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1988-89 LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL: THE OUTLOOK

A year ago January, the George Fox College women's basketball team was 2-8, and it looked as though the Lady Bruins were en route to one of the worst seasons of women's basketball in the college's history.

The next month, the Lady Bruin's were 20-9, and had just completed the most successful season in George Fox women's history.

It is that momentum of winning seventeen of their last eighteen games in 1988 that coach Craig Taylor hopes to continue in the 1988-89 campaign that starts Tuesday, (Nov. 15). Lady Bruins will host St. Martin's College of Olympia, at 7:30 p.m.

Taylor will have the help of eight returners from last year's squad -- a team that finished third in the NAIA District 2 standings, GFC's highest finish ever.

Leading the returners is Newberg senior Tammy Lewis, who has been a powerhouse at center in the district for the past two years, and is again expected to be the inside force for the Lady Bruins. Lewis has been the leading scorer and rebounder for GFC the last two years and earned a spot on the all-league team her sophomore year, while garnering an honorable mention last year. Lewis led last year's squad in field goal percentage (.482), rebounding (10 per game), and scoring (14.6 points per game). Taylor says Lewis should break the George Fox College career rebounding record two-thirds of the way into the season and needs only two hundred rebounds to claim the new record.

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Lewis, however, is struggling with a congenital back problem that flared up during the summer, and at times limits her practice. "It's a day to day thing," said Taylor.

Taylor also will rely on Aberdeen, Wash., senior forward Gina Bridges, who transferred from Grays Harbor Community College in 1987 to play for the Lady Bruins. As a starter last year, Bridges averaged 5.7 rebounds and 6.7 points per game. "We are looking for her to score more this year," said Taylor. Bridges also is the captain of this year's squad.

Newberg resident Staci Chandler, another senior who has been playing four years for George Fox, will be "pushing people for a starting spot," said Taylor. As a small or power forward, Chandler averaged 3.4 rebounds and equal points per game one year ago, and is looking forward to "a good year, barring any injury," said Taylor.

Newberg sophomore Linda Funderhide, who started at point guard as a freshman last year, also will return at the helm of the Bruin offense. She should break the career assist record at George Fox at the end of this year. Last season, Funderhide scored six points per game, but more important finished second in the district in assists, with five per game.

"You very seldom find a player in their sophomore year who does as well as she did," said Taylor. "You find very few players who can practice at game intensity all the time, but Linda does."

Another sophomore who saw considerable playing time, Heather Gurney (from Lake Oswego), will be playing the guard position for the first time in her career as she takes over the position opened when senior Jennifer Bearse of Winlock, Wash., went down in practice with a knee injury. She will not return to action until January.

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According to Taylor, the success of the team will depend partially on Bearse's recovery and when she will be able to play again. Bearse, who averaged five points per game one year ago, is relied on for her quickness, and her "real strength is her defense," said Taylor.

Missy Eubanks, a sophomore from Lexington, who played off the bench last year, will be red-shirting this season because of a knee injury she sustained toward the end of last season.

Taylor will turn to two talented freshman for added depth in his squad: Tracy Nelson, a 5-11 forward from Glennallen, Alaska, and Karen Wright, a small forward from last year's highly-acclaimed Oregon City team that was rated first in national rankings.

Wright, who was first off the bench on Oregon City's squad, is a "very strong rebounder, and aggressive inside player," said Taylor.

Nelson is as "fundamentally sound a player as I've coached in eight years," said Taylor. "She does everything properly.

"She is very quick for her size, and is a good rebounder," he added. "She is going to be an impact player at George Fox the next four years."

Taylor believes the biggest weakness of this year's squad is depth. "Some positions aren't very deep," he said. "We are going to have to be intelligent about not getting into foul trouble.

"Our season will depend on how well our key freshmen respond," said Taylor, "specifically, Tracy -- she has to be very tough...and maintain intensity."

Taylor sees quickness as GFC's strength. "We will be a better transition team, and better defensive team because of our quickness," he said. "That's with making the assumption that Jennifer will be here in January."

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Taylor hopes to "try to run more, be more up-tempo, and take advantage of our quickness," he said. "We are going to emphasize rebounding and outletting to do that."

"Our approach isn't going to be that different," said Taylor. "We are going to use the same system and try to put the ball up the floor quicker."

George Fox will be contesting with Western Oregon, Warner Pacific, and Concordia for this year's district title, Taylor believes. Warner Pacific, which last year had its district title stripped away because of use of an ineligible player, has had two players from Portland State and one from the University of Portland transfer, and looks to be the team to beat in the league, according to Taylor.

The Lady Bruins face NCAA Division 3 Lewis and Clark in Portland on December 3, and their first district home game is Dec. 9 when they host Willamette at 7:30 p.m.



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LADY BRUINS WIN SEASON BASKETBALL OPENER, 68-46

If the rest of the season goes as well as the first game for George Fox College's women's basketball team, then the future's bright for the 1988-89 Lady Bruins.

The Newberg squad easily handled visiting St. Martins, 68-46, in the season opener for GFC Tuesday night (Nov. 15) in Miller Gymnasium.

Now that he's seen his squad tested in counting action, Coach Craig Taylor waits another two weeks before the schedule continues. And, if you missed the opener, you won't be able to see the Lady Bruins in action at home again for another month, Jan. 4 when Linfield visits.

"I was happy for two reasons," Taylor said after the victory. "It's still early and it was a good chance to see where we still need to work on things, and we played fairly well."

In their premier the Lady Bruins never trailed, posting a 19-8 lead seven minutes into the game when the Lady Saints took a time out to regroup. It had little effect.

Eight minutes and another time out later the visitors were down by 15 (33-18). That wide margin was spurred by senior forward Gina Bridges, Aberdeen, Wash., who, in less than two minutes scored three times on a four-footer from the right baseline, a 15-footer from the right, then another from the same location.

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The first half scoring came in streaks, Bridges was followed by sophomore forward Ann Marie Owsley of Boise, Idaho, who hit consecutively from the right side, then by three straight appearances at the free-throw line (for 5 points) by sophomore guard Linda Funderhide, Newberg.

It left the Lady Bruins with a 38-28 halftime lead.

The second half belonged to the Newberg team, which allowed the score to narrow to 40-33 with 15:51 to go. That's when the Lady Bruins really turned on the defense and the visitors did not score another field goal for more than 10 minutes.

The Saints could connect on just three charity tosses. Meantime, George Fox tossed in 23 points to go up by 27, 63-36. In all, the Saints were limited to just four second-half field goals, hitting only 28 percent of their shots for the night.

Taylor's team hit at a 48 percent pace with 6 of 8 shooting by Funderhide, who finished with 18 points, and 8 of 12 by Owsley, who totaled 16.

"I was really happy with the shooting by Owsley," Taylor said. "And Funderhide really played well." She had five assists and four steals. Sophomore guard Heather Gurney also had four steals and was the game leader with seven assists.

Newberg senior center Tammy Lewis was the game's top rebounder with 11.

But rebounding is a concern for Taylor, whose team was outboarded 40-36. "We should have outrebounded them by 20," Taylor said. "Our team goal this year is to get 58 percent."

At the half the Lady Bruins were behind 24-16 on the boards. Taylor had a talk with his team: better defense on the low post and "take away the offensive boards." In the second half GFC outgrabbed St. Martin's 20-16.

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Taylor also said the first-look showed he needs to develop more patience offensively for his team. On the other hand, he praised the team's transition game.

George Fox women revive their season Saturday, Dec. 3 with a 7:30 p.m. game at Lewis & Clark.



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LADY BRUINS WIN SEASON HOME OPENER, DEFEATING PACIFIC 72-59

George Fox College women's basketball coach Craig Taylor has been heard to say he wants his squad to "stay out of neutral."

In Wednesday's (Nov. 29) home opener the Lady Bruins followed their coach and put it into high gear, handing visiting Pacific University a 72-59 defeat.

George Fox revved up on the defensive end and had four consecutive steals, not allowing the Lady Boxers to get off a shot until 1:42 into the game. Pacific didn't get its first field goal until 2:23. "We set the tempo with defense," Taylor said later.

Sophomore center Tracy Nelson got the Lady Bruins out of the blocks with three field goals in the opening two minutes. When she was given two quick fouls, Taylor inserted freshman Cathy Bartell. Bartell, a 5-10 forward from Salem, scored her team's next eight points as the two squads traded two-point leads.

At the 9:11 mark junior forward Heather Gurney hit a three-pointer to give GFC the lead for good. Junior guard Jennifer Childress then connected on three consecutive 10-foot jumpers to give the Lady Bruins a nine-point margin. By halftime George Fox was on top 42-31.

George Fox's offense was slow to restart in the second half. Taylor's team was outscored 10-5 in the first seven minutes as the Lady Boxers cut their deficit to six. Then George Fox got back into gear with junior forward Missy Eubanks, back from major knee surgery, hitting two straight shots from the left side on her way to team-high honors with 15 points, matched by Bartells.

George Fox's defense didn't allow the visitors another field goal for the next eight minutes as the Lady Bruins went up by 12, 56-44 with 7:50 to go. Pacific came

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no closer than nine the rest of the game. The final score was GFC's largest lead.

Taylor praised both Gurney and Bartell. Gurney was three for three in field goals and two of two at the line as she produced 13 points. Bartell was the spark from the bench with a game-high 12 rebounds along with her 15 points.

Taylor noted that the inside defense by GFC was not strong and that Pacific's 6-0 freshman center Amy Johnson benefited. She came up with a game-high 23 points. "We have to keep other team's offense out of sync -- if they get inside, we're in trouble," Taylor said.

Taylor said the win, which puts the Lady Bruins at 1-1, give the squad momentum going into weekend (Dec. 1-2) tournament games at Linfield where GFC meets Lewis & Clark in the opening game. Also competing is Oregon Tech.



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LADY BRUINS LOSE FIRST CONTEST TO START CHRISTMAS BREAK 4-1

George Fox College's perfect season in women's basketball ended Saturday night (Dec. 10) in Forest Grove. The Lady Bruins were edged 73-70 by Pacific University.

Earlier in the week, George Fox overwhelmed Western Baptist 73-50 and setback Willamette 74-56 to run its perfect string to 4.

On Saturday GFC's fate was partially determined on a controversial foul call late in the game. Sophomore guard Heather Gurney (Lake Oswego), GFC's leading scorer, was called for a foul, although Bruin coach Craig Taylor said she was 20 feet away from where the foul occurred. The referee could not be persuaded that he had mixed up his numbers and that the wrong person was being penalized. Gurney was out with five fouls.

Taylor said that had Gurney been in the contest in the final minutes, George Fox would have "had a better chance against their press." As it was, Pacific led 71-70 and hit a shot with five seconds left to claim the win.

"It was a disappointing loss," Taylor said. "It was the worst and the best of the season."

"We haven't really been ready to play when the game starts," he said. "We need the intensity level high enough when we start."

"You don't win basketball games at the college level by playing 20 out of 40 minutes," Taylor observed. "Hopefully, that's a lesson we've learned," he said.

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Taylor called the opening half the Lady Bruins' worst of the season. GFC was down 48-37 at the break. After a strong half-time talk, the Lady Bruins took charge in the second half. In the first 12 minutes they outscored Pacific 37-8 and were up by 12 with 8 minutes left.

Despite her shortened game, Gurney led GFC with 14 points. Forward Anne Marie Owsley, Boise sophomore, added 12 and pulled down 7 rebounds. Newberg residents Linda Funderhide, a sophomore guard, and Stacie Chandler, a senior forward, each added 10. Funderhide led GFC with seven assists and Chandler led the team in rebounds with nine.

Friday night (Dec. 9) at home George Fox led Willamette from buzzer to buzzer. Jumping out to a quick 8-2 lead, the Lady Bruins increased their margin to as many as 10, on top at the half 38-30.

In the second half the Lady Bruins outscored the Bearcats 21-7 in the opening 10 minutes and the Bearcats could get no closer than the final score.

Gurney who had 15 points at the half, again led all scorers, with 17 points. She also led the Lady Bruins in assists with seven and pulled down eight rebounds.

Funderhide added 12 points and dished off seven assists. Senior forward Gina Bridges scored 10 points and had nine rebounds. Newberg senior center Tammy Lewis led all rebounders with 12.

At Western Baptist on Tuesday (Dec. 6) there "wasn't any doubt from the start of the game," as to the outcome, according to Taylor. "Western Baptist is still in the process of building and being competitive," he said.

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George Fox jumped out to a 13-0 lead and was never threatened in the game. The Lady Bruins led the Warriors by 14 points at the half.

Gurney tossed in 14 points. Chandler added a career-high 14, and Funderhide added 13. Funderhide also set a new GFC single-game record with 11 assists, her personal record. She also had six steals. Bridges hauled down 13 rebounds.

The Lady Bruins now have three weeks off before resuming court action on January 4 when they host Linfield. Taylor is hoping the extended break will allow time for more healing of Lewis' back problem and the knee injury of senior guard Jennifer Bearse.

"I'm hoping a couple of weeks off will help," Taylor said. "She (Tammy) makes a big difference in our defense, and our offense, too." For Bearse, Taylor hopes she may return by mid-January.



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LADY BRUINS WIN IN ROW FOR 8-3 SEASON

After suffering two consecutive blowouts and shooting ice cold from the field a week ago, the Lady Bruin basketball team reversed their fortune this week, winning three straight games.

Tuesday (Jan. 10) George Fox smashed Pomona-Pitzer of Claremont, Calif., defeating the Sagehens 65-45. Friday (Jan. 13) the Lady Bruins defeated Oregon Institute of Technology 58-42, and returned the next night (Saturday, Jan. 14) to beat Southern Oregon 64-41.

"I'm very happy with our week," said Lady Bruin coach Craig Taylor.

"We are shooting the ball better, and that puts us in a position to win," he said. "I'm much happier with our shooting percentage."

One week earlier, the Lady Bruins managed to shoot just 25 percent from the field. But in the last three games, George Fox improved to 48 percent against Pomona and Oregon Tech, and 39 percent against Southern Oregon.

"We're not doing anything different," said Taylor. "We are getting better shot selections, and are getting a few more shots out of the break."

With Pomona, a NCAA Division 3 team, the Lady Bruins used a balance scoring attack and led by 18 at the half. The end of the half was highlighted by a rare five-point play by Newberg sophomore guard Linda Funderhide. With four seconds left in the half, she hit a three-point shot from the top of the key, and was fouled. She converted both ends of a one-and-one and increased the lead to 40-22 at the break.

The Lady Bruins continued their romp, holding the Sagehens scoreless for the

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first six minutes of the second half, until Lara Boyd of Pomona hit two free throws after a technical foul on GFC for improper substitution. By that time, George Fox led by 26 points and the closest Pomona got was in the final score, 65-45.

Lake Oswego freshman guard Heather Gurney was the only player in double figures for the Lady Bruins, shooting 9-16 from the field for 18 points. Newberg senior center Tammy Lewis pulled down 12 rebounds, and Funderhide had 8 assists.

"I was expecting a better ball game," said Taylor.

Against OIT, the Lady Bruins held their opponents to just 25 percent shooting from the field, while nearly doubling that themselves.

George Fox again jumped out to a huge lead, outscoring the Owls 20-6 in the first 10 minutes of the game. GFC scoring dropped off at that point, and although the Lady Bruins could muster only eight points the rest of the half, they still led 28-20 at the break.

OIT picked up only two points in the first six minutes of the second half, but the Lady Bruins also scored just six. The Owls then made a run at the Lady Bruins, outscoring them 8-0 in two minutes, and were in striking distance at 34-30. After two OIT free throws, George Fox scored 10 straight, and regained a comfortable 15 point lead. In the last ten minutes of the game, George Fox outscored OIT 20-10, and took the win at 58-42.

Gurney again led the scoring attack with 14 points (6-11, 2-2). Lewis added 10 points (5-12) and also led her team with 13 rebounds. Aberdeen, Wash., senior forward Gina Bridges tossed in 12 points (6-9) and Funderhide added the same number, along with seven assists. The Lady Bruins were able to hold Oregon Tech's leading scorer, Lisa Moratto, averaging 20.5 points per game, to only 1-14 from the field, and 2 points for the game.

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GFC had more of a struggle in the opening minutes against Southern Oregon, and fell behind 10-6 in the first 8 minutes of the game. Taylor substituted Newberg senior forward Stacie Chandler off the bench, and she scored six straight points (two free throws and on two drives from the left) to regain the Bruin lead for good. Sophomore forward Ann Marie Owsley, Boise, Idaho, scored 10 of her 14 points in the final 10 minutes of the half, and led the Lady Bruins into the locker room with a 29-17 advantage.

George Fox continued its assault on the Raiders in the final half, and led by 17 with 8 minutes left. Southern Oregon scored just 12 points in the final 10 minutes of the game, while the Lady Bruins, playing their reserves, scored 23 points, leading to the final 61-41 margin.

Gurney again led the scoring with 14 points (6-13 and 2-2) and Owsley also added 14, all in the first half (4-8, 6-6). Chandler had an impressive night, leading the squad in rebounds with 16, and scoring 13 points (3-7 and 7-10). Lewis pulled down 14 rebounds and Funderhide had 5 assists.

"I was happy with Linda's play," said Taylor. "She's passing the ball well and breaking the opponents press."

"Stacie gave us a big boost off the bench, and Tammy is coming around," Taylor added. Lewis has been suffering from a back problem, and is "learning to adjust to what she can do. She's playing games and resting in between," he said.

George Fox is 8-3 overall and 5-3 in the district.

This week the Lady Bruins were to host Western Baptist on Tuesday (Jan. 17). They travel to Eastern Oregon and Northwest Nazarene on Friday (Jan. 20) and Saturday (Jan. 21). Taylor, in his eight years of coaching at George Fox, has yet to win in LaGrande or Nampa, Idaho.



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LADY BRUINS AT 9-6 AFTER FALL TO WESTERN OREGON

Lady Bruin basketball coach Craig Taylor may be hoping the rules of basketball will soon change to include only one half--the second.

In seven of nine games this season when the George Fox College women were close or ahead at half time they have won. "We are a second half team," said Taylor.

If George Fox excels in the second half, then the first half is, indeed, their downfall. Like they have for many games this season, the Lady Bruins failed to show up for the first twenty minutes against Western Oregon on Friday (Jan. 27), and fell to the Wolves, 78-65.

After scoring the first basket of the game, George Fox failed to make a point for the next ten minutes, while allowing the Wolves 18. The Lady Bruins were in a 25-point hole by halftime, 47-22.

The real George Fox squad showed up for the final 20 minutes, and outscored Western Oregon by 12 (43-31) for the half. However, it's the whole game, and not the second half that wins ball games. "We need to be more aware of the fact that we are a second half team," said Taylor. "We need to put ourselves in the position to win in the first half.

"I doesn't matter who you are, you can't come from behind at Western Oregon and win," said Taylor.

Newberg sophomore guard Linda Funderhide led Bruin scoring with 15, 4-17 from the field and 5-5 from the line. Sophomore guard Heather Gurney, Lake Oswego added 11, and Newberg seniors Tammy Lewis and Stacie Chandler had 10 and 13 points,

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respectively. Lewis, the GFC center, led in rebounds with nine, and Funderhide and freshman Karen Wright each had three assists. The Lady Bruins shot a cool 33 percent for the field, 19-58, and 72 percent from the line, 21-29.

Taylor is experimenting with his line-up, and gave a starting spot to Chandler for the first time this season. "We're changing things to see what combinations work best," said Taylor.

The Bruins, 9-6 overall, 6-6 in the league, host Pacific University Wednesday (Feb. 1), and travel to meet league members Warner Pacific and Concordia this weekend (Feb. 3 and Feb. 4). A month ago, the Lady Bruins lost to both Concordia and Warner Pacific, shooting only 25 percent from the field in both games.

Taylor hopes his changes will influence the outcome this time around. "We are starting a bigger line up, and have match up play with more man to man defense," he said.

"We need to play two halves," said Taylor. They are both good teams, and we are going to have to play awfully well to beat them."

Game time Wednesday is 7:30 p.m.. Game times for Warner and Concordia are 5:15 and 5:30 p.m., respectively.



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LADY BRUINS CONTINUE NINE YEAR "JINX" ON EASTERN ROAD TRIP

In Craig Taylor's eight years of coaching at George Fox, his womens' basketball teams had not won a game in LaGrande or Nampa.

Make that nine years.

The Lady Bruins dropped two games this weekend, at Eastern Oregon on Friday (Jan. 20), 64-57, and at Northwest Nazarene on Saturday (Jan. 21), 76-66. Earlier in the week, (Jan. 17) the Lady Bruins defeated Western Baptist 62-45.

In LaGrande, George Fox "played pretty well in all but six or seven possessions," said Taylor. Those few possessions proved to be the nemesis for the squad. The Lady Bruins were down by just four in the first half, but turned the ball over two times in the final minute of the half, and fell into a seven-point deficit.

Again in the second half, George Fox was down by a point with one minute left in regulation. However, the Lady Bruins could not score on their last three possessions, and the Mounties slipped by with the win.

Eastern Oregon played behind the strength of Kathy McConnell, the second highest scorer in NAIA District 2, and Robin Hedberg, the fifth highest. McConnell had 25 and Hedberg had 16 points. "They are a two-person team," said Taylor.

Lake Oswego sophomore guard Heather Gurney led Lady Bruin scoring with 12 points. Boise sophomore forward Ann Marie Owsley added 10 points, and Newberg senior center Tammy Lewis had 10 points and 16 rebounds. Newberg sophomore guard Linda Funderhide had six assists.

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The following night, George Fox fell behind early and could not "get any momentum going," said Taylor. The Lady Bruins committed the first eight fouls of the half, and Northwest Nazarene was shooting the bonus after just three minutes of play. In addition, GFC's top three post players -- Lewis, Newberg senior forward Stacie Chandler, and Aberdeen, Wash., senior forward Gina Bridges -- sat out most of the first half in foul trouble.

Officials whistled 20 fouls in the first half, but "officials don't lose games, players do," said Taylor.

The Lady Bruins were down by four with two minutes left in the game, and had to foul to get the ball back. The Crusaders were able to capitalize on the free throw win, and extended the score to a comfortable ten-point victory.

"The game wasn't as bad as the final score," said Taylor. "It really wasn't a ten-point game."

"We played with good intensity at the end," he said. "I am happy with the overall intensity."

Chandler led Bruin scoring with 16 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Funderhide added 12 points and 6 assists.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Bruins crushed a young Western Baptist squad, 62-45.

After the Warriors jumped out to a 4-2 lead, they never regained an advantage over George Fox. The Lady Bruins outscored the Warriors 21-10 in the next 10 minutes, and then Taylor played his reserves for the rest of the half.

Freshman guard Jenny Davis of Soldotna, Alaska, grabbed her chance in the limelight by scoring eight points in the final seven minutes of the half, all on fast break layins. George Fox went into the half up by 20.

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The Lady Bruins continued to dominate the second half, and were ahead by 24 with 10 minutes left, 50-26.

Again, Taylor sent in the reserves, who allowed just 19 more points for a final 62-45 margin.

"We used more players than on a normal night," said Taylor. "We got to rest the starters and the new players got more time."

"The younger players are getting more confident about themselves," he said. "It was a good chance to try new things."

Winlock, Wash. senior guard Jennifer Bearse led a balanced scoring attack (all but two Bruins scored), with 12 points. Davis added ten, and Chandler pulled down nine rebounds.

The Lady Bruins, 9-5 overall and 6-5 in the district, have only one game this week, in Monmouth against Western Oregon State on Friday (Jan. 27). Game time is 5:15 p.m.



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LADY BRUINS END SKID WITH WIN OVER SOUTHERN OREGON

George Fox College's women's basketball team broke a seven-game losing streak Saturday night (Feb. 11), defeating Southern Oregon State College 76-55 in Ashland.

Their losing skid, which ran all the way back to Jan. 20, included two other losses last week. Linfield edged the Lady Bruins 69-68 Feb. 7, on a last-second free throw. On Friday (Feb. 10), Oregon Institute of Technology beat the Lady Bruins 71-65 in Klamath Falls.

The Southern Oregon game featured a balanced scoring effort by GFC, which had all five starters in double figures. Sophomore guard Heather Gurney of Lake Oswego led the scoring attack with 17 points. Senior forward Gina Bridges (Aberdeen, Wash.) added 14 points. Newberg natives Stacie Chandler, a senior forward, had 12 points, and Linda Funderhide, a sophomore guard, and Tammy Lewis, a senior center, had 10 points each. Bridges pulled down 11 rebounds, and Chandler and Lewis had eight each.

Lewis is now closing in on GFC's career rebounding record, and should surpass the mark sometime this week. She needs 26 to eclipse Melody Groeneveld-McMaster's career record of 1,067.

At the half, George Fox was down by 33-32, and with seven minutes to go, it was a four-point game.

"Southern Oregon is a one-woman team," said Bruin coach Craig Taylor. Their top player, Sandy Ward, scored 24 points before fouling out with eleven minutes left.

Friday's game against OIT was a "classic case of basketball in Klamath Falls,"

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said Taylor. The Lady Bruins had six more field goals than OIT, out-rebounded them by seven, had nine turnovers to the owl's 13, and had more steals, assists, and recoveries.

"The game was decided at the line, and we didn't get there," said Taylor. OIT went to the charity stripe 30 times to 13 for the Lady Bruins. In the second half, OIT shot 20 free throws, to only three by George Fox, and they converted on 23-30 from the line for the night.

"We played well," said Taylor. "It was a good game."

Bridges led scoring with 13 points. Freshman Tracy Nelson of Glenallen, Alaska, added eleven, and Lewis had 10 points. Lewis pulled down 13 rebounds to the lead the squad.

George Fox's earlier match-up against Yamhill rival Linfield was decided on two last-second free throws by the Wildcat's Kathy Malcolm.

The two teams were in a deadlock with ten seconds to go, and Linfield had the ball. Chandler intercepted a pass and was fouled. She made one free throw, but missed the second, and Linfield rebounded.

After making two passes, Linfield's Malcolm put up a shot at the free throw line and was fouled. She converted on two free throws with one second left as the Wildcats won.

Taylor played just six players the entire game: Chandler, Lewis, Funderhide, Bridges, Gurney, and senior Jennifer Bearse.

"Linfield is a tough place to play," said Taylor. "We were better served by playing only six people."

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Chandler led Bruin scoring with a career high 21 points. Bridges added 15 points, and both had nine rebounds.

George Fox, now 10-10, 7-10 in the district, begins a five- game home stand this week, hosting Lewis and Clark at 7:30 Wednesday (Feb. 15). This weekend, the Lady Bruins host Northwest Nazarene on Friday (Feb. 17) and Eastern Oregon State on Saturday (Feb. 18). Both games begin at 5:15. Saturday night's game precedes the mens' homecoming game.



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LADY BRUINS LOSE TWO OF THREE; IN MUST-WIN SITUATION FOR PLAYOFFS

Inconsistent play and poor shooting thwarted the George Fox College women's basketball team's attempt to climb in NAIA District 2 standings this week.

The Lady Bruins, now lodged in ninth place in the district, need to move to eighth to play in the post-season playoffs.

George Fox fell short in two district games this weekend at home: to Northwest Nazarene 72-61 Friday (Feb. 17) and to Eastern Oregon 70-53 Saturday as part of homecoming activities. Earlier the Lady Bruins defeated Lewis & Clark, also in Newberg.

The game with Northwest Nazarene was highlighted by Newberg senior Tammy Lewis' 11 rebounds, which broke the George Fox career rebounding record of 1,067 set by Melody Groeneveld-McMaster, who played during the 1981-85 seasons.

Both weekend games had the Lady Bruins playing in erratic spurts, often going on successful scoring drives, but followed by several minutes without a single point.

"These games could have been won if we would have had a consistent effort," said GFC coach Craig Taylor. "We need to be more consistent."

"Good ball teams are consistent," Taylor said. "We're just up and down."

With the Lady Crusaders, George Fox stayed within striking distance most of the first half, but with seven minutes to the break, and the visitors on top 22-16, George Fox struggled on defense. In the next two minutes the Lady Bruins had five fouls,

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including a technical foul and a controversial intentional foul, and NNC took a commanding 31-17 lead. George Fox got back to within 10, 37-27, at the half.

George Fox started the second half by outscoring the Crusaders 12-6 and eight minutes into the half the Lady Bruins were within three points of tying. But the Newberg team shut down and NNC outscored it 14 to 5 in the next six minutes.

George Fox put together another scoring splurge and got within five, but that was the closest as the Crusaders went on to win.

In addition to the 11 rebounds, Lewis was the GFC's leading scorer with 13. Senior guard Jennifer Bearse, Winlock Wash., was the only other Lady Bruin in double figures, with 10. George Fox shot 34 percent from the field and 65 percent at the line which was "basically the difference," Taylor said.

The next night with Eastern Oregon, the Lady Bruins looked impressive in the opening minutes. GFC opened a 12-point lead 10 minutes into the game. But Taylor's squad again went cold and was outpointed 19-4 in the next seven minutes. The Lady Bruins recaptured their lead and went to the locker room at the break with a 30-29 edge.

The game remained close with the teams deadlocked at 41 about five minutes into the second half. The Lady Mountaineers then scored the next 13 points and increased their lead to 14 points (63-49) with five minutes left in the game.

George Fox got to within 10 with three minutes to go, but after Newberg guard Linda Funderhide's free throw with 3:02 left, the Lady Bruins did not score the rest of the game.

"We started off by dictating the tempo of the game," Taylor noted. "Our defense and rebounding were good in the first half."

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"We responded well to (Kathy)McConnell and (Robyn) Hedberg, but in the second half they did what they wanted to do," he said. McConnell ended with 22 points and Hedberg with 24 to lead all players. "The players are working hard and the effort is there," Taylor said. "I don't have any answer for our inconsistency, but it's not a lack of effort."

With Lewis & Clark the Lady Bruins led the entire game, jumping to a quick 10-2 advantage early in the half. The Lady Pioneers climbed back into the game, though, with the squads knotted at 19 with 8 minutes left. After regaining a 25-23 lead with 3 minutes before the break, George Fox then scored the final 12 points and rolled up a 37-23 lead.

Lewis & Clark never again regained momentum as George Fox increased its margin to 18 with 10 minutes left in the game. Taylor started bringing in his bench players and they held their own for the final 14-point victory.

Newberg senior center Stacie Chandler, with 10 points, was the only Lady Bruin in double figures. She also grabbed nine rebounds. Lewis led the team with 11 boards.

This week George Fox hosts Pacific University Thursday (Feb. 23) and Western Oregon Friday, then travels to Willamette on Saturday. Game time at home is 3:15 p.m., because of prior gym commitments in the evening.



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LADY BRUINS WIN TWO OF THREE TO REACH NAIA DISTRICT 2 PLAYOFFS

George Fox College's women's basketball team picked the right week to play the best it has all season.

Entering their last week of regular season action, the Lady Bruins needed to win at least one of three games to qualify for the NAIA District 2 playoffs.

George Fox went one better, beating Western Oregon State 71-64 on Friday (Feb. 24) and Willamette 72-61 on Saturday (Feb. 25). Thursday (Feb. 23), the Lady Bruins lost to second-place Pacific University -- in overtime, 73-67.

With the two wins and a Linfield College loss on Saturday, George Fox moved to seventh in the district with a 13-13 record. The Lady Bruins were matched with Concordia College, the district's second seed, Tuesday (Feb. 28) in Portland.

"I was happy about where we ended up in the seeding," said Lady Bruin coach Craig Taylor. "Last week we weren't even in it."

"We played well all week," he added.

The Lady Bruins looked impressive against Pacific, although they were playing without their starting point guard, Newberg sophomore Linda Funderhide, who had bronchitis.

Newberg senior Tammy Lewis started the game by hitting the first nine points of the game, and the Lady Bruins were ahead 9-4. Pacific caught up to tie the game at 17 with 7 minutes left in the half, and the two teams were virtually deadlocked for the rest of the half. GFC had a 3-point advantage going into the half, 31-28.

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In the first 10 minutes of the second half, Pacific took a 7 point lead, 50-43, as 3 Bruin starters were on the bench with foul trouble: Lewis, Newberg senior center Stacie Chandler, and Lake Oswego sophomore guard Heather Gurney.

The Bruins came back, however, as Lewis scored 6 points and Chandler 4 within 3 minutes to knot the score at 56 with 2 minutes left.

At 2:14 Chandler was fouled, but hit only the front end of a one-on-one to give GFC a 57-56 lead. With 1:27 left, the Boxer's Serene Jefferson hit a short jumper from the right to regain the lead for Pacific at 58-57. Gurney responded with a shot from the free throw line at 1:09, but Pacific came back to score with 45 seconds left. Lewis was fouled at 35 seconds, and converted on the first free throw, missing the second.

Pacific had one last chance to score, but Chandler stole a bad pass with 10 seconds left, giving the Bruins one more opportunity. They couldn't score, and the game was sent into overtime at 60-60.

The Bruins fell apart in the overtime with three players fouling out: Chandler, Gurney, and freshman forward Karen Wright. The Boxers responded by hitting 11 of 13 shots from the free throw line, taking the overtime-win easily.

Lewis led the Lady Bruins with 22 points and 20 boards. Gurney added 12 points. Bearse and Chandler had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Friday night's game with WOSC also was a thriller, with both teams taking giant leads throughout the game. The Lady Bruins opened the game by taking an 11-3 lead 4 minutes into the game. Western Oregon came back and tied the game at 17 in the next 5 minutes. The two teams shared the lead until the six minute mark. With George Fox was leading 25-23, the Wolves scored ten straight, lead by Sarah Olerud's eight points. The Wolves had a 33-25 advantage.

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George Fox came scrapping back, though, and was able to get within 3 at the half, 38-35.

The Bruins began the second half by scoring 6 straight, taking a 41-38 lead. Once again the two teams went back and forth with the lead. They were tied at 49 with 10 minutes left.

George Fox used the next 6 minutes to pull away from the Wolves, and enjoyed its biggest lead at 67-57 with 4 minutes to go. Although the Lady Bruins had five one-and-one chances at the line, they could convert only on the front end of one of the trips. But they had gained enough margin for the 71-64 victory.

Lewis and Chandler each had 18 points for the night. Lewis pulled down 11 rebounds and Chandler 10. Gurney was the only other Lady Bruin in double figures, with 10 points. Funderhide saw limited playing time, but scored eight points and had three assists. "We're glad to have her back," said Taylor.

Coming off two nights of games, the Bruins were "flat" at Willamette on Saturday. George Fox was behind 32-25, at the half.

The Lady Bruins outscored the Lady Bearcats 47-29 in the second half to take the win.

Aberdeen, Wash., senior Gina Bridges led Bruin scoring with 17 points and had 7 rebounds. Lewis added 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Chandler had 12 points and 6 boards.

"Stacie has been a lot more confident, and more aggressive now," said Taylor. He added that the "major difference now is that Tammy is back to being Tammy.

"Everyone is playing with more intensity," said Taylor. "we tend to that when our backs are against the wall."

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The Lady Bruins have their work cut out for them this week. Concordia has twice beaten the Lady Bruins this season, but suffered a setback Saturday when they lost to Warner Pacific by 23 points.

"We need to stop the fast break and force them into their half court game," said Taylor. "Saying that is sure a lot easier than doing it, though."

Game time at Concordia is 7:30 p.m.