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GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

SOFTBALL

2001 MEDIA GUIDE



*George Fox
University*

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Yr./El.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Laura Steenson	P	R-R	5-5	So./So.	Milwaukie, Ore. (Central Catholic HS)
3	Miriam Liesch	OF	R-R	5-8	Sr./Sr.	Sublimity, Ore. (North Salem HS)
4	Sarah Camp	SS	L-R	5-4	Fr./Fr.	Hubbard, Ore. (North Marion HS)
6	Talle Thompson	OF	R-R	5-6	Fr./Fr.	Dundee, Ore. (Newberg HS)
7	Wendy Owens	OF	R-R	5-8	Fr./Fr.	Turner, Ore. (Cascade HS)
8	Jill Bohlander	OF	R-R	5-4	Sr./Sr.	Beaverton, Ore. (Westview HS)
9	Sarah Jertberg	C/IF	R-R	5-9	So./So.	Klamath Falls, Ore. (Henley HS)
10	Mariah Chase	OF	R-R	5-5	Fr./Fr.	Albany, Ore. (Santiam Christian HS)
11	Jennifer Kennedy	C	R-R	5-4	Sr./Jr.	Brookings, Ore. (Brookings Harbor HS)
12	Brittany Baird	3B	R-R	5-8	Sr./Sr.	Lincoln City, Ore. (Taft HS)
13	Cori Wulf	OF/IF	R-R	5-7	So./So.	Salem, Ore. (Santiam Christian HS)
14	Amy Larson	P/IF	R-R	5-5	So./So.	Portland, Ore. (Westside Christian HS)
21	Ellen Sickler	2B	R-R	5-5	Jr./Jr.	Springfield, Ore. (Thurston HS)
24	Rebecca Dean	1B	R-R	5-8	Sr./Jr.	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS)

Head Coach: Tim Hill Assistant Coaches: Paul Sabah, Dennis Keller

George Fox Softball Quick Facts

University Information
Location:Newberg, Oregon (17,355)
Mailing Address:414 N. Meridian St., Newberg, OR 97132
Founded:1891
Denomination:Evangelical Friends (Quaker)
Enrollment:2,636
President:Dr. David Brandt
Faculty Athletics Rep:Diane Wood
Switchboard Phone:503-538-8383
Web site:www.georgefox.edu

Athletics Information
Nickname:Bruins
Colors:Navy Blue & Old Gold
Affiliation (yrs):NCAA Division III (2nd)
Region:West Region
Conference (yrs):Northwest Conference (6th)
Director of Athletics:Craig Taylor 503-554-2911
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On the cover: sophomore infielder Cori Wulf

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Coaching Staff
Head Coach:Tim Hill
Alma Mater:Portland State University '68
GFU Record:0-0 (1st year)
Overall Record:0-0 (1st year)
Office Phone:503-554-2921
Assistant Coaches:Paul Sabah, Dennis Keller

Team Information
Home Field (capacity):Morse Field (100)
2000 Overall Record:6-25
2000 NWC Record:3-18, 8th
2000 Post-Season:None
Letter winners Back/Lost:7/6
Starters Back/Lost:5/5
Pitchers Back/Lost:2/3

Outlook

Going Up, Hill

The Bruins hope new coach Tim Hill will lead them up the standings in the Northwest Conference.

Tim Hill has guided hundreds of young ladies through hundreds of games in his 25 years as an ASA and high school softball coach, but perhaps never has he taken on a more daunting task than that of taking a college team that won only six games last year and turning it into a conference contender.

“It won’t happen overnight,” the new coach of the George Fox University Bruins says, “but I am intrigued by this new challenge and am looking forward eagerly to this season.”

The Bruins are coming off a season in which they went 6-25 overall and finished eighth in the Northwest Conference with a 3-18 league mark, so the climb will definitely be uphill, but Hill is optimistic, saying, “This team has come a long way in a short time and appears to be much improved. We’re not at the level of the top teams in our conference yet, but we’ll be competitive and I can see us in the middle of the pack.”

The Bruins lost six letter winners from last year’s squad, including All-NWC First Team shortstop/pitcher Beth Davis and Honorable Mention All-NWC left fielder Anita Orlowski. Davis batted .250 and compiled a hard-luck 3-11 record on the mound despite an excellent 2.92 ERA and 42 strikeouts. Orlowski batted .272 and led the team in home runs (5), RBI (18), and doubles (9).

Pitching

The key to this year’s improvement may be having **Laura Steenson** (So., Milwaukie, Ore.) for an entire season. The rookie right-hander was 3-5 with a 1.91 ERA and 33 K’s in 51+ innings before going out in midseason with a toe injury on her foot that required sur-



Senior Brittany Baird, third base

gery. “If Laura stays healthy, she can keep us in every ball game,” says Hill. “We’re counting on her to supply probably 80 percent of our pitching.”

Backing up Steenson is right-hander **Amy Larson** (So., Portland, Ore.), who was second on the team with 15 appearances, including seven starts, and was 0-6 with an 8.62 ERA. “She does a lot with the ball, and is especially good with the off-speed pitch,” says Hill. She could also see time at first or in the outfield after batting .211 with 11 RBI last year.

Catching

Sarah Jertberg (So., Klamath Falls, Ore.) saw most of the action behind the plate last year. It was a new position for her and she struggled much of the season, but showed steady improvement as the season wore on. She batted only .102 but she should increase that mark

significantly this year. “Sarah’s very coachable,” notes Hill, “and will also help us at first or third.”

Jertberg will share backstop duties in 2001 with **Jennifer Kennedy** (Jr., Brookings, Ore.), who lettered in ’98 and ’99 but sat out last spring with hand and shoulder problems. “Jennifer is a good, tough kid who hits well, is very solid, and adds stability behind the plate,” Hill points out.

Infield

Second Team All-Conference pick **Brittany Baird** (Sr., Lincoln City, Ore.) returns at third base to anchor the infield after leading the team with a .300 batting average and striking out only six times in 90 at bats. “Brittany is our most

experienced player,” Hill observes, “and has responded well as we have called upon her for senior leadership.”

Over at the other corner, **Rebecca Dean** (Jr., Camas, Wash.) returns after sitting out last season. In ’99, she led the team with a .414 batting average and was an Honorable Mention All-NWC pick. “Rebecca is a strong player who gives us an outstanding bat in the middle of the lineup,” says Hill. “She has one speed, and it’s fast and hard!”

Sarah Camp (Fr., Hubbard, Ore.) brings good athletic bloodlines to a probable starting berth at shortstop — her sister Rachel was an All-Conference pitcher and first baseman for George Fox. “Sarah is a left-handed slap hitter who will probably bat second,” Hill comments. “She is good defensively, is one of our fastest players, and has a good feel for the game.”

Ellen Sickler (Jr., Springfield, Ore.), who hit .214 two years ago but did not

Outlook

play last spring, rejoins the team and is expected to take over at second base. "Ellen is a solid, steady player who is consistent on defense," Hill points out, "and should give us a strong combination up the middle with Camp."

Outfield

Second base actually belonged to **Cori Wulf** (So., Salem, Ore.), who hit .291 and led the team in hits (30) and runs (15), but she will probably shift to center field, her natural position, for the '01 season. "Cori is our most enthusiastic player — her energy rubs off on everyone," says Hill with a smile. "She's a great athlete who can play any infield or outfield position, and she brings great speed and a solid .300 bat to the lead off spot."

Miriam Liesch (Sr., Sublimity, Ore.), an infielder most of her career, is expected to nail down the left field job after hitting .158 in part-time duty last year. "Miriam is a good all-around player who has shown a good bat in the past, and I think she is ready for a fine senior season," Hill predicts.

Jill Bohlander (Sr., Beaverton, Ore.) is projected as the right fielder after playing sparingly last year. "Jill has shown a lot of improvement and has certainly earned her spot in the starting lineup," comments Hill.

Outfield depth will come from **Wendy Owens** (Fr., Turner, Ore.), **Talle Thompson** (Fr., Dundee, Ore.) and **Mariah Chase** (Fr., Albany, Ore.). "Wendy hopefully will give us some

Top Returnees

Brittany Baird (S)
Cori Wulf (S)
Sarah Jertberg (S)
Amy Larson (S)
Laura Steenson (S)

Pos., Cl., Hometown

3B, Sr., Lincoln City, Ore.
2B, So., Salem, Ore.
C, So., Klamath Falls, Ore.
OF-P, So., Portland, Ore.
P, So., Milwaukie, Ore.

Stats

.300-0-9
.291-1-7, 9 2b, 15r
.102-0-3
.211-0-11/0-6, 8.62
3-5, 1.91, 33k, 51.1 ip

Honors

All-NWC 2nd Team

Key Losses

Beth Davis (S)
Sherilyn Gerig (S)
Anita Orlowski (S)
Kelsey Bates (S)
Rachel Camp (S)

P-SS, Sr., Salem, Ore.
SS-C, Sr., Mt. Angel, Ore.
OF, So., Banks, Ore.
OF, So., Stayton, Ore.
1B, Sr., Hubbard, Ore.

3-11, 2.92, 42k/.250
.282-0-5, 5 2b
.272-5-18, 9 2b, .533 slg
.247-0-8, 10 sb
.244-0-3

All-NWC 1st Team

All-NWC HM



Sophomore Cori Wulf, second base

much-needed power in the fifth or sixth slots, primarily as a designated hitter," says Hill. "She's developing more confidence in her abilities every day. Talle has potential; she's a hustler who just needs time to adjust to this level. Mariah also needs experience, but has a very good attitude and works hard to improve."

Summary

"Defense hopefully will be a strength for us this year," Hill says. "It was an obvious weakness last year — we gave up

way too many unearned runs, but we appear to be much improved in that area. We preach 'defense first,' and the girls have been buying into that concept. Hitting is a question mark, but we have decent speed on the bases as well as defensively. Laura needs to be healthy for us to have a chance on the mound.

"Our biggest goal this year is just to play hard and get back some respect. I feel good about the season, and think we may have this program moving in the right direction."

Returning Players

8 Jill Bohlander

Outfield • R-R • 5-4 • Senior
Beaverton, Oregon • Westview HS



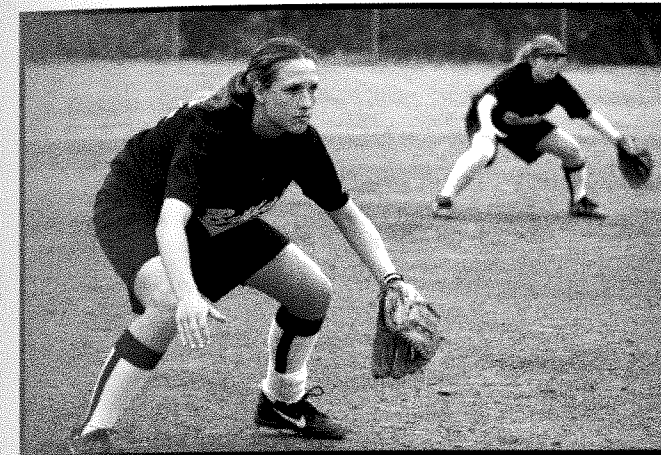
2001: Much-improved player who will fight for a starting outfield spot.

2000: Joined the team in midseason to provide depth in the outfield ... Did not play her first two years in school.

Personal: Born April 6, 1979 ... Daughter of Virginia Bohlander ... Business and economics major.

Career Stats — Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000	9	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	.000



Senior Brittany Baird, third base (pictured here with last year's shortstop, Sherilyn Gerig, Class of 2000)

12 Brittany Baird

Third Base • R-R • 5-8 • Senior
Lincoln City, Oregon • Taft HS



2001: Brings good glove and quick reactions defensively to left side of infield ... Developing confidence at the plate and should be one of team's most productive hitters this season.

2000: Second Team All-Northwest Conference ... Led the team in batting at an even .300 ... Second on the team in hits

(27), third in RBI (9) ... Toughest to strike out (6 K's in 90 at bats).

1999: Started every game ... Second on the team in sacrifices (5), tied for second in triples (2), tied for fourth in doubles (6).

1998: Earned starting spot at third as a freshman in '98.

HS: Coached by Tom Trunt at Taft High ... Oregon Class 3A Third-Team All-State and First-Team All-Valco League infielder in '97 ... Second Team All-Valco League infielder in '96.

Personal: Born March 18, 1979 ... Daughter of John and Pamela Baird ... Liberal arts major ... Enjoys reading and playing sports.

Career Stats — Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
1998	34	93	9	19	7	0	0	13	3	9	.204
1999	35	107	17	25	6	2	0	19	7	16	.234
2000	31	90	8	27	1	1	0	9	3	6	.300
3 yrs	100	290	35	71	14	3	0	41	13	31	.245



Senior outfielder Jill Bohlander

Returning Players

9 Sarah Jertberg

Catcher/Infield • R-R • 5-9 • Sophomore
Klamath Falls, Oregon • Henley HS



2001: Will share backstop duties this season with former starting catcher Jennifer Kennedy ... Can handle a glove at first or third if needed ... Expected to improve at the plate with additional experience.

2000: Struggled at the plate while adjusting to a new defensive position ... Played varsity volleyball her freshman year.

HS: Played basketball and volleyball and ran track at Henley High ... Four-time Scholar-Athlete and “Who’s Who Among American High School Students” ... School valedictorian and Top Biology Student award winner as a senior.

Personal: Born April 25, 1981 ... Daughter of Randy and Laura Jertberg ... Social work major ... Enjoys guitar, fly fishing, backpacking, snowboarding, and drawing.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000	27	49	4	5	0	0	0	3	3	18	.102



Sophomore catcher/infielder Sarah Jertberg

14 Amy Larson

Pitcher/Infield • R-R • 5-5 • Sophomore
Portland, Oregon • Westside Christian HS



2001: Will handle No. 2 pitching duties this year ... Relies on off-speed stuff to keep hitters off balance ... Also capable of playing any infield spot.

2000: Started every game but one ... Was second on the team in RBI (11) ... Tied for third in doubles (5) ... Made seven starts on the mound with one complete game ...

Second on the team in pitching appearances (15).

HS: Coached by Steve Buckelew at Westside Christian High ... Earned four varsity letters in softball and basketball and three in volleyball ... Named to 1999 Second Team All-League and played in State 2A All-Star Game in softball ... 1999 and 1998 team MVP and captain ... Earned 1997 Coaches Award ... Named school’s Female Athlete of the Year as a senior ... Four-year West Valley League Scholar Athlete ... OSAA Scholar Athlete in junior and senior years ... Member of National Honor Society ... Awarded Air Force ROTC Scholarship.

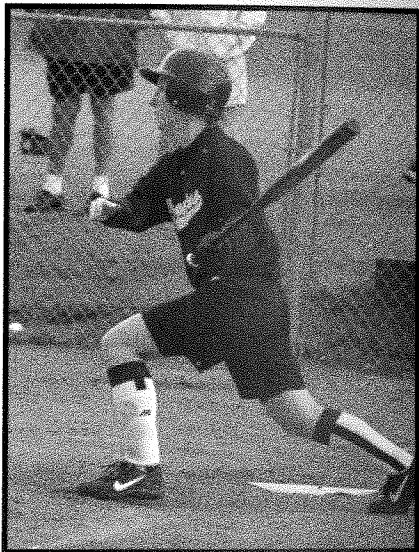
Personal: Born January 26, 1981 ... Daughter of Larry and Marcia Larson ... Nursing major ... Enjoys basketball, volleyball, and writing.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000	30	76	7	16	5	0	0	11	4	24	.211

Career Stats – Pitching

Year	G	W	L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2000	15	0	6	0	31.2	68	56	39	16	18	8.62



Sophomore pitcher/infielder Amy Larson

3 Miriam Liesch

Outfield • R-R • 5-8 • Senior
Sublimity, Oregon • North Salem HS



2001: Will shift to the outfield this season after playing infield most of her career ... Candidate for the starting job in left ... Best fundamental swing on the team and has a good eye at the plate.

2000: Saw limited action after joining the team in midseason.

1999: Raised average 109 points over freshman season to .309.

1998: Played in every game as a rookie.

HS: Coached by Nikki Binnie at North Salem High ... Second-Team All-Valley League as a center fielder in '97 ... Also All-League Honorable Mention in volleyball ... Salem Breakfast Club Athlete of the Week.

Personal: Born May 26, 1979 ... Daughter of Jim and Barbara Liesch ... Biology/premed major ... Enjoys water skiing, snow skiing, boating, and reading.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
1998	35	80	10	16	3	0	0	11	5	11	.200
1999	33	94	15	29	3	0	0	12	14	13	.309
2000	10	19	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	.158
3 yrs	78	193	27	48	6	0	0	23	20	27	.249

2 Laura Steenson

Pitcher • R-R • 5-5 • Sophomore
Milwaukie, Oregon • Central Catholic HS



2001: Unquestionably the staff ace ... Has good stuff on pitches and excellent control with few walks ... Comes from a strong high school program ... Has plenty of experience in a very competitive ASA program ... Can fill in on the infield if necessary.

2000: Fine freshman season was cut short by midseason foot surgery ... Led the team in ERA (1.91) and tied for tops in wins (3) ... Second in starts (8), complete games (5), shutouts (1), innings (51.1), and strikeouts (33) ... Walked only one batter in 51.1 innings!

HS: Coached by Ron Windes at Central Catholic High ...

Earned three varsity letters ... Hurlled team to Mt. Hood Conference and Oregon State 4A championships in '99.

Personal: Born January 4, 1981 ... Daughter of Bob and Rosie Steenson ... Psychology major ... Father played football at Willamette ... Enjoys reading and writing.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000	15	38	2	8	1	0	0	3	3	10	.211

Career Stats – Pitching

Year	G	W	L	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2000	10	3	5	0	51.1	62	41	14	1	33	1.91

13 Cori Wulf

Outfield/Infield • R-R • 5-7 • Sophomore
Salem, Oregon • Santiam Christian HS



2001: Expected to take over in center field after playing second base in first year ... A spark plug in the lead off spot in the order ... Enthusiastic player who leads by hustling example ... Good fielder with quick bar and good speed on the bases ... All-around athlete who has started at goalkeeper on soccer team for two years.

2000: Earned starting spot at second and in lead off position in the order from opening day ... Led the team in at bats (103), runs (15), hits (30), and tied for best in doubles (9).

HS: Coached by Bill Ford at Santiam Christian High ... Earned four varsity letters ... Oregon 2A All-State First Team in '98 and '99, Honorable Mention in '97 ... First Team All-League for three straight seasons ... Won Eagle Award for team MVP honors and Christian service ... Also lettered in soccer ... Named an SCHS Scholar-Athlete ... Member of National Honor Society ... Named to “Who’s Who Among American High School Students”.

Personal: Born August 14, 1981 ... Daughter of Paul and Cheri Wulf ... Major undecided ... Father played tennis at Oregon State ... Enjoys pingpong, tennis, and going to the beach.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000	31	103	15	30	9	0	1	7	1	10	.291

Newcomers

4 Sarah Camp

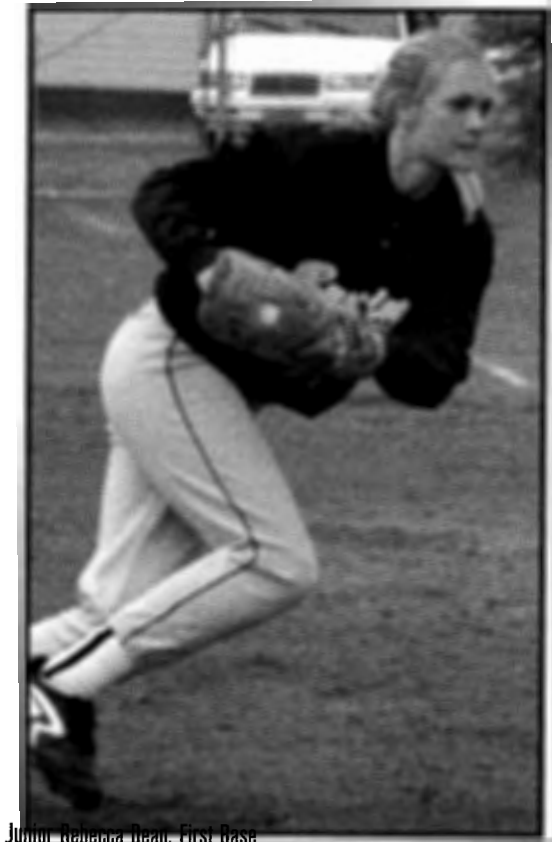
Shortstop • L-R • 5-4 • Freshman
Hubbard, Oregon • North Marion HS



2001: Only left-handed bat on this year's team ... Slap hitter and excellent bunter with a good knowledge of the game ... Good base runner with speed ... Will probably take over at short and handle No. 2 spot in the order.

HS: Earned four letters for coach Gary Hunt at North Marion High in Aurora ... All-Capital Conference First Team as a junior, Second Team as both a sophomore and senior ... Honorable Mention All-Conference and team's Most Improved as a freshman ... Also earned two letters in volleyball and basketball ... NMHS Student of the Month on several occasions ... Member of school's honor roll and National Honor Society.

Personal: Born August 22, 1982, in Silverton, Ore. ... Daughter of Darrel and Kathy Camp ... Biology major ... Sister Rachel was an All-Northwest Conference softball player at George Fox ... Brother Isaiah was a varsity wrestler at Stanford ... Enjoys reading, running, and summer league softball.



Junior Rebecca Dean, First Base

10 Mariah Chase

Outfield • R-R • 5-7 • Freshman
Albany, Oregon • Santiam Christian HS



2001: Will provide outfield depth this year ... Hard worker with great attitude ... Needs only experience.

HS: Earned two letters for coach Bill Ford at Santiam Christian High in Corvallis ... Selected for state All-Star team as a senior ... SCHS's Most Improved as a freshman ... Also earned two letters in volleyball ... Made school's honor roll for four years ... Member of National Honor Society ... Class valedictorian.

Personal: Born March 2, 1982, in Albany, Ore. ... Daughter of Brad and Jody Chase ... Liberal arts major... Enjoys hanging out with friends and road trips.

24 Rebecca Dean

First Base • R-R • 5-8 • Junior
Camas, Washington • Camas HS, Mount Hood CC



2001: Returns to starting spot at first ... Aggressive player who goes all out all the time ... Provides an outstanding bat in the middle of the lineup ... Will be counted on to drive in clutch runs.

JC: Transferred to Mount Hood CC as a sophomore where she was coached by Lonni Sargent ... Named 2000 NWAACC All-Star ... Earned school's Sports and Academic Award.

1999: All-Northwest Conference Honorable Mention at George Fox ... Led the team in batting (.414), at bats (116), and hits (48) ... Struck out only six times in 116 times up, best ratio on the team ... Second in stolen bases (12).

HS: Four-year letter winner for Coach Ted Buck at Camas HS ... All-League Honorable Mention as a senior ... Second Team All-League as a junior ... Made school's honor roll for two years.

Personal: Born March 22, 1980, in Vancouver, Wash. ... Daughter of Robert and Constance Dean ... International business/marketing major ... Enjoys Japanese, drama, writing, and travel.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000: at Mt. Hood CC											
1999	35	116	27	48	6	2	1	19	6	6	.414

11 Jennifer Kennedy

Catcher • R-R • 5-4 • Senior
Brookings, Oregon • Brookings Harbor HS



2001: Returns to starting lineup at catcher after missing last season with injuries ... Will provide stability and solid defense behind the plate ... Good contact hitter who rarely strikes out ... Brings another strong bat to the heart of the order.

2000: Missed the entire season due to hand and shoulder problems.

1999: Raised average 169 points to .277 after taking over as first-string catcher.

1998: Batted .108 as part-time starter.

HS: Three-year letter winner at Brookings Harbor HS where she was coached by Kristy Kleespies.

Personal: Born February 1, 1979, in San Diego, Calif. ... Daughter of Charles and Lydia Kennedy ... Athletic training/psychology major.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000: did not play; injured											
1999	32	83	19	23	2	0	0	9	11	11	.277
1998	31	65	5	7	0	0	0	2	3	12	.108
2 yrs	63	148	24	30	2	0	0	11	14	23	.203

7 Wendy Owens

Outfield • R-R • 5-8 • Freshman
Turner, Oregon • Cascade HS



2001: Has power potential as she develops confidence at the college level ... Could provide a solid bat in the fifth or sixth spot in the order ... May serve as designated hitter if not in the outfield.

HS: Earned four letters at Cascade High in Turner where she was coached by Tim Ganfield ... Named team MVP senior year ... Also competed in cross-country as a sophomore and volleyball as a freshman ... Member of National Honor Society.

Personal: Born November 5, 1981, in Salem, Ore. ... Daughter of Jim and Diane Owens ... Nursing major ... Enjoys reading, hiking, camping, movies, and friends.

21 Ellen Sickler

Second Base • R-R • 5-5 • Junior
Medford, Oregon • Thurston HS



2001: Expected to return to former starting spot at second base after sitting out last year ... Steady fielder who gives the team strength up the middle ... Ready for a break-through season with the bat.

2000: Elected not to play during her sophomore year.

1999: Started every game at second as a rookie and hit .214 as a switch-hitter ... Tied for team lead in walks (15) ... Tied for second in doubles (7) ... Made the most of her 24 hits with 17 RBI.

HS: Earned four letters at Thurston High in Springfield where she was coached by Jim Patrick ... Named school's Athlete of the Year as a senior ... All-League Honorable Mention 1995-98 ... Team MVP as a junior ... Team Rookie of the Year in 1995 ... Also earned two letters in volleyball ... Scholar Athlete from 1995-98 ... Member of National Honor Society.

Personal: Born February 24, 1980, in Roseville, Calif. ... Daughter of Dan and Connie Sickler ... Accounting/finance major ... Enjoys juggling, art, playing pool, and reading magazines.

Career Stats – Hitting

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
2000: did not play											
1999	35	112	21	24	7	0	0	17	15	14	.214

6 Talle Thompson

Outfield • R-R • 5-6 • Freshman
Dundee, Oregon • Newberg HS



2001: A hustler who needs only time to adjust to college ball ... Loads of potential ... Will supply outfield depth this season.

HS: Earned two letters at Newberg High where she was coached by Gary Bertrand ... Also played volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Personal: Born November 25, 1981, in Newberg, Ore. ... Daughter of Mark and Jan Thompson ... Liberal arts major.

Tim Hill

Head Coach

Tim Hill, a veteran of 21 years coaching in the Amateur Softball Association and four years in high school, begins his first season as the new head coach this spring. He replaces Chris Gross, who resigned after eight years to devote more time to her work for the Jugs pitching machine company in Tualatin, Ore.



For the past four years, Hill was an assistant softball coach at Beaverton High School. His ASA experience has involved taking a team of 12-and-unders and coaching them through the 18-and-under level, then starting over with a new group, a cycle he has gone through four times. In the last 10 years, he has coached teams to five state championships, four regional titles,

and nine national tournament appearances, with national finishes of fifth in 1995, ninth in 1996, and third in 1997.

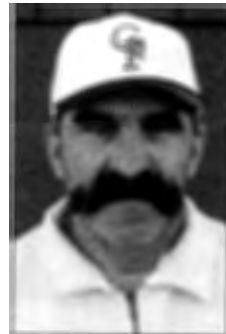
The new coach of the Bruins admits, "I wasn't that interested in the George Fox position when it was first brought to my attention, but the more I thought about it, the more the idea appealed to me. I think the Division III level does it right, making athletics a part of the total college experience instead of the 'whole' of college as it is at too many upper-level schools. George Fox is one of those schools where the priorities are right, and its strong Christian emphasis is ideal."

Hill faces the task of making the Bruins, who were 6-25 this past season, competitive again in the strong Northwest Conference. "It will take a lot to reach the upper levels of the conference," he acknowledges, "but it can be done if we can present the kids with a quality program. They'll work hard if they're having fun and being treated with respect, and that's the kind of program I run."

Hill believes that his experience with ASA softball will pay off in a much-improved program at George Fox in the years to come. "Amateur softball is strong in this region," he says, "and with the contacts I have, I know I can find a number of players who would love to play here, who are the right kind of kids, and who will raise the talent level. This is a challenging situation in a positive environment, and I'm eager to get going."

Paul Sabah

Assistant Coach



Paul Sabah, who grew up in Vanport before a flood destroyed that community on the banks of the Columbia River, joins his good friend, Tim Hill, as assistant coach.

Sabah played amateur softball in the ASA against Hill for seven years and with him for 10, and the two were teammates on a 1973 Papa Joe's team that won the regionals. The two began coaching ASA teams together in 1980, and have been through the 12-18 year-olds cycle together four times. For the last six years (1995-2000), he coached with new George Fox Assistant Coach Dennis Keller at Beaverton High School.

Dennis Keller

Assistant Coach



Dennis Keller joins the George Fox University staff this year as assistant softball coach to new head coach Tim Hill, with whom he has coached in the ASA leagues since 1992. The two first met when three players Keller was coaching participated in a softball clinic being conducted by Hill and Paul Sabah, and he was invited to join Hill's coaching team.

Keller coached ASA teams in the Beaverton area for 10 years before starting the Little League softball program in the Lake Grove/Lake Oswego area. He was the head coach at Waluga Junior High in Lake Oswego for five years, and coached at Beaverton High School from 1994-2000, never failing to make the state playoffs. His first team in the spring of 1995 finished third in the state, and his 1997 team won the state 4A title. He has also coached basketball, baseball, and soccer at various places.

Originally from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, his family moved to the Pacific Northwest after his senior year of high school. He played intramural basketball and ran track at Portland Community College before going into coaching.

Lack of Depth Sinks Season

The Bruins struggled to a 6-25 record in Chris Gross' final season as head coach.

Injuries and a roster lacking in depth were major factors as the Bruins struggled to a 6-25 record and a 3-18 eighth-place finish in the Northwest Conference in the eighth and final year of softball under head coach Chris Gross.

The roster was depleted before the season began by the transfer of Honorable Mention All-Conference first baseman Rebecca Dean to Mt. Hood Community College; hand and shoulder injuries to starting catcher Jennifer Kennedy that wiped out her season; and decisions by mainstays Rachel Camp — an All-Conference performer — and Miriam Liesch to sit out the first half of the season to concentrate on studies. As a result, the Bruins had to force-feed several newcomers by placing them in the starting lineup immediately, when the young players needed time to adjust to college ball.

The Bruins went 1-3 in the Central Washington Tournament and 2-3 in the University of Redlands Tournament early in the season, showing some promise, but a midseason foot injury that required surgery wiped out the season for Laura Steenson, further depleting the roster. The freshman hurler was having a good rookie year (3-5, 1.91 ERA, 33 strikeouts) before she went out. The Bruins started conference play 0-8 and were never in the race, despite the mid-season return of Camp and Liesch, but did go 2-1 in conference games against Whitworth for their only winning NWC series.

Senior pitcher/shortstop Beth Davis earned First Team All-Conference hon-



ors for the second straight year, batting .250 with a team-leading three triples while going 3-11 on the mound with a good 2.92 ERA and a team-high 42 strikeouts. Brittany Baird earned Second Team All-Conference with a team-leading .300 batting average and tough defense at third base. Slugging outfielder Anita Orlowski (.272 with team highs of five home runs, nine doubles, and 18 RBI) received Honorable Mention All-Conference.

Coach Gross, admitting that her full-time job with the Jugs pitching machine company left her with less time than she



Chris Gross
Head Softball Coach
1993-2000

wanted for the softball team, decided to give someone else who would have more time for the team an opportunity. She resigned with an eight-year record of 106-135-2. In her second year, she guided the team to the 1994 NAIA District 2 and Cascade Conference titles, earning District 2 Coach of the Year honors. The Bruins advanced to the regional playoffs and

came up one win short of a trip to the NAIA national tournament that season.

2000 Review

2000 Pitching Statistics

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	Sho/Cbo	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Steenon, Laura	1.91	3-5	10	8	5	1/0	0	51.1	62	41	14	1	33	7	1	0	225	.276	3	3	0	0	13
Davis, Beth	2.92	3-11	17	13	9	2/0	1	84.0	106	68	35	34	42	10	4	1	358	.296	8	0	0	3	10
Larson, Amy	8.62	0-6	15	7	1	0/0	0	31.2	68	56	39	16	18	13	0	5	175	.389	0	2	0	0	3
Camp, Rachel	0.75	0-1	2	1	0	0/0	0	9.1	8	4	1	3	1	2	0	0	37	.216	1	0	0	0	2
Orlowski, Anita	6.85	0-2	6	2	0	0/0	0	15.1	29	29	15	11	1	4	1	0	72	.403	3	2	1	4	2
Totals	3.73	6-25	31	31	15	3/0	1	191.2	273	198	102	65	95	36	6	6	867	.315	15	7	1	7	30
Opponents	2.11	25-6	31	31	22	9/2	2	202.0	189	85	61	44	143	35	4	6	782	.242	10	8	0	6	18

2000 Batting Statistics

	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
Baird, Brittany	.300	31-31	90	9	27	1	1	0	9	30	.333	3	2	6	0	.337	0	1	0-0	19	101	22	.845
Wulf, Cori	.291	31-31	103	15	30	9	0	1	7	42	.408	1	0	10	0	.298	0	1	2-3	67	51	11	.915
Gerig, Sherilyn	.282	31-29	85	8	24	5	0	0	5	29	.341	8	2	9	0	.358	0	4	2-2	44	43	10	.897
Orlowski, Anita	.272	31-31	92	14	25	9	0	5	18	49	.533	4	2	17	0	.313	1	0	0-0	19	11	2	.938
Davis, Beth	.250	23-23	64	10	16	2	3	0	3	24	.375	6	0	15	0	.314	0	0	4-6	22	54	7	.916
Bates, Kelsey	.247	31-31	85	9	21	1	0	0	8	22	.259	8	0	20	2	.309	1	5	10-12	31	1	5	.865
Larson, Amy	.211	30-30	76	7	16	5	0	0	11	21	.276	4	0	24	0	.247	1	3	2-2	52	13	10	.903
Jertberg, Sarah	.102	27-26	49	4	5	0	0	0	3	5	.102	3	0	18	0	.154	0	0	0-0	105	13	10	.922
Camp, Rachel	.244	18-15	41	3	10	2	0	0	3	12	.283	2	0	3	0	.267	2	0	0-0	87	5	4	.958
Steenon, Laura	.211	15-15	38	2	8	1	0	0	3	9	.237	3	0	10	0	.262	1	3	1-1	60	19	7	.919
Liesch, Miriam	.158	10-7	19	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.158	1	0	3	0	.200	0	0	0-0	6	1	1	.875
Ashley, Natalie	.154	14-12	26	1	4	0	0	0	2	4	.154	0	2	6	1	.214	0	1	0-0	58	1	8	.881
Bohlander, Jill	.000	9-5	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.067	0	0	0-0	5	0	0	1.000
Totals	.242	31-31	782	85	189	35	4	6	72	250	.320	44	8	143	3	.287	6	18	21-26	575	313	94	.904
Opponents	.315	31-31	867	198	273	36	6	6	154	339	.391	65	7	95	0	.365	7	30	75-80	606	233	39	.956

LOB - Team (168), Opp (205) - DPs turned - Team (6), Opp (6), CI - Team (1), Jertberg, S 1. Picked off - Baird, B 2, Steenson, L 1
PB - Team (52), Jertberg, S 46, Gerig, S 6, Opp (12). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp. (2). SBA/ATT - Jertberg, S (57-59), Davis, B (33-36), Steenson, L (21-22), Gerig, S (18-19), Larson, A (10-10), Orlowski, A (9-10), Camp, R (2-2)



Senior Brittany Baird, third base

2000 Fielding Statistics

	C	PO	A	E	FLD%	DPS	SBA	CSB	SBA%	PB	CI
Bohlander, Jill	5	5	0	0	1.00	0	0	0	---	0	0
Camp, Rachel	96	87	5	4	.958	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Orlowski, Anita	32	19	11	2	.938	1	9	1	.900	0	0
Jertberg, Sarah	1128	105	13	10	.922	1	57	2	.966	46	1
Steenon, Laura	86	60	19	7	.919	2	21	1	.955	0	0
Davis, Beth	83	22	54	7	.916	1	33	3	.917	0	0
Wulf, Cori	129	67	51	11	.915	1	0	0	---	0	0
Larson, Amy	72	52	13	7	.903	1	10	0	1.000	0	0
Gerig, Sherilyn	97	44	43	10	.897	4	18	1	.947	6	0
Ashley, Natalie	67	58	1	8	.881	0	0	0	---	0	0
Liesch, Miriam	8	6	1	1	.875	1	0	0	---	0	0
Bates, Kelsey	37	31	1	5	.865	0	0	0	---	0	0
Baird, Brittany	142	19	101	22	.845	2	0	0	---	0	0
Totals	982	575	313	94	.904	6	75	5	.938	52	1
Opponents	878	606	233	39	.956	6	21	5	.808	12	0

2000 Season Results

Overall Record: 6-25 Home: 1-8 Road: 2-13 Neutral: 3-4
Northwest Conference: 3-18 Home: 1-8 Road: 2-10

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	INNS	GFU PITCHER OF RECORD
3/3/00	# Pacific Lutheran	L	2-21	5	Davis, B. (L 0-1)
3/3/00	# Linfield	L	6-10	7	Steenon, L. (L 0-1)
3/4/00	# Whitworth	W	6-4	5	Steenon, L. (W 1-1)
3/5/00	# Puget Sound	L	0-8	7	Davis, B. (L 0-2)
3/11/00	* at Linfield	L	0-8	5	Steenon, L. (L 1-2)
3/11/00	* at Linfield	L	0-8	5	Larson, A. (L 0-1)
3/12/00	* at Linfield	L	1-2	10(ei)	Steenon, L. (L 1-3)
3/17/00	+ at Redlands	L	5-7	7	Steenon, L. (L 1-4)
3/17/00	+ Biola	L	0-11	5	Larson, A. (L 0-2)
3/17/00	+ Coll. of Notre Dame	W	7-6	7	Steenon, L. (W 2-4)
3/18/00	+ at Redlands	L	1-2	8(ei)	Larson, A. (L 0-3)
3/18/00	+ Coll. of Notre Dame	W	3-0	7	Steenon, L. (W 3-4)
3/25/00	* Puget Sound	L	0-11	5	Davis, B. (L 0-3)
3/25/00	* Puget Sound	L	7-8	10(ei)	Davis, B. (L 0-4)
3/26/00	* Puget Sound	L	1-6	7	Steenon, L. (L 3-5)
4/1/00	* Pacific	L	3-5	7	Davis, B. (L 0-5)
4/1/00	* Pacific	L	6-14	5	Larson, A. (L 0-4)
4/2/00	* Pacific	W	6-0	7	Davis, B. (W 1-5)
4/6/00	* at Lewis & Clark	L	4-6	7	Orlowski, A. (L 0-1)
4/8/00	* at Pacific Lutheran	L	0-9	5	Larson, A. (L 0-5)
4/8/00	* at Pacific Lutheran	L	0-8	6	Davis, B. (L 1-6)
4/9/00	* at Pacific Lutheran	L	0-7	7	Davis, B. (L 1-7)
4/15/00	* at Whitworth	W	12-4	7	Davis, B. (W 2-7)
4/15/00	* at Whitworth	L	2-8	7	Orlowski, A. (L 0-2)
4/16/00	* at Whitworth	W	4-0	7	Davis, B. (W 3-7)
4/16/00	at Whitworth	L	2-5	7	Larson, A. (L 0-6)
4/18/00	* at Lewis & Clark	L	3-4	7	Davis, B. (L 3-8)
4/18/00	* at Lewis & Clark	L	1-2	7	Camp, R. (L 0-1)
4/21/00	* Willamette	L	2-4	7	Davis, B. (L 3-9)
4/21/00	* Willamette	L	0-8	6	Davis, B. (L 3-10)
4/21/00	* Willamette	L	1-2	7	Davis, B. (L 3-11)

* Northwest Conference game
Central Washington Tournament, Richland, Wash.
+ University of Redlands Tournament, Redlands, Calif.
(ei) extra inning game

Background on the Bruin Nickname

George Fox's Bruin nickname comes from a real bear captured in 1887 just two years after Pacific Academy (the University's predecessor) was established. The small cub was found in the Coast Range foothills west of Carlton when its mother was shot. The young cub was brought to campus by a student and later lived with a faculty member.

When it grew to adulthood, it was kept in a pit in Hess Creek Canyon south of the campus. It escaped one too many times and was turned into steak for the dining table and the hide preserved on a frame and displayed in an early campus museum. When the hide deteriorated several years later, it was taken to a campus furnace room to be destroyed, but the framework proved a problem in dismantling so it was left sitting in a corner.

Students found the old Bruin skin later and began skirmishes over ownership, a tradition that continues today. "Bruin Junior," a replica, under a set

of guidelines passed down for years, is fought over periodically in class competition, with the class able to physically drag the Bruin replica off campus declared the rightful owner until next "flashed."

Even with the Bruin tradition, somewhere along the line, the "Quaker" tag for athletic teams came into popularity with sportswriters because of the University's church affiliation, and that nickname was used, along with the mascot "Foxy George," a little fox with a Quaker hat. Both gained acceptance for a period in the 1950s and 1960s until a vote of faculty, students, and administration in 1970 reinstated the Bruin nickname to its rightful place.



Accolades

Individual Awards

**Beth Davis, Class of 2000**

Northwest Conference Pitcher of the Week	April 28, 1998
Honorable Mention Northwest Conference	1998
First Team Northwest Conference	1999
First Team Northwest Conference	2000

Pam Sturzinger

First Team Women's Conference of Ind. Colleges	1977
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Sharla Barnett

First Team WCIC	1977
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Shelly Webster

First Team WCIC	1978
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Joanie Snyder

First Team WCIC	1978
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Lois Hantho	
Honorable Mention WCIC	1978

Joan Wester	
Honorable Mention WCIC	1978

Kelly Davidson	
Honorable Mention WCIC	1978

Karen Roth	
Honorable Mention WCIC	1981

Denise Iverson	
Honorable Mention WCIC	1981

Julie Cruise	
Second Team WCIC	1982

Laura Fritts	
First Team WCIC	1983

Diane Walter	
First Team WCIC	1983
First Team NAIA District 2	1985; '86

DeAnna Aarhus	
First Team NAIA District 2	1985; '86; '87

Andrea Marthaller	
First Team NAIA District 2	1987

Becky Stewart	
First Team NAIA District 2	1991; '94
NAIA District 2 Tournament Most Valuable Pitcher	1994
NAIA District 2 Player of the Year	1994
First Team Cascade Conference	1994

Heidi Rettig	
Pitched first perfect game in GFC history	April 2, 1991

Traci Blair	
First Team NAIA District 2	1992; '93
First Team Cascade Conference	1993
NAIA District 2 Tournament Most Valuable Player	1994

Toni Owens	
First Team NAIA District 2	1993; '94
First Team Cascade Conference	1993; '94
NAIA District 2 Tournament Most Valuable Hitter	1994

Brandy Price	
First Team Cascade Conference	1993

Angie Jordan	
First Team Cascade Conference	1994
Honorable Mention Cascade Conference	1995

Jeanette Jacobson	
First Team Cascade Conference	1994
Honorable Mention Cascade Conference	1995

Sarah Swanson	
First Team Cascade Conference	1995

Melanie Parker	
First Team Cascade Conference	1995

Allison Vaubel	
Honorable Mention Cascade Conference	1995
Cascade Conference Player of the Week	April 24, 1995

Sharka Vokel	
Northwest Conference Honorable Mention	1997

**Rachel Camp, Class of 2000**

Northwest Conference Player of the Week	April 27, 1999
First Team Northwest Conference	1999

Coby Van der Meer	
Northwest Conference Honorable Mention	1997

Mary Butts	
Honorable Mention Northwest Conference	1998

Beth Kellogg	
Honorable Mention Northwest Conference	1998

Rebecca Dean	
Honorable Mention Northwest Conference	1999

Anita Orlowski	
Honorable Mention Northwest Conference	1999
Honorable Mention Northwest Conference	2000

Brittany Baird	
Second Team Northwest Conference	2000

George Fox University
Bruin Athletics

Intercollegiate athletics are an important part of George Fox University, home to one of the Northwest's most successful small-college sports programs. Winning programs, however, are accompanied by a proper balance between academics and athletics: George Fox teams are members of the Northwest Conference and compete in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, in which need and academic ability, not athleticism, determine scholarships and financial aid.

At George Fox University, intercollegiate athletic competition provides a practical application of what is learned in classrooms and practices. Student-athletes compete for conference and national titles at a Christ-centered university where professors and coaches help them grow in mind, body, and spirit. The values of athletics are integrated with the goals of Christian higher education in a process that includes

- physical conditioning
- managing emotions
- courage
- teamwork
- cooperation
- being gracious in winning and losing



More than 15 percent of George Fox's traditional undergraduate students participate in the school's 13 varsity sports, seven for women and six for men. Their records over the years serve as shining testimonies to the administration's conviction that an institution can play for the glory of God, follow the rules and ethics of its governing organizations, and be successful on the fields and courts of competition. Consider that:

- George Fox has earned district or conference titles in nine sports during the 1990s.
- George Fox athletes have earned more than 250 All-American and All-American Scholar-Athlete honors.
- Nine of the 11 coaches on staff have been named district or conference Coach of the Year at least once.
- George Fox coaches have held their positions for an average of nearly eight years, and together have accumulated more than 1,000 collegiate wins.

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2001 Softball

March

3	Saturday	Northwest Christian College (at Lewis & Clark)	Portland, Ore.	12:00 p.m.
3	Saturday	at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
4	Sunday	Northwest Christian College	Newberg, Ore.	12:00 p.m.
4	Sunday	Lewis & Clark College	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
10	Saturday	* Linfield College (2)	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 p.m.
11	Sunday	* Linfield College	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 p.m.
14	Wednesday	at Northwest Christian College (2)	Eugene, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
17	Saturday	* at Pacific University (2)	Forest Grove, Ore.	1:00 p.m.
18	Sunday	* at Pacific University	Forest Grove, Ore.	12:00 p.m.
20	Tuesday	Northwest Christian College (2)	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 p.m.

SunWest Tournament

23	Friday	Grinnell College	Orange, Calif.	8:30 a.m.
23	Friday	Plattsburgh State University of New York	Orange, Calif.	1:00 p.m.
24	Saturday	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges	Orange, Calif.	1:00 p.m.
24	Saturday	at Chapman University	Orange, Calif.	5:45 p.m.
26	Monday	Mount Mercy College	Orange, Calif.	10:45 a.m.
26	Monday	Gustavus Adolphus College	Orange, Calif.	1:00 p.m.

31	Saturday	* Pacific Lutheran University (2)	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
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April

1	Sunday	* Pacific Lutheran University	Newberg, Ore.	12:00 p.m.
7	Saturday	* Whitworth College (2)	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 p.m.
8	Sunday	# Whitworth College (2)	Newberg, Ore.	12:00 p.m.
10	Tuesday	* Lewis & Clark College	Newberg, Ore.	4:00 p.m.
13	Friday	* at University of Puget Sound (2)	Tacoma, Wash.	TBA
14	Saturday	* at University of Puget Sound	Tacoma, Wash.	TBA
18	Wednesday	* Lewis & Clark College (2)	Newberg, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
21	Saturday	* at Willamette University (2)	Salem, Ore.	2:00 p.m.
22	Sunday	* at Willamette University	Salem, Ore.	12:00 p.m.

May

11-13	Fri.-Sun.	NCAA Division III Tournament Regionals	on-campus sites	TBA
17-21	Thurs.-Mon.	NCAA Division III Tournament Finals	TBA	TBA

* Northwest Conference game

1st game only counts as NWC game

Home games in bold Home games played at Morse Athletic Field

All times Pacific and subject to change