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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – BASEBALL

Sunday, March 5, 2000 --- For Immediate Release

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BRUINS SPLIT A PAIR AT WESTERN OREGON

MONMOUTH, Ore. --- A big first inning in the first game sent the George Fox University Bruins on their way to a 6-3 win over Western Oregon University, but the Wolves came back with two big innings of their own in the nightcap for a 13-3 victory in the Juggs Baseball Spring Classic here Sunday afternoon at the Western Oregon Field.

In the opener, the Bruins used back-to-back doubles by Derek Birley and Garrett Bates to key a four-run first. George Fox had four hits, a walk and a sacrifice in the inning to post all the runs they would need. Birley had three hits in the game, including a two-run homer in the seventh for some insurance runs.

GFU southpaw Paul Andrewjeski (1-0) gave up only one earned run in five innings of work and scattered five hits, walking only one and fanning five. Brody Wilson worked the last innings for the save. Liam Woodard (0-5) took the loss.

In the second game, Western Oregon put up four in the second and salted the game away with seven runs in fifth innings. Four straight hits did most of the damage in the fifth, including doubles by Kevin Edwards and Travis Chetock. Chetock had three hits, two of them doubles, as the Wolves produced their biggest offensive output of the season with 13 runs and 11 hits.

Corey Skinner (2-1) shut out the Bruins for four innings, allowing two hits and two walks with three strikeouts, to notch the win, while the loss went to Bruins' starter Jason Schilperoort (0-1)

Western Oregon (5-15) hosts Lewis & Clark College in a single game Monday at 2:30p.m. in a make-up of Saturday's rainout. No make-up date has been set yet for George Fox's rained-out twinbill with St. Martin's College on Saturday. The Bruins (3-1) host Linfield College Saturday, March 11, in a Northwest Conference doubleheader starting at 1:00 p.m.

George Fox (3-0) 6, Western Oregon (4-15) 3

GFU 400 000 2 – 6 6 3

WOU 101 010 0 – 3 6 1

Andrewjeski, Wilson (6) and Birley; Woodard and Edwards. WP – Andrewjeski (1-0). SV – Wilson (1). LP – Woodard (0-5). HR – GFU, Birley (1).

Western Oregon (5-15) 13, George Fox (3-1) 3

GFU 000 030 0 – 3 7 4

WOU 041 071 x – 13 11 0

Schilperoort, Sievers(4), Beasley (5), Wilson (5), Lapp (6) and Birley, Anderson (6); Skinner, Roberti (5), McCargar (7) and Edwards, Oswalt (5).

Att – n/a

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – BASEBALL

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BRUINS SWEEP LINFIELD 2-0, 4-2 BEHIND STELLAR PITCHING

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Righthander Kess Romano and southpaw Paul Andrewjeski threw complete games as the George Fox University Bruins swept the Linfield College Wildcats 2-0 and 4-2 in a Northwest Conference doubleheader Monday afternoon (Mar. 13) here at Morse Field.

The twinbill was a make-up of games postponed from Saturday by a wet field, and coupled with the Bruins' 8-2 win in McMinnville on Sunday, enabled George Fox to sweep the three-game series against the NCW co-champion that tied with George Fox last year and was the 2000 pre-season conference pick.

In the opener, Romano (2-0) outdueled Linfield righthander Brian McCoy (1-1) in a brilliant pitching matchup that took only 1:17 to play. Romano scattered four hits and struck out three with only one walk, while McCoy surrendered only three hits with one strikeout and two walks.

One errant pitch from McCoy was all Kyle Langeliers needed, however, to give the Bruins the win, as the Bruins' first baseman slammed one onto the old batting cage building in deep right-center field 400 feet away in the second after a walk to Garrett Bates for the only runs Romano would need. It was Langeliers' first round-tripper of the year.

The nightcap was played in a steady drizzle that eventually led to the game being called after six innings. The Bruins scored an unearned run in the second as Langeliers walked, moved to third on a throwing error by starter Brett Hartlaub, and scored on Aaron Bliss' ground out. Bates' single, a stolen base, and an RBI single by Bliss made it 2-0 in the third.

Linfield finally dented the scoreboard in the fifth with the first two earned runs off George Fox pitching in 20 innings. Kevin Hill singled, moved up on Evan Swanson's double, and scored on Mike Cooney's ground out. Scott Cannon's two-out hit scored Swanson to tie it.

The Bruins broke the tie in the home half of the fifth on Bates' leadoff double and Langeliers' single to center, pinning the loss on Linfield reliever Chris Carnahan (0-2). Back-to-back doubles by Bliss and Paul Gramenz later in the inning produced an insurance run for Andrewjeski (2-0).

George Fox's staff ERA actually rose on the day with the two earned runs in the second game from 1.00 to 1.10.

The Bruins (6-1, NWC 3-0) will host Concordia University-Portland Tuesday, Mar. 14, in a single game at 3:00 p.m., while the Wildcats (3-5, NWC 0-3) will play Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 18-19, in the California Invitational Tournament in Claremont and La Verne, a tournament in which the Bruins will also participate.

George Fox (5-1, 2-0) 2, Linfield (3-4, 0-2) 0

Linfield 000 000 0 – 0 4 0

George Fox 020 000 x – 2 3 1

McCoy and Narus; Romano and Birley. WP – Romano (2-0). LP – McCoy (1-1). HR – GFU, Langeliers (1). T – 1:17.

George Fox (6-1, 2-0) 4, Linfield (3-5, 0-3) – called by rain after 6

Linfield 000 020 – 2 5 2

George Fox 011 02x – 4 6 0

Hartlaub, Carnahan (4) and Robert; Andrewjeski and Birley. WP – Andrewjeski (2-0). LP – Carnahan (0-2). T – 1:50. Att – 120.

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – BASEBALL

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BRUINS NIP CONCORDIA 5-4 IN 10 FOR 4TH STRAIGHT WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Paul Gramenz singled to deep left-center with the bases loaded and two out in the bottom of the 10th inning, giving the George Fox University Bruins a 5-4 win over the Concordia University-Portland Cavaliers in a non-conference baseball match Tuesday afternoon (Mar. 14) here at Morse Field.

The win was the fourth straight for the Bruins and improved their record to 7-1, while the Cavaliers dropped to 3-4 on the season.

George Fox took an early 1-0 lead in the first on singles by Russell Johnston and David Farrell and Garrett Bates' RBI double, but Cav hurlers Adam Finney and Kory Schertenleib retired the next 11 hitters in a row, giving the Concordia hitters time to get untracked. Justin Krueger singled in Jesse Eveland in the 4th to tie it at 1-1, and Eveland homered to left-center after a walk to Alvin Coit to give the Cavs a 3-1 lead in the 5th.

The Bruins tied it in the home half of the 5th with help of a lucky bounce. With the bases loaded and one out, Farrell hit what looked like a double play grounder to second, but the ball took a bad hop and hit second sacker Aniano Trujillo in the chest for an infield single and a run. Jason Schilperoort then drew a walk, one of eight issued by Cav hurlers along with three hit batsmen, to force in the tying run.

Concordia went up 4-3 in the 8th on an unearned run. Coit reached on a throwing error by third baseman Aaron Bliss, and Bruins starter Matt Sievers was pulled in favor of Schilperoort. A passed ball and Eveland's sacrifice put Coit on third, and he scored on Jon Taylor's single to left, the only hit Schilperoort would allow in three relief innings.

The Bruins tied it in the 9th, starting when reliever Tim Stadelmeir hit Bliss with a pitch to lead off the inning. Pinch-runner Stephen Donohue moved up on a Jason Wieg sacrifice and a passed ball, and scored the tying run on Farrell's sacrifice fly to center.

In the 10th, the Bruins rallied against Jason Hathaway (0-1). Birley was hit by a pitch, Bates sacrificed him to second, and after a fly out, Matt Petersen walked. Tim Jones replaced Hathaway on the mound and walked Wieg to load the bases before Gramenz delivered his clutch hit, making a winner of Schilperoort (1-1).

The Bruins play this Saturday-Sunday, Mar. 18-19, in the California Invitational Tournament. On Saturday, they play Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges at 9:00 a.m. and North Central (Ill.) College at 3:00 p.m. at Claremont, while on Sunday, they play Menlo College at 12:00 p.m. and La Verne College at 6:00 p.m., both at La Verne. Concordia hosts Western Oregon University Saturday, Mar. 18, in a Cascade Collegiate Conference doubleheader starting at 12:00 noon.

George Fox (7-1) 5, Concordia (3-4) 4, 10 innings

Concordia 000 120 010 0 - 4 7 1

George Fox 100 020 001 1 - 5 6 1

Finney, Schertenleib (4), Dudley (5), Stadelmeir (9), Hathaway (9), Jones (10) and Coit; Sievers, Schilperoort (8) and Birley. WP - Schilperoort (1-1). LP - Hathaway (1-1). HR - CUP, Eveland. T - 2:42. Att - 155.

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – BASEBALL

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BRUINS OPEN WITH TWO WINS IN CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL

CLAREMONT, Calif. --- Derek Birley, George Fox University's top returning hitter, burst out of a hitting slump with key three-run doubles in each game as the Bruins opened play here Saturday (Mar. 18) in the California Invitational Tournament with a 6-2 win over host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges and an 18-2 thrashing of North Central (Ill.) College.

In the first game, Birley's seventh-inning double snapped a 2-2 tie and made a winner of the Bruins' Ryan Alvis, who went the distance and raised his record to 3-0 despite allowing the first two earned runs he has given up in 24 innings of work. He scattered seven hits and struck out seven while walking none.

Aaron Bliss was 2-for-4 with a double and a triple, and David Farrell went 2-for-3 and scored twice to aid Birley in the Bruins' nine-hit attack.

In the second game, which was stopped after seven innings due to the "10-run rule", George Fox exploded for 18 runs on 18 hits, its biggest offensive output of the season. Paul Gramenz went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer, his first round-tripper of the year, and Russell Johnston added a 3-for-5 game with a double and two RBI.

With the two wins, George Fox has now won six straight and improved to 9-1 on the season. The Bruins continue in the tournament Sunday, playing Menlo College at 12:00 noon and La Verne College at 6:00 p.m. Both games will be played at La Verne.

George Fox (8-1) 6, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 2
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 001 010 000 - 2 7 0
George Fox 110 000 40x - 6 9 1

Yamamoto, Miller (7) and Salsa; Alvis and Birley. WP - Alvis (3-0). LP - Yamamoto (2-3).

Second game line score unavailable at present.

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BRUINS WIN TWO MORE IN CAL TOURNEY, RUN WIN STREAK TO 8

LA VERNE, Calif. --- Rallying for four runs in the bottom of the 8th inning, the George Fox University Bruins posted a 9-7 win over La Verne College and stretched their winning streak to eight in a row to close out the California Invitational Baseball Tournament here Sunday evening (Mar. 19).

Earlier in the day, George Fox southpaw Paul Andrewjeski (3-0) tossed a five-hitter, striking out nine with only three walks, to defeat Menlo College 6-1. Coupled with the later win over La Verne, the Bruins finished the tournament 4-0 and improved to 11-1 on the season, bettering last year's previous best start after 12 games of 10-2.

In the La Verne game, Kyle Langeliers' second home run of the season started the Bruins' rally from 7-5 deficit in the 8th. Russell Johnston singled with one out, moved up on a wild pitch, and scored the tying run on singles by David Farrell and Jason Schilperoort. Garrett Bates then tripled to center with two outs to drive in the winning runs.

Schilperoort (2-1) got the win in relief of starter Brody Wilson with 3 1/3 innings of work, striking out six. Johnston and Aaron Bliss each went 3-for-5 to lead a 15-hit assault, Johnston with a pair of doubles.

In the Menlo game, Garrett Bates' singled home two runs in a four-run Bruins' rally in the 3rd inning, and Bliss and Derek Birley each stole home on the back end of doubles steals to spark the George Fox attack. Jason Wieg was the top hitter, going 3-for-4 with an RBI triple, and the Bruins stole six bases.

The Bruins continue their California trip with single games at Menlo at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Mar. 21-22, before returning home Saturday, Mar. 25, to host Lewis & Clark College in a Northwest Conference doubleheader at 1:00 p.m.

George Fox (10-1) 6, Menlo 1

Menlo 000 000 100 – 1 5 4

George Fox 014 000 01x – 6 7 0

Johnson and Weaver; Andrewjeski and Wieg. WP – Andrewjeski (3-0). LP – Johnson. HR – MC, Johnson. T – 2:50. Att – 100.

George Fox (11-1) 9, La Verne (12-6) 7

La Verne 001 113 010 – 7 15 1

George Fox 130 100 04x – 9 15 0

Cruz, Hand (8) and Cordova; Wilson, Sievers (6), Schilperoort (6) and Birley. WP – Schilperoort (2-1). LP – Hand (0-1). HR – GFU, Langeliers (2). T – 2:55. Att – 101.

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BRUINS WIN NINTH STRAIGHT WITH 9-6 COMEBACK OVER MENLO

ATHERTON, Calif. --- Jason Schilperoort's bases-clearing double in the top of the ninth in broke a 6-6 tie and sent the George Fox University Bruins to their ninth straight victory, a 9-6 win over the Menlo College Oaks in non-conference baseball action here Tuesday afternoon (Mar. 21).

The Bruins, who had led 2-0 after three innings and 4-2 after five, fell behind 6-4 after surrendering four runs in the sixth, but tied it with a pair of runs in the seventh, setting up Schilperoort's last-frame heroics. His game-winning blow made a winner of reliever Eric Beasley (1-0), who worked two scoreless innings for the decision.

Each team banged out 13 hits, Russell Johnston and Aaron Bliss leading the Bruins with three hits apiece, while Schilperoort and Jason Wieg had two hits each. Bliss joined Schilperoort in RBI honors with three each. Casey Knapp and Maurice Lesley had three hits apiece for the Oaks.

Menlo fell to 2-11 with the loss, while George Fox, off to its best start ever after 13 games, improved to 12-1. The same two teams square off again here Wednesday, Mar. 22, at 2:00 p.m. The Bruins return home Saturday, Mar. 25, hosting Lewis & Clark College in a Northwest Conference doubleheader that starts at 1:00 p.m.

George Fox (12-1) 9, Menlo (2-11) 6
George Fox 101 020 203 - 9 13 2
Menlo 002 004 000 - 6 13 1

Sievers, Romano (4), Shepler (7), Beasley (8) and Birley; Izumigawa, Alarcon (5), Vargas (7) and Weaver. WP - Beasley (1-0). LP - Vargas (0-2).



MENLO COLLEGE

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MENLO COLLEGE Sports Information
Tuesday, March 21, 2000

ATHERTON — Jason Shilperoort belted a bases-loaded double in the top of the ninth inning to lift the George Fox University baseball team to a 9-6 non-conference win over host Menlo College Tuesday.

George Fox improved to 12-1. Eric Beasley got the pitching win with two innings of scoreless relief. Aaron Bliss and Russ Johnston each had three hits for the Bruins. The Menlo Oaks (2-11) were paced by three hits and two RBIs from Casey Knapp from Beaverton, Oregon and three hits from Maurice Lesley.

George Fox University (12-1)	101 020 203 — 9 13 2
Menlo College (2-11)	002 004 000 — 6 13 1

Sievers, Romano (4), Sheppler (7), Beasley (W-8) and Birley. Izumigawa, Alarcon (5), Vargas (L-7, 0-2) and Weaver.

2B — Johnston, Schilperoort (GF), Knapp, Nichols (M). 3 hits — Johnston, Bliss (GF), Knapp, Lesley (M). 2 hits — Schilperoort, Wing (GF), Nichols, Weaver (M). 3 RBIs — Schilperoort, Bliss (GF). 2 RBI — Johnston (GF), Knapp (M).

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BRUINS HOLD ON FOR 8-7 WIN OVER MENLO AND 10TH WIN IN A ROW

ATHERTON, Calif. — Garrett Bates and Kyle Langeliers banged out three hits apiece, Bates with a triple and two RBI, to highlight a 13-hit attack that carried the George Fox University Bruins to their 10th straight win, an 8-7 decision over the Menlo College Oaks in non-conference baseball action here Wednesday afternoon (Mar. 22).

Jason Schilperoort and Derek Birley added two hits each with a double apiece, Schilperoort also knocking in two runs, and Paul Gramenz slugged a solo home run in the sixth inning, his second of the season, as the Bruins built an 8-3 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Oaks rallied against eventual winner ~~Damon Lorenz~~ ^{Alvis Lorenz} (1-0), scoring four times, the big blow a two-run double by Kyle Izumigawa, to cut the George Fox lead to 8-7 before Lorenz got the final out.

Eric Beasley worked a scoreless eighth and Paul Andrewjeski a scoreless ninth for his first save as the Bruins raised their season record to 13-1, their best ever after 14 games. Menlo fell to 2-12 on the season.

George Fox returns home after going 6-0 on its California swing to host Lewis & Clark College Saturday, March 25, in an Northwest Conference doubleheader starting at 1:00 p.m. The same two teams will play in Portland on Sunday, March 26, in a single game.

George Fox (13-1) 8, Menlo (2-12) 7
George Fox 020 212 100 - 8 14 1
Menlo 200 010 400 - 7 9 3

Alvis, Lorenz (4), Beasley (8), Andrewjeski (9) and Birley; Wery, Weaver (6), Alarcon (7), Vargas (9) and R. Johnson. WP - ~~Lorenz~~ (4-0). LP - Wery (1-3). HR - GFU, Gramenz (2), MC R. Johnson.



MENLO COLLEGE

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Public Relations

MENLO COLLEGE Sports Information
Wednesday, March 22, 2000

ATHERTON — Three hits each from Garrett Bates and Kyle Langeliers lifted the George Fox University baseball team to an 8-7 win over host Menlo College in a non-conference matchup Wednesday.

Jason Schilperoort and Derek Birley added two hits each for George Fox (13-1). Menlo College (2-12) got a two-run double from Kyle Izumigawa to help the Oaks rally to within one run of the Bruins, but the rally fell short. Paul Gramenz belted a solo homer for George Fox, while Ryan Johnson smashed a two-run homer for Menlo.

George Fox University (13-1)	020 212 100 — 8 14 1
Menlo College (2-12)	200 010 400 — 7 9 3

Alvis, Lorenz (W-4, 1-0), Beasley (8), Andrewjeski (Save-9) and Birley. Wery (L, 1-3), Weaver (6), Alarcon (7), Vargas (9) and R. Johnson.

HR — Gramenz (GF) 6th, none on; R. Johnson (M) 7th, one on. 3B — Bates (GF).
2B -- Schilperoort, Birley (GF), Knapp, Lesley (M). 3 hits -- Bates, Langeliers (GF).
2 hits — Schilperoort, Birley (GF), R. Johnson, Lesley (M). 3 RBI — Izumigawa (M).
2 RBI -- Schilperoort, Bates (GF), R. Johnson (M).

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20th-RANKED BRUINS SWEEP LEWIS & CLARK FOR 12 STRAIGHT WINS

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Derek Birley went 4-for-5 on the day with three home runs, six RBI, and four runs scored, leading the George Fox University Bruins to a 6-2, 8-4 doubleheader sweep of the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in Northwest Conference baseball action Saturday afternoon (Mar. 25) here at Morse Field.

The twin wins gave the Bruins, ranked No. 20 in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll, their 11th and 12th victories in a row, two short of the team record, and improved their overall mark to 15-1. The Bruins also took over sole possession of first place in the conference at 5-0, while the visiting Pioneers fell to 7-9 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

In the first game, Birley walked twice before unloading for a solo shot in the fifth, his third of the season, to close out the Bruins' scoring in the 6-2 win. George Fox had rallied from a 2-0 deficit with five runs in the fourth. Kyle Langeliers, who was 3-for-3 in the game, singled home Garrett Bates with the go-ahead run, and Kyle Johnston capped the rally with a two-run single to plate Jason Wieg and Paul Gramenz.

The outburst made a winner of righthander Ryan Alvis, who raised his record to 5-0 with his third complete game, striking out nine while walking only two. The loss went to Lewis & Clark lefthander Brian Mulally, who fell to 1-2.

In the nightcap, the Bruins jumped on Pioneer starter Dan Floyd for three unearned runs in the first and three more earned ones in the second. Birley had an RBI single in the middle of the first-inning rally, then slugged a three-run homer in the second, and added his fifth home run in the fourth inning, a solo shot to deep left, that gave him five RBI in the game.

Bill Allen and Joey Vida went 2-for-4 for Lewis & Clark, with Vida knocking in three, but that was about all the offense the Pioneers could muster against Bruin righthander Kess Romano, who also went the distance, fanning seven with no walks, and raised his record to 4-0.

The Pioneers and Bruins will play a single game at the Huston Sports Complex on the Lewis & Clark campus in Portland Sunday, Mar. 26, at 2:00 p.m.

George Fox (14-1, 4-0) 6, Lewis & Clark (7-8, 3-1) 2

Lewis & Clark 000 200 0 – 2 4 1

George Fox 000 510 x – 6 10 0

Alvis and Birley; Mulally and Tull. WP – Alvis (5-0). LP – Mulally (1-2). HR – GFU, Birley (3). T – 1:44.

George Fox (15-1, 5-0) 8, Lewis & Clark (7-9, 3-2) 4

Lewis & Clark 000 200 002 – 4 7 2

George Fox 330 100 01x – 8 9 2

Romano and Birley; Floyd, Long (3) and Moore. WP – Romano (4-0). LP – Floyd (1-2). HR – GFU, Birley 2 (5). T – 2:05. Att – 180.

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BRUINS' WIN STREAK HALTED AT 12 BY LEWIS & CLARK 5-3

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Two wins short of tying the team record, George Fox University's winning streak of 12 was brought to a halt Sunday afternoon (Mar. 26) here at the Huston Sports Complex, as the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers salvaged the final game of a three-game baseball series with a 5-3 win over the 20th-ranked Bruins.

The loss drops the Bruins to 15-2 overall and 5-1 in the Northwest Conference, though the team did manage to hang on to first place in the league when Willamette University lost at Pacific University 11-9 for their first conference loss. Lewis & Clark is now 8-9 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Righthander Bill Allen (3-1) went the distance for the Pioneers, scattering seven hits and only allowing one earned run with three strikeouts and four walks. His teammates backed him up with 10 hits off three Bruin hurlers, led by Matt Pellegrino, who was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Joey Vida slugged a two-run homer for the Pioneers.

After the Bruins had taken a 1-0 in the top of the first when Derek Birley singled home David Farrell, the Pioneers jumped on George Fox starter Paul Andrewjeski (3-1) for three runs in the home half of the inning, and added two more off the southpaw in the second. Andrewjeski left after three frames, having allowed seven hits and all five Lewis & Clark runs despite striking out six and walking no one.

Relievers Brody Wilson and Jason Schilperoort stymied the Pioneers over the last five innings, scattering three hits and allowing no runs with six strikeouts, but the Bruin bats could not overcome the deficit. George Fox did manage to cut the gap to 5-3 with a pair of runs in the seventh as Schilperoort doubled home Russell Johnston and Farrell, but it was not enough.

Lewis & Clark hosts Western Baptist College Tuesday, Mar. 28, at 3:00 p.m., while George Fox returns to action Saturday, April 1, hosting the University of Puget Sound in a 1:00 p.m. Northwest Conference twinbill.

Lewis & Clark (8-9, 4-2) 5, George Fox (15-2, 5-1) 3
George Fox 100 000 200 – 3 7 0
Lewis & Clark 302 000 00x – 5 10 3

Andrewjeski, Wilson (4), Schilperoort (7) and Birley; Allen and Tull. WP – Allen (3-1). LP – Andrewjeski (3-1). HR – L&C, Vida. T – 2:20. Att – 150.

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BRUINS SWEEP UPS BEHIND TIMELY HITTING, CLUTCH DEFENSE

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Behind the clutch hitting of Garrett Bates and Jason Schilperoort and a stellar defense that turned in five double plays on the day, the George Fox University Bruins swept a Northwest Conference baseball doubleheader from the University of Puget Sound Loggers, 5-2 and 5-1, Saturday afternoon here at Morse Field.

The sweep enabled the Bruins to retain first place in the conference with a 7-1 league mark, while their overall improved to 17-2, the best start in team history. Puget Sound dropped to 3-4 in the conference and 8-12 overall.

In the opener, righthander Ryan Alvis raised his record to 6-0 with a complete-game five-hitter, striking out six Loggers with only one walk. The loss went to UPS righty Jake Good, 0-2.

The Bruins took a 3-0 lead in the third on run-scoring singles by David Farrell, Jason Schilperoort, and Derek Birley, who entered the game leading the NWC with 22 RBI, but the biggest blow of the game came in the George Fox fifth after Nick Gill and Ryan Keller had singled in runs for the Loggers in the UPS half of the inning to cut the Bruins' lead to 3-2.

Russell Johnston led off the frame against Good with a single, Farrell walked, and Schilperoort sacrificed them into scoring position. It appeared Good might wriggle off the hook and give the Loggers an emotional boost when he fanned Birley, but Bates came through with a clutch single to center, scoring Johnston and Farrell with some key insurance runs that Alvis made stand up.

In the nightcap, George Fox righty Kess Romano, who had walked only two batters in 31 2/3 innings all year, struggled with his control, walking that many in the first four innings, hit John Keller with pitches three times, and surrendered seven hits in eight innings. But the Bruin defense bailed him out constantly, turning three doubles plays and enabling him to raise his record to 5-0.

The Bruins scored three in the first off Logger ace righthander Ryan Johnson, 3-2. After Birley singled in Johnston for the first run, Bates kept the rally going with an RBI double that scored Schilperoort, and Kyle Langeliers' sacrifice fly plated Birley.

Matt Sorenson singled in Nate Angelo for the Loggers' only run in the fourth, but the Bruins tacked on single runs in the fifth, Schilperoort singling home Johnston, and the seventh, Schilperoort slugging his first home run of the season.

The Bruins and Loggers conclude the series with a single game Sunday, Apr.2, here at 12:00 noon.

George Fox (16-2, 6-1) 5, Puget Sound (8-11, 3-3) 2

Puget Sound 000 020 0 – 2 5 1

George Fox 003 020 x – 5 8 0

Good, Samsell (6) and Gill; Alvis and Birley. WP – Alvis (6-0). LP – Good (0-2). T – 1:45.

George Fox (17-2, 7-1) 5, Puget Sound (8-12, 3-4) 1

Puget Sound 000 100 000 – 1 7 1

George Fox 300 010 01x – 5 9 1

Johnson, Medlock (8) and Gill; Romano, Wilson (9) and Birley. WP – Romano (5-0). LP – Johnson (3-2). HR – GFU, Schilperoort (1). T – 2:07. Att – 225.

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BRUINS COMPLETE SERIES SWEEP WITH 10-3 WIN OVER LOGGERS

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Stymied by lefthander Jeff Halstead for five innings, the George Fox University Bruins exploded for five-run innings in both the sixth and eighth frames to defeat the University of Puget Sound Loggers 10-3 and complete a three-game Northwest Conference baseball sweep Sunday afternoon (Apr. 2) here at Morse Field.

With the win, the 20th-ranked Bruins improved to 18-2 overall, the best start in team history, and 8-1 in the conference, leaving them a game-and-a-half ahead of second-place Pacific Lutheran University in the league standings. The Loggers fell to 8-13 overall and 3-5 in the conference.

Halstead, who beat the power-laden Bruins 8-1 last year on a four-hitter, appeared ready to do a similar number on this year's team, allowing only four hits through five innings. Bruins lefthander Paul Andrewjeski was almost as effective, scattering six hits through the first six innings and receiving support from the defense, which threw out three Logger runners at the plate.

The Bruins finally broke through in the sixth to pin the loss on Halstead, 2-3. A single by Kyle Langeliers and walks to Aaron Bliss and Jason Wieg loaded the bases before Paul Gramenz delivered a clutch two-run single to break the ice. Wieg scored from second on a passed ball and a wild throw to third by catcher Tyler Brown, Russell Johnston singled in Gramenz, and a bases-loaded walk to Derek Birley to force home Johnston capped the rally.

The Loggers finally knicked Andrewjeski, 4-1, for a pair of runs in the eighth, Nate Angelo's sacrifice fly scoring Hakim Jones and a single by Alika Antone scoring Halstead. Brody Wilson came on to preserve the lead and earn his third save, though he did give up a run in the ninth as Nic Gill singled in Mike Ford.

The Bruins had put the game away by then with another five-spot in the eighth off four Logger relievers. David Farrell doubled in one run, Birley, Garrett Bates, and Bliss had RBI singles, and another run scored on a double play grounder.

Puget Sound visits Pacific Lutheran Wednesday, Apr. 5, for a single game at 3:00 p.m., while George Fox travels to Willamette University Saturday, Apr. 8, for a 1:00 p.m. NWC doubleheader.

George Fox (18-2, 8-1) 10, Puget Sound (8-13, 3-5) 3

Puget Sound 000 000 021 – 3 12 2

George Fox 000 005 05x – 10 14 1

Halstead, Cowles (6), Samsell (8), Beck (8), Medlock (8) and Brown; Andrewjeski, Wilson (8) and Birley. WP – Andrewjeski (4-1). LP – Halstead (2-3). T – 2:57. Att – 215.

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SECOND-GAME EXPLOSION SALVAGES SPLIT FOR 13TH-RANKED

SALEM, Ore. --- After being shut out 4-0 in the first game, the George Fox University bats busted loose in the second, giving the Bruins a 14-1 win and a Northwest Conference baseball split against the Willamette University Bearcats Saturday afternoon (Apr. 8) here at Spec Keene Stadium.

The split left the Bruins, ranked No. 13 in the NCAA Division III, with a 19-3 overall record and a 9-2 mark in the conference, while the Bearcats, who suffered their first home loss of the season in the second game, are 13-11 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

The Bearcats' Brad Ferrin, 3-2, tossed a six-hitter at the Bruins in the opener, striking out four and walking two. It was the first time the Bruins had been shut out in two years. George Fox righthander Ryan Alvis suffered his first setback of the year as he fell to 6-1, although he only allowed five hits, only one after the first inning.

Garet Luebbert's two-run double in the first was enough to give the Bearcats the early lead and eventually the game. Luebbert also homered in the fourth for the final Willamette run. Jason Schilperoort went 2-for-3 with a double for the Bruins.

In the nightcap, the Bruins unleashed an 18-hit attack that buried Willamette starter Justin Brown, 2-4, and two relievers. Derek Birley went 4-for-6 with a pair of runs scored, Aaron Bliss and Kyle Langeliers each had three hits and three RBI, Garrett Bates had two hits and three runs scored, Paul Gramenz had two hits and three RBI, and Schilperoort had two hits, including his second home run of the season, scored twice and drove in two.

The offensive explosion enabled righthander Kess Romano to coast to his sixth win with no defeats as he tossed a six-hitter and shut out the Bearcats until the ninth. Luke Atwood had three hits and Luebbert two for Willamette.

The teams conclude the series Sunday, Apr. 9, in Newberg with a single game at 3:00 p.m.

Willamette (13-10, 4-3) 4, George Fox (18-3, 8-2) 0

George Fox 000 000 0 - 0 6 0

Willamette 300 100 x - 4 5 0

Alvis and Birley; Ferrin and Searle. WP - Ferrin (3-2). LP - Alvis (6-1). HR - Luebbert. T - 1:30.

George Fox (19-3, 9-2) 14, Willamette (13-11, 4-4) 1

George Fox 202 040 123 - 14 18 1

Willamette 000 000 001 - 1 6 1

Romano and Birley; Brown, Allen (5), Hughes (9) nd Searle, Chatterton (8). WP - Romano (6-0). LP - Brown (2-4). HR - Schilperoort (2). T - 2:30. Att - 80.

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BRUINS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WILLAMETTE MISTAKES FOR 2-1 WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For most of the game, Willamette University lefthander Nik Lubisich gave the George Fox University Bruins nothing to work with, but when the Bearcats' defense gave the Bruins a couple of openings, the home team took advantage, scoring a pair of unearned runs to pin a 2-1 10-inning loss on the visitors in Northwest Conference baseball Sunday afternoon (Apr.9) here at Morse Field.

George Fox southpaw Paul Andrewjeski was equally as effective as Lubisich, surrendering only Garret Luebberts' third home run and second in as many days in the first inning, but that was all the Bearcats could muster. Andrewjeski shut out the Bearcats over the next eight innings, striking out eight with only two walks.

The Bruins tied the game in the second. With one out, Paul Gramenz singled to left, and moved to third as Willamette third sacker Luke Atwood threw away Aaron Bliss' grounder. Kyle Langeliers forced Bliss at second, but shortstop Luebberts threw away the relay to first, allowing Gramenz to score.

There the game stayed in a pitchers' duel until the 10th. Righthander Brody Wilson replaced Andrewjeski to start the extra inning and worked a hitless frame, allowing one runner on an error by Aaron Bliss at third, and picked up the win, his first decision of the season, when the Bruins scored in the home half.

Mitch Sheppler opened the rally with a grounder to Atwood at third, who threw the ball away for a two-base error. Russell Johnston sacrificed him to third, then Lubisich uncorked a wild pitch that allowed Sheppler to slide home with the winner. It was the Bruins' 29th straight win at Morse Field, and dropped Lubisich's record to 3-2.

The win gave the Bruins the series after the two split Saturday in Salem, and left the 13th-ranked Bruins with a 20-3 overall record and a game-and-a-half lead in the conference at 10-2 over Pacific Lutheran University, which was at Central Washington University Sunday in non-conference play. The Bearcats slipped to 13-12 overall and 4-5 in the league.

George Fox hosts Western Oregon University Wednesday, Apr. 12, in a non-conference game at 3:00 p.m., while Willamette returns to action Saturday, Apr. 15, visiting Whitman College for a conference doubleheader starting at 1:00 p.m.

George Fox (20-3, 10-2) 2, Willamette (13-12, 4-5) 1, 10 innings

Willamette 100 000 000 0 – 1 6 4

George Fox 010 000 000 1 – 2 6 2

Lubisich and Searle; Andrewjeski, Wilson (10) and Birley. WP – Wilson (1-0). LP – Lubisich (3-2). HR – WU, Luebberts (3). T – 2:16. Att – 275.

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BRUINS' HOME WINNING STREAK ENDS AT 29 IN 13-9 LOSS TO WOU

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For the first time in almost two years, the George Fox University baseball team tasted defeat on its home diamond of Morse Field, dropping a 13-9 non-conference decision to Western Oregon University here Wednesday afternoon (Apr. 12).

Not since the University of Puget Sound beat the Bruins 9-7 at Morse back on April 25, 1998, had a George Fox team come out on the short end of a score here, winning 29 straight before the visiting Wolves ended the string. And rarely has a Bruin pitching staff suffered an assault quite like the one the Wolves dished out, as they pounded out 24 hits against six George Fox pitchers. Only the fact that the Bruin hurlers walked no one and the defense turned four double plays prevented further damage.

Six Western Oregon players banged out three or more hits, with Josh Nelson going 5-for-5 and Ryan Suyama 4-for-6. Suyama had the biggest blow of the game, a third inning grand-slam to right that broke a 3-3 tie and pinned the loss on George Fox starter Brody Wilson, 1-1. Suyama also doubled and drove in a total of six runs, while Nelson had four RBI with his five singles. Also collecting three hits apiece for the Wolves were Travis Chetock, Andy Ortmayer, Bryce Gardinier, and Jeremy Stegmaier. The hits were the first of the season for Gardinier.

The Bruins scored six runs in four innings off the Wolves' Dan Lockett, making his first college start, and he exited before pitching enough to pick up his first win. The decision eventually was credited to the third hurler for Western Oregon, Philip Roberti, 3-1, who worked two scoreless innings in the sixth and seventh frames despite allowing four hits.

Russell Johnston, Kyle Langeliers, and Mike Piper had two apiece for the Bruins, who drew nine walks to go with their 11 hits but stranded 11 runners. Derek Birley picked up three RBI with a run-scoring single, a bases-loaded walk, and a ground out.

George Fox, now 20-4 overall, must now turn its attention to a critical three-game series this weekend at Pacific Lutheran University. The Bruins, ranked No. 13 in the NCAA Division III, lead the Northwest Conference with a 10-2 mark, but the Lutes are right behind at 7-2. The series opens with a doubleheader on Saturday, Apr. 15, at 1:00 p.m.

Western Oregon, now 21-25 overall, returns to Cascade Collegiate Conference play Saturday, hosting Concordia University-Portland in a twinbill starting at 12:00 noon.

Western Oregon (21-25) 13, George Fox (20-4) 9
Western Oregon 205 211 020 – 13 24 0
George Fox 211 200 030 – 9 11 5

Lockett, Skinner (5), Roberti (6), Rozewski (8) and Oswalt; Wilson, Schilperoort (3), Lorenz (6), Lapp (8), Sievers (8), Beasley (9) and Birley. WP – Roberti (3-1). LP – Wilson (1-1). HR – WOU, Suyama (3). T – 2:41. Att – 165.

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BRUINS STAY GAME-AND-A-HALF AHEAD OF LUTES WITH SPLIT

PARKLAND, Wash. --- In a showdown for first in the Northwest Conference, the George Fox University Bruins stayed one step ahead of the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, taking the opener 2-1 but dropping the second 7-6 in 10 innings at the PLU Baseball Field here Saturday afternoon (Apr. 15).

The 13th-ranked Bruins took the opener with an unearned run in the top of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie. Aaron Bliss reached second when right fielder Jason Both dropped his fly ball, and Paul Gramenz singled him home with two out. The Lutes threatened to knot it again in the home half when Kyle Bowers led off with a double and moved to third on Isaac Williams' single. But Bruins ace Ryan Alvis, 7-1, wriggled off the hook when pinch runner Matt Simon was caught stealing second, then got a ground out and a strikeout. Alvis finished with a five-hitter and struck out nine.

PLU took a 1-0 lead in the second when Both doubled and scored on an error, but the Bruins tied it off eventual loser Jason Andrew, 4-3, in the third on a triple by Gramenz and Russell Johnston's single.

In the second game, the Lutes jumped on Kess Romano for three in the first and another in the third, then knocked him out with a run in the fifth for a 5-0 lead. But the Lutes kicked the ball around, making six errors, allowing the Bruins to get back into the game with a run in the sixth and a pair of unearned runs in both the seventh and ninth innings.

The Bruins took a 6-5 lead in the top of the 10th on an RBI hit by Kyle Langeliers, but the Lutes rallied in the home half off Jason Schilperoort, 2-2. Bowers walked, Williams singled, and Michael Colon singled to drive in Bowers with the tying run. Colon later scored the winning run on a two-out single by Josh Luebke, giving the win to reliever Rob White, 2-1.

The Bruins, 21-5 overall and 11-3 in the conference, lead the second-place Lutes, 14-9-1 overall and 8-3 in the conference, by a game-and-a-half. The series concludes Sunday, Apr. 16, at 12:00 noon.

George Fox (21-4, 11-2) 2, Pacific Lutheran (13-9-1, 7-3) 1

George Fox 001 000 1 - 2 6 1

Pacific Lutheran 010 000 0 - 1 5 3

Alvis and Birley; Andrew and Epperson. WP - Alvis (7-1). LP - Andrew (4-3).

Pacific Lutheran (14-9-1, 8-3) 7, George Fox (21-5, 11-3) 6, 10 innings

George Fox 000 001 202 1 - 6 8 3

Pacific Lutheran 310 100 000 2 - 7 8 6

Romano, Sievers (4), Schilperoort (8) and Birley; Farman, White (10) and Epperson, Luebke (10). WP - White (2-1). LP - Schilperoort (2-2). Att - 250.



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PLU, GEORGE FOX SPLIT CONFERENCE BASEBALL TWINBILL

PARKLAND, WA – Pacific Lutheran and George Fox, the top two teams in the Northwest Conference standi split a baseball doubleheader on Saturday. The visiting Bruins won the opener, 2-1, before the host Lutes scored two r in the bottom of the 10th inning to pull out a 7-6 win in the nightcap.

The teams conclude their three-game series with a game starting at noon on Sunday.

George Fox (21-4 overall, 11-3 NWC) won the pitching-dominated opener, scoring an unearned run in the top the seventh inning. Aaron Bliss reached second base when rightfielder Jason Both dropped his fly ball. With two outs, Paul Gramenz singled him home. The Lutes (14-9-1 overall, 8-3 NWC) had a chance to tie the game in the bottom of t seventh. Kyle Bowers started the frame with a double and advanced to third on a single by Isaac Williams. George Fox ace Ryan Alvis wriggled out of trouble, however, when pinch runner Matt Simon was caught stealing second, followed a ground out and strikeout.

Alvis allowed only five hits and struck out nine to improve his record to 7-1. The Lutes' only run came on a double by Both and an error by the Bruins. Pacific Lutheran starter Jason Andrew, whose record dropped to 4-3, was nearly as impressive, limiting the Bruins to just six hits while striking out four. Andrew allowed a two-out run in the th on a triple by Gramenz and single by Russell Johnston, then escaped a second-and-third situation in the fourth. He had retired seven straight batters until the error opened the door for George Fox in the seventh.

In the second game, Pacific Lutheran jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first inning with Jay Chennault and Bowers plating runs with singles. Casey Harvie drove in a run in the second with a double and had an RBI on a fielder's choice in the fourth as the Lutes built a 5-0 lead. The Lutes, however, kicked the ball around by making six errors, allowing George Fox to get back into the game. The Bruins scored a run in the sixth, got two unearned tallies in the seventh and tied the game with two more unearned runs in the ninth.

The Bruins took the lead, 6-5, in the 10th inning on a two-out RBI single by Kyle Langeliers, but PLU scraped u two runs for the win in the bottom of the inning. Bowers led off with a walk and moved up a base on a Williams' single. Micheal Colon singled sharply to centerfield to drive in Bowers, and Colon later scored the winning run on a two-out single to rightfield by Josh Luebke. Rob White picked up the win in relief to improve his record to 2-1.

FIRST GAME

GEORGE FOX	001	000	1	—	2	6	1
PACIFIC LUTHERAN	010	000	0	—	1	5	3

Alvis and Birley; Andrew and Epperson. WP – Alvis (7-1). LP – Andrew (4-3).

SECOND GAME

GEORGE FOX	000	001	202	1	—	6	8	3
PACIFIC LUTHERAN	310	100	000	2	—	7	8	6

Romano, Sievers (4), Schilperoort (8) and Birley; Farman, White (10) and Epperson, Luebke (10). WP – White (2-1). LP – Schilperoort (2-2).

Attendance: 250



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LUTES UNLOAD ON BRUIN PITCHING TO WIN RUBBER GAME 12-2

PARKLAND, Wash. --- Unloading for 17 hits, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes hammered the George Fox University Bruins 12-2 Sunday afternoon (Apr. 16) here at the PLU Baseball Field to take the rubber game of the three-game series and move into first place in the Northwest Conference by percentage points.

With the win, the Lutes are now 15-9-1 overall and 9-3 in the NWC, a .750 winning percentage. The 13th-ranked Bruins fall to 21-6 overall and 11-4 in the league, a mark of .733. In games-over-.500, the Bruins are at plus-seven and the Lutes at plus-six, thus George Fox holds a half-game lead that way, a situation that sometimes occurs at the top or bottom of standings when teams have played an unequal number of games, but PLU is a very important game up in the loss column.

Michael Colon went 4-for-5 to pace the PLU attack, including a double and a triple while scoring three runs and driving in two. Jay Chennault was 3-for-5 with three runs scored, and Josh Reiman was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. With his teammates exploding for two runs in the second and four in the third to take early control, the Lutes' Zach Almont coasted to his fourth win against one loss, striking out six and walking two while scattering nine hits and allowing only one earned run.

The early assault pinned the loss on Bruins' southpaw Paul Andrewjeski, 4-2, who lasted five and two-thirds innings and surrendered seven runs, although only three were earned due to three George Fox errors. At the plate, David Farrell found his hitting stroke by going 3-for-4, while Russell Johnston was 3-for-3 with a double.

George Fox returns to conference action Friday, Apr. 21, visiting Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., for a doubleheader starting at 1:00 p.m., then they will conclude the series in Newberg on Saturday, Apr. 22, with a single game at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Lutheran remains at home for a series with Willamette University, with a single game on Friday, Apr. 21, at 3:00 p.m., and a twinbill on Saturday, Apr. 22, at 12:00 noon.

Pacific Lutheran (15-9-1, 9-3) 12, George Fox (21-6, 11-4) 2

George Fox 000 100 100 – 2 9 3

Pacific Lutheran 024 003 03x – 12 17 0

Andrewjeski, Wilson (6), Lorenz (6), Beasley (8) and Birley, Carlsen (8); Almont and Epperson.
WP – Almont (4-1). LP – Andrewjeski (4-2). T – 2:14. Att – 200.

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LUTES RIP BRUINS PITCHING, TAKE 12-2 NWC BASEBALL VICTORY

PARKLAND, WA -- Pacific Lutheran exploded for 17 hits against four pitchers in rolling to a 12-2 Northwest Conference baseball victory on Sunday afternoon over the visiting George Fox Bruins.

The win improves the Lutes' conference record to 9-3 and their overall mark to 15-9-1, but more importantly it gives them a one-game lead over the conference-leading Bruins in the loss column. George Fox, ranked No. 13 in the NCAA Division III national poll, falls to 11-4 in the conference and 21-6 overall.

Zach Almont, a junior righthander from nearby Graham, threw a complete-game nine-hitter to improve his record to 4-1. Almont struck out six and walked two, and only one of the runs was earned.

While Almont was getting the measure of the Bruins batters, the same could not be said of the four George Fox pitchers. Starter Paul Andrewjeski allowed eight hits and seven runs, though just three earned, in 5 2/3 innings to fall to 4-2 for the season. The Lutes strung together doubles by Kyle Bowers, Mike Colón, Josh Reiman and a sacrifice fly by Jason Andrew for two runs in the second inning. An inning later, a two-out error by George Fox shortstop Paul Gramenz led to four unearned PLU runs.

With two outs, Jay Chennault singled and Jason Both walked. With the runners going on the pitch, Bowers rolled a grounder to Gramenz, who let the ball roll under his glove for the first of three Bruins errors. Chennault scored on the play, and Both came in moments later when Colón singled over the first base bag. Andrew then singled through the right side of the infield on a hit-and-run, plating Bowers, and Josh Reiman followed with a single through the left side that scored Colón.

The Lutes added three-run innings in the sixth and eighth. The two-out sixth inning uprising was highlighted by Both's run-scoring triple to right-centerfield and Bowers' RBI double down the leftfield line. In the eighth, Colón and Andrew had run-scoring singles and Reiman hit a sacrifice fly.

Colón led the PLU offense with two singles, a double and triple, while Chennault and Reiman added three hits apiece. Reiman, the freshman third baseman from Everett, had three RBI, as did Andrew, the sophomore from Tacoma who played leftfield today after pitching on Saturday.

David Farrell and Russ Johnston had three hits apiece for George Fox.

(Linescore to follow.)

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PITCHING PREVAILS AS BRUINS, BOXERS SPLIT TWINBILL

FOREST GROVE, Ore. --- With one team leading the Northwest Conference in batting and the other the league leader in home runs, baseball fans at Bond Field here Friday afternoon (Apr. 21) probably expected a flood of runs. Instead, they were treated to some fine pitching and outstanding defensive plays as the visiting George Fox University Bruins took the opener 2-1 before the host Pacific University Boxers came back in the nightcap for a 5-2 win.

In the first game, Pacific took a 1-0 lead in the second as Matt Lengwenus drilled his league-leading eighth home run off the Bruins' Jason Schilperoort. The Bruins tied it off Boxer hurler Dustin Bare, 1-4, in the fifth as Mike Piper doubled and came in on Russell Johnston's single to center.

After Adam Edwards led off the Boxer sixth with a single, the Bruins brought in staff ace Ryan Alvis, who slammed the door the rest of the way and picked up the win, his eighth against one loss, when his teammates got his a run in the seventh. Piper walked and pinch runner Stephen Donohue was sacrificed to second by Paul Gramenz, moved to third on Johnston's fly to right, and scored the winner on David Farrell's double.

Alvis started the second game and was touched for three in the third, all unearned as a result of three George Fox errors. Edwards' sacrifice fly scored David Barney with the first run, and Kyle Bunting and Nathan Meyer both scored when Lengwenus struck out but reached first on a wild pitch and Bruins' catcher Derek Birley hit Lengwenus with a throw to first. The Boxers scored insurance runs off Alvis, 8-2, in the sixth and seventh on Bunting's run-scoring fielder's choice and Ben Holscher's RBI single.

Kelly DeVoy, 3-3, went the distance for the Boxers, surrendering runs in the sixth and seventh on Piper's single that scored Farrell, who had doubled, and Aaron Bliss' RBI double that scored Kyle Langeliers with an unearned run, but he was bailed out of trouble by two huge defensive plays. In the sixth, after Piper's hit, Andrews made a spectacular over-the-shoulder catch of Schilperoort's drive to deep right and doubled Piper off at first. The in the ninth, after Birley reached on an error to open the inning, second baseman Mac Strang snared Langeliers' smash up the middle with a diving backhand stop to start a rally-killing double play.

Pacific climbed to 9-21 overall and 6-11 in the conference, while George Fox, despite the split that left the Bruins at 22-7 overall and 12-5 in the NWC, moved into first place in the league when Pacific Lutheran University lost at home to Willamette University 7-3, leaving the Lutes 9-4 in the conference.

Pacific and George Fox play the third game of the series Saturday in Newberg at 1:00 p.m.

George Fox (22-6, 12-4) 2, Pacific (8-21, 5-11) 1

George Fox 000 010 1 - 2 8 0

Pacific 010 000 0 - 1 6 0

Schilperoort, Alvis (6) and Birley; Bare and Voorhies. WP - Alvis (8-1). LP - Bare (1-4). HR - P, Lengwenus (8). T - 1:37

Pacific (9-21, 6-11) 5, George Fox (22-7, 12-5) 2

George Fox 000 001 100 - 2 6 3

Pacific 003 001 10x - 5 7 2

Alvis, Sievers (7) and Birley; DeVoy and Voorhies. WP - DeVoy (3-3). LP - Alvis (8-2). T - 2:16. Att - 70.

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BRUIN BATTERS BAFFLED BY BOXER HURLERS AGAIN 5-4

NEWBERG, Ore. --- When this weekend's series between the George Fox University Bruins and Pacific University Boxers began, the Bruins were the Northwest Conference leaders in staff earned run average and the Boxers were dead-last, giving up almost nine earned runs a game.

By the time Saturday's (Apr. 22) contest ended with the Boxers stunning the home-standing Bruins 5-4, one might have suspected Pacific to have imported some ringers to pitch, as Pacific hurlers allowed George Fox fewer total runs in the three-game series (8) than their staff averaged giving up per game before then.

For six-plus innings, Bruin hitters had Pacific starter Kyle Ishimitsu on the ropes, raking him for six hits and drawing six walks, but never could come up with a hit at the right time to blow the game open. By the time reliever Derek Akimoto came on to throw three and one-third scoreless innings to finish the game, it was too late.

Akimoto, 3-2, got the win when Pacific scored a run in the seventh to tie it at 4-4 and another in the eighth to go ahead for good. Singles by Nathan Meyer, Matt Lengwenus, and Ben Holscher got the tying run home, and the Boxers scored the go-ahead run with some daring baserunning. David Barney started the rally with a one-out single and raced to third on Kyle Bunting's hit to center. Mac Strang bounced back to Bruins' hurler Kess Romano, who checked Barney for a moment, then threw to first. Barney broke immediately and beat first baseman Kyle Langeliers' throw home.

Romano was trying for his 25th career victory, which would have tied him for the all-time record at George Fox. Instead, he took his first loss of the season in falling to 6-1, surrendering all 14 of Pacific's hits in his eight innings of work.

The Boxers scored three unearned runs on two hits and three errors in the first, but the Bruins tied it in the second on Jason Wieg's sacrifice fly to score Garret Bates, Paul Gramenz' third home run of the season, and Mike Piper's triple after a David Farrell single. The Bruins went ahead in the sixth when Akimoto hit Jason Schilperoort, the first batter hit faced, with the bases loaded, but he got out of the jam by inducing Derek Birley to hit into a force play, just three of 12 runners the Bruins stranded in the game.

The contest was delayed twice in both the top and bottom halves of the third innings by 30-minute rain delays.

Pacific climbed to 10-21 overall and 7-11 in the conference, while George Fox, which began the day with a one-game league lead, slipped to 22-8 overall and 12-6 in the conference.

The Boxers next host Concordia University-Portland Tuesday, Apr. 25, at 5:00 p.m., while the Bruins are off this next week for exams, resuming play Monday-Tuesday, May 1-2, with a three-game trip to California State University-Hayward. The two will play a twinbill on Monday and a single on Tuesday, all at 1:00 p.m.

Pacific(10-21, 7-11) 5, George Fox (22-8, 12-6) 4

Pacific 300 000 110 – 5 14 1

George Fox 030 001 000 – 4 9 3

Ishimitsu, Akimoto (6) and Voorhies; Romano, Beasley (9) and Wieg. WP –Akimoto (3-2). LP – Romano (6-1). HR – GF, Gramenz (3). T – 2:48. Att – 155.

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BRUIN RETURN TO WINNING WAYS WITH SWEEP OF CSU-HAYWARD

HAYWARD, Calif. --- With only nine games remaining in the regular season, the George Fox University baseball team knew it would take a strong finish to secure the Northwest Conference crown and perhaps secure a place in the NCAA Division III West Regional playoffs. The Bruins took a first step toward ending on an upbeat note here Monday afternoon (May 1) by sweeping a non-conference doubleheader from California State University-Hayward, 3-1 and 5-4.

In the opener, Kess Romano tied the school record for career wins with a four-hitter, striking out four with no walks and allowing no earned runs. Romano, 7-1 on the season, has 25 career wins, tying the record held by former All-American Nate Barnett.

Aaron Bliss led the Bruins to victory at the plate, going 3-for-3. His RBI single in the second scored Derek Birley, who had doubled, for a 1-0 George Fox lead, and he made it 2-0 in the sixth with a solo home run, his first of the season. Russell Johnston walked, stole second, and scored on Jason Schilperoort's single for the Bruins' final run in the seventh.

In the nightcap, Ryan Alvis uncharacteristically struggled with his control, walking six along with giving up nine hits, but stranded 11 Pioneer runners in eight inning and hung on for the win, raising his record to 9-2. Alvis fanned seven before giving way to Schilperoort, who struck out the last Pioneer batter with the tying run at second for his first save.

Johnston went 2-for-4 with a double, two stolen bases, and two runs scored, and Birley drove in a pair of runs with a sacrifice fly and a single to pace the Bruins' attack. Brett Niles hit his 10th home run and drove in three for the Pioneers.

The Bruins snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to 24-8 on the season, while the Pioneers fell to 16-17. The two teams conclude their three-game series here Tuesday, May 2, at 1:00 p.m.

George Fox (23-8) 3, CSU-Hayward (16-16) 1

George Fox 010 001 1 – 3 8 1

CSU-Hayward 000 001 0 – 1 4 1

Romano and Birley; Stewart and Martinez. WP – Romano (7-10). LP – Stewart (6-4). HR –GF, Bliss (1).

George Fox (24-8) 5, CSU-Hayward (16-17) 4

George Fox 102 020 000 – 5 8 2

CSU-Hayward 111 001 000 – 4 9 4

Alvis, Schilperoort (9) and Wieg, Birley (4); Pasquinelli, Edwards (7) and Martinez. WP – Alvis (9-2). LP – Pasquinelli (2-2). SV – Schilperoort (1). HR – CSUH, Niles (10).

CAL STATE HAYWARD BASEBALL RESULTS
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000
AT CAL STATE HAYWARD

GAME ONE: GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY 3 CAL ST HAYWARD 1

Pitcher Kess Romano improved to 7-1 for the season leading George Fox University past Cal State Hayward 3-1 in the opener. Romano went the distance allowing only four hits, no earned runs and recorded four strikeouts. Aaron Bliss led the Bruins hitting attack with three hits including a solo home run in the sixth inning. Eric Barron had two hits and scored Cal State Hayward's lone run in sixth inning.

GAME TWO: GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY 5 CAL ST HAYWARD 4

Catcher Derek Birley drove in a pair of runs while Russell Johnston had two hits and scored twice leading George Fox University to the doubleheader sweep. Pitcher Ryan Alvis hurled the first eight innings to pick up his seventh win of the season. Jason Schilperoort pitched a scoreless ninth inning to register his first save of the year. Brett Niles, who went 2-for-4 with three RBIS, hit his team leading 10th home run of the season for Cal State Hayward in the third inning. Ryan Sill, Steven Parker and Darryl Rath each had two hits for the Pioneers. George Fox University improves to 24-8 while Cal State Hayward stands at 16-17 for the season.

RECORDS

GEORGE FOX (24-8)

CAL ST HAYWARD (16-17)

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ALVIS, ROMANO SET RECORDS AS BRUINS TAKE TWO FROM WHITMAN

WALLA WALLA, Wash. --- Staff aces Ryan Alvis and Kess Romano combined for three new records and tied another as the George Fox University Bruins swept a Northwest Conference twinbill from the Whitman College Missionaries 6-4 and 2-0 Saturday afternoon (May 6) here at Borleske Field.

Alvis went the distance in the opener, scattering eight hits while striking out seven with only one walk, and raised his record to 10-2. His wins total ties the season record of 10 set by Nate Barnett in 1997. His complete game was his seventh of the season, breaking the old record of six done six others times by Bruin hurlers, and his seven K's in the game give him 75 for the season, eclipsing the former record of 71 by Troy Schrenk in 1997.

In the nightcap, Romano fired a three-hit shutout to improve to 8-1 on the season, giving him a team-record 25 career victories. The previous best was 24 by Nate Barnett from 1996-99.

George Fox scored two in the sixth inning to break a 4-4 tie in gaining Alvis' victory in the first game. Consecutive singles by Aaron Bliss, Mike Piper, and Kyle Langeliers got one run in, and Piper scored an insurance run on Paul Gramenz' force out, making a loser of Jimmy Hill (2-6).

Garrett Bates had an RBI single and Bliss a two-run hit in the first as the Bruins got off to an early 3-0 lead, but the Missionaries tied it with three of their own in the home half, the rally capped off by a two-run homer by Adam Zaitz. Langeliers singled and eventually scored on Russell Johnston's single to make it 4-3 in the fourth, but a solo shot by Andy Tillo tied it for Whitman in the fifth.

In the second game, Romano and Whitman's Chris Garrett (3-5) matched zeroes until the top of the ninth when the Bruins got the only two runs Romano would need. Jason Schilperoort opened the inning by reaching on an error, Derek Birley sacrificed him to second, and Bates tripled to center to break the deadlock. Bliss followed with an RBI single for the extra tally.

The Bruins have now won five in a row, improving to 27-8 overall and 14-6 in the conference, while the Missionaries fall to 14-26 and 7-13 in the league. With Pacific Lutheran splitting at Whitworth, the Bruins are now back in first in the conference by themselves, though PLU, Linfield, and Willamette all lurk just a game behind.

George Fox and Whitman conclude their series Sunday, May 7, with a single game at 12:00 noon. The Bruins return home to end the regular season with a three-game conference series against Whitworth College Friday and Saturday, May 12-13.

George Fox (26-8, 13-6) 6, Whitman (14-25, 7-12) 4

George Fox 300 102 0 – 6 12 2

Whitman 300 010 0 – 4 8 3

Alvis and Birley; Hill and Zaitz. WP – Alvis (10-2). LP – Hill (2-6). HR – WC, Zaitz (5), Tillo (6).

George Fox (27-8, 14-6) 2, Whitman (14-26, 7-13) 0

George Fox 000 000 002 – 2 4 2

Whitman 000 000 000 – 0 3 2

Romano and Birley; Garrett and Zaitz. WP – Romano (8-1). LP – Garrett (3-5).

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SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – BASEBALL

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BIRLEY BASHES 4 HR'S IN A GAME AS BRUINS SWEEP WHITWORTH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Derek Birley blasted four home runs and drove in 10 runs as the George Fox University Bruins outslugged Whitworth College 13-9 in the second game of a Northwest Conference baseball doubleheader Friday afternoon (May 12) here at Morse Field, completing a sweep of the Pirates. Ryan Alvis tossed a two-hitter in the opener as the Bruins prevailed 5-1.

With the win, George Fox clinched a tie for the NWC crown. The Bruins, who began the day with a one-game lead over Linfield and Willamette, have won eight straight to improve to 30-8 overall and 17-6 in the league. They can claim the title by themselves with a win here Saturday in the 12:00 p.m. regular-season finale against the Pirates, who dropped to 13-26 overall and 8-15 in the conference.

In Birley's big game, the senior slugger singled in the first, hit a two-run homer to center in the third, lined a three-run drive to right in the fourth, hit another two-run blast to center in the sixth, and drilled a three-run shot, his ninth of the season, down the left-field line in the eighth to provide the Bruins with some much-needed insurance. The four home runs tied a Bruins' record also held by former NAIA All-American Nate Barnett, who also holds the single-game RBI record with 13.

Russell Johnston also hit a solo home run, his first, for the Bruins while going 3-for-5. Johnston stole three bases on the day, raising his league-leading total to 19.

George Fox righthander Kess Romano struggled to the win as the Pirates also hit the ball well. Romano, last week's NWC "Pitcher of the Week", gave up eight hits in five-plus innings and seven runs, four earned, but left with an 8-6 lead and improved to 9-1, thanks to a fine relief effort by Brody Wilson, who worked two-and-two-thirds scoreless innings with four strikeouts and tied a team record with his fourth save of the season. Romano extended his Bruin record for career wins to 27.

Nick Schuerman went 3-for-5 with his fourth home run and Justin McKitterick hit his second, highlighting a 14-hit attack by the Pirates. Starter Scott Yoshihara, 3-6, took the loss for Whitworth.

The second game was a sharp contrast to the well-pitched opener. Alvis allowed a single to the Pirates' Miguel Saldin to start the game, a bloop single to right one out later by Aaron Keller that scored Saldin – and no hits the rest of the game. He fanned 10, upping his season record total to 85, posted his record eighth complete game, and improved to 11-2, another George Fox record for wins in a season.

Pirates lefty Matt Squires, 2-5, was almost as sharp, allowing only two hits and a third-inning run on a walk to Johnston, a steal, and Jason Schilperoort's RBI single through five innings. The Bruins touched him for four in the sixth, however, to secure the win. After one run scored on a throwing error, Kyle Langeliers' two-run single broke the inning open, and Johnston singled in the final run.

George Fox (29-8, 16-6) 5, Whitworth (13-25, 8-14) 1

Whitworth 100 000 0 – 1 2 2

George Fox 001 004 x – 5 5 0

Squires and Schuerman; Alvis and Birley. WP – Alvis (11-2). LP – Squires (2-5). T – 1:33.

George Fox (30-8, 17-6) 13, Whitworth (13-26, 8-15) 9

Whitworth 022 201 200 – 9 14 1

George Fox 013 402 03x – 13 15 3

Yoshihara, Radke (4) and Schuerman; Romano, Sievers (6), Wilson (7) and Birley. HR – WC, McKitterick (2), Schuerman (4); GF, Johnston (1), Birley 4 (9). T – 2:33. Att – 155.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

SPORTS PRESS RELEASE – BASEBALL

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BRUINS CLAIM NORTHWEST CROWN WITH 14-2 ROUT OF WHITWORTH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Southpaw Paul Andrewjeski was dominating for eight innings and his teammates exploded for 19 hits, tying their season high, as the George Fox University Bruins routed the Whitworth College Pirates 14-2 to claim the Northwest Conference baseball championship Saturday afternoon (May 13) here at Morse Field.

Second-place teams Linfield and Willamette needed to sweep doubleheaders against Pacific Lutheran and Puget Sound respectively and hope that the Pirates could knock off the Bruins for a chance to tie, but a four-run first inning got George Fox off to a fast start and the Bruins never looked back. Paul Gramenz started the inning with a double, David Farrell singled him home, and Jason Schilperoort slammed his third home run of the season, making it 3-0 Bruins before Whitworth starter Rich Clubine (3-5) could get an out. Two outs later, Aaron Bliss drilled his second homer of the year.

Before the onslaught was over, every George Fox starter had at least one hit. Farrell led the way with a 4-for-5 game, Gramenz was 3-for-5, and Schilperoort went 2-for-4 with four RBI. Substitute first baseman Brian Newman got into the long-ball act with his third round-tripper of the year in the eighth.

Andrewjeski, meanwhile, was in total control, allowing only three hits through seven innings. The Pirates finally broke through in the eighth as Richard Brown and Justin McKitterick singled and Bryan Schutz hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Brown, the first run Andrewjeski had allowed in his last 20 innings of work. He struck out nine and walked none in raising his record to 6-2, giving way to Eric Beasley for the ninth inning.

With their ninth straight win, the Bruins finished the regular season at 31-8 overall and 18-6 in the conference. George Fox also won a conference title in 1997 and tied for first last year with Linfield, and is 63-16 over the last two seasons. Whitworth dropped to 13-27 overall and 8-16 in the conference, sharing the eighth spot with Whitman.

George Fox now awaits word on whether or not it will be extended an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III West Regional (the Northwest Conference does not have an automatic bid until next year). The West Regional is set to begin Wednesday, May 17, at either Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, or at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Teams, pairings, and sites for all regionals will be decided Sunday afternoon. The winners from eight regional tournaments will advance to the NCAA Division III National Championships May 26-30 in Appleton, Wis.

George Fox (31-8, 18-6) 14, Whitworth (13-27, 8-16) 2
Whitworth 000 000 011 – 2 7 1
George Fox 400 212 32x – 14 19 1

Clubine, Pugh (5), Hibbard (7), Neill (8) and Schuerman, Farr (8); Andrewjeski, Beasley (9) and Birley, Wieg (8), Halverson (9). WP – Andrewjeski (6-2). LP – Clubine (3-5). HR – GF, Schilperoort (3), Bliss (2), Newman (3). T – 2:20. Att – 215.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP

BASEBALL

Although it ended on a disappointing note, the George Fox University 2000 baseball season will have to go down as one of the best in team history, with the Bruins' first appearance in the NCAA National Tournament and numerous new team records.

The Bruins' 31-10 record was the second-best ever, percentage-wise, at .756, surpassed only by last year's 32-8 mark and .800 percentage. The 31 wins tied the 1994 team (31-13) for second-most wins.

A 15-1 start got the Bruins off to the best start in school history, earning the team a spot in the national rankings, and a nine-game winning streak to end the season boosted the team to a No. 10 rating at the end of the regular season, the highest ever for a George Fox baseball team.

The Bruins captured their third Northwest Conference crown in the last five years with an 18-6 league mark, one game ahead of Yamhill County rival Linfield College. Coach **Pat Bailey** was named NWC Coach of the Year for the third time in five seasons, while six Bruins received All-Conference honors. Pitchers **Ryan Alvis** and **Kess Romano** and catcher **Derek Birley** were First Team selections, while second baseman **David Farrell** and outfielders **Jason Schilperoort** and **Garrett Bates** were Honorable Mention.

The strong finish and conference title earned the Bruins the No. 1 seed in the West Regional at Georgetown, Texas, where the season ended with losses to California Lutheran University and Southwestern University, the host team.

Alvis led the NWC in wins (11), strikeouts (93), and earned run average (1.87), setting school records for wins and strikeouts in a season. He also set new marks for innings (91.1) and complete games in a season (9). **Romano**, 9-1 with a 2.49 ERA, became the Bruin leader in career wins (27). Both pitchers ranked among the national leaders in wins and ERA. **Brody Wilson** tied the school record for saves in a season (4). **Birley** tied a team and NCAA Division III national record when he slugged four home runs in one game against Whitworth at home on May 12.

As a staff, Bruin hurlers set new records for lowest ERA (2.98) and fewest walks per nine innings (1.96) while striking out 263 with only 73 walks, an amazing ratio of 3.6-to-1. The 263 strikeouts were just two short of the team record of 265 set in 1997, while the team ERA ranked in the top 10.

SOFTBALL

In what proved to be **Chris Gross**' eighth and final season as George Fox University softball coach, the Bruins posted a 6-25 record and went 3-18 in the Northwest Conference, finishing eighth.

The Bruins opened the season going 1-3 in the Central Washington Tournament and were 2-3 in the University of Redlands Tournament. Their lone conference winning series was a 2-1 edge over Whitworth College, including a 12-4 win that was the team's biggest offensive output of the season.

Pitcher-shortstop **Beth Davis** completed a fine four-year career by being selected First Team All-Conference for the second year in a row as a utility player. She was 3-11 on the mound with a good 2.92 earned run average, led the staff with 42 strikeouts, and threw nine complete games, including two shutouts. She also finished strong to bat .250 and led the team with three triples.

Third baseman **Brittany Baird** was Honorable Mention All-Conference as she led the team with a .300 batting average and ranked fifth in the league with 101 assists in the field. Left fielder **Anita Orlowski** batted .272 and belted five home runs with 18 RBI, both team-leading numbers. **Laura Steenson** was 3-5 a team-leading 2.45 ERA, second baseman **Cori Wulf** hit .291 and led the team with 15 runs scored, and outfielder **Kelsey Bates** stole 10 bases to rank among the conference leaders.

Coach Gross stepped down at the end of the season with an eight-year record of 105-135-2 due to the time constraints of her full-time job as a sales representative for the JUGGS pitching machine company.

MEN'S TENNIS

In his first full season as men's tennis coach at George Fox University, Coach **Rick Cruz** guided the Bruins to an 8-12 overall record and a 6-6 mark, good for fifth place, in the Northwest Conference. In the season-ending NWC Tournament, the Bruins went 1-2 and finished sixth.

Top players for the Bruins were #1 **Todd Hammans** and #2 **Ryan Cruz**, the coach's younger brother, who were both named First Team All-Conference. **Hammans**, who was ranked 28th in the NCAA Division III West Region, was 14-6 in earning All-NWC honors for the second straight year, while **Cruz**, a Second Team pick last year, was 12-8. As a doubles team, the pair were 15-5 and ranked 13th in the West Region.

Freshman **Joe Gonzales** was a pleasant surprise, posting a winning record of 12-8 in the #3 singles spot, while **Gonzales** and **Jared Pearson** teamed up for a winning mark at #3 doubles, going 8-7.

Coach Cruz, who took over the team near the end of last season, has a career record of 12-16.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

It was a learning season for a young and inexperienced George Fox University women's tennis team as the Bruins went 1-15 overall and 0-12 in the Northwest Conference under new coach **Mark Sendelback**, who was named to the position shortly before the season opened.

The team's only win came over Mills College, but there were several close matches that went down to the wire, especially late in the season as the team improved. The Bruins dropped a 5-4 decision to Pacific in the opening round of the conference tournament to bring the year to a close.

Although her record was only 3-13, top singles player **Rachel McComb** impressed the conference coaches enough with her hustle and determination to win a spot on the All-Conference Second Team, only the second Bruin women's tennis player to make All-Conference. **Kim Reimer** had the best overall mark, going 6-11 at #2.

TRACK & FIELD

A first-place finish for the women's team in the Northwest Conference Championships, hosted by George Fox University, and a strong fourth by the men's team highlighted an outstanding track and field campaign for the Bruins in the spring of 2000.

The women's team unseated Pacific Lutheran, winners of the last four conference meets and 18 of the last 19, and it was a surprisingly-easy victory as the women won by a margin of 31 points over runner-up Linfield. Coach **Wes Cook** earned NWC "Women's Coach of the Year" honors for leading the Bruins to the championship.

Five Bruins were invited to participate in the NCAA Division III National Championships May 25-27 in Naperville, Ill., based on either meeting automatic qualifying marks or posting provisional marks good enough to fill out the fields in their events. Going to nationals were pole vaulter **Heather Hunt**, triple jumper **Jocelyn Kennedy**, hurdler **Sharon Barnett**, discus thrower **Ian Strauss**, and steeplechaser **Brandon Workman**.

Hunt had the second-best vault in the country, a height of 12-1.5, while **Kennedy** had the 13th-best mark in the nation in the triple jump (37-8), **Barnett** the 16th-best time in the 100m hurdles (14.63), **Strauss** the 13th-best discus throw (165-7), and **Workman** the 17th-best time in the steeplechase (9:13.40). **Hunt's** vault and **Kennedy's** triple jump were new school records, as was **Erin Simon's** 115-0 in the hammer throw.

Strauss posted the second-best marks in Bruin history in both the discus (165-07) and the shot put (48-10.25), while **Jon Roberts'** javelin toss of 192-02 was the third-best ever.

Barnett's time of 14.63 in the 100m hurdles was the second-best time ever and just off her own record of 14.57, while **Karrie Nelson** ran it in 14.87 for the third-best time. **Nelson** also earned third all-time in the 400m hurdles with a time of 63.86. **Jamie McElwain's** 2:16.00 in the 800m was also good for third-best all-time.

Others who had fine seasons and narrowly missed qualifying for the nationals included **Ember Brosius** in the 1500m and 5000m runs, **Nelson** in the 100m and 400m hurdles, **Megan Heuberger** in the 400m hurdles, and the men's 4x400 relay team of **Zach Davidson, Tyler Gassaway, Eric Costa, and David Plotts**.

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

BRUIN MOUND DUO RECEIVES ALL-REGION, ALL-AMERICA RECOGNITION

Righthanders **Ryan Alvis** and **Kess Romano**, the leaders on George Fox University's record-setting baseball pitching staff, have received recognition at the regional and national levels as selected by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Alvis, a senior from Seattle, Wash., was named to the NCAA Division III All-West Region First Team and the ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-America Third Team, while Romano was picked for the All-West Region Second Team. The two were key figures in the Bruins' season that resulted in a 31-10 record, a Northwest Conference championship, a No.10 national ranking, and a No.1 seed in the West Regional Tournament.

Alvis posted an 11-3 record, setting a new school record for wins and tying for third in the nation. His 93 strikeouts, 91.1 innings pitched, and nine complete games were also new records, while his 1.87 ERA ranked 30th nationally. He led the conference in wins, strikeouts, and ERA, and was second in innings. A two-time NWC "Pitcher of the Week", he was a First Team All-Conference pitcher. He posted a career record of 23-9 with 226 strikeouts and an ERA of 3.12.

Romano went 9-1 and became the all-time winningest pitcher in George Fox history, posting a career record of 27-7. He tied for second in the conference in wins, and ranked fourth with a 2.49 ERA and 82.2 inning pitched. He threw two shutouts during the season, and struck out 46 while walking only 11. He, too, was a First Team All-Conference pitcher. In addition to his career wins and losses, he had a four-season ERA of 3.29 and walked 63 batters in 284.2 career innings, an average of just over 2 walks per 9 innings, while striking out 183.

"It's amazing how two young men with such widely-diverse talents could have remarkably similar success," said Bruins coach Pat Bailey. "Alvis came to us as one of the best athletes we've ever had, but without much baseball knowledge in the sense that he did not grasp the finer points of the game. His growth in the game has been incredible, and he improved every year he's been with us. Part of the credit for that would have to go to Romano. Kess helped him a lot in learning 'how' to pitch, how to set up hitters using his outstanding fastball, and the two have become very good friends."

Romano, who relied primarily on pinpoint control rather than speed, "absolutely got the most out of his God-given talent," said Bailey. "He checked out every book on pitching in my library, and he approached pitching as an art form, always thinking on the mound, setting up hitters with never the same pitch back-to-back. I called him my 'Greg Maddux', because he's been that type of pitcher. He has great focusing skills when he's out there."

"Look at their records - they were 20-4 this past season and 50-16 in four years. I couldn't have asked for two finer young men, and there's no doubt, the gap Alvis and Romano will leave in our pitching staff next year is going to be a huge area to fill."

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AMERICAN BASEBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION
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FIRST TEAM

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	YR	B/T	HT	WT	AVG.	RBI	TB	SB	F/A	HOMETOWN
DH	Jose Cortez	Pomona-Pitzer Colleges	FR	S/R	6'1"	220	.424	61	127	2	N/A	Chino, CA
C	JC Bunch	Trinity University	JR	R/R	6'	200	.401	45	111	17	.971	Austin, TX
C	Eric Medina	California Lutheran U.	SR	R/R	6'4"	240	.400	41	99	3	.987	Pico Rivera, CA
1B	Frank McDonald	Sul Ross University	SR	L/L	6'2"	230	.468	42	73	0	.966	El Paso, TX
2B	Wayland White	Howard-Payne Univ.	SR	R/R	6'	180	.445	46	103	12	.932	Godley, TX
3B	Cory Cassell	Trinity University	JR	R/R	6'	195	.404	56	122	24	.930	Pittsburg, TX
SS	Jay Chennault	Pacific Lutheran Univ.	SR	S/R	5'9"	170	.398	18	63	12	.946	Kelso, WA
UT	Eric Albright	Chapman University	SR	R/R	6'1"	180	.329	58	86	1	.835	Long Beach, CA
OF	Matt Gelotti	Southwestern Univ.	SR	R/R	5'10"	185	.462	75	159	17	.990	Kingwood, TX
OF	Bo Edwards	Trinity University	SR	L/R	6'2"	210	.427	50	104	41	.906	Dallas, TX
OF	Brad Leon	Occidental College	SR	R/R	6'2"	185	.432	34	103	28	.973	Chino, CA

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	YR	B/T	HT	WT	W-L-S	R/ER	ERA	SO	HOMETOWN
P	Tom Canale	California Lutheran U.	JR	R/R	6'3"	165	10-2-0	50/42	3.84	99	Payson, AZ
P	Ryan Alvis	George Fox University	SR	R/R	6'	195	11-2-0	27/17	2.19	85	Kent, WA
P	Forrest Martin	Southwestern Univ.	SO	R/R	6'1"	185	9-2-0	38/25	2.80	106	Tallahas, OK
UT	Eric Albright	Chapman University	SR	R/R	6'1"	180	0-0-10	10/5	2.41	17	Long Beach, CA

SECOND TEAM

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	YR	B/T	HT	WT	AVG.	RBI	TB	SB	F/A	HOMETOWN
DH	Pat Stevens	Chapman University	SO	L/L	6'	185	.403	46	119	11	NA	Eugene, OR
1B	Jease Nelson	University of Dallas	SO	L/R	6'	190	.396	52	92	5	.983	Colleyville, TX
2B	Scott Cannon	Linfield College	SR	R/R	5'10"	180	.385	28	71	3	.954	Tigard, OR
3B	Brett Niles	Cal State U. Hayward	SR	R/R	6'2"	220	.370	51	99	4	.960	Agoura Hills, CA
SS	Ryan Yoshiwara	California Lutheran U.	JR	R/R	5'7"	160	.392	15	69	7	.948	Moorpark, CA
UT	Rob Frith	Whittier College	JR	L/L	5'10"	210	.400	42	109	0	.993	San Clemente, CA
OF	Tapley Holland	University of Dallas	SR	R/R	6'1"	205	.388	35	99	13	1.000	Highland Village, TX
OF	Kenneth Sharp	Trinity University	FR	R/R	5'10"	190	.415	35	115	22	.990	Lake Jackson, TX
OF	Jeff Halstead	Univ. of Puget Sound	SR	L/L	5'10"	165	.449	16	70	14	1.000	Milwaukie, OR
OF	Nick Planchich	California Lutheran U.	SR	R/R	6'2"	195	.391	29	86	14	.980	Redondo Beach, CA
OF	Clay Johnston	Hardin-Simmons U.	SR	R/R	5'11"	205	.349	45	88	6	.960	Midland, TX

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	YR	B/T	HT	WT	W-L-S	R/ER	ERA	SO	HOMETOWN
P	Jake Carney	University of Dallas	SO	R/R	6'3"	185	10-2-0	31/24	2.62	80	Tyler, TX
P	Kess Romano	George Fox University	SR	R/R	6'1"	190	9-1-0	35/18	1.99	46	Vancouver, WA
P	Adam Colman	Trinity University	JR	R/R	6'1"	180	11-3-0	57/35	3.75	77	Rosenberg, TX
UT	Rob Frith	Whittier College	JR	L/L	5'10"	210	5-8-0	70/49	4.45	53	San Clemente, CA

THIRD TEAM

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	YR	B/T	HT	WT	AVG.	RBI	TB	SB	F/A	HOMETOWN
DH	Ryan Dowdy	Southwestern	SR	R/R	6'	205	.371	54	106	2	NA	Galveston, TX
C	Tyler Sullivan	UC San Diego	SO	R/R	6'1"	185	.356	40	81	11	.935	Palo Alto, CA
1B	Dash Kohlhausen	Trinity University	SO	L/L	6'1"	190	.450	40	96	3	.970	Houston, TX
2B	Nate Eisele	Claremont Colleges	JR	R/R	5'8"	155	.351	43	79	0	.964	West Linn, OR
3B	Bubba Gentry	Southwestern Univ.	SO	R/R	6'2"	195	.375	51	91	2	.844	Houston, TX
SS	Ryan Gould	Pomona-Pitzer Colleges	SR	R/R	6'1"	200	.368	42	82	3	.914	Everett, WA
UT	Nik Lubisich	Willamette University	JR	L/L	6'2"	195	.383	38	91	4	.980	Portland, OR
OF	Marcus Silveira	Cal State U. Hayward	JR	R/R	6'2"	190	.368	36	93	10	.987	Hanford, CA
OF	Adam Olow	Chapman University	SR	R/R	6'3"	200	.371	24	66	6	1.000	Lemon Grove, CA
OF	Steve Uejio	Claremont Colleges	SR	R/R	5'11"	175	.335	31	94	7	.922	Honolulu, HI
OF	Matt Lengwenus	Pacific University	FR	R/R	6'	180	.384	35	75	7	.985	Newport, OR

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	B/T	HT	WT	W-L-S	R/ER	ERA	SO	HOMETOWN
Tim Huff	Chapman University	JR	R/R	5'10"	170	9-1-0	22/18	2.64	56	Huntington Beach, CA
Josh Duwe	McMurry University	JR	L/L	6'3"	200	8-1-0	30/24	2.97	62	Abilene, TX
Ryan Christoph	University of La Verne	SR	R/R	6'	210	7-3-0	46/34	3.40	86	Omak, WA
Nik Lubisich	Willamette University	JR	L/L	6'2"	195	7-2-0	15/10	1.28	57	Portland, OR

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ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

First Team

Pos.	Player, School	Class	B/T	HL	WT	Ave.	RBI	TB	SB	FA	Hometown
C	Jay Coackley, Marietta, OH	SO	R/R	5'11	213	460	93	173	4		991 Newark, OH
1B	John Kubachka, Eastern Conn., CT	SO	R/R	6'3	230	453	56	116	4		990 Glastonbury, CT
2B	Mike Lapoint, Cortland St., NY	SR	L/R	5'8	160	466	35	115	15		990 Massena, NY
SS	Brad Hensler, Allegheny, OH	SR	R/R	6'0	200	431	62	114	1		963 Bridgeville, PA
3B	Jeremy Schutt, Shenandoah, VA	JR	R/R	6'1	185	506	67	148	0		978 Annandale, VA
3B	Brian Sprout, St. Olaf, MN	SO	R/R	6'2	195	420	47	138	14		933 Lake City, MN
OF	Troy Longo, Rutgers Newark, NJ	SR	R/R	6'3	205	485	63	114	20		941 Woodbury, NJ
OF	Adam Holmsh, Marietta, OH	SR	R/R	5'11	188	479	61	136	22		982 Jacksonville, FL
OF	Matt Gelotti, Southwestern, TX	SR	R/R	5'10	185	443	77	164	17		990 Kingwood, TX
UTL	Dan Marchetti, Ohio Wesleyan, OH	SR	R/R	6'1	190	397	44	137	10		951 Gettersburg, MD
UTL	Eric Albright, Chapman, CA	SR	R/R	6'1	180	342	61	94	1		916 Longbeach, CA

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P	Greg Beaton, Montclair St., NJ	SR	R	5'11	170	10-1-2	33	2.43	88		Staten Island, NY
P	Jason Dooley, Avert, VA	SO	R	6'3	160	13-0-2	24	1.96	116		Danville, VA
P	Matt DeSalvo, Marietta, OH	SO	R	6'0	170	13-1-0	17	1.56	136		New Castle, PA
P	John Benedetti, Augustana, IL	SR	R	5'10	180	11-1-0	21	2.33	104		Palatine, IL
UTL	Dan Marchetti, Ohio Wesleyan, OH	SR	R	6'1	190	8-3-3	23	2.9	67		Galthersburg, MD
UTL	Eric Albright, Chapman, CA	SR	R	6'1	180	0-0-12	6	2.5	18		Longbeach, CA

Second Team

DH	Jose Cortez, Pomona-Pitzer, CA	FR	S	6'1	220	424	81	127	2		Chino, CA
C	Eric Swedberg, Worcester St. MA	SO	R/R	5'8	200	500	59	142	7		963 Gardner, MA
C	Matt Thede, Wartburg, IA	JR	R/R	6'1	170	446	74	136	12		971 Reinbeck, IA
1B	Drew Carsvella, Ohio Wesleyan, OH	SO	L/L	6'2	210	439	76	133	4		987 Hilliard, OH
2B	Ryan Leisner, Carthage, IL	SR	R/R	6'0	190	475	50	120	6		968 Watertown, WI
SS	Brian Eteneon, Montclair St., NJ	SO	R/R	6'1	180	482	54	123	8		946 Bayonne, NJ
3B	Craig Conway, Montclair St., NJ	JR	R/R	5'9	170	397	65	127	6		943 Mountaineer, NJ
OF	Craig Kerner, Cortland St., NY	JR	L/R	6'1	210	443	43	109	26		971 Whitesboro, NY
OF	Bo Edwards, Trinity, TX	SR	L/R	6'2	210	427	50	104	41		906 Dallas, TX
OF	Geoff Williams, Shenandoah, VA	SR	R/R	5'9	185	432	62	118	21		973 Suffolk, VA
OF	Chad Pike, Anderson, IN	SR	R/R	5'10	175	504	26	104	26		984 Anderson, IN
P	Chris Buglovsky, Coll. Of NJ, NJ	JR	R	6'2	175	9-3-0	21	1.88	88		Iselin, NJ
P	Kevin Downs, Amherst, MA	JR	R	6'0	175	9-1-0	11	1.36	85		Pound Ridge, NY
P	Matt Nolan, Clarkson, NY	JR	L	6'2	220	10-1-0	10	1.24	79		Oswegatchie, NY
P	Jeff Mountain, Allegheny, OH	SR	R	6'3	185	9-0-3	23	2.8	75		Bolivar, OH

Third Team

C	Kevin Sullivan, Carthage, IL	SR	R/R	6'1	190	472	65	133	5		985 Stevens Point, WI
1B	Robbi Moose, Bridgewater, VA	SR	R/R	6'4	220	454	48	96	7		1000 Front Royal, VA
2B	Jake Mauer, St. Thomas, MN	JR	R/R	6'2	170	435	29	77	9		965 St. Paul, MN
SS	Nick Tempesta, Eastern Conn., CT	JR	R/R	5'11	180	414	36	91	6		944 Brockton, MA
3B	Tom Gassner, UW Oshkosh, WI	JR	L/R	6'2	215	479	72	131	0		868 Milwaukee, WI
3B	Ted Kamlewicz, Emory, GA	SR	R/R	6'2	190	446	63	133	8		932 Weston, FL
OF	Mark Iannantuoni, Aurora, IL	SR	R/R	6'10	170	376	49	99	20		967 Glendale Hts. IL
OF	Tyler DeBorne, Southern Maine, ME	FR	R/R	6'0	220	413	57	111	11		927 Enosbury Falls, VT
OF	Ron Amato, Ithaca, NY	JR	R/R	6'0	190	475	48	109	12		967 Solvay, NY
OF	Chris Tucker, Mount Union, OH	SR	R/R	5'11	175	475	58	101	6		938 Beloit, OH
UTL	Eric Servais, UW Oshkosh, WI	SO	L/R	6'1	196	442	51	114	0		970 LaCrosse, WI
UTL	Zack Brown, Tufts, MA	SR	R/R	5'10	180	390	14	61	2		926 Melrose, MA
P	Forrest Martin, Southwestern, TX	SO	R	6'1	185	9-2-0	28	2.89	112		Talihama, OK
P	Ryan Ahls, George Fox, OR	SR	R	6'0	195	10-2-0	19	2.27	75		Kent, WA
P	Max Nunez, Suffolk, MA	SR	R	5'11	185	10-1-1	13	1.38	105		Lawrence, MA
UTL	Zack Brown, Tufts, MA	SR	R	5'10	180	7-2-1	11	1.41	39		Melrose, MA

*NCAA DIII Player of the Year

**NCAA DIII Pitcher of the Year

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE FOX SENIOR BASEBALL PLAYERS

RYAN ALVIS

Our first senior has established himself as one of the top pitchers in the country this season. He leads the Bruins in wins with 11, a new school record and now tied for tops in the nation; strikeouts with 85, a new school record; and complete games with 8, another record. His ERA of 2.19 ranks 48th nationally. He was the first Northwest Conference "Pitcher of the Week" this season, and was recently named First Team All-Conference. He was an Honorable Mention All-Conference selection as a sophomore, when he went 6-2 with a 2.20 ERA. He now has a career record of 23-8, with 218 strikeouts, and an ERA of 3.27. The son of Dave and Barbara Alvis, from Seattle, Wash., #24, pitcher Ryan Alvis.

GARRETT BATES

Our next senior transferred to George Fox this season from the baseball program at Oregon State and has made a significant impact. Currently the team's leading hitter at .341, he also tops the Bruins in triples with 4, has struck out fewer times than any other regular, is 2nd on the team with 43 hits and 30 RBIs, and is a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen bases. A fine fielder, he has made only one error all season. He was recently named Honorable Mention All-Conference. The son of Don and Donna Bates, from Tigard, Ore., #19, right fielder Garrett Bates.

ERIC BEASLEY

Our next senior has been the Bruins' closer in the bullpen for four years. A sidearmer who is especially tough on righthanded hitters, he is 1-0 with one save and a 2.57 ERA this year. In 1998, he recorded a career-high 3 saves, one short of the single-season record. For his career, he is 3-2 with 6 saves, 39 strikeouts, and an ERA of 3.58. The son of David and Becky Beasley, from The Dalles, Ore., #33, pitcher Eric Beasley.

DEREK BIRLEY

Our next senior transferred in last season when Portland State dropped baseball, and the Vikings' loss has been the Bruins' gain. As a junior, he batted .436 with 13 home runs and 50 RBIs. This year, shouldering the load as the Bruins' cleanup hitter, he is batting .336 with 9 home runs, and leads the team with 42 RBIs and a .595 slugging percentage. On May 12 against Whitworth, he tied a George Fox and NCAA Division III national record by hitting four home runs in one game. Defensively, he has thrown out 16 of 39 runners trying to steal, an excellent 41%. He was a Northwest Conference "Player of the Week" selection in March, and was recently named First Team All-Conference catcher. The son of Dennis and Jo Birley, and grandson of Rodger and Imogene Birley, from Battle Ground, Wash., #28, catcher Derek Birley.

DAVID FARRELL

Our next senior has been the Bruins' sparkplug and infield glue for four years. As a sophomore, he led the Northwest Conference in batting with a .443 average and was a First Team All-Conference selection. Last year, while batting .357, he was Second Team All-Conference. This year, he is batting .333 and leads the team with 30 runs scored while ranking in the top 10 in the conference with 26 walks. He received Honorable Mention for All-Conference honors this year. He has a lifetime batting average of .365 with 153 hits, 28 doubles, and 126 runs scored. The son of Bob Farrell and Peggy Upshaw, from Tacoma, Wash., #12, second baseman David Farrell.

KESS ROMANO

Our next senior is the all-time winningest pitcher in George Fox history. Last year, he was a First Team All-Northwest Conference hurler after posting an 8-2 record with 65 strikeouts and a 2.83 ERA, and repeated as a First Team All-Conference pick this year by going 9-1 with a 1.99 ERA, which ranks 34th nationally. He has thrown 2 shutouts this season, and was a conference "Pitcher of the Week". For his career, he has a school-record 27 wins against only 7 losses, with a 3.19 ERA. An excellent control artist, he has walked only 62 batters in 279 career innings, an average of just over 2 walks per 9 innings, while striking out 183. The son of Jerry and Toni Romano, from Vancouver, Wash., #20, pitcher Kess Romano.

JASON SCHILPEROORT

Our next senior is one of the most versatile players on the team, equally at home at the plate, in the field, or on the mound. One of the Bruins' most consistent players, he has posted consecutive batting averages of .333, .327, .350, and now .333. He leads the Bruins in doubles with 11 and, with an excellent eye at the plate, has drawn 33 walks, most in the conference. His on base percentage of .490 is also one of the league's top marks. He recently received Honorable Mention for All-Conference honors. In his career, he has a .337 batting average with 26 doubles, 8 home runs, 80 RBIs, and 123 runs scored. The son of Dave and Kathy Schilperoort, from Chehalis, Wash., #3, center fielder Jason Schilperoort.

JASON WIEG

Our last senior will do literally anything to help the George Fox program. Off the field, he's the one who sold all the ads that went into this year's game program. On the field, after seeing limited duty the past two seasons, he hustled his way into a regular job as the Bruins' primary designated hitter, relief outfielder, and backup catcher. He has started 24 games this season, batting a solid .264 in 72 at bats, with 9 RBIs, most of them in clutch situations. He has a career average of .255. The son of Steve and Linda Wieg, from Shoreline, Wash., #6, all-purpose player Jason Wieg.

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Final Overall 31-10 (Home 14-2, Road 15-7, Neutral 2-1)
Northwest Conference 18-6 (Home 11-1, Road 7-5)

HIGHLIGHTS:

**Bruins Bow Out of West Regional with Losses to CLU, Southwestern
Numerous Records Set During Fine 2000 Campaign
Eight Seniors Close Out Stellar Careers**

LAST WEEK:

Thu-Sat, May 18-20 – NCAA Division III West Regional, Georgetown, Texas

Thursday, May 18

Game 1 – #4 California Lutheran 11, #1 George Fox 7

Game 2 – #3 Chapman 8, #2 Southwestern (TX) 4

Friday, May 19

Game 3 – Chapman 4, California Lutheran 0

Game 4 – Southwestern (TX) 4, **George Fox 3; George Fox eliminated**

Game 5 – ppd., rain

Saturday, May 20

Game 5 – California Lutheran 11, Southwestern (TX) 5; Southwestern (TX) eliminated

Game 6 – Chapman 7, California Lutheran 4; California Lutheran eliminated

Chapman will represent the West Region in the NCAA Division III National Championships in Appleton, Wis., Fri.-Tue., May 26-30.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Final)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
George Fox Bruins	18-6	.750	-	31-10	.756
Linfield Wildcats	17-7	.708	1	24-16	.600
Willamette Bearcats	15-9	.625	3	24-17	.585
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	13-11	.542	5	19-18-1	.513
Puget Sound Loggers	11-13	.458	7	17-24	.415
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	9-15	.375	9	16-22	.421
Pacific Boxers	9-15	.375	9	12-26	.316
Whitman Missionaries	8-16	.333	10	14-25	.359
Whitworth Pirates	8-13	.381	10	13-27	.325

*** The NWC website is www.nwcsports.com

BRUINS' SEASON ENDS IN REGIONALS WITH NUMEROUS RECORDS SET

Although it ended on a disappointing note, the George Fox University 2000 baseball season will have to go down as one of the best in team history, with the Bruins' first appearance in the NCAA National Tournament and numerous new team records.

The Bruins' 31-10 record was the second-best ever, percentage-wise, at .756, only last year's 32-8 mark and .800 percentage surpassing it. The 31 wins tied the 1994 team (31-13) for second-most wins ever.

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A 15-1 start got the Bruins off to the best start in school history, earning the team a spot in the national rankings, and a nine-game winning streak to end the season boosted the team to a No. 10 rating at the end of the regular season, the highest ever for a George Fox baseball team.

The Bruins captured their third Northwest Conference crown in the last five years with an 18-6 league mark, one game ahead of Yamhill County rival Linfield College. Coach **Pat Bailey** was named NWC Coach of the Year for the third time in five seasons, while six Bruins received All-Conference honors. Pitchers **Ryan Alvis** and **Kess Romano** and catcher **Derek Birley** were First Team selections, while second baseman **David Farrell** and outfielders **Jason Schilperoort** and **Garrett Bates** were Honorable Mention.

The strong finish and conference title earned the Bruins the No. 1 seed in the West Regional at Georgetown, Texas, where the season ended with losses to California Lutheran University and Southwestern University, the host team.

Alvis led the NWC in wins (11), strikeouts (93), and earned run average (1.87), setting school records for wins and strikeouts in a season. He also set new marks for innings (91.1) and complete games in a season (9). **Romano**, 9-1 with a 2.49 ERA, became the Bruin leader in career wins (27). Both pitchers ranked among the national leaders in wins and ERA. **Brody Wilson** tied the school record for saves in a season (4). **Birley** tied a team and NCAA Division III national record when he slugged four home runs in one game against Whitworth at home on May 12.

As a staff, Bruin hurlers set new records for lowest ERA (2.98) and fewest walks per nine innings (1.96) while striking out 263 with only 73 walks, an amazing ratio of 3.6-to-1. The 263 strikeouts were just two short of the team record of 265 set in 1997, while the team ERA ranked in the top 10.

EIGHT SENIORS CLOSE OUT FINE CAREERS

Eight seniors, six of whom were with the program for four years, completed their baseball careers at George Fox University when the Bruins were eliminated from the NCAA Division III West Regional May 19 in Georgetown, Texas.

"I couldn't have worked with a fine group of young men," said Bruins coach **Pat Bailey** of his graduating class. "Now comes the hard part – saying goodbye to a bunch of guys who are like your own children to you."

The eight seniors are pitchers **Ryan Alvis (Seattle, Wash.)**, **Eric Beasley (The Dalles, Ore.)**, and **Kess Romano (Vancouver, Wash.)**, catcher **Derek Birley (Battle Ground, Wash.)**, second baseman **David Farrell (Tacoma, Wash.)**, outfielders **Jason Schilperoort (Chehalis, Wash.)** and **Garrett Bates (Tigard, Ore.)**, and utility man **Jason Wieg (Shoreline, Wash.)**.

Alvis and **Romano** established themselves as perhaps the best 1-2 pitching punch in the country. **Alvis** was 11-3 with a 1.87 ERA and 93 strikeouts in 91.1 innings while throwing nine complete games. He set school records for wins, strikeouts, innings and complete games in a season, while ranking among the national leaders in wins and ERA. nationally. He was NWC "Pitcher of the Week" twice and a First Team All-Conference selection. He was Honorable Mention All-Conference as a sophomore when he went 6-2 with a 2.20 ERA. He ended with a career record of 23-9, 226 strikeouts, and a 3.12 ERA.

Romano is the all-time winningest pitcher in George Fox history with a 27-7 record and a 3.29 ERA. He was a First Team All-Conference pick for the second year in a row, having gone 8-2 with 65 strikeouts and a 2.83 ERA as a junior, and improving to 9-1 this year with a 2.49 ERA which ranked among the national leaders. An excellent control artist, he walked only 11 in 86.2 innings while striking out 46. He had a pair of shutouts this season, and was NWC "Pitcher of the Week" for May 1-7.

Birley transferred to George Fox last season when Portland State dropped baseball and batted

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.436 with 13 home runs and 50 RBI as a junior. This year, shouldering the load as the Bruins' cleanup hitter, he batted .343 with a conference-leading 10 home runs and 47 RBI, and added .601 slugging percentage. On May 12, he tied a George Fox and NCAA Division III national record by hitting four home runs in one game against Whitworth. Defensively, he threw out 21 of 47 runners trying to steal, an excellent 44.7%. He was twice NWC "Player of the Week". His career average was .389 with 23 home runs and 97 RBI.

Bates transferred to George Fox this season from the baseball program at Oregon State and made a significant impact. He batted .324, topped the Bruins in triples with 4, has struck out fewer times than any other regular (14), was 2nd on the team with 33 RBI, and was a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen bases. A fine fielder, he made only one error all season. He received Honorable Mention for All-Conference.

Farrell was the Bruins' sparkplug and infield glue for four years. As a sophomore, he led the Northwest Conference in batting with a .443 average and was a First Team All-Conference selection. Last year, while batting .357, he was Second Team All-Conference. This year, he led the Bruins in batting at .356 and in runs scored with 34 while ranking in the top 10 in the conference with 27 walks. He had a lifetime batting average of .371 with 161 hits, 30 doubles, and 130 runs scored.

Schilperoort, one of the most versatile and consistent players on the team, posted consecutive batting averages of .333, .327, .350, and .349. He led the Bruins in doubles with 12 and, with an excellent eye at the plate, drew 35 walks to lead the league. His on base percentage of .494 was also one of the league's top marks. On the mound, he had a 2-2 record with one save this year, a 3.86 ERA, and 21 strikeouts in 25.2 innings of work, mostly in relief. He had a .342 career batting average with 27 doubles, 9 home runs, 85 RBI, and 126 runs scored.

Beasley was the Bruins' top closer for four years, with a nasty sidearm delivery that was especially tough on righthanded hitters. As a sophomore, he led the team with three saves, one short of the team record. He was 1-0 this season with a 3.38 ERA and one save. For his career, he made 49 appearance and worked 61.1 innings, striking out 41 while posted a 3-2 record with six saves and 3.67 ERA.

Wieg was one of those players who would do anything to help the program, even selling all the ads that went into this year's game program. On the field, he hustled his way into a regular position as a senior as the primary designated hitter, backup catcher, and occasional left fielder. He batted a productive .291 with 10 Rbi, most in clutch situations. His career average was .275 in 109 at bats with three doubles and 12 RBI.

THE NCAA DIVISION III WEST REGIONAL – MAY 18-20 – GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

BRUINS DROP WEST REGION OPENER TO CAL LUTHERAN 11-7

GEORGETOWN, Texas --- Putting together back-to-back four-run rallies in the sixth and seventh innings, the California Lutheran University Kingsmen overcame a 6-2 deficit to defeat the George Fox University Bruins 11-7 in the first game of the NCAA Division III West Regional Thursday afternoon (May 18) here at Rockwell Field.

The Bruins saw their nine-game winning streak end and fell to 31-9 in their first NCAA post-season appearance. The Kingsmen, making their ninth straight regional appearance, climbed to 27-12-2.

In a game that was expected to be a pitchers' duel, hitters abounded. The Bruins used the long ball to account for most of their early offense. After CLU took a 2-0 lead with single runs in the second and third innings, the Bruins got a two-run homer from **Kyle Langeliers (So., 1B, Pleasant Hill, Ore.)**, his third, to take a 3-2 lead in the third, and **Derek Birley** put George Fox up 6-2 with a three-run blast, his 10th and fifth in the last three games, in the fourth.

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The Kingsmen knocked out George Fox starter **Kess Romano** with five consecutive hits in the sixth and tied it with their four-spot in the sixth. **Brody Wilson** came in to finish the frame, but was pinned with the loss, evening his record at 2-2, after surrendering a lead-off walk in the seventh that eventually proved to be the winning run.

Cal Lutheran collected 20 hits in the game, Mark Torrey leading the way with a 4-for-4 game. Ryan Yoshiwara was 3-for-4 and drove in three, while Tom Galante and Jim Stout also had three hits.

For the Bruins, **Jason Schilperoort** went 3-for-5 with a double to lead a 14-hit attack, all off Cal Lutheran ace Tom Canale, who struggled but hung on long enough to raise his record to 11-2. He worked six and two-thirds innings before yielding to Scott Courneya, who retired seven of the last nine George Fox batters, five on strikeouts, for his first save.

California Lutheran (27-12-2) 11, George Fox (31-9) 7

Cal Lutheran 011 004 401 - 11 20 1

George Fox 001 230 100 - 7 14 0

Canale, Courneya (7) and Medina; Romano, Wilson (6), Schilperoort (7) and Birley. WP - Canale (11-2). LP - Wilson (2-2). HR - GF, Langeliers (3), Birley (10). T - 2:36. Att - 150.

BRUINS' SEASON ENDS WITH 4-3 LOSS TO SOUTHWESTERN IN WEST REGIONAL

GEORGETOWN, Texas --- Jeff Taylor squeeze-bunted home Damon Thomisee with the go-ahead run in the seventh inning and the Southwestern University Pirates hung on for a 4-3 win over the George Fox University Bruins in a loser's bracket game in the NCAA Division III West Regional Friday afternoon (May 19) here at Rockwell Field.

The Bruins, who were seeded #1 in the tournament, fell Thursday to California Lutheran University 13-9, and thus their season ended with a 31-10 record. #2 seed Southwestern plays Friday night against #4 seed Cal Lutheran, which lost earlier in the day to #3 seed Chapman University 4-0.

Game conditions for the George Fox-Southwestern game were more reminiscent of Oregon than Texas at this time of the year, as a cold front moved through in the morning that brought cooler weather and rain that delayed the start of the day's games more than an hour. The first two innings of the Bruins' game was actually played in a steady drizzle that seemed to be to the Bruins' liking.

George Fox starter **Ryan Alvis** retired the first six hitters he faced, and his teammates got him a pair of runs in the first. **Russell Johnston (Fr., OF, North Bend, Ore.)** started the Bruins' rally with a leadoff single, and **David Farrell** singled him to second. After a **Jason Schilperoort** sacrifice, **Derek Birley** singled home **Johnston**, and **Farrell** scored on **Garrett Bates'** sacrifice fly.

Southwestern got one run back in the third when **Birley** threw the ball away as Scott Burrer stole second, allowing Bubba Gentry to score from third. The Pirates went ahead 3-2 in the fourth as Gentry's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded scored Ryan Dowdy, and **Alvis'** wild pickoff throw to first allowed Justin Barnett to come in from third.

The Bruins tied it in the home half of the fourth as **Aaron Bliss** reached on a throwing error by Burrer at short, **Jason Wieg** singled him to second, and **Paul Gramenz (So, Sequim, Wash.)** delivered a two-out single to score **Bliss**.

The Pirates pinned the loss on **Alvis**, 11-3, in the seventh as Thomisee singled, moved up on a sacrifice, went to third on Bryan Jones' single, and scored on Taylor's perfectly-placed bunt up the third base line. The run made a winner of Pirates' reliever Joey Schlaffer, 2-1, who allowed only one hit in two and one-third innings, while Dowdy preserved the win with one and two-thirds innings of one-hit ball for his first save.

Alvis finished for his team-record ninth complete game, fanned eight for a record 93 strikeouts, and set a new Bruins' record for innings pitched in a season with 91.1 innings.

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Southwestern (37-11) 4, George Fox (31-10) 3

Southwestern 001 200 100 - 4 8 2

George Fox 200 100 000 - 3 9 3

Jones, Schlaffer (6), Dowdy (8) and Thomisee; Alvis and Birley. WP - Schlaffer (2-1). SV - Dowdy (1). LP - Alvis (11-3). T - 2:20. Att - 150.

BRUIN BITS:

Bruins Listed Among National Statistical Leaders

In the latest NCAA Division III statistics release of the season through games of May 8, the **George Fox Bruins** ranked 5th in the nation in team Earned Run Average (2.83). Individually, **Ryan Alvis** was 53rd in ERA (2.27) and tied for 5th in Wins (10), and **Kess** ranked 20th in ERA (1.65). The statistics come out every two weeks, and the complete list is available at www.ncaa.org/statistics.

Bruins in the Polls

In *Collegiate Baseball's* latest poll of May 15, the Bruins jumped for "others receiving votes" all the way to 10th nationally, and from 6th to 1st in the West Region (that's what a 9-0 run to end the season will do for you!). The No. 1-ranked team was a new one, Ohio Wesleyan (40-7). Others ranked in the West Region were Southwestern TX (36-10), Chapman (28-10), California Lutheran (28-12-2), Trinity TX (35-11), and Dallas TX (32-11). A final poll will appear on May 31 after the finals of the D-III championships May 26-30 in Appleton, Wis. Rankings are available at www.baseballnews.com.

Where the Bruins' final stats rank as individual batters and fielders in NWC stats:

*** **Garrett Bates** - #2T in triples (4), #6 in RBI (33);

*** **Derek Birley** - #1 in home runs (10) and RBI (47), #2 in total bases (86), #4 in fielding chances (301), #5 in putouts (262), #6 in slugging pct. (.601), #7T in runs scored (32) and hits (49), #11 in walks (22);

*** **Aaron Bliss** - #5 in assists (111);

*** **David Farrell** - #3 in walks (27), #5 in runs scored (34), #9 in hits (48), #10 in on base pct. (.467);

*** **Paul Gramenz** - #4 in assists (115), #11T in doubles (9);

*** **Russell Johnston** - #1 in steals (19);

*** **Kyle Langeliers** - #1 in fielding chances (370) and putouts (350);

*** **Mike Piper** - #8 in on base pct. (.478);

*** **Jason Schilperoort** - #1 in walks (35), #3 in on base pct. (.494), #5T in doubles (12), #7T in runs scored (32), #10 in RBI (30);

*** **Jason Wieg** - #1T in fielding pct. (1.000).

Where the Bruins' final stats rank as individual pitchers in NWC stats:

*** **Ryan Alvis** - #1 in wins (11), strikeouts (93), and ERA (1.87), #2 in innings (91.1), #3 in lowest BA (.213);

*** **Paul Andrewjeski** - #5 in ERA (2.51) and strikeouts (67), #5T in wins (6), #6 in lowest BA (.236);

*** **Kess Romano** - #2T in wins (9), #4 in ERA (2.49) and innings (82.2);

*** **Brody Wilson** - #2 in saves (4).

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Where the Bruins' final stats rank as a team in NWC batting & fielding stats:

#1 in walks (181), fielding pct. (.957);
#2 in batting average (.306), slugging pct. (.431), on base pct. (.398), hits (395), RBI (238), triples (10), fewest strikeouts (205);
#3 in runs scored (257), stolen bases (47 T);
#4 in doubles (66);
#5 in home runs (25).

Where the Bruins ranked as a team in the latest NWC pitching stats:

#1 in wins (31), earned run average (2.98), saves (7), fewest walks (67);
#2 in strikeouts (263);
#3 in lowest batting avg. (.266).

HEAD COACH PAT BAILEY (Idaho '78)

Pat Bailey, through five seasons as a college coach, all at George Fox, has a record of 142-61 (.700). With a 46-37 record in 3 years at Willamette HS (Eugene, Ore.), 177-96 in 11 years at West Linn (Ore.) HS, and 187-64 in 7 years as an American Legion coach, he has a total career record of 542-258 (.678). He was Northwest Conference "Coach of the Year" in 1997 and again this year, and was "Co-Coach of the Year" in 1999.

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 31-8 (Home 14-2, Road 15-6, Neutral 2-0)
Northwest Conference 18-6 (Home 11-1, Road 7-5)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins, Seeded #1 in West Regional, Open vs. Cal Lutheran on Thursday
Birley's 4 HR's in One Game Highlight Bruins' March to NWC Crown
Three Named First Team All-Conference, Bailey Gets "Coach of the Year"
Alvis, Birley Earn NWC "Pitcher, Player of the Week" Honors

COMING UP:

Thu-Sat, May 18-20 – NCAA Division III West Regional, Georgetown, Texas

Thursday, May 18

Game 1, 3 pm – #1 George Fox University (31-8) vs.
#4 California Lutheran University (26-12-2),
Game 2, 7 pm – #2 Southwestern (TX) University (36-10) vs.
#3 Chapman (CA) University (28-10)

Friday, May 19

Game 3, 11 am – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2
Game 4, 3 pm – Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2
Game 5, 7 pm – Loser Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Saturday, May 20

Game 6, 1 pm – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 5
Game 7 (if necessary), 30 minutes later – Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6

Fri-Tue, May 26-30 – NCAA Division III National Championship, Appleton, Wis.

LAST WEEK:

May 12 – George Fox 5, Whitworth 1 (H)
May 12 – George Fox 13, Whitworth 9 (H)
May 13 – George Fox 14, Whitworth 2 (H)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (Final, Regular season)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
George Fox Bruins	18-6	.750	-	31-8	.795
Linfield Wildcats	17-7	.708	1	24-16	.600
Willamette Bearcats	15-9	.625	3	24-17	.585
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	13-11	.542	5	19-18-1	.513
Puget Sound Loggers	11-13	.458	7	17-24	.415
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	9-15	.375	9	16-22	.421
Pacific Boxers	9-15	.375	9	12-26	.316
Whitman Missionaries	8-16	.333	10	14-25	.359
Whitworth Pirates	8-13	.381	10	13-27	.325

*** The NWC website is www.nwcsports.com

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BRUINS, SEEDED NO. 1, TAKE ON CAL LUTHERAN IN WEST REGIONAL OPENER

Newly-crowned Northwest Conference champion George Fox University (31-8) has received a No. 1 seed in the NCAA West Regional Baseball Tournament and will take on No. 4 seed California Lutheran University (26-12-2) at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18, in their first game of the regional at Georgetown, Texas.

In the second game of the opening day, No. 2 seed and regional host Southwestern University (36-10) will meet Chapman (Calif.) University (28-10) at 7:00 p.m.

The winner's bracket game will be Friday, May 19, at 11:00 a.m., followed by the loser's bracket game at 3:00 p.m. The two remaining teams with one loss each will meet at 7:00 p.m.

The championship game will be Saturday, May 20, at 1:00 p.m., with a second game, if necessary, to follow thirty minutes later. The West Region champion will advance along with seven other regional winners to the NCAA Division III National Championship May 26-30 in Appleton, Wisconsin.

George Fox received an at-large bid to the tournament because the Northwest Conference does not have an automatic bid until next year (this is the first year all nine NWC school have been eligible for NCAA play). The Bruins were seeded No. 1 by virtue of having the best won-lost percentage in the region (.795), an impressive 9-0 record against teams in California which are usually considered very strong, and a hot finish that saw the Bruins win their last nine games, six of them on the road.

The Bruins' main strength is in the pitching department, where the staff has an earned run average of 2.86, 5th-best in the nation. First Team All-Conference righties **Ryan Alvis** and **Kess Romano** are 11-2, 2.27 and 9-1, 1.99 respectively, while the third man in the rotation, southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski**, is 6-2 with a 2.50 ERA.

On offense, the team is batting .305 and has six regulars over .300. First Team All-Conference catcher **Derek Birley** is hitting .336 with a team-leading nine home runs and 43 RBI, and recently tied an NCAA Division III national record by belting four home runs in one game (vs. Whitworth on May 12). Three Bruins were Honorable Mention All-NWC: second baseman **David Farrell**, the team's leading hitter at .352, center fielder **Jason Schilperoort**, batting .339, and right fielder **Garrett Bates**, a .336 hitter. Left fielder **Russell Johnston** led the conference in stolen bases with 19.

The Bruins opened their season with the hottest start in team history, going 15-1 with a 12-game winning streak and vaulting to a No. 13 national ranking on April 3, the highest ranking ever for a George Fox baseball team. Included in that stretch was a 3-0 sweep of pre-season conference favorite Linfield that boosted the Bruins into first place in the Northwest Conference.

The Bruins also stretched their home-field record at Morse Field to 29 games before that streak ended with a 13-9 loss to Western Oregon.

A mid-season batting slump caused the team to split its next 14 games and fall out of the rankings, but the Bruins rebounded to win their last nine games to clinch their third conference title in the last five seasons. The Bruins claimed back-to-back 30-plus wins for the first time in their history, and combined with last year's 32-8 record in their last year in the NAIA, are 63-16 over the last two seasons.

George Fox's first-round opponent, the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen, received an automatic bid by being the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions. The Kingsmen, 26-12-2 overall and 19-2 in their conference, are batting .346 as a team and have a staff ERA of 3.65. Top hitters include Eric Medina (.406, 9 hr, 41 RBI), Ryan Yoshiwara (.392-1-15), and Nick Plancich (.391-9-29). The pitchers are led by righthanders Tom Canale (10-2, 3.84, 99 K's), Jim Harrison (7-3, 2.94, 66 K's), and Scott Courneya (4-0, 2.76, 52 K's).

The Bruins and Kingsmen did not meet this season, but played each other for the only time last year in the California Invitational Tournament, George Fox winning 14-4. Common opponents this year include Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (GFU 1-0, CLU 2-1), La Verne (GFU 1-0, CLU 3-1), Lewis & Clark (GFU 2-1, CLU 1-0), Pacific Lutheran (GFU 1-2, CLU 0-0-1), and California State-Hayward (GFU 3-0, CLU 0-1). George Fox has never met Southwestern or Chapman in baseball.

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NWC CHAMPION BRUINS PUT THREE PLAYERS, COACH, ON ALL-NWC FIRST TEAM

George Fox University batterymates **Ryan Alvis (Sr., RHP, Seattle, Wash.)**, **Kess Romano (Sr., RHP, Vancouver, Wash.)**, and **Derek Birley (Sr., C, Battle Ground, Wash.)** have been named to the All-Northwest Conference Baseball First Team, while Bruins head coach **Pat Bailey** was named NWC "Coach of the Year", according to information from conference SID Steve Flegel at Whitworth.

Bruins who received Honorable Mention included **David Farrell (Sr., 2B, Tacoma, Wash.)**, **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., OF, Chehalis, Wash.)**, and **Garrett Bates (Sr., OF, Tigard, Ore.)**. All six were instrumental in carrying the Bruins to a 31-8 overall record, the Northwest Conference title at 18-6 in the league, and a berth in the NCAA Division III West Regionals May 18-20 in Georgetown, Texas.

Alvis and **Romano** have established themselves as perhaps the best 1-2 pitching punch in the country. **Alvis**, at 11-2, has set a school record for wins in a season and is tied for tops in the nation, leads the team in strikeouts with 85, another record, and leads in complete games with 8, yet another record. His ERA of 2.19 ranks 48th nationally. He was NWC "Pitcher of the Week" for March 20-26. He was Honorable Mention All-Conference as a sophomore when he went 6-2 with a 2.20 ERA. He now has a career record of 23-8, with 218 strikeouts, and an ERA of 3.27.

Romano is the all-time winningest pitcher in George Fox history with a 27-7 record and a 3.19 ERA. Last year, he was a First Team All-Northwest Conference hurler after posting an 8-2 record with 65 strikeouts and a 2.83 ERA, and has improved this year to 9-1 with a 1.99 ERA, which ranks 34th nationally. An excellent control artist, he has walked only 10 in 81.1 innings while striking out 46. He has a pair of shutouts this season, and was NWC "Pitcher of the Week" for May 1-7.

Birley transferred to George Fox last season when Portland State dropped baseball and batted .436 with 13 home runs and 50 RBI as a junior. This year, shouldering the load as the Bruins' cleanup hitter, he is batted .336 with a team-leading 9 home runs, 43 RBI, and a .590 slugging percentage. On May 12, he tied a George Fox and NCAA Division III national record by hitting four home runs in one game against Whitworth. Defensively, he has thrown out 18 of 43 runners trying to steal, an excellent 42%. He was NWC "Player of the Week" for March 20-26.

Bailey guided the Bruins to the Northwest Conference championship this season after the team was picked to finish third in the pre-season coaches' poll. In his fifth year at George Fox, he has compiled a 142-59 record for a .706 winning percentage. This is his third "Coach of the Year" award, winning it outright in 1997 as the Bruins won the NWC, and sharing the award last year with Scott Carnahan of Linfield as the two teams were co-champions.

Bates transferred to George Fox this season from the baseball program at Oregon State and made a significant impact. Currently batting .336, he tops the Bruins in triples with 4, has struck out fewer times than any other regular (13), is 2nd on the team with 44 hits and 31 RBI, and is a perfect 7-for-7 in stolen bases. A fine fielder, he has made only one error all season.

Farrell has been the Bruins' sparkplug and infield glue for four years. As a sophomore, he led the Northwest Conference in batting with a .443 average and was a First Team All-Conference selection. Last year, while batting .357, he was Second Team All-Conference. This year, he leads the Bruins in batting at .352 and in runs scored with 32 while ranking in the top 10 in the conference with 27 walks. He has a lifetime batting average of .370 with 157 hits, 30 doubles, and 128 runs scored.

Schilperoort, one of the most versatile players on the team, he has posted consecutive batting averages of .333, .327, .350, and now .339. He leads the Bruins in doubles with 11 and, with an excellent eye at the plate, has drawn 34 walks, most in the conference. His on base percentage .491 is also one of the league's top marks. On the mound, he has a 2-2 record with one save this year, a 2.78 ERA, and 19 strikeouts in 22.2 innings of work, mostly in relief. He has a .339 career batting average with 26 doubles, 9 home runs, 84 RBI, and 124 runs scored.

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Other First Team All-NWC members include catcher Adam Zaitz of Whitman, first baseman Scott Biglin of Whitworth, second baseman Scott Cannon of Linfield, third baseman Kyle Bunting of Pacific, shortstop Jay Chennault of Pacific Lutheran, outfielders Jeff Halstead of Puget Sound, Brian Mullaly of Lewis & Clark, and Adam Edwards and Matt Lengwenus of Pacific, pitchers Nik Lubisich of Willamette and Jason Andrew of Pacific Lutheran, designated hitter Kevin Schjei of Linfield, and utility player Lubisich, who was also named NWC "Player of the Year".

BIRLEY BASHES 4 HR'S IN A GAME AS BRUINS SWEEP WHITWORTH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Derek Birley blasted four home runs and drove in 10 runs as the George Fox University Bruins outslugged Whitworth College 13-9 in the second game of a Northwest Conference baseball doubleheader Friday afternoon (May 12) here at Morse Field, completing a sweep of the Pirates. **Ryan Alvis** tossed a two-hitter in the opener as the Bruins prevailed 5-1.

With the win, George Fox clinched a tie for the NWC crown. The Bruins, who began the day with a one-game lead over Linfield and Willamette, have won eight straight to improve to 30-8 overall and 17-6 in the league. They can claim the title by themselves with a win here Saturday in the 12:00 p.m. regular-season finale against the Pirates, who dropped to 13-26 overall and 8-15 in the conference.

In **Birley's** big game, the senior slugger singled in the first, hit a two-run homer to center in the third, lined a three-run drive to right in the fourth, hit another two-run blast to center in the sixth, and drilled a three-run shot, his ninth of the season, down the left-field line in the eighth to provide the Bruins with some much-needed insurance. The four home runs tied a Bruins' record also held by former NAIA All-American Nate Barnett, who also holds the single-game RBI record with 13.

Russell Johnston (Fr., OF, North Bend, Ore.) also hit a solo home run, his first, for the Bruins while going 3-for-5. Johnston stole three bases on the day, raising his league-leading total to 19.

George Fox righthander **Kess Romano** struggled to the win as the Pirates also hit the ball well. Romano, last week's NWC "Pitcher of the Week", gave up eight hits in five-plus innings and seven runs, four earned, but left with an 8-6 lead and improved to 9-1, thanks to a fine relief effort by **Brody Wilson (So., Eugene, Ore.)**, who worked two-and-two-thirds scoreless innings with four strikeouts and tied a team record with his fourth save of the season. **Romano** extended his Bruin record for career wins to 27.

Nick Schuerman went 3-for-5 with his fourth home run and Justin McKitterick hit his second, highlighting a 14-hit attack by the Pirates. Starter Scott Yoshihara, 3-6, took the loss for Whitworth.

The second game was a sharp contrast to the well-pitched opener. **Alvis** allowed a single to the Pirates' Miguel Saldin to start the game, a bloop single to right one out later by Aaron Keller that scored Saldin – and no hits the rest of the game. He fanned 10, upping his season record total to 85, posted his record eighth complete game, and improved to 11-2, another George Fox record for wins in a season.

Pirates lefty Matt Squires, 2-5, was almost as sharp, allowing only two hits and a third-inning run on a walk to **Johnston**, a steal, and **Jason Schilperoort's** RBI single through five innings. The Bruins touched him for four in the sixth, however. After one run scored on a throwing error, **Kyle Langeliers' (So., 1B, Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** two-run single broke the inning open, and **Johnston** singled in the last run.

George Fox (29-8, 16-6) 5, Whitworth (13-25, 8-14) 1

Whitworth 100 000 0 – 1 2 2

George Fox 001 004 x – 5 5 0

Squires and Schuerman; Alvis and Birley. WP – Alvis (11-2). LP – Squires (2-5). T – 1:33.

George Fox (30-8, 17-6) 13, Whitworth (13-26, 8-15) 9

Whitworth 022 201 200 – 9 14 1

George Fox 013 402 03x – 13 15 3

Yoshihara, Radke (4) and Schuerman; Romano, Sievers (6), Wilson (7) and Birley. HR – WC, McKitterick (2), Schuerman (4); GF, Johnston (1), Birley 4 (9). T – 2:33. Att – 155.

BRUINS CLAIM NORTHWEST CROWN WITH 14-2 ROUT OF WHITWORTH

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)** was dominating for eight innings and his teammates exploded for 19 hits, tying their season high, as the George Fox University Bruins routed the Whitworth College Pirates 14-2 to claim the Northwest Conference baseball championship Saturday afternoon (May 13) here at Morse Field.

Second-place teams Linfield and Willamette needed to sweep doubleheaders against Pacific Lutheran and Puget Sound respectively and hope that the Pirates could knock off the Bruins for a chance to tie, but a four-run first inning got George Fox off to a fast start and the Bruins never looked back. **Paul Gramenz (So., SS, Sequim, Wash.)** started the inning with a double, **David Farrell** singled him home, and **Jason Schilperoort** slammed his third home run of the season, making it 3-0 Bruins before Whitworth starter Rich Clubine (3-5) could get an out. Two outs later, **Aaron Bliss (Jr., 3B, Hillsboro, Ore.)** drilled his second homer of the year.

Before the onslaught was over, every George Fox starter had at least one hit. **Farrell** led the way with a 4-for-5 game, **Gramenz** was 3-for-5, and **Schilperoort** went 2-for-4 with four RBI. Substitute first baseman **Brian Newman (Jr., Bellingham, Wash.)** got into the long-ball act with his third round-tripper of the year in the eighth.

Andrewjeski, meanwhile, was in total control, allowing only three hits through seven innings. The Pirates finally broke through in the eighth as Richard Brown and Justin McKitterick singled and Bryan Schutz hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Brown, the first run he had allowed in his last 20 innings. He struck out nine and walked none in raising his record to 6-2, giving way to **Eric Beasley (Sr., The Dalles, Ore.)** for the ninth inning.

With their ninth straight win, the Bruins finished the regular season at 31-8 overall and 18-6 in the conference. George Fox also won a conference title in 1997 and tied for first last year with Linfield, and is 63-16 over the last two seasons. Whitworth dropped to 13-27 overall and 8-16 in the conference, sharing the eighth spot with Whitman.

George Fox (31-8, 18-6) 14, Whitworth (13-27, 8-16) 2

Whitworth 000 000 011 - 2 7 1

George Fox 400 212 32x - 14 19 1

Clubine, Pugh (5), Hibbard (7), Neill (8) and Schuerman, Farr (8); Andrewjeski, Beasley (9) and Birley, Wieg (8), Halverson (9). WP - Andrewjeski (6-2). LP - Clubine (3-5). HR - GF, Schilperoort (3), Bliss (2), Newman (3). T - 2:20. Att - 215.

BRUIN BITS:

Alvis, Birley Earn NWC Weekly Honors for Second Time This Season

Ace righthander **Ryan Alvis** and slugging catcher **Derek Birley** earned Northwest Conference "Pitcher of the Week" and "Player of the Week" honors for the second time this past week in helping the Bruins to a series sweep of Whitworth that clinched the conference championship for George Fox.

Alvis fired a two-hit complete victory to defeat the Pirates 5-1 on May 12. In seven innings, he struck out 10 and walked only one, and did not give up a hit after the third batter of the game. Alvis is now 11-2 on the season, setting a new team record for wins in a season, and extended his own single-season records for strikeouts to 85 and complete games to eight.

Birley tied a George Fox and NCAA Division III national record when he slugged four home runs in one game in the Bruins' 13-9 win on May 12. He also collected a single and 10 RBI in that game. For the three-game series, he batted .545 (6-11) with six runs scored, 11 RBI, a slugging pct. of 1.636, and an on base pct. of .615.

Alvis and **Birley** also received NWC weekly honors for the week of March 20-26.

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Bruins in the Polls

In *Collegiate Baseball's* latest poll of May 1, the Bruins continued receiving votes for the top 30. The No. 1-ranked team, for the second straight poll, was Carthage WI (26-2). In the West Region, George Fox was 6th behind Southwestern TX (36-10), California Lutheran (25-8-2), Trinity TX (35-11), Dallas TX (32-11), and Chapman CA (24-9-1). George Fox's highest ranking of the season, and highest ever, was 13th with an 18-2 record in the second poll this season on April 3. The next poll will be taken on May 15. Rankings are available every two weeks at www.baseballnews.com.

More on Birley's Big Game:

When **Derek Birley** smashed four home runs in one game at home against Whitworth College in a 13-9 George Fox win on May 12, he tied an NCAA Division III record that had been accomplished nine previous times. The last to do it before Birley was Pat Tobiasz of Wisconsin-Whitewater vs. Bethany (W.Va.) on March 22, 1998. George Fox All-American Nate Barnett also turned the trick at Puget Sound in 1997, collecting a school-record and NAIA record-tying two grand-slams and 13 RBI in that game ... Birley's 17 total bases in the game (he also had a single to go 5-for-5) was one short of the D-III record of 18 by Billy Porterfield of Ohio Northern vs. Marietta (5/15/93) and Dave Kessler of Wooster vs. Kenyon (3/29/86). Three others also had 17 total bases.

A Most Unusual Double Play:

The George Fox Bruins pulled off one of the hardest double plays imaginable in their 13-9 win over Whitworth on May 12. In the sixth inning, the Pirates had scored one run to knock out Bruins starter **Kess Romano** and cut the George Fox lead to 8-7. Jeremy VanVoorhis was on first and Jason Roorda was on third with one out for Whitworth when the Pirates tried a double steal. Bruins catcher **Derek Birley** fired a strike to shortstop **Paul Gramenz**, who tagged out a sliding VanVoorhis, then quickly fired home to **Birley**, who nipped Roorda at the plate as the runner tried to slide around him. The unusual DP prevented the Pirates from tying the game, which would have ruined **Romano's** chance for the win. **Brody Wilson** eventually came on to record his 4th save, tying the school single-season record and preserving **Romano's** record 27th career win.

Bruin Records Broken and Threatened:

... **Ryan Alvis** has set three new single-season records: Most Wins (11), Most Strikeouts (85), and Most Complete Games (8) ...

... **Kess Romano** is broken the record for career wins with 27 ...

... **Alvis** (82.1 ip) and **Romano** (81.1 ip) are closing in on the record for innings pitched in a season of 86.1 by Clark Anderson in 1993 ...

... **Brody Wilson** tied the team record for saves in a season when he recorded his 4th while preserving Romano's 13-9 win over Whitworth on May 12. He worked 2 2/3 scoreless innings, scattering 3 hits while striking out 4.

... Prior to the season, the Bruins' pitching staff set a goal of having a 3-to-1 ratio of strikeouts to walks, and they are well on target, with 252 strikeouts and only 67 walks in 317.2 innings, a ratio of 3.76-to-1. The Bruins are averaging only 1.90 walks per nine innings, while the previous best was 3.02 in 1998 ...

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... With 252 strikeouts now, this year's pitching staff is within range of the record for strikeouts in a season of 265 in 1997 ...

... The current team ERA of 2.86 is well ahead of the previous all-time best of 3.44 by the 1982 staff ...

Where the Bruins ranked as individual batters and fielders in the latest NWC stats:

- *** **Garrett Bates** - #2T in triples (4), #6T in RBI (30);
- *** **Derek Birley** - #4 in RBI (32), #5T in home runs (5), #5 in fielding chances (219) and putouts (190);
- *** **Aaron Bliss** - #9T in assists (100);
- *** **David Farrell** - #4T in walks (25);
- *** **Paul Gramenz** - #5T in assists (104);
- *** **Russell Johnston** - #1 in steals (16);
- *** **Kyle Langeliers** - #1 in fielding chances (325) and putouts (308);
- *** **Mike Piper** - #9 in on base pct. (.475);
- *** **Jason Schilperoort** - #1T in walks (29), #7 in doubles (11) and ERA (2.78), #8 in on base pct. (.476),
- *** **Jason Wieg** - #1T in fielding pct. (1.000).

Where the Bruins ranked as individual pitchers in the latest NWC stats:

- *** **Ryan Alvis** - #1 in wins (10), #2 in strikeouts (85), #3 in lowest BA (.219), #4 in ERA (2.27), #6 in innings (75.1);
- *** **Paul Andrewjeski** - #6 in strikeouts (58), #7T in wins (5), #8 in lowest BA (.250);
- *** **Kess Romano** - #2T in wins (8), #2 in ERA (1.65), #5 in innings (76.1), #7 in lowest BA (.242);
- *** **Brody Wilson** - #2T in saves (3).

Where the Bruins ranked as a team in the latest NWC batting & fielding stats:

- #1 in fewest strikeouts (179), fielding pct. (.956);
- #2 in on base pct. (.394), triples (10);
- #4 in batting avg. (.297), slugging pct. (.408), runs (215), walks (159), stolen bases (43);
- #6 in doubles (59), home runs (15 T).

Where the Bruins ranked as a team in the latest NWC pitching stats:

- #1 in earned run average (2.83), fewest walks (65);
- #3 in strikeouts (222), lowest batting avg. (.260).

HEAD COACH PAT BAILEY (Idaho '78)

Pat Bailey, in his 5th season as a college coach, all at George Fox, has a record of 142-59 (.706). With a 46-37 record in 3 years at Willamette HS (Eugene, Ore.), 177-96 in 11 years at West Linn (Ore.) HS, and 187-64 in 7 years as an American Legion coach, he has a total career record of 542-256 (.679). He was Northwest Conference "Coach of the Year" in 1997 and again this year, and was "Co-Coach of the Year" in 1999.

Bailey's record against teams in the West Regional:

Vs. California Lutheran	1-0
Vs. Southwestern (Texas)	0-0
Vs. Chapman	0-0

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 28-8 (Home 11-2, Road 13-6, Neutral 2-0)
Northwest Conference 15-6 (Home 8-1, Road 7-5)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Win Six Straight on Road, Lead NWC by a Game
Pitchers Set Records; Romano NWC "Pitcher of the Week"
Bruins Listed in Latest NCAA Stats

THIS WEEK:

Fri., May 12, 1:00 pm – Whitworth College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC DH)
Sat., May 13, 1:00 pm – Whitworth College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)
End of regular season

LAST WEEK:

May 1 – George Fox 3, California State-Hayward 1 (A)
May 1 – George Fox 5, California State-Hayward 4 (A)
May 2 – George Fox 6, California State-Hayward 4 (A)
May 6 – George Fox 6, Whitman 4 (A)
May 6 – George Fox 2, Whitman 0 (A)
May 7 – George Fox 15, Whitman 7 (A)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (thru May 7)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
George Fox Bruins	15-6	.714	-	28-8	.778
Willamette Bearcats	14-7	.667	1	23-15	.605
Linfield Wildcats	14-7	.667	1	21-16	.568
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	13-8	.619	2	19-15-1	.557
Puget Sound Loggers	9-12	.428	6	15-22	.405
Whitworth Pirates	8-13	.381	7	13-24	.351
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	9-15	.375	7.5	16-22	.455
Pacific Boxers	9-15	.375	7.5	12-26	.316
Whitman Missionaries	8-16	.333	8.5	14-25	.359

*** The NWC website is www.nwcsports.com

BRUINS LISTED AMONG NATIONAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

In the latest NCAA Division III statistics release of the season through games of April 24, the **George Fox Bruins** ranked 7th in the nation in team Earned Run Average (2.86). Individually, **Ryan Alvis (Sr., RHP, Seattle, Wash.)** was 32nd in ERA (1.79) and tied for 9th in Wins (8), **Kess Romano (Sr., RHP, Vancouver, Wash.)** ranked 43rd in ERA (2.09), and **Brody Wilson (So., RHP, Eugene, Ore.)** was tied for 17th in Saves (3). The statistics come out every two weeks, and the complete list is available at www.ncaa.org/statistics.

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BRUINS RETURN TO WINNING WAYS WITH SWEEP OF CSU-HAYWARD

HAYWARD, Calif. --- With only nine games remaining in the regular season, the George Fox University baseball team knew it would take a strong finish to secure the Northwest Conference crown and perhaps secure a place in the NCAA Division III West Regional playoffs. The Bruins took a first step toward ending on an upbeat note here Monday afternoon (May 1) by sweeping a non-conference doubleheader from California State University-Hayward, 3-1 and 5-4.

In the opener, **Kess Romano** tied the school record for career wins with a four-hitter, striking out four with no walks and allowing no earned runs. **Romano**, 7-1 on the season, has 25 career wins, tying the record held by former All-American Nate Barnett.

Aaron Bliss (Jr., 3B, Hillsboro, Ore.) led the Bruins to victory at the plate, going 3-for-3. His RBI single in the second scored **Derek Birley (Sr., C, Battle Ground, Wash.)**, who had doubled, for a 1-0 George Fox lead, and he made it 2-0 in the sixth with a solo home run, his first of the season. **Russell Johnston (Fr., OF, North Bend, Ore.)** walked, stole second, and scored on **Jason Schilperoort's (Sr., OF, Chehalis, Wash.)** single for the Bruins' final run in the seventh.

In the nightcap, **Ryan Alvis** uncharacteristically struggled with his control, walking six along with giving up nine hits, but stranded 11 Pioneer runners in eight inning and hung on for the win, raising his record to 9-2. **Alvis** fanned seven before giving way to **Schilperoort**, who struck out the last Pioneer batter with the tying run at second for his first save.

Johnston went 2-for-4 with a double, two stolen bases, and two runs scored, and **Birley** drove in a pair of runs with a sacrifice fly and a single to pace the Bruins' attack. Brett Niles hit his 10th home run and drove in three for the Pioneers.

George Fox (23-8) 3, CSU-Hayward (16-16) 1

George Fox 010 001 1 - 3 8 1

CSU-Hayward 000 001 0 - 1 4 1

Romano and Birley; Stewart and Martinez. WP - Romano (7-10). LP - Stewart (6-4). HR -GF, Bliss (1).

George Fox (24-8) 5, CSU-Hayward (16-17) 4

George Fox 102 020 000 - 5 8 2

CSU-Hayward 111 001 000 - 4 9 4

Alvis, Schilperoort (9) and Wieg, Birley (4); Pasquinelli, Edwards (7) and Martinez. WP - Alvis (9-2). LP - Pasquinelli (2-2). SV - Schilperoort (1). HR - CSUH, Niles (10).

BRUINS RALLY IN LAST TWO INNINGS TO OVERCOME CSU-HAYWARD

HAYWARD, Calif. --- Scoring a pair of runs in both the eighth and ninth innings, the George Fox University Bruins rallied for a 6-4 win over California State University-Hayward in a non-conference college baseball game here Tuesday afternoon (May 2), completing a three-game sweep of the Pioneers.

The Bruins trailed 4-2 before tying the contest in the eighth. **Garrett Bates (Sr., OF, Tigard, Ore.)** drew a lead-off walk, and after Zack Brown replaced Pioneer ace lefty Nick Burns on the mound, **Aaron Bliss** also walked. One out later, **Jason Wieg (Sr., DH, Shoreline, Wash.)** singled to score **Bates**, and when left fielder Darryl Rath misplayed the hit, **Bliss** scored the tying run.

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In the ninth, **David Farrell (Sr., 2B, Tacoma, Wash.)** started the Bruins' winning rally with a single. **Jason Schilperoort** sacrificed him to second, **Derek Birley** was walked intentionally, and **Bates** singled to score **Farrell. Bliss'** single scored **Birley** with an insurance run.

Brody Wilson, who had replaced George Fox starter **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., LHP, Vancouver, Wash.)** with one out in the eighth, got the win to go to 2-1, retiring three straight to end the game after allowing a leadoff single in the ninth., Brown took the loss for the Pioneers, falling to 0-3.

Bates and **Bliss** had two hits apiece to lead the Bruins, while **Farrell** and **Birley** scored two runs each. Marcus Silveira had two hits for the Pioneers, including a home run.

George Fox (25-8) 6, CSU-Hayward (16-18) 4

George Fox 001 001 022 - 6 6 0

CSU-Hayward 200 101 000 - 4 7 3

Andrewjeski, Wilson (8) and Birley; Burns, Brown (8) and Martinez. WP – Wilson (2-1). LP – Brown (0-3). HR – CSUH, Silveira.

ALVIS, ROMANO SET RECORDS AS BRUINS TAKE TWO FROM WHITMAN

WALLA WALLA, Wash. --- Staff aces **Ryan Alvis** and **Kess Romano** combined for three new records and tied another as the George Fox University Bruins swept a Northwest Conference twinbill from the Whitman College Missionaries 6-4 and 2-0 Saturday afternoon (May 6) here at Borleske Field.

Alvis went the distance in the opener, scattering eight hits while striking out seven with only one walk, and raised his record to 10-2. His wins total ties the season record of 10 set by Nate Barnett in 1997. His complete game was his seventh of the season, breaking the old record of six done six others times by Bruin hurlers, and his seven K's in the game give him 75 for the season, eclipsing the former record of 71 by Troy Schrenk in 1997.

In the nightcap, **Romano** fired a three-hit shutout to improve to 8-1 on the season, giving him a team-record 26 career victories. The previous best was 25 by Nate Barnett from 1996-99.

George Fox scored two in the sixth inning to break a 4-4 tie in gaining **Alvis'** victory in the first game. Consecutive singles by **Aaron Bliss, Mike Piper (So., OF, Seattle, Wash.),** and **Kyle Langeliers (So., 1B, Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** got one run in, and **Piper** scored an insurance run on **Paul Gramenz' (So., Sequim, Wash.)** force out, making a loser of Jimmy Hill (2-6).

Garrett Bates had an RBI single and **Bliss** a two-run hit in the first as the Bruins got off to an early 3-0 lead, but the Missionaries tied it with three of their own in the home half, the rally capped off by a two-run homer by Adam Zaitz. **Langeliers** singled and eventually scored on **Russell Johnston's** single to make it 4-3 in the fourth, but a solo shot by Andy Tillo tied it for Whitman in the fifth.

In the second game, **Romano** and Whitman's Chris Garratt (3-5) matched zeroes until the top of the ninth when the Bruins got the only two runs **Romano** would need. **Jason Schilperoort** opened the inning by reaching on an error, **Derek Birley** sacrificed him to second, and **Bates** tripled to center to break the deadlock. **Bliss** followed with an RBI single for the extra tally.

George Fox (26-8, 13-6) 6, Whitman (14-25, 7-12) 4

George Fox 300 102 0 - 6 12 2

Whitman 300 010 0 - 4 8 3

Alvis and Birley; Hill and Zaitz. WP – Alvis (10-2). LP – Hill (2-6). HR – WC, Zaitz (5), Tillo (6).

George Fox (27-8, 14-6) 2, Whitman (14-26, 7-13) 0

George Fox 000 000 002 - 2 4 2

Whitman 000 000 000 - 0 3 2

Romano and Birley; Garrett and Zaitz. WP – Romano (8-1). LP – Garrett (3-5).

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BRUINS USE BIG INNINGS FOR 15-7 WIN AND SWEEP OF WHITMAN

WALLA WALLA, Wash. --- A six-run explosion in the second inning and a seven-spot in the sixth proved to be more than enough for George Fox University southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski** as the Bruins hammered out a 15-7 win over Whitman College and completed a three-game sweep of the Missionaries in a Northwest Conference baseball game Sunday afternoon (May 7) here at Borleske Field.

The Bruins collected 13 hits in the game, with the major damage being done by second baseman **David Farrell**, who doubled in a pair of runs in the second inning and added a two-run single in the middle of the seven-run rally in the sixth. He also doubled to ignite a two-run rally in the fifth, and finished with a 3-for-4 game with three runs scored and four RBI.

Starters **Derek Birley**, **Garrett Bates**, and **Aaron Bliss** had two hits apiece for the Bruins, while Farrell's late-inning replacement, **Matt Petersen (So., Eagle, Idaho)**, had a single and a double in his two trips to the plate. The Bruins' attack made a loser of Whitman ace Ryan Toivola, who fell to 5-5.

Andrewjeski raised his record to 5-2, breezing through six shutout innings of work by scattering four hits, striking out four with no walks. The Missionaries touched three Bruin relievers for seven runs in the last three innings, but three of the scores were unearned.

Matt Brewer and Bobby Jones each went 3-for-5 with a double, two RBI and a run scored, and Kyle Carothers was 2-for-5 with a double, a run, and an RBI for Whitman.

George Fox has now won six in a row, holds a one-game lead over both Willamette and Linfield, and is two up on Pacific Lutheran. Willamette hosts Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran visits Linfield, and the Bruins host Whitworth next weekend in critical three-games series.

George Fox (28-8, 15-6) 15, Whitman (14-27, 7-14) 7

George Fox 060 027 000 - 15 13 3

Whitman 000 000 133 - 7 12 4

Andrewjeski, Wilson (8) and Birley; Toivola, Fee (6), Sampson (7), Brink (9) and Zaitz. WP - Andrewjeski (5-2). LP - Toivola (5-5).

BRUIN BITS:

***** Records Broken and Threatened:**

... **Ryan Alvis'** 7 complete games is a new single-season record, breaking the old mark of 6, done eight times by six different pitchers ...

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... Alvis has tied the Bruins' record for wins in a season with 10, also done by Nate Barnett in 1997 ...

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... **Brody Wilson's** 3 saves are one short of the all-time single-season best of 4, done three times, the last by **Eric Beasley (Sr., RHP, The Dalles, Ore.)** in 1998 ...

... Prior to the season, the Bruins' pitching staff set a goal of having a 3-to-1 ratio of strikeouts to walks, and they are well on target, with 222 strikeouts and only 65 walks in 292.2 innings, a ratio of 3.4-to-1.

The Bruins are averaging only 2.01 walks per nine innings, which would easily surpass the previous best of 3.02 walks per nine in 1998 ...

... The staff record for strikeouts in a season of 265 in 1997 is within range if the Bruins, who now have 22 K's, could make it into the post-season ...

... The staff ERA of 2.83 is well ahead of the previous all-time best of 3.44 by the 1982 pitching staff ...

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- *** **Russell Johnston** - #4T in steals (11);
- *** **Kyle Langeliers** - #2 in fielding chances (270) and putouts (255);
- *** **Paul Gramenz** - #8 in assists (88);
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- #5 in runs (178), doubles (52), home runs (14), walks (130);
- #7 in stolen bases (32).

Where the Bruins ranked as a team in the latest NWC pitching stats:

- #1 in earned run average (2.86), saves (5, T), fewest walks (54);
- #3 in lowest batting avg. (.266);
- #4 in strikeouts (190).

HEAD COACH PAT BAILEY (Idaho '78)

Pat Bailey, in his 5th season as a college coach, all at George Fox, has a record of 139-59 (.702).

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George Fox climbed to 25-8 overall with its third straight win, while California State-Hayward dipped to 16-18. The Bruins return to Northwest Conference action this weekend, visiting Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., Saturday and Sunday, May 6-7. The series starts with a twinbill at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, and will conclude with a single game on Sunday at 12:00 noon..

George Fox and Pacific Lutheran University are currently tied for first in the conference with 12-6 records, while Linfield College and Willamette University are a game behind the leaders at 11-7.

George Fox (25-8) 6, CSU-Hayward (16-18) 4

George Fox 001 001 022 - 6 6 0

CSU-Hayward 200 101 000 - 4 7 3

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CAL STATE HAYWARD BASEBALL RESULTS
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000
AT CAL STATE HAYWARD

GAME ONE: GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY 3 CAL ST HAYWARD 1

Pitcher Kess Romano improved to 7-1 for the season leading George Fox University past Cal State Hayward 3-1 in the opener. Romano went the distance allowing only four hits, no earned runs and recorded four strikeouts. Aaron Bliss led the Bruins hitting attack with three hits including a solo home run in the sixth inning. Eric Barron had two hits and scored Cal State Hayward's lone run in sixth inning.

GAME TWO: GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY 5 CAL ST HAYWARD 4

Catcher Derek Birley drove in a pair of runs while Russell Johnston had two hits and scored twice leading George Fox University to the doubleheader sweep. Pitcher Ryan Alvis hurled the first eight innings to pick up his seventh win of the season. Jason Schilperoort pitched a scoreless ninth inning to register his first save of the year. Brett Niles, who went 2-for-4 with three RBIS, hit his team leading 10th home run of the season for Cal State Hayward in the third inning. Ryan Sill, Steven Parker and Darryl Rath each had two hits for the Pioneers. George Fox University improves to 24-8 while Cal State Hayward stands at 16-17 for the season.

RECORDS

GEORGE FOX (24-8)

CAL ST HAYWARD (16-17)

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Northwest Conference 12-6 (Home 8-1, Road 4-5)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Increase NWC Lead Despite Going 1-2 vs. Pacific

THIS WEEK:

No games scheduled due to final exams. Up next:

Mon., May 1, 1:00 pm – California State University-Hayward, in Hayward, Calif. (DH)

Tues., May 2, 1:00 pm – California State University-Hayward, in Hayward, Calif.

LAST WEEK:

Apr. 21 – George Fox 2, Pacific 1 (A)

Apr. 21 – Pacific 5, George Fox 2 (A)

Apr. 22 – Pacific 5, George Fox 4 (H)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (thru Apr. 22)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
George Fox Bruins	12-6	.667	-	22-8	.733
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	9-6	.600	1.5	15-12-1	.554
Linfield Wildcats	9-6	.600	1.5	16-14	.533
Willamette Bearcats	8-7	.533	2.5	17-14	.548
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	8-8	.500	3	15-15	.500
Puget Sound Loggers	8-10	.444	4	14-18	.438
Whitworth Pirates	6-9	.400	4.5	11-19	.367
Pacific Boxers	7-11	.388	5	10-21	.323
Whitman Missionaries	6-10	.375	5	12-19	.387

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BRUINS IN NCAA D-III STATS REPORT, BUT FALL FROM RANKINGS

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In *Collegiate Baseball's* latest poll of April 17, the Bruins dropped from 13th, the highest rating ever for a Bruin baseball team, out of the top 30, but still received votes. The No. 1 team was Carthage WI (26-2). George Fox also slipped from 2nd in the West Region to 5th behind Trinity TX (30-6), California Lutheran (21-6-2), Southwestern TX (29-9), and Dallas TX (27-7). The next poll will be taken on May 1. Rankings are available every two weeks at www.baseballnews.com.

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PITCHING PREVAILS AS BRUINS, BOXERS SPLIT TWINBILL

FOREST GROVE, Ore. --- With one team leading the Northwest Conference in batting and the other the league leader in home runs, baseball fans at Bond Field here Friday afternoon (Apr. 21) probably expected a flood of runs. Instead, they were treated to some fine pitching and outstanding defensive plays as the visiting George Fox University Bruins took the opener 2-1 before the host Pacific University Boxers came back in the nightcap for a 5-2 win.

In the first game, Pacific took a 1-0 lead in the second as Matt Lengwenus drilled his league-leading eighth home run off the Bruins' **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., Chehalis, Wash.)**. The Bruins tied it off Boxer hurler Dustin Bare, 1-4, in the fifth as **Mike Piper (So., Seattle, Wash.)** doubled and came in on **Russell Johnston's (Fr., North Bend, Ore.)** single to center.

After Adam Edwards led off the Boxer sixth with a single, the Bruins brought in staff ace **Ryan Alvis**, who slammed the door the rest of the way and picked up the win, his eighth against one loss, when his teammates got his a run in the seventh. **Piper** walked and pinch runner **Stephen Donohue (Fr., Gresham, Ore.)** was sacrificed to second by **Paul Gramenz (So., Sequim, Wash.)**, moved to third on **Johnston's** fly to right, and scored the winner on **David Farrell's (Sr., Tacoma, Wash.)** double.

Alvis started the second game and was touched for three in the third, all unearned as a result of three George Fox errors. Edwards' sacrifice fly scored David Barney with the first run, and Kyle Bunting and Nathan Meyer both scored when Lengwenus struck out but reached first on a wild pitch and Bruins' catcher **Derek Birley (Sr., Battle Ground, Wash.)** hit Lengwenus with a throw to first. The Boxers scored insurance runs off **Alvis**, 8-2, in the sixth and seventh on Bunting's run-scoring fielder's choice and Ben Holscher's RBI single.

Kelly DeVoy, 3-3, went the distance for the Boxers, surrendering runs in the sixth and seventh on **Piper's** single that scored **Farrell**, who had doubled, and **Aaron Bliss' (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** RBI double that scored **Kyle Langeliers (So., Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** with an unearned run, but he was bailed out of trouble by two huge defensive plays. In the sixth, after **Piper's** hit, Andrews made a spectacular over-the-shoulder catch of **Schilperoort's** drive to deep right and doubled **Piper** off at first. The in the ninth, after **Birley** reached on an error to open the inning, second baseman Mac Strang snared **Langeliers'** smash up the middle with a diving backhand stop to start a rally-killing double play.

George Fox (22-6, 12-4) 2, Pacific (8-21, 5-11) 1

George Fox 000 010 1 - 2 8 0

Pacific 010 000 0 - 1 6 0

Schilperoort, Alvis (6) and Birley; Bare and Voorhies. WP - Alvis (8-1). LP - Bare (1-4). HR - P, Lengwenus (8). T - 1:37

Pacific (9-21, 6-11) 5, George Fox (22-7, 12-5) 2

George Fox 000 001 100 - 2 6 3

Pacific 003 001 10x - 5 7 2

Alvis, Sievers (7) and Birley; DeVoy and Voorhies. WP - DeVoy (3-3). LP - Alvis (8-2). T - 2:16. Att - 70.

BRUIN BATTERS BAFFLED BY BOXER HURLERS AGAIN 5-4

NEWBERG, Ore. --- When this weekend's series between the George Fox University Bruins and Pacific University Boxers began, the Bruins were the Northwest Conference leaders in staff earned run average and the Boxers were dead-last, giving up almost nine earned runs a game.

By the time Saturday's (Apr. 22) contest ended with the Boxers stunning the home-standing Bruins 5-4, one might have suspected Pacific to have imported some ringers to pitch, as Pacific hurlers

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allowed George Fox fewer total runs in the three-game series (8) than their staff averaged giving up per game before then.

For six-plus innings, Bruin hitters had Pacific starter Kyle Ishimitsu on the ropes, raking him for six hits and drawing six walks, but never could come up with a hit at the right time to blow the game open. By the time reliever Derek Akimoto came on to throw three and one-third scoreless innings to finish the game, it was too late.

Akimoto, 3-2, got the win when Pacific scored a run in the seventh to tie it at 4-4 and another in the eighth to go ahead for good. Singles by Nathan Meyer, Matt Lengwenus, and Ben Holscher got the tying run home, and the Boxers scored the go-ahead run with some daring baserunning. David Barney started the rally with a one-out single and raced to third on Kyle Bunting's hit to center. Mac Strang bounced back to Bruins' hurler **Kess Romano**, who checked Barney for a moment, then threw to first. Barney broke immediately and beat first baseman **Kyle Langeliers'** throw home.

Romano was trying for his 25th career victory, which would have tied him for the all-time record at George Fox. Instead, he took his first loss of the season in falling to 6-1, surrendering all 14 of Pacific's hits in his eight innings of work.

The Boxers scored three unearned runs on two hits and three errors in the first, but the Bruins tied it in the second on **Jason Wieg's** (Sr., Shoreline, Wash.) sacrifice fly to score **Garret Bates** (Sr., Tigard, Ore.), **Paul Gramenz'** third home run of the season, and **Mike Piper's** triple after a **David Farrell** single. The Bruins went ahead in the sixth when Akimoto hit **Jason Schilperoort**, the first batter hit faced, with the bases loaded, but he got out of the jam by inducing **Derek Birley** to hit into a force play, just three of 12 runners the Bruins stranded in the game.

The contest was delayed twice in both the top and bottom halves of the third innings by 30-minute rain delays.

Pacific(10-21, 7-11) 5, George Fox (22-8, 12-6) 4

Pacific 300 000 110 – 5 14 1

George Fox 030 001 000 – 4 9 3

Ishimitsu, Akimoto (6) and Voorhies; Romano, Beasley (9) and Wieg. WP –Akimoto (3-2). LP – Romano (6-1). HR – GF, Gramenz (3). T – 2:48. Att – 155.

BRUIN BITS:

*** **Pitchers Closing In on Records:** **Ryan Alvis'** six complete games has tied the George Fox single-season record, accomplished eight times by six different pitchers, the latest being Nate Barnett in 1998 ... With 61 strikeouts, **Alvis** needs 11 to eclipse the record of 71 K's in a season by Troy Schrenk in 1997 ... **Kess Romano**, whose six wins this season give him a career total of 24, is on track to break the GFU record for all-time wins of 25, set by Barnett from 1996-99 ... **Brody Wilson's** three saves are one short of the all-time single-season best of four, done three times, the last by **Eric Beasley** (Sr., RHP, The Dalles, Ore.) in 1998 ... Prior to the season, the Bruins' pitching staff set a goal of having a 3-to-1 ratio of strikeouts to walks, and they are well on target, with 190 strikeouts and only 54 walks in 242.2 innings, a ratio of 3.5-to-1. The staff ERA of 2.86 is well ahead of the previous all-time best of 3.44 by the 1982 pitching staff.

Where the Bruins ranked as individual players in the latest NWC stats:

*** **Derek Birley** - #1 in RBI (29), #4 in home runs (5), #6 in total bases (53), #10 in slugging pct. (.582), #5 in fielding chances (196) and putouts (175);

*** **Jason Schilperoort** - #1 in walks (26), #2 in on base pct. (.514), #10 in ERA (3.24);

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*** **Garrett Bates** - #1 in fielding pct. (1.000 T), #3 in triples (2, T), #4 in RBI (25), #8 in doubles (7, T);
*** **Aaron Bliss** - #8 in doubles (7, T), #10 in assists (66);
*** **Russell Johnston** - #1 in steals (11), #9 in batting (.366);
*** **Brian Newman** - #7 in slugging pct. (.619);
*** **Kyle Langeliers** - #1 in fielding chances (239) and putouts (226);
*** **Paul Gramenz** - #6 in assists (76 T);
*** **David Farrell** - #9 in assists (67);
*** **Ryan Alvis** - #1 in wins (7) and starts (7, T), #1 in lowest BA (.199), #2 in strikeouts (51 T), #4 in ERA (1.73), #5 in innings (52.0);
*** **Kess Romano** - #2 in wins (6), #4 in innings (52.1) and #5 in ERA (2.06),
*** **Paul Andrewjeski** - #4 in strikeouts (50), #4 in wins (4, T), #8 in ERA (2.70);
*** **Brody Wilson** - #1 in saves (3, T), #6 in games finished (5, T).

Where the Bruins ranked as a team in the latest NWC batting & fielding stats:

#1 in batting average (.309), on base pct. (.407), fewest strikeouts (132), fielding pct. (.955);
#2 in slugging pct. (.423), runs (170), walks (122);
#3 in triples (7 T);
#4 in doubles (43), home runs (13 T), stolen bases (30).

Where the Bruins rank as a team in the latest NWC pitching stats:

#1 in earned run average (2.96), fewest walks (50);
#2 in strikeouts (171), lowest opponents batting avg. (.263).

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 21-6 (Home 11-1, Road 8-5, Neutral 2-0)
Northwest Conference 11-4 (Home 8-0, Road 3-4)

HIGHLIGHTS:

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PLU Takes 2-of-3 from Bruins to Tighten NWC Race

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Apr. 15 – George Fox 2, Pacific Lutheran 1 (A)
Apr. 15 – Pacific Lutheran 7, George Fox 6, 10 innings (A)
Apr. 16 – Pacific Lutheran 12, George Fox 2 (A)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (thru Apr. 16)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	9-3	.750	.5	15-9-1	.620
George Fox Bruins	11-4	.733	-	21-6	.869
Linfield Wildcats	7-5	.583	2.5	14-13	.518
Puget Sound Loggers	7-8	.467	4	12-16	.429
Willamette Bearcats	5-7	.417	4.5	14-14	.500
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	5-7	.417	4.5	12-14	.462
Whitman Missionaries	5-7	.417	4.5	11-16	.407
Whitworth Pirates	6-9	.400	5	11-18	.379
Pacific Boxers	5-10	.333	6	8-20	.286

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In the West Region rankings, **George Fox** was No. 2 behind Trinity TX, followed by Dallas TX, Chapman CA, California Lutheran, and McMurry TX. The four-team West Regional is May 12-15, most likely at the highest seed, although regional rankings are not a guarantee of a bid to the playoffs.

BRUINS' HOME WINNING STREAK ENDS AT 29 IN 13-9 LOSS TO WOU

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For the first time in almost two years, the George Fox University baseball team tasted defeat on its home diamond of Morse Field, dropping a 13-9 non-conference decision to Western Oregon University here Wednesday afternoon (Apr. 12).

Not since the University of Puget Sound beat the Bruins 9-7 at Morse back on April 25, 1998, had a George Fox team come out on the short end of a score here, winning 29 straight before the visiting Wolves ended the string. And rarely has a Bruin pitching staff suffered an assault quite like the one the Wolves dished out, as they pounded out 24 hits against six George Fox pitchers. Only the fact that the Bruin hurlers walked no one and the defense turned four double plays prevented further damage.

Six Western Oregon players banged out three or more hits, with Josh Nelson going 5-for-5 and Ryan Suyama 4-for-6. Suyama had the biggest blow of the game, a third inning grand-slam to right that broke a 3-3 tie and pinned the loss on George Fox starter **Brody Wilson**, 1-1. Suyama also doubled and drove in a total of six runs, while Nelson had four RBI with his five singles. Also collecting three hits apiece for the Wolves were Travis Chetock, Andy Ortmyer, Bryce Gardinier, and Jeremy Stegmaier. The hits were the first of the season for Gardinier.

The Bruins scored six runs in four innings off the Wolves' Dan Lockett, making his first college start, and he exited before pitching enough to pick up his first win. The decision eventually was credited to the third hurler for Western Oregon, Philip Roberti, 3-1, who worked two scoreless innings in the sixth and seventh frames despite allowing four hits.

Russell Johnston (Fr., OF, North Bend, Ore.), Kyle Langeliers (So., 1B, Pleasant Hill, Ore.), and **Mike Piper (So., OF, Seattle, Wash.)** had two apiece for the Bruins, who drew nine walks to go with their 11 hits but stranded 11 runners. **Derek Birley (Sr., C, Battle Ground, Wash.)** picked up three RBI with a run-scoring single, a bases-loaded walk, and a ground out.

Western Oregon (21-25) 13, George Fox (20-4) 9

Western Oregon 205 211 020 – 13 24 0

George Fox 211 200 030 – 9 11 5

Lockett, Skinner (5), Roberti (6), Rozewski (8) and Oswalt; Wilson, Schilperoort (3), Lorenz (6), Lapp (8), Sievers (8), Beasley (9) and Birley. WP – Roberti (3-1). LP – Wilson (1-1). HR – WOU, Suyama (3). T – 2:41. Att – 165.

BRUINS STAY GAME-AND-A-HALF AHEAD OF LUTES WITH SPLIT

PARKLAND, Wash. --- In a showdown for first in the Northwest Conference, the George Fox University Bruins stayed one step ahead of the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, taking the opener 2-1 but dropping the second 7-6 in 10 innings at the PLU Baseball Field here Saturday afternoon (Apr. 15).

The 13th-ranked Bruins took the opener with an unearned run in the top of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie. **Aaron Bliss (Jr., 3B, Hillsboro, Ore.)** reached second when right fielder Jason Both dropped his fly ball, and **Paul Gramenz (So., SS, Sequim, Wash.)** singled him home with two out. The Lutes threatened to knot it again in the home half when Kyle Bowers led off with a double and moved to third on Isaac Williams' single. But Bruins ace **Ryan Alvis (Sr., RHP, Seattle, Wash.),** 7-1, wriggled off the hook when pinch runner Matt Simon was caught stealing second, then got a ground out and a strikeout. **Alvis** finished with a five-hitter and struck out nine.

PLU took a 1-0 lead in the second when Both doubled and scored on an error, but the Bruins tied it off eventual loser Jason Andrew, 4-3, in the third on a **Gramenz** double and **Russell Johnston's** single.

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In the second game, the Lutes jumped on **Kess Romano** for three in the first and another in the third, then knocked him out with a run in the fifth for a 5-0 lead. But the Lutes kicked the ball around, making six errors, allowing the Bruins to get back into the game with a run in the sixth and a pair of unearned runs in both the seventh and ninth innings.

The Bruins took a 6-5 lead in the top of the 10th on an RBI hit by **Kyle Langeliers**, but the Lutes rallied in the home half off **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., RHP, Chehalis, Wash.)**, 2-2. Bowers walked, Williams singled, and Michael Colon singled to drive in Bowers with the tying run. Colon later scored the winning run on a two-out single by Josh Luebke, giving the win to reliever Rob White, 2-1.

George Fox (21-4, 11-2) 2, Pacific Lutheran (13-9-1, 7-3) 1

George Fox 001 000 1 - 2 6 1

Pacific Lutheran 010 000 0 - 1 5 3

Alvis and Birley; Andrew and Epperson. WP - Alvis (7-1). LP - Andrew (4-3).

Pacific Lutheran (14-9-1, 8-3) 7, George Fox (21-5, 11-3) 6, 10 innings

George Fox 000 001 202 1 - 6 8 3

Pacific Lutheran 310 100 000 2 - 7 8 6

Romano, Sievers (4), Schilperoort (8) and Birley; Farman, White (10) and Epperson, Luebke (10). WP - White (2-1). LP - Schilperoort (2-2). Att - 250.

LUTES UNLOAD ON BRUIN PITCHING TO WIN RUBBER GAME 12-2

PARKLAND, Wash. --- Unloading for 17 hits, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes hammered the George Fox University Bruins 12-2 Sunday afternoon (Apr. 16) here at the PLU Baseball Field to take the rubber game of the three-game series and move into first place in the Northwest Conference by percentage points.

With the win, the Lutes are now 15-9-1 overall and 9-3 in the NWC, a .750 winning percentage. The 13th-ranked Bruins fall to 21-6 overall and 11-4 in the league, a mark of .733. In games-over-.500, the Bruins are at plus-seven and the Lutes at plus-six, thus George Fox holds a half-game lead that way, a situation that sometimes occurs at the top or bottom of standings when teams have played an unequal number of games, but PLU is a very important game up in the loss column.

Michael Colon went 4-for-5 to pace the PLU attack, including a double and a triple while scoring three runs and driving in two. Jay Chennault was 3-for-5 with three runs scored, and Josh Reiman was 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI. With his teammates exploding for two runs in the second and four in the third to take early control, the Lutes' Zach Almont coasted to his fourth win against one loss, striking out six and walking two while scattering nine hits and allowing only one earned run.

The early assault pinned the loss on Bruins' lefty **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)**, 4-2, who lasted five and two-thirds innings and surrendered seven runs, although only three were earned due to three George Fox errors. At the plate, **David Farrell (Sr., 2B, Tacoma, Wash.)** found his hitting stroke by going 3-for-4, while **Russell Johnston** was 3-for-3 with a double.

Pacific Lutheran (15-9-1, 9-3) 12, George Fox (21-6, 11-4) 2

George Fox 000 100 100 - 2 9 3

Pacific Lutheran 024 003 03x - 12 17 0

Andrewjeski, Wilson (6), Lorenz (6), Beasley (8) and Birley, Carlsen (8); Almont and Epperson. WP - Almont (4-1). LP - Andrewjeski (4-2). T - 2:14. Att - 200.

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BRUIN BITS:

*** **Alvis HM for "Pitcher of the Week":** Senior righthander **Ryan Alvis** received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Pitcher of the Week" for April 10-16 with a fine five-hit game against Pacific Lutheran. In beating the Lutes 2-1 in Tacoma, he went the route, striking out nine with no walks in seven innings, and the only run he allowed was unearned. Alvis raised his record to 7-1, lowered his staff-leading ERA to 1.73, and took over the team lead in strikeouts with 51. "Pitcher of the Week" honors went to Whitman's Ryan Toivola, who shut out Willamette 2-0, while "Player of the Week" went to Kevin Hill of Linfield, who batted .667 with two home runs and six RBI.

*** **Pitchers Closing In on Records:** **Ryan Alvis'** six complete games has tied the George Fox single-season record, accomplished eight times by six different pitchers, the latest being Nate Barnett in 1998 ... With 51 strikeouts, **Alvis** needs 21 to eclipse the record of 71 K's in a season by Troy Schrenk in 1997. **Paul Andrewjeski**, who has 50 K's thus far, might also threaten that record ... **Kess Romano**, whose six wins this season give him a career total of 24, is on track to break the GFU record for all-time wins of 25, set by Barnett from 1996-99 ... **Brody Wilson's** three saves are one short of the all-time single-season best of four, done three times, the last by **Eric Beasley (Sr., RHP, The Dalles, Ore.)** in 1998 ... Prior to the season, the Bruins' pitching staff set a goal of having a 3-to-1 ratio of strikeouts to walks, and they are well on target, with 171 strikeouts and only 50 walks in 218.2 innings, a ratio of 3.4-to-1. The staff ERA of 2.96 is well ahead of the previous all-time best of 3.44 by the 1982 pitching staff.

Where the Bruins ranked as individual players in the latest NWC stats:

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*** **Jason Schilperoort** - #1 in walks (24), #2 in on base pct. (.543), #3 in ERA (1.64);
*** **Garrett Bates (Sr., OF, Tigard, Ore.)** - #3 in triples (2, T), #4 in RBI (22, T), #8 in doubles (7, T);
*** **Aaron Bliss** - #8 in doubles (7, T);
*** **Russell Johnston** - #1 in steals (10, T);
*** **David Farrell** - #9 in walks (16, T);
*** **Ryan Alvis** - #1 in wins (6, T) and starts (7, T), #3 in lowest BA (.200), #4 in strikeouts (42), #6 in ERA (2.00), #7 in innings (45.0);
*** **Kess Romano** - #1 in wins (6, T), #4 in innings (48.2, T) and ERA (1.66), #9 in lowest BA (.232);
*** **Paul Andrewjeski** - #1 in strikeouts (47, T), #4 in wins (4, T), #7 in ERA (2.41);
*** **Brody Wilson** - #1 in saves (3, T), #4 in games finished (5, T), #10 in ERA (3.00)

Where the Bruins ranked as a team in the latest NWC batting & fielding stats:

#1 in batting average (.317), on base pct. (.418), fewest strikeouts (108), fielding pct. (.962);
#2 in slugging pct. (.447), triples (7, T);
#3 in runs (151), walks (107);
#4 in doubles (38), stolen bases (27);
#5 in home runs (13).

Where the Bruins rank as a team in the latest NWC pitching stats:

#1 in earned run average (2.43), lowest opponents' batting average (.238), fewest walks (43);
#3 in strikeouts (149).

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Northwest Conference 10-2 (Home 8-0, Road 2-2)

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Apr. 8 – George Fox 14, Willamette 1 (A)

Apr. 9 – George Fox 2, Willamette 1, 10 innings (H)

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Pacific Lutheran Lutes	7-2	.778	1.5	12-7-1	.625
Linfield Wildcats	5-4	.556	3.5	12-12	.500
Willamette Bearcats	4-5	.444	4.5	13-12	.520
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	5-7	.417	5	10-14	.417
Puget Sound Loggers	5-7	.417	5	10-15	.400
Whitworth Pirates	5-7	.417	5	10-16	.385
Whitman Missionaries	3-6	.333	5.5	9-14	.391
Pacific Boxers	4-8	.333	6	7-18	.280

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BRUINS ADVANCE TO NO. 13 NATIONALLY, NO. 2 IN WEST REGION

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SECOND-GAME EXPLOSION SALVAGES SPLIT FOR 13TH-RANKED BRUINS

SALEM, Ore. --- After being shut out 4-0 in the first game, the George Fox University bats busted loose in the second, giving the Bruins a 14-1 win and a Northwest Conference baseball split against the Willamette University Bearcats Saturday afternoon (Apr. 8) here at Spec Keene Stadium.

The Bearcats' Brad Ferrin, 3-2, tossed a six-hitter at the Bruins in the opener, striking out four and walking two. It was the first time the Bruins had been shut out in two years. George Fox righthander **Ryan Alvis (Sr., Seattle, Wash.)** suffered his first setback of the year as he fell to 6-1, although he only allowed five hits, only one after the first inning.

Garet Luebbert's two-run double in the first was enough to give the Bearcats the early lead and eventually the game. Luebbert also homered in the fourth for the final run. **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., OF, Chehalis, Wash.)** went 2-for-3 with a double for the Bruins.

In the nightcap, the Bruins unleashed an 18-hit attack that buried Willamette starter Justin Brown, 2-4, and two relievers. **Derek Birley (Sr., C, Battle Ground, Wash.)** went 4-for-6 with a pair of runs scored, **Aaron Bliss (Jr., 3B, Hillsboro, Ore.)** and **Kyle Langeliers (So., 1B, Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** each had three hits and three RBI, **Garrett Bates (Sr., OF, Tigard, Ore.)** had two hits and three runs scored, **Paul Gramenz (So., SS, Sequim, Wash.)** had two hits and three RBI, and **Schilperoort** had two hits, including his second home run of the season, scored twice and drove in two.

The offensive explosion enabled righthander **Kess Romano (Sr., Vancouver, Wash.)** to coast to his sixth win with no defeats as he tossed a six-hitter and shut out the Bearcats until the ninth. Luke Atwood had three hits and Luebbert two for Willamette, which lost its first home game all season.

Willamette (13-10, 4-3) 4, George Fox (18-3, 8-2) 0

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Alvis and Birley; Ferrin and Searle. WP - Ferrin (3-2). LP - Alvis (6-1). HR - Luebbert. T - 1:30.

George Fox (19-3, 9-2) 14, Willamette (13-11, 4-4) 1

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Romano and Birley; Brown, Allen (5), Hughes (9) nd Searle, Chatterton (8). WP - Romano (6-0). LP - Brown (2-4). HR - Schilperoort (2). T - 2:30. Att - 80.

BRUINS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WILLAMETTE MISTAKES FOR 2-1 WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- For most of the game, Willamette University lefthander Nik Lubisich gave the George Fox University Bruins nothing to work with, but when the Bearcats' defense gave the Bruins a couple of openings, the home team took advantage, scoring a pair of unearned runs to pin a 2-1 10-inning loss on the visitors in Northwest Conference baseball Sunday afternoon (Apr.9) here at Morse Field.

George Fox southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)** was equally as effective as Lubisich, surrendering only Garet Luebbert's third home run and second in as many days in the first inning, but that was all the Bearcats could muster. Andrewjeski shut out the Bearcats over the next eight innings, striking out eight with only two walks.

The Bruins tied the game in the second. With one out, **Paul Gramenz** singled to left, and moved to third as Willamette third sacker Luke Atwood threw away **Aaron Bliss'** grounder. **Kyle Langeliers** forced Bliss at second, but shortstop Luebbert threw away the relay to first, allowing Gramenz to score.

There the game stayed in a pitchers' duel until the 10th. Righthander **Brody Wilson (So., Eugene, Ore.)** replaced Andrewjeski to start the extra inning and worked a hitless frame, allowing one runner on an error by Bliss at third, and picked up the win, his first decision of the season, when the Bruins scored in the home half.

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Mitch Sheppler (Fr., OF, Portland, Ore.) opened the rally with a grounder to Atwood at third, who threw the ball away for a two-base error. **Russell Johnston (Fr., OF, North Bend, Ore.)** sacrificed him to third, then Lubisich uncorked a wild pitch that allowed Sheppler to slide home with the winner. It was the Bruins' 29th straight win at Morse Field, and dropped Lubisich's record to 3-2.

George Fox (20-3, 10-2) 2, Willamette (13-12, 4-5) 1, 10 innings

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George Fox 010 000 000 1 – 2 6 2

Lubisich and Searle; Andrewjeski, Wilson (10) and Birley. WP – Wilson (1-0). LP – Lubisich (3-2). HR – WU, Luebberts (3). T – 2:16. Att – 275.

BRUIN BITS:

*** **Romano HM for "Pitcher of the Week":** Senior righthander **Kess Romano** received Honorable Mention for Northwest Conference "Pitcher of the Week" for April 3-9 for his work in the Bruins' 14-1 win at Willamette. Romano shut out the Bearcats until the ninth inning, scattered six hits in a route-going performance, struck out three and walked only two in handing Willamette its first home loss of the season. The award went to Willamette righthander Brad Ferrin, who beat the Bruins 4-0 in the first game of the April 8 twinbill, the first time the Bruins had been shut out in over two years.

*** **Best Ever After 23 Games:** The Bruins' 20-3 mark is the team's best ever at this point in a season. Last year's team had the previous best with a 19-4 record after 23 games.

*** **29 Straight and Counting:** With Sunday's extra-inning win over Willamette, the Bruins have now won 29 straight games at Morse Field. The team's last loss at Morse was to Puget Sound 9-7 on April 25, 1998. Two losses last year to Willamette, while technically George Fox home games, were played at a neutral site, Quinlan Field in The Dalles, due to wet conditions at Morse Field.

*** **Pitching and Defense Win Games:** Prior to the season, the Bruins' pitching staff set a goal of having a 3-to-1 ratio of strikeouts to walks, and they are well on target, with 149 strikeouts and only 43 walks in 185 innings, a ratio of 3.5-to-1. The staff ERA of 2.43 is over one full run better than the previous all-time best of 3.44 by the 1982 pitching staff. The pitching has been supported by a defense that has settled down after making 12 errors in the first four games, making only 19 in the last 19 games. The team fielding average has risen from .914 to a league-leading .962 during that span.

Where the Bruins ranks as individual players in the latest NWC stats:

*** **Derek Birley** was #1 in home runs (5, T), and fielding pct. (1.000 T), #2 in total bases (44), RBI (26) and slugging pct. (.688), #4 in hit by pitch (4 T), #6 in on base percentage (494), #8 in batting avg. (3.75);

*** **Jason Schilperoort** was #1 in walks (24) and on base pct. (.543), #6 in RBI (18 T);

*** **Garrett Bates** was #3 in triples (2 T), #4 in RBI (20), #5 in doubles (7, T), #6 in hits (26 T), #7 in total bases (37 T);

*** **Russell Johnston** was #1 in steals (10) and steal attempts (11 T), #5 in runs scored (19 T);

*** **Ryan Alvis** was #1 in wins (6), strikeouts (40), ERA (1.62), lowest BA (.196) and starts (6 T), #5 in innings (39.0);

*** **Kess Romano** was #2 in wins (5), #4 in innings (39.2), #5 in ERA (1.82), #4 in lowest BA (.240);

*** **Paul Andrewjeski** was #2 in strikeouts (39 T), #3 in wins (4, T), #9 in ERA (2.81);

*** **Brody Wilson** was #1 in saves (3, T), #6 in games finished (4 T).

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Where the Bruins rank as a team in the latest NWC batting & fielding stats:

#1 in batting average (.320), on base pct.(.426), triples (7), fewest strikeouts (93), fielding pct. (.962);

#2 in slugging pct. (.459), walks (99);

#3 in runs (135);

#4 in doubles (34), home runs (12), stolen bases (25)

Where the Bruins rank as a team in the latest NWC pitching stats:

#1 in earned run average (2.53), lowest opponents' batting average (.243), strikeouts (136), fewest walks (39)

HEAD COACH PAT BAILEY (Idaho '78)

Pat Bailey, in his 5th season as a college coach, all at George Fox, has a record of 131-54 (.708). Combined with a 46-37 record in 3 years at Willamette High School in Salem, Ore., and a 177-96 record in 17 years at West Linn (Ore.) High School, he has a cumulative coaching record of 354-187 (.654).

Against this week's opponents:

vs. Western Oregon 9-7 (5-3 in Newberg, 4-4 in Monmouth)

vs. Pacific Lutheran 9-2 (5-0 in Newberg, 4-2 in Tacoma)

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 15-2 (Home 7-0, Road 6-2, Neutral 2-0)
Northwest Conference 5-1 (Home 4-0, Road 1-1)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins' Win Streak Grows to 12 Before Ending
George Fox Ranked 20th in "Collegiate Baseball" Poll
Alvis, Birley Earn "Pitcher, Player of the Week" Honors in NWC

THIS WEEK:

Sat., Apr. 1, 1:00 pm – University of Puget Sound, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC DH)
Sun., Apr. 2, 12:00 pm – University of Puget Sound, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC)

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 21 – George Fox 9, Menlo 6 (A)
Mar. 22 – George Fox 8, Menlo 7 (A)
Mar. 25 – George Fox 6, Lewis & Clark 2 (H)
Mar. 25 – George Fox 8, Lewis & Clark 4 (H)
Mar. 26 – Lewis & Clark 5, George Fox 3 (A)

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS (thru Mar. 26)

	<u>NWC</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	3-0	1.000	.5	7-4-1	.625
George Fox Bruins	5-1	.833	--	15-2	.882
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	4-2	.667	1	8-9	.471
Willamette Bearcats	2-1	.667	1.5	11-8	.579
Puget Sound Loggers	2-1	.667	1.5	7-9	.437
Whitman Missionaries	2-4	.333	3	7-9	.437
Whitworth Pirates	2-4	.333	3	7-12	.368
Pacific Boxers	1-5	.177	4	2-13	.133
Linfield Wildcats	0-3	.000	3.5	7-10	.412

*** The NWC website is www.nwcsports.com

ALVIS, BIRLEY EARN NWC "PITCHER, PLAYER OF THE WEEK" HONORS

Staff ace **Ryan Alvis (Sr., RHP, Seattle, Wash.)** and batterymate **Derek Birley (Sr., C, Battle Ground, Wash.)** have been named Northwest Conference "Pitcher of the Week" and "Player of the Week" for the week of Mar. 20-26.

Alvis picked up two wins during the week to raise his record to 5-0. Limited by coach Pat Bailey to only three innings in a start at Menlo, he picked up the win in an 8-7 Bruins victory by scattering three hits and allowing one earned run while fanning three and walking only one. In a complete-game 6-2 win over Lewis & Clark, he went seven innings, allowing two runs on four hits with nine strikeouts and two walks. For the week, he worked 10 innings with an ERA of 2.70, allowed seven hits, struck out 12 and walked only three.

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Birley batted .500 for the week, going 8-for-16 in the Bruins' 4-1 week. He had a double and three home runs among his hits for 18 total bases, a 1.125 slugging percentage, drove in eight and scored six. In a doubleheader sweep of Lewis & Clark on March 25, he hit a solo home run, walked twice, and scored twice in the first game, then went 3-for-4 in the second with two home runs and 5 RBI. He also drew six walks on the week, including four in one game at Menlo! His on-base percentage was .636 (14-for-22).

BRUINS WIN NINTH STRAIGHT WITH 9-6 COMEBACK OVER MENLO

ATHERTON, Calif. --- Jason Schilperoort's (Sr., CF, Chehalis, Wash.) bases-clearing double in the top of the ninth in broke a 6-6 tie and sent the Bruins to their ninth straight victory, a 9-6 win over the Menlo College Oaks in non-conference baseball action here Tuesday afternoon (Mar. 21).

The Bruins, who had led 2-0 after three innings and 4-2 after five, fell behind 6-4 after surrendering four runs in the sixth, but tied it with a pair of runs in the seventh, setting up Schilperoort's last-frame heroics. His game-winning blow made a winner of reliever **Eric Beasley (Sr., RHP, The Dalles, Ore.)**, 1-0, who worked two scoreless innings for the decision.

Each team banged out 13 hits, **Russell Johnston (Fr., LF, North Bend, Ore.)** and **Aaron Bliss (Jr., 3B, Hillsboro, Ore.)** leading the Bruins with three hits apiece, while Schilperoort and **Jason Wieg (Sr., DH, Shoreline, Wash.)** had two hits each. Bliss joined Schilperoort in RBI honors with three each. Casey Knapp and Maurice Lesley had three hits apiece for the Oaks.

Menlo fell to 2-11 with the loss, while George Fox, off to its best start ever after 13 games, improved to 12-1.

BRUINS HOLD ON FOR 8-7 WIN OVER MENLO AND 10TH WIN IN A ROW

ATHERTON, Calif. --- Garrett Bates (Sr., RF, Tigard, Ore.) and **Kyle Langeliers (So., 1B, Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** banged out three hits apiece, Bates with a triple and two RBI, to highlight a 13-hit attack that carried the Bruins to their 10th straight win, an 8-7 decision over the Menlo College Oaks in non-conference baseball here Wednesday (Mar. 22).

Jason Schilperoort and **Derek Birley** added two hits each with a double apiece, Schilperoort also knocking in two runs, and **Paul Gramenz (So., SS, Sequim, Wash.)** slugged a solo home run in the sixth inning, his second of the season, as the Bruins built an 8-3 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Oaks rallied for four runs, the big blow a two-run double by Kyle Izumigawa, to cut the George Fox lead to 8-7 before Damon Lorenz got the final out.

Eric Beasley worked a scoreless eighth and **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., LHP, Vancouver, Wash.)** a scoreless ninth for his first save. The win went to starter **Ryan Alvis (4-0)**, who was limited to three innings by coach Pat Bailey and only surrendered one run with three strikeouts in his stint. The Bruins raised their season record to 13-1, their best ever after 14 games, while Menlo fell to 2-12 on the season. George Fox returns home after going 6-0 on its California swing.

20th-RANKED BRUINS SWEEP LEWIS & CLARK FOR 12 STRAIGHT WINS

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Derek Birley went 4-for-5 on the day with three home runs, six RBI, and four runs scored, leading the Bruins to a 6-2, 8-4 doubleheader sweep of the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in Northwest Conference baseball action Saturday afternoon (Mar. 25) here at Morse Field.

The twin wins gave the Bruins, ranked No. 20 in the latest *Collegiate Baseball* poll, their 11th and 12th victories in a row, two short of the team record, and improved their overall mark to 15-1. The Bruins also took over sole possession of first place in the conference at 5-0, while the visiting Pioneers fell to 7-9 overall and 3-2 in the conference.

In the first game, Birley walked twice before unloading for a solo shot in the fifth, his third of the season, to close out the Bruins' scoring in the 6-2 win. George Fox had rallied from a 2-0 deficit with

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five runs in the fourth. **Kyle Langeliers**, who was 3-for-3, singled home **Garrett Bates** with the go-ahead run, and **Kyle Johnston** capped the rally with a two-run single to plate **Jason Wieg** and **Paul Gramenz**.

The outburst made a winner of righthander **Ryan Alvis**, who raised his record to 5-0 with his third complete game, striking out nine while walking only two. The loss went to Lewis & Clark lefthander Brian Mulally, who fell to 1-2.

In the nightcap, the Bruins jumped on Pioneer starter Dan Floyd for three unearned runs in the first and three more earned ones in the second. Birley had an RBI single in the middle of the first-inning rally, then slugged a three-run homer in the second, and added his fifth home run in the fourth inning, a solo shot to deep left, that gave him five RBI in the game.

Bill Allen and Joey Vida went 2-for-4 for Lewis & Clark, with Vida knocking in three, but that was about all the offense the Pioneers could muster against Bruin righthander **Kess Romano (Sr., RHP, Vancouver, Wash.)**, who also went the distance, fanning seven with no walks, to raise his record to 4-0.

BRUINS' WIN STREAK HALTED AT 12 BY LEWIS & CLARK 5-3

PORTLAND, Ore. --- Two wins short of tying the team record, George Fox's winning streak of 12 was halted Sunday (Mar. 26) here at the Huston Sports Complex, as the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers salvaged the final of a three-game baseball series with a 5-3 win over the 20th-ranked Bruins.

The loss drops the Bruins to 15-2 overall and 5-1 in the Northwest Conference, while Lewis & Clark is now 8-9 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Righthander Bill Allen (3-1) went the distance for the Pioneers, scattering seven hits and only allowing one earned run with three strikeouts and four walks. His teammates backed him up with 10 hits off three Bruin hurlers, led by Matt Pellegrino, who was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Joey Vida slugged a two-run homer for the Pioneers.

After the Bruins had taken a 1-0 in the top of the first when **Derek Birley** singled home **David Farrell (Sr., 2B, Tacoma, Wash.)**, the Pioneers jumped on George Fox starter **Paul Andrewjeski (3-1)** for three runs in the home half of the inning, and added two more off the southpaw in the second. Andrewjeski left after three frames, having allowed seven hits and all five Lewis & Clark runs despite striking out six and walking no one.

Relievers **Brody Wilson (So., RHP, Eugene, Ore.)** and **Jason Schilperoort** stymied the Pioneers over the last five innings, scattering three hits and allowing no runs with six strikeouts, but the Bruin bats could not overcome the deficit. George Fox did manage to cut the gap to 5-3 with a pair of runs in the seventh as Schilperoort doubled home **Russell Johnston** and Farrell, but it was not enough.

BRUIN BITS:

*** The Bruins are currently ranked No. 20 with 74 points in the NCAA Division III poll conducted weekly by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine. The No. 1 team is Marietta College OH (14-1). Other teams from the West Region in the rankings are the University of Dallas TX (17-3) at No.6, Chapman University CA (13-2-1) at No. 10, and defending West Region champion California Lutheran University (14-5-2) at No. 22. *Collegiate Baseball's* website is www.baseballnews.com.

*** The Bruins' 15-2 mark equals the team's best start after 17 games. Last year's record-setting team started 1-2, then won 14 straight for a 15-2 mark en route to a 32-8 season. Their 12-game winning streak, two short of the team record, was halted Sunday in a 5-3 loss at Lewis & Clark. George Fox coach Pat Bailey called the game thrown by Pioneers' righthander Bill Allen that ended the streak "the best-pitched game against us all year".

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*** Prior to the season, the Bruins' pitching staff set a goal of having a 3-to-1 ratio of strikeouts to walks, and thus far they are right on target, with 118 strikeouts and only 35 walks in 135 innings. Despite allowing nine earned runs in their last two games, the team ERA is still an exceptional 2.60, well ahead of the all-time previous best of 3.44 by the 1982 pitching staff.

*** After committing 12 errors in their first four games, the Bruins' defense has steadied with only 13 in the last 13 games. The team fielding average has risen from .914 to .959 during that span.

HEAD COACH PAT BAILEY (Idaho '78)

Pat Bailey, in his 5th season as a college coach, all at George Fox, has a record of 126-53 (.704). Against this week's opponent, he is 10-3 vs. Puget Sound, 4-1 in Newberg, 5-2 in Tacoma, and 1-0 at neutral sites. Combined with a 46-37 record in 3 years at Willamette High School in Salem, Ore., and a 177-96 record in 17 years at West Linn (Ore.) High School, he has a cumulative coaching record of 349-186 (.652).

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 11-1 (Home 5-0, Road 4-1, Neutral 2-0)

Northwest Conference 3-0 (Home 2-0, Road 1-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Complete Sweep of NWC Pre-Season Favorite Linfield

California Invitational Title Goes to George Fox as Bruins Go 4-0

Bruins Off to Best Start in Team History

THIS WEEK:

Tues., Mar. 21, 2:00 pm – Menlo College, in Atherton, Calif.

Wed., Mar. 22, 2:00 pm – Menlo College, in Atherton, Calif.

Sat., Mar. 25, 1:00 pm – Lewis & Clark College, in Newberg, Ore. (NWC DH)

Sun., Mar. 26, 2:00 pm – Lewis & Clark College, in Portland, Ore. (NWC)

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 13 – George Fox 2, Linfield 0 (H)

Mar. 13 – George Fox 4, Linfield 2 (H)

Mar. 14 – George Fox 5, Concordia-Portland 4, 10 innings (H)

California Invitational Baseball Tournament

Mar. 18 – George Fox 6, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 2 (A)

Mar. 18 – George Fox 18, North Central (Ill.) 2 (N)

Mar. 19 – George Fox 6, Menlo 1 (N)

Mar. 19 – George Fox 9, La Verne 7 (A)

BRUINS SWEEP LINFIELD 2-0, 4-2 BEHIND STELLAR PITCHING

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Righthander **Kess Romano (Sr., Vancouver, Wash.)** and southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)** threw complete games as the George Fox University Bruins swept the Linfield College Wildcats 2-0 and 4-2 in a Northwest Conference doubleheader Monday afternoon (Mar. 13) here at Morse Field.

The twinbill was a make-up of games postponed from Saturday by a wet field, and coupled with the Bruins' 8-2 win in McMinnville on Sunday, enabled George Fox to sweep the three-game series against the NCW co-champion that tied with George Fox last year and was the 2000 pre-season conference pick.

In the opener, Romano (2-0) outdueled Linfield righthander Brian McCoy (1-1) in a brilliant pitching matchup that took only 1:17 to play. Romano scattered four hits and struck out three with only one walk, while McCoy surrendered only three hits with one strikeout and two walks.

One errant pitch from McCoy was all **Kyle Langeliers (So., Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** needed, however, to give the Bruins the win, as the Bruins' first baseman slammed one onto the old batting cage building in deep right-center field 400 feet away in the second after a walk to **Garrett Bates (Sr., Tigard, Ore.)** for the only runs Romano would need. It was Langeliers' first round-tripper of the year.

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The nightcap was played in a steady drizzle that eventually led to the game being called after six innings. The Bruins scored an unearned run in the second as Langeliers walked, moved to third on a throwing error by starter Brett Hartlaub, and scored on **Aaron Bliss' (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** ground out. Bates' single, a stolen base, and an RBI single by Bliss made it 2-0 in the third.

Linfield finally dented the scoreboard in the fifth with the first two earned runs off George Fox pitching in 20 innings. Kevin Hill singled, moved up on Evan Swanson's double, and scored on Mike Cooney's ground out. Scott Cannon's two-out hit scored Swanson to tie it.

The Bruins broke the tie in the home half of the fifth on Bates' leadoff double and Langeliers' single to center, pinning the loss on Linfield reliever Chris Carnahan (0-2). Back-to-back doubles by Bliss and **Paul Gramenz (So., Sequim, Wash.)** later in the inning produced an insurance run for Andrewjeski (2-0).

BRUINS NIP CONCORDIA 5-4 IN 10 FOR 4TH STRAIGHT WIN

NEWBERG, Ore. --- Paul Gramenz singled to deep left-center with the bases loaded and two out in the bottom of the 10th inning, giving the George Fox University Bruins a 5-4 win over the Concordia University-Portland Cavaliers in a non-conference baseball match Tuesday afternoon (Mar. 14) here at Morse Field.

The win was the fourth straight for the Bruins and improved their record to 7-1, while the Cavaliers dropped to 3-4 on the season.

George Fox took an early 1-0 lead in the first on singles by **Russell Johnston (Fr., North Bend, Ore.)** and **David Farrell (Sr., Tacoma, Wash.)** and **Garrett Bates'** RBI double, but Cav hurlers Adam Finney and Kory Schertenleib retired the next 11 hitters in a row, giving the Concordia hitters time to get untracked. Justin Krueger singled in Jesse Eveland in the 4th to tie it at 1-1, and Eveland homered to left-center after a walk to Alvin Coit to give the Cavs a 3-1 lead in the 5th.

The Bruins tied it in the home half of the 5th with help of a lucky bounce. With the bases loaded and one out, Farrell hit what looked like a double play grounder to second, but the ball took a bad hop and hit second sacker Aniano Trujillo in the chest for an infield single and a run. **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., Chehalis, Wash.)** then drew a walk, one of eight issued by Cav hurlers along with three hit batsmen, to force in the tying run.

Concordia went up 4-3 in the 8th on an unearned run. Coit reached on a throwing error by third baseman **Aaron Bliss**, and Bruins starter **Matt Sievers (So., Albany, Ore.)** was pulled in favor of Schilperoort. A passed ball and Eveland's sacrifice put Coit on third, and he scored on Jon Taylor's single to left, the only hit Schilperoort would allow in three relief innings.

The Bruins tied it in the 9th, starting when reliever Tim Stadelmeir hit Bliss with a pitch to lead off the inning. Pinch-runner **Stephen Donohue (Fr., Gresham, Ore.)** moved up on a **Jason Wieg (Sr., Shoreline, Wash.)** sacrifice and a passed ball, and scored the tying run on Farrell's sacrifice fly to center.

In the 10th, the Bruins rallied against Jason Hathaway (0-1). **Derek Birley (Sr., Battle Ground, Wash.)** was hit by a pitch, Bates sacrificed him to second, and after a fly out, **Matt Petersen (So., Eagle, Idaho)** walked. Tim Jones replaced Hathaway on the mound and walked Wieg to load the bases before Gramenz delivered his clutch hit, making a winner of Schilperoort (1-1).

BRUINS OPEN WITH TWO WINS IN CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL

CLAREMONT, Calif. --- Derek Birley, George Fox University's top returning hitter, burst out of a hitting slump with key three-run doubles in each game as the Bruins opened play here Saturday (Mar. 18) in the California Invitational Tournament with a 6-2 win over host Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges and an 18-2 thrashing of North Central (Ill.) College.

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In the first game, Birley's seventh-inning double snapped a 2-2 tie and made a winner of the Bruins' **Ryan Alvis (Sr., Seattle, Wash.)**, who went the distance and raised his record to 3-0 despite allowing the first two earned runs he has given up in 24 innings of work. He scattered seven hits and struck out seven while walking none.

Aaron Bliss was 2-for-4 with a double and a triple, and **David Farrell** went 2-for-3 and scored twice to aid Birley in the Bruins' nine-hit attack.

In the second game, which was stopped after seven innings due to the "10-run rule", George Fox exploded for 18 runs on 18 hits, its biggest offensive output of the season. **Paul Gramenz** went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer, his first round-tripper of the year, and **Russell Johnston** added a 3-for-5 game with a double and two RBI. Righthander **Kess Romano** went five innings to raise his record to 3-0.

BRUINS WIN TWO MORE IN CAL TOURNAMENT, RUN WIN STREAK TO 8

LA VERNE, Calif. --- Rallying for four runs in the bottom of the 8th inning, the George Fox University Bruins posted a 9-7 win over La Verne College and stretched their winning streak to eight in a row to close out the California Invitational Baseball Tournament here Sunday evening (Mar. 19).

Earlier in the day, George Fox southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski** (3-0) tossed a five-hitter, striking out nine with only three walks, to defeat Menlo College 6-1. Coupled with the later win over La Verne, the Bruins finished the tournament 4-0 and improved to 11-1 on the season, bettering last year's previous best start after 12 games of 10-2.

In the La Verne game, **Kyle Langeliers'** second home run of the season started the Bruins' rally from 7-5 deficit in the 8th. **Russell Johnston** singled with one out, moved up on a wild pitch, and scored the tying run on singles by **David Farrell** and **Jason Schilperoort**. **Garrett Bates** then tripled to center with two outs to drive in the winning runs.

Schilperoort (2-1) got the win in relief of starter **Brody Wilson** with 3 1/3 innings of work, striking out six. Johnston and **Aaron Bliss** each went 3-for-5 to led a 15-hit assault, Johnston with a pair of doubles.

In the Menlo game, **Garrett Bates'** singled home two runs in a four-run Bruins' rally in the 3rd inning, and Bliss and **Derek Birley** each stole home on the back end of double steals to spark the GFU attack. **Jason Wieg** was the top hitter, going 3-for-4 with an RBI triple, and the Bruins stole six bases.

TOURNAMENT TIDBITS:

*** **George Fox** was declared the winner of the California Invitational Tournament Mar. 18-19 for going 4-0 and allowing the fewest runs of any team in the eighteen-team, double-bracket event. The Bruins surrendered only 13 runs in their four wins.

*** Bruin shortstop **Paul Gramenz** was named Most Valuable Player in the California Invitational Tournament, going 5-13 with a home run and 7 RBI while committing no errors in the field. Right fielder **Garrett Bates** was named to the All-Tournament Team by going 8-16 with 2 doubles, 2 triples, and 7 RBI.

*** Defense, a problem for the Bruins in early-season games, seems to be developing some semblance of stability. Only 2 errors in four tournament games were made by the George Fox defense.

BRUIN BITS:

*** With an 11-1 mark to date, the Bruins are off to their best start ever after 12 games. Last year's record-setting team went 10-2 en route to a 32-8 season. The Bruins are on an 8-game winning streak, but last year's team, after going 1-2 to start the season, reeled off a 14-game winning streak before finally losing again.

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*** Through 12 games, Bruin pitchers have allowed only 18 earned runs in 83 innings for a 1.95 ERA – and that after giving up 7 earned runs in a 9-7 win over La Verne in the last game. Prior to that, the staff ERA stood at a remarkable 1.34. Bruin hurlers have fanned 69 while walking only 23, a 3-to-1 ratio. Staff ace **Ryan Alvis** is 3-0 with an 0.82 ERA and 22 strikeouts and only 3 walks in 22 innings.

PAT BAILEY (Idaho '78), 122-52 (.701) in 5th season as a head coach, all at GFU

On the Linfield sweep: “Sweeping that three-game series was huge. We’ve never swept them before, not even when we only played two games in a series with them. And we did it with some of our best hitters, such as Birley and Schilperoort, not doing anything offensively. They (Linfield) won’t lose many more all season, so this was critical if we’re to contend for the conference crown.”

On the California Invitational: “I said we’d win with pitching and defense this season, and that’s what’s happening. The pitching has been strong all year, and our hitting started to come around in the tournament. We finally began playing defense like we need to; we only made two errors in four tournament games after making, what, 15 in our first seven.”

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 4-1 (Home 2-0, Road 2-1)
Northwest Conference 1-0 (Home 0-0, Road 1-0)

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Open NWC Play with 8-2 Win at Linfield

THIS WEEK:

Mon., Mar. 13, 12:00 pm – Linfield College (2), in Newberg, Ore.
(make-up of DH rained out on Sat., Mar. 11)
Tue., Mar. 14, 3:00 pm – Concordia University-Portland, in Newberg, Ore.
California Invitational Baseball Tournament
Sat., Mar. 18, 9:00 am – Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges, at Claremont, Calif.
Sat., Mar. 18, 3:00 pm – vs. North Central (Ill.) College, at Claremont, Calif.
Sun., Mar. 19, 12:00 pm – vs. Menlo College, at La Verne, Calif.
Sun., Mar. 19, 6:00 pm – La Verne College, at La Verne, Calif.

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 11 – Linfield at George Fox (2), postponed to Mar. 13, wet field
Mar. 12 – George Fox 8, Linfield 2 (A)

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The Bruins, now 4-1 on the season, will host the Wildcats Monday at 12:00 noon in a pair of makeup games from Saturday's rainout.

George Fox (4-1) 8, Linfield 2
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Alvis, Wilson (7) and Birley; Schlegel, Gloeckner (5) and Narus, Roberts (5). WP – Alvis (2-0). LP – Schlegel (1-1). SV – Wilson (2). HR – GFU, Birley (1), Newman (2). Att – 300.

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

Overall 3-1, Northwest Conference 0-0, Home 2-0, Road 1-1

HIGHLIGHTS:

Bruins Go 3-1 in Season-Opening Juggs Spring Classic

THIS WEEK:

Sat., Feb. 11, 1:00 pm – at Linfield College (2), McMinnville, Ore. (NWC)

Sun., Feb. 12, 2:00 pm – at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore. (NWC)

LAST WEEK:

Mar. 3 – George Fox 7, Western Baptist 5 (H)

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Mar. 5 – George Fox 6, Western Oregon 3 (A)

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In the first game, the season opener for the Bruins, Oregon State transfer **Garrett Bates (Sr., Tigard, Ore.)** drove in three runs with a groundout and a two-run double that capped a five-run second-inning rally, propelling the Bruins to a 7-5 win.

Kess Romano (Sr., Vancouver, Wash.), 1-0, picked up the win in the opener, scattering nine hits over six and two-thirds innings but only allowing two earned runs among the five the Warriors got off him. **Eric Beasley (Sr., The Dalles, Ore.)**, the Bruins' top reliever the past three seasons, came in and threw one pitch for the save, getting John Winters to ground out with the tying runs in scoring position.

The Bruins jumped on top in the first inning of the opener with two in the first on **Derek Birley's (Sr., Battle Ground, Wash.)** sacrifice fly and and Bates' grounder, but the Warriors took the lead with a three-spot in the second, all unearned, capped by a Dustin Purnell run-scoring double.

In the Bruins' big five-run third, one run scored on a throwing error on **Kevin Tucker's (Fr., Forest Grove, Ore.)** bunt single, **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., Chehalis, Wash.)** put the Bruins ahead with a sacrifice fly, Birley singled in a run, and then Bates doubled to right center for the final two. Taking the loss was lefty Todd Smasal (2-1).

In the nightcap, Alvis (1-0) and Micah Mills (1-1) hooked in a scoreless duel until the home half of the fifth, when Newman untied things with a drive down the left-field line following a walk to **Paul Gramenz (So., Sequim, Wash.)**. **Andrew Bliss (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore.)** doubled home **David Farrell (Sr., Tacoma, Wash.)** for a third run in the inning, and the Bruins clinched it with a four-spot in the sixth, **Kyle Langeliers (So., Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** and Tucker each singling in a pair of runs.

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BRUINS SPLIT A PAIR AT WESTERN OREGON

MONMOUTH, Ore. --- A big first inning in the first game sent the George Fox University Bruins on their way to a 6-3 win over Western Oregon University, but the Wolves came back with two big innings of their own in the nightcap for a 13-3 victory in the Juggs Baseball Spring Classic here Sunday afternoon (Mar. 5) at the Western Oregon Field.

In the opener, the Bruins used back-to-back doubles by **Derek Birley** and **Garrett Bates** to key a four-run first. George Fox had four hits, a walk and a sacrifice in the inning to post all the runs they would need. Birley had three hits in the game, including a two-run homer in the seventh for some insurance runs.

GFU southpaw **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)**, 1-0, gave up only one earned run in five innings of work and scattered five hits, walking only one and fanning five. **Brody Wilson (So., Eugene, Ore.)** worked the last innings for the save. Liam Woodard (0-5) took the loss.

In the second game, Western Oregon put up four in the second and salted the game away with seven runs in fifth innings. Four straight hits did most of the damage in the fifth, including doubles by Kevin Edwards and Travis Chetock. Chetock had three hits, two of them doubles, as the Wolves produced their biggest offensive output of the season with 13 runs and 11 hits.

Corey Skinner (2-1) shut out the Bruins for four innings, allowing two hits and two walks with three strikeouts, to notch the win, while the loss went to Bruins' starter **Jason Schilperoort** (0-1). Bruin hurlers were victimized by four defensive errors that resulted in 11 of the Wolves' 13 runs being unearned.

No make-up date has been set yet for George Fox's rained-out twinbill with St. Martin's College on Saturday.

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In the Bruins' big five-run third, one run scored on a throwing error on Kevin Tucker's bunt single, Jason Schilperoort put the Bruins ahead with a sacrifice fly, Birley singled in a run, and then Bates doubled to right center for the final two. Taking the loss was southpaw Todd Smasal (2-1).

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The Juggs Classic continues Saturday, George Fox hosting St. Martin's College and Western Baptist (5-4) hosting Willamette University in Salem. Both are doubleheaders beginning at 12:00 noon.

George Fox (1-0) 7, Western Baptist (5-3) 5

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Smasal, Pilgrim (6) and Winters; Romano, Beasley (7) and Birley. WP – Romano (1-0). SV – Beasley (1). LP – Smasal (2-1).

George Fox (2-0) 7, Western Baptist (5-4) 0

WBC 000 000 0 – 0 6 0

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Mills, Pilgrim (6), Emmert (6) and Winters; Alvis and Birley. WP – Alvis (1-0). LP – Mills (1-1). HR – Newman, GFU (1).

Att – 125.

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GEORGE FOX BASEBALL

THIS WEEK:

--- Juggs Spring Classic ---

Fri., Mar. 3, 12 pm – Western Baptist (2), in Newberg, Ore.

Sat., Mar. 4, 12 pm – St. Martin's (2), in Newberg, Ore.)

Sun., Mar. 5, 12 pm – Western Oregon (2), in Monmouth, Ore.

George Fox University Bruins 2000 Baseball Outlook ---

WITH RECORD-SETTING SLUGGERS GONE, BRUINS TO RELY ON PITCHING AND DEFENSE IN 2000

Under fifth-year head coach Pat Bailey, the George Fox University Bruins have gotten used to winning seasons in baseball with four plus-.500 records in a row, and Bailey fully expects the 2000 campaign to be another successful one -- albeit with a different style of ball.

The Bruins were a pitcher's worst nightmare in 1999, totally dominating the national batting statistics in their final NAIA season. In posting the second-highest batting average in the NAIA (.387), the team slugged 102 home runs, and with 12 triples and 118 doubles to go along with the long ball, accumulated 1,017 total bases for a slugging percentage of .692. That figure was a new NAIA record, and was the third-highest mark in college baseball history -- at any level! Only Jacksonville State University in 1977 (.703) and the University of Denver in 1981 (.697), both NCAA Division II teams at the time, had greater numbers.

The team averaged 12.3 runs per game, and had the NAIA's top four individuals in runs per game, the 1-2-4-5 hitters in hits per game, the 1-2-4-7 sluggers in home runs per game, the 1-3-5-8 RBI leaders, and the national doubles leader. Yet, despite all that offense, the team's 32-8 record and Northwest Conference co-championship with Linfield, both 18-6 in the league, did not impress enough voters for the team to be ranked high enough in its region to advance to postseason play, and the record-setting season came to a disappointing conclusion.

Six of the nine members of the Bruins' "Murderers' Row" have graduated, and even the eternally-optimistic Bailey doesn't expect to replace those kinds of numbers. "It was fun to watch those kids hit everything that was thrown at them," Bailey admits, "but we certainly don't expect that to happen again ... We'll rely more on our pitching and defense than we had to last year."

Ah, yes, pitching and defense -- the things that win ballgames. Virtually overlooked in the lineup's assault on the record books was the fact that Bruin pitchers posted a 4.19 earned run average, 11th-best in the nation. With only one significant loss to the staff, Bailey expects this year's mound corps to be the best he has ever had.

Defense was another story. The Bruins fielded only .940, making 90 errors in 40 games, and the coaching staff's recruiting efforts in the off-season were geared toward shoring up the defense.

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Pitching

Heading up the pitching staff is ace righthander **Kess Romano (Sr., Vancouver, Wash.)**, who led the team with an 8-2 record, a 2.83 ERA, and 65 strikeouts in 86 innings. He will be followed in the rotation by righty **Ryan Alvis (Sr., Seattle, Wash.)**, who was 4-3 with a 5.53 ERA and 64 K's in 68.1 innings.

The Bruins will need a third starter for three-game conference series, and Bailey says that spot "will probably go to who's throwing well at the time." Top candidates for the slot are righthanders **Jason Schilperoort (Sr., Chehalis, Wash.)**, who was 2-0 with a 3.00 ERA in 15 innings, and **Brody Wilson (So., Eugene, Ore.)**, who went 3-2, 4.20 in 30 innings, and lefty **Paul Andrewjeski (Jr., Vancouver, Wash.)**, who was 4-1 with a 3.69 ERA and 31 whiffs in 31.2 innings. **Matt Sievers (So., Albany, Ore.)** is an up-and-coming righty from the junior varsity team who throws everything with movement and might get a look in the rotation.

Righthander **Eric Beasley (Sr., The Dalles, Ore.)** has been the staff closer since his freshman year and posted another fine season in '99, saving a pair of games with a 2.40 ERA. Bailey likes southpaw transfer **Damon Lorenz (Jr., Gaston, Ore./Chemeketa CC)** in middle relief, and will also count upon rookie righties **Mike Beck (Fr., Livermore, Calif.)**, **Mitch Sheppler (Fr., Portland, Ore.)**, and **Adam Lapp (So., Forest Grove, Ore.)**, who is coming off elbow surgery, to fill in the middle innings. Southpaw **Dennis Linderman (So., Tigard, Ore.)** could also get a look.

Catching

Derek Birley (Sr., Battle Ground, Wash.), the Bruins' top returning hitter with a .436 average, 13 home runs and 50 RBI, moves behind the plate after seeing time at third last year to replace departed All-NWC backstop Mark Tyler (.438, 18 hr, 71 RBI). He will be backed up by **Jason Wieg (Sr., Shoreline, Wash.)**, who hit .250 in limited duty, and newcomers **Michael Halverson (Fr., Redmond, Wash.)** and **Bryce Anderson (Fr., Makawao, Hawaii)**.

Infield

Also gone from the infield, with Birley moving from third to catcher, are All-American first baseman Nate Barnett (.467, 22 hr, 76 RBI) and four-year starting shortstop Lance Gilmore (.343, 4 hr, 32 RBI). Only slick-fielding **David Farrell (Sr., Tacoma, Wash.)** returns as a starter at second base, bringing a .357 average and a "tough-out" reputation to the position. His backup will be prep First Team All-State selection **Kevin Tucker (Fr., Forest Grove, Ore.)**.

Paul Gramenz (So., Sequim, Wash.) moves in as Farrell's double-play partner at short; he's untested, with only two at-bats last season, but Bailey says "athletically, he's the best I've had at that position." Juco transfer **Aaron Bliss (Jr., Hillsboro, Ore./Lower Columbia College)** is expected to improve the defense at third and provide a decent stick at the "hot corner". The battle for first base is a wide-open one among returnees **Kyle Langeliers (So., Pleasant Hill, Ore.)** and **Brian Newman (Jr., Bellingham, Wash.)**, who both saw very limited duty last season, and newcomer **Jake Johnson (Fr., Newberg, Ore.)**.

Beck, besides being a pitching candidate, brings good athletic ability to his role as a backup at third. Infield depth will come from **Jeremiah Guidos (So., Tualatin, Ore./Portland State University)**, **Matt Petersen (So., Eagle, Idaho)**, and **Carlos Stevenson (Fr., Eagle Point, Ore.)**.

Outfield

Schilperoort, who hit .350 with 4 home runs and 29 RBI while playing in several spots, returns for his third year as a starter, taking over in center field for departed All-Conference flychaser Ryan Munoz (.429, 6 hr, 33 RBI, 21 steals). All-Conference right fielder Ryan LaBreton (.403, 19 hr, 63 RBI)

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and left fielder Chad Hollabaugh (.345, 5 hr, 35 RBI) are gone, to be replaced by Oregon State University transfer **Garrett Bates (Sr., Tigard, Ore.)** in right and either **Wieg** or **Mike Piper (So., Seattle, Wash.)** in right. Bates was the Bruins' top hitter in fall practice, while Piper was a part-time starter as a freshman two years ago but transferred to the University of Washington, where he did not play ball, for a year before returning to George Fox.

Russell Johnston (Fr., North Bend, Ore.), one of the fastest players on the team, will be called upon often as an outfielder, as will **Sheppler** when he is not on the mound. **Johnson** could also see time in the outfield, as could **Stephen Donahue (Fr., Gresham, Ore.)**, **Adam Carlsen (So., Cannon Beach, Ore.)**, and **Richie Clausen (Fr., Anchorage, Alaska)**.

Summary

"We had a 'Disneyland' offense last year -- it was like some kind of fantasy," says Bailey. "No one, least of all me, expects that kind of power again, but we're still going to be pretty good offensively and score some runs. Oh, we'll hit some home runs -- maybe between 40 and 60 this year -- and I think we're capable of hitting between .315-.350, but we'll have to try more 'team-oriented' things, like stealing bases, hit-and-runs, bunting to move runners up, things like that, to manufacture more runs.

"Almost our whole pitching staff is back. We only lost one pitcher who contributed a lot statistically -- Mike Shear, who was 6-0, mostly in middle relief -- but our top starters and relievers are all back. I really like our pitching.

"Our weakness last year was defense; it was one of the worst defensive teams I've ever had, and I know the defense cost us at least five games with errors late in the game. We will be much improved in the field this year and shouldn't give away games on fielding mistakes like we did last year. Plus, a better defense gives our pitchers more confidence.

"Each year, our team captains -- this year they're Schilperoort, Birley, Alvis, Romano, and Farrell -- help the players come up with a slogan, some sort of "mission statement". This year, they came up with HEART, which stands for "Hard work Every day Attains Respect Together". I like that, and I think this attitude has really shown up in our practices. Some people may think that, because we lost so much offensive power, we won't be nearly as good, but this team could end up being pretty special. It's just a gut feeling I have, and I don't know exactly what that means -- it may not necessarily translate into a better record -- but the team chemistry this year seems very close, and together, they could achieve a lot. I'm very much looking forward to this season."

BRUINS TABBED TO FINISH 3rd IN NWC PRE-SEASON POLL

Defending Northwest Conference co-champion George Fox University (32-8, NWC 18-6 in '99) was picked to finish 3rd in the 2000 baseball race, according to a pre-season poll of the league coaches.

Defending co-champ Linfield College (24-15-1, 18-6) was a heavy favorite to repeat, garnering seven 1st-place votes and 86 total points to easily outdistance 2nd-place Willamette University (21-17, 16-8), which received two votes to win it all. The Bruins were a close 3rd with 65 points.

The middle third of the NWC poll had Pacific Lutheran University (22-20, 13-11) 4th with 59 points, the University of Puget Sound (10-26, 9-15) 5th with 37 points, and Whitworth College (17-25, 13-11) 6th with 36 points.

Bringing up the bottom third were Pacific University (16-21, 8-15) with 24 points, Lewis & Clark College (11-24, 6-18) with 23 points, and Whitman College (9-26, 6-17) 9th with 17 points.

The Bruins were apparently dropped from consideration for the top spot because of the loss of six starting players who helped the team post some incredible offensive numbers last season, but fifth-year coach Pat Bailey, who has put together four straight winning seasons and a 111-51 record at George Fox, thinks his team will be in the thick of the chase this spring due to a superb pitching staff and an improved defense.

**GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY BRUINS
2000 BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE/DAY</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
<u>March</u>				
<i>Juggs Baseball Spring Classic</i>				
3	Fri.	WESTERN BAPTIST COLLEGE (2)	Newberg, Ore.	12:00 pm
4	Sat.	ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGE (2)	Newberg, Ore.	12:00 pm
5	Sun.	at Western Oregon University (2)	Monmouth, Ore.	12:00 pm
11	Sat.	* LINFIELD COLLEGE (2)	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 pm
12	Sun.	* at Linfield College	McMinnville, Ore.	2:00 pm
14	Tue.	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY-PORTLAND	Newberg, Ore.	3:00 pm
<i>California Invitational Baseball Tournament</i>				
18	Sat.	at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges	Claremont, Calif.	9:00 am
18	Sat.	North Central (Ill.) College	Claremont, Calif.	3:00 pm
19	Sun.	Menlo College	La Verne, Calif.	12:00 pm
19	Sun.	at La Verne College	La Verne, Calif.	6:00 pm
21	Tue.	at Menlo College	Atherton, Calif.	2:00 pm
22	Wed.	at Menlo College	Atherton, Calif.	2:00 pm
25	Sat.	* LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE (2)	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 pm
26	Sun.	* at Lewis & Clark College	Portland, Ore.	2:00 pm
<u>April</u>				
1	Sat.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND (2)	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 pm
2	Sun.	* UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND	Newberg, Ore.	12:00 pm
8	Sat.	* at Willamette University (2)	Salem, Ore.	1:00 pm
9	Sun.	* WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	3:00 pm
12	Wed.	WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	3:00 pm
15	Sat.	* at Pacific Lutheran University (2)	Tacoma, Wash.	1:00 pm
16	Sun.	* at Pacific Lutheran University	Tacoma, Wash.	12:00 pm
21	Fri.	* at Pacific University (2)	Forest Grove, Ore.	1:00 pm
22	Sat.	* PACIFIC UNIVERSITY	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 pm
<u>May</u>				
1	Mon.	at California State University-Hayward (2)	Hayward, Calif.	1:00 pm
2	Tue.	at California State University-Hayward	Hayward, Calif.	3:00 pm
6	Sat.	* at Whitman College (2)	Walla Walla, Wash.	1:00 pm
7	Sun.	* at Whitman College	Walla Walla, Wash.	12:00 pm
12	Fri.	* WHITWORTH COLLEGE (2)	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 pm
13	Sat.	* WHITWORTH COLLEGE	Newberg, Ore.	1:00 pm
17-21	We-Su	NCAA Division III Regionals	On-campus sites	TBA
26-30	Fr-Tu	NCAA Division III Finals	Appleton, Wisc.	TBA

* - Northwest Conference games

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

Home games played at Morse Field

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Numerical

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown (High School/Previous School)</u>
1	Jeremiah Guidos	R/R	5-9	165	So.	IF	Tualatin, Ore./Portland State University
2	Stephen Donohue	R/R	5-10	185	Fr.	OF/SS	Gresham, Ore./Sam Barlow HS
3	Jason Schilperoort	R/R	6-0	175	Sr.	OF	Chehalis, Wash./W.F. West HS
4	Mike Piper	L/R	6-2	190	So.	OF	Seattle, Wash./University of Washington
5	Paul Gramenz	R/R	5-10	160	So.	SS	Sequim, Wash./Sequim HS
6	Jason Wieg	R/R	5-9	160	Sr.	OF/C	Shoreline, Wash./Shorecrest HS
7	Matt Petersen	R/R	5-10	160	So.	3B/SS	Eagle, Idaho/Eagle HS
8	Mitch Sheppler	R/R	5-10	150	Fr.	OF/RHP	Portland, Ore./Madison HS
9	Russell Johnston	R/R	5-8	165	Fr.	OF	North Bend, Ore./North Bend HS
10	Brian Newman	R/R	6-1	235	Jr.	1B	Bellingham, Wash./Pacific University
11	Mike Beck	R/R	6-1	175	Fr.	3B/RHP	Livermore, Calif./Granada HS
12	David Farrell	R/R	5-10	175	Sr.	2B	Tacoma, Wash./Foster HS
13	Brody Wilson	R/R	6-1	185	So.	RHP	Eugene, Ore./Sheldon HS
14	Paul Andrewjeski	L/L	5-11	165	Jr.	LHP	Vancouver, Wash./Mountain View HS
15	Damon Lorenz	L/L	6-2	190	Jr.	LHP/1B	Gaston, Ore./Chemeketa CC
16	Jake Johnson	L/L	6-1	185	Fr.	LHP/OF	Newberg, Ore./Newberg HS
17	Kevin Tucker	L/R	5-11	160	Fr.	2B	Forest Grove, Ore./Forest Grove HS
18	Adam Carlsen	R/R	6-0	180	So.	OF	Cannon Beach, Ore./Seaside HS
19	Garrett Bates	R/R	6-2	185	Sr.	OF	Tigard, Ore./Oregon State University
20	Kess Romano	R/R	6-1	185	Sr.	RHP	Vancouver, Wash./Mountain View HS
21	Matt Sievers	R/R	6-1	170	So.	RHP	Albany, Ore./West Albany HS
22	Aaron Bliss	R/R	6-1	180	Jr.	3B/SS	Hillsboro, Ore./Lower Columbia College
23	Dennis Linderman	R/L	6-3	170	So.	LHP	Tigard, Ore./Tigard HS
24	Ryan Alvis	R/R	6-0	195	Sr.	RHP	Seattle, Wash./Seattle Christian HS
28	Derek Birley	R/R	6-3	225	Sr.	C	Battle Ground, Wash./Evergreen HS
30	Bryce Anderson	R/R	6-1	195	Fr.	C	Makawao, Hawaii/Seabury Hall HS
33	Eric Beasley	R/R	6-0	170	Sr.	RHP	The Dalles, Ore./The Dalles HS
36	Adam Lapp	R/R	6-5	200	So.	RHP	Forest Grove, Ore./Forest Grove HS
37	Richie Clausen	R/R	5-10	175	Fr.	OF	Anchorage, Alaska/Grace Christian HS
39	Michael Halverson	L/R	6-0	200	Fr.	C	Redmond, Wash./Eastlake HS
40	Carlos Stevenson	R/R	5-9	140	Fr.	2B	Eagle Point, Ore./Eagle Point HS
44	Kyle Langeliers	R/R	6-1	205	So.	1B	Pleasant Hill, Ore./Pleasant Hill HS

Head Coach: Pat Bailey

Assistant Coach: Geoff Loomis

Assistant Coach: J.R. Reichenbach

3rd: 02/28/00