0.20	1	0	
7	Laura Bonner	6	5	20	3.33	0	1	1	0.17	0	2	
8	Lynette Domench	22	2	12	0.55	3	15	18	0.82	1	1	
5	Jeni Nelson	16	1	7	0.44	4	10	14	0.88	1	0	
3	Mindi Cotner	35	1	174	4.97	4	10	14	0.40	2	9	
8	Lynette Dornench	4	1	2	0.50	1	2	3	0.75	0	0	
2	Heather Peeples	34	8	61	1.79	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
	TEAM		2									
12	Angie Frank	34	14	53	1.56	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
4	Stephanie Reedal	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	
	GEORGE FOX.....	35	79	791	22.60	47	104	99.0	2.83	15	18	
	Opponents.....	35	55	496	14.17	13	79	52.5	1.50	11	11	

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 7-1: Home 2-1, Road 2-0, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 1-1: Home 1-1, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

George Fox Drops Match to Whitworth after Seven Straight Wins
Mailer Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"
Bruins on the Road for Conference Matches This Week

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Sept. 19, 7:00 pm - at Willamette University, Salem, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Bruins are 14-20 vs. the Bearcats (since 1988, as far back as current records go), 8-8 in Newberg, 3-10 in Salem, and 3-2 on neutral courts ... The Bruins lost both matches last year, on the road on Sept. 27 (9-15, 11-15, 12-15), and at home on Oct. 28 (6-15, 15-11, 10-15, 15-7, 15-8) ...

Sat., Sept. 22, 7:00 pm - at University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Bruins are 11-9 vs. the Loggers (since 1988, as far back as current records go), 4-2 in Newberg, 4-3 in Tacoma, 3-4 on neutral courts ... The Bruins dropped all three matches last year, losing in the Pikes Peak Challenge on Sept. 2 (4-15, 8-15, 9-15), at home on Sept. 16 (7-15, 6-15, 6-15), and on the road on Oct. 14 (5-15, 3-15, 7-15) ... UPS is the defending conference champion and was ranked 5th in the AVCA Division III pre-season national poll..

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Sept. 12 - George Fox 3, at Warner Pacific 1 (30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17)

Sept. 14 - at George Fox 3, Whitman 0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10)

Sept. 15 - Whitworth 3, at George Fox 0 (25-30, 32-34, 18-30)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 15

<u>Team (Pre-season poll)</u>	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>GW/L</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GW/L</u>
Whitworth Pirates (2)	2-0	1.000	-	6/0	9-1	.900	29/3
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	1-0	1.000	.5	3/0	7-1	.875	20/6
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	1-0	1.000	.5	3/0	4-2	.667	12/8
George Fox Bruins (7)	1-1	.500	1	3/3	7-1	.875	21/7
Willamette Bearcats (6)	1-1	.500	1	3/3	2-1	.667	6/4
Linfield Wildcats (4)	1-1	.500	1	3/3	3-3	.500	12/10
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-1	.000	1.5	0/3	0-6	.000	1/18
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-1	.000	1.5	0/3	0-6	.000	3/18
Whitman Missionaries (5)	0-2	.000	2	0/6	2-7	.222	12/22

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 438-267 (.621) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total ranks in the top 15 in the nation in wins among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, he is 14-20 vs. Willamette (8-8 at home, 3-10 on the road, 3-2 at neutral sites), and 11-9 vs. Puget Sound (4-2 at home, 4-3 on the road, 3-4 at neutral sites) since 1988 -- records are incomplete prior to then.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

Bruins Make It Six in a Row with 3-1 Win at Warner Pacific

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Sparked by 14 kills from **Heidi Vander Stoep** (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) and 13 by **Brandy Mailer** (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.) and a defense that

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recorded 23 blocks, the George Fox University Bruins defeated the Warner Pacific College Knights 3-1 in a non-conference women's volleyball match Wednesday night (Sept. 13) at C.C. Perry Gymnasium.

The Bruins, winning 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17, stretched their season-opening winning streak to six in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Knights dropped to 0-6 on the season.

Mailer had 13 kills and only one error for a .364 attack percentage while Vander Stoep, with 14 kills and four errors, hit .357. **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.)** had eight solo blocks while **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** chipped in with six solos and one block assist. Setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** passed out 49 assists and had a game-high 18 digs on defense.

Lori Barton was the only Knight in double figures in kills with 17, but the Knights were plagued by too many offensive mistakes, making 49 errors and hitting a minus-.028.

Bruins Drop Missionaries in NWC Action for 7th Straight Win

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Middle blocker **Shelly Schultens** hit .421 with 11 kills and eight blocks on defense, and **Brandy Mailer** hit .450 with 10 kills, leading the George Fox University Bruins past the Whitman College Missionaries 3-0 in the Northwest Conference lidlifter for both teams Friday night (Sept. 14) at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins, winning 30-21, 30-25, 30-10, stretched their season-opening winning streak to seven in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Missionaries dropped to 2-6 after having their two-game winning streak snap. George Fox is now 11-2 lifetime against Whitman and 7-0 in Newberg.

George Fox pulled away late to win the first two games before dominating the third game. The opener was close, the Bruins holding only a 19-17 edge, before outscoring the Missionaries 11-4 to close out the 30-21 win. In the second game, Whitman fought back from an 18-12 deficit to tie it at 22-22, but Schultens served two of her three aces in 6-0 run that gave the Bruins a comfortable 29-23 margin before the game ended. In the finale, **Angie Frank (Jr., OH/DS, Lebanon, Ore.)** served a 7-0 run that gave George Fox an early 8-1 lead and control of the game.

Heidi Vander Stoep led all attackers with 12 kills, while the Bruins hit .298 as a team to only .122 for the Missionaries. Vander Stoep and Mailer had 15 digs apiece while Frank and **Mindi Cotner** had 11 each, and Cotner passed out 42 assists.

For Whitman, Jill Huber had 10 kills and 10 digs, Megan Bessette added 10 digs, and Claire Novotny had 25 assists.

Powerful Pirates Hand Bruins First Loss in 3-0 Sweep

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a meeting between the Northwest Conference's leading team in kills and the top team in digs and blocks, offense overpowered defense as the Whitworth College Pirates swept the George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in women's volleyball action Saturday afternoon (Sept. 15) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

In winning 30-25, 34-32, 30-18, the Pirates ended the George Fox season-opening win streak at seven while stretching their own current string to six. George Fox is now 7-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference, while Whitworth improves to 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the league.

The first two games were nip-and-tuck all the way, particularly the critical second game in which the Bruins held a narrow lead most of the way and had a chance to win it at 29-27. But the Pirates rallied to tie it and eventually pull out the 34-32 win, then jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the third game and maintained a comfortable margin to the end.

Coming into the match, Whitworth led the NWC in kills per game (16.08) and was second in hitting pct. (.290), while George Fox owned the top league mark in digs (24.28) and blocks (3.28). The Pirates did nothing to hurt their numbers, hitting .311 with 56 kills, while the Bruins hit only .197 with 45 kills. Defensively, George Fox managed only 53 digs (17.7 per game, almost seven below its average), and had only four blocks the entire match.

Julie Weathered had 18 kills while hitting .444 to lead the Pirates, Lindsey Wagstaff had 13, and Abby Jo Hornstein 10. Weathered had a match-high 20 digs, while Nicole Weedman passed out 50 assists.

For George Fox, **Shelly Schultens** had 11 kills and **Heidi Vander Stoep** and **Brandy Mailer** had 10 each. Vander Stoep hit .421 and Mailer hit .385 with no errors. **Mindi Cotner** led the Bruins with 13 digs and 40 assists.

BRUIN BITS:

* **Delivering the Mail-er:** Junior outside hitter **Brandy Mailer** received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for three outstanding games during the Sept. 10-16 period. In a 3-1 win at Warner

Pacific, she had 13 kills and 1 error in 33 attacks (.364), with 3 assists, 10 digs, and 4 blocks. The kills and attacks were a new career high. In a 3-0 NWC-opening win over Whitman, she had 10 kills and 1 error in 20 attacks for a career-high .450 pct., with 1 assist, 2 aces, 15 digs and 4 blocks. In a 3-0 loss to Whitworth, she shone with 10 kills and no errors in 26 attacks (.385), with 1 assist and 6 digs. For the week, she hit .392 (33 kills, 2 errors, 79 attacks), with 5 assists, 2 aces, 31 digs, and 8 blocks.

"I have been incredibly pleased with Brandy's efficiency on the right side," praised coach **Steve Grant**. "In all my years of coaching, I can't come up with anyone at that position who has had a string of matches as dominating as Brandy has had. Her experience was something our team sorely missed when she was injured all last season. She's relaxed yet intense, calm but focused. I know I've never had one as good as she is right now."

NWC "Player of the Week" honors went to Whitworth's Julie Weatherred, who had 36 kills, a .557 hitting pct., 32 digs, and 6 aces in two Pirate wins.

*** Sizzling from the Start:** Before losing to Whitworth on Saturday, the Bruins went 7-0, the best start to a season since the 1988 squad opened with an 8-0 run, and have already equaled last year's wins total when the team went 7-15. "We're primarily the same team, but we're a year older and playing with much more confidence," says coach **Steve Grant**. "Our starting six are comfortable with one another and can trust each other to be there at the right spot at the right time. **Shelly Schultens** is playing the best I've seen her play, **Mindi Cotner** is her usual steady self, **Angie Frank** has made somebig-time defensive plays, and **Nicole Bostic** and **Heidi Vander Stoep** are rising to the challenge of filling the holes where we struggled last year. And **Brandy Mailer**, of course, has been invaluable."

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,787). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 621 career digs, **Cotner** needs 65 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 189 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 158 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 73 career service aces, needing 10 to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

*** New Career Highs:** The following new single-game personal records were set by Bruins this week:

- **Laura Bonner (So., OH, Kennewick, Wash.):** service aces - 1 (tie) at Warner Pacific
- **Nicole Bostic (So, OH, Spokane, Wash.):** service aces - 2 (tie) at Warner Pacific and vs. Whitman
- **Angie Frank:** errors - 1 vs. Whitworth; attacks - 1 (tie) vs. Whitworth; assists - 1 vs. Whitworth; service aces - 1 (tie) vs. Whitman and Whitworth; digs - 11 vs. Whitman
- **Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.):** solo blocks - 1 (tie) at Warner Pacific
- **Brandy Mailer:** kills - 13 at Warner Pacific; attacks - 33 at Warner Pacific; attack pct. - .450 (10 k, 1 e, 20 ta) vs. Whitman; solo blocks - 2 (tie) at Warner Pacific and vs. Whitman
- **Shelly Schultens:** solo blocks - 5 vs. Whitman

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Sept. 16):**

Hitting Pct.:	.209	5th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.124	2nd
Assists:	12.64	5th
Kills:	14.25	5th
Blocks:	3.04	1st
Service Aces:	2.43	5th
Digs:	22.82	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Sept.16):**

Mindi Cotner - 1st in digs (4.89), 2nd in assists (11.64)
Shelly Schultens - 1st in aces (0.85), 1st in blocks (1.58)
Nicole Bostic - 3rd in digs (4.24)
Heidi Vander Stoep - 5th in digs (3.90)
Brandy Mailer - 6th in digs (3.68)
Jeni Nelson - 6th in blocks (1.00)

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Overall: 7-1 (H: 2-1 R: 2-0 N: 3-0) Games: 21-7
 NWC: 1-1 (H: 1-1 R: 0-0) Games: 3-3

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
8/31	EASTERN OREGON	W	30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19	100
9/7 #	vs California State-Hayward	W	26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9	-
9/7 #	at Whittier	W	30-28, 30-23, 30-26	-
9/8 #	vs Pomona-Pitzer	W	30-16, 30-26, 30-28	-
9/8 #	vs Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	30-20, 30-27, 30-26	-
9/12	at Warner Pacific	W	30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17	-
9/14 *	WHITMAN	W	30-21, 30-25, 30-10	125
9/15 *	WHITWORTH	L	25-30, 32-34, 18-30	135
9/19 *	at Willamette	7:00 p.m.		
9/22 *	at Puget Sound	7:00 p.m.		
9/27	COLORADO COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.		
9/28 *	LINFIELD	7:00 p.m.		
9/29 *	at Pacific Lutheran	7:00 p.m.		
10/3 *	at Lewis & Clark	7:00 p.m.		
10/5 *	at Pacific	7:00 p.m.		
10/10	WARNER PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
10/12 *	at Whitman	7:00 p.m.		
10/13 *	at Whitworth	2:00 p.m.		
10/17 *	WILLAMETTE	7:00 p.m.		
10/20 *	PUGET SOUND	7:00 p.m.		
10/26 *	at Linfield	7:00 p.m.		
10/27 *	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7:00 p.m.		
11/2 *	PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
11/3 *	LEWIS & CLARK	7:00 p.m.		
11/8-10	NCAA Division III First Round	TBA		
11/17	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	TBA		
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Overall record: 7-1 Conf: 1-1 Home: 2-1 Away: 2-0 Neutral: 3-0

##	Name	GP	MP-MS	-----ATTACK-----				---SET---		-----SERVE-----			
				K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SA/Gm	SE
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	21	8-5	70	3.33	24	190	.242	3	0.14	4	0.19	2
6	Nicole Bostic	25	8-7	81	3.24	27	268	.201	0	0.00	10	0.40	4
13	Brandy Mailer	28	8-2	77	2.75	15	208	.298	17	0.61	10	0.36	8
11	Shelly Schultens	26	8-7	71	2.73	31	175	.229	4	0.15	22	0.85	9
10	Lacey Langmade	12	6-2	30	2.50	10	118	.169	1	0.08	6	0.50	6
7	Laura Bonner	5	3-0	10	2.00	4	44	.136	1	0.20	2	0.40	0
8	Lynette Domench	19	7-2	28	1.47	22	91	.066	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
5	Jeni Nelson	14	7-3	16	1.14	8	62	.129	1	0.07	0	0.00	0
3	Mindi Cotner	28	8-7	16	0.57	3	43	.302	326	11.64	8	0.29	2
12	Angie Frank	27	8-3	0	0.00	1	3	-.333	1	0.04	4	0.15	10
2	Heather Peeples	28	8-4	0	0.00	2	6	-.333	0	0.00	2	0.07	6
1	Jessi Williams	1	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
4	Stephanie Reedal	1	2-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
	GEORGE FOX.....	28	8-8	399	14.25	147	1208	.209	354	12.64	68	2.43	47
	Opponents.....	28	8-8	229	8.18	134	786	.121	216	7.71	40	1.43	32

##	Name	G	RE	---DIG---		-----BLOCKING-----					
				DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	21	2	82	3.90	1	3	4	0.19	1	0
6	Nicole Bostic	25	11	106	4.24	1	14	15	0.60	0	1
13	Brandy Mailer	28	8	103	3.68	6	20	26	0.93	1	0
11	Shelly Schultens	26	5	32	1.23	19	22	41	1.58	3	1
10	Lacey Langmade	12	9	47	3.92	2	1	3	0.25	1	0
7	Laura Bonner	5	5	19	3.80	0	1	1	0.20	0	2
8	Lynette Domench	19	2	10	0.53	3	13	16	0.84	1	1
5	Jeni Nelson	14	0	7	0.50	4	10	14	1.00	1	0
3	Mindi Cotner	28	1	137	4.89	3	8	11	0.39	0	7
12	Angie Frank	27	10	38	1.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
2	Heather Peeples	28	6	57	2.04	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
1	Jessi Williams	1	1	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
4	Stephanie Reedal	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	TEAM		2								
	GEORGE FOX.....	28	62	639	22.82	39	92	85.0	3.04	8	12
	Opponents.....	28	46	352	12.57	10	60	40.0	1.43	3	0

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 5-0: Home 1-0, Road 1-0, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 0-0: Home 0-0, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Sweep thru Whittier Tournament with Four Wins
Northwest Conference Play Begins This Weekend at Home**

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Sept. 12, 7:00 pm - at Warner Pacific College, Portland, Ore.

Non-conference match ... The Bruins and Knights have not met since 1991, WPC being without athletics for several of those intervening years ... The Bruins were 8-0 vs. the Knights from 1988-91 (records before that are incomplete), going 4-0 in Newberg, 2-0 in Portland, and 2-0 on neutral courts ... In the last meeting on Sept. 11, 1991, George Fox won 15-9, 15-1, 15-6.

Fri., Sept. 14, 7:00 pm - Whitman College (NWC)

Northwest Conference opener ... Since joining the NWC in 1995, the Bruins are 10-2 vs. the Missionaries (6-0 in Newberg, 4-2 in Walla Walla) ... The teams split last year, each winning at home, George Fox taking a 15-7, 15-9, 4-15, 15-11 decision on Oct. 6, then dropping a 6-15, 8-15, 14-16 match on Nov. 3.

Sat., Sept. 15, 1:00 pm - Whitworth College (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The contest is being played in the afternoon due to travel considerations for Whitworth ... The Bruins are 10-2 vs. the Pirates since joining the NWC in 1995 (5-1 in Newberg, 5-1 in Spokane) ... The Bruins dropped both matches last year, the Pirates' first wins over George Fox, falling at home on Oct. 7 7-15, 14-16, 15-12, 12-15, and on the road to end the season on Nov. 4 4-15, 15-13, 9-15, 4-15.

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Fri., Sept. 7 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

George Fox 3, California State-Hayward 2 (26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9)

George Fox 3, at Whittier 0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-26)

Sat., Sept. 8 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

George Fox 3, Pomona-Pitzer 0 (30-16, 30-26, 30-28)

George Fox 3, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 0 (30-20, 30-27, 30-26)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 9

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
George Fox Bruins (7)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	5-0	1.000	15/3
Willamette Bearcats (6)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	1-0	1.000	3/0
Whitworth Pirates (2)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	7-1	.875	23/3
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	6-1	.833	17/6
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	3-2	.600	9/8
Linfield Wildcats (4)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	2-2	.500	6/6
Whitman Missionaries (5)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	2-5	.286	12/16
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-5	.000	3/15
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-5	.000	1/15

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 436-266 (.621) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total ranks in the top 15 in the nation in wins among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, he is 8-0 vs. Warner Pacific (4-0 at home, 2-0 on the road, 2-0 at neutral sites; 10-2 vs. Whitman (6-0 at home, 4-2 on the road); and 10-2 vs. Whitworth (5-1 at home, 5-1 on the road) since 1988 -- records are incomplete prior to then.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

Bruins Sweep thru Whittier Tournament with Losses in Only Two Games

WHITTIER, Calif. --- In a performance that both stunned and thrilled veteran coach Steve Grant, the George Fox University Bruins captured four matches and stretched their season-opening win streak to five in the Whittier College Women's Volleyball Tournament here Friday-Saturday (Sept. 7-8).

"Needless to say, this is all a bit unexpected," admitted Grant Monday morning after the team had arrived back in Oregon late Sunday night. "I knew we had the potential to be improved, even though we have no real 'go-to' player, but if you had told me we'd go down to California and win every match we played, I'd have thought you'd be reaching. The thing is, we won all four, but in two of them, I don't think we played all that well, yet we came out with the wins."

The Bruins opened up the tournament Friday with their toughest match of the tournament, score-wise, coming from behind twice to defeat the California State University-Hayward Pioneers 3-2, with scores of 26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9. **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** hit .276 with 17 kills and 32 digs to lead the way, while **Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)** had 16 kills and 15 digs, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** added 11 kills and 11 digs with 6 blocks, and **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** had 10 kills and 18 digs. **Jeni Nelson (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.)** had her best game as a Bruin, hitting .417 with 6 kills and 5 blocks off the bench. **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** had 46 kills and 17 digs.

The second win was a bit easier as the Bruins prevailed 3-0 over the host Whittier College Poets, though all the games were close at 30-28, 30-23, 30-26. **Mailer** led a balanced attack with 10 kills, **Vander Stoep** and **Cotner** led the defense with 14 digs apiece, and **Cotner** passed out 42 assists.

On Saturday, the Bruins downed first Pomona-Pitzer Colleges 30-16, 30-26, 30-28, **Mailer** again leading an all-around offense with 9 kills. **Cotner** had 21 digs and **Mailer** 15.

The Bruins then completed with tournament with a 30-20, 30-27, 30-26 sweep of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges. **Schultens** sparkled on the attack, hitting .600 with 12 kills and no errors, and on defense with 10 blocks. **Bostic** led all hitters with 15 kills. **Bostic** and **Cotner** had 15 digs each, **Mailer** had 14, and **Vander Stoep** 13. **Cotner** passed out 41 assists.

BRUIN BITS:

* ***Sizzling from the Start:*** By improving to 5-0 with a 4-0 run through the Whittier Tournament, the Bruins equaled the start of the 1997 team and have the best start to a season since the 1988 squad opened with an 8-0 run.

* ***Same Player, New Name:*** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** played last year as Mindi Yost. During the summer, she married Kevin Cotner (one "s" short of being a movie star!), a student at Oregon State University. The two reside in Keizer and commute in opposite directions for school!

* ***On the All-Time Lists:*** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,654). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 579 career digs, **Cotner** needs 107 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 177 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 171 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 66 career service aces, needing 17 to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

* ***New Career Highs:*** The following new single-game personal records were set by Bruins in the Whittier Tournament match:

- **Laura Bonner (So., OH, Kennewick, Wash.):** kills - 4 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; errors - 3 vs. Whittier; attacks - 19 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; attack pct. - .210 (4 k, 0 e, 19 ta) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; service aces - 1 vs. Whittier and Pomona-Pitzer; digs - 9 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; block assists - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; total blocks - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer

- **Nicole Bostic:** digs - 32 vs. Cal State-Hayward

- **Angie Frank (Jr., DS, Lebanon, Ore.):** attacks - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; service aces - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; digs - 7 vs. Pomona-Pitzer

- **Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.):** service aces - 2 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; solo blocks - 1 (tie) vs. Cal State-Hayward

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- **Brandy Mailer:** kills - 10 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Whittier; errors - 4 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Whittier; attacks - 32 vs. Cal State-Hayward; service aces - 4 vs. Whittier
- **Jeni Nelson:** kills - vs. Cal State-Hayward and Whittier; errors - 3 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; attacks - 21 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; assists - 1 (tie) vs. Cal State-Hayward; digs - 3 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; solo blocks - 2 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Pomona-Pitzer; block assists - 3 vs. Cal State-Hayward, Pomona-Pitzer, and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; total blocks - 5 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Pomona-Pitzer
- **Shelly Schultens:** attack pct. - .600 (12 k, 0 e, 20 ta) vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; solo blocks - 4 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; total blocks - 10 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
- **Heidi Vander Stoep:** kills- 16 vs. Cal State-Hayward; errors - 6vs. Whittier; attack - 43 vs. Cal State-Hayward

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

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9/8 # vs	Pomona-Pitzer	W	30-16, 30-26, 30-28	-
9/8 # vs	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	30-20, 30-27, 30-26	-
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RECORD:	ALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	5-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-0	1-0	1-0	3-0

PLAYER	M/G	-----ATTACK-----					-----Set-----		---SERVE---		-----DIG-----		-----BLOCKING-----			
		K	Kpg	E	TA	Pct.	A	Apg	SA	SApp	D	Dpg	BS	BA	TB	Bpg
Jessie Williams	1/1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00
Heather Peeples	5/18	0	0.00	1	3	-.333	0	0.00	0	0.00	39	2.17	0	0	0	0.00
Mindi Cotner	5/18	9	0.50	1	27	.296	193	10.72	6	0.33	95	5.28	2	5	7	0.39
Stephanie Reedal	1/1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00
Jeni Nelson	5/13	17	1.31	8	50	.180	1	0.08	0	0.00	7	0.54	4	10	14	1.08
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Laura Bonner	2/4	7	1.75	3	33	.121	0	0.00	2	0.50	14	3.50	0	1	1	0.25
Lynette Domench	4/12	13	1.08	10	47	.064	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	0.33	1	8	9	0.75
Heidi Vander Stoep	5/13	34	2.62	14	112	.179	1	0.08	3	0.23	49	3.77	1	2	3	0.23
Lacey Langmade	4/13	25	1.92	6	83	.229	1	0.08	5	0.38	41	3.15	1	0	1	0.08
Shelly Schultens	5/16	40	2.50	20	111	.180	1	0.06	15	0.94	20	1.25	12	17	29	1.81
Angie Frank	5/17	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	2	0.12	17	1.00	0	0	0	0.00
Brandy Mailer	5/18	44	2.44	13	129	.240	12	0.67	8	0.44	72	4.00	2	16	18	1.00
George Fox	5/18	244	13.56	95	786	.190	209	11.61	46	2.56	437	24.28	24	70	94	
													Total Blocks		59	3.28

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 1-0: Home 1-0, Road 0-0, Neutral 0-0 / NWC 0-0: Home 0-0, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Open "Rally Scoring" Era with Win over Eastern Oregon
Four Matches Looming This Weekend in Whittier Tournament**

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Sept. 7 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

10:00 am - Claremont-Mudd-Scripps vs. Whitworth; CSU-Hayward vs. Pacific Lutheran

11:30 am - Chapman vs. Lewis & Clark; Pomona-Pitzer vs. Linfield

1:00 pm - Claremont-Mudd-Scripps vs. Pacific Lutheran; CSU-Hayward vs. **George Fox**

2:30 pm - Occidental vs. Pacific; Pomona-Pitzer vs. Whitworth

4:00 pm - Whittier vs. **George Fox**; Chapman vs. Linfield

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5:30pm - Whittier vs. Whitworth; Occidental vs. Linfield

*** George Fox's records vs. opponents in the Whittier Tournament (since 1988 - records incomplete before that):**

vs. CSU-Hayward 0-1 (neutral 0-1);

vs. Whittier 2-0 (road 1-0, neutral 1-0);

vs. Pomona-Pitzer 0-0;

vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 2-0 (neutral 2-0).

LAST WEEK (Game recap below):

Aug. 31 - at George Fox 3, Eastern Oregon 1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 2

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	3-0	1.000	9/2
George Fox Bruins (7)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	1-0	1.000	3/1
Willamette Bearcats (6)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	1-0	1.000	3/0
Whitworth Pirates (2)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	3-1	.750	11/3
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	2-2	.500	6/7
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-1	.000	1/3
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-1	.000	0/3
Whitman Missionaries (5)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-3	.000	2/9
Linfield Wildcats (4)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-0	.000	0/0

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

BRUINS OPEN "RALLY SCORING" ERA WITH 3-1 WIN OVER EASTERN OREGON

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a brand-new era of college volleyball, in which "rally scoring" (scoring a point on every serve, rather than just the serving team getting a point) is to be used in every game of a match, the George Fox University Bruins made a successful debut, posting a 3-1 win over the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers Friday afternoon (Aug. 31) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

With setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** sparking the offense with 43 assists and leading the defense with 28 digs, the Bruins won 30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19 and ended a four-game losing streak. The win was the 11th straight for the Bruins over the Mountaineers, whom they had not met since 1997, and raised their series record over Eastern Oregon to 17-2 (since 1988, as far back as current records go).

Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.) led the Bruin attack with 13 kills while hitting .214, and **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** and **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.)** chipped in with 11 kills each. **Bostic** and **Langmade** recorded 18 digs apiece, while **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** dug 14.

The Bruins were also strong at the net, recording 13 blocks, with **Bostic** and **Mailer** assisting on seven, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** had one solo and five assists, and **Bostic** helped block five. **Schultens** also served six aces, **Cotner** four, and **Mailer** three out of the Bruins' total of 18.

Sara Kirby led Eastern Oregon with 13 kills and Elaine McKinstry had 12. Cassie Beyer passed out 41 assists and led a quintet of Mountaineers in double figures in digs with 24.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Same Player, New Name:** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** played last year as Mindi Yost. During the summer, she married Kevin Cotner (one "s" short of being a movie star!), a student at Oregon State University. The two reside in Keizer and commute in opposite directions for school!

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,504). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 512 career digs, **Cotner** needs 174 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 57 career service aces, needs 26 to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

*** New Career Highs:** The following new personal records were set by Bruins in the Eastern Oregon match:

- **Nicole Bostic:** block assists - 5; total blocks - 5
- **Mindi Cotner:** service aces - 4; digs - 28
- **Lynette Domench:** block assists - 7
- **Angie Frank (Jr., DS, Lebanon, Ore.):** total attacks - 1; service aces - 1; digs - 6
- **Lacey Langmade:** kills - 13; service aces - 2 (tie); digs - 18
- **Brandy Mailer:** kills - 8; total attacks - 28; service aces - 3; block assists - 7; total blocks - 7
- **Shelly Schultens:** service aces - 6

George Fox 2001 Volleyball

George Fox Overall Individual Statistics (as of Sep 02, 2001)

All matches

Overall record: 1-0 Conf: 0-0 Home: 1-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 0-0

##	Name	-----ATTACK-----							---SET---		-----SERVE-----		
		GP	MP-MS	K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SA/Gm	SE
10	Lacey Langmade	4	1-0	13	3.25	4	42	.214	1	0.25	2	0.50	2
6	Nicole Bostic	4	1-0	11	2.75	8	53	.057	0	0.00	2	0.50	0
8	Lynette Domench	4	1-0	11	2.75	6	25	.200	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
13	Brandy Mailer	4	1-0	8	2.00	2	28	.214	4	1.00	3	0.75	3
11	Shelly Schultens	4	1-0	5	1.25	7	24	-.083	0	0.00	6	1.50	3
3	Mindi Cotner	4	1-0	1	0.25	1	7	.000	43	10.75	4	1.00	0
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	1	1-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
2	Heather Peeples	4	1-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
5	Jeni Nelson	1	1-0	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
12	Angie Frank	4	1-0	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	1	0.25	2
	GEORGE FOX.....	4	1-1	49	12.25	29	182	.110	48	12.00	18	4.50	10
	Opponents.....	4	1-1	54	13.50	30	196	.122	50	12.50	10	2.50	9

##	Name	---DIG---				-----BLOCKING-----					
		G	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
10	Lacey Langmade	4	3	18	4.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
6	Nicole Bostic	4	0	18	4.50	0	5	5	1.25	0	0
8	Lynette Domench	4	0	2	0.50	0	7	7	1.75	0	0
13	Brandy Mailer	4	2	14	3.50	0	7	7	1.75	0	0
11	Shelly Schultens	4	1	7	1.75	1	5	6	1.50	0	0
3	Mindi Cotner	4	0	28	7.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
2	Heather Peeples	4	1	4	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
5	Jeni Nelson	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
12	Angie Frank	4	1	6	1.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
TEAM		2									
	GEORGE FOX.....	4	10	98	24.50	1	24	13.0	3.25	0	0
	Opponents.....	4	18	87	21.75	0	20	10.0	2.50	0	0

George Fox 2001 Volleyball

George Fox Match Results (as of Sep 02, 2001)

All matches

Overall	Conference	Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-game	Record	Record	Time	Attend
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		Aug 31, 2001	EASTERN OREGON	W 3-1	30-26,27-30,30-26,30-19	1-0	0-0	2:00	100

TEAM RECORD W-L

 Overall: 1-0
 Conference: 0-0
 Home: 1-0
 Away: 0-0
 Neutral: 0-0
 3 games: 0-0
 4 games: 1-0
 5 games: 0-0

ATTEND Dates Total Average

 Total: 1 100 100
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 Away: 0 0 0
 Neutral: 0 0 0

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Open Season at Home with Eastern Oregon on Friday
Pre-Season Outlook, Numerical Roster, Final Schedule

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Aug. 31, 2:00 pm - Eastern Oregon University, in Newberg, Ore.

The Bruins open their 2001 season with an afternoon home match against the Mountaineers, whom they have not played since 1997 ... The Bruins won 15-6, 15-3, 15-4 in their last meeting on Sept. 20, 1997, in Newberg ... GFU has a 10-match winning streak against Eastern Oregon ... The last EOU win was 15-11, 15-10 on Nov. 6, 1992, in the opening round of the NAIA District 2 Tournament.

George Fox University 2001 Volleyball Pre-Season Outlook ---

BRUINS, WITHOUT A "GO-TO" PLAYER, WILL RELY ON BALANCE TO IMPROVE IN 2001

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For coach **Steve Grant** and the George Fox University women's volleyball team, the 2000 season was an unusual experience. The Bruins' 7-15 record was only second sub-.500 mark in the veteran coach's 19 years of directing the volleyball program.

One of the major reasons for the Bruins' misfortune was simply youth and inexperience. Now, with only two starting hitters gone – Honorable Mention All-Northwest Conference pick Amy Forbes, now an assistant coach for the team, and Jennifer Westerberg, whose chronic back problems forced her to skip her senior season – the Bruins are hopefully a year older and a year better.

"Experience can be good or bad," says Grant philosophically. "On the one hand, we have a lot of last year's kids who are competing for spots, so we have some depth, which is a plus. But despite our experience, we still haven't found a "go-to" person along the front line, that one player you can count on to come through with a clutch kill a high percentage of the time. We need someone to step up and take charge."

Setters

Having a player who can make consistently-good passes to the offense is a key to any successful volleyball team, and the Bruins have one of the best in Second Team All-Conference setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., Keizer, Ore.)**. Playing last year as Mindi Yost before marrying Oregon State University student Kevin Cotner during the summer, she finished fourth in the NWC in assists per game (10.05), while her assists total (854) was the fifth-best ever at George Fox.

Backing up Cotner is **Jessi Williams** (Fr., Nampa, Idaho), who may also see action as a defensive specialist.

Outside Hitters

There are several candidates for the outside hitter positions, and "two of them must step up to replace Forbes and Westerberg," says Grant.

Nicole Bostic (So., Spokane, Wash.) got off to a fast start in her freshman year, earning All-Tournament honors in the Pikes Peak Challenge that opened the 2000 season while finishing third on the team in digs (194) and fourth in kills (153). **Lacey Langmade (Jr., Camas, Wash.)**

showed rapid improvement as the season progressed and was playing significant minutes by the end of the season.

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., Woodland, Wash.) is a versatile player who will see plenty of action on both offense and defense, while **Laura Bonner (So., Kennewick, Wash.)** is another whose improvement during the off-season should result in increased playing time for her.

A big addition will be the return of **Brandy Mailer (Jr., Ashland, Ore.)**, who was plagued by injuries and sat out last year. Notes Grant, "She's a top-notch defensive player and right-side hitter, and providing her health holds up, she will play all the way around, and be solid either way."

Providing depth on the outside will be newcomers **Stephanie Reedal (Fr., Aloha, Ore.)**, **Jamie Schuknecht (Fr., Canby, Ore.)**, and **Michelle Forbes (Fr., Jackson, Wyo.)**, younger sister of assistant coach Amy Forbes.

Middle Blockers

Shelly Schultens (Jr., The Dalles, Ore.) returns to provide the team's tallest presence in the middle, as well as offense on the outside at times. The six-footer led the Bruins in kills (193), service aces (32), blocks solo (31) and block assists (52), while ranking fourth in the NWC in blocks per game (1.01) and fifth in aces (0.39). Joining her in the middle is **Lynette Domench (Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.)**, who was second on the team in blocks solo (19) and block assists (50) and eighth in the conference in blocks per game (0.86).

Jeni Nelson (So., Seattle, Wash.) made tremendous strides during the off-season and will see increased minutes in the middle spelling both Schultens and Domench.

Defensive Specialists

"Mindi was an anchor defensively for us as a right back, so we feel very strong there," says Grant. "In the middle back position, **Heather Peebles (Sr., Olympia, Wash.)** got a lot of playing time last year, but **Angie Frank (Jr., Lebanon, Ore.)** has made excellent progress and I'd say they're pretty even right now."

Vander Stoep, Mailer, Williams, and **Brandi Hess (So., Boise, Idaho)**, who played on the George Fox junior varsity team two years ago, are also capable of making plenty of digs on defense.

Summary

"Until we find a 'go-to' player on offense, we will try to mix things up, run a lot of plays for lots of people, and hope to keep our opponents off-balance," predicts Grant. "That, of course, will be contingent upon whether or not our passing game has improved. We must also cut down on our unforced errors offensively; we found too many ways last year to load up and then shoot ourselves in the foot!"

"We're kind of small this year, but I am hopeful that 'small' will translate into 'scrappy'. If we hustle, go after everything and never give up, we could wear down some of our opponents and finish higher in the conference than people think."

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 431-266 as he begins his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total ranks in the top 15 in the nation in wins among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponent, he is 16-2 vs. Eastern Oregon (since 1988 - records prior to that are incomplete).

BRUIN BITS:

* **Time to Start Some New Strings:** Last year's 7-15 record snapped a string of 13 straight winning seasons for the Bruins. The team will be trying to snap a current losing streak of four when they entertain Eastern Oregon Friday.

* **Same Player, New Name:** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** played last year as Mindi Yost. During the summer, she married Kevin Cotner (one "s" short of being a movie star!), a student at Oregon State University. The two reside in Keizer and commute in opposite directions for school!

* **On the All-Time Lists:** Mindi Cotner ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,461). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 484 career digs, Cotner needs 202 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... Shelly Schultens, with 51 career service aces, needs 32 (the number she had last season) to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE:

George Fox University was picked to finish 7th in the nine-team Northwest Conference women's volleyball race in a pre-season poll of conference coaches, receiving 36 votes. Defending conference champion Puget Sound, which went through the conference and regular season undefeated, is a strong favorite to win again, receiving 84 votes, followed by Whitworth with 76, Pacific Lutheran 58, Linfield 49, Whitman 44, Willamette 38, George Fox 36, Lewis & Clark 16, and Pacific 13.

The Northwest Conference website, maintained by Whitworth SID Steve Flegel, is at www.nwcsports.com.

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr./El.</u>	<u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>
1	Jessi Williams	S/DS	5-3	Fr./Fr.	Nampa, Idaho (Nampa Christian HS)
2	Heather Peeples	DS	5-5	Sr./Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Vanguard University)
3	Mindi Cotner	S	5-7	Jr./Jr.	Keizer, Ore. (Rogue River HS)
4	Stephanie Reedal	OH	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Aloha, Ore. (Aloha HS)
5	Jeni Nelson	MB	5-11	So./So.	Seattle, Wash. (Cedar Park Christian School)
6	Nicole Bostic	OH	5-8	So./So.	Spokane, Wash. (North Central HS)
7	Laura Bonner	OH	5-8	So./So.	Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS)
8	Lynette Domench	MB	5-11	Jr./Jr.	Battle Ground, Wash. (Battle Ground HS)
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Sr.	Woodland, Wash. (Woodland HS)
10	Lacey Langmade	OH	5-10	Jr./Jr.	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS)
11	Shelly Schultens	MB	6-0	Jr./Jr.	The Dalles, Ore. (The Dalles HS)
12	Angie Frank	OH/DS	5-8	Jr./Jr.	Lebanon, Ore. (East Linn Christian Academy)
13	Brandy Mailer	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Jr.	Ashland, Ore. (Kamehameha HS)
	Michelle Forbes	OH	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Jackson, Wyo. (Jackson Hole HS)
	Brandi Hess	DS	5-3	Jr./So.	Boise, Idaho (Capital HS)
	Jamie Schuknecht	OH	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Canby, Ore. (Canby HS)

Head Coach: Steve Grant

Assistant Coaches: Mike McConaughey, Amy Forbes

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>August</u>				
31	Fri.	EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
<u>September</u>				
7	Fri.	# at Whittier College Tournament	Whittier, Calif.	TBA
8	Sat.	# at Whittier College Tournament	Whittier, Calif.	TBA
12	Wed.	at Warner Pacific College	Portland, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
14	Fri.	* WHITMAN COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
15	Sat.	* WHITWORTH COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 p.m.
19	Wed.	* at Willamette University	Salem, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
22	Sat.	* at University of Puget Sound	Tacoma, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
27	Thur.	COLORADO COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
28	Fri.	* LINFIELD COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
29	Sat.	* at Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
<u>October</u>				
3	Wed.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
5	Fri.	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
10	Wed.	WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
12	Fri.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	* at Whitworth College	Spokane, Wash.	2:00 p.m.
17	Wed.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
20	Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
26	Fri.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
27	Sat.	* PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
<u>November</u>				
2	Fri.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
3	Sat.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
8-10	Thu.-Sat.	NCAA Division III First Round	on-campus sites	TBA
17	Sat.	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	on-campus sites	TBA
30	Fri.	NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA	TBA
<u>December</u>				
1	Sat.	NCAA Division III Finals	TBA	TBA

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

Home games played at Wheeler Sports Center/Miller Gym

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHTS:

George Fox Picked to Finish 7th in Northwest Conference
Pre-Season Info: Quick Facts, Schedule, Preliminary Roster, 2000 Stats

BRUINS PICKED BY NWC COACHES TO FINISH 7TH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- George Fox University has been picked to finish 7th in the Northwest Conference women's volleyball race in a pre-season poll of conference coaches.

The Bruins, coming off a season in which they were 7-15 overall and 5-11 for a 7th-place finish in the NWC, received 36 votes in the poll. Defending conference champion University of Puget Sound, which went through the conference and regular season undefeated, is a strong favorite to win again, with Whitworth College expected to mount the stiffest challenge to the Loggers' supremacy.

NWC Volleyball Coaches' Pre-Season Poll (with records in 2000):

School	(1st)	Pts.	All	NWC
1. Puget Sound (Wash.)	(6)	84	25-1	16-0
2. Whitworth (Wash.)	(3)	76	17-8	12-4
3. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)		58	14-11	9-7
4. Linfield (Ore.)		49	15-8	12-4
5. Whitman (Wash.)		44	17-10	8-8
6. Willamette (Ore.)		38	10-14	7-9
7. George Fox (Ore.)		36	7-15	5-11
8. Lewis & Clark (Ore.)		16	2-18	2-14
9. Pacific (Ore.)		13	4-17	1-15

(First-place votes in parenthesis. Points awarded on 10-8-7-5-4-3-2-1 basis).

For information on the entire poll, visit the Northwest Conference website, maintained by Whitworth SID Steve Flegel, at www.nwcsports.com.

George Fox returns four of its six regulars for the 2001 season, with outside **hitter Amy Forbes (Sr., Jackson, Wyo.)**, an Honorable Mention All-NWC selection, and outside hitter **Jennifer Westerberg (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)**, who was married during the off-season and chose not to return to school, missing from last year's starting lineup.

A good volleyball offense begin with a strong setter, and the Bruins return one of the best in Second Team All-NWC pick **Mindy Yost (Jr., Sisters, Ore.)**, who had 864 assists, the fifth-best single-season number in team history. She will be passing the ball to a strong front line of middle blocker **Shelly Schultens (Jr., The Dalles, Ore.)**, who had 193 kills and 83 blocks to lead the team, middle blocker **Lynette Domench (Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.)**, who had 106 kills and 69 blocks, and outside hitter **Nicole Bostic (So., Spokane, Wash.)**, who had 153 kills.

Long-time coach **Steve Grant**, among the top 15 active winningest coaches in NCAA Division III, takes a 431-266 career record into his 20th season directing the Bruin volleyball fortunes.

Bruin players report to campus Sunday, Aug. 19, to receive physicals and begin practice for the 2001 season. The opener is at home Friday, Aug. 31, against Eastern Oregon University at 2:00 p.m.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Newberg, Oregon (18,064)
Mailing Address: 414 N. Meridian St.
Newberg, OR 97132
Founded: 1891
Denomination: Evangelical Friends
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Enrollment: 2,636
President: Dr. David Brandt
Faculty Athletic Rep: Diane Wood
Switchboard Phone: (503) 538-8383
Website: www.georgefox.edu

ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Nickname: Bruins
Colors: Navy Blue & Old Gold
Affiliation (yrs): NCAA Division III (3rd)
Region: West Region
Conference (yrs): Northwest Conference (7th)
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Head Coach: Steve Grant
Alma Mater: Biola '69
GFU Record: 431-266, 19 yrs
Overall Record: 431-266, 19 yrs
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Assistant Coach: Mike McConaughy
Alma Mater: George Fox '93
Assistant Coach: Amy Forbes
George Fox '01

TEAM INFORMATION

Home Court (cap.): Wheeler Sports Center /
Miller Gym (2,750)
2000 Overall Record: 7-15
2000 Conference Record: 5-11, 7th
2000 Post-Season: None
Letterwinners Back/Lost: 10/6
Starters Back/Lost: 4/2

<u>Key Returnees</u>	<u>Ht., Pos., Cl., Hometown</u>	<u>Stats</u>	<u>Honors</u>
Mindy Yost (S)	5-7, S, Jr., Sisters, Ore.	854 a, 338 d, 41 k	All-NWC 2nd Team
Shelly Schultens (S)	6-0, MB, Jr., The Dalles, Ore.	193 k, 96 d, 83 blk	
Nicole Bostic (S)	5-8, OH, So., Spokane, Wash.	153 k, 194 d	
Lynette Domench (S)	5-10, MB, Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.	106 k, 41 d, 69 blk	
Heather Peeples	5-5, DS, Jr., Olympia, Wash.	166 d	
Heidi Vander Stoep	5-9, DS, Sr., Woodland, Wash.	175 d, 53 k, 29 a	
Lacey Langmade	5-10, OH, Jr., Camas, Wash.	88 k, 72 d, 19 a	
<u>Key Losses</u>	<u>Ht., Pos., Cl., Hometown</u>	<u>Stats</u>	<u>Honors</u>
Amy Forbes (S)	5-7, OH, Sr., Jackson, Wyo.	185 k, 164 d	All-NWC HM
Jennifer Westerberg (S)	5-9, OH, Jr., Vancouver, Wash.	168 k, 224 d, 17 a	
Bree Stairs	5-9, OH, Sr., McMinnville, Ore.	120 d, 10 k	
<u>Top Newcomers</u>	<u>Ht., Pos., Hometown (Previous School)</u>		

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3	Wed.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
5	Fri.	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
10	Wed.	WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
12	Fri.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	* at Whitworth College	Spokane, Wash.	2:00 p.m.
17	Wed.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
20	Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
26	Fri.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
27	Sat.	* PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
<u>November</u>				
2	Fri.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
3	Sat.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
8-10	Thu.-Sat.	NCAA Division III First Round	on-campus sites	TBA
17	Sat.	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	on-campus sites	TBA
30	Fri.	NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA	TBA
<u>December</u>				
1	Sat.	NCAA Division III Finals	TBA	TBA

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

Home games played at Wheeler Sports Center/Miller Gym

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GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

(Returning players & expected newcomers; updated roster to be sent when available)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr./El.</u>	<u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>
2	Heather Peebles	DS	5-5	Sr./Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Vanguard University)
3	Mindi Yost	S	5-7	Jr./Jr.	Sisters, Ore. (Rogue River HS)
4	Jeni Nelson	MB	5-11	So./So.	Seattle, Wash. (Cedar Park Christian School)
6	Lynette Domench	MB	5-10	Jr./Jr.	Battle Ground, Wash. (Battle Ground HS)
7	Laura Bonner	OH	5-7	So./So.	Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS)
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Sr.	Woodland, Wash. (Woodland HS)
10	Angie Frank	OH/DS	5-7	Jr./Jr.	Lebanon, Ore. (East Linn Christian Academy)
11	Shelly Schultens	MB	6-0	Jr./Jr.	The Dalles, Ore. (The Dalles HS)
13	Nicole Bostic	OH	5-8	So./So.	Spokane, Wash. (North Central HS)
15	Lacey Langmade	OH	5-10	Jr./Jr.	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS)
*	Brandy Mailer	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Jr.	Northridge, Calif. (Kamehameha HS)

Head Coach: Steve Grant

Assistant Coaches: Mike McConaughey, Amy Forbes

* - redshirted in '00

1st: 07/12/01

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2000 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

(Final)

Overall: 7-15 (H: 3-6 A: 3-6 N: 1-3) Games: 34-51

NWC: 5-11 (H: 3-5 A: 2-6) Games: 23-35

<u>DATE</u>		<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
9/1	#	vs Howard Payne	W	3-2 (6-15, 15-2, 15-9, 13-15, 15-5)	-
9/1	#	vs Concordia-Austin	L	2-3 (18-16, 9-15, 11-15, 15-13, 16-18)	-
9/2	#	vs Puget Sound	L	0-3 (4-15, 8-15, 9-15)	-
9/2	#	at Colorado College	W	3-2 (15-13, 3-15, 15-13, 2-15, 15-11)	-
9/8		LA VERNE	L	2-3 (15-10, 15-9, 8-15, 11-15, 10-15)	150
9/9	+	vs Seattle	L	1-3 (8-15, 12-15, 15-5, 10-15)	150
9/15	*	at Pacific Lutheran	L	2-3 (10-15, 15-13, 16-14, 12-15, 5-15)	350
9/16	*	at Puget Sound	L	0-3 (7-15, 6-15, 6-15)	225
9/22	*	PACIFIC	W	3-0 (15-3, 15-12, 15-11)	120
9/23	*	at Lewis & Clark	W	3-1 (14-16, 15-10, 15-5, 15-8)	110
9/27	*	at Willamette	L	0-3 (9-15, 11-15, 12-15)	300
9/29	*	LINFIELD	L	0-3 (11-15, 8-15, 3-15)	220
10/6	*	WHITMAN	W	3-1 (15-7, 15-9, 4-15, 15-11)	80
10/7	*	WHITWORTH	L	1-3 (7-15, 14-16, 15-12, 12-15)	85
10/13	*	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	L	1-3 (11-15, 10-15, 15-12, 2-15)	220
10/14	*	PUGET SOUND	L	0-3 (5-15, 3-15, 7-15)	160
10/20	*	at Pacific	W	3-0 (15-12, 15-12, 15-9)	75
10/21	*	LEWIS & CLARK	W	3-0 (15-13, 15-2, 15-6)	75
10/27	*	at Linfield	L	1-3 (15-5, 15-9, 12-15, 15-5)	100
10/28	*	WILLAMETTE	L	2-3 (6-15, 15-11, 10-15, 15-7, 15-8)	200
11/3	*	at Whitman	L	0-3 (6-15, 8-15, 14-16)	107
11/4	*	at Whitworth	L	1-3 (4-15, 15-13, 9-15, 4-15)	141

- Pikes Peak Challenge, Colorado Springs, Colo.

* - Northwest Conference match

+ - at Lewis & Clark, Portland, Ore.

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Home	9	1,305	145
Away	8	1,408	176
Neutral	1	150	150
Total	18	2,863	159

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2000 VOLLEYBALL STATISTICS
(Final)

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(7-15)	(3-6)	(3-6)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE.....	(5-11)	(3-5)	(2-6)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(2-4)	(0-1)	(1-0)	(1-3)

NO	PLAYER	G	-----ATTACK-----					---Set---		-----SERVE-----			---DIG---			-----BLOCKING-----					
			K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SE	SA/Gm	RE	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
1	Amy Forbes	70	185	2.64	94	662	.137	2	0.03	7	10	0.10	18	164	2.34	3	12	15	0.21	3	1
8	Jennifer Westerberg	65	168	2.58	96	574	.125	17	0.26	10	11	0.15	16	224	3.45	1	18	19	0.29	5	2
11	Shelly Schultens	82	193	2.35	127	570	.116	7	0.09	32	22	0.39	7	96	1.17	31	52	83	1.01	6	1
13	Nicole Bostic	65	153	2.35	90	579	.109	6	0.09	10	6	0.15	17	194	2.98	9	17	26	0.40	5	3
15	Lacey Langmade	57	88	1.54	31	317	.180	19	0.33	5	6	0.09	10	72	1.26	3	14	17	0.30	0	1
6	Lynette Domench	80	106	1.33	95	417	.026	2	0.03	0	0	0.00	0	41	0.51	19	50	69	0.86	12	1
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	68	53	0.78	37	220	.073	29	0.43	14	11	0.21	12	175	2.57	3	18	21	0.31	2	2
3	Mindi Yost	85	41	0.48	17	146	.164	854	10.05	12	8	0.14	4	338	3.98	6	34	40	0.47	7	10
5	Bree Stairs	64	10	0.16	5	48	.104	0	0.00	1	1	0.02	18	120	1.88	1	3	4	0.06	0	0
2	Heather Peeples	78	7	0.09	4	28	.107	5	0.06	12	21	0.15	26	166	2.13	0	0	0	0.00	0	0

4	Jeni Nelson	25	15	0.60	11	54	.074	1	0.04	1	2	0.04	0	8	0.32	3	6	9	0.36	2	0
10	Sara Sendele	15	5	0.33	2	19	.158	2	0.13	1	0	0.07	4	13	0.87	0	0	0	0.00	1	0
7	Laura Bonner	13	3	0.23	1	12	.167	1	0.08	0	0	0.00	5	18	1.38	0	1	1	0.08	0	0
14	Heidi Stuelpnagel	12	2	0.17	4	17	.118	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	0	6	6	0.50	1	0
12	Tausha Doramus	2	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	2.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
12	Angie Frank	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	Team												5								

Total.....		83	1029	12.40	614	3664	.113	949	11.43	105	98	1.27	143	1636	19.71	79	231	194.5	2.34	44	21
Opponents.....		83	1116	13.45	492	3446	.181	1008	12.14	123	138	1.48	103	1570	18.92	40	214	147.0	1.77	33	35

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHTS:

*** Award Winners Announced for 2001 Season**

12/10 – AWARD WINNERS: Bruins Announce Honors for 2001 Volleyball Season

NEWBERG, Ore. – First Team All-Northwest Conference setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., Keizer, Ore.)** captured team Most Valuable Player honors for the George Fox University Bruins, highlighting the list of award winners for the 2001 women's volleyball season as announced recently by coach **Steve Grant**.

Other award winners included **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** for Best Offensive Player; **Brandi Mailer (Sr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** for Best Defensive Player; **Jeni Nelson (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.)** for Most Improved Player; and **Heidi Vander Stoop (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)** for Most Inspirational Player.

Cotner was an integral part of the Bruins' climb from 7-15 the year before to 19-5 and a third-place finish in the conference at 11-5. She led the team in assists (1,022), assists per game (11.88 apg), digs (433), and was second in digs per game (5.03), and contributed 54 kills while hitting .268, with 16 aces and 47 blocks (8 solo, 39 assisted). She was second in the conference in both assists and digs, and was NWC "Player of the Week" Sept. 17-23. She ranked 17th in the nation in assists per game and 23rd in digs per game.

Cotner's 11.88 apg was the second-best in single-season GFU history only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 in 1998, her 1,022 assists were the fourth-best in a single season, and her 433 digs were sixth-best. Her digs average of 5.03 would have broken the previous record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, had **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** not had a record-setting 5.13 average this season as well. She ranks fifth in career assists at George Fox (2,483) and seventh in digs (917).

Schultens led the team and conference in blocks (118, 53 solo, 65 assisted) and blocks per game (1.53) conference and was 21st nationally. She also led the team in service aces (35 total, 0.45 sapg), a figure which ranked fifth in the NWC. She was second on the team in hitting pct. (.218), third in kills (249), kills per game (3.23), and total attacks (618), and had 113 digs and 10 assists. Her 113 blocks and 1.53 bpg each rank as the seventh-best single-season numbers at GFU, while her 0.45 aces average tied for 10th-best in a season. On the career lists, she stands fourth in blocks (266) and 10th in aces (86).

Mailer bounced back from health problems that prevented her from playing last season to have an outstanding year both offensively and defensively. She led the team with a .239 attack percentage, recording 191 kills, and was second on the team with 64 assists and 23 service aces. She was third in blocks with 49 and in digs with 346, and ranked 4th in the Northwest Conference in digs (4.32) and 12th in blocks (.059). In her career, she had 223 career kills, 97 assists, 43 aces, 77 blocks, and 714 digs, which ranks 11th on the all-time list at George Fox.

Nelson showed she will be a important force on the team for the next two years by contributing 56 kills, 29 blocks (8 solo, 21 assisted), 15 digs, and 3 assists in 19 matches and 39 games. She hit .179 while starting four of those matches.

Vander Stoop, always a top-notch defensive player, stepped forward this year to become one of the team's top offensive threats as well. She was second on the team in total kills with 244 and in kills per game at 3.34, ranking 10th in the Northwest Conference. Defensively, she continued to sparkle, with 321 digs on the season, fourth on the team. Her digs per game average of 4.22 was sixth in the conference. She also had 14 blocks, 18 aces, and 10 assists. In her four-year career, she had 347 kills, 684 digs, 69 assists, 41 aces, and 48 blocks.

Coach **Grant** completed his 20th season as the head coach of the Bruins with a 450-271 record. Entering the season, he ranked 16th on the all-time winning list of active NCAA Division III coaches.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 19-5: Home 10-1, Road 6-4, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 11-5: Home 7-1, Road 4-4)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Cotner Named to Academic All-District VIII Second Team
Where Bruins Rank in National Stats**

11/16 - ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA:

Bruins' Cotner Named to District VIII Academic All-America 2nd Team

NEWBERG, Ore. – Mindi Cotner, George Fox University's outstanding setter, has been named to the 2001 Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division Women's Volleyball All-District VIII Second Team as announced by district voting coordinator Hope Wagner of Elmhurst College.

Cotner, a junior who played high school ball at Rogue River, Ore., but now lives in Keizer, Ore., is an elementary education major who has compiled a 3.83 grade point average in her first two years at George Fox. On the court, she sparked the Bruins to a 19-5 record and earned First Team All-Northwest Conference honors. She led the Bruins in assists (1,022), assists per game (11.88 apg), digs (433), and was second in digs per game (5.03), and contributed 54 kills while hitting .268, with 16 aces and 47 blocks (8 solo, 39 assisted). She was second in the conference in both assists and digs, and was NWC "Player of the Week" Sept. 17-23. In the latest NCAA national stats (thru Nov. 4), she ranked 17th in the nation in assists per game and 23rd in digs per game.

Cotner's 11.88 apg was the 2nd-best in single-season GFU history only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 in 1998, her 1,022 assists were the 4th-best in a single season, and her 433 digs were 6th-best. Her digs average of 5.03 would have broken the previous record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, had **Nicole Bostic** not had a record-setting 5.13 average this season as well. She ranks 5th in career assists at George Fox (2,483) and 7th in digs (917).

First Team members, who are placed on the ballot for national Academic All-America honors, were Angela Igoe of Lewis-Clark State, Tiffany Massey and Janelle Veith of Alaska-Anchorage, Amy Pope of California State-San Bernardino, Laura Santerre of California-San Diego, and Andrea Wean of Hawaii Pacific.

Joining **Cotner** on the Second Team were Liz Bishop of Western Washington, Jenne Heu-Weller of Pacific Lutheran, Carly Merkel of Albertson, Bree Pollard of Oregon Tech, and Kristen Soliz of California State-San Bernardino.

District VIII Academic All-America teams are voted on by members of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii, California, Nevada, and Utah. The College Division teams are comprised of all schools in NCAA Divisions II and III, the NAIA, and the NCCAA.

This year marks the 50th year of the Academic All-America program and the second year of sponsorship by Verizon. More than 12,000 student-athletes have been named Academic All-America team members at all levels. The program's popularity has resulted in a significant expansion for the current year, and 816 student-athletes – a 19 percent increase over the previous high number – will be selected to 12 different Academic All-America teams during the 2001-02 academic year.

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11/16 – NCAA STATS: Bruins Listed Among Leaders in Latest National Stats

NEWBERG, Ore. – Several George Fox University women's volleyball players and the Bruins as a team were among the national leaders in the latest NCAA Division III national statistics (thru Nov. 4 – final stats will be released after the national championships are completed).

As a team, **George Fox** ranked 9th in digs (24.34 dpg), 20th in assists (13.36 apg), and 22nd in kills (14.85 kpg).

Individually, **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** ranked 17th in assists (11.91 apg) and 23rd in digs (5.05); **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** was 20th in digs (5.12 dpg); and **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** was 21st in blocks (1.54 bpg).

George Fox led the Northwest Conference this year in digs and blocks (2.70 bpg), and was 3rd in assists (13.36 apg) and 4th in kills (14.85). Cotner was 2nd in the NWC in both digs and assists, Bostic was 1st in digs, and Schultens was 1st in blocks.

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(Overall 19-5: Home 10-1, Road 6-4, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 11-5: Home 7-1, Road 4-4)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Three Bruins Receive All-Conference Honors

Seniors Mailer, Peeples, Vander Stoep End Bruin Careers

Grant Earns 450th Career Win as Bruins Finish 3rd in NWC

Vander Stoep Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"

Players, Team Set New Records

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Nov. 2 - at George Fox 3, Pacific University 0 (30-21, 30-21, 30-22)

Nov. 3 - at George Fox 3, Lewis & Clark 0 (30-18, 30-17, 30-23)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Final Regular Season Standings

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
*Whitworth Pirates (2)	14-2	.875	-	46/9	21-5	.808	71/18
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	14-2	.875	-	45/14	17-4	.810	54/22
George Fox Bruins (7)	11-5	.688	3	36/20	19-5	.792	60/26
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	10-6	.625	4	36/23	17-7	.708	58/30
Linfield Wildcats (4)	10-6	.625	4	33/23	13-8	.619	45/30
Whitman Missionaries (5)	6-10	.375	8	23/35	8-16	.333	35/54
Willamette Bearcats (6)	4-12	.250	10	16/37	7-14	.333	27/45
Pacific Boxers (9)	3-13	.188	11	11/42	3-19	.136	14/60
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-16	.000	14	5/48	0-22	.000	8/66

* - Whitworth earns automatic bid to NCAA Championships on tiebreakers

11/5 -ALL-NORTHWEST CONFERENCE: Three Bruins Earn All-NWC Honors

NEWBERG, Ore. -- Three members of the 2001 George Fox University women's volleyball team have received All-Northwest Conference recognition for their contributions to the Bruins' surprising season, according to voting by the conference's eight coaches.

Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.) was named to the All-NWC First Team, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** received Second Team honors, and **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** was Honorable Mention. The three were major factors in the Bruins' turnaround from a 7-15 record in 2000 and a pre-season prediction of 7th in the conference to a 19-5 overall record and 3rd place in the NWC at 11-5.

Cotner, who was All-NWC Second Team last year, stepped up a level after an outstanding season in which she led the Bruins in assists (1,022), assists per game (11.88 apg), digs (433), and was second in digs per game (5.03). She also contributed 54 kills while hitting .268, 16 aces, and 47 blocks (8 solo, 39 assisted). She was second in the conference in both assists and digs, and was NWC "Player of the Week" Sept. 17-23. In the latest NCAA national state (thru Oct. 24), she ranked 20th in the nation in assists per game.

Cotner's 11.88 apg was the 2nd-best in single-season GFU history only to Jennie Rennie's 12.28 in 1998, her 1,022 assists were the 4th-best in a single season, and her 433 digs were 6th-best. Her digs average of 5.03 would have broken the previous record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, had Nicole Bostic not had a record-setting 5.13 average this season as well. She ranks 5th in career assists at George Fox (2,483) and 7th in digs (917).

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Schultens was a strong defensive force in the middle for the Bruins, leading the team and conference in blocks (118, 53 solo, 65 assisted) and blocks per game (1.53) while ranking 25th nationally (thru Oct. 24). She also led the team in service aces (35 total, 0.45 sapg), a figure which ranked 5th in the NWC. She was 2nd on the team in hitting pct. (.2184), 3rd in kills (249), kills per game (3.23), and total attacks (618), and had 113 digs and 10 assists.

Schultens' 113 blocks and 1.53 bpg each rank as the 7th-best single-season numbers at GFU, while her 0.45 aces average tied for 10th-best in a season. On the career lists, she stands 4th in blocks (266) and 10th in aces (86).

Bostic blossomed in her sophomore season, leading the Bruins in kills (278), kills per game (3.56), total attacks (933), and digs per game (5.13), while finishing 2nd in total digs (400) and 3rd in service aces (21) and aces per game (0.27). She also had 9 assists and 27 blocks (3 solo, 24 assisted). She was the conference leader in digs per game, ranking 23rd nationally (thru Oct. 24), and was 6th in the NWC in kills per game.

Bostic's 5.13 dpg broke the GFU single-season record of 4.89 by Sharon Barnett in 1998, while her 400 digs was the 8th-best total in a single season.

Joining **Cotner** on the All-NWC First Team were league champion Whitworth's Jule Weatherred (MB), Lindsey Wagstaff (OH), and Kristen Turner (MB); Puget Sound's Adriane Ougendal (SW) and Karen Elmgren (MB); and Pacific Lutheran's Jenne Heu-Weller (S). Weatherred was named NWC "Player of the Year", while "Coach of the Year" went to Whitworth's Steve Rupe.

Second Team members, in addition to **Schultens**, were Whitman's Jill Huber (MB); Linfield's Andrea Beck (OH); PLU's Julie Locke (OH); Whitworth's Nicole Weedman (S); and Puget Sound's Karen Thomas (OH).

Besides **Bostic**, others receiving Honorable Mention were Pacific's Kelsey Savage (OH); Lewis & Clark's Krissy Forry (OH); Willamette's Jenni Linden (MH); Linfield Sara Kaiser (MB); UPS's Trisha Kawamoto (S); and PLU's Aimee Sloboden (RS).

2001 All-Northwest Conference Volleyball Team

Coach of the Year: Steve Rupe, Whitworth

Player of the Year: Julie Weatherred, Whitworth

All-NWC First Team

Julie Weatherred - Whitworth, Jr., MB, Spokane, Wash.

Adriane Ougendal - Puget Sound, So., SW, Portland, Ore. (2nd Team in 2000)

Karen Elmgren - Puget Sound, Jr., MB, Monroe, Wash. (1st Team, NWC MVP in 2000)

Lindsey Wagstaff - Whitworth, Jr., OH, Spokane, Wash. (2nd Team in 2000 and 1999)

Mindi Cotner - George Fox, Jr., S, Keizer, Ore. (2nd Team in 2000)

Jenne Heu-Weller - Pacific Lutheran, So., S, Olympic, Wash.

Kristen Turner - Whitworth, Sr., MB, Reardan, Wash. (1st Team in 2000)

All-NWC Second Team

Jill Huber - Whitman, So., MB, Enumclaw, Wash.

Andrea Beck - Linfield, So., OH, Canby, Ore.

Shelly Schultens - George Fox, Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.

Julie Locke - Pacific Lutheran, Fr., OH, West Linn, Ore.

Nicole Weedman - Whitworth, Jr., S, Yakima, Wash. (Honorable Mention in 2000)

Karen Thomas - Puget Sound, Sr., OH, San Clemente, Calif.

Honorable Mention

Kelsey Savage - Pacific, OH; Krissy Forry - Lewis & Clark, OH; Jenni Linden - Willamette, MH; Sara Kaiser - Linfield, MB; Trisha Kawamoto - Puget Sound, S; Aimee Sloboden - Pacific Lutheran, RS; Nicole Bostic - George Fox, OH.

11/5 - NCAA D-III CHAMPIONSHIPS: Bruins' Season Ends with No Playoff Spot

When the brackets for the NCAA Division III National Championships were announced Sunday night, the George Fox University Bruins were one of the teams left out of the tournament, despite their outstanding 19-5 record.

"It would have been a great surprise for the selection committee to dig as deep as a third-place team from somewhere, even though we've had a great season and the Northwest Conference is without a doubt one of the strongest in the country," admitted Bruin coach **Steve Grant**. "With quality wins over teams like Puget Sound and Cal State-Hayward, I'm sure we were considered, but there are relatively few at-large bids, and while we were hopeful, we weren't counting on it."

Whitworth secured the Northwest Conference's automatic bid when the Pirates defeated the Puget Sound Loggers Friday night. The two teams tied for the conference lead at 14-2 and split their regular season meetings, but Whitworth was 2-0 against 3rd-place George Fox while Puget Sound was 1-1 with the Bruins, thus giving the Pirates the tiebreaker.

A bigger astonishment was that Puget Sound, despite a 17-4 record and a #13 national ranking, was left out of the tournament. The 48-team field includes automatic bids for 32 conferences in Pool A, then a certain number of bids are given for "independents" (teams that are true independents or in conferences that do not have an automatic bid), and some for Pool C, which are teams from automatic-bid conferences that did not finish first. George Fox and Puget Sound would have been included in Pool C.

However, the number of possible teams that could come out of Pool B (the independents) has dwindled over the years as more teams have joined conferences and other conferences have received automatic bids (such as the NWC). As a result, a large number of spots are given to a relatively small group of Pool B teams, while teams with superior records (such as Puget Sound) from Pool C are excluded while teams with lesser records are invited.

11/5- BRUIN SENIORS: Mailer, Peeples, Vander Stoep Conclude Volleyball Careers

NEWBERG, Ore. – In pre-game ceremonies prior to the final regular season home game Saturday night (Nov. 3), George Fox University honored three seniors who were playing their final volleyball match for the Bruins: **Brandy Mailer, Heather Peeples, and Heidi Vander Stoep.**

Brandy Mailer (Sr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)

A quiet leader who brought consistency and intelligence to the court, Mailer bounced back from health problems that prevented her from playing last season to have an outstanding year both offensively and defensively. She led the team with a .239 attack percentage, recording 191 kills, and was second on the team with 64 assists and 23 service aces. She reached double figures in kills nine times this season, with a career high of 13 at Warner Pacific. She also reached double figures in digs 21 times, recording a career-high 29 against Pacific Lutheran. She was third in blocks with 49 and in digs with 346, and she ranked 4th in the Northwest Conference in digs (4.32) and 12th in blocks (.059).

As a freshman in 1998, Mailer played in 33 matches and 110 games, recorded 25 assists, which was third on the team, and 288 digs, which was fourth-best. Injuries hampered her 1999 season, and she was only able to appear in matches and 51 games. In her career, she had 223 career kills, 97 assists, 43 aces, 77 blocks, and 714 digs, which ranks 11th on the all-time list at George Fox.

Mailer is a junior eligibility-wise, but plans to graduate in May. Originally from Hawaii and Kamehameha High School, she now calls Ashland, Oregon, home.

Career Stats

Year	M/G	Kills	Errors	Att.	Att. %	Kpg	Ast	App	Aces	Digs	Dpg	BS/BA
1998	33/110	30	16	147	.095	0.27	25	0.23	15	288	2.62	7/21
1999	18/51	2	1	17	.059	0.04	8	0.16	5	80	1.57	0/0
2000	--- Redshirted due to injury ---											
2001	23/80	191	50	589	.239	2.39	64	0.80	23	346	4.32	9/40
3yrs	74/241	223	67	753	.207	0.92	97	0.40	43	714	2.96	16/61

Heather Peeples (Sr., DS, Olympia, Wash.)

Always in the right spot when a critical dig was needed, Peeples gave the team a lift every time she was on the court. An outstanding defensive player who has been a big contributor the Bruins' record-setting digs pace, she played in 22 matches this year, starting 7, and 70 games. She made 126 digs, averaging 1.80 digs per game, reaching double figures in digs 4 times, with a high of 11 against Pomona-Pitzer.

After one year at Pierce College in Tacoma and another at Vanguard University, Peeples came to George Fox last year and saw action in all 22 matches, playing 78 games. She made 166 digs, reaching double figures six

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times, with career highs of 14 against both La Verne and Pacific Lutheran. She had 4 kills from the back row against Lewis & Clark, and served three aces against Pacific. Her high in assists was three against La Verne.

At George Fox, she finished her career with 8 kills, 8 assists, 15 aces, and 292 digs.

Career Stats (1999 at Vanguard, 2000 at George Fox)

Year	M/G	Kills	Errors	Att.	Att. %	Kpg	Ast	Apg	Aces	Digs	Dpg	BS/BA
1999	29/88	5	4	20	.050	0.06	10	0.11	12	115	1.31	0/1
2000	22/78	7	4	28	.107	0.09	5	0.06	12	166	2.13	0/0
2001	22/70	1	5	15	-.267	0.01	3	0.04	3	126	1.80	0/0
3 yrs	73/236	13	13	63	.000	0.06	18	0.08	27	407	1.72	0/1

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)

Always a top-notch defensive player, Vander Stoep stepped forward this year to become one of the team's top offensive threats as well. She was second on the team in total kills with 244 and in kills per game at 3.34, ranking 10th in the Northwest Conference. She reached double figures in kills 15 times, reaching her career high with 18 vs. Pacific. Defensively, she continued to sparkle, with 321 digs on the season, fourth on the team. Her digs per game average of 4.22 was 6th in the conference. She had 16 games of double figures in digs, with a career-high 29 at Linfield. She reached 20 or more digs four other times this season, and also had 14 blocks, 18 aces, and 10 assists.

A veteran of four seasons of George Fox volleyball, in her career she had 347 kills, 684 digs, 69 assists, 41 aces, and 48 blocks.

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1999	24/66	26	15	105	.105	0.39	21	0.32	6	107	1.62	1/8
2000	22/68	53	37	220	.073	0.78	29	0.43	14	175	2.57	3/18
2001	24/76	254	89	757	.218	3.34	10	0.13	18	321	4.22	1/13
4 yrs	95/263	347	150	1138	.164	1.28	69	0.20	41	684	2.60	5/43

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '69) earned his 450th career coaching victory when the Bruins defeated Lewis & Clark to end the season Saturday night (Nov. 3). He is 450-271 (.624) after 20 seasons as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches.

BRUIN BITS:

* Vander Stoep Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week":

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" honors for leading the George Fox Bruins to 3-0 wins over Pacific and Lewis & Clark the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 4. Against Pacific on Friday, she had 18 kills and 3 errors in 41 attacks (.366), with 15 digs, 1 assist, and 1 block assist. In the L&C match on Saturday, she played in only 2 of the 3 games, but had 10 kills and 4 errors in 25 attacks (.240), adding 11 digs and 2 service aces. For the week, she played in 5 games, with 28 kills (5.60 kpg), and 7 errors in 66 attacks (.318), with 26 digs (5.20 dpg), 2 aces, 1 assist, and 1 block assist.

NWC "Player of the Week" honors went to Kristen Turner of Whitworth, who had 42 kills and 19 blocks as the Pirates went 3-0 on the road and captured the conference title.

Setter **Mindi Cotner** is the only Bruin to receive "Player of the Week" honors this season, for Sept. 17-23.

* Bruins in National Rankings:

George Fox dropped out of the AVCA/NCAA Top 20 poll of Oct. 31 after being listed among "others receiving votes" the week before. Puget Sound was #12 and Whitworth #20 at the time ... In the West Region rankings of Oct. 28, George Fox was #4, trailing #1 California State-Hayward, #2 Puget Sound, #3 Whitworth, and ahead of #5 Pacific Lutheran, #6 La Verne, #7 California Lutheran, and #8 Colorado College ... The complete polls for national and regional rankings are available at www.avca.org.

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In NCAA national stats of Oct. 24, **Mindi Cotner** was 20th in assists (11.7), **Nicole Bostic** was 23rd in digs (4.98), and **Shelly Schultens** was 25th in blocks (1.56) ... As a team, **George Fox** ranked 16th in digs (23.17), 26th in assists (13.06) and kills (14.62), 29th in winning pct. (.800), and 30th in blocks (2.86)

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Nov. 4):**

Hitting Pct.:	.198	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.130	2nd
Assists:	13.36	3rd
Kills:	14.85	4th
Blocks:	2.70	1st
Service Aces:	1.70	8th
Digs:	24.34	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Nov. 4):**

Mindi Cotner - 2nd in digs (5.05), 2nd in assists (12.16)
Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.54), 5th in aces (0.44)
Nicole Bostic - 1st in digs (5.12), 6th in kills (3.62)
Heidi Vander Stoep - 6th in digs (4.11), 10th in kills (3.33)
Brandy Mailer - 4th in digs (4.29), 12th in blocks (0.59)
Lynette Domench - 6th in blocks (0.85)

*** On the All-Time Lists:**

Mindi Cotner ranks 5th all-time at GFU in assists (2,483). Next up is Stacy Wright with 2,681 ... With 917 career digs, **Cotner** ranks 7th, chasing Kari Bashford-Cline (1,034) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 266 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 81 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now has 86 service aces, needing 2 to pass Kari Bashford-Cline (87) and 3 to pass Rachel Evans (88) for 8th.

*** New Records Set in 2001:**

Nicole Bostic, with an average of 5.13 digs per game, broke the single-season record of 4.89 dpg by Sharon Barnett in 1998 ... The Bruins' average of 24.22 digs per game broke the team record of 20.4 in 1996 ... The team's average of 13.33 assists a game is another new mark, surpassing the 1998 team's 12.93 average.

*** Single-Season Stars:**

Mindi Cotner's assists average of 11.88 fell just short of the only other better mark, Jennie Rennie's 12.28 apg in 1998, while he 1,022 assists are the 4th-best in a single season, and her 433 digs are 6th-best ... **Shelly Schulten's** 113 blocks and 1.53 bpg each rank as the 7th-best single-season numbers at GFU, while her 0.45 aces average tied for 10th-best in a season ... **Nicole Bostic's** 400 digs was the 8th-best total in a single season.

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THIS WEEK:

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LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Oct. 26 - at Linfield 3, George Fox 1 (30-22, 27-30, 21-30, 27-30)

Oct. 27 - at George Fox 3, Pacific Lutheran 2 (30-21, 24-30, 30-26, 25-30, 15-9)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Oct. 27

<u>Team (Pre-season poll)</u>	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>GW/L</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GW/L</u>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	13-1	.929	-	40/11	16-3	.842	49/19
Whitworth Pirates (2)	11-2	.846	1.5	37/7	18-5	.783	62/16
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Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	9-5	.643	4	33/19	16-6	.727	55/26
Linfield Wildcats (4)	8-6	.571	5	27/23	11-8	.579	39/30
Whitman Missionaries (5)	6-7	.462	6.5	22/26	8-13	.381	34/45
Willamette Bearcats (6)	3-11	.214	10	13/33	6-13	.316	24/41
Pacific Boxers (9)	3-11	.214	10	10/36	3-17	.150	13/54
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-14	.000	13	5/42	0-20	.000	8/60

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BRUIN BITS:

*** Bostic Receives Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week":**

Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" with two strong performances as the Bruins went 1-1 in conference play during the week of Oct. 22-28. In a 3-1 loss at Linfield, she had 20 kills and 7 errors in 80 attacks, hitting .162, with 37 digs, one assist, one block assist, and two aces. In a 3-2 win over Pacific Lutheran, she had 22 kills and only 4 errors in 60 attacks for a .300 percentage,

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with 20 digs. For the week, she played in 9 games, with 42 kills (4.67 kpg) and 11 errors in 140 attacks (.221), 57 digs (6.33 dpg), one assist, one block assist, and two aces.

NWC "Player of the Week" honors went Karen Elmgren of Puget Sound, who led the first-place Loggers to a 3-0 week with 77 kills, a .400 hitting pct., and 32 digs.

Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.) is the only Bruin to receive NWC "Player of the Week" honors this year, being cited Sept. 24-30. For the week, in 12 games she had 11 kills and 2 errors in 39 attempts (.231), passed out 150 assists (12.50), and had 48 digs (4.0), 7 block assists, and 1 ace as the Bruins went 3-0 against regionally-ranked opponents Colorado College, Linfield, and Pacific Lutheran.

* Bruins in National Rankings:

George Fox was listed among "others receiving votes" in the latest AVCA/NCAA Top 20 national poll of Oct. 24. The Bruins received 7 votes, tying for 24th. Puget Sound was ranking 13th and Whitworth was 20th ... The complete poll for national rankings is available at www.avca.org.

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The Bruins host Pacific University and the Lutes entertain Whitman College Friday (Nov. 2), both matches at 7:00 p.m.

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Pacific Boxers (9)	2-9	.182	8	6/29	2-15	.118	9/47
Willamette Bearcats (6)	2-10	.167	8.5	9/30	5-12	.294	21/38
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-11	.000	11	3/33	0-17	.000	6/51

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '69) is 447-270 (.623) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, he is 23-14 vs. Linfield (since 1988, as far back as current GFU records go), 14-4 in Newberg, 3-5 in McMinnville, 6-5 on neutral courts, and 14-6 vs. Pacific Lutheran (since 1988, as far back as current GFU records go), 8-3 in Newberg, 4-2 in Tacoma, 2-0 on neutral courts.

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BRUIN BITS:

*** Schultens Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week":**

Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.) received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for helping the Bruins to two big wins during the week of Oct. 15-21. In a 3-0 win over Willamette, she had a game-high 13 kills with 7 errors in 27 attacks for a .222 percentage, had 6 blocks (2 solo, 4 assisted), with 6 digs and an assist. In a 3-1 win over 11th-ranked Puget Sound, which snapped the Loggers' 26-game winning streak against conference opponents, she hit .378 with 16 kills and only 2 errors in 37 attacks, again had 6 blocks (2 solo, 4 assisted), and made 5 digs. For the week, in 7 games she had 29 kills (4.14 kpg) and 9 errors in 64 attacks (.313), made 12 blocks (3.0 bpg), and had 11 digs (1.57 dpd) and an assist. Schultens is the NWC leader in blocks and ranked 30th nationally in the last NCAA statistics. NWC "Player of the Week" honors went to Andrea Beck of Linfield, who had 32 kills, 35 digs, 6 aces, and 3 blocks as the Wildcats went 2-0, including an upset of 17th-ranked Whitworth.

*** Bruins in National, Regional Rankings:**

After two losses on their eastern Washington road trip, the Bruins dropped out of the AVCA/NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Coaches' Top 20 poll on Oct. 17, after receiving votes in all the other polls of the season. NWC teams in the national ratings were Puget Sound at 11th and Whitworth at 17th ... George Fox was ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region rankings of Oct. 10, behind #1 Cal State-Hayward (whose only loss at that time was to the Bruins), #2 Puget Sound, and #3 Whitworth, and ahead of #5 Pacific Lutheran. No regional poll was released on Oct. 17 ... Complete polls for both national and regional rankings are available at www.avca.org.

*** Bruins in NCAA National Stats (released Oct. 10; next release Oct. 24):**

In NCAA national stats of Oct. 10, **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** was 19th in assists (11.60) and **Shelly Schultens** was 30th in blocks (1.39) ... As a team, **George Fox** ranked 11th in digs (23.34), 18th in winning pct. (.13-2, .867), 27th in assists (12.97), and 29th in kills (14.60).

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 21):**

Hitting Pct.:	.203	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.136	3rd
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Kills:	14.62	4th
Blocks:	2.86	1st
Service Aces:	1.86	7th
Digs:	23.17	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 21):**

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Northwest Conference match ... The Loggers defeated George Fox 0-3 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30) in their first meeting of the season on Sept. 22 in Tacoma ... Puget Sound, the NWC's top team and defending champion, is ranked 12th in the nation and 2nd in the West Region ... The Loggers have won 25 straight against NWC opponents ... The Bruins are 11-10 vs. the Loggers (since 1988, as far back as current records go), 4-2 in Newberg, 4-4 in Tacoma, 3-4 on neutral courts ... UPS leads the conference in lowest opponents' hitting pct. (.113), and is 2nd in hitting pct. (.232), kills (15.69), assists (13.57), and aces (2.37) ... Karen Elmgren and Adriane Ougendal give the Loggers a strong 1-2 punch, Elmgren ranking 2nd in the NWC in kills (4.32) and 4th in hitting pct. (.299) with Ougendal 3rd in kills (4.08) and 5th in hitting pct. (.297) ... Ougendal is 12th in digs (3.37) ... Tera Anderson is 1st in service aces (0.64).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Oct. 10 - at George Fox 3, Warner Pacific 0 (30-16, 30-22, 30-13)

Oct. 11 - at Whitman 3, George Fox 2 (30-24, 30-24, 27-30, 30-32, 11-15)

Oct. 12 - at Whitworth 3, George Fox 2 (23-30, 21-30, 25-30)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Oct. 14

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	9-0	1.000	.-	27/5	12-2	.857	36/13
Whitworth Pirates (2)	9-1	.900	.5	29/4	16-4	.800	54/13
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	6-3	.667	3	20/12	12-4	.750	39/18
George Fox Bruins (7)	6-4	.600	3.5	20/14	14-4	.778	44/20
Linfield Wildcats (4)	5-5	.500	4.5	18/17	8-7	.533	30/24
Whitman Missionaries (5)	4-6	.400	5.5	16/22	6-12	.333	28/41
Pacific Boxers (9)	2-7	.222	7	6/23	2-13	.133	9/41
Willamette Bearcats (6)	2-8	.200	7.5	9/24	5-10	.333	21/32
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-9	.000	9	3/27	0-15	.000	6/45

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BRUIN BITS:

*** Bruins in National, Regional Rankings:** In the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Coaches' Top 20 poll of Oct. 10, the Bruins were listed among "Others receiving votes" with 9 points, which would rank them 25th in the country. Other NWC teams in the national rating were Puget Sound at 12th and Whitworth at 17th ... George Fox was ranked 4th in the NCAA Division III West Region rankings of Oct. 10, behind #1 Cal State-Hayward (whose only loss this season is to the Bruins), #2 Puget Sound, and #3 Whitworth ... Complete polls for both national and regional rankings are available at www.avca.org.

*** Bruins in NCAA National Stats (released Oct. 10; next release Oct. 24):**

In NCAA national stats of Oct. 10, **Mindi Cotner** was 19th in assists (11.60) and **Shelly Schultens** was 30th in blocks (1.39) ... As a team, **George Fox** ranked 11th in digs (23.34), 18th in winning pct. (13-2, .867), 27th in assists (12.97), and 29th in kills (14.60).

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 14):**

Hitting Pct.:	.199	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.126	2nd
Assists:	12.77	4th
Kills:	14.34	4th
Blocks:	2.84	1st
Service Aces:	1.95	7th
Digs:	23.84	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 14):**

Mindi Cotner - 2nd in digs (4.77), 2nd in assists (11.44)

Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.54), 3rd in aces (0.56)

Nicole Bostic - 1st in digs (4.87), 8th in kills (3.56)

Heidi Vander Stoep - 7th in digs (3.86)

Brandy Mailer - 6th in digs (3.88), 11th in blocks (0.63), 12th in hitting pct. (.235)

Lynette Domench - 5th in blocks (0.85)

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*** Bruin NWC "Players of the Week" in 2001:**

Mindi Cotner - Sept. 24-30

Mindi led the Bruins to a 3-0 week. In 12 games she had 11 kills and 2 errors in 39 attempts (.231), passed out 150 assists (12.50), and had 48 digs (4.0), 7 block assists, and 1 ace ... She was NWC "Player of the Week" last year for the week of Sept. 18-24, and went on to make Second Team All-Conference.

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George Fox returns to Northwest Conference action this weekend with a trip to eastern Washington, starting with a Friday night (Oct. 12) encounter with Whitman College. Game time is 7:00 p.m. in Walla Walla.

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Northwest Conference match ... Since joining the NWC in 1995, the Bruins are 11-2 vs. the Missionaries (7-0 in Newberg, 4-2 in Walla Walla) ... George Fox defeated Whitman 3-0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10) on Sept. 14 in Newberg.

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Northwest Conference match ... Whitworth is ranked 13th in the latest AVCA/NCAA poll and 2nd in the West Region ... The Bruins are 10-3 vs. the Pirates since joining the NWC in 1995 (5-2 in Newberg, 5-1 in Spokane) ... The Bruins have dropped the last three meetings, including a 0-3 loss (25-30, 32-34, 18-30) on Sept. 15 in Newberg ... Whitworth ranked 5th nationally in kills (16.21 kpg), 11th in assists (13.97 apg), and 12th in hitting pct. (.300) in the latest NCAA stats thru Sept. 23 ... The Pirates currently lead the NWC in hitting pct. (.278), kills (15.82), and assists (13.84) ... Julie Weatherred tops the league in hitting pct. (.371) and kills (4.87), Nicole Weedman leads in assists (12.48), and Kristen Turner is 2nd in hitting pct. (.361) and blocks (1.20).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

10/3 - GEORGE FOX 3, LEWIS & CLARK 0: 24th-Ranked Bruins Block Out Pioneers for 4th Straight Win

PORTLAND, Ore. – Showing why they are the Northwest Conference leaders in blocks, the George Fox University Bruins blocked their way to victory with 10 team stuffs in posting a 3-0 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Oct. 3) at the Pamplin Sports Center.

In sweeping to their fourth straight triumph, the visiting Bruins won by scores of 30-27, 30-18, 30-20 while posting their 20th consecutive victory over the Pioneers.

Leading the defensive effort for the Bruins were **Heidi Vander Stoep** (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) and **Jeni Nelson** (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.), each with three block assists, and **Shelly Schultens** (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.) tallied two solo blocks. **Nicole Bostic** (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) with 23 digs and **Mindi Cotner** (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.), last week's NWC "Player of the Week", with 13 digs led a Bruin defensive effort that out-dug the Pioneers 73-60.

Offensively, George Fox out-hit Lewis & Clark .274 to .029, led by **Lacey Langmade** (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.), who hit .462, and **Laura Bonner** (Sr., OH, Kennewick, Wash.) with a .429 attack percentage. Bostic had 17 kills as the only Bruin in double figures, while Cotner passed out 33 assists.

Lewis & Clark was led by Jennifer Slaton with 11 kills and 14 digs, and Ashley Zerr-Smith had 16 assists.

Game one was tightly contested with the Bruins escaping with a narrow victory. They would not be seriously challenged in games two and three.

The win pushes George Fox, ranked 24th nationally with eight votes in the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3, to 12-2 on the season and 5-2 in the conference. Lewis & Clark drops to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in the league.

10/5 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Overcome Slow Start to Bounce Boxers 3-0

FOREST GROVE, Ore. – Overcoming a sluggish start that nearly cost them the first game, the George Fox University Bruins recovered in time to post a 3-0 decision over the Pacific University Boxers in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night (Oct. 5) at the Pacific Athletic Center.

The Bruins posted their fifth straight victory by scores of 33-31, 30-23, 30-14, finally getting things together after trailing most of the first game. Pacific actually served for game point on two occasions in game one, at 29-28 and 31-30, before the Bruins battled back to win. The Boxers kept pace in the first part of the second game, but five straight points gave George Fox a 17-12 lead and the Bruins gradually pulled away. In game three, the Bruins charged ahead early, taking a 20-9 lead, and never looked back.

Too many attack errors have been Pacific's story all season, and the George Fox match was no different as the Boxers made 42 errors to only 30 kills and hit -.079 for the match. The Bruins hit .126, with 36 kills and 21 errors. The Bruins also demonstrated superior defense, with 70 digs to 58 for the Boxers, and seven blocks to three for the hosts.

Shelly Schultens paced the Bruins with 12 kills and four blocks, while **Mindi Cotner** passed out 30 assists and had 22 digs. **Angie Frank** (Jr., OH/DS, Lebanon, Ore.) helped out defensively also with 18 digs.

Lindsey Jacobsen had seven kills for the Boxers, while Rachel Larson had 17 digs and Kylie Olson had 28 assists.

The Bruins, ranked 24th in the AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3 and 3rd in the West Region, are now 13-2 overall and 6-2 in the conference, while the Boxers fell to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in league play.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Cotner HM for NWC "Player of the Week":** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** continues to be the "straw that stirs the drink" for the surprising Bruins, earning Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for Oct. 1-7 after winning it the week before (Sept. 24-30). In a 3-0 win at Lewis & Clark on Wednesday, she had 33 assists, 13 digs, 2 kills and no errors in 6 attacks, with 1 ace, 1 block solo, and 1 assist. In a 3-0 win at Pacific on Friday, she had 30 assists and 22 digs, 2 kills and 1 error in 4 attacks, and 1 block solo. For the week, in 6 games she had 63 assists (10.50 apg) and 35 digs (5.83 dpg), hit .300 (4 k, 1 e, 10 ta), and had 1 ace, 2 blocks solo, and 1 block assist. "Player of the Week" honors went to outside hitter Andrea Beck of Linfield, who had 42 kills, 48 digs, and 7 assists in the Wildcats' 3-0 week.

*** George Fox in National, Regional Rankings:** In the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Coaches' Top 20 poll of Oct. 3, the **George Fox Bruins** were listed among "Others receiving points" with 8 votes, a total that would place them 24th in the rankings. Washington (Mo.) was No. 1, while other NWC teams in the poll include Whitworth at No. 13 and Puget Sound at No. 18 ... In the NCAA Division III West Region rankings of Oct. 3, George Fox was ranked 3rd. California State-Hayward, whose only loss this season was to the Bruins, was 1st, followed by Whitworth, George Fox, Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran, La Verne, Colorado College, and California Lutheran ... Both complete polls for national and regional rankings are available online at www.avca.org.

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*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Oct. 7):**

Hitting Pct.:	.207	4th
Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.125	2nd
Assists:	12.96	3rd
Kills:	14.60	4th
Blocks:	2.70	1st
Service Aces:	2.00	7th
Digs:	23.34	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 7):**

Mindi Cotner - 1st in digs (4.85), 2nd in assists (11.60)

Shelly Schultens - 1st in blocks (1.39), 2nd in aces (0.63)

Nicole Bostic - 2nd in digs (4.84), 5th in kills (3.64)

Heidi Vander Stoep - 6th in digs (3.89)

Brandy Mailer - 5th in digs (3.90), 10th in hitting pct. (.264)

*** Bruins in NCAA National Stats (released Sept. 26; next release Oct. 10):**

In the latest NCAA stats (thru games of Sept. 23), **Mindi Cotner** is 22nd nationally in assists (11.49), while as a team, **George Fox** ranks 21st in digs (22.60) and 30th in kills (14.37)

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10/5 - GEORGE FOX 3, PACIFIC 0: Bruins Overcome Slow Start to Bounce Boxers 3-0

FOREST GROVE, Ore. – Overcoming a sluggish start that nearly cost them the first game, the George Fox University Bruins recovered in time to post a 3-0 decision over the Pacific University Boxers in Northwest Conference women's volleyball action Friday night (Oct. 5) here at the Pacific Athletic Center.

The Bruins posted their fifth straight victory by scores of 33-31, 30-23, 30-14, finally getting things together after trailing most of the first game. Pacific actually served for game point on two occasions in game one, at 29-28 and 31-30, before the Bruins battled back to win. The Boxers kept pace in the first part of the second game, but five straight points gave George Fox a 17-12 lead and the Bruins gradually pulled away. In game three, the Bruins charged ahead early, taking a 20-9 lead, and never looked back.

Too many attack errors have been Pacific's story all season, and the George Fox match was no different as the Boxers made 42 errors to only 30 kills and hit -.079 for the match. The Bruins hit .126, with 36 kills and 21 errors. The Bruins also demonstrated superior defense, with 70 digs to 58 for the Boxers, and seven blocks to three for the hosts.

Shelly Schultens paced the Bruins with 12 kills and four blocks, while Mindi Cotner passed out 30 assists and had 22 digs. Angie Frank helped out defensively also with 18 digs.

Lindsey Jacobsen had seven kills for the Boxers, while Rachel Larson had 17 digs and Kylie Olson had 28 assists.

The Bruins, ranked 24th in the AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3 and 3rd in the West Region, are now 13-2 overall and 6-2 in the conference, while the Boxers fall of 0-12 overall and 0-6 in league play.

George Fox hosts Warner Pacific College Wednesday (Oct. 10) at 7:00 p.m. in their final non-conference match of the season. Pacific is on the road for the next three games, starting with a 7:00 p.m. clash Saturday (Oct. 6) at Linfield College.

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10/3 - GEORGE FOX 3, LEWIS & CLARK 0: 24th-Ranked Bruins Block Out Pioneers for 4th Straight Win

PORTLAND, Ore. – Showing why they are the Northwest Conference leaders in blocks, the George Fox University Bruins blocked their way to victory with 10 team stuffs in posting a 3-0 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in women's volleyball action Wednesday night (Oct. 3) here at the Pamplin Sports Center.

In sweeping to their fourth straight triumph, the visiting Bruins won by scores of 30-27, 30-18, 30-20 while posting their 20th consecutive victory over the Pioneers.

Leading the defensive effort for the Bruins were Heidi Vander Stoep and Jeni Nelson, each with three block assists, and Shelly Schultens tallied two solo blocks. Nicole Bostic with 23 digs and Mindi Cotner, last week's NWC "Player of the Week", with 13 digs led a Bruin defensive effort that out-dug the Pioneers 73-60. Offensively, George Fox out-hit Lewis & Clark .274 to .029, led by Lacey Langmade, who hit .462, and Laura Bonner with a .429 attack percentage. Bostic had 17 kills as the only Bruin in double figures, while Cotner passed out 33 assists.

Lewis & Clark was led by Jennifer Slaton with 11 kills and 14 digs, and Ashley Zerr-Smith had 16 assists.

Game one was tightly contested with the Bruins escaping with a narrow victory. They would not be seriously challenged in games two and three.

The win pushes George Fox, ranked 24th nationally with eight votes in the latest AVCA/NCAA Division III poll of Oct. 3, to 12-2 on the season and 5-2 in the conference. Lewis & Clark drops to 0-12 overall and 0-6 in the league.

The Bruins visit Pacific University Friday (Oct. 5) in their next NWC match, while the Pioneers are at Linfield College in conference action Friday. Both contests start at 7:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 11-2: Home 4-1, Road 4-1, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 4-2: Home 2-1, Road 2-1)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Win Three Straight vs. West Region-Ranked Teams
Cotner Named NWC "Player of the Week"
Where the Bruins Rank in NWC, NCAA Stats

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm - at Lewis & Clark College, in Portland, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... Since 1988 (most current GFU records), George Fox is 24-8 vs. the Pioneers (10-4 in Newberg, 11-1 in Portland, 3-3 on neutral courts) ... The Bruins have won the last 19 meetings ... The last L&C victory in the series was a 3-2 win in Newberg on Oct. 5, 1991 ... George Fox defeated Lewis & Clark last season 3-1 (14-16, 15-10, 15-5, 15-8) in Portland on Sept. 23 and 3-0 (15-13, 15-2, 15-6) in Newberg on Oct. 21.

Fri., Oct. 5, 7:00 pm - at Pacific University, in Forest Grove, Ore. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... Since 1988 (most current GFU records), George Fox is 28-11 vs. the Boxers (12-6 in Newberg, 11-3 in Forest Grove, 5-2 on neutral courts) ... The Bruins have won the last 10 meetings ... Pacific's last victory was a 2-0 decision at the Pacific Invitational on Oct. 4, 1996 ... The Bruins won both matches last year, winning 3-0 at home on Sept. 22 (15-3, 15-12, 15-11), and 3-0 on the road on Oct. 20 (15-12, 15-12, 15-19).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Sept. 27 - at George Fox 3, Colorado College 2 (32-30, 28-30, 30-25, 29-31, 15-10)

Sept. 28 - at George Fox 3, Linfield 0 (30-26, 30-21, 30-24)

Sept. 29 - George Fox 3, Pacific Lutheran 1 (30-27, 28-30, 30-28, 30-21)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 30

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	6-0	1.000	-	18/3	9-2	.818	27/11
Whitworth Pirates (2)	5-0	1.000	.5	15/0	12-3	.800	40/9
George Fox Bruins (7)	4-2	.667	2	12/8	11-2	.846	33/14
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	4-2	.667	2	14/6	10-3	.769	31/12
Whitman Missionaries (5)	2-3	.400	3.5	7/9	4-9	.307	19/28
Linfield Wildcats (4)	2-4	.333	4	8/13	5-6	.455	20/20
Willamette Bearcats (6)	2-4	.333	4	7/12	3-4	.429	10/13
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-5	.000	5.5	0/15	0-11	.000	3/33
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-5	.000	5.5	0/15	0-11	.000	3/33

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 442-268 (.623) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total entering this season (431) ranked 16th in the nation among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, his record (since 1988, most current GFU records) is 24-8 vs. Lewis & Clark (10-4 in Newberg, 11-1 in Portland, 3-3 on neutral courts), and 28-11 vs. Pacific (12-6 in Newberg, 11-3 in Forest Grove, 5-2 on neutral courts).

COTNER WINS NWC "PLAYER OF THE WEEK" HONORS

Junior setter **Mindi Cotner (Keizer, Ore.)** is the Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for Sept. 24-30 for leading the Bruins to wins against three West Region-ranked opponents during the week.

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On Thursday in a 3-2 win over No. 6 Colorado College, Cotner had 4 kills and 0 errors in 11 attempts (.364), passed out 53 assists, and had 18 digs, 3 block assists, and 1 ace. On Friday in a 3-0 win over No. 8 Linfield, she had 2 kills and 1 error in 9 attempts (.111), passed out 46 assists, and had 14 digs and 3 block assists. On Saturday in a 3-1 win at No. 3 Pacific Lutheran, she had 5 kills and 1 error in 19 attempts (.211), passed out 51 assists, and had 16 digs and 1 block assist. For the week, in 12 games she had 11 kills and 2 errors in 39 attempts (.231), passed out 150 assists (12.50), and had 48 digs (4.0), 7 block assists, and 1 ace.

Cotner, who played high school ball in Rogue River, now calls Keizer home after marrying Oregon State University student Kevin Cotner of Keizer during the summer. She earned NWC "Player of the Week" honors last year for the week of Sept. 18-24, and went on to make Second Team All-Conference.

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The Bruins again took a big lead in the third game, leading 17-10, but the Tigers scored seven unanswered points to tie it at 17-17. Colorado College never took the lead, however, and the Bruins broke away from a 22-21 margin to score eight of the game's final 12 points.

Game four was the tightest of all, George Fox's early 4-1 lead the biggest either team had. There were 10 ties from 14-14 on before Colorado College squeezed out the last two points.

In the deciding contest, the Bruins raced out to leads of 4-0 and 8-2, only to have the Tigers claw their way back to a 10-10 tie. But **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** served for five unanswered points to close out the match for the Bruins.

Bostic led a George Fox attack that hit .226 with 25 kills and a .339 attack percentage, while **Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.)** added 15 kills and **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** 13. Vander Stoep had a game-high 23 digs, Brandy Mailer added 19, **Mindi Cotner** dug 18, and Bostic saved 17. Schultens recorded six blocks, and Cotner passed out 53 assists.

Setter Larissa Enns had a rare triple-double for Colorado College, recording 11 kills, 43 assists, and 14 blocks. Christi Smirnoff paced a quintet of Tigers in double figures in kills with 18, Meggan Grant had 16, Sara Boyles 15, and Kristen Coutee 11. Five Tigers also had twin digits in digs, led by Boyles and Anne Griebel with 16 each, and Coutee had six blocks. In another rarity, a second Tiger had double figures in assists, Heather Newby adding 12 passes for kills. Colorado College hit .221 as a team.

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Schultens and **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** chipped in with 10 kills apiece for the Bruins, and **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battleground, Wash.)** added eight kills while hitting .538, with only one error in

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Sara Kaiser was the only Wildcat in double figures in kills with 10, hitting .474 with only one error in 19 attacks, and had a match-high five blocks. Andrea Beck and Liz McClung had 14 digs each, while Katie Leitheiser added 10 digs and 24 assists.

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The Bruins won 30-27, lost 28-30, then won 30-28, 30-21, in a match that featured numerous long rallies. In just four games, the teams combined for 474 attacks (GFU 235, PLU 239) and made 247 digs (GFU 125, PLU 122).

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Aimee Sloboden led the Lutes with 18 kills, while Holy Nottingham chipped in with 14 and Julie Locke added 13. Jen Edwards had 25 digs to pace PLU, with Cailyn Akers, Annie Rolph, and Jenne Heu-Weller digging 21 apiece. Heu-Weller had 51 assists.

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*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Oct. 1):**

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-- add George Fox-Linfield box --

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-- add George Fox-Colorado College box --

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HIGHLIGHTS:

Surprising Bruins Ranked 16th in Latest National Poll
George Fox Splits NWC Matches with Willamette and Puget Sound
Where the Bruins Rank in NWC Stats

THIS WEEK:

Thurs., Sept. 27, 7:00 pm - vs. Colorado College, in Newberg, Ore.

Non-conference match ... The series is tied 1-1 ... George Fox defeated Colorado College on the road in the Pikes Peak Challenge last season 3-2 (15-13, 3-15, 15-13, 2-15, 15-11) ... The Bruins lost to the Tigers in Newberg 3-2 (13-15, 15-13, 15-11, 12-15, 14-16) in their first meeting in 1999.

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Northwest Conference match ... George Fox leads the series with the Wildcats 22-14 (since 1988, as far back as GFU records currently go), 13-4 in Newberg, 3-5 in McMinnville, and 6-5 on neutral courts ... The Bruins dropped both matches last year, losing 0-3 at home on Sept. 29 (11-15, 8-15, 3-15), and 1-3 in McMinnville on Oct. 27 (5-15, 9-15, 15-12, 5-15), and on the road on Oct. 14 (5-15, 3-15, 7-15) ... The Wildcats are 3rd in the NWC in hitting pct. (.240) ... Sara Kaiser ranks 3rd in hitting pct. (.360), 3rd in blocks (1.19), and 7th in kills (3.68) ... Laura Nielson is 5th in hitting pct. (.344).

Sat., Sept. 29, 7:00 pm - at Pacific Lutheran University, in Tacoma, Wash. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... George Fox leads the series with the Lutes 13-6 (since 1988, as far back as GFU records currently go), 7-3 in Newberg, 4-2 in Tacoma, 2-0 on neutral courts ... The Lutes have won the last three meetings ... The Bruins lost both matches to PLU last year, in Tacoma on Sept. 15 (10-15, 15-13, 16-14, 12-15, 5-15) and 1-3 in Newberg on Oct. 13 (11-15, 10-15, 15-12, 2-15) ... The Lutes are 2nd in the NWC in hitting pct. (.272) and aces (2.65), and 3rd in kills (15.29) and blocks (2.25) ... Aimee Sloboden is 4th in the NWC in hitting pct. (.351) and 9th in kills (3.65) ... Julie Locke is 6th in digs (3.79) and 7th in hitting pct. (.330) and 8th in kills (3.67) ... Jenne Heu-Weller is 2nd in aces (0.72) and 3rd in assists (10.72) ... Heather Johnson is 4th in blocks (1.07).

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Sept. 19 - George Fox 3, at Willamette 1 (30-21, 25-30, 30-26, 30-19)

Sept. 22 - at Puget Sound 3, George Fox 0 (30-32, 27-30, 25-30)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 23

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Whitworth Pirates (2)	4-0	1.000	-	12/0	11-1	.917	35/3
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	3-0	1.000	.5	9/0	9-1	.900	26/6
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	3-0	1.000	.5	9/0	6-2	.750	18/8
George Fox Bruins (7)	2-2	.500	2	6/7	8-2	.800	24/11
Linfield Wildcats (4)	2-2	.500	2	6/7	5-4	.556	18/14
Willamette Bearcats (6)	1-3	.500	3	4/9	2-3	.400	7/10
Whitman Missionaries (5)	1-3	.000	3	4/9	3-8	.273	16/25
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-2	.000	3	0/6	0-7	.000	3/21
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-3	.000	3.5	0/9	0-8	.000	1/24

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SURPRISING BRUINS RANKED 16th IN THE NATION

Picked to finish 7th in the Northwest Conference in a pre-season poll of league coaches, the **George Fox Bruins** have surprised the conference with an 8-2 start that included a seven-game winning streak to start the season. That hot streak apparently caught the attention of voters in the weekly American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, who tabbed the Bruins 16th in the nation in the latest poll of Sept. 19, when the Bruins were 7-1. George Fox received 73 points, while Whitworth College, another NWC member, was 8th with 187 points, and the University of Puget Sound was 24th with 32 points. California State University-Hayward, whom the Bruins defeated in the Whittier Tournament, was 21st with 38 points. Whitworth and Puget Sound, the two favorites to win the NWC, are the only teams to defeat the Bruins thus far. Washington (Mo.) University was ranked 1st with 294 points and 12 1st-place votes.

For the complete weekly poll, visit the AVCA website at www.avca.org.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

GEORGE FOX 3, WILLAMETTE 1

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Opp. Hitting Pct.:	.141	3rd
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Kills:	14.37	4th
Blocks:	2.83	1st
Service Aces:	2.20	5th
Digs:	22.60	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Sept. 23):**

Mindi Cotner - 1st in digs (4.97), 2nd in assists (11.49)

Shelly Schultens - 1st in aces (0.76), 1st in blocks (1.42)

Nicole Bostic - 2nd in digs (4.44)

Heidi Vander Stoep - 8th in digs (3.64)

Brandy Mailer - 7th in digs (3.71), 10th in hitting pct. (2.93)

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George Fox continues on the road Saturday (Sept. 22), visiting pre-season NWC favorite and nationally-ranked University of Puget Sound for a 7:00 p.m. match in Tacoma, Wash. Willamette visits Pacific Lutheran University Friday (Sept. 21) for a 7:00 p.m. contest.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 7-1: Home 2-1, Road 2-0, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 1-1: Home 1-1, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

George Fox Drops Match to Whitworth after Seven Straight Wins
Mailer Honorable Mention for NWC "Player of the Week"
Bruins on the Road for Conference Matches This Week

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Sept. 19, 7:00 pm - at Willamette University, Salem, Ore. (NWC)

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Sat., Sept. 22, 7:00 pm - at University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash. (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The Bruins are 11-9 vs. the Loggers (since 1988, as far back as current records go), 4-2 in Newberg, 4-3 in Tacoma, 3-4 on neutral courts ... The Bruins dropped all three matches last year, losing in the Pikes Peak Challenge on Sept. 2 (4-15, 8-15, 9-15), at home on Sept. 16 (7-15, 6-15, 6-15), and on the road on Oct. 14 (5-15, 3-15, 7-15) ... UPS is the defending conference champion and was ranked 5th in the AVCA Division III pre-season national poll..

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Sept. 12 - George Fox 3, at Warner Pacific 1 (30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17)

Sept. 14 - at George Fox 3, Whitman 0 (30-21, 30-25, 30-10)

Sept. 15 - Whitworth 3, at George Fox 0 (25-30, 32-34, 18-30)

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George Fox Bruins (7)	1-1	.500	1	3/3	7-1	.875	21/7
Willamette Bearcats (6)	1-1	.500	1	3/3	2-1	.667	6/4
Linfield Wildcats (4)	1-1	.500	1	3/3	3-3	.500	12/10
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-1	.000	1.5	0/3	0-6	.000	1/18
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-1	.000	1.5	0/3	0-6	.000	3/18
Whitman Missionaries (5)	0-2	.000	2	0/6	2-7	.222	12/22

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

Bruins Make It Six in a Row with 3-1 Win at Warner Pacific

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Sparked by 14 kills from **Heidi Vander Stoep** (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) and 13 by **Brandy Mailer** (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.) and a defense that

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recorded 23 blocks, the George Fox University Bruins defeated the Warner Pacific College Knights 3-1 in a non-conference women's volleyball match Wednesday night (Sept. 13) at C.C. Perry Gymnasium.

The Bruins, winning 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17, stretched their season-opening winning streak to six in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Knights dropped to 0-6 on the season.

Mailer had 13 kills and only one error for a .364 attack percentage while Vander Stoep, with 14 kills and four errors, hit .357. **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.)** had eight solo blocks while **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** chipped in with six solos and one block assist. Setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** passed out 49 assists and had a game-high 18 digs on defense.

Lori Barton was the only Knight in double figures in kills with 17, but the Knights were plagued by too many offensive mistakes, making 49 errors and hitting a minus-.028.

Bruins Drop Missionaries in NWC Action for 7th Straight Win

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Middle blocker **Shelly Schultens** hit .421 with 11 kills and eight blocks on defense, and **Brandy Mailer** hit .450 with 10 kills, leading the George Fox University Bruins past the Whitman College Missionaries 3-0 in the Northwest Conference lidlifter for both teams Friday night (Sept. 14) at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins, winning 30-21, 30-25, 30-10, stretched their season-opening winning streak to seven in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Missionaries dropped to 2-6 after having their two-game winning streak snap. George Fox is now 11-2 lifetime against Whitman and 7-0 in Newberg.

George Fox pulled away late to win the first two games before dominating the third game. The opener was close, the Bruins holding only a 19-17 edge, before outscoring the Missionaries 11-4 to close out the 30-21 win. In the second game, Whitman fought back from an 18-12 deficit to tie it at 22-22, but Schultens served two of her three aces in 6-0 run that gave the Bruins a comfortable 29-23 margin before the game ended. In the finale, **Angie Frank (Jr., OH/DS, Lebanon, Ore.)** served a 7-0 run that gave George Fox an early 8-1 lead and control of the game.

Heidi Vander Stoep led all attackers with 12 kills, while the Bruins hit .298 as a team to only .122 for the Missionaries. Vander Stoep and Mailer had 15 digs apiece while Frank and **Mindi Cotner** had 11 each, and Cotner passed out 42 assists.

For Whitman, Jill Huber had 10 kills and 10 digs, Megan Bessette added 10 digs, and Claire Novotny had 25 assists.

Powerful Pirates Hand Bruins First Loss in 3-0 Sweep

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a meeting between the Northwest Conference's leading team in kills and the top team in digs and blocks, offense overpowered defense as the Whitworth College Pirates swept the George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in women's volleyball action Saturday afternoon (Sept. 15) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

In winning 30-25, 34-32, 30-18, the Pirates ended the George Fox season-opening win streak at seven while stretching their own current string to six. George Fox is now 7-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference, while Whitworth improves to 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the league.

The first two games were nip-and-tuck all the way, particularly the critical second game in which the Bruins held a narrow lead most of the way and had a chance to win it at 29-27. But the Pirates rallied to tie it and eventually pull out the 34-32 win, then jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the third game and maintained a comfortable margin to the end.

Coming into the match, Whitworth led the NWC in kills per game (16.08) and was second in hitting pct. (.290), while George Fox owned the top league mark in digs (24.28) and blocks (3.28). The Pirates did nothing to hurt their numbers, hitting .311 with 56 kills, while the Bruins hit only .197 with 45 kills. Defensively, George Fox managed only 53 digs (17.7 per game, almost seven below its average), and had only four blocks the entire match.

Julie Weatherred had 18 kills while hitting .444 to lead the Pirates, Lindsey Wagstaff had 13, and Abby Jo Hornstein 10. Weatherred had a match-high 20 digs, while Nicole Weedman passed out 50 assists.

For George Fox, **Shelly Schultens** had 11 kills and **Heidi Vander Stoep** and **Brandy Mailer** had 10 each. Vander Stoep hit .421 and Mailer hit .385 with no errors. **Mindi Cotner** led the Bruins with 13 digs and 40 assists.

BRUIN BITS:

* **Delivering the Mail-er:** Junior outside hitter **Brandy Mailer** received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" for three outstanding games during the Sept. 10-16 period. In a 3-1 win at Warner

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Pacific, she had 13 kills and 1 error in 33 attacks (.364), with 3 assists, 10 digs, and 4 blocks. The kills and attacks were a new career high. In a 3-0 NWC-opening win over Whitman, she had 10 kills and 1 error in 20 attacks for a career-high .450 pct., with 1 assist, 2 aces, 15 digs and 4 blocks. In a 3-0 loss to Whitworth, she shone with 10 kills and no errors in 26 attacks (.385), with 1 assist and 6 digs. For the week, she hit .392 (33 kills, 2 errors, 79 attacks), with 5 assists, 2 aces, 31 digs, and 8 blocks.

"I have been incredibly pleased with Brandy's efficiency on the right side," praised coach **Steve Grant**. "In all my years of coaching, I can't come up with anyone at that position who has had a string of matches as dominating as Brandy has had. Her experience was something our team sorely missed when she was injured all last season. She's relaxed yet intense, calm but focused. I know I've never had one as good as she is right now."

NWC "Player of the Week" honors went to Whitworth's Julie Weatherred, who had 36 kills, a .557 hitting pct., 32 digs, and 6 aces in two Pirate wins.

*** Sizzling from the Start:** Before losing to Whitworth on Saturday, the Bruins went 7-0, the best start to a season since the 1988 squad opened with an 8-0 run, and have already equaled last year's wins total when the team went 7-15. "We're primarily the same team, but we're a year older and playing with much more confidence," says coach **Steve Grant**. "Our starting six are comfortable with one another and can trust each other to be there at the right spot at the right time. **Shelly Schultens** is playing the best I've seen her play, **Mindi Cotner** is her usual steady self, **Angie Frank** has made somebig-time defensive plays, and **Nicole Bostic** and **Heidi Vander Stoep** are rising to the challenge of filling the holes where we struggled last year. And **Brandy Mailer**, of course, has been invaluable."

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*** New Career Highs:** The following new single-game personal records were set by Bruins this week:

- **Laura Bonner (So., OH, Kennewick, Wash.):** service aces - 1 (tie) at Warner Pacific
- **Nicole Bostic (So, OH, Spokane, Wash.):** service aces - 2 (tie) at Warner Pacific and vs. Whitman
- **Angie Frank:** errors - 1 vs. Whitworth; attacks - 1 (tie) vs. Whitworth; assists - 1 vs. Whitworth; service aces -1 (tie) vs. Whitman and Whitworth; digs - 11 vs. Whitman
- **Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.):** solo blocks - 1 (tie) at Warner Pacific
- **Brandy Mailer:** kills - 13 at Warner Pacific; attacks - 33 at Warner Pacific; attack pct. - .450 (10 k, 1 e, 20 ta) vs. Whitman; solo blocks - 2 (tie) at Warner Pacific and vs. Whitman
- **Shelly Schultens:** solo blocks - 5 vs. Whitman

*** Bruins as a team in NWC stats (thru Sept. 16):**

Hitting Pct.:	.209	5th
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Kills:	14.25	5th
Blocks:	3.04	1st
Service Aces:	2.43	5th
Digs:	22.82	1st

*** Individual Bruins in NWC stats (thru Sept.16):**

Mindi Cotner - 1st in digs (4.89), 2nd in assists (11.64)
Shelly Schultens - 1st in aces (0.85), 1st in blocks (1.58)
Nicole Bostic - 3rd in digs (4.24)
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Powerful Pirates Hand Bruins First Loss in 3-0 Sweep

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a meeting between the Northwest Conference's leading team in kills and the top team in digs and blocks, offense overpowered defense as the Whitworth College Pirates swept the George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in women's volleyball action Saturday afternoon (Sept. 15) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

In winning 30-25, 34-32, 30-18, the Pirates ended the George Fox season-opening win streak at seven while stretching their own current string to six. George Fox is now 7-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference, while Whitworth improves to 9-1 overall and 2-0 in the league.

The first two games were nip-and-tuck all the way, particularly the critical second game in which the Bruins held a narrow lead most of the way and had a chance to win it at 29-27. But the Pirates rallied to tie it and eventually pull out the 34-32 win, then jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the third game and maintained a comfortable margin to the end.

Coming into the match, Whitworth led the NWC in kills per game (16.08) and was second in hitting pct. (.290), while George Fox owned the top league mark in digs (24.28) and blocks (3.28). The Pirates did nothing to hurt their numbers, hitting .311 with 56 kills, while the Bruins hit only .197 with 45 kills. Defensively, George Fox managed only 53 digs (17.7 per game, almost seven below its average), and had only four blocks the entire match.

Julie Weatherred had 18 kills while hitting .444 to lead the Pirates, Lindsey Wagstaff had 13, and Abby Jo Hornstein 10. Weatherred had a match-high 20 digs, while Nicole Weedman passed out 50 assists.

For George Fox, Shelly Schultens had 11 kills and Heidi Vander Stoep and Brandy Mailer had 10 each. Vander Stoep hit .421 and Mailer hit .385 with no errors. Mindi Cotner led the Bruins with 13 digs and 40 assists.

George Fox plays its first conference road match next, visiting Willamette University Wednesday (Sept. 19), while Whitworth goes home to host Lewis & Clark College in NWC action Friday (Sept. 21). Both matches are set for 7:00 p.m.

-- add George Fox-Whitworth box --

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

SPORTS PRESS RELEASE --- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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Bruins Drop Missionaries in NWC Action for 7th Straight Win

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Middle blocker Shelly Schultens hit .421 with 11 kills and eight blocks on defense, and Brandy Mailer hit .450 with 10 kills, leading the George Fox University Bruins past the Whitman College Missionaries 3-0 in the Northwest Conference lidlifter for both teams Friday night (Sept. 14) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

The Bruins, winning 30-21, 30-25, 30-10, stretched their season-opening winning streak to seven in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Missionaries dropped to 2-6 after having their two-game winning streak snap. George Fox is now 11-2 lifetime against Whitman and 7-0 in Newberg.

George Fox pulled away late to win the first two games before dominating the third game. The opener was close, the Bruins holding only a 19-17 edge, before outscoring the Missionaries 11-4 to close out the 30-21 win. In the second game, Whitman fought back from an 18-12 deficit to tie it at 22-22, but Schultens served two of her three aces in 6-0 run that gave the home team a comfortable 29-23 margin before the game ended. In the finale, Angie Frank had a pair of aces in a 7-0 run that gave George Fox an early 8-1 lead and control the game.

Heidi Vander Stoep led all attackers with 12 kills, while the Bruins hit .298 as a team to only .122 for the Missionaries. Vander Stoep and Mailer had 15 digs apiece while Frank and Mindi Cotner had 11 each, and Cotner passed out 42 assists.

For Whitman, Jill Huber had 10 kills and 10 digs, Megan Bessette added 10 digs, and Claire Novotny had 25 assists.

The Bruins return to NWC action Saturday (Sept. 15), hosting the Whitworth College Pirates (8-1, NWC 1-0), 3-0 winners at Willamette University Friday, in a match set at 1:00 p.m. for travel considerations for the visitors. The Missionaries visit Willamette Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

-- add George Fox-Whitman box --

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Bruins Make It Six in a Row with 3-1 Win at Warner Pacific

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Sparked by 14 kills from Heidi Vander Stoep and 13 by Brandy Mailer and a defense that recorded 23 blocks, the George Fox University Bruins defeated the Warner Pacific College Knights 3-1 in a non-conference women's volleyball match Wednesday night (Sept. 13) here at C.C. Perry Gymnasium.

The Bruins, winning 30-17, 30-21, 28-30, 30-17, stretched their season-opening winning streak to six in a row, the best start since the 1988 team began the year with an 8-0 run. The Knights dropped to 0-6 on the season.

Mailer had 13 kills and only one error for a .364 attack percentage while Vander Stoep, with 14 kills and four errors, hit .357. Lynette Domench had eight solo blocks while Shelly Schultens chipped in with six solos and one block assist. Setter Mindi Cotner passed out 49 assists and had a game-high 18 digs on defense.

Lori Barton was the only Knight in double figures in kills with 17, but the Knights were plagued by too many offensive mistakes, making 49 errors and hitting a minus-.028.

The Bruins begin Northwest Conference play Friday (Sept. 14), hosting the Whitman College Missionaries (2-5) at 7:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 5-0: Home 1-0, Road 1-0, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 0-0: Home 0-0, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Sweep thru Whittier Tournament with Four Wins
Northwest Conference Play Begins This Weekend at Home**

THIS WEEK:

Wed., Sept. 12, 7:00 pm - at Warner Pacific College, Portland, Ore.

Non-conference match ... The Bruins and Knights have not met since 1991, WPC being without athletics for several of those intervening years ... The Bruins were 8-0 vs. the Knights from 1988-91 (records before that are incomplete), going 4-0 in Newberg, 2-0 in Portland, and 2-0 on neutral courts ... In the last meeting on Sept. 11, 1991, George Fox won 15-9, 15-1, 15-6.

Fri., Sept. 14, 7:00 pm - Whitman College (NWC)

Northwest Conference opener ... Since joining the NWC in 1995, the Bruins are 10-2 vs. the Missionaries (6-0 in Newberg, 4-2 in Walla Walla) ... The teams split last year, each winning at home, George Fox taking a 15-7, 15-9, 4-15, 15-11 decision on Oct. 6, then dropping a 6-15, 8-15, 14-16 match on Nov. 3.

Sat., Sept. 15, 1:00 pm - Whitworth College (NWC)

Northwest Conference match ... The contest is being played in the afternoon due to travel considerations for Whitworth ... The Bruins are 10-2 vs. the Pirates since joining the NWC in 1995 (5-1 in Newberg, 5-1 in Spokane) ... The Bruins dropped both matches last year, the Pirates' first wins over George Fox, falling at home on Oct. 7 7-15, 14-16, 15-12, 12-15, and on the road to end the season on Nov. 4 4-15, 15-13, 9-15, 4-15.

LAST WEEK (game recaps below):

Fri., Sept. 7 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

George Fox 3, California State-Hayward 2 (26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9)

George Fox 3, at Whittier 0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-26)

Sat., Sept. 8 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

George Fox 3, Pomona-Pitzer 0 (30-16, 30-26, 30-28)

George Fox 3, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 0 (30-20, 30-27, 30-26)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 9

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
George Fox Bruins (7)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	5-0	1.000	15/3
Willamette Bearcats (6)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	1-0	1.000	3/0
Whitworth Pirates (2)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	7-1	.875	23/3
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	6-1	.833	17/6
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	3-2	.600	9/8
Linfield Wildcats (4)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	2-2	.500	6/6
Whitman Missionaries (5)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	2-5	.286	12/16
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-5	.000	3/15
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-5	.000	1/15

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 436-266 (.621) in his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total ranks in the top 15 in the nation in wins among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponents, he is 8-0 vs. Warner Pacific (4-0 at home, 2-0 on the road, 2-0 at neutral sites; 10-2 vs. Whitman (6-0 at home, 4-2 on the road); and 10-2 vs. Whitworth (5-1 at home, 5-1 on the road) since 1988 -- records are incomplete prior to then.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

Bruins Sweep thru Whittier Tournament with Losses in Only Two Games

WHITTIER, Calif. --- In a performance that both stunned and thrilled veteran coach Steve Grant, the George Fox University Bruins captured four matches and stretched their season-opening win streak to five in the Whittier College Women's Volleyball Tournament here Friday-Saturday (Sept.7-8).

"Needless to say, this is all a bit unexpected," admitted Grant Monday morning after the team had arrived back in Oregon late Sunday night. "I knew we had the potential to be improved, even though we have no real 'go-to' player, but if you had told me we'd go down to California and win every match we played, I'd have thought you'd be reaching. The thing is, we won all four, but in two of them, I don't think we played all that well, yet we came out with the wins."

The Bruins opened up the tournament Friday with their toughest match of the tournament, score-wise, coming from behind twice to defeat the California State University-Hayward Pioneers 3-2, with scores of 26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9. **Nicole Bostic** (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.) hit .276 with 17 kills and 32 digs to lead the way, while **Heidi Vander Stoep** (Sr., OH/DS, Woodland, Wash.) had 16 kills and 15 digs, **Shelly Schultens** (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.) added 11 kills and 11digs with 6 blocks, and **Brandy Mailer** (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.) had 10 kills and 18 digs. **Jeni Nelson** (So., MB, Seattle, Wash.) had her best game as a Bruin, hitting .417 with 6 kills and 5 blocks off the bench. **Mindi Cotner** (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.) had 46 kills and 17 digs.

The second win was a bit easier as the Bruins prevailed 3-0 over the host Whittier College Poets, though all the games were close at 30-28, 30-23, 30-26. **Mailer** led a balanced attack with 10 kills, **Vander Stoep** and **Cotner** led the defense with 14 digs apiece, and **Cotner** passed out 42 assists.

On Saturday, the Bruins downed first Pomona-Pitzer Colleges 30-16, 30-26, 30-28, **Mailer** again leading an all-around offense with 9 kills. **Cotner** had 21 digs and **Mailer** 15.

The Bruins then completed with tournament with a 30-20, 30-27, 30-26 sweep of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges. **Schultens** sparkled on the attack, hitting .600 with 12 kills and no errors, and on defense with 10 blocks. **Bostic** led all hitters with 15 kills. **Bostic** and **Cotner** had 15 digs each, **Mailer** had 14, and **Vander Stoep** 13. **Cotner** passed out 41 assists.

BRUIN BITS:

* **Sizzling from the Start:** By improving to 5-0 with a 4-0 run through the Whittier Tournament, the Bruins equaled the start of the 1997 team and have the best start to a season since the 1988 squad opened with an 8-0 run.

* **Same Player, New Name:** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** played last year as Mindi Yost. During the summer, she married Kevin Cotner (one "s" short of being a movie star!), a student at Oregon State University. The two reside in Keizer and commute in opposite directions for school!

* **On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,654). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 579 career digs, **Cotner** needs 107 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 177 career blocks, is already 4th on the all-time list, but needs 171 more before she catches the next person -- her sister Amy (347) ... **Schultens** now had 66 career service aces, needing 17 to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

* **New Career Highs:** The following new single-game personal records were set by Bruins in the Whittier Tournament match:

- **Laura Bonner** (So., OH, Kennewick, Wash.): kills - 4 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; errors - 3 vs. Whittier; attacks - 19 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; attack pct. - .210 (4 k, 0 e, 19 ta) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; service aces - 1 vs. Whittier and Pomona-Pitzer; digs - 9 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; block assists - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; total blocks - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer
- **Nicole Bostic:** digs - 32 vs. Cal State-Hayward
- **Angie Frank** (Jr., DS, Lebanon, Ore.): attacks - 1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; service aces -1 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; digs - 7 vs. Pomona-Pitzer
- **Lacey Langmade** (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.): service aces - 2 (tie) vs. Pomona-Pitzer; solo blocks - 1 (tie) vs. Cal State-Hayward

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- **Brandy Mailer:** kills - 10 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Whittier; errors - 4 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Whittier; attacks - 32 vs. Cal State-Hayward; service aces - 4 vs. Whittier

- **Jeni Nelson:** kills - vs. Cal State-Hayward and Whittier; errors - 3 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; attacks - 21 vs. Pomona-Pitzer; assists - 1 (tie) vs. Cal State-Hayward; digs - 3 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; solo blocks - 2 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Pomona-Pitzer; block assists - 3 vs. Cal State-Hayward, Pomona-Pitzer, and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; total blocks - 5 vs. Cal State-Hayward and Pomona-Pitzer

- **Shelly Schultens:** attack pct. - .600 (12 k, 0 e, 20 ta) vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; solo blocks - 4 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps; total blocks - 10 vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

- **Heidi Vander Stoep:** kills- 16 vs. Cal State-Hayward; errors - 6vs. Whittier; attack - 43 vs. Cal State-Hayward

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS" 2001 VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Overall: 5-0 (H: 1-0 R: 1-0 N: 3-0) Games: 15-3
NWC: 0-0 (H: 0-0 R: 0-0) Games: 0-0

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ATT.</u>
8/31	EASTERN OREGON	W	30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19	100
9/7 #	vs California State-Hayward	W	26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9	-
9/7 #	at Whittier	W	30-28, 30-23, 30-26	-
9/8 #	vs Pomona-Pitzer	W	30-16, 30-26, 30-28	-
9/8 #	vs Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	30-20, 30-27, 30-26	-
9/12	at Warner Pacific	7:00 p.m.		
9/14 *	WHITMAN	7:00 p.m.		
9/15 *	WHITWORTH	1:00 p.m.		
9/19 *	at Willamette	7:00 p.m.		
9/22 *	at Puget Sound	7:00 p.m.		
9/27	COLORADO COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.		
9/28 *	LINFIELD	7:00 p.m.		
9/29 *	at Pacific Lutheran	7:00 p.m.		
10/3 *	at Lewis & Clark	7:00 p.m.		
10/5 *	at Pacific	7:00 p.m.		
10/10	WARNER PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
10/12 *	at Whitman	7:00 p.m.		
10/13 *	at Whitworth	2:00 p.m.		
10/17 *	WILLAMETTE	7:00 p.m.		
10/20 *	PUGET SOUND	7:00 p.m.		
10/26 *	at Linfield	7:00 p.m.		
10/27 *	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7:00 p.m.		
11/2 *	PACIFIC	7:00 p.m.		
11/3 *	LEWIS & CLARK	7:00 p.m.		
11/8-10	NCAA Division III First Round	TBA		
11/17	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	TBA		
11/30	NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA		
12/1	NCAA Division III Finals	TBA		

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

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Bruins Complete Sweep Through Whittier Tournament

WHITTIER, Calif. --- Completing a four-match sweep through the Whittier College Women's Volleyball Tournament and stretching their season-opening winning streak to five, the George Fox University Bruins defeated Pomona-Pitzer Colleges and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps College, both in straight 3-0 matches, here Saturday (Sept. 8).

In their first match, the Bruins downed Pomona-Pitzer 30-16, 30-26, 30-28, then followed up with a 30-20, 30-27, 30-26 sweep of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps. By going to 5-0, the Bruins equaled the start of the 1997 team and have the best start to a season since the 1988 squad opened with an 8-0 run.

The Bruins return to the court Wednesday (Sept. 12), visiting Warner Pacific College in Portland for a 7:00 game. Northwest Conference play begins the next weekend as Whitman College and Whitworth College come to town.

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Bruins Win Both Matches on First Day of Whittier Tournament

WHITTIER, Calif. --- Stretching their season-opening winning streak to three, the George Fox University Bruins posted wins over California State University-Hayward and host Whittier College on the first day of action in the Whittier Women's Volleyball Tournament here Friday (Sept. 7).

In their first match of the day, the Bruins came back twice to defeat the CSU-Hayward Pioneers 3-2, with scores of 26-30, 30-22, 26-30, 30-19, 15-9. The second win was a bit easier as the Bruins prevailed 3-0 over the Whittier Poets, though all the games were close at 30-28, 30-23, 30-26.

George Fox is now 3-0 on the season. The Bruins continue play Saturday (Sept. 8), taking on Pomona-Pitzer Colleges at 11:00 a.m. and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 4:00 p.m.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 1-0: Home 1-0, Road 0-0, Neutral 0-0 / NWC 0-0: Home 0-0, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Open "Rally Scoring" Era with Win over Eastern Oregon
Four Matches Looming This Weekend in Whittier Tournament**

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Sept. 7 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

10:00 am - Claremont-Mudd-Scripps vs. Whitworth; CSU-Hayward vs. Pacific Lutheran

11:30 am - Chapman vs. Lewis & Clark; Pomona-Pitzer vs. Linfield

1:00 pm - Claremont-Mudd-Scripps vs. Pacific Lutheran; CSU-Hayward vs. **George Fox**

2:30 pm - Occidental vs. Pacific; Pomona-Pitzer vs. Whitworth

4:00 pm - Whittier vs. **George Fox**; Chapman vs. Linfield

Sat., Sept. 8 - at Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

10:00 am - Chapman vs. Pacific Lutheran; CSU-Hayward vs. Pacific

11:30 am - Claremont-Mudd-Scripps vs. Lewis & Clark; Pomona-Pitzer vs. **George Fox**

1:00 pm - Occidental vs. Whitworth; Chapman vs. Pacific

2:30 pm - CSU-Hayward vs. Linfield; Whittier vs. Lewis & Clark

4:00 pm - Pomona-Pitzer vs. Pacific Lutheran; Claremont-Mudd-Scripps vs. **George Fox**

5:30pm- Whittier vs. Whitworth; Occidental vs. Linfield

*** George Fox's records vs. opponents in the Whittier Tournament (since 1988 - records incomplete before that):**

vs. CSU-Hayward 0-1 (neutral 0-1);

vs. Whittier 2-0 (road 1-0, neutral 1-0);

vs. Pomona-Pitzer 0-0;

vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 2-0 (neutral 2-0).

LAST WEEK (Game recap below):

Aug. 31 - at George Fox 3, Eastern Oregon 1 (30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) -- Standings thru Sept. 2

<i>Team (Pre-season poll)</i>	<i>NWC</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GB</i>	<i>GW/L</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Pct.</i>	<i>GW/L</i>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	3-0	1.000	9/2
George Fox Bruins (7)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	1-0	1.000	3/1
Willamette Bearcats (6)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	1-0	1.000	3/0
Whitworth Pirates (2)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	3-1	.750	11/3
Puget Sound Loggers (1)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	2-2	.500	6/7
Pacific Boxers (9)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-1	.000	1/3
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (8)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-1	.000	0/3
Whitman Missionaries (5)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-3	.000	2/9
Linfield Wildcats (4)	0-0	.000	-	0/0	0-0	.000	0/0

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LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

BRUINS OPEN "RALLY SCORING" ERA WITH 3-1 WIN OVER EASTERN OREGON

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a brand-new era of college volleyball, in which "rally scoring" (scoring a point on every serve, rather than just the serving team getting a point) is to be used in every game of a match, the George Fox University Bruins made a successful debut, posting a 3-1 win over the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers Friday afternoon (Aug. 31) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

With setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** sparking the offense with 43 assists and leading the defense with 28 digs, the Bruins won 30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19 and ended a four-game losing streak. The win was the 11th straight for the Bruins over the Mountaineers, whom they had not met since 1997, and raised their series record over Eastern Oregon to 17-2 (since 1988, as far back as current records go).

Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.) led the Bruin attack with 13 kills while hitting .214, and **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** and **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.)** chipped in with 11 kills each. **Bostic** and **Langmade** recorded 18 digs apiece, while **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** dug 14.

The Bruins were also strong at the net, recording 13 blocks, with **Bostic** and **Mailer** assisting on seven, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** had one solo and five assists, and **Bostic** helped block five. **Schultens** also served six aces, **Cotner** four, and **Mailer** three out of the Bruins' total of 18.

Sara Kirby led Eastern Oregon with 13 kills and Elaine McKinstry had 12. Cassie Beyer passed out 41 assists and led a quintet of Mountaineers in double figures in digs with 24.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Same Player, New Name:** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** played last year as Mindi Yost. During the summer, she married Kevin Cotner (one "s" short of being a movie star!), a student at Oregon State University. The two reside in Keizer and commute in opposite directions for school!

*** On the All-Time Lists:** **Mindi Cotner** ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,504). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 512 career digs, **Cotner** needs 174 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... **Shelly Schultens**, with 57 career service aces, needs 26 to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

*** New Career Highs:** The following new personal records were set by Bruins in the Eastern Oregon match:

- **Nicole Bostic:** block assists - 5; total blocks - 5
- **Mindi Cotner:** service aces - 4; digs - 28
- **Lynette Domench:** block assists - 7
- **Angie Frank (Jr., DS, Lebanon, Ore.):** total attacks - 1; service aces - 1; digs - 6
- **Lacey Langmade:** kills - 13; service aces - 2 (tie); digs - 18
- **Brandy Mailer:** kills - 8; total attacks - 28; service aces - 3; block assists - 7; total blocks - 7
- **Shelly Schultens:** service aces - 6

George Fox University

SPORTS PRESS RELEASE --- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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BRUINS OPEN "RALLY SCORING" ERA WITH 3-1 WIN OVER EASTERN OREGON

NEWBERG, Ore. --- In a brand-new era of college volleyball, in which "rally scoring" (scoring a point on every serve, rather than just the serving team getting a point) is to be used in every game of a match, the George Fox University Bruins made a successful debut, posting a 3-1 win over the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers Friday afternoon (Aug. 31) here at the Wheeler Sports Center.

With setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., S, Keizer, Ore.)** sparking the offense with 43 assists and leading the defense with 28 digs, the Bruins won 30-26, 27-30, 30-26, 30-19 and ended a four-game losing streak. The win was the 11th straight for the Bruins over the Mountaineers, whom they had not met since 1997, and raised their series record over Eastern Oregon to 17-2 (since 1988, as far back as current records go).

Lacey Langmade (Jr., OH, Camas, Wash.) led the Bruin attack with 13 kills while hitting .214, and **Nicole Bostic (So., OH, Spokane, Wash.)** and **Lynette Domench (Jr., MB, Battle Ground, Wash.)** chipped in with 11 kills each. **Bostic** and **Langmade** recorded 18 digs apiece, while **Brandy Mailer (Jr., OH/DS, Ashland, Ore.)** dug 14.

The Bruins were also strong at the net, recording 13 blocks, with **Bostic** and **Mailer** assisting on seven, **Shelly Schultens (Jr., MB, The Dalles, Ore.)** had one solo and five assists, and **Bostic** helped block five. **Schultens** also served six aces, **Cotner** four, and **Mailer** three out of the Bruins' total of 18.

Sara Kirby led Eastern Oregon with 13 kills and Elaine McKinstry had 12. Cassie Beyer passed out 41 assists and led a quintet of Mountaineers in double figures in digs with 24.

The Bruins next participate in the Whittier College Tournament Friday-Saturday (Sept. 7-8) in Whittier, Calif.

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Open Season at Home with Eastern Oregon on Friday
Pre-Season Outlook, Numerical Roster, Final Schedule**

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Aug. 31, 2:00 pm - Eastern Oregon University, in Newberg, Ore.

The Bruins open their 2001 season with an afternoon home match against the Mountaineers, whom they have not played since 1997 ... The Bruins won 15-6, 15-3, 15-4 in their last meeting on Sept. 20, 1997, in Newberg ... GFU has a 10-match winning streak against Eastern Oregon ... The last EOU win was 15-11, 15-10 on Nov. 6, 1992, in the opening round of the NAIA District 2 Tournament.

George Fox University 2001 Volleyball Pre-Season Outlook ---

BRUINS, WITHOUT A "GO-TO" PLAYER, WILL RELY ON BALANCE TO IMPROVE IN 2001

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For coach **Steve Grant** and the George Fox University women's volleyball team, the 2000 season was an unusual experience. The Bruins' 7-15 record was only second sub-.500 mark in the veteran coach's 19 years of directing the volleyball program.

One of the major reasons for the Bruins' misfortune was simply youth and inexperience. Now, with only two starting hitters gone – Honorable Mention All-Northwest Conference pick Amy Forbes, now an assistant coach for the team, and Jennifer Westerberg, whose chronic back problems forced her to skip her senior season – the Bruins are hopefully a year older and a year better.

"Experience can be good or bad," says Grant philosophically. "On the one hand, we have a lot of last year's kids who are competing for spots, so we have some depth, which is a plus. But despite our experience, we still haven't found a "go-to" person along the front line, that one player you can count on to come through with a clutch kill a high percentage of the time. We need someone to step up and take charge."

Setters

Having a player who can make consistently-good passes to the offense is a key to any successful volleyball team, and the Bruins have one of the best in Second Team All-Conference setter **Mindi Cotner (Jr., Keizer, Ore.)**. Playing last year as Mindi Yost before marrying Oregon State University student Kevin Cotner during the summer, she finished fourth in the NWC in assists per game (10.05), while her assists total (854) was the fifth-best ever at George Fox.

Backing up Cotner is **Jessi Williams** (Fr., Nampa, Idaho), who may also see action as a defensive specialist.

Outside Hitters

There are several candidates for the outside hitter positions, and "two of them must step up to replace Forbes and Westerberg," says Grant.

Nicole Bostic (So., Spokane, Wash.) got off to a fast start in her freshman year, earning All-Tournament honors in the Pikes Peak Challenge that opened the 2000 season while finishing third on the team in digs (194) and fourth in kills (153). **Lacey Langmade (Jr., Camas, Wash.)**

showed rapid improvement as the season progressed and was playing significant minutes by the end of the season.

Heidi Vander Stoep (Sr., Woodland, Wash.) is a versatile player who will see plenty of action on both offense and defense, while **Laura Bonner (So., Kennewick, Wash.)** is another whose improvement during the off-season should result in increased playing time for her.

A big addition will be the return of **Brandy Mailer (Jr., Ashland, Ore.)**, who was plagued by injuries and sat out last year. Notes Grant, "She's a top-notch defensive player and right-side hitter, and providing her health holds up, she will play all the way around, and be solid either way."

Providing depth on the outside will be newcomers **Stephanie Reedal (Fr., Aloha, Ore.)**, **Jamie Schuknecht (Fr., Canby, Ore.)**, and **Michelle Forbes (Fr., Jackson, Wyo.)**, younger sister of assistant coach Amy Forbes.

Middle Blockers

Shelly Schultens (Jr., The Dalles, Ore.) returns to provide the team's tallest presence in the middle, as well as offense on the outside at times. The six-footer led the Bruins in kills (193), service aces (32), blocks solo (31) and block assists (52), while ranking fourth in the NWC in blocks per game (1.01) and fifth in aces (0.39). Joining her in the middle is **Lynette Domench (Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.)**, who was second on the team in blocks solo (19) and block assists (50) and eighth in the conference in blocks per game (0.86).

Jeni Nelson (So., Seattle, Wash.) made tremendous strides during the off-season and will see increased minutes in the middle spelling both Schultens and Domench.

Defensive Specialists

"Mindi was an anchor defensively for us as a right back, so we feel very strong there," says Grant. "In the middle back position, **Heather Peeples (Sr., Olympia, Wash.)** got a lot of playing time last year, but **Angie Frank (Jr., Lebanon, Ore.)** has made excellent progress and I'd say they're pretty even right now."

Vander Stoep, Mailer, Williams, and **Brandi Hess (So., Boise, Idaho)**, who played on the George Fox junior varsity team two years ago, are also capable of making plenty of digs on defense.

Summary

"Until we find a 'go-to' player on offense, we will try to mix things up, run a lot of plays for lots of people, and hope to keep our opponents off-balance," predicts Grant. "That, of course, will be contingent upon whether or not our passing game has improved. We must also cut down on our unforced errors offensively; we found too many ways last year to load up and then shoot ourselves in the foot!"

"We're kind of small this year, but I am hopeful that 'small' will translate into 'scrappy'. If we hustle, go after everything and never give up, we could wear down some of our opponents and finish higher in the conference than people think."

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 431-266 as he begins his 20th season as a head coach, all at George Fox. His wins total ranks in the top 15 in the nation in wins among active NCAA Division III coaches. Against this week's opponent, he is 16-2 vs. Eastern Oregon (since 1988 - records prior to that are incomplete).

BRUIN BITS:

* **Time to Start Some New Strings:** Last year's 7-15 record snapped a string of 13 straight winning seasons for the Bruins. The team will be trying to snap a current losing streak of four when they entertain Eastern Oregon Friday.

* **Same Player, New Name:** Junior setter **Mindi Cotner** played last year as Mindi Yost. During the summer, she married Kevin Cotner (one "s" short of being a movie star!), a student at Oregon State University. The two reside in Keizer and commute in opposite directions for school!

* **On the All-Time Lists:** Mindi Cotner ranks 7th all-time at GFU in assists (1,461). Next up is Denise Vernon with 2,099 ... With 484 career digs, Cotner needs 202 to move into the top 10, chasing Teri Johnson (685) ... Shelly Schultens, with 51 career service aces, needs 32 (the number she had last season) to pass Kari Guyer (82) and move into the top 10.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE:

George Fox University was picked to finish 7th in the nine-team Northwest Conference women's volleyball race in a pre-season poll of conference coaches, receiving 36 votes. Defending conference champion Puget Sound, which went through the conference and regular season undefeated, is a strong favorite to win again, receiving 84 votes, followed by Whitworth with 76, Pacific Lutheran 58, Linfield 49, Whitman 44, Willamette 38, George Fox 36, Lewis & Clark 16, and Pacific 13.

The Northwest Conference website, maintained by Whitworth SID Steve Flegel, is at www.nwcsports.com.

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr./El.</u>	<u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>
1	Jessi Williams	S/DS	5-3	Fr./Fr.	Nampa, Idaho (Nampa Christian HS)
2	Heather Peeples	DS	5-5	Sr./Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Vanguard University)
3	Mindi Cotner	S	5-7	Jr./Jr.	Keizer, Ore. (Rogue River HS)
4	Stephanie Reedal	OH	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Aloha, Ore. (Aloha HS)
5	Jeni Nelson	MB	5-11	So./So.	Seattle, Wash. (Cedar Park Christian School)
6	Nicole Bostic	OH	5-8	So./So.	Spokane, Wash. (North Central HS)
7	Laura Bonner	OH	5-8	So./So.	Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS)
8	Lynette Domench	MB	5-11	Jr./Jr.	Battle Ground, Wash. (Battle Ground HS)
9	Heidi Vander Stoep	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Sr.	Woodland, Wash. (Woodland HS)
10	Lacey Langmade	OH	5-10	Jr./Jr.	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS)
11	Shelly Schultens	MB	6-0	Jr./Jr.	The Dalles, Ore. (The Dalles HS)
12	Angie Frank	OH/DS	5-8	Jr./Jr.	Lebanon, Ore. (East Linn Christian Academy)
13	Brandy Mailer	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Jr.	Ashland, Ore. (Kamehameha HS)
	Michelle Forbes	OH	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Jackson, Wyo. (Jackson Hole HS)
	Brandi Hess	DS	5-3	Jr./So.	Boise, Idaho (Capital HS)
	Jamie Schuknecht	OH	5-9	Fr./Fr.	Canby, Ore. (Canby HS)

Head Coach: Steve Grant

Assistant Coaches: Mike McConaughey, Amy Forbes

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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

HIGHLIGHTS:

George Fox Picked to Finish 7th in Northwest Conference
Pre-Season Info: Quick Facts, Schedule, Preliminary Roster, 2000 Stats

BRUINS PICKED BY NWC COACHES TO FINISH 7TH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- George Fox University has been picked to finish 7th in the Northwest Conference women's volleyball race in a pre-season poll of conference coaches.

The Bruins, coming off a season in which they were 7-15 overall and 5-11 for a 7th-place finish in the NWC, received 36 votes in the poll. Defending conference champion University of Puget Sound, which went through the conference and regular season undefeated, is a strong favorite to win again, with Whitworth College expected to mount the stiffest challenge to the Loggers' supremacy.

NWC Volleyball Coaches' Pre-Season Poll (with records in 2000):

School	(1st)	Pts.	All	NWC
1. Puget Sound (Wash.)	(6)	84	25-1	16-0
2. Whitworth (Wash.)	(3)	76	17-8	12-4
3. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)		58	14-11	9-7
4. Linfield (Ore.)		49	15-8	12-4
5. Whitman (Wash.)		44	17-10	8-8
6. Willamette (Ore.)		38	10-14	7-9
7. George Fox (Ore.)		36	7-15	5-11
8. Lewis & Clark (Ore.)		16	2-18	2-14
9. Pacific (Ore.)		13	4-17	1-15

(First-place votes in parenthesis. Points awarded on 10-8-7-5-4-3-2-1 basis).

For information on the entire poll, visit the Northwest Conference website, maintained by Whitworth SID Steve Flegel, at www.nwcsports.com.

George Fox returns four of its six regulars for the 2001 season, with outside **hitter Amy Forbes (Sr., Jackson, Wyo.)**, an Honorable Mention All-NWC selection, and outside hitter **Jennifer Westerberg (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)**, who was married during the off-season and chose not to return to school, missing from last year's starting lineup.

A good volleyball offense begin with a strong setter, and the Bruins return one of the best in Second Team All-NWC pick **Mindy Yost (Jr., Sisters, Ore.)**, who had 864 assists, the fifth-best single-season number in team history. She will be passing the ball to a strong front line of middle blocker **Shelly Schultens (Jr., The Dalles, Ore.)**, who had 193 kills and 83 blocks to lead the team, middle blocker **Lynette Domench (Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.)**, who had 106 kills and 69 blocks, and outside hitter **Nicole Bostic (So., Spokane, Wash.)**, who had 153 kills.

Long-time coach **Steve Grant**, among the top 15 active winningest coaches in NCAA Division III, takes a 431-266 career record into his 20th season directing the Bruin volleyball fortunes.

Bruin players report to campus Sunday, Aug. 19, to receive physicals and begin practice for the 2001 season. The opener is at home Friday, Aug. 31, against Eastern Oregon University at 2:00 p.m.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Newberg, Oregon (18,064)
Mailing Address: 414 N. Meridian St.
Newberg, OR 97132
Founded: 1891
Denomination: Evangelical Friends
(Quakers)
Enrollment: 2,636
President: Dr. David Brandt
Faculty Athletic Rep: Diane Wood
Switchboard Phone: (503) 538-8383
Website: www.georgefox.edu

ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Nickname: Bruins
Colors: Navy Blue & Old Gold
Affiliation (yrs): NCAA Division III (3rd)
Region: West Region
Conference (yrs): Northwest Conference (7th)
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Alma Mater: Biola '69
GFU Record: 431-266, 19 yrs
Overall Record: 431-266, 19 yrs
Office Phone: (503) 554-2920
Assistant Coach: Mike McConaughy
Alma Mater: George Fox '93
Assistant Coach: Amy Forbes
George Fox '01

TEAM INFORMATION

Home Court (cap.): Wheeler Sports Center /
Miller Gym (2,750)
2000 Overall Record: 7-15
2000 Conference Record: 5-11, 7th
2000 Post-Season: None
Letterwinners Back/Lost: 10/6
Starters Back/Lost: 4/2

<u>Key Returnees</u>	<u>Ht., Pos., Cl., Hometown</u>	<u>Stats</u>	<u>Honors</u>
Mindy Yost (S)	5-7, S, Jr., Sisters, Ore.	854 a, 338 d, 41 k	All-NWC 2nd Team
Shelly Schultens (S)	6-0, MB, Jr., The Dalles, Ore.	193 k, 96 d, 83 blk	
Nicole Bostic (S)	5-8, OH, So., Spokane, Wash.	153 k, 194 d	
Lynette Domench (S)	5-10, MB, Jr., Battle Ground, Wash.	106 k, 41 d, 69 blk	
Heather Peeples	5-5, DS, Jr., Olympia, Wash.	166 d	
Heidi Vander Stoep	5-9, DS, Sr., Woodland, Wash.	175 d, 53 k, 29 a	
Lacey Langmade	5-10, OH, Jr., Camas, Wash.	88 k, 72 d, 19 a	
<u>Key Losses</u>	<u>Ht., Pos., Cl., Hometown</u>	<u>Stats</u>	<u>Honors</u>
Amy Forbes (S)	5-7, OH, Sr., Jackson, Wyo.	185 k, 164 d	All-NWC HM
Jennifer Westerberg (S)	5-9, OH, Jr., Vancouver, Wash.	168 k, 224 d, 17 a	
Bree Stairs	5-9, OH, Sr., McMinnville, Ore.	120 d, 10 k	
<u>Top Newcomers</u>	<u>Ht., Pos., Hometown (Previous School)</u>		

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
<u>August</u>				
31	Fri.	EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
<u>September</u>				
7	Fri.	# at Whittier College Tournament	Whittier, Calif.	TBA
8	Sat.	# at Whittier College Tournament	Whittier, Calif.	TBA
12	Wed.	at Warner Pacific College	Portland, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
14	Fri.	* WHITMAN COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
15	Sat.	* WHITWORTH COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 p.m.
19	Wed.	* at Willamette University	Salem, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
22	Sat.	* at University of Puget Sound	Tacoma, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
27	Thur.	COLORADO COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
28	Fri.	* LINFIELD COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
29	Sat.	* at Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
<u>October</u>				
3	Wed.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
5	Fri.	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
10	Wed.	WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
12	Fri.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	7:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	* at Whitworth College	Spokane, Wash.	2:00 p.m.
17	Wed.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
20	Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
26	Fri.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
27	Sat.	* PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
<u>November</u>				
2	Fri.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
3	Sat.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	7:00 p.m.
8-10	Thu.-Sat.	NCAA Division III First Round	on-campus sites	TBA
17	Sat.	NCAA Division III Quarterfinals	on-campus sites	TBA
30	Fri.	NCAA Division III Semifinals	TBA	TBA
<u>December</u>				
1	Sat.	NCAA Division III Finals	TBA	TBA

- Whittier College Tournament, Whittier, Calif.

* - Northwest Conference match

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GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"
2001 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

(Returning players & expected newcomers; updated roster to be sent when available)

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*	Brandy Mailer	OH/DS	5-9	Sr./Jr.	Northridge, Calif. (Kamehameha HS)

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* - redshirted in '00

1st: 07/12/01