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Bruins

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SEASON PREVIEW



No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	B/T	Hometown/High School/College
1	Kassia Brown	OF	Fr.	5-5	L/L	Salem, Ore. / Sprague / -
2	Tia Uyehara	UT	Fr.	5-4	R/R	Walnut Creek, Calif. / Berean Christian / -
3	Amanda Woods	3B	Sr.	5-6	R/R	Pe Ell, Wash. / Pe Ell / -
4	Madison Sorensen	P	So.	5-7	R/R	Woodland, Wash. / Woodland / -
5	Courtney Howard	C	Sr.	5-7	R/R	Hermiston, Ore. / Hermiston / -
6	Rachel LaRont	MI	Fr.	5-3	R/R	Livermore, Calif. / Livermore / -
7	Melissa Charron	P	So.	5-8	R/R	Bonney Lake, Wash. / Bonney Lake / -
8	Rebecca Pridmore	MI	So.	5-2	L/R	Modesto, Calif. / Modesto / -
9	Abbie Bergerson	P	So.	5-8	R/R	Gresham, Ore. / Sam Barlow / -
10	Mallory Barber	3B	Fr.	5-4	R/R	Boise, Idaho / Boise / -
11	Tawny Becker	1B/C	Fr.	5-3	R/R	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin / -
13	Hayley Dolfay	C	Fr.	5-6	R/R	Milwaukie, Ore. / Rex Putnam / -
14	Sara Miller	UT	Fr.	5-8	R/R	Woodland, Calif. / Woodland Christian / -
15	Alex Parker	1B	So.	5-7	L/R	Eugene, Ore. / Churchill / -
16	Annie Veatch	UT	So.	5-5	R/R	Hood River, Ore. / Hood River Valley / -
17	Kimi Ito	OF	Fr.	5-5	L/R	Keizer, Ore. / McNary / -
18	Ashley Bunce	OF	Jr.	5-4	R/R	Simi Valley, Calif. / Grace Brethren / -
19	Kat Hylton	OF	Sr.	5-8	R/R	Inglewood, Calif. / Bishop Montgomery / -
20	Kayla Anderson	MI	Sr.	5-7	R/R	Boise, Idaho / Centennial / -
21	Isabella Cristelli	1B/OF	Fr.	5-11	R/R	Elma, Wash. / Elma / -
24	Alyssa Harris	P	Fr.	5-10	R/R	Ripon, Calif. / Ripon / -
25	Sky Divinagracia	UT	Fr.	5-4	R/R	El Dorado, Calif. / Oak Ridge / -
27	Julia Apodaca	OF	So.	5-4	L/R	Rialto, Calif. / Rialto / -
28	Alyssa Parra	P	So.	5-5	R/R	Santa Clara, Calif. / Wilcox / -
30	Alyssa Gonzalez	C	Fr.	5-4	R/R	Livermore, Calif. / Granada / -

Coaching Staff



Jessica Hollen
Head Coach (2009-)

Jessica Hollen, the 2012 and 2015 Northwest Conference Coach of the Year, is more excited than ever about the direction the George Fox University Bruins are heading as she enters her eighth season at the helm of the school's softball program in 2016. Hollen's rebuilding efforts began to bear fruit in 2012 as the Bruins went 20-22 overall. They went 15-13 in the conference, finishing fourth in the NWC after being picked for sixth and earning a berth in the four-team NWC Tournament, where they were eliminated with losses to No. 1-ranked Linfield and Willamette. It

was the Bruins' first postseason appearance in 18 years. Included in their regular-season highlights were four-game sweeps of Puget Sound and Pacific in conference play, a victory over NAIA national power College of Idaho, and two one-run losses and a win over eventual NCAA Division III national champion Pacific Lutheran. The Bruins' tremendous improvement caught the attention of league coaches, who awarded Hollen with her first NWC Coach of the Year selection. "I was excited to receive the Coach of the Year award; it is always rewarding to be recognized by your peers," said Hollen. "It is a testament to the hard work of my coaching staff as well as the dedication of our players."



John Hollen
Assistant Coach (2009-)



Jennifer Campbell
Assistant Coach, Outfield (2014-)

Season Preview

A record-breaking number of wins. A 31-13 overall record. A 19-9 record in the Northwest Conference. A team batting average of .312 and 30 total home runs. Seven All-NWC selections. Coach of the Year. Two All-West Region Second Team spots. To be sure, the 2015 Bruins were outstanding. Undoubtedly, the 2015 Bruins were the best team in program history, riding a terrifyingly productive offense and a one-two punch – both freshmen – atop the rotation. But just as important is the 4-3 loss in the Northwest Conference Tournament Championship game to ever-present rivals Linfield. Make no mistake: the Bruins have plenty to play for. All eyes are up, forwards, on what's yet to come. "Although we set the wins record," said head coach Jessica Hollen, "we had a lot more we wanted to accomplish. Our team is hungry to make an even bigger impact." Hollen seems to have a point.

The Bruins, by all accounts, should be even better than last year: the astonishingly young team didn't lose a single senior, and the freshmen who contributed in big ways last season – aces Abbie Bergerson and Madison Sorensen, infielders Rebecca Pridmore, Annie Veatch and Alex Parker, and outfielder Julia Apodaca – have more experience. Hollen's team is just as talented, but older, more clever. They know just what to expect. "There is definitely a sense of continuity," said Hollen. "There is a clear understanding that new players only help that happen, so our returners have been very welcoming." Last year, the team's nexus of veterans consisted entirely of juniors: Kayla Anderson, Courtney Howard, Amanda Woods and Kat Hylton. Now seniors, they've seen it all, and the younger players realize this. "As a coach," explained Hollen, "it is easy to recognize how much quicker this group works through things with the help of upperclassmen."

The returners offer more than just experience. The Bruins' lineup is dangerous, loaded with talent and the numbers prove it. Last season Anderson, posted a .388/8/45 line and was a Second-Team All-Region choice. Woods was nearly as prolific, batting .378 with three homers and 28 RBI, and also received an All-Region nod. Howard knocked in 18 and handled an unseasoned pitching staff with poise. Hylton hit .323. Combine that with the youngsters: Veatch, who had a .373 average; Pridmore, who hit .280 and stole 11 bases; and Apodaca, whose average was .350. Hollen's lineup is stacked, and she knows it. "There is a lot to find out with this team! We definitely have a strong core returning, but last year there were different times where all our people stepped up to help us win

Season Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
FEBRUARY		
Sun. 21	La Verne	1 PM / 3 PM
Mon. 22	Whittier	1 PM / 3 PM
Sat. 27	Linfield	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 28	Linfield	11 AM / 12 PM
MARCH		
Sat. 5	Whitworth	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 6	Whitworth	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 12	Pacific Lutheran	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 13	Pacific Lutheran	12 PM / 2 PM
Fri. 18	La Verne / Denison @ Tucson, Ariz.	8 AM / 11 AM
Sat. 19	La Crosse / Eau Claire @ Tucson, Ariz.	8 AM / 10 AM
Mon. 21	Eau Claire / Crown @ Tucson, Ariz.	8 AM / 10 AM
Tue. 22	Carleton @ Tucson, Ariz.	8 AM / 10 AM
Fri. 25	Puget Sound	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 26	Puget Sound	12 PM / 2 PM
APRIL		
Sat. 2	Pacific (Ore.)	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 3	Pacific (Ore.)	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 9	Willamette	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 10	Willamette	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 16	Lewis & Clark	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 17	Lewis & Clark	12 PM / 2 PM

games. I think the same thing is true this year. The real challenge however, is focusing on the things that we can control. That pressure can also be tough because the competition does not let up, so embracing the process is incredibly important." Those things, for Hollen and the Bruins, are the little things. She likes to take it, quite literally, one day at a time. "Our goals are the same every year – get a little better every day," she said. And this year, "the key to success will be healthy competition within our own team, and focusing on the process of getting better." The Bruins getting even better: that is a scary thought for the rest of the NWC.



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