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2007 Baseball



**GEORGE FOX
UNIVERSITY**

**BRUIN
BASEBALL
WINNING
TRADITION**

1896-2007



1991



Infielder Miguel Rivera was named Honorable Mention NAIA All-American. He was the first baseball player elected to the George Fox University Sports Hall of Fame

1994



Third baseman Mike Nadeau, NAIA District 2 Player of the Year, set a George Fox record with four stolen bases in one game. He went on to play in the Baltimore Orioles organization

Designated hitter Tony Robertson was named Honorable Mention NAIA All-American



1993

Outfielder Mike Thompson earned All-Northwest Conference honors. He was named Honorable Mention All-American in 1994



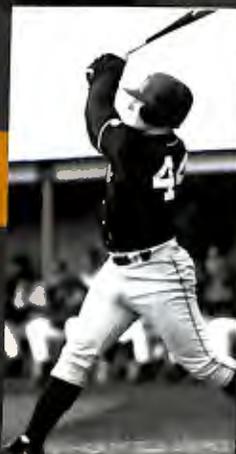
1996

1998



Infielder Ryan LeBreton hit a school-record three doubles in one game. He was named NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete in 1998 and 1999

1999



NAIA First-Team All-American infielder Nate Barnett set or tied NAIA national records with four home runs, including two grand slams, and 13 RBIs in one game. He went on to play in the Seattle Mariners organization

1999



In 1997, catcher **Mark Tyler** hit 6-for-7 in one game. He set a school record with 21 doubles in 1999. He had 72 RBIs in 1999 and was named NW Conference MVP

2004



Pitcher **Scott Hyde**, 2004 NWC Player of the Year, was 14-1 with a 1.99 ERA and 191 strikeouts, leading the nation in wins and strikeouts, and was named First Team All-America, Co-National Pitcher of the Year, and the Most Outstanding Player in the Division III World Series.

2000



Pitcher **Ryan Alvis**, NCAA 2000 Div. III Third Team All-American, led the Northwest Conference in ERA (1.87). He set George Fox season records for wins (11), strikeouts (93), innings (91.1), and complete games (9)

Derrick Jones earned First Team All-America and First Team All-West Region honors as a utility player in 2005, then was Northwest Conference Player of the Year and signed with the Texas Rangers in 2006.

2006

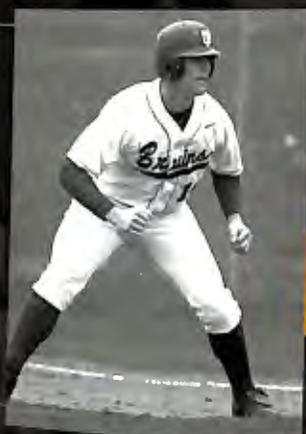


Since 1993, the Bruins have won five games against Div. I opponents (Univ. of Washington, Oregon State Univ., Portland State Univ., Univ. of Portland, twice)

The 1999 team hit 102 home runs and 118 doubles. Its .692 slugging percentage set a national NAIA record and is third best all-time at any collegiate level

George Fox has had three pitchers throw no-hitters: Dave Callahan in 1981, Troy Schrenk in 1997, and Scott Hyde in 2004

2003



Infielder **Eric Bell** hit .390 with 61 RBIs and 17 home runs. He earned First-Team All-American and First-Team Academic All-American honors. He was a two-time Northwest Conference first-team selection

Infielder **Derek Birley** earned Honorable Mention NCAA Div. III All-West Region honors. He tied an NCAA Div. III record with four home runs in one game

2000



In 2002, second baseman **Ryan Dearing** set an NCAA Div. III national record by getting hit by 33 pitches



BASEBALL
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Eleven straight winning seasons ... and counting

Bruins again make postseason play with hard-hitting offense and smooth defense

Making their fifth appearance in the NCAA Division III National Tournament in seven seasons, the George Fox Bruins finished third in the West Regional in Orange, Calif., and ended the year 29-15, their 11th straight winning record. The Bruins reached the playoffs by winning their fifth straight Northwest Conference title with an 18-6 league mark and their eighth in 11 seasons under head coach Pat Bailey. The Bruins were ranked 23rd in the final Division III baseball poll.

As a team, George Fox was second nationally in fielding, with a .970 average and ranked sixth nationally with a .356 batting average, the second highest in team history. The Bruin bats also ranked 10th in home runs per game (0.91), 12th in runs per game (9.0) and slugging percentage (.507), and 21st in doubles per game (2.32).

Rookie shortstop Bo Thunell (Fr., Canyon City, Ore.) stepped in for graduated All-America shortstop David Peterson and was an immediate sensation, leading the NWC in RBI (48), setting a Bruin record for home runs by a freshman (7), and batting .417. He was named Third Team All-America and First Team All-West Region by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Second Team All-Region honors went to pitcher-designated hitter Derrick Jones (Sr., Forest Grove,

Ore.) as a utility player, second baseman C.R. Braniff (Sr., Hills-boro, Ore.), and right fielder Dan Wentzell (Jr., Tualatin, Ore.), while first baseman Bryan Donohue (Jr., Gresham, Ore.) received Third Team All-Region recognition.

Ten Bruins received All-Conference recognition, with Jones being named NWC Player of the Year as well as First Team pitcher and designated hitter after batting .364 and going 6-3 with a 3.21 ERA on the mound. Other First Team Bruins were Braniff, Thunell, Wentzell, and relief pitcher Chris Albrecht (Jr., Woodinville, Ore.). Second Team All-NWC honors went to Donohue, center fielder Drew Johnson (Jr., New Plymouth, Idaho), and catcher Ryan Fobert (So., Dallas, Ore.). Pitcher Brandon Rupp (Sr., Beaverton, Ore.) and third baseman Marc Mason (Sr., Lake Oswego, Ore.) were honorable mention.

Bailey was NWC Coach of the Year for the eighth time in 11 years and fifth year in a row. His career record now stands at 323-147, a .687 winning percentage that ranks in the top 30 among active Division III coaches.

Braniff set a George Fox record and tied the Division III national record for the most hits in a game when he went 7-for-7 at Willamette

on March 26. He also finished fifth all-time in Division III history with 32 career sacrifice bunts.

Wentzell and Rupp were *ESPN The Magazine*/ CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII First Team selections.





2007 **BASEBALL**
COACH
PAT BAILEY

The Dynasty Builder

Pat Bailey, the 2004 National Coach of the Year, keeps it going

Twelfth-year coach Pat Bailey leads one of the most successful baseball programs in the Northwest Conference and NCAA Division III.

The Bruins have posted 11 straight winning seasons under

and he was named conference coach of the year each time. In 2004, he guided the Bruins to the NCAA Division III national championship and was named National Coach of the Year.

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Bailey is a 1974 graduate of Moscow High School in Idaho, where he played football, basketball, and was the baseball team’s MVP. He earned two letters in baseball at North Idaho College in Coeur

Bailey took over the Bruin program immediately after guiding West Linn High School into the Oregon 4A state title game in 1995. At West Linn, his teams advanced to the state playoffs seven times.

Four times Bailey was named Three Rivers

Pat Bailey’s Record at George Fox

Year	W	L	Pct.	Conference finish
1996	25	16	.610	NWC runner-up
1997	29	14	.674	NWC champion
1998	25	13	.658	NWC runner-up
1999	32	8	.800	NWC co-champion
2000	31	10	.756	NWC champion
2001	22	21	.512	NWC 3rd (tie)
2002	27	15	.643	NWC champion
2003	31	13	.783	NWC champion
2004	40	10	.800	NWC co-champion West Regional Champion NCAA Division III National Champion
2005	32	12	.727	NWC co-champion
2006	29	15		NWC champion

Years: 11 Record: 323-147 Percentage: .690

Bailey’s Honors

- 1997 NWC Coach of the Year
- 1999 NWC Co-coach of the Year
- 2000 NWC Coach of the Year
- 2002 NWC Coach of the Year
- 2003 NWC Coach of the Year
- 2004 NWC Co-coach of the Year, NCAA Division III West Region Coach of the Year, NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year
- 2005 NWC Coach of the Year, Greater Portland Area FCA Coach of the Year
- 2006 NWC Coach of the Year



League Coach of the Year while at West Linn, where he served for 10 years as head baseball coach and assistant foot-

ball coach.

Prior to West Linn, Bailey taught and coached at Willamette High School in Eugene, Ore., for three years. He served as a pitching coach at the University of Portland in 1992.

“George Fox really matches up with me personality-wise and philo-

sophically,” says Bailey. “As a coach, I want to make sure every kid is making the most of his God-given talent. I want them to be a class act in the classroom and the community. I want the players to match the school and my personality. I stress to my team that we’re a family. Family members are more important than themselves. If you’re going to be a leader, you must be a servant first.”

Bailey earned his business education degree (’78) and his master of education degree in educational administration (’83) from the University of Oregon.

Bailey and his wife, Susan, live in Newberg, with their son Alex, 23, and daughter Ann, 20.

Bailey, giving him a 323-145 career record (.690) that ranks in the top 30 among active coaches in Div. III. He has more wins and a higher winning percentage than any other coach in Bruin baseball history. Under Bailey, the Bruins are 142-36 (.797) at home. George Fox has won eight NWC championships,

A Winning Philosophy

by Pat Bailey

There are winners and then in a greater sense there are winners. This greater sense of winning is the one that Bruin baseball is devoted to. The essential difference between the two degrees of winning is the development of character. We truly believe that victory cannot be achieved unless there is a mesh of winning character and winning baseball skills. This mesh will produce clutch performances on the

ment to work hard, then there are other activities that he might find enjoyment in doing. This work is part of our game and is essential to winning.

The last part of our philosophy of winning is a loving enthusiasm for the game of baseball. You have got to love the game to be a Bruin baseball player. This love for the game is expressed in an enthusiasm for giving of yourself to the game,

your teammates, and your school. In the long run, the person who receives the most is the player himself.

Bruin baseball is devoted to this winning philosophy – best exemplified not by scores or by records, which are truly commendable in themselves, but by the character and attitude of every player in our program.

“ As coaches we are concerned about the whole person. Goal achievement in all areas of our players' lives is a part of our game. ”

field, in the classroom, and in life.

In order to produce this person who is both a winner as an individual and as a baseball player, we believe that our players must be goal-oriented (spiritual, academic, and athletic). Success in reaching these goals will produce, as a byproduct, the winning character we seek in our athletes. As coaches we will therefore be concerned with the whole person. Goal achievement in all areas of our players' lives is a part of our game.

Another important part of Bruin baseball is that we will not take any shortcuts to be successful. We believe in hard work. This, as much as anything else, will be responsible for the success that we will have. If a player cannot make the commit-





2007 BASEBALL ATHLETIC AFFILIATIONS

Excellence in Academics and Athletics

The Northwest Conference and NCAA Division III experience

National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III

Colleges and universities in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III place their highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. Division III institutions seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student-athlete's athletic activities are conducted as an integral part of the student-athlete's educational experience.

Division III consists of more than 400 institutions, making it the largest division in the NCAA. All

Division III institutions award no athletically related financial aid to any students. Division III sponsors 13 national cham-

pionships in men's sports, 14 in women's, and eight national collegiate championships that are combined with other divisions.

George Fox University has been a member of the NCAA since 1995 when – along with the other institutions in the Northwest Conference – it elected to transfer its membership from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).



The Northwest Conference

The nine colleges and universities in the Northwest Conference are known for their academics and athletics.

The conference is building a reputation as one of the most competitive NCAA Division III alliances in the country. In the academic arena, every Northwest Conference institution has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as a top-tier school in its category.

Formed in 1926, the conference is one of the oldest athletic alliances in the western United States. Its nine members are all private colleges or universities located in Oregon or Washington.

George Fox left the Cascade Collegiate Conference to join the Northwest Conference in 1995, shortly before the Northwest

Conference shifted national affiliation from the NAIA to the NCAA. Leaving behind years of success at the NAIA level, the conference

embraced the move as one that would foster equity, sportsmanship, and genuine concern for the student-athlete in all endeavors of competition.



- George Fox University, Newberg, Ore.*
- Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore.*
- Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.*
- Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore.*
- Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Wash.*
- University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Wash.*
- Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash.*
- Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash.*
- Willamette University, Salem, Ore.*





CURTIS AND MARGARET MORSE COMPLEX

George Fox University soccer, baseball, and softball teams play home games on the Curtis and Margaret Morse Athletic Complex.

Located on the northeast section of the campus, the complex was renovated in 1989 using a major donation from Curtis and Margaret Morse, avid supporters of Bruin athletics. Four generations of the Morse family have attended George Fox.

All three Morse Fields are natural-grass surfaces. The soccer field, home to both the men's and women's soccer teams, has seating for 250 spectators.

The baseball field has seating for 250 spectators. Directly behind home plate is the concession stand and press box. After off-season renovations in 2004-05, the field dimensions now measure 330 feet down the lines, 365 in the left-center power alley, 370 to right-center, and 380 to straightaway center.

The softball field has an all-dirt infield and seating for 100 fans. The outfield fence is 205 feet down the left-field line, 200 down the right-field line, and 200 to straightaway center.

Fund-raising efforts are now under way for a new athletic field complex located on 24 acres of land donated to the university by Newberg business owners Ken and Joan Austin.

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	Newberg, Ore. (20,565)
Mailing address	414 N. Meridian St. Newberg, OR 97132
Founded	1891
Denomination.....	Evangelical Friends (Quaker)
Enrollment	3,185
President	David Brandt
Faculty athletic rep	Dr. Melanie Hulbert
Switchboard phone.....	503-538-8383
Website:	georgefox.edu

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Nickname	Bruins
Colors	Navy Blue and Old Gold
Affiliation	NCAA Division III
Conference	Northwest Conference
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COACHING STAFF

Head coach	Pat Bailey (12th yr)
Alma mater	Univ. of Oregon (B.S. '73, M.Ed '83)
Overall Record	323-147 (.690)
Office phone	503-554-2914
Assistant coaches	Mike Thompson, Marty Hunter Randy Rutschman, Steve Hodges





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, of course, are accompanied by a proper balance between academics and athletics. At George Fox University, 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. Intercollegiate athletics competition provides for practical application of what is learned in the classroom and at practice.



THE UNIVERSITY fields teams in 14 varsity sports, eight for women (golf, volleyball, soccer, cross country, basketball, softball, tennis, and track and field) and six for men (soccer, cross country, basketball, baseball, tennis, and track and field). More than 15 percent of George Fox's traditional undergraduate students participate in these sports. 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 at the same time.

At George Fox, 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
- Graciousness in winning and losing



Consider the growing legacy:

- George Fox has earned district or conference titles 18 times during the last decade.
- George Fox athletes have earned more than 300 All-America and All-America Scholar-Athlete honors.
- Seven of the 12 coaches on staff have been named Coach of the Year at various levels a total of 26 times.
- George Fox coaches have held their positions for an average of 10 years, and together have accumulated more than 1,500 collegiate wins.