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# BRUINS



# 2017 ROSTER

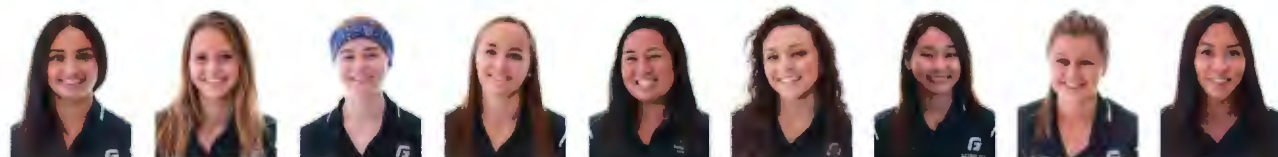
# SEASON PREVIEW



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No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/College
1	Kimi Ito	OF	So.	5-5	Keizer, Ore. / McNary
2	Tia Uyehara	UT	So.	5-4	Walnut Creek, Calif. / Berean Christian
3	Alyssa Gonzalez	C	So.	5-4	Livermore, Calif. / Granada
4	Madison Sorensen	P	Jr.	5-7	Woodland, Wash. / Woodland
5	Alexa Hamaker	P	Fr.	5-8	Beaverton, Ore. / Beaverton
6	Rachel LaRont	MI	So.	5-3	Livermore, Calif. / Livermore
8	Rebecca Pridmore	MI	Jr.	5-2	Modesto, Calif. / Modesto
9	Abbie Bergerson	P	Jr.	5-8	Gresham, Ore. / Sam Barlow
10	Mallory Barber	3B	So.	5-4	Boise, Idaho / Boise
11	Tawny Becker	1B/C	So.	5-3	Kennewick, Wash. / Kamiakin
12	Sara Miller	UT	So.	5-8	Woodland, Calif. / Woodland Christian
13	Aaliyah Kautz	UT	Fr.	5-6	Lacey, Wash. / North Thurston
14	Madelynn Vallejo	MI	Fr.	5-5	Hood River, Ore. / Hood River Valley
15	Alex Parker	1B	Jr.	5-7	Eugene, Ore. / Churchill
16	Annie Veatch	UT	Jr.	5-5	Hood River, Ore. / Hood River Valley
17	Allison Meyer	OF	Fr.	5-4	Minden, Nev. / Douglas
18	Ashley Bunce	OF	Sr.	5-4	Simi Valley, Calif. / Grace Brethren
19	Savannah Vargas	MI/3B	Fr.	5-3	Gustine, Calif. / Gustine
20	Alyssa Parra	P	Jr.	5-5	Santa Clara, Calif. / Wilcox
21	Roni Braun	OF	Fr.	5-9	Centralia, Wash. / WF West High
23	Kyra Thomas	C	Fr.	5-2	Helendale, Calif. / Academy of Careers & Exploration
24	Alyssa Harris	P	So.	5-10	Ripon, Calif. / Ripon
25	Sky Divinagracia	UT	So.	5-4	El Dorado, Calif. / Oak Ridge
27	Julia Apodaca	OF	Jr.	5-4	Rialto, Calif. / Rialto
28	Brooke Yasuda	OF	Fr.	5-3	Mililani, Hawai'i / Mililani
29	Alexis Westbrooks	MI	Fr.	5-5	Myrtle Creek, Ore. / South Umpqua
30	Tristan Cozo	OF	Fr.	5-3	Mililani, Hawai'i / Mililani

## 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 ninth season at the helm of the school's softball program in 2017. Last season, the Bruins made their first-ever NCAA Division III Softball Tournament appearance in the West Regional. The Bruins continued their road of firsts with a win over No. 1 seed Claremont Mudd-Scripps, 5-2, in the first round.

The Bruins posted an overall record of 31-

16, which tied the 2015 squad for most wins in program history. As the No. 2 seed, the Bruins managed a way to get back to the Championship game after falling in game one of the conference. The Bruins collected six All-NWC accolades.

In her eight seasons, Jessica Hollen has an overall record of 154-176 (.467). Hollen is married to John Hollen, a former baseball player at Corban University, who serves as one of her assistant coaches. During her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing and camping. The Hollens are members of the Newberg Christian Church, and have two daughters: Riley May, age 4, and Kinley Grace, age 3.



**John Hollen**  
Assistant Coach (2009-)



**Jennifer Campbell**  
Assistant Coach, Outfield (2014-)



**Kayla Anderson**  
Assistant Coach (2017-)



**Nathan Ohta**  
Assistant Coach (2017-)

## Season Preview

After recording its second consecutive 31-win season, the George Fox softball team is excited to kick off the 2017 campaign.

The spring of 2016 was one to remember for the program, as the team not only recorded 31 wins but was also selected as an at-large bid to compete in the NCAA Division III Softball Tournament for the first time in school history. The historic year came to a close with a 31-16 record. The Bruins received six All-Northwest Conference selections and won their first-ever postseason game. But while the growth and success of the program over the past handful of years has been impressive, head coach Jessica Hollen knows that previous success won't define how her team performs in 2017.

"We're new again. Every year is a new opportunity," she says. This new season will begin without the band of four Bruins that meant so much to the program during their careers as student-athletes. Kayla Anderson, Courtney Howard, Amanda Woods and Kat Hylton, however, were much more to the program than just wins and losses. Their impact on team culture influenced a program that saw significant growth and success during their playing days. "They were able to help us create a culture and create standards that our girls who played with them are fully embracing," Hollen said about her graduated stars.

"We have to find a balance between being able to play loose and aggressively, and being able to expect great things from ourselves and not letting that keep us from reaching our ceiling."

In order to find their ceiling, the Bruins will lean on new captains Abbie Bergerson, Madison Sorensen, Rebecca Pridmore and Annie Veatch. The four juniors have been a big part of on-field production during the current run of success. Bergerson and Sorensen have been the two-headed pitching monster for the Bruins, combining to throw 154 innings in 2016. The two accounted for 27 of the team's 31 wins and again will be leaned on to carry the bulk of the pitching load.

Pridmore and Veatch will be the leaders on the field. Pridmore, the Bruins' returner at second base, hit .263 with 14 RBIs last season. Veatch, who hit .291 in '16, led the NWC with 10 home runs to go along with 25 RBIs. With all the talk of losing experience and heightened expectations, the Bruins aren't deterred. Hollen felt that her team's

## Season Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Fri. 3	at La Verne	1 PM / 3 PM
Sat. 4	at Occidental	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Mon. 6	at Redlands	12 PM / 2 PM
Fri. 17	at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	1 PM / 3 PM
Sun. 19	at Chapman	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Mon. 20	at California Lutheran	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 25	at Linfield *	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Sun. 26	at Linfield *	12 PM / 2:15 PM
<b>MARCH</b>		
Sat. 4	Whitworth *	12 PM / 2:30 PM
Sun. 5	Whitworth *	12 PM / 2:30 PM
Sat. 11	at Pacific Lutheran *	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 12	at Pacific Lutheran *	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 18	Puget Sound *	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Sun. 19	Puget Sound *	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Sat. 25	at Lewis & Clark *	12 PM / 2 PM
<b>APRIL</b>		
Sat. 1	Pacific (Ore.) *	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Sun. 2	Pacific (Ore.) *	12 PM / 2:15 PM
Sat. 8	at Willamette *	12 PM / 2 PM
Sun. 9	at Willamette *	12 PM / 2 PM
Sat. 15	Lewis & Clark *	12 PM / 2 PM
Fri. 21	vs. TBA (Hosted by Regular Season Champion)	TBA

performance during fall practice was "the most steady improvement I've seen since we've been here."

"If we are growing every day, that is success," she said. "If we are growing as a program, as individuals and together, then we will be successful."

