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Monday, September 16, 2002 --- For Immediate Release
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GEORGE FOX WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

(Overall 8-1: Home 0-0, Road 2-0, Neutral 6-1 / NWC 0-0: Home 0-0, Road 0-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Win Only Match of the Week; Cascade Match Cancelled
Northwest Conference Play Begins with Home Opener Friday vs. Pacific
Four Bruins Move Up on All-Time Lists**

THIS WEEK:

Fri., Sept. 20, 7:00 pm – vs. Pacific University Boxers, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

Conference opener ... George Fox leads the series (since 1988, latest GFU records) 29-11, 13-6 in Newberg, 11-3 in Forest Grove, 5-2 at neutral sites ... The Bruins have won the last 12 meetings, including both matches last year (33-31, 30-23, 30-14 on Oct. 5 in Forest Grove, 30-21, 30-21, 30-22 on Nov. 2 in Newberg) ... Pacific is off to a rough start at 0-6 and is 0-18 in all games.

Sat., Sept. 21, 7:00 pm – at University of Puget Sound Loggers, Tacoma, Wash (NWC)

Conference match ... George Fox leads the series (since 1988, latest GFU records) 13-9, 5-2 in Newberg, 5-3 in Tacoma, 3-4 at neutral sites ... George Fox won the last meeting 30-28, 22-30, 30-26, 30-25 on Oct. 20, 2001, in Newberg, snapping the 11th-ranked Loggers' 26-game NWC winning streak ... The Loggers had won the previous four meetings, including a 32-30, 30-27, 30-25 decision on Sept. 22 in Tacoma ... Puget Sound was ranked 14th in this year's pre-season AVCA national poll and is off to a 9-3 start ... The Loggers went 2-2 in the Washington (MO) University Invitational last weekend, with all four matches against top 20 teams (the Loggers defeated Ohio Northern and Central IA, and lost to Wittenburg and Washington).

LAST WEEK (Game recap below):

Sept. 10 – George Fox 3, at Warner Pacific 0 (30-17, 30-20, 30-20)

Sept. 10 – George Fox at Cascade, cancelled

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 (1)	1-0	1.000	-	3-1	9-1	.900	27-8
Linfield Wildcats (5)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	4-0	1.000	12-2
George Fox Bruins (4)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	8-1	.889	24 3
Puget Sound Loggers (2)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	9-3	.750	27-12
Pacific Lutheran Lutes (3)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	4-1	.800	13-6
Willamette Bearcats (7)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	2-2	.500	9-7
Lewis & Clark Pioneers (9)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	3-5	.375	9-17
Pacific Boxers (8)	0-0	.000	.5	0-0	0-6	.000	0-18
Whitman Missionaries (6)	0-1	.000	1	1-3	4-1	.800	13-5

COACH STEVE GRANT (Biola '67) is 458-272 (.627) in his 21st season as a head coach, all at George Fox. Against this week's opponents, he is 29-11 vs. Pacific (13-6 home, 11-3 away, 5-2 neutral) and 13-9 vs. Puget Sound (5-2 home, 5-3 away, 3-4 neutral) since 1988 (latest GFU records).

BRUIN BITS:

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

Mindi Cotner has moved into 3rd place all-time at GFU in assists (2,747) with 264 this season, and needs 122 to pass Kim Meche (2,868) for 2nd. Jamie Suehiro is the all-time leader in assists (4,023) ... With 17 digs in the Warner Pacific match, Cotner passed Jamie Suehiro (1,042) and Rachel Evans (1,051) and moved into 4th on the all-time list. With 141 on the season and 1,058 for her career, she now needs 241 to pass Michelle Nelsen (1,298) for 3rd ... Cotner also has 145 career blocks, 16 this season, and has moved into 6th on that list. Next is Jamie Suehiro (155) ...

Shelly Schultens, with 21 service aces this season, has 107 for her career and ranks 8th all-time. Next up are Jamie Suehiro (130) and Coby Van der Meer (136) ... Schultens has 48 blocks this season and 314 for her career, 4th all-time, and now needs 34 to pass her sister Amy (347) to move into 3rd ...

Brandy Mailer has 98 digs this year, giving her 812 for her career and moving her into 9th on the all-time list. Ahead is Tricia Brandenhorst (891) ...

Nicole Bostic, with 14 digs vs. Warner Pacific, has 732 for her career and passed Beth Davis (730) to move into the all-time top 10. In 9th place is Coby Van der Meer (767) ...

*** Another Hot Start:**

The Bruins' 8-1 record equals last's year mark after nine games, with their only loss this season to No. 3-ranked Juniata College in the second game of the Gettysburg College National Invitational Tournament on Aug. 31. The Bruins' best record ever after 10 games was a 9-1 mark by the 1988 and 1998 teams. The 1988 team eventually climbed to 15-1, while the 1998 team won its first two, lost, then won 20 in a row for a 22-1 record. That 1998 group went on to become the only George Fox team to participate in the NAIA National Tournament and finished 31-8.

*** Conference Makes Big Splash:**

As a group, the nine-team Northwest Conference has gone 42-19 (.688) vs. non-conference competition in the early going. The six teams in NWC who are above .500 at this point have together gone 37-6 (.860). The George Fox Bruins have certainly done their part, going 8-1 outside the league to start the season.

LAST WEEK'S GAMES:

9/10 – GEORGE FOX 3, WARNER PACIFIC 0: Bruins Knock Off Knights but Cascade Match Cancelled

PORTLAND, Ore. – Scheduled to play two non-tournament volleyball matches in a single day, the George Fox University Bruins had to settle for a 3-0 win only over Warner Pacific College here Tuesday afternoon (Sept. 10), as the evening match with Cascade College was cancelled when no officials showed up to call the games.

The Bruins, 8-1 on the season, defeated the Knights 30-17, 30-20, 30-20 in a 4:00 match at C.C. Perry Gym for their seventh straight win, while Warner Pacific fell to 0-2. Traveling over to nearby Cascade for a 7:00 match, the teams sat around until a high school match finished up at 7:30, then played a scrimmage game that did not count on either team's record because of a lack of certified college referees. The Cascade match will not be rescheduled.

In winning the Warner Pacific match, George Fox made very few mistakes on offense, recording 45 kills and only nine errors while hitting .269. Bruin coach Steve Grant subbed for most of his regular in the third game, and as a result, there were no Bruins in double figures in kills, Nicole Bostic, Angela Burright, and Brandy Mailer also posting eight kills to lead the way. Mindi Cotner had 18 assists in two games while Jamie Schantin had nine as the third-game setter.

Defensively, Cotner had 17 digs, Bostic 14, and Mailer 13, while Shelly Schultens had five blocks. As a team, the Bruins, who are averaging almost four blocks per game, had nine in this match, and held the Knights to a .118 attack percentage.

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE --- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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8/31 -- JUNIATA 3, GEORGE FOX 0; GEORGE FOX 3, GETTYSBURG 1:

Bruins Split Two Saturday for 2nd in Gettysburg Tournament

GETTYSBURG, Pa. -- Splitting a pair of matches here Saturday (Aug. 31) with a 3-0 loss to Juniata College and a 3-1 win over host Gettysburg College, the George Fox University Bruins captured second place in the season-opening Gettysburg National Invitational Women's Volleyball Tournament.

After defeating Ithaca College Friday to open the tournament, the Bruins fell 23-30, 21-30, 17-30 to Juniata, the No. 3-ranked team in the nation in the pre-season NCAA Division III poll, but bounced back to defeat Gettysburg 30-14, 28-30, 30-20, 30-18. George Fox was 2-1 in the tournament, Juniata won it with a 3-0 record, Ithaca was third at 1-2, and Gettysburg was fourth at 0-3.

In the Juniata contest, Nicole Bostic led the Bruins with 10 kills, while Mindi Cotner had 17 digs and 18 assists. Danielle Hart topped Juniata with 19 kills.

Bostic posted 16 kills and 25 digs to lead the way in the win over Gettysburg, while Cotner had 39 assists and Shelly Schultens had nine blocks. Erin Barkdoll made 10 kills for Gettysburg.

Other scores Saturday saw Ithaca defeat Gettysburg 3-2 (30-28, 23-30, 30-26, 22-30, 15-11), and Juniata wrap up the tournament with 3-0 win (30-20, 30-28, 30-24) over Ithaca.

George Fox returns to action Friday-Saturday, Sept. 6-7, in the Whitworth College Invitational in Spokane, Wash. On Friday, the Bruins take on the University of Montana-Western at 10:00 a.m., the University of Redlands at 12:00 noon, and Occidental College at 4:00 p.m. On Saturday, they will meet Lewis-Clark State College at 1:00 p.m. and California Lutheran University at 3:00 p.m.

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8/30 – GEORGE FOX 3, ITHACA 0: Bruins Open 2002 Season with Win in Gettysburg Tournament

GETTYSBURG, Pa. – Starting the 2002 women's volleyball season off on a good note, the George Fox University Bruins defeated Ithaca College 3-0 (30-28, 30-23, 30-17) in their first game in the Gettysburg College National Invitational Tournament here Friday night (Aug. 30).

No other details on the match were immediately available.

In the day's other game, Juniata College defeated host Gettysburg 3-0 (30-14, 30-22, 30-22). George Fox, 1-0, will take on Juniata, ranked No. 3 in the nation in the NCAA Division III pre-season poll, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time (7:00 a.m. Pacific) Saturday, and Gettysburg at 1:00 p.m. (10:00 a.m. Pacific).

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE --- WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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8/1 – Bruin Volleyball to Open 2002 Season in Historic Gettysburg

NEWBERG, Ore. – A tournament in historic Gettysburg, Pa., site of perhaps the most famous battle of the American Civil War, will provide a sensational opener to the George Fox University 2002 women's volleyball season, one in which the Bruins hope to challenge for the Northwest Conference title.

The Bruins will join Ithaca College, Juniata College, and host Gettysburg College in the Gettysburg National Invitational Tournament Aug. 30-31 to start the season, followed the next weekend by five matches in two days Sept. 6-7 in the Whitworth Tournament in Spokane, Wash. Non-conference duels with Warner Pacific, Cascade, and NCAA Division III perennial power Colorado College dot the schedule, which also includes a full slate of 16 conference games.

George Fox caught the rest of the league by surprise last year and finished third at 11-5, with a 19-5 overall record that included a 7-0 start. With eight letterwinners returning, including five starters, the Bruins hope to push last year's top two, nationally-ranked Whitworth and Puget Sound, for the top spot.

Leading the Bruins into the new season are First Team All-Conference setter Mindi Yost, Second Team All-Conference middle blocker Shelly Schultens, and Honorable Mention All-Conference outside hitter Nicole Bostic. Bruin coach Steve Grant begins his 21st year at the helm of the George Fox program with a 450-271 record, ranking in the top 20 in career wins among active coaches in Division III.

The complete 2002 George Fox volleyball schedule is attached, and may be also found at the University web site at www.georgefox.edu/athletics. Fans are encouraged to call the GFU sports hotline at 503-554-3868 for the latest results and updates on Bruin athletic teams.

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