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# ***GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY***

**SPORTS PRESS RELEASE --- SOFTBALL**

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**2/28 - SCHEDULE CHANGE: Bruins' Opening Twinbill Saturday Shifted to Lewis & Clark**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** - The season-opening softball doubleheader for the George Fox University Bruins against the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers, originally scheduled for Newberg at 1:30 p.m., has been shifted to Portland, with no change in the time. According to George Fox second-year coach Tim Hill, "Our field has some serious drainage problems all over the outfield right now, and we were just afraid it wasn't going to be dry enough in time for the games, so Lewis & Clark has graciously agreed to host us."

Although the two are both Northwest Conference members, this twinbill is not conference action, so their later meetings in late April, which will count the NWC standings, will not be changed.

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## **GEORGE FOX SOFTBALL**

(Record 9-17: Home 5-6, Road 1-11, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 6-14: Home 5-6, Road 1-8)

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Split Four Games to Conclude Season in 6th Place in NWC
- \* Bruins in NWC Stats

### **COMING UP:**

Season concluded.

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

April 24 – at Pacific 5, George Fox 1

April 27 – George Fox 4-4, at Lewis & Clark 3-5 (2nd game 8 innings)

April 28 – at George Fox 7, Lewis & Clark 6

End of regular season.

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ([www.nwcsports.com](http://www.nwcsports.com)) - thru April 28:**

| <u>Team</u>              | <u>NWC</u>  | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>GB</u> | <u>All</u>  | <u>Pct.</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Pacific Lutheran Lutes   | 20-0        | 1.000       | -         | 31-0        | 1.000       |
| Puget Sound Loggers      | 15-5-1      | .738        | 5         | 23-9-1      | .712        |
| Linfield Wildcats        | 13-8        | .618        | 7.5       | 21-17       | .553        |
| Willamette Bearcats      | 11-9        | .550        | 9         | 17-14       | .548        |
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers   | 7-13-1      | .357        | 13        | 11-24-1     | .319        |
| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>6-14</b> | <b>.300</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>9-17</b> | <b>.346</b> |
| Pacific Boxers           | 5-16        | .238        | 15.5      | 9-28        | .243        |
| Whitworth Pirates        | 4-16        | .200        | 16        | 5-29        | .147        |

**COACH TIM HILL** (Portland State '68) is 25-31-2 (.441) after two seasons as a college coach, all at GFU. He was 2000-01 Northwest Conference "Coach of the Year" for leading the much-improved Bruins to a 16-14-2 record and 4th place in the NWC.

### **BRUIN BITS:**

#### **\* Bruin NWC "Hitters of the Week" in 2002:**

Cori Wulf (March 4-10)

#### **\* Bruin NWC "Pitchers of the Week" in 2002:**

Laura Steenson (March 18-24)

#### **\* Bruins as a Team in NWC Batting Stats (thru April 22):**

Batting Average - .213 (8th)

Slugging Pct. - .248 (8th)

On-Base Pct. - .292 (8th)

Runs - 57 (8th)

Hits - 115 (8th)

RBI - 40 (8th)

Doubles - 12 (8th)

Triples - 2 (6th, tie)

Home Runs - 1 (6th, tie)

Total Bases - 134 (8th)

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Total At Bats – 625 (8th)  
Official At Bats – 540 (8th)  
Walks – 44 (8th)  
Hit by Pitch – 16 (1st)  
Strikeouts – 125 (2nd)  
Sacrifice Bunts – 25 (5th)  
Sacrifice Flies – 0 (8th)  
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Steal Attempts – 42 (3rd)

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ERA – 2.29 (3rd)  
Opp. BA - .242 (3rd)  
Innings – 140.2 (8th)  
Saves – 0 (5th, tie)  
Strikeouts – 118 (4th)  
Fewest Walks – 33 (2nd)  
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Total Chances – 639 (8th)  
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**Cori Wulf** – 10th in home runs (1, tie);  
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**Jennifer Kennedy** – 8th in fielding pct. (.990);

**RECAPS:**

**4/24 – PACIFIC 5, GEORGE FOX 1: Camp Collects Only Bruin Hit in Loss at Pacific**

FOREST GROVE, Ore. – Only Sarah Camp's lead-off single in the top of the fourth inning prevented Mandy Batey from closing out the Pacific University softball home season with a no-hitter as the Boxers defeated the George Fox University Bruins 5-1 in a Northwest Conference contest Wednesday afternoon (April 24) here at Lincoln Park.

Batey, 5-14, went the distance, allowing only two walks with five strikeouts and only three Bruin baserunners. Camp led off the fourth with a single, stole second and third, and scored a ground out by Jennifer Kennedy. Camp also got aboard in the sixth with a walk. Ellen Sicker reached first on a two-out walk in the seventh.

Pacific opened the scoring in the second when Kim Hee connected on a single that scored Vanessa Rathbun. The Boxers added two in the fifth as Erin Sakai's ground out scored Alison Hennes and Jamie Klein sacrificed to score Jaimi Jones. The Boxers padded the lead in the fourth with a Klein single that scored Jones from third and Hennes from second for the 5-1 advantage.

Hennes led Pacific offensively with a 3-for-3 afternoon, including two runs scored and two stolen bases. Laura Steenson, 7-15, took the loss for the Bruins, allowing 10 hits and three earned runs while striking out five.

**4/27 - GEORGE FOX 4-4, LEWIS & CLARK 3-5: Bruins Split with Pioneers to Close Out Road Schedule**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – Bringing the road portion of their 2002 schedule to a close, the George Fox University Bruins split a Northwest Conference softball doubleheader with the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers here Saturday afternoon, winning the opener 4-3 before dropping the nightcap 5-4 in eight innings.

The Bruins rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win the first game, exploding for four runs in the fifth inning to pull out the victory. Sarah Camp started the inning with a single, Kim Backhaus reached on a fielder's choice, and then both stole a base. Jennifer Kennedy singled in one run, and Cori Wulf walked to load the bases. Ellen Sickler singled for one run, Talle Anne Thompson hit a sacrifice fly to short to tie it, and Lauren Stelzenmueller's force out grounder scored Wulf with the go-ahead run.

In the second game, the Bruins jumped out in front in the first with three runs. Camp again got things going with a single, stole second, moved to third on Kennedy's single, and scored on a hit by Wulf. A walk to Thompson filled the sacks, and Stelzenmueller delivered Kennedy and Wulf with a double.

The Pioneers took a 4-3 lead in the fourth with a four-run rally, but the Bruins forged a tie in the fifth. Backhaus singled to lead off, went all the way to third on Kennedy's sacrifice when second baseman Andera Krol missed a throw from third on an attempted force, and scored on Wulf's sacrifice fly.

Lewis & Clark won it in the last of the eighth as Kayla Bewersdorff walked, was sacrificed to second and reached third on an error by first baseman Thompson on the play, and scored on Kat Baer's single.

Bruin pitcher Laura Steenson (8-16) and Pioneer pitcher Jauna Williams (11-24) went the distance in both games.

**4/28 - GEORGE FOX 7, LEWIS & CLARK 6: Bruins Close 2002 Season on a Winning Note over Pios**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Ending their 2002 season on a high note, the George Fox University Bruins burst from the blocks with five runs in the first inning and hung on for 7-6 win over the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in a Northwest Conference softball game here Sunday afternoon (April 28) at Morse Field.

Sarah Camp started the Bruins' big first inning with a single and scored on Jennifer Kennedy's one-out double. Cori Wulf reached on an error by shortstop Casie Runksmeier and Ellen Sickler walked, filling the bases. Talle Anne Thompson singled to score Kennedy, and after Laura Steenson hit into force out at the plate, Lauren Stelzenmueller singled in Sickler and Thompson, and Carice Fell singled in Steenson.

Back came the Pios, however, scoring three in the second, all unearned. Kyra Rohner led off with a single and went to third when Sickler at short threw high to second for an error on Kat Baer's grounder. Jauna Williams grounded out to second, scoring Rohner, Kim McBride singled, and after a force out by Rochelle Hawkins, Runksmeier doubled in McBride and Hawkins.

Kennedy scored for George Fox in the third by reaching on a fielder's choice force out, moving to second on a sacrifice, then to third when Runksmeier threw away Sickler's grounder, and coming home when catcher Rohner dropped a throw to the plate trying to prevent the run from scoring.

The Pios cut the deficit to 6-5 with two in the third. Andrea Krol, Kayla Bewersdorf, and Rohner had consecutive singles for one run, and Bewersdorf scored when second baseman Camp couldn't handle McBride's two-out grounder.

Steenson doubled and scored on Fell's sacrifice fly in the third to get the lead back to two, but the Pios again cut the margin to one with an unearned run in the fifth. Rohner and Baer stroked one-out singles, and pinch-runner Quiana Washington came all the way around when Baer's hit got past Fell in left.

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Bruin ace Steenson, 9-16, retired the last seven hitters after McBride singled in the fifth, however, to secure the win. She fanned four without a walk and surrendered only one earned run in the game. Williams, 11-25, the only pitcher Lewis & Clark used all season, allowed only two earned runs.

Camp, Backhaus, and Thompson all had two hits for the Bruins, while Rohner had three for the Pios and McBride had a pair.

George Fox finishes the season 9-17 overall and 6-14 in the conference.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Go 1-4 in Home Games vs. Whitworth and No. 1 PLU
- \* Season Comes to a Close with Four Games This Week
- \* Bruins in NWC Stats

### **COMING UP:**

Wed., Apr. 24, 4:00 pm – at Pacific University, in Forest Grove, Ore. (NWC)  
Sat., Apr. 27, 2:00 pm – at Lewis & Clark College (dh), in Portland, Ore. (NWC)  
Sun., Apr. 28 12:00 noon – vs. Lewis & Clark College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

April 19 – at George Fox 3-2, Whitworth 0-3 (2nd game 8 innings)  
April 20 – Pacific Lutheran 10-8, at George Fox 0-0  
April 21 – Pacific Lutheran 6, at George Fox 1

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) - thru April 21:**

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| Linfield Wildcats        | 11-4        | .733        | 4           | 19-13       | .594        |
| Willamette Bearcats      | 10-6        | .625        | 5.5         | 16-11       | .593        |
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers   | 6-10-1      | .382        | 9.5         | 10-22-1     | .318        |
| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>4-12</b> | <b>.250</b> | <b>11.5</b> | <b>7-15</b> | <b>.318</b> |
| Whitworth Pirates        | 3-14        | .176        | 13          | 4-26        | .133        |
| Pacific Boxers           | 2-13        | .133        | 13          | 5-25        | .167        |

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#### **\* Camp Breaks Up No-Hit Bid with One Out to Go:**

In baseball, it is considered by some to be in poor taste for a hitter to bunt in an effort to break up a no-hitter by an opposing pitcher. In softball, however, the bunt or "swinging bunt" is such an integral part of the game that it would not be surprising for someone to pull such a trick in order to get something going. That is precisely what **Sarah Camp**, the George Fox Bruins' leadoff hitter, did to Melissa Korb in the first game of a doubleheader between the Bruins and No. 1-ranked Pacific Lutheran University on April 20. Korb has thrown six no-hitters for the Lutes

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this season, and she was within one out of another in the first game of the doubleheader against the Bruins when Camp stepped to the plate, laid down a perfect bunt and beat the throw to first easily. Korb finished with a one-hitter.

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**RECAPS:**

**4/19 – GEORGE FOX 3-2, WHITWORTH 0-3: Bruins Split Pitchers' Duels with Pirates**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Base hits were at a premium Friday afternoon (April 19) here at Morse Field, with only 12 hits total by both teams on the day, as the George Fox University Bruins and Whitworth College Pirates split a Northwest Conference softball twinbill, the Bruins taking the opener 3-0 and the Pirates the nightcap 3-2 in eight innings.

The Bruins' Laura Steenson fired a one-hit shutout in the first game, the only safety a looping single to center by Jessica Klingeman with two outs in the fifth. Steenson improved to 7-11 by striking out 12 and walking only one.

The Bruins managed only three hits off Lori Adams, 1-13, but used two of them to help score three unearned runs. In the second, Cori Wulf reached on a throwing error, stole second, moved to third on Carice Fell's single to left, and then stole home on a throw to second when Fell faked a steal from first. Wulf doubled home Ellen Sickler, who had reached on another error, and later scored on a wild pitch, for the Bruins' insurance in the sixth.

In the second game, Whitworth scored unearned runs without a hit in both the first and third innings, while George Fox got an unearned run without a hit in the first. The Bruins tied the game in the fourth as Lauren Stelzenmueller reached on a bad-hop single past Romag at short, the Bruins' second and final hit of the game, moved up on Laurie Wing's sacrifice bunt that pitcher Lacey Thompson misplayed to prolong the inning, and later scored on a bases-loaded walk to Jennifer Kennedy.

George Fox left the bases loaded after filling the sacks with only one out in both the third and fourth innings, and that would prove costly to the home team. Adams relieved Thompson to start the fifth and shut the Bruins out over four innings to improve to 2-13. She allowed only two base-runners, hitting one and walking another.

Whitworth finally broke through against Steenson, 7-12, with half of their six hits and the winning run in the eighth. Andraya Robertson beat out a bunt single with one out, moved up on Aubri Azzarito's sharp single up the middle that a diving Wulf at second snared but was a fraction too late getting the force at second, and scored on Keira Patterson's ground single up the middle.

George Fox is now 7-12 overall and 4-9 in the conference, while Whitworth is 4-22 overall and 3-11 in league play.

**4/20 – PACIFIC LUTHERAN 10-8, GEORGE FOX 0-0: No. 1-Ranked Lutes Whitewash Bruins Twice**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – As they have every game this season, No. 1-ranked Pacific Lutheran University came, saw, and conquered Saturday afternoon (April 20) here at Morse Field, as the Lutes handed the George Fox University Bruins 10-0 and 8-0 defeats in a Northwest Conference softball doubleheader.

PLU's Melissa Korb, 13-0, came within one out of her seventh no-hitter of the season in the first game, which was called by the "eight-run" rule after six innings. With one out left in the sixth, Bruin leadoff hitter Sarah Camp beat out a bunt for an infield hit, the Bruins' lone safety in the game. Korb finished with 14 strikeouts and only two walks.

Kim Backhaus, 0-1, made the first start on the mound for the Bruins by someone other than Laura Steenson and did a creditable job, trailing only 3-0 going into the sixth. The Lutes exploded for seven runs in the sixth, however, although five of the runs were unearned due a Bruin error that prolonged the inning.

Jewel Koury led a 13-hit PLU attack with three hits, including a double, and two RBI, Jenny Ferries, Andrea Wells, and Korb had two hits apiece.

Steenson, 7-13, got the start for the Bruins in the nightcap, but even the All-Conference hurler could not slow the Lutes down, although five of the eight runs the Lutes scored were again unearned due to four George Fox errors. Kelsey Palaniuk and Shannon Fritzke had two each for half the hits off Steenson, with Palaniuk scoring three runs and Fritzke hitting her eighth home run of the season.

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Koury, 8-0, went the distance on the mound for the Lutes, scattering four hits, two of them by Laurie Wing. The second game was also called after six by the "eight-run" rule. George Fox drops to 7-14 overall and 4-11 in the conference, while PLU is now 25-0 overall and 14-0 in league play.

**4/21 – PACIFIC LUTHERAN 6, GEORGE FOX 1: Lutes Use Extra-Base Power to Complete Sweep of Bruins**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Shannon Fritzke broke up a scoreless duel with her ninth home run, a towering two-run shot to left-center in the fifth inning, and Kelsey Palaniuk keyed a four-run sixth with a two-run double into the left-field corner, giving the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes a 6-1 win over the George Fox University Bruins in a Northwest Conference softball game Sunday afternoon (April 21) here at Morse Field.

Though four innings, the Bruins could manage only one hit off PLU's Amy Evans, 5-0, while the Lutes touched George Fox ace Laura Steenson, 7-14, for five hits but could not dent the scoreboard as Steenson stranded seven runners. But the Lutes, the No. 1-ranked team in the NCAA Division III, finally got going when Fritzke homered after a walk to Alicia Guerrero leading off the fifth.

The Bruins cut that early 2-0 PLU in half in the bottom of the frame. Talle Anne Thompson singled sharply to left to start the inning, moved up on a wild pitch and a ground out, and scored on Steenson's two-out pinch single down the right field line.

PLU put the game away in the sixth, however. A base-loaded walk to Fritzke forced in one run, then Palaniuk doubled for two runs and went to third as pinch-runner Ally Mrachek, trying to score from first on the hit, was cut down at the plate on a relay from left fielder Carice Fell to shortstop Ellen Sickler to catcher Jennifer Kennedy. Palaniuk came home as second baseman Cori Wulf bounced a throw to first on Jenny Ferries' grounder for the final run.

George Fox collected three singles in the seventh, but Wulf was cut down at the plate on a strong throw from Palaniuk to Fritzke on Steenson's single to center to end the game.

The Bruins are now 7-15 overall and 4-12 in the conference after dropping the three-game series to the Lutes, who are 26-0 overall, 15-0 in league play. George Fox will play a make-up game at Pacific University at 4:00 Wednesday (April 24), while Pacific Lutheran will play stick around the area to play make-up games Monday afternoon (April 22) with Lewis & Clark College.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Go 0-3 vs. Yamhill County Rival Linfield
- \* Bruins in NWC Stats

### **COMING UP:**

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\*\*\* The Whitworth games this week are make-ups from a four-game series on March 16-17 that was wiped out by rain. The other two games of the series will not be rescheduled.

\*\*\* Pacific Lutheran is ranked No. 3 in the nation, and their staff ace, Melissa Korb, has thrown five no-hitters this season!

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

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April 14 – Linfield 10, at George Fox 3

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| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>3-8</b> | <b>.273</b> | <b>6-11</b> | <b>.353</b> |
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### **BRUIN BITS:**

#### **\* Wulf Making Bid to Hit .400:**

It has been three years since any George Fox softball player hit at least .400, but **Cori Wulf** is making a valiant effort to do so this season. The last Bruins to hit .400 were Rebecca Dean (.414) and Rachel Camp (.412), older sister of current Bruin **Sarah Camp**, in 1999. Wulf went 5-for-8 in the Linfield series over the weekend to raise her average to an even .400 (20-50).

#### **\* Backhaus Providing Terrific Defense at Third:**

When **Kim Backhaus** mishandled a ground ball in the final game of the Linfield series April 14 in Newberg, it was the rookie third baseman's first error of the season at third base, one of the toughest of all defensive places on the field. Backhaus had gone 16 games and handled 43 chances flawlessly at the "hot corner", providing the Bruins with some outstanding defensive play.

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**Talle Thompson** – 1st in fielding pct. (1.000)

**RECAPS:**

**4/12 – LINFIELD 4-4, GEORGE FOX 0-0: Bruins Beat Rain but Not Wildcats in Double Defeat**

**McMINNVILLE, Ore.** – They beat the rain, but not the Wildcats.

In a Northwest Conference two-night softball doubleheader that was moved up a day due to anticipated heavy showers on Saturday, the George Fox University Bruins dropped both games by identical 4-0 scores to the Linfield College Wildcats here Friday (April 12).

Wildcat hurlers Liz Coburn and Alicia Herman combined for 20 strikeouts and held the Bruins to nine hits over the two games as Linfield improved to 15-11, 7-2 in the NWC. George Fox saw its record dip to 6-10, 3-7 in conference play.

In the opener, Coburn (5-5) struck out a season-high 11 batters with no walks, pitching a complete-game shutout while scattering five hits. The Wildcats scored all four of their runs in the third inning and each was unearned as two passed balls and an error proved costly for the Bruins.

Gretchen Reiner went 2 for 3 as the Wildcats collected seven hits. **Cori Wulf** and **Jennifer Kennedy** each went 2 for 3 to pace George Fox at the plate. **Laura Steenson** (6-9) struck out six Wildcats and did not walk a batter in six innings.

Herman tossed a four-hit shutout in the nightcap, striking out nine Bruins while allowing four hits. The Wildcats put two unearned runs on the board in the first, then added single runs in the third and the fifth.

Nicole Vickerman went 2 for 4 and Johnson was 2 for 3 for the Wildcats, while **Wulf** again went 2 for 3 for the Bruins. **Steenson** (6-10) went the distance again in the second game, allowing seven hits and two walks while striking out two Wildcats.

**4/14 – LINFIELD 10, GEORGE FOX 3: Fielding Miscues Doom Bruins in Loss to Linfield**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Taking advantage of five George Fox University errors that contributed to eight unearned runs, and mixing in 11 timely hits of their own, the Linfield College Wildcats completed a three-game series sweep of their Yamhill County rivals with a 10-3 victory over the Bruins in Northwest Conference softball action Sunday (April 14) here at Morse Field.

The Bruins jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first as **Jennifer Kennedy** was hit by a pitch, stole second, and scored on a single to left-center by **Ellen Sickler**. But the Wildcats responded with a five-run outburst in the second that was kept alive by a pair of Bruin errors. Nicole Vickerman had an RBI infield hit, Stacy Springer drove in a run with a bloop single to right-center, and Liz Coburn capped the rally with a two-run single to left.

George Fox closed the gap to 5-3 with a pair in the home half of the second, **Cori Wulf** singling in one run and **Sarah Camp** scoring on a wild pitch. Sara Stores replaced Linfield starter Cheryl Kuehnel at that point, however, and stifled the Bruins on two hits the rest of the way, upping her record to 4-2.

Linfield added single runs in the third, sixth, and seventh innings, and two runs in the fifth, but only the final two runs were earned. Vickerman finished with a 3-for-5 day with two stolen bases while Gretchen Reiner, Coburn, and Jen Dieringer had two hits apiece.

**Sickler** was 2-for-4 for George Fox, the only Bruin with multiple hits. **Laura Steenson**, 6-11, went the distance and took the loss on the hill.

George Fox is now 6-11 overall and 3-8 in the conference, while Linfield climbs to 16-11 overall and 8-2 in the league.

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## **GEORGE FOX SOFTBALL**

(Record 6-8: Home 3-1, Road 0-7, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 3-5: Home 3-1, Road 0-4)

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

\* Bruins Win One Out of Three vs. Willamette

### **COMING UP:**

Wed., Apr. 10, 4:00 pm – at Pacific University, in Forest Grove, Ore. (NWC)  
Sat., Apr. 13, 2:00 pm – at Linfield College (dh), in McMinnville, Ore. (NWC)  
Sun., Apr. 14, 12:00 noon – vs. Linfield College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

April 6 – at George Fox 4, Willamette 2  
April 6 – Willamette 2, at George Fox 0  
April 7 – at Willamette 13, George Fox 2

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) - thru April 7:**

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|--------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Pacific Lutheran Lutes   | 8-0        | 1.000       | 19-0       | 1.000       |
| Puget Sound Loggers      | 6-2-1      | .722        | 13-6-1     | .675        |
| Linfield Wildcats        | 5-2        | .714        | 13-11      | .542        |
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers   | 5-6-1      | .458        | 9-18-1     | .339        |
| Willamette Bearcats      | 4-5        | .444        | 9-10       | .474        |
| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>3-5</b> | <b>.375</b> | <b>6-8</b> | <b>.429</b> |
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**RECAPS:**

**4/6 – GEORGE FOX 4-0, WILLAMETTE 0-2: Bruins, Bearcats Split Conference Twinbill**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Talle Thompson's two-run double ignited a four-run rally that gave the George Fox Bruins a 4-2 first-game win, but the Willamette University Bearcats responded with a two-hit shutout by Nicole Romero and a

2-0 win in the second game as the teams split a Northwest Conference doubleheader Saturday afternoon (April 6) here at Morse Field.

Thompson's double followed an error by Willamette first baseman Meaghan Sussman on Sarah Camp's grounder and a walk to Ellen Sickler, and gave the Bruins an 2-0 lead in the fourth inning of the opener. Carice Fell tripled to score Thompson and Laura Stelzenmueller singled in Fell to cap the rally.

The outburst made a winner of Laura Steenson, 6-6, who fanned six and walked only one while scattering five hits. The Bearcats scored twice in the sixth as Darcy Hertel doubled in Marcie Hagen, who had singled, and Hertel scored on a throwing error by Camp at short. Hayley Boston, 7-5, took the loss, despite allowing no earned runs.

Steenson tossed another five-hitter in the nightcap, fanning four and allowing only one earned run, but was outdueled by Romero, 1-2. Only singles by Jennifer Kennedy in the first and Dessa Bingley in the fourth marred Romero's performance, though she did walk four.

Willamette broke through in the fifth as Boston got a pinch-single, was sacrificed to second by Anna Byers, and scored on Ashley Keaton's double. The Bearcats added another in the sixth as Hagen doubled, moved to third on a ground out, and scored on a wild throw to third by first baseman Cori Wulf.

George Fox is now 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the conference, while Willamette is 8-10 overall and 3-5 in the league.

#### **4/7 – WILLAMETTE 13, GEORGE FOX 2: Bearcasts Use 12-Run Inning to Cruise Past Bruins**

**SALEM, Ore.** – Exploding for 12 runs in the fourth inning, the Willamette University Bearcats overcame an early 2-1 deficit and pinned a 13-2 defeat on the George Fox University Bruins in Northwest Conference softball action Sunday afternoon (April 7) here at the Willamette softball field.

George Fox took an early 2-0 lead as Talle Thompson doubled to drive in Jennifer Kennedy and Lauren Stelzenmueller singled in Cori Wulf, who had doubled, in the first inning, but the Bruins could manage only one more hit the rest of the way off Nicole Romero, 2-2.

The Bearcats got one run back in the second, then erupted against Laura Steenson, 6-8, in the fourth, and won the game by the eight-run "mercy" rule. Sherri Mabie and Hayley Boston had two hits each to highlight the Bearcats' 12-hit attack, while Boston, Marcie Hagen, and Amanda Lindquist had two RBI apiece.

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(Record 5-6: Home 2-0, Road 0-6, Neutral 3-0 / NWC 2-3: Home 2-0, Road 0-3)

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Drop Three-Game Conference Series at Puget Sound
- \* Bruins in NWC Stats

### **COMING UP:**

Sat., Apr. 6, 2:00 p.m. – vs. Willamette University (dh), in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)  
Sun., Apr. 7, 12:00 noon – at Willamette University, in Salem, Ore. (NWC)

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

Mar. 25 – at Chapman 5, George Fox 4 (SunWest Tournament)  
Mar. 29 – at Puget Sound 2-3, George Fox 0-2  
Mar. 30 – at Puget Sound 3, George Fox 0

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) - thru Mar. 31:**

| <u>Team</u>              | <u>NWC</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>GB</u> | <u>All</u> | <u>Pct.</u> |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Pacific Lutheran Lutes   | 5-0        | 1.000       | -         | 14-0       | 1.000       |
| Puget Sound Loggers      | 3-0        | 1.000       | 1         | 10-4       | .714        |
| Linfield Wildcats        | 3-1        | .750        | 1.5       | 11-10      | .524        |
| Willamette Bearcats      | 3-3        | .500        | 2.5       | 8-6        | .571        |
| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>2-3</b> | <b>.400</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>5-6</b> | <b>.455</b> |
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers   | 2-4        | .333        | 3.5       | 6-16       | .273        |
| Whitworth Pirates        | 2-4        | .333        | 3.5       | 3-13       | .188        |
| Pacific Boxers           | 0-5        | .000        | 5         | 3-13       | .188        |

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Home Runs – 1 (3rd)  
Total Bases – 64 (6th)  
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Official At Bats – 190 (6th)  
Walks – 15 (7th)  
Hit by Pitch – 5 (1st)  
Strikeouts – 36 (6th)

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Sacrifice Bunts – 9 (5th)  
Sacrifice Flies – 0  
Stolen Bases – 15 (2nd)  
Steal Attempts – 18 (4th)

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ERA – 0.93 (1st, tie)  
Opp. BA - .179 (2nd)  
Innings – 45.0 (6th)  
Saves – 0  
Strikeouts – 52 (1st)  
Fewest Walks – 5 (1st)  
Fewest Hits – 31 (2nd)  
Fewest Runs – 13 (2nd)  
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Fewest Home Runs – 0 (1st)  
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Total Chances – 200 (7th)  
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Assists – 51 (7th)  
Errors – 14 (7th)  
Double Plays – 0  
Steals Allowed – 6 (5th)  
Caught Stealing – 0  
Passed Balls – 0

**\* Bruins in NWC Individual Batting Stats (thru Mar. 26):**

**Cori Wulf** – 8th in batting (.440); 4th in slugging pct. (.640); 3rd in RBI (11, tie); 2nd in home runs (1, tie); 6th in total bases (16);  
**Sarah Camp** – 6th in on-base pct. (.519); 2nd in runs (11, tie); 3rd in walks (6, tie); 1st in hit-by-pitch (3); 2nd in stolen bases (6);  
**Jennifer Kennedy** – 4th in sacrifice bunts (4, tie);

**\* Bruins in NWC Individual Pitching Stats (thru Mar. 14):**

**Laura Steenson** – 2nd in ERA (0.93); 3rd in opponent's batting avg. (.179); 3rd in innings (45.0); 1st in strikeouts (52); 2nd in wins (5, tie); 6th in appearances (7); 2nd in starts (7);

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**Jennifer Kennedy** – 1st in fielding pct. (1.000);  
**Kim Backhaus** – 1st in fielding pct. (1.000);  
**Cori Wulf** – 44 in putouts (9th);

**RECAPS:**

**3/25 – CHAPMAN 5, GEORGE FOX 4: Panthers Overtake Bruins with Three-Run Last-Inning Rally**

**ORANGE, Calif.** – Leading perennial NCAA Division III power and tournament host Chapman University by two runs with one out to go, the George Fox University Bruins could not close the deal and dropped a 5-4 heartbreaker to the Panthers in their final game of the SunWest Softball Tournament Monday afternoon (Mar. 25) here at Hart Park.

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The Bruins jumped on top in the 3rd inning on walks to Kim Backhaus and Jennifer Kennedy and run-scoring singles by Ellen Sickler and Cori Wulf. The Panthers tied it with a pair in the 4th, Ashlie Vohs singling, Jennifer Brechtel doubling her home, and Janina Miller singling in Brechtel.

George Fox regained the lead in the 5th. Sarah Camp struck out but reached on a wild pitch, and Kennedy was safe on an error by third baseman Natalie Castro on her sacrifice bunt. After a passed ball, both scored on Sickler's triple to left.

In the home half of the 7th, Chrissy Lake led off the Panthers' rally with a single but was forced out on Meredith Miles' grounder to second. Castro singled, but Vohs bounced out to second for the second out. Katie Dorish kept things alive with a single to center that scored both Miles and Castro with the tying runs and advanced to second on the throw home, from where she scored the winner on Brechtel's double to left-center.

Laura Steenson, as she has all year, went the distance for the Bruins, falling to 5-3, while winner Cassie Dunn fanned 10 for the Panthers.

George Fox had its five-game winning streak snapped in dropping to 5-3 overall, 3-1 in the SunWest Tournament.

#### **3/29 – PUGET SOUND 2-3, GEORGE FOX 0-2: Bruins Drop Two to UPS Despite Allowing Only Six Hits**

**TACOMA, Wash.** – Although they collected only six hits all day off George Fox University ace Laura Steenson, that was just enough offense for the University of Puget Sound Loggers to squeeze out 2-0 and 3-2 wins over the Bruins in Northwest Conference softball action Friday afternoon (Mar. 29) here at East Athletic Field.

In the opener, the Loggers put one run up on the board in the first and added an insurance run in the fifth. The Loggers manufactured the first run as Jen Itano got on with a walk, advanced to second on a fielder's choice, stole third, and came home on a wild pitch. The Loggers added another run, unearned, in the bottom of the fourth inning as Maren Buck drove home Jessie Laird from second with a single to right field.

Kelsey Weidkamp, 4-2, kept the Bruins off the basepaths, giving up just three hits and striking out five batters in the shutout. Steenson fell to 5-4 despite allowing only two hits while striking out six.

Game two saw the Loggers come from behind in the bottom of the sixth to earn the victory. The Bruins got on the board in the first as Ellen Sickler scored on a throwing error by the Loggers. The Bruins added another run in the third as Sickler singled home Sarah Camp.

Puget Sound tallied one run in the fourth as Marie Potter singled home Jessie Laird. The Loggers scored the tying and winning runs in the sixth with just one hit and two George Fox errors. The win was preserved by a diving line-drive catch by Courtney Ludwig, who doubled off a GFU runner in the seventh to end the game.

Kate Levin got the win in relief to improve to 3-1, while Steenson, despite a four-hitter, took the tough-luck loss and is now 5-5.

The Loggers are now 2-0 in the NWC and 8-4 overall, while the Bruins are 5-5 overall and 22 in the NWC.

#### **3/30 – PUGET SOUND 3, GEORGE FOX 0: First-Inning Home Run Lifts Loggers Past Bruins**

**TACOMA, Wash.** – Completing a three-game series sweep, the University of Puget Sound Loggers got a big three-run home run from Marie Potter in the first inning and hung on to defeat the George Fox University Bruins 3-0 in a Northwest Conference softball game Saturday afternoon (Mar. 30) here at East Athletic Field.

Jen Itano got the Loggers going with a single in the first and stole second, Jessie Laird singled to left to send Itano to third, and Potter followed with a drive deep over the left field fence to give the Loggers the lead. Puget Sound managed only two more hits the rest of the way, but it was enough for hurler Kelsey Weidkamp, 5-2, who pitched out of several jams and had six strikeouts.

The Bruins had three base hits, two by Ellen Sickler, and left five runners on base. The Loggers turned a key double play in the first inning, and caught the Bruins in a run-down in the third inning after a single by Laura Stelzenmueller and a walk to Dessia Bingley, squelching any possible rally.

Bruin ace Laura Steenson, who fanned six and walked none, again pitched well, but came away with her third hard-luck loss in the series and fell to 5-6 on the season.

Puget Sound now stands at 10-4 overall and 3-0 in the NWC, while George Fox falls to 5-6 overall and 2-3 in the conference.

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### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Go 3-0 to Start SunWest Tournament Play
- \* Steenson Named NWC "Pitcher of the Week", Wulf HM for "Hitter"

### **COMING UP:**

Mon., Mar. 25, 1:00 pm – at Chapman University, in Orange, Calif. (SunWest Tournament)  
Fri., Mar. 29, 2:00 pm – at University of Puget Sound (DH), in Tacoma, Wash. (NWC)  
Sat., Mar. 30, 12:00 noon – at University of Puget Sound, in Tacoma, Wash. (NWC)

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

Mar. 22 – George Fox 8, Colorado College 0 (SunWest Tournament)  
Mar. 23 – George Fox 4, California Lutheran 1 (SunWest Tournament)  
Mar. 23 – George Fox 3, Redlands 2 (SunWest Tournament)

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) - thru Mar. 24:**

| <i>Team</i>              | <i>NWC</i> | <i>Pct.</i>  | <i>GB</i> | <i>All</i> | <i>Pct.</i> |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Pacific Lutheran Lutes   | 2-0        | 1.000        | -         | 9-0        | 1.000       |
| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>2-0</b> | <b>1.000</b> | -         | <b>5-2</b> | <b>.714</b> |
| Whitworth Pirates        | 2-1        | .667         | .5        | 3-9        | .250        |
| Willamette Bearcats      | 1-2        | .333         | 1.5       | 6-5        | .545        |
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers   | 1-2        | .333         | 1.5       | 5-8        | .385        |
| Linfield Wildcats        | 0-1        | .000         | 1.5       | 6-8        | .429        |
| Pacific Boxers           | 0-2        | .000         | 2         | 2-7        | .222        |
| Puget Sound Loggers      | 0-0        | .000         | 1         | 7-4        | .636        |

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### **BRUIN BITS:**

#### **\* Steenson Named NWC "Pitcher of the Week"; Wulf HM for "Hitter":**

**Laura Steenson (Jr., RHP, Milwaukie, Ore.)** was named Northwest Conference "Pitcher of the Week" for March 18-24 by going 3-0 and not allowing an earned run as the Bruins went 3-0 in the SunWest Tournament in Orange, Calif. On Friday, she threw a 1-hitter in an 8-0 win over Colorado College, with 5 K's and 1 walk in the 6-inning contest. On Saturday, she scattered 4 hits in a 4-1 win over California Lutheran, with 8 K's and no walks. In a 3-2 win over Redlands that afternoon, she spaced 6 hits, fanned 6 and walked none. For the week, she was 3-0 with 3 complete games, 19 strikeouts and 1 walk in 20 innings, and allowed 11 hits and 3 runs, none earned, for an 0.00 ERA.

**Cori Wulf (Jr., 1B, Salem, Ore.)** received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Hitter of the Week" for March 18-24 after hitting .500 (6-12) as the Bruins went 3-0 to start their stay in the SunWest Tournament in Orange, Calif. In an 8-0 win over Colorado College Friday, she was 1-4. On Saturday, she went 2-4 with a run scored and an RBI as the Bruins downed California Lutheran 4-1. Later in the day, she was 3-4 and drove in all the Bruins'

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runs in a 3-2 win over Redlands, including a two-run single to win the game in the bottom of the 7th. She had 4 RBI and a run scored on the week, with slugging and on-base percentages of .500. Wulf was the first NWC "Hitter of the Week" for Mar. 4-10. "Hitter of the Week" honors went to Shannon Fritzke of Pacific Lutheran, who hit .727 with 4 home runs, 3 doubles, and 12 RBI as the 6th-ranked Lutes went 4-0.

**3/22 – GEORGE FOX 8, COLORADO COLLEGE 0: Steenson Fires One-Hitter at Tiger in SunWest Opener**

**ORANGE, Calif.** – Laura Steenson fired a one-hit shutout and the George Fox University Bruins took advantage of six Colorado College errors to score eight unearned runs, pinning an 8-0 loss on the Tigers in the Bruins' first game in the month-long SunWest Softball Tournament, hosted by Chapman University, here Friday night (Mar. 22).

Steenson allowed only a lead-off single to Juliana Chavez in the third, striking out five and walking one in a game shortened to six innings by the eight-run rule. She improved her record to 3-2, also the Bruins' season record, while Colorado College fell to 5-14.

The Bruins scored three in the 1st, three in the 4th, and two in the 6th as the Tigers had trouble handling the ball. Every starter in the George Fox lineup collected a hit, with Laurie Wing getting two as the Bruins pounded out 10 hits. Sarah Camp and Jennifer Kennedy scored two runs apiece.

**3/23 – GEORGE FOX 4, CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN 1; GEORGE FOX 3, REDLANDS 2:**

**Bruins Go to 3-0 in SunWest Tourney with CalLu, Redlands Wins**

**ORANGE, Calif.** – Cori Wulf went 5-for-8 and knocked in four runs on the day and Laura Steenson did not allow an earned run in 14 innings of work, leading the George Fox University Bruins to a 4-1 win over California Lutheran University and a 3-2 win over the University of Redlands in the Bruins' second day at the SunWest Softball Tournament, hosted by Chapman University, here Saturday (Mar. 23).

Steenson looked especially sharp in the Bruins' early-morning (8:45 a.m.) game against Cal Lutheran, surrendering only four hits while striking out eight and walking none. The Bruins got her all the runs she would need in the 2nd inning as Wulf and Talle Thompson singled and Laura Stelzenmueller brought them both home with a double. Wulf singled home Jennifer Kennedy in the 3rd for another run, and Bethany Kim scored the final George Fox run in the 4th by doubling, moving to third on a ground out, and crossing the plate when the catcher's throw on Sarah Camp's steal of second was missed by the Cal Lutheran shortstop.

In the Bruins' second game in the afternoon, Wulf went 3-for-4 and drove in all the George Fox runs against Redlands. She singled in Camp for a 1-0 George Fox lead in the 1st inning, but Redlands touched Steenson for single runs in the 2nd and 7th innings, both unearned.

Camp walked to start the Bruins' last-ditch rally and was sacrificed to second by Kennedy. Ellen Sickler singled to center, sending Camp to third, and advanced to second on a throw to third. Wulf then singled to right to score Camp and Sickler for the dramatic comeback win.

Steenson, scattering six hits while fanning six and again walking no one, improved her record to 5-2, also the Bruins' record as she has pitched every inning thus far in the season.

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## **GEORGE FOX SOFTBALL**

(Record 2-2: Home 2-0, Road 0-2, Neutral 0-0 / NWC 2-0: Home 2-0, Road 0-0)

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Sweep Pacific to Open Conference Play
- \* Third Game of Pacific Series Rescheduled for Mar. 13
- \* Wulf Wins NWC Hitter Honors; Steenson HM for Pitcher of the Week

### **COMING UP:**

Wed., Mar. 13, 3:00 pm – vs. Pacific University, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)  
Sat., Mar. 16, 1:00 pm – vs. Whitworth College (2), in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)  
Sun., Mar. 17, 12:00 noon – vs. Whitworth College (2), in Newberg, Ore.  
(NWC – 1st game only)

### **\* Finale of Pacific Series to be Made Up on Mar. 13:**

Rain forced a postponement of the final game of the George Fox-Pacific Northwest Conference opening three-game series that was to have been played on Sunday. The game has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Mar. 13, at 3:00 p.m. at George Fox's Morse Field in Newberg. The first two games of the series on Saturday were played in Newberg, although Pacific acted as the home team, because the Boxers' field in Forest Grove has no tarp and was not dry enough to play on.

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

Mar. 9 – at George Fox 8-10, Pacific 2-0  
Mar. 10 – Pacific at George Fox (ppd., rain – rescheduled for Mar. 13)

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE (www.nwcsports.com) - thru Mar. 10:**

| <u>Team</u>            | <u>NWC</u> | <u>Pct.</u> | <u>GB</u> | <u>All</u> | <u>Pct.</u> |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| George Fox Bruins      | 2-0        | 1.000       | -         | 2-2        | .500        |
| Willamette Bearcats    | 1-0        | 1.000       | .5        | 1-0        | 1.000       |
| Whitworth Pirates      | 2-1        | .667        | .5        | 2-4        | .333        |
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers | 1-2        | .333        | 1.5       | 4-5        | .444        |
| Pacific Lutheran Lutes | 0-0        | .000        | 1         | 3-0        | 1.000       |
| Puget Sound Loggers    | 0-0        | .000        | 1         | 3-0        | 1.000       |
| Linfield Wildcats      | 0-1        | .000        | 1.5       | 2-3        | .400        |
| Pacific Boxers         | 0-2        | .000        | 2         | 1-6        | .143        |

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### **BRUIN BITS:**

#### **\* Wulf Named NWC Hitter of the Week; Steenson HM for Pitcher Honors:**

Cori Wulf (Jr., 1B, Salem, Ore.) was named the first Northwest Conference Hitter of the Week for Mar. 4-10 after an outstanding day at the plate in the Bruins' 8-2, 10-0 sweep of Pacific on Saturday. She hit the Bruins' first home run in two seasons and drove in 6 runs in the twinbill. In the opener, she was 2-3 with a double to drive in the Bruins' first run in the 1st inning,

a two-run home run that bounced off the top of the fence and over, and 3 RBI. In the nightcap, she was 2-4, doubling in the first 2 runs of the game in the 1st inning and singling in the Bruins' final run. For the day, she was 4-7 (.571) with 2 doubles, a home run, 2 runs scored, 6 RBI, and had a slugging pct. of 1.286 and an on-base pct. of .571.

**Laura Steenson (Jr., RHP, Milwaukie, Ore.)** received Honorable Mention for NWC Pitcher of the Week are hurling back-to-back complete-game victories over Pacific. In the opener, she worked 7 innings, allowing 4 hits and 2 runs, 1 earned, with 9 strikeouts and 1 walk. In the nightcap, a 5-inning game, she surrendere 2 hits, fanned 5 and walked 2. On the day, she was 2-0 with 14 strikeouts and 3 walks in 12 innings, allowing 6 hit and 2 runs, only 1 earned, for an 0.58 ERA.

NWC Pitcher of the Week honors went to Melissa Korb of Pacific Lutheran, who was 2-0, throwing a perfect game and allowing one hit and no runs in 13 innings, with 26 strikeouts and no walks.

#### **\* Familiar Faces in Strange New Places:**

Several returning Bruin veterans have found themselves in unfamiliar positions to start the 2002 softball season. Perhaps the strangest is last year's starting shortstop, **Sarah Camp (So., C, Hubbard, Ore.)**, now behind the plate! Starting catcher **Jennifer Kennedy (Sr., DH, Brookings, Ore.)** had shoulder surgery during the off-season and has not regained her arm strength yet, though she is capable of batting and has been serving as the designated hitter. Camp actually had been targeted for center field before the season, with last year's center fielder, **Cori Wulf**, moving to first base. Wulf is at first, but **Talle Thompson (So., OF, Dundee, Ore.)** has moved into center while Camp is behind the dish. **Carice Fell (Fr., SS, Astoria, Ore.)** is a newcomer settling in at short.

#### **3/9 - GEORGE FOX 8-10, PACIFIC 2-0: Wulf Collects 6 RBI as Bruins Sweep NWC-Opening Twinbill**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** - **Cori Wulf** slugged the first George Fox University softball home run in two years, added two doubles and a single, and drove in six runs on the day, leading the Bruins past the Pacific University Boxers 8-2 and 10-0 in the opening games of Northwest Conference play for both teams Saturday afternoon (Mar. 9) here at chilly, wind-swept Morse Field.

The twinbill was originally scheduled for Forest Grove, but because the Boxers' infield has no tarp, it was too wet from recent rains, so the games were shifted to Newberg. Pacific still served as the home team.

Bruin leadoff hitter **Sarah Camp** walked and scored on a two-out double by Wulf to give the Bruins a 1-0 lead in the 1st inning of the opener, walked and scored an unearned run in the 3rd to make it 2-0, then ignited a four-run rally in the 5th with her third straight walk. After **Jennifer Kennedy** sacrificed, **Ellen Sickler (Sr., 2B, Springfield, Ore.)** singled to score Camp, and Wulf followed with a drive to left-center that hit the top of the fence, bounced high, and came down on the outside of the fence. **Talle Thompson** singled and later scored on the front end of an attempted double steal to cap the frame.

**Laura Steenson**, 1-2, hurled a four-hitter in the first game, striking out nine, and faltered only in the 6th when the Boxers scored on RBI singles by Erin Sakai and Vanessa Rathbun, the latter run unearned. Mandy Batey, 0-4, suffered the setback for Pacific, despite striking out eight in 4 2/3 innings.

The Bruins used four-run outbursts in both the 1st and 3rd innings to put away the second game, which was called after five innings by the 8-run advantage rule. Camp started the 1st-inning rally with her fourth walk of the day, Kennedy was safe on an error while sacrificing, and Wulf doubled down the left-field line to score them both. **Carice Fell** doubled in Wulf and scored on a throwing error after Thompson lined a single of pitcher Teresa Garcia's glove. Wulf capped the Bruin scoring with an RBI single in the 5th.

The Bruins hammered out 13 hits in the game to pin the loss on Garcia, 1-2, with Kennedy, Sickler, Wulf, Thompson, **Lauren Stelzenmueller (Fr., OF, Portland, Ore.)**, and **Kim Backhaus (Fr., 3B, Hillsboro, Ore.)** collecting two hits apiece. Camp scored three runs again.

Steenson fired a two-hitter in the nightcap with five strikeouts, evening her record at 2-2.

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**(Record 0-2: Home 0-0, Road 0-2, Neutral 0-0 / NWC 0-0: Home 0-0, Road 0-0)**

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- \* Bruins Drop Semi-Home Games to Lewis & Clark to Open Season
- \* Conference Play Gets Under Way with Pacific Series This Weekend

### **COMING UP:**

**Sat., Mar. 9, 2:00 pm – at Pacific University (2), in Forest Grove, Ore. (NWC)**

**Sun., Mar. 10, 12:00 noon – vs. Pacific University, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)**

### **LAST WEEK (recaps below):**

Mar. 2 – at Lewis & Clark 1-7, George Fox 0-3

### **NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ([www.nwcsports.com](http://www.nwcsports.com)) - thru Mar. 4:**

| Team                     | NWC        | Pct.        | GB       | All        | Pct.        |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| Lewis & Clark Pioneers   | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 2-2        | .500        |
| Linfield Wildcats        | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 2-2        | .500        |
| Pacific Boxers           | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 1-4        | .200        |
| <b>George Fox Bruins</b> | <b>0-0</b> | <b>.000</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>0-2</b> | <b>.000</b> |
| Whitworth Pirates        | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 0-2        | .000        |
| Pacific Lutheran Lutes   | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 0-0        | .000        |
| Puget Sound Loggers      | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 0-0        | .000        |
| Willamette Bearcats      | 0-0        | .000        | -        | 0-0        | .000        |

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### **3/2 – LEWIS & CLARK 1-7, GEORGE FOX 0-3: Bruins Fall Twice in Semi-Home Opener**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – It was supposed to be the home opener for the George Fox University softball team, but it was the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers who wound up with that "home sweet home" feeling as the Pios swept the Bruins 1-0 and 7-3 here Saturday afternoon (Mar. 2).

The games had been originally scheduled for George Fox's Morse Field in Newberg, but with serious drainage problems leaving the outfield a soggy mess and unlikely to dry soon enough, the games were shifted two days ago to the Pioneers' home field. The teams did split the last-at-bat advantage, George Fox batting last in the opener and Lewis & Clark doing so in the second game.

A tight pitching duel marked the first game as the Pios' Jauna Williams bested the Bruins' **Laura Steenson (Jr., RHP, Milwaukie, Ore.)**. Williams surrendered three hits and fanned eight with only two walks, while Steenson allowed four hits with 12 strikeouts and no walks.

Lewis & Clark got the only run it would need in the sixth when Kyra Rohner stroked a two-out triple and scored on Kat Baer's single to center. Baer was 2-for-3 in the game, while **Sarah Camp (So., OF, Hubbard, Ore.)** went 2-for-3 for the Bruins.

In the nightcap, George Fox built up a 3-1 led through four innings. **Cori Wulf's (Jr., 1B, Salem, Ore.)** RBI grounder and a run-scoring single by **Talle Thompson (So., Dundee, Ore.)** made it 2-0 Bruins in the first, and Camp, who was 2-for-4 in the game, singled in **Laura Stelzenmueller (Fr., OF, Portland, Ore.)** to make it 3-1 in the fourth.



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Stenson, also working the second game, allowed only three hits through four but tired in the fifth, when Kayla Bewersdorff singled home two runs to tie it. The Pios then scored four runs, only one of them earned, in the fifth for a 7-3 lead. The Bruins loaded the bases with no one out in the top of the sixth, only to have the game called at that point due to darkness.

Williams also picked up the second-game win for the Pioneers. Bewersdorff and Andrea Krol each went 3-for-4 for Lewis & Clark, Bewersdorff knocking in three runs, while Tracy Jonas was 2-for-4 and scored three times.

Although both teams are in the Northwest Conference, these did not count as conference games. George Fox opens up NWC play Saturday (Mar. 9) with a twinbill at Pacific University, starting at 2:00 p.m. Lewis & Clark hosts Eastern Oregon University in a 12:00 noon doubleheader Sunday (Mar. 3).

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**2/28 – SCHEDULE CHANGE: Bruins' Opening Twinbill Saturday Shifted to Lewis & Clark**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – The season-opening softball doubleheader for the George Fox University Bruins against the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers, originally scheduled for Newberg at 1:30 p.m., has been shifted to Portland, with no change in the time. According to George Fox second-year coach Tim Hill, “Our field has some serious drainage problems all over the outfield right now, and we were just afraid it wasn’t going to be dry enough in time for the games, so Lewis & Clark has graciously agreed to host us.”

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## **GEORGE FOX SOFTBALL**

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Pre-Season Outlook, Updated Roster & Schedule, Quick Facts, 2002 Stats & Scores**  
**SCHEDULE CHANGE: Season Opener vs. Lewis & Clark Shifted to Portland**

### **COMING UP:**

**Sat., Mar. 2, 1:30 pm – at Lewis & Clark College (2), in Portland, Ore.**

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*George Fox University 2002 Softball Outlook ---*

### **IMPROVING BRUINS MUST AVOID INJURIES TO CONTINUE MAKING PROGRESS IN 2002**

**NEWBERG, Ore.** – Predicted to finish next-to-last in the Northwest Conference last year, the George Fox University Bruins surprised everyone, including themselves, with a 16-14-2 record and an 11-8-1 conference mark that was good for a fourth-place finish, earning first-year coach Tim Hill NWC "Coach of the Year" honors.

"We created certain expectations last year, which was the main idea," admitted Hill. "The program had been down for a while, and we hoped to instill a winning spirit that would eventually translate into wins. We still have a ways to go before we're among the conference elite, but now that we've had a taste of winning, we need to maintain that level and build upon it. If we're to be successful this year, however, we have to stay injury-free; a lack of depth could hurt us."

The Bruins return six letterwinners, four of them starters, but several players will likely find themselves in new positions as Hill and assistant coaches Paul Sabah and Dennis Keller try to piece together another winning combination.

### **Pitching**

George Fox's pitching in 2002 begins and ends – literally - with **Laura Steenson (Jr., Milwaukie, Ore.)**. The ace righthander was a First Team All-Conference selection after compiling a 15-10 record, leading the league in wins and complete games (23) while placing second in earned run average (1.56) and strikeouts (111). She authored a pair of no-hitters as well.

"With Laura, we feel like we've got a legitimate shot to win every time she takes the mound," says Hill. "If we could find another pitcher to compliment her, at least take a little of the pressure off and give her an occasional rest, we'd be much stronger, but we're going to have to ride her as far as she can take us."

If the Bruins have to fall back on anyone else, it will probably be **Talle Thompson (So., Dundee, Ore.)** or **Cori Wulf (Jr., Salem, Ore.)**. "Talle has pitched in high school, and Cori, talented athlete that she is, has been practicing in case she's needed," says Hill, "but neither has pitched in college. Let's just say we hope Laura doesn't get hurt!"

**Catching**

Steenson will make her pitches to **Jennifer Kennedy (Sr., Brookings, Ore.)**, a senior last year who had one more year of eligibility left and decided to come back. She hit .227 with 8 RBI, 3 doubles, and 5 stolen bases, and is an excellent defensive catcher.

“Jennifer’s decision to return was a big boost for us,” says Hill, “but she had shoulder surgery earlier in the year and it will take a while for her to get back to full strength. She’s a tough kid who plays through the pain, however, and that’s good, because we really need her back there; we have no one else with catching experience.”

**Infield**

While Honorable Mention All-Conference infielder **Ellen Sickler (Sr., Springfield, Ore.)**, who hit .256 with 10 RBI and 5 stolen bases, returns at second base, the rest of the Bruin infield will see significant changes. The corners – first baseman Rebecca Dean (.245, 12 RBI, 11 sb) and third baseman Brittany Baird (.293, 11 RBI, 5 doubles) – have graduated, while last year’s starting shortstop, **Sarah Camp (So., Hubbard, Ore.)**, will split time between center field and short, and will even catch in a pinch.

Taking over at first base is **Wulf**, who started in center field last year and at second base two years ago, demonstrating her versatility. Wulf hit .233 with 11 RBI and 5 doubles, and brings a good glove to the bag.

At third, Hill is looking for **Kim Backhaus (Fr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** to step in, with **Carice Fell (Fr., Astoria, Ore.)** taking over at short and occasionally flip-flopping with Camp in center. “Kim and Carice will be solid for us at third and short; they both have good infield skills and fundamentals,” Hill notes.

Infield depth will be provided by **Laurie Wing (Fr., Eugene, Ore.)**, who can play the outfield as well.

**Outfield**

All new faces will line the garden for the Bruins with departure of left fielder Jill Bohlander (.289, 6 steals) and part-time right fielder Amy Larson (.176) and the shift of Wulf from center to first. **Camp**, a speedy .242 hitter who drew 23 walks and scored a team-leading 16 runs as the leadoff hitter, replaces Wulf in center. **Thompson**, who hit .222 with 7 RBI and 3 doubles in limited action, is the heir apparent in left.

Right field is up for grabs, with newcomers **Lauren Stelzenmueller (Fr., Portland, Ore.)**, **Dessa Bingley (Fr., Woodburn, Ore.)**, **Bethany Kim (Sr., Redmond, Ore.)**, and **Wing** in the mix.

**Summary**

“We’re going to be a good defensive club – our infield will be solid – and with Laura on the mound, we’ve always got a chance,” Hill assesses his team. “We think we’ve turned the corner toward a good program, but you can only get there gradually, not all at once. We may not have a lot of players this year – we expect to expand our roster if the winning continues – but we do have some really good kids with lots of potential. If we can avoid injuries, we’re going to be very competitive.”

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY “BRUINS” 2002 SOFTBALL ROSTER**

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u>           | <u>Pos.</u> | <u>B/T</u> | <u>Ht.</u> | <u>Yr./El.</u> | <u>Hometown (Previous School)</u>     |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1          | Kim Backhaus          | IF          | R/R        | 5-5        | Fr./Fr.        | Hillsboro, Ore. (Hillsboro HS)        |
| 2          | Laura Steenson        | P           | R/R        | 5-5        | Jr./Jr.        | Milwaukie, Ore. (Central Catholic HS) |
| 3          | Bethany Kim           | OF          | R/R        | 5-2        | Sr./Sr.        | Redmond, Ore. (Redmond HS)            |
| 4          | Sarah Camp            | OF-IF       | L/R        | 5-4        | So./So.        | Hubbard, Ore. (North Marion HS)       |
| 6          | Talle Thompson        | OF          | R/R        | 5-6        | So./So.        | Dundee, Ore. (Newberg HS)             |
| 8          | Carice Fell           | IF-OF       | R/R        | 5-7        | So./Fr.        | Astoria, Ore. (Astoria HS)            |
| 10         | Laurie Wing           | IF-OF       | R/R        | 5-5        | Fr./Fr.        | Eugene, Ore. (Willamette HS)          |
| 11         | Jennifer Kennedy      | C           | R/R        | 5-4        | Sr./Sr.        | Brookings, Ore. (Brookings Harbor HS) |
| 12         | Dessa Bingley         | OF          | R/R        | 5-10       | Fr./Fr.        | Woodburn, Ore. (Canby HS)             |
| 13         | Cori Wulf             | IF-OF       | R/R        | 5-7        | Jr./Jr.        | Salem, Ore. (Santiam Christian HS)    |
| 16         | Lauren Stelzenmueller | OF          | R/R        | 5-9        | So./Fr.        | Portland, Ore. (David Douglas HS)     |
| 21         | Ellen Sickler         | IF          | R/R        | 5-5        | Sr./Sr.        | Springfield, Ore. (Thurston HS)       |

**Head Coach:** Tim Hill (2nd yr)

**Assistant Coaches:** Paul Sabah (2nd yr), Dennis Keller (2nd yr)

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"  
2002 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

| <u>DATE</u>  | <u>DAY</u> | <u>OPPONENT</u>                        | <u>LOCATION</u>    | <u>TIME</u>       |
|--|------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>March</u></b>  |            |  |                    |                   |
| 2  | Sat.       | Lewis & Clark College (2)              | Portland, Ore.     | 1:30 p.m.         |
| 9  | Sat. *     | at Pacific University (2)              | Forest Grove, Ore. | 2:00 p.m.         |
| 10   | Sun. *     | <b>PACIFIC UNIVERSITY</b>              | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>12:00 noon</b> |
| 16   | Sat. *     | <b>WHITWORTH COLLEGE (2)</b>           | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>1:00 p.m.</b>  |
| 17   | Sun. **    | <b>WHITWORTH COLLEGE (2)</b>           | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>12:00 noon</b> |
| <i><u>SunWest Tournament at Chapman University, Orange, Calif.</u></i> |            |  |                    |                   |
| 22   | Fri. #     | vs Colorado College                    | Orange, Calif.     | 8:00 p.m.         |
| 23   | Sat. #     | vs California Lutheran University      | Orange, Calif.     | 8:30 a.m.         |
| 23   | Sat. #     | vs University of Redlands              | Orange, Calif.     | 10:45 a.m.        |
| 25   | Mon. #     | at Chapman University                  | Orange, Calif.     | 1:00 p.m.         |
| 29   | Fri. *     | at University of Puget Sound (2)       | Tacoma, Wash.      | 2:00 p.m.         |
| 30   | Sat. *     | at University of Puget Sound           | Tacoma, Wash.      | 12:00 noon        |
| <b><u>April</u></b>  |            |  |                    |                   |
| 6  | Sat. *     | <b>WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY (2)</b>       | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  |
| 7  | Sun. *     | at Willamette University               | Salem, Ore.        | 12:00 noon        |
| 13   | Sat. *     | at Linfield College (2)                | McMinnville, Ore.  | 2:00 p.m.         |
| 14   | Sun. *     | <b>LINFIELD COLLEGE</b>                | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>12:00 noon</b> |
| 20   | Sat. *     | <b>PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY (2)</b> | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>2:00 p.m.</b>  |
| 21   | Sun. *     | <b>PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY</b>     | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>12:00 noon</b> |
| 27   | Sat. *     | at Lewis & Clark College (2)           | Portland, Ore.     | 2:00 p.m.         |
| 28   | Sun. *     | <b>LEWIS &amp; CLARK COLLEGE</b>       | Newberg, Ore.      | <b>12:00 noon</b> |
| <b><u>May</u></b>  |            |  |                    |                   |
| 10-12  | Fri.-Sun.  | NCAA Division III Tournament Regionals | on-campus sites    | TBA               |
| 16-20  | Thur.-Mon. | NCAA Division III Tournament Finals    | TBA                | TBA               |

# - SunWest Tournament, Orange, Calif.

\* - Northwest Conference game

\*\* - 1st game only counts as NWC game

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Home games played at Morse Athletic Field

All times Pacific and subject to change

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**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY "BRUINS"  
2002 SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS**

**UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Location: Newberg, Oregon (18,064)  
 Mailing Address: 414 N. Meridian St.  
 Newberg, OR, 97132  
 Founded: 1891  
 Denomination: Evangelical Friends  
 (Quaker)  
 Enrollment: 2,730  
 President: Dr. David Brandt  
 Faculty Athletic Rep: Becky Ankeny  
 Switchboard Phone: 503-538-8383  
 Website: www.georgefox.edu

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**ATHLETICS INFORMATION**

Nickname: Bruins  
 Colors: Navy Blue & Old Gold  
 Affiliation (yrs): NCAA Division III (3rd)  
 Region: West  
 Conference (yrs): Northwest Conference (7th)  
 Director of Athletics: Craig Taylor  
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**COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Tim Hill (2nd yr)  
 Alma Mater: Portland State '68  
 GFU Record: 16-14-2 (.531), 1 yr  
 Overall Record: 16-14-2 (.531), 1 yr  
 Office Phone: 503-554-2921  
 Assistant Coach: Paul Sabah (2nd yr)  
 Assistant Coach: Dennis Keller (2nd yr)

**TEAM INFORMATION**

Home Field (capacity): Morse Field (100)  
 2001 Overall Record: 16-14-2 (.531)  
 2001 NWC Record: 12-9 (.571), 4th  
 2001 Post-Season: None  
 Letterwinners Back/Lost: 6/7  
 Starters Back/Lost: 4/5  
 Pitchers Back/Lost: 1/1

| <b><u>Top Returnees</u></b> | <b><u>Pos., Cl., Hometown</u></b> | <b><u>Stats</u></b>                | <b><u>Honors</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Laura Steenson (S)          | P, Jr., Milwaukie, Ore.           | 15-10, 1.56, 111 K's, 2 no-hitters | All-NWC 1st Team     |
| Ellen Sickler (S)           | 2B, Sr., Springfield, Ore.        | .256-0-10, 4 2b, 5 sb              | All-NWC Hon. Mention |
| Sarah Camp (S)              | SS, So., Hubbard, Ore.            | .242-0-0, 23 bb, 16 r, 6 sb        |                      |
| Cori Wulf (S)               | OF, Jr., Salem, Ore.              | .233-0-11, 5 2b, 13 r              |                      |
| Jennifer Kennedy (S)        | C, Sr., Brookings, Ore.           | .227-0-8, 3 2b, 5 sb               |                      |

| <b><u>Key Losses</u></b> | <b><u>Pos., Cl. Hometown</u></b> | <b><u>Stats</u></b>         | <b><u>Honors</u></b> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Brittany Baird (S)       | 3B, Sr., Lincoln City, Ore.      | .293-0-11, 5 2b, 14 r, 7 sb |                      |
| Jill Bohlander (S)       | OF, Sr., Beaverton, Ore.         | .289-0-5, 2 2b, 6 sb        |                      |
| Rebecca Dean (S)         | 1B, Jr., Camas, Wash.            | .245-0-12, 3 2b, 11 sb      |                      |
| Miriam Liesch (S)        | OF, Sr., Sublimity, Ore.         | .233-0-3, 3 2b, 4 sb        |                      |
| Amy Larson (S)           | OF-P, Jr., Portland, Ore.        | .176-0-5/1-4, 4.86          |                      |