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WHAT'S BRUIN

Sports News

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George Fox Seeking New Women's Basketball Coach

George Fox University wants a new women's basketball coach to guide the Lady Bruins into NCAA Division III.

After compiling a 52-33 record and taking the Lady Bruins to the NAIA playoffs three consecutive seasons, head coach Sherri Murrell has resigned to join the Portland State University coaching staff as an assistant.

Eileen Hulme, vice president for student life, says George Fox this fall will launch a national search for a replacement. An interim coach may be hired for the upcoming season.

Whoever takes the job for the 1996-97 season will have lots of talent to work with. George Fox returns four starters from a nationally-ranked squad that was on the verge of an NAIA Division II national tournament berth. Three of the returners earned conference honors.

George Fox holds provisional membership in NCAA Division III and will become a full member in 1998-99.

By going to Portland State, Murrell returns to the NCAA Division I level, where she has experience as a player and assistant coach. She played two years at the University of Southwestern Louisiana before transferring to play for Pepperdine University. She served one season as an assistant at Pepperdine and in 1991 moved to Brigham Young University as a national recruiter.

Murrell was an assistant at George Fox in 1992-93 and became head coach the next year. She guided George Fox to a 16-12 season and won Cascade Conference Coach of the Year honors. The next year, her team tied a school record for wins by going 21-11. The Lady Bruins reached their first-ever Conference championship game and Murrell again was named Coach of the Year. Last year, George Fox joined the Northwest Conference and finished 15-10.

"It was one of the hardest and most emotional decisions I've made in my coaching

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career," said Murrell. "George Fox has been great to me — on the basketball court and in my personal life. It was hard to step away. I'm confident that no matter who comes in (to coach the team), they'll go to nationals."

"This was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. It was a chance to coach at the NCAA Division I level and not have to move. My biggest concern was how the players and administrative staff would take it. They've been very supportive. It's tough and I'm having a hard time with it. George Fox will always be special in my life. They took a chance to make me a head coach at 25. George Fox is in my heart and always will be."



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George Fox Women's Basketball 1996-97 Outlook

Ranked No. 21 in the preseason NAIA Division II national poll, George Fox's women's basketball team is poised to challenge for the Northwest Conference title.

Interim head coach Scott Rueck inherits a veteran team with four returning starters, three who won conference honors last season as the Lady Bruins finished third in the league.

"We don't have any glaring weaknesses this year," he says.

The Lady Bruins certainly aren't weak on rebounding, where they return three of the top six rebounders in the conference. Last season George Fox outboarded its opponents by more than 11 rebounds a game.

"Our biggest strength is rebounding," says Rueck. "But along with that, this team is going to play very strong defense."

On offense, he expects the Lady Bruins to push the ball up the court and score in transition, but says their inside game will be effective as well.

George Fox struggled from 3-point range last season, but Rueck says the team is working on that.

"I'm looking for us to be a much improved outside shooting team. We've made that a priority."

He wants George Fox's leading scorer and rebounder, guard/forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)**, to shoot more from long range.

"Her improved outside shooting will add a new dimension to her game," he says.

A 1995-96 NCIC first-team selection, Rissmiller also is one of two NAIA track and field national champions on the women's basketball squad. Last year, she won the national high jump competition and was named the NAIA's Female Athlete of the Year by College Sports Magazine.

Another threat from inside and outside is forward/center **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)**, who earned Northwest Conference honorable mention as the Lady Bruins' top assist maker, third leading scorer and second leading rebounder last year. She's the other national champion on the team, winning the NAIA 1996 javelin competition.

"Becci is really focused on achieving her goals this season," says Rueck. "She's a leader on the team this season and it has really raised our team up."

Observers who saw 6-1 center **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** as a timid freshman in 1993-94, will hardly recognize her in her senior season. She scoring average almost doubled each season, jumping from 3.5 to 5.6 to 12.2 last year. She is No. 1 in career field goal accuracy at George Fox (.475), and Rueck says she's in the best condition of her career.

"She will be one of best post players in the conference," he says.

Rueck says the point guard will be George Fox's most improved position. Returners **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley, Fairbanks, Alaska)** and **Tonya Miller (Jr., West Linn HS)** will battle for the starting job. Miller started more than half of George Fox's games last year while Carroll — a transfer student — didn't play until the spring semester. Both are quick and aggressive defenders.

Forward/center **Rachel Powell (So., Cascade HS, Turner, Ore.)** will take some of the minutes created by the graduation of NCIC second-team selection Liz Stephens. Powell is 6-foot, athletic and an excellent anticipator and post defender.

Off the bench, Rueck has some solid shooters at the wing position: **Keelie Keown (Jr., Oakridge HS, Ore.)**, local product **Melissa Heuberger (Fr., Yamhill-Carlton HS, Ore.)** and Azusa Pacific University transfer **Katie Johnson (Fr., Reedley HS, Orange Cove, Calif.)**.

Rueck has three unknowns to add to the system. As a high school senior 5-foot-11 **Katie Greller (Fr., MOC/Floyd Valley HS, Orange City, Iowa)** shot 76.7 percent (79-103) from the floor, second best among Iowa high schoolers. She starts the season on crutches with a stress fracture injury and isn't expected back until early December.

Two players join the team late after completing a season with the George Fox volleyball squad. Wing **Rachel Evans (So., Hawaii Baptist Academy, Kaneohe, Hawaii)** returns for her second basketball season and 6-foot-1 post **Michelle Harper (Jr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** joins her sister, Becci on the squad.

After a six-game slate of non-conference games that includes a Southern California trip, George Fox begins its second Northwest Conference season Jan. 3.

Rueck says he expects a top-four finish in the conference, which would assure the Lady Bruins their fourth consecutive NAIA postseason appearance. The Northwest Conference tournament champion will advance to the NAIA Division II national tournament. At-large berths also will be awarded, added incentive for George Fox to maintain its top-25 national ranking.

"It's an honor to be ranked," said Rueck, "But we can't put any weight on that. Our goal is to earn our way to nationals through wins."

The Lady Bruins have never made it to the national tournament.

Rueck expects the NCIC race to be wide open.

"There is no one dominant team," he says. "It could be anyone's year."

**George Fox University
Women's Basketball Roster
1996-97**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown (HS/Previous College)</u>
10	HEUBERGER, Melissa	Wing	5-7	Fr.	HS	Yamhill, Ore. (Yamhill-Carlton HS)
12	JOHNSON, Katie	W/Point	5-6	Fr.	HS	Orange Cove, Calif. (Reedley HS/ Azusa Pacific University)
14	CARROLL, Cherish	Point	5-2	Jr.	2V	Fairbanks, Alaska (West Valley HS)
20	MILLER, Tonya	Point	5-2	Jr.	2V	West Linn, Ore. (West Linn HS)
22	GRELLER, Katie	Post	6-0	Fr.	HS	Orange City, Iowa (MOC/Floyd Valley HS)
23	HARPER, Becci	W/Post	6-0	Sr.	3V	Independence, Ore. (Central HS)
30	EVANS, Rachel	Wing	5-6	So.	1V	Kaneohe, Hawaii (Hawaii Baptist Academy)
32	KEOWN, Keelie	Wing	5-9	Jr.	2V	Oakridge, Ore. (Oakridge HS)
40	RISSMILLER, Nancy	Wing	5-10	Jr.	2V	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard HS)
44	SNIDER, Selena	W/Post	5-11	Fr.	HS	Boise, Idaho (Nampa Christian HS)
50	POWELL, Rachel	Post	6-0	So.	1V	Turner, Ore. (Cascade HS)
52	PETTIT, Angela	Post	6-1	Sr.	3V	Salem, Ore. (Sprague HS)
54	HARPER, Michelle	Post	6-1	Jr.	1V	Independence, Ore. (Central HS)

George Fox University 1996-97 Women's Basketball Schedule

November

23	Sat.	Western Baptist College	7:00	Newberg, Ore.
27	Wed.	Azusa Pacific University	3:00	Azusa, Calif.
30	Sat.	Southern California College	7:30	Costa Mesa, Calif.

December

6	Fri.	Concordia University	7:00	Portland, Ore.
10	Tue.	Western Baptist College	5:15	Salem, Ore.
20	Fri.	Concordia University	7:00	Newberg, Ore.

January

3	Fri.	Whitworth College*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
4	Sat.	Whitman College*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
10	Fri.	Pacific Lutheran University*	6:00	Tacoma, Wash.
11	Sat.	University of Puget Sound*	6:00	Tacoma, Wash.
14	Tue.	Lewis & Clark College*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
18	Sat.	Seattle University	7:00	Newberg, Ore.
24	Fri.	Linfield College*	6:00	McMinnville, Ore.
25	Sat.	Willamette University*	6:00	Salem, Ore.
28	Tue.	Pacific University*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
31	Fri.	University of Puget Sound*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.

February

1	Sat.	Pacific Lutheran University*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
7	Fri.	Whitman College*	6:00	Walla Walla, Wash.
8	Sat.	Whitworth College*	6:00	Spokane, Wash.
11	Tue.	Pacific University*	6:00	Forest Grove, Ore.
14	Fri.	Willamette University*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
15	Sat.	Linfield College*	6:00	Newberg, Ore.
18	Tue.	Lewis & Clark College*	6:00	Portland, Ore.
22	Sat.	Western Oregon State College	7:00	Newberg, Ore.

* Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) Games

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George Fox Women's Basketball Earns Highest-Ever National Ranking

George Fox's women's basketball team hasn't played a game under interim head coach Scott Rueck, but it already has received its highest ranking in history.

George Fox is 21st in the NAIA Division II preseason poll, receiving 126 points.

George Fox made its first-ever women's basketball national poll appearance last season, ranking as high as 22nd during the regular season.

The Lady Bruins return four starters, including three of the top six rebounders in the Northwest Conference. Last season, George Fox knocked off two top-10 teams, including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College before finishing 15-10, third in the Northwest Conference.

Other regional teams ranked in the preseason poll are No. 1 Western Oregon, No. 11 Northwest Nazarene and No. 15 Willamette. Others receiving votes were Southern Oregon, Western Baptist, Albertson and Pacific.

George Fox's season opener is Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m., when it hosts Western Baptist College.

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Rueck Returns to Women's Basketball Coaching at George Fox

Scott Rueck, who left the women's basketball coaching staff at George Fox last year to head the school's women's tennis team for a season, returns to the hoops program as interim head coach.

The move follows the recent departure of three-year head coach Sherri Murrell, who joined the Portland State University coaching staff as an assistant.

Rueck, 27, has seven years of coaching experience. He was a George Fox women's basketball assistant in 1993-94 and 1994-95 while the Lady Bruins compiled a 37-23 record and made two NAIA postseason appearances. Prior to coming to George Fox, he spent four years as assistant boys' basketball coach at Santiam Christian High School in Corvallis.

"It's a great opportunity for me," said Rueck. "Being a head coach has been one of my goals. I'm coming into an established program with solid returners. I couldn't ask for anything better. I'm looking forward to a great season."

In addition to coaching duties, Rueck also will teach human performance courses at George Fox. He holds a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and a master of arts degree in physical education teaching, both from Oregon State University.

Rueck graduated from Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Ore., in 1987. He comes from a basketball family. His sister, 1995 George Fox graduate Heidi Rueck, set the school's career, season and game assist records as an All-American point guard. His father, Marv Rueck, was a longtime junior varsity boys basketball coach at Hillsboro Union and Glencoe High School. When Glencoe opened in 1980, he spent a season as head coach.

Scott Rueck has taken a leave of absence from the Newberg School District, where he taught physical education at Renne Middle School.

Returning to Rueck's team will be eight letterwinners, including four starters off of last year's nationally ranked squad. Also expected are three recruits.

"We're big and deep at the posts, and we're going to have a competitive race for the point job," Rueck said.

Eileen Hulme, vice president for student life, says George Fox this fall will launch a national search for the permanent head coach.

George Fox competes in the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and will hold full membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in 1998-99.

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George Fox Women's Basketball Hands Out Team Awards

George Fox University's women's basketball team announced it's team awards at a recent team banquet.

Post **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** is the Lady Bruins' Offensive Player of the Year. She was the second-leading scorer in the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (18.1 ppg in conference games). She scored 35 points against Lewis & Clark College on Feb. 18, the second-highest single-game total in George Fox history.

Wing **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** picked up two awards. She was voted Defensive Player of the Year and Teammate of the Year. Rissmiller often was assigned to guard the opposing team's top offensive player. She led George Fox and was one of the NCIC leaders with 2.3 steals a game. She was also second on the team in blocked shots (18) and rebounds (8.5 a game).

Earning Most Improved was local walk-on **Melissa Heuberger (Fr., Yamhill-Carlton HS, Yamhill, Ore.)**. A wing, she averaged seven minutes, 0.7 points and 1.1 rebounds a game. She scored a season-high five points in George Fox's upset of eventual NCIC champion University of Puget Sound.

Most Inspirational was **Rachel Evans (So., Hawaii Baptist Academy, Kaneohe, Hawaii)**. Evans joined the basketball team late after playing for the George Fox varsity volleyball team. She came off the bench to average eight minutes, 0.9 points and 1.2 rebounds a game.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall: 15-9, Northwest Conference: 11-5

George Fox Faces PLU in Wednesday NCIC Semifinal

For the ninth time in the last 11 years, George Fox will advance to the NAIA postseason. The No. 3-seeded Lady Bruins will play Pacific Lutheran University (16-8, 12-4) at 7 p.m. Wednesday (Feb. 26) in Tacoma, Wash., in the Northwest Conference semifinals. The winner will advance to face No. 1-seed University of Puget Sound or No. 4-seed Willamette University in the conference championship on Saturday, March 1 at the site of the highest seed.

Pettit Scores 35 Points — Second Highest Total Ever

Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) scored a career-high 35 points — the second-highest individual total in George Fox NAIA history as George Fox clinched a playoff berth Tuesday (Feb. 18) against Lewis & Clark College. The 6-foot-1 post hit 10 of 18 field goal attempts, 15 of 21 free throws, and had 15 rebounds, two blocks and one steal.

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Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. ... at Pacific Lutheran University ... Tacoma, Wash. ... Northwest Conference Semifinal ... No. 2-seed PLU is the only team to sweep No. 3-seed George Fox this season, winning 65-60 in Tacoma and 75-67 in Newberg ... The Lutes have the premier guard in the conference, Kim Corbray, who leads the league in scoring, steals and 3-point accuracy. She set the PLU single-season scoring record with 433 points this year.

Saturday, March 1, TBA ... Hosted by Highest Seed ... Winner of George Fox-PLU semifinal will play winner of No. 1-seed University of Puget Sound-No. 3-seed Willamette University semifinal.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 60, Lewis & Clark 49

Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) scored 35 points — the second-highest individual total in George Fox history — as George Fox clinched a Northwest Conference playoff berth with a 60-49 win at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

Pettit was the only Lady Bruin in double figures. She hit 10 of 18 from the field and 15 of 21 from the free throw line. She also had a game-high 15 rebounds, two blocks and a steal.

Lewis & Clark stayed even with the Lady Bruins until 13:30 in the second half when George Fox used a 14-4 run to take a 51-42 lead.

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) had 11 rebounds, five assists, six points and two steals.

George Fox 55, Western Oregon State College 59

Defending NAIA Division II national champion Western Oregon State College ended its season with a 59-55 win over playoff-bound George Fox Saturday (Feb. 22) in Newberg.

The loss ended a George Fox four-game win streak.

George Fox trailed 29-21 at half and by 10 with 12:30 to go, but evened the game at 55-55 with 1:57 left. The Lady Bruins would not score again.

For George Fox, Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) had 21 points, 12 rebounds, and three assists. Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.) had 19 points and 16 rebounds.

The Lady Bruins outrebounded Western 52-29, but committed 23 turnovers, 10 more than the Wolves.

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BRUIN BITS:

*** George Fox has advanced to the NAIA district or conference playoffs nine of the last 11 years, but never to the national tournament.

*** Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** was named the 1995-96 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year by College Sports magazine. The NCIC first-team basketball selection led the Lady Bruins last season in scoring and rebounding, and in track and field cleared 5-9.75 to become the NAIA high jump national champion.

*** George Fox began this season ranked No. 21 in the NAIA Division II national preseason poll and has ranked as high as No. 22 in the regular season polls.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams – including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College – and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

*** George Fox individuals ranking among the Northwest Conference leaders are: **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** fourth in scoring (16.3), third in blocked shots (33, 1.38), third in field goal percentage (.521, 148-284), sixth in rebounding (8.3); **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** fifth in scoring (16.0), second in rebounding (9.3); **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** fourth in rebounding (8.5) and **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska)** sixth in assists (3.8).

SCOTT SAYS: (Comments From Interim Head Coach Scott Rueck, formerly George Fox assistant coach, 1993-95)

On Lewis and Clark: "Tuesday's game was a must win for us and we came through with a very solid performance. Angela Pettit had the second biggest scoring night in GF history with 35. Obviously the rest of our team did an outstanding job of getting her the ball."

On Western Oregon: "We were outthustled the first half and ran out of time in the second half and our comeback came up short. Becci Harper played a good game in her final appearance at home and Nancy Rissmiller had a very strong effort with 9 offensive rebounds. The game was a good tune up for PLU this coming Wednesday"

On PLU: "PLU has had our number this year for whatever reason. They are the only conference opponent we have yet to beat. They have the best scoring guard in the league, Kim Corbray, and a very good post player in Tara Millet. I know the team is looking forward to the challenge, it should be a great game."

Northwest Conference Standings (Final)

Puget Sound	15-1	20-4
PLU	12-4	16-8
George Fox	11-5	15-9
Willamette	11-5	14-10
Whitworth	9-7	13-11
Lewis & Clark	7-9	8-15
Pacific	4-12	5-19
Linfield	2-14	5-18
Whitman	1-15	4-20

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>GFU</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>High Points</u>	<u>High Rebounds</u>	<u>High Assists</u>
11-23	L	60 Western Baptist	63 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 17	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
11-27	L	69 Azusa Pacific	71 (OT) Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W	70 Southern Calif.	66(2OT) B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W	73 Concordia	66 Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L	62 Western Baptist	65 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
12-20	W	82 Concordia	59 B. Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3	W	67 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 19	B. Harper, 10	Carroll, 6
1-4	W	74 Whitman*	57 B. Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L	60 PLU*	65 Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L	48 Puget Sound*	54 Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14	W	72 Lewis & Clark*	53 B. Harper, 23	Rissmiller, 12	Miller, 4
1-18	W	72 Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24	W	66 Linfield*	62 Pettit, 18	Pettit, 12	Keown/Miller, 3
1-25	L	60 Willamette*	63 Rissmiller, 17	Rissmiller, 13	Carroll, 5
1-28	W	78 Pacific*	68 Pettit, 17	B. Harper, 16	B. Harper, 4
1-31	W	74 Puget Sound*	62 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 7
2-1	L	67 PLU *	75 B. Harper, 21	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 13	B. Harper, 3
2-7	W	71 Whitman*	57 Pettit, 28	Pettit, 9	Keown, 6
2-8	L	53 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 21	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 3
2-11	W	70 Pacific*	52 Harper, 27	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 11	Keown, 5
2-14	W	68 Willamette*	49 Pettit, 30	B. Harper/Pettit, 11	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
2-15	W	64 Linfield*	46 B. Harper, 19	B. Harper, 11	C.C./B.H./N.R., 3
2-18	W	60 Lewis & Clark*	49 Pettit, 35	Pettit, 15	B. Harper, 5
2-22	L	55 Western Oregon	59 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 16	Carroll, 5
2-26		Northwest Conference Semifinals			
3-1		Northwest Conference Championship			
3-12-18		NAIA Division II National Tournament			

* Northwest Conference Game

GEORGE FOX BASKETBALL STATISTICS

REPORT 3 - SEASON BOX SCORE - ALL GAMES
SEASON: 96-97

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P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS		R E B O U N D S		PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS - AVG
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23 Becci HARPER	24 24	822 34.3	136 322	.422	31 94	.330	85 126	.675	66 156	222 9.3	44 0	67 103	2 49	388 16.2
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	24 24	785 32.7	131 282	.465	1 17	.059	76 130	.585	93 110	203 8.5	54 1	39 93	17 56	339 14.1
32 Keelie KEOWN	24 24	548 22.8	47 116	.405	10 38	.263	16 26	.615	30 41	71 3.0	46 2	45 33	6 15	120 5.0
14 Cherish CARROLL	24 23	597 24.9	34 106	.321	13 39	.333	28 45	.622	8 33	41 1.7	33 0	90 90	1 29	109 4.5
20 Tonya MILLER	24 1	521 21.7	26 90	.289	10 48	.208	14 32	.438	10 35	45 1.9	41 0	39 50	0 19	76 3.2
54 Michelle HARPER	23 0	237 10.3	25 54	.463	0 0	.000	23 32	.719	13 37	50 2.2	16 0	5 17	1 9	73 3.2
12 Katie JOHNSON	23 0	322 14.0	17 53	.321	1 5	.200	17 23	.739	16 30	46 2.0	27 0	21 37	1 17	52 2.3
50 Rachel POWELL	3 0	49 16.3	8 14	.571	0 0	.000	1 4	.250	7 8	15 5.0	5 0	5 11	4 4	17 5.7
30 Rachel EVANS	17 0	148 8.7	5 13	.385	0 0	.000	7 9	.778	7 14	21 1.2	17 0	5 6	0 1	17 1.0
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	18 0	130 7.2	5 20	.250	2 9	.222	0 1	.000	7 13	20 1.1	4 0	7 11	0 5	12 0.7
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TEAM REBOUNDS.....									50 42	92		2		

GEORGE FOX	24	4874	582 1354	.430	68 250	.272	363 586	.619	391 635	1026 42.8	370 9	344 537	65 237	1595 66.5
Opponents	24	4873	555 1379	.402	79 246	.321	256 385	.665	256 521	777 32.4	481	313 482	46 251	1445 60.2

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	598	846	16	7	0	0	1467
GEORGE FOX	694	913	14	11	0	0	1632

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	50	3	53
GEORGE FOX	74	3	77

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-9)	(9-3)	(6-6)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(11-5)	(7-1)	(4-4)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-4)	(2-2)	(2-2)	(0-0)



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Rueck Named Head Women's Basketball Coach

Scott Rueck is interim head coach no more.

After guiding George Fox's women's basketball team to a 15-10 season and its second-ever NAIA Division II national top-25 ranking, he has been awarded the permanent position. After a national search yielded four finalists, Rueck was named.

"I'm thrilled and feel honored to have been selected," said Rueck.

"I think it's the best job in the world and can't think of a place I would rather be. I am sold on George Fox for what it stands for and for what it accomplishes. It is an easy place to recruit to."

"I'm very glad he got the job," said Rachel Powell, a sophomore post from Turner, Ore. "He's a very knowledgeable coach. He communicates well with his players. He's very dedicated to his job and has put a lot of time into it. Personally, he's someone I can respect — as a coach, as a Christian, as a leader."

"I can't wait to coach in my second year," said Rueck. "I learned a lot this past season that can only be experienced when you're a head coach. This is going to be an exciting team next year. We won't have the expectations that we did this year because of the two seniors we lost, but I feel we can be just as competitive. We will be a quicker and more athletic team."

Rueck, 27, has eight years of coaching experience. He was a George Fox women's basketball assistant in 1993-94 and 1994-95 while the Lady Bruins compiled a 37-23 record and made two NAIA postseason appearances. In 1995-96, he served as George Fox's women's tennis head coach. Prior to coming to George Fox, he spent four years as assistant boys' basketball coach at Santiam Christian High School in Corvallis.

In addition to coaching duties, Rueck also teaches courses in the department of health and human performance. He holds a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science and a master of arts degree in physical education teaching, both from Oregon State University.

Rueck graduated from Glencoe High School in Hillsboro, Ore., in 1987. He comes from a basketball family. His sister, 1995 George Fox graduate Heidi Rueck, set the school's career, season and game assist records as an All-American point guard. His father, Marv Rueck, was a long-time member of the basketball coaching staffs at Hillsboro Union and Glencoe High School. When Glencoe opened in 1980, he spent a season as head coach.

Scott Rueck feels his background has helped him.

"Growing up as a coach's son and in a program run by (Oregon high school coaching legend) Barry Adams, I learned first hand what it takes to run a successful program, the hard work, commitment, and dedication."

Rueck is in his fourth year as director of Victory Hoop Camp for Portland youth.

Rueck and his wife, Kerry live in Newberg.

George Fox is a member of the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and expects to hold full membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III in 1998-99.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall: 15-10, Northwest Conference: 11-5

Harper and Pettit End Careers as Conference First-Team Selections

The second-leading scorer in the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges, post **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** and the second-leading rebounder, wing **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)**, are both first-team all-conference selections.

Pettit, a four-year letterwinner, has to be one of the most improved players in George Fox history. The 6-foot-1 post increased her scoring average from 3.5 points as a freshman to a team-best 16.4 as a senior. She averaged 18.1 points in conference games. Her 35-point performance against Lewis & Clark on Feb. 18 was the second highest in school history. She was the Jan. 5 NCIC player of the week. Pettit finishes with 950 career points, eighth in George Fox NAIA history and 613 career rebounds, fifth in the George Fox record books. Her career shooting percentage of .489 (368-752) is the best ever at George Fox, and her 411 points this season is fifth best at George Fox.

Harper came off of Western Oregon's 1994-95 national champion team to give the Lady Bruins one of the most dominant front lines in Northwest NAIA basketball. She had a team-best 9.2-rebound average this season and helped George Fox lead the NCIC and finish sixth in NAIA Division II national statistics in rebounding margin (+10.5). Harper twice this season was named NCIC player of the week. In just two seasons at George Fox, she totalled 450 rebounds, 10th on the Lady Bruin career list. Her 404 points this season is seventh in George Fox NAIA history. Combined with her Western Oregon stats, she had 1,210 career points and 731 career rebounds.

The Lady Bruins' third-leading scorer (14.0) and second-leading rebounder (8.5), **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** earned NCIC honorable mention. She was a first-team selection as a sophomore.

WHAT'S NOT BRUIN:

A ice-cold first-half shooting performance and PLU's Kim Corbray were too much to overcome as George Fox ended its season with a 65-50 loss at Pacific Lutheran University in the Northwest Conference semifinals. Next year, George Fox could return as many as 10 letterwinners — including post **Rachel Powell (So., Cascade HS, Turner, Ore.)**, who was lost to a knee injury in the third game of the season. Another addition will be 5-foot-11 post **Katie Greller (Fr., MOC/Floyd Valley HS, Orange City, Iowa)**, who missed the entire season with a leg injury.

George Fox 50, Pacific Lutheran 65

Missing 19 of its first 20 shots, George Fox lost a Northwest Conference semifinal contest 65-50 at Pacific Lutheran University Wednesday (Feb. 26).

The Lady Bruins came out cold and trailed 19-4 before **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** scored George Fox's second field goal of the game with 7:45 left in the first half. PLU's Kim Corbray hit a 25-foot 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to give PLU a 36-20 lead.

George Fox cut a second half 18-point deficit to eight with four minutes to go, but Corbray ended the run with key baskets. She finished with a game-high 29 points, 10 rebounds and six steals.

In their final college game, **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** had 10 rebounds and scored 14 of her 19 points in the second half, while Harper finished with 16 points, nine rebounds and three assists.

George Fox outrebounded PLU 43-31 but shot just .293 (17-58) for the game.

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BRUIN BITS:

*** Sound familiar? In 1995-96 George Fox finished 15-10; ranked as high as No. 22 in the regular season national poll; finished third in the Northwest Conference with five losses; was the only NCIC team to beat the conference champion during the regular season; and ended its season in the NCIC semifinals. With nearly the same players, the 1996-97 team matched their previous achievements.

*** The Lady Bruins were not alone in Tacoma. George Fox brought its own cheerleaders, pep band and supporters to the PLU game in a rooter bus organized by the student government officers.

*** **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** won't have to go very far into the 1997-98 season before she hits the 1,000-point milestone. She has 990 career points, tied with Heidi Rueck for sixth on George Fox's all-time NAIA scoring list. She also has 687 career rebounds, fourth in the George Fox record book.

*** George Fox has advanced to the NAIA district or conference playoffs nine of the last 11 years, but never to the national tournament.

*** Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** was named the 1995-96 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year by College Sports magazine. The 1995-96 NCIC first-team basketball selection led the Lady Bruins last season in scoring and rebounding, and in track and field cleared 5-9.75 to become the NAIA high jump national champion.

*** George Fox individuals ranked among the Northwest Conference leaders in the final NCIC statistical release: **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** second in scoring (18.1), third in blocked shots (1.56), fourth in field goal percentage (.509, 110-208), fifth in rebounding (8.5); **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** sixth in scoring (15.6), second in rebounding (9.4); **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** fourth in rebounding (9.0) and 12th in scoring (12.7); and **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska)** seventh in assists (3.3).

Northwest Conference Standings (Final)

Puget Sound	15-1
PLU	12-4
George Fox	11-5
Willamette	11-5
Whitworth	9-7
Lewis & Clark	7-9
Pacific	4-12
Linfield	2-14
Whitman	1-15

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>GFU</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>High Points</u>	<u>High Rebounds</u>	<u>High Assists</u>
11-23	L	60 Western Baptist	63 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 17	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
11-27	L	69 Azusa Pacific	71 (OT) Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W	70 Southern Calif.	66(2OT) B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W	73 Concordia	66 Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L	62 Western Baptist	65 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
12-20	W	82 Concordia	59 B. Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3	W	67 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 19	B. Harper, 10	Carroll, 6
1-4	W	74 Whitman*	57 B. Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L	60 PLU*	65 Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L	48 Puget Sound*	54 Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14	W	72 Lewis & Clark*	53 B. Harper, 23	Rissmiller, 12	Miller, 4
1-18	W	72 Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24	W	66 Linfield*	62 Pettit, 18	Pettit, 12	Keown/Miller, 3
1-25	L	60 Willamette*	63 Rissmiller, 17	Rissmiller, 13	Carroll, 5
1-28	W	78 Pacific*	68 Pettit, 17	B. Harper, 16	B. Harper, 4
1-31	W	74 Puget Sound*	62 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 7
2-1	L	67 PLU *	75 B. Harper, 21	B. Harper/N.R., 13	B. Harper, 3
2-7	W	71 Whitman*	57 Pettit, 28	Pettit, 9	Keown, 6
2-8	L	53 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 21	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 3
2-11	W	70 Pacific*	52 Harper, 27	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 11	Keown, 5
2-14	W	68 Willamette*	49 Pettit, 30	B. Harper/Pettit, 11	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
2-15	W	64 Linfield*	46 B. Harper, 19	B. Harper, 11	C.C./B.H./N.R., 3
2-18	W	60 Lewis & Clark*	49 Pettit, 35	Pettit, 15	B. Harper, 5
2-22	L	55 Western Oregon	59 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 16	Carroll, 5
2-26	L	50 PLU@	65 Pettit, 19	Pettit, 10	Harper, 3

* Northwest Conference Game
@Northwest Conference Semifinal

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L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS			R E B O U N D S				PF-FO	A	T O	B L K	S T	P T S - A V G
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2 Angela PETTIT	25 25	755 30.2	153 299	.512	0 1	.000	105 168	.625	89 121	210 8.4	88 7	21 87	36 33	411 16.4			
3 Becci HARPER	25 25	860 34.4	142 341	.416	32 97	.330	88 133	.662	70 161	231 9.2	46 0	70 109	2 51	404 16.2			
0 Nancy RISSMILLER	25 25	825 33.0	136 298	.456	1 20	.050	76 132	.576	100 112	212 8.5	56 1	40 96	18 57	349 14.0			
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0 Melissa HEUBERGER	18 0	130 7.2	5 20	.250	2 9	.222	0 1	.000	7 13	20 1.1	4 0	7 11	0 5	12 0.7			
2 Katie GRELLER	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0.0			
TEAM REBOUNDS.....									51 45	96			2				

GEORGE FOX	25	5074	599 1412	.424	70 261	.268	377 609	.619	412 657	1069	42.8	386 10	352 557	69 241	1645 65.8
Opponents	25	5073	579 1429	.405	82 252	.325	270 404	.668	262 546	808	32.3	500	324 498	53 262	1510 60.4

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	634	875	16	7	0	0	1532
GEORGE FOX	714	943	14	11	0	0	1682

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	53	3	56
GEORGE FOX	78	3	81

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-10)	(9-3)	(6-7)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(11-5)	(7-1)	(4-4)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-5)	(2-2)	(2-3)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 14-8, Northwest Conference: 10-5

Final Conference Game Determines George Fox's Fate

With a win Tuesday at Lewis & Clark College, George Fox (10-5 NCIC) can wrap up the third seed in the four-team Northwest Conference playoffs. A loss could leave the Lady Bruins without a berth if Willamette University (9-5 NCIC) and Whitworth College (8-6 NCIC) each win their remaining games. Conference playoffs are Feb. 26 and March 1.

Becci Harper Earns Second Conference Player of the Week Award

For the second time this season, George Fox forward **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** has been chosen the Northwest Conference's player of the week. In the Lady Bruins' three wins last week, Harper averaged 22.0 points, 11.0 rebounds, 3.0 steals and 2.7 assists. She shot .556 (25-45) from the field, including 5 of 10 3-pointers. She scored a career-high 27 points in the Lady Bruins road win at Pacific University. Harper also was named conference player of the week on Dec. 1.

Pettit Goes for 30 Points against Willamette

Friday (Feb. 14), in an important conference game with Willamette University, **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** came through with her best night as a Lady Bruin. The 6-foot-1 post scored a career-high 30 points — the seventh-highest individual total in George Fox NAIA history. She hit 12 of her 15 field goals and 6 of her 7 free throws. She also added 11 rebounds, five blocks and two assists. Over the last five games, Pettit has averaged 20.6 points a game.

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. ... at Lewis & Clark College ... Portland, Ore. ... Final Northwest Conference game for Lady Bruins ... A win would guarantee George Fox a spot in the NCIC playoffs ... Lewis & Clark enters the week with a 5-17 overall record, 4-10 NCIC ... The Lady Bruins defeated Lewis & Clark 72-53 on Jan. 14 in Newberg ... George Fox leads the NAIA series 26-7.

Saturday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. ... vs. Western Oregon State College ... Newberg, Ore. ... Non-conference matchup ... Final regular season game ... Western Oregon is 16-8 and 6-5 in the Cascade Conference ... The Wolves were the NAIA Division II national champions in 1994-95 and 1995-96 ... George Fox split regular season games with the Wolves last season — each team winning at home ... WOSC leads the all-time NAIA series 27-6.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 70, Pacific University 52

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) poured in a career-high 27 points and George Fox rolled to an important 70-52 Northwest Conference win at Pacific University Tuesday (Feb. 11).

Harper hit 11 of her 16 field goal attempts and grabbed 11 rebounds and three steals.

George Fox took a 11-0 lead and after a 38-24 halftime lead only once let the lead slip into single digits.

Keelie Keown (Jr., Oakridge HS, Ore.) had 12 points and five assists.

George Fox won the rebounding battle 52-32.

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George Fox 68, Willamette 49

Center **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** scored 30 points —the seventh-highest individual total in George Fox history —as George Fox kept itself in Northwest Conference playoff contention with a 68-49 win Friday (Feb. 14) over visiting Willamette University (12-9, 9-4).

Pettit scored 10 points in the first seven minutes as George Fox jumped to a 16-6 lead. She finished 12 of 15 from the field and six of seven from the free throw line. She also had 11 rebounds, five blocks and two steals

George Fox led 36-24 at break and built the lead to 19 by holding the Bearcats scoreless for the first five minutes of the second half.

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) had 20 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

George Fox 64 Linfield 46

George Fox outscored Linfield 22-2 in the final 10 minutes of the first half and coasted to a 64-46 Homecoming night win Saturday (Feb. 15).

George Fox outrebounded Linfield 43-16.

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) scored 10 of her 19 points during the key first half stretch. She finished with 11 rebounds, four steals and three assists.

Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.) had 16 points and eight rebounds.

Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) contributed 18 points and six rebounds.

BRUIN BITS:

*** George Fox has advanced to the NAIA district or conference playoffs eight of the last 10 years, but never to the national tournament.

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*** George Fox began this season ranked No. 21 in the NAIA Division II national preseason poll and has ranked as high as No. 22 in the regular season polls.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams — including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College — and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

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Northwest Conference Standings (Feb. 17)

Puget Sound	12-1	17-4
PLU	11-2	15-6
George Fox	10-5	14-8
Willamette	9-5	12-10
Whitworth	8-6	12-10
Lewis & Clark	6-7	7-13
Pacific	4-10	5-17
Linfield	1-13	4-17
Whitman	1-13	4-18

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

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1-18	W	72 Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24	W	66 Linfield*	62 Pettit, 18	Pettit, 12	Keown/Miller, 3
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1-28	W	78 Pacific*	68 Pettit, 17	B. Harper, 16	B. Harper, 4
1-31	W	74 Puget Sound*	62 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 7
2-1	L	67 PLU *	75 B. Harper, 21	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 13	B. Harper, 3
2-7	W	71 Whitman*	57 Pettit, 28	Pettit, 9	Keown, 6
2-8	L	53 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 21	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 3
2-11	W	70 Pacific*	52 Harper, 27	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 11	Keown, 5
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2-15	W	64 Linfield*	46 B. Harper, 19	B. Harper, 11	C.C./B.H./N.R., 3
2-18		Lewis & Clark*			
2-22		Western Oregon			
2-26		Northwest Conference Semifinals			
3-1		Northwest Conference Championship			
3-12-18		NAIA Division II National Tournament			

* Northwest Conference Game

GEORGE FOX BASKETBALL STATISTICS

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			FG-FGA	PCT		FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG							
23 Becci HARPER	22 22	746 33.9	129 299	.431		29 86	.337	74 113	.655	62 137	199 9.0	40 0	59 97	2 46	361 16.4			
52 Angela PETTIT	22 22	652 29.6	137 259	.529		0 0	.000	76 128	.594	73 106	179 8.1	75 5	21 79	28 32	350 15.9			
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	22 22	727 33.0	121 253	.478		1 16	.063	73 125	.584	83 98	181 8.2	48 1	34 88	14 54	316 14.4			
14 Cherish CARROLL	22 21	567 25.8	34 102	.333		13 36	.361	28 45	.622	7 33	40 1.8	29 0	85 85	1 27	109 5.0			
32 Keelie KEOWN	22 22	490 22.3	44 108	.407		8 34	.235	11 17	.647	25 36	61 2.8	41 2	41 29	5 15	107 4.9			
20 Tonya MILLER	22 1	471 21.4	24 83	.289		10 44	.227	13 27	.481	10 31	41 1.9	37 0	35 46	0 16	71 3.2			
54 Michelle HARPER	21 0	217 10.3	24 52	.462		0 0	.000	22 30	.733	12 36	48 2.3	15 0	5 17	1 9	70 3.3			
12 Katie JOHNSON	21 0	285 13.6	16 50	.320		1 5	.200	17 23	.739	15 26	41 2.0	26 0	21 32	1 16	50 2.4			
50 Rachel POWELL	3 0	49 16.3	8 14	.571		0 0	.000	1 4	.250	7 8	15 5.0	5 0	5 11	4 4	17 5.7			
30 Rachel EVANS	16 0	140 8.8	5 12	.417		0 0	.000	7 9	.778	7 11	18 1.1	17 0	5 6	0 1	17 1.1			
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	18 0	130 7.2	5 20	.250		2 9	.222	0 1	.000	7 13	20 1.1	4 0	7 11	0 5	12 0.7			
22 Katie GRELLER	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	.000		0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0.0			
TEAM REBOUNDS.....											46 41	87	2					

GEORGE FOX	22	4474	547 1252	.437	64 230	.278	322 522	.617	354 576	930	42.3	337	8 318	503	56 225	1480	67.3
Opponents	22	4473	519 1269	.409	75 228	.329	224 343	.653	234 476	710	32.3	428	294 455	43 237	1337	60.8	

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	541	795	16	7	0	0	1359
GEORGE FOX	644	848	14	11	0	0	1517

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	45	3	48
GEORGE FOX	68	3	71

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(14-8)	(9-2)	(5-6)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(10-5)	(7-1)	(3-4)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(2-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 11-8, Northwest Conference: 7-5

Pettit Produces Big Numbers on Eastern Washington Trip

In her final road trip to Eastern Washington, center **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** last weekend averaged 24.5 points, 8.5 rebounds and two blocks a game in George Fox's games at Whitman College and Whitworth College. Pettit shot .543 from the field (19-35) and .846 from the free throw line (11-13). She scored a career-high 28 points against Whitman.

George Fox Hosts Key Conference Games on Homecoming Weekend

Fighting for the fourth and final playoff spot in the Northwest Conference playoffs, George Fox will have the additional support of alumni returning this weekend for Homecoming (Feb. 14-15). George Fox and Whitworth both have 7-5 conference records with four NCIC games remaining. The Lady Bruins host Willamette on Friday and Linfield on Saturday. Both games begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by 8 p.m. men's games.

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 6 p.m. ... at Pacific University ... Forest Grove, Ore. ... Northwest Conference game ... Pacific enters the week with a 4-15, 3-8 NCIC record ... Pacific beat Lewis & Clark 51-42 and was edged 69-66 by Pacific Lutheran last weekend ... The Lady Bruins defeated Pacific 78-68 on Jan. 28 in Newberg ... Pacific leads the all time NAIA series 22-11.

Friday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m. ... vs. Willamette University ... Newberg ... NCIC game ... First game of George Fox's Homecoming weekend ... The Bearcats enter the week with a 12-8, 9-3 NCIC record, currently third in the Northwest Conference ... Willamette downed the Lady Bruins 63-60 last month in Salem ... George Fox leads the NAIA series 20-10.

Saturday, Feb. 15, 6 p.m. ... vs. Linfield College ... Newberg ... Northwest Conference matchup ... George Fox's Homecoming game ... The Wildcats start the week with a 4-15, 1-11 NCIC record ... George Fox beat its cross-county rival 66-62 earlier this season in McMinnville ... The Lady Bruins lead the NAIA series 21-14 overall.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 71, Whitman 57

Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) scored a career-high 28 points to lead George Fox past Whitman College 71-57 Friday (Feb. 7) in Walla Walla, Wash.

George Fox held Whitman scoreless for nearly eight minutes during the first half while building a 22-7 lead. The Lady Bruins led 37-22 at the break. After George Fox built a 22-point second half lead, Whitman rallied with five 3-pointers in the final 11 minutes to pull within nine with 1:53 left.

In 28 minutes of playing time, Pettit had a game-high nine rebounds (seven offensive), three blocks and three steals.

Forward **Keelie Keown (Sr., Oakridge HS, Ore.)** produced a game-high six assists.

George Fox University 53, Whitworth College 62

After eight ties and a dozen lead changes, Whitworth College overcame **Angela Pettit's (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** 21-point effort to take a 62-53 win Saturday (Feb. 8) in Spokane, Wash. George Fox scored only two points in the final 7:56, both free throws by Pettit who was saddled with four fouls.

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Both teams' Northwest Conference records moved to 7-5, locking them into a tie for fourth place in the league.

Deadlocked 26-26 at the half, neither team led by more than four points until late in the game. Whitworth battled back from a 51-49 deficit to gain a 56-51 lead, then in the final minute of the game, NAIA Division II free throw percentage leader Jennifer Tissue sank four consecutive free throws to seal the Lady Bruins' fate.

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) led George Fox in rebounding with 10.

BRUIN BITS:

*** **Angela Pettit's (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** 28-point performance against Whitman was two points off ranking among the top 10 individual scoring efforts in George Fox NAIA history.

*** Whitworth College — the team tied with George Fox for the final NCIC playoff spot — has the following conference games remaining: at Pacific (2/14); at Lewis & Clark (2/15); Puget Sound (2/21); PLU (2/22).

*** George Fox individuals are showing up in the Northwest Conference statistical top 10. **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** is fourth in scoring (15.6), fifth in rebounding (8.2), third in field goal percentage (.516) and fifth in blocks (2.1). **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** is fifth in scoring (15.5), third in rebounding (8.7). **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** is eighth in scoring (14.9), seventh in rebounding (8.1), sixth in field goal percentage (.498) and seventh in blocks (2.63). **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska)** is fifth in assists (3.9).

*** Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** was named the 1995-96 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year by College Sports magazine. The NCIC first-team basketball selection led the Lady Bruins last season in scoring and rebounding, and in track and field cleared 5-9.75 to become the NAIA high jump national champion.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams — including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College — and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from interim head coach Scott Rueck, formerly George Fox assistant coach, 1993-1995)

On Whitman: "**Angela Pettit** carried us on her back, with 28 points, to an important conference win on the road. Whitman is a tough match-up for us. They started four players under 5-7. Their quickness advantage was outweighed by our height advantage inside. Our guards did a great job of handling their pressure."

On Whitworth: "Saturday's game was a classic college game. No team had a lead bigger than four points until the final four minutes of the game. The reason we were beaten was solely shooting percentage. They shot 51 percent for the game and 58 percent in the second half including 4 of 6 from the 3-point line. That, compared to our 39 percent was the difference."

On Pacific: "Pacific showed us that they have a lot of heart in our last meeting. We had a double-digit lead in the first 15 minutes and then they played us fairly even the rest of the way. I'm anticipating a tough game on their home court."

On Willamette: "In our first meeting, we felt we let a win get away. Due to our playoff situation, a win would put us in good shape. It should be an outstanding game."

On Linfield: "The Wildcats are still struggling to win games, but we know they always look forward to playing us. We escaped on the road with a narrow win and are looking forward to Saturday's rematch."

Northwest Conference Standings (Feb. 10)

Puget Sound	10-1	15-3
Pacific Lutheran	11-2	15-6
Willamette	9-3	12-8
George Fox	7-5	11-8
Whitworth	7-5	11-9
Lewis & Clark	4-7	5-13
Pacific	3-8	4-15
Linfield	1-11	4-15
Whitman	1-11	4-16

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>GFU</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>High Points</u>	<u>High Rebounds</u>	<u>High Assists</u>
11-23	L	60 Western Baptist	63 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 17	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
11-27	L	69 Azusa Pacific	71 (OT) Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W	70 Southern Calif.	66(2OT) B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W	73 Concordia	66 Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L	62 Western Baptist	65 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
12-20	W	82 Concordia	59 B. Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3	W	67 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 19	B. Harper, 10	Carroll, 6
1-4	W	74 Whitman*	57 B. Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L	60 PLU*	65 Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L	48 Puget Sound*	54 Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14	W	72 Lewis & Clark*	53 B. Harper, 23	Rissmiller, 12	Miller, 4
1-18	W	72 Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24	W	66 Linfield*	62 Pettit, 18	Pettit, 12	Keown/Miller, 3
1-25	L	60 Willamette*	63 Rissmiller, 17	Rissmiller, 13	Carroll, 5
1-28	W	78 Pacific*	68 Pettit, 17	B. Harper, 16	B. Harper, 4
1-31	W	74 Puget Sound*	62 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 7
2-1	L	67 PLU *	75 B. Harper, 21	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 13	B. Harper, 3
2-7	W	71 Whitman*	57 Pettit, 28	Pettit, 9	Keown, 6
2-8	L	53 Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 21	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 3
2-11		Pacific*			
2-14		Willamette*			
2-15		Linfield*			
2-18		Lewis & Clark*			
2-22		Western Oregon			
2-26		Northwest Conference Semifinals			
3-1		Northwest Conference Championship			
3-12-18		NAIA Division II National Tournament			

* Northwest Conference Game

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			FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT						
52 Angela PETTIT	19 19	567 29.8	116 225	.516	0 0	.000	64 113	.566	61 94	155 8.2	68 5	17 64	21 27	296 15.6
23 Becci HARPER	19 19	646 34.0	104 254	.409	24 76	.316	63 95	.663	52 114	166 8.7	36 0	51 82	1 37	295 15.5
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	19 19	631 33.2	110 221	.498	1 15	.067	63 106	.594	70 84	154 8.1	42 1	28 79	12 46	284 14.9
14 Cherish CARROLL	19 18	497 26.2	33 95	.347	12 32	.375	28 45	.622	6 29	35 1.8	25 0	74 74	0 25	106 5.6
32 Keelie KEOWN	19 19	417 21.9	36 88	.409	6 27	.222	11 17	.647	22 30	52 2.7	37 2	33 25	3 13	89 4.7
54 Michelle HARPER	18 0	192 10.7	23 44	.523	0 0	.000	18 26	.692	11 32	43 2.4	12 0	3 17	1 7	64 3.6
20 Tonya MILLER	19 1	414 21.8	21 75	.280	10 40	.250	12 23	.522	9 24	33 1.7	27 0	33 40	0 13	64 3.4
12 Katie JOHNSON	18 0	235 13.1	12 42	.286	1 5	.200	14 19	.737	9 22	31 1.7	22 0	19 27	1 13	39 2.2
50 Rachel POWELL	3 0	49 16.3	8 14	.571	0 0	.000	1 4	.250	7 8	15 5.0	5 0	5 11	4 4	17 5.7
30 Rachel EVANS	13 0	109 8.4	4 9	.444	0 0	.000	6 7	.857	5 10	15 1.2	14 0	4 4	0 1	14 1.1
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	15 0	117 7.8	4 17	.235	2 8	.250	0 1	.000	7 12	19 1.3	4 0	5 11	0 5	10 0.7
22 Katie GRELLER	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0.0
TEAM REBOUNDS.....									42 36	78		2		

GEORGE FOX	19	3873	471 1084	.435	56 203	.276	280 456	.614	301 495	796 41.9	292 8	272 436	43 191	1278 67.3
Opponents	19	3873	463 1111	.417	68 198	.343	196 299	.656	210 425	635 33.4	377	264 395	36 210	1190 62.6

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	475	714	16	7	0	0	1212
GEORGE FOX	532	758	14	11	0	0	1315

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	38	0	38
GEORGE FOX	57	1	58

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(11-8)	(7-2)	(4-6)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(7-5)	(5-1)	(2-4)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE	(4-3)	(2-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 10-7, Northwest Conference: 6-4

Becci Harper's Big Week Helps Keep George Fox In Playoff Contention

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore) averaged 17.0 points, 12.0 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 2.0 steals last week as George Fox won two out of three Northwest Conference games. Harper came close to a rare triple-double (14 points, 10 rebounds, 7 assists) as the Lady Bruins gave University of Puget Sound its first conference loss on Friday (Jan. 31).

Harper is third in the Northwest Conference in league scoring (15.8) and rebounding (9.3). She also is the 1996 NAIA national javelin champion in track.

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Friday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m. ... at Whitman College ... Walla Walla, Wash. ... Northwest Conference matchup ... The Missionaries enter the week with a 4-14, 1-9 NCIC record ... Amanda Bradford leads the conference in scoring at 20.0 points a game ... George Fox defeated Whitman 74-57 earlier this season in Newberg ... The Lady Bruins lead the NAIA series 3-2.

Saturday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m. ... at Whitworth College ... Spokane, Wash. ... NCIC counter ... Whitworth is 9-9, 5-5 NCIC ... The Lady Bruins edged Whitworth 67-62 last month in Newberg ... George Fox leads the NAIA series 4-1.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 78, Pacific 68

George Fox nearly let a big lead get away in a 78-68 Northwest Conference win against Pacific Tuesday (Jan. 28) in Newberg.

Pacific cut a first-half 19-point lead to one with nine minutes to go. George Fox jumped to a 23-4 advantage in the first eight minutes. Pacific whittled the lead to 39-31 at the break. After halftime, Pacific guards April Wilson and Angela Edwards each buried a pair of 3-pointers to bring the Boxers to within 51-50 at 8:56.

The Lady Bruins responded with a 12-2 run and didn't allow Pacific closer than eight the rest of the way.

George Fox center **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** had a game-high 17 points, five rebounds, four steals and three blocks. Forward **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** had 16 points and 13 rebounds and guard **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** finished with 16 points and five rebounds.

George Fox University 74, University of Puget Sound 62

After leaving the game in the first half with a cut above her eye, a bandaged **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** returned to score 19 points and give University of Puget Sound (12-3, 7-1) its first conference loss 74-62 Friday (Jan. 31) in Newberg.

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) and **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** each added 14 points. Harper had 10 rebounds and seven assists.

After a 36-25 half lead, the Lady Bruins fast-broke to a 22-point advantage, 60-38, with 9:30 to go. The Loggers rallied to 68-62 in the final minute, but the Lady Bruins hit four of their final six free throw attempts.

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George Fox University 75, Pacific Lutheran University 67

Kim Corbray put an end to George Fox's comeback bid, scoring six of her game-high 22 points in the final three minutes as league-leading Pacific Lutheran downed George Fox 75-67 in Northwest Conference play.

The loss ended a seven-game home winning streak for George Fox.

PLU led by 15 points with 6:30 to go when the Lady Bruins went on a 12-1 run to pull within 66-62 with 3:30 to go. PLU converted four of its nine free throws in the final 1:10.

George Fox dominated the boards, outrebounding the Lutes 42-31, but shot just .379 from the field compared to PLU's .519.

Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) had 21 points and 13 rebounds and **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Not only was George Fox win over University of Puget Sound the Loggers' first league loss, it was the first-ever Lady Bruin win over UPS. Puget Sound and George Fox have played three times.

*** Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** was named the 1995-96 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year by College Sports magazine. The NCIC first-team basketball selection led the Lady Bruins last season in scoring and rebounding, and in track and field cleared 5-9.75 to become the NAIA high jump national champion.

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SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from interim head coach Scott Rueck, formerly George Fox assistant coach, 1993-1995)

On Pacific: "We played very well for the first 15 minutes, jumping to a 27-9 lead. After that, Pacific outscored us the rest of the game. They played the rest of the game with a lot of confidence."

On Puget Sound: "Friday's game was an outstanding effort by the entire team. Our defense was awesome and it gave us several easy hoops on the other end. **Keelie Keown** and **Nancy Rissmiller** had huge defensive games, holding UPS's top-two scorers down. We also had good production from our bench."

On PLU: "As good as our defense was Friday, it was the worst I've seen it this year on Saturday. We were outthustled and lost a huge opportunity to get back in the race for home court advantage. PLU played like the top team in conference and they deserved the win."

On Whitman: "Whitman is a tough place to play. Their style of pressure and zone defense allows them to hang in every game."

On Whitworth: "Whitworth is the team we are competing against for playoff position. If we want to determine our own playoff picture, we need to take care of business this Saturday."

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Northwest Conference Standings (Jan. 27)

PLU	9-1	13-5
Puget Sound	7-1	12-3
Willamette	8-2	11-6
George Fox	6-4	10-7
Whitworth	5-5	9-9
Lewis & Clark	4-5	5-11
Pacific	2-7	3-14
Whitman	1-9	4-14
Linfield	1-9	4-13

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

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11-27	L 69	Azusa Pacific	71 (OT) Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W 70	Southern Calif.	66(2OT)B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W 73	Concordia	66 Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L 62	Western Baptist	65 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
12-20	W 82	Concordia	59 B. Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3	W 67	Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 19	B. Harper, 10	Carroll, 6
1-4	W 74	Whitman*	57 B. Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L 60	PLU*	65 Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L 48	Puget Sound*	54 Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14	W 72	Lewis & Clark*	53 B. Harper, 23	Rissmiller, 12	Miller, 4
1-18	W 72	Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24	W 66	Linfield*	62 Pettit, 18	Pettit, 12	Keown/Miller, 3
1-25	L 60	Willamette*	63 Rissmiller, 17	Rissmiller, 13	Carroll, 5
1-28	W 78	Pacific*	68 Pettit, 17	B. Harper, 16	B. Harper, 4
1-31	W 74	Puget Sound*	62 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 10	B. Harper, 7
2-1	L 67	PLU *	75 B. Harper, 21	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 13	B. Harper, 3
2-7		Whitman*			
2-8		Whitworth*			
2-11		Pacific*			
2-14		Willamette*			
2-15		Linfield*			
2-18		Lewis & Clark*			
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					FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT				OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG										
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	14	0	109	7.8	4	17	.235	2	8	.250	0	1	.000	7	10	17	1.2	3	0	5	10	0	7
12 Katie JOHNSON	16	0	194	12.1	11	38	.289	1	5	.200	12	15	.800	8	18	26	1.6	21	0	16	23	1	11
14 Cherish CARROLL	17	16	445	26.2	30	84	.357	12	29	.414	24	39	.615	5	24	29	1.7	23	0	70	68	0	24
20 Tonya MILLER	17	1	376	22.1	18	68	.265	10	38	.263	11	19	.579	9	22	31	1.8	26	0	33	38	0	12
22 Katie GRELLER	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23 Becci HARPER	17	17	578	34.0	95	228	.417	24	67	.358	61	92	.663	48	104	152	8.9	31	0	47	78	1	32
30 Rachel EVANS	12	0	96	8.0	4	9	.444	0	0	.000	6	7	.857	5	9	14	1.2	13	0	2	4	0	1
32 Keelie KEOWN	17	17	366	21.5	30	75	.400	6	24	.250	10	15	.667	20	25	45	2.6	35	2	26	22	2	11
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	17	17	583	34.3	104	207	.502	1	13	.077	61	104	.587	66	75	141	8.3	34	0	27	69	11	43
50 Rachel POWELL	3	0	49	16.3	8	14	.571	0	0	.000	1	4	.250	7	8	15	5.0	5	0	5	11	4	4
52 Angela PETTIT	17	17	513	30.2	97	190	.511	0	0	.000	53	100	.530	51	87	138	8.1	63	5	15	60	17	24
54 Michelle HARPER	16	0	166	10.4	20	37	.541	0	0	.000	17	24	.708	11	26	37	2.3	10	0	2	15	1	5
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														39	34	73				2			
GEORGE FOX	17		3473		421	967	.435	56	184	.304	256	420	.610	276	442	718	42.2	264	7	248	400	37	172
Opponents	17		3473		418	995	.420	56	170	.329	179	277	.646	193	377	570	33.5	342		234	360	32	191

SCORE BY PERIODS:

	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	453	595	16	7	0	0	1071
GEORGE FOX	495	634	14	11	0	0	1154

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:

	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	36	0	36
GEORGE FOX	54	1	55

RECORD:

	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(10-7)	(7-2)	(3-5)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(6-4)	(5-1)	(1-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(2-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 8-6, Northwest Conference: 4-3

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m. ... vs. Pacific University ... Newberg ... Northwest Conference game ... Pacific lost three starters from last year's 17-10 squad ... Pacific is 3-13, 2-6 ... The Lady Bruins played Pacific three times last season, splitting the regular season games before losing in the NCIC playoffs 68-51 in Forest Grove ... The Boxers lead the all-time NAIA series 22-10.

Friday, Jan. 31, 6 p.m. ... vs. University of Puget Sound ... Newberg ... NCIC matchup ... Puget Sound leads the Northwest Conference with a 12-2, 7-0 record ... In its first meeting with the Loggers this season (Jan. 11), George Fox fell 48-54 in Tacoma ... Puget Sound leads the NAIA series 2-0.

Saturday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m. ... vs. Pacific Lutheran University ... Newberg ... Northwest Conference counter ... PLU is 11-5, 7-1 ... The Lady Bruins fell 60-65 to PLU on Jan. 10 in Tacoma ... Pacific Lutheran leads the all-time NAIA series 5-1.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox University 66, Linfield College 62

Tonya Miller (Jr., West Linn HS, Ore.) hit a 3-pointer with 34 seconds and **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** made a steal and two free throws in the final three seconds as George Fox survived a trip to Linfield College, earning a 66-62 Northwest Conference win Friday (Jan. 24).

After leading by as many as 15 points in the second half, George Fox fell behind by one, 62-61, with 51 seconds remaining. Miller's 3-pointer was her only basket of the game. Rissmiller's win-sealing free throws brought her scoring total to 17.

Lady Bruin center **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the team.

George Fox University 60, Willamette University 63

George Fox suffered its first loss in four games Saturday (Jan. 25), losing 63-60 in the final moments to No. 24-ranked Willamette University in Salem, Ore.

The Lady Bruins led by five points with four minutes to play, but fell behind 61-57 with 29 seconds remaining. Fouled on a 3-point attempt, **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** converted all three free throws at the six-second mark to bring George Fox to within one, 61-60. George Fox fouled Willamette's KayLyn Charriere before the ball was inbounded and she converted both free throws. Rissmiller's 3-point attempt bounced off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

Rissmiller finished with 17 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Lady Bruins.

BRUIN BITS:

*** George Fox individuals are showing up in the Northwest Conference statistical leaders. **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** is fifth in scoring (16.0), sixth in rebounding (8.3), and fifth in 3-point accuracy (21-55, .382). **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** is seventh in scoring (15.4), fifth in rebounding (8.4), eighth in field goal percentage (83-173, .480) and sixth in steals (37, 2.6). **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** is ninth in scoring (14.4), fourth in rebounding (8.9), second in field goal percentage (82-155, .429) and fifth in blocks (11, .79). **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska)** is first in assists (63, 4.5).

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*** George Fox is fourth in the Northwest Conference, but the Lady Bruins have already completed some of the toughest parts of their schedule. George Fox's conference losses have all been on the road to teams at the top of the standings: Puget Sound (7-0 NCIC), Willamette (7-1 NCIC), and Pacific Lutheran (7-1 NCIC). The Lady Bruins have just one weekend road trip left and have won their last five at home.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams – including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College – and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from head coach Scott Rueck)

On Linfield: "Going in to the game, we knew it was going to be a battle. It always is in their gym. Give them credit for coming back and making a game of it. We executed very well in the last three minutes and **Tonya Miller** hit the biggest three of her career to give us the lead for good with 30 seconds left."

On Willamette: "We are two very evenly matched teams. It was a well-played game by both teams. Whoever made the last run was going to win the game, and unfortunately, Willamette made the last run. We showed a lot of heart coming back from a 10-point deficit in the second half. I felt their 3-point shots in the last eight minutes were the difference."

On Pacific: "This will be our first meeting with Pacific. They have had a lot of changes in the last year — losing four starters and are now playing several freshman. They are very young but have a lot of talent."

On Puget Sound: "Puget Sound is undefeated in the conference. We lost a tough game at their place where we shot 22 percent in the first half. We feel this is a team that we can beat and are looking forward to Friday."

On PLU: "The Lutes are playing good basketball right now and beat Willamette on the road last weekend. They have been the surprise of the conference so far. We need to avenge our loss on the road in Tacoma."

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Northwest Conference Standings (Jan. 27)

Puget Sound	7-0	12-2
Willamette	7-1	10-4
PLU	7-1	11-5
George Fox	4-3	8-6
Lewis & Clark	4-4	5-10
Whitworth	3-5	7-9
Pacific	2-6	3-13
Whitman	1-7	4-12
Linfield	0-8	3-12

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>GFU</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>High Points</u>	<u>High Rebounds</u>	<u>High Assists</u>
11-23	L 60	Western Baptist	63 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 17	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
11-27	L 69	Azusa Pacific	71 (OT) Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W 70	Southern Calif.	66(2OT) B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W 73	Concordia	66 Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L 62	Western Baptist	65 B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
12-20	W 82	Concordia	59 B. Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3	W 67	Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 19	B. Harper, 10	Carroll, 6
1-4	W 74	Whitman*	57 B. Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L 60	PLU*	65 Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L 48	Puget Sound*	54 Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14	W 72	Lewis & Clark*	53 B. Harper, 23	Rissmiller, 12	Miller, 4
1-18	W 72	Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24	W 66	Linfield*	62 Pettit, 18	Pettit, 12	Keown/Miller, 3
1-25	L 60	Willamette*	63 Rissmiller, 17	Rissmiller, 13	Carroll, 5
1-28		Pacific*			
1-31		Puget Sound*			
2-1		Pacific Lutheran*			
2-7		Whitman*			
2-8		Whitworth*			
2-11		Pacific*			
2-14		Willamette*			
2-15		Linfield*			
2-18		Lewis & Clark*			
2-22		Western Oregon			
2-26		Northwest Conference Semifinals			
3-1		Northwest Conference Championship			
3-12-18		NAIA Division II National Tournament			

* Northwest Conference Game

GEORGE FOX BASKETBALL STATISTICS

REPORT 3 - SEASON BOX SCORE - ALL GAMES
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P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L		3-POINTERS				R E B O U N D S				PF-FO	A	T O	B L K	S T	P T S - AVG
			FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG								
23 Becci HARPER	14 14	485 34.6	78 188	.415	21 55	.382	47 72	.653	36 80	116 8.3	23 0	33 63	0 27	224 16.0				
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	14 14	484 34.6	83 173	.480	1 10	.100	49 82	.598	56 61	117 8.4	28 0	24 57	7 37	216 15.4				
52 Angela PETTIT	14 14	425 30.4	82 155	.529	0 0	.000	38 75	.507	46 79	125 8.9	52 4	13 52	11 18	202 14.4				
14 Cherish CARROLL	14 13	375 26.8	26 72	.361	10 25	.400	20 32	.625	5 19	24 1.7	18 0	63 58	0 21	82 5.9				
32 Keelie KEOWN	14 14	296 21.1	23 60	.383	5 19	.263	8 13	.615	16 23	39 2.8	29 2	20 19	2 10	59 4.2				
20 Tonya MILLER	14 1	324 23.1	16 57	.281	10 35	.286	9 17	.529	7 22	29 2.1	25 0	27 35	0 10	51 3.6				
54 Michelle HARPER	13 0	126 9.7	16 27	.593	0 0	.000	12 18	.667	8 21	29 2.2	5 0	1 14	1 5	44 3.4				
12 Katie JOHNSON	13 0	155 11.9	8 29	.276	1 4	.250	8 11	.727	6 14	20 1.5	18 0	12 23	1 6	25 1.9				
50 Rachel POWELL	3 0	49 16.3	8 14	.571	0 0	.000	1 4	.250	7 8	15 5.0	5 0	5 11	4 4	17 5.7				
30 Rachel EVANS	9 0	59 6.6	3 5	.600	0 0	.000	4 5	.800	5 4	9 1.0	8 0	2 2	0 1	10 1.1				
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	12 0	96 8.0	2 15	.133	1 7	.143	0 1	.000	7 10	17 1.4	3 0	4 9	0 4	5 0.4				
22 Katie GRELLER	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	.000	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0.0				
TEAM REBOUNDS.....									31	25	56	1						
GEORGE FOX	14	2875	345 795	.434	49 155	.316	196 330	.594	230 366	596 42.6	214	6 204	344	26 143	935	66.8		
Opponents	14	2875	342 827	.414	39 135	.289	143 223	.641	164 308	472 33.7	279	193 301	25 160	866	61.9			

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	356	487	16	7	0	0	866
GEORGE FOX	390	520	14	11	0	0	935

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	32	0	32
GEORGE FOX	44	1	45

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(8-6)	(5-1)	(3-5)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(3-0)	(1-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(2-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 7-5, Northwest Conference: 3-2

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Friday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m. ... at Linfield College ... McMinnville, Ore. ... Northwest Conference game ... Linfield is 3-9, 0-5 NCIC ... Last week Linfield fell 78-71 to Pacific and 60-58 to Lewis & Clark ... George Fox split its meetings with Linfield last season, losing 64-57 in McMinnville and winning 75-44 in Newberg ... The Lady Bruins lead the NAIA series 20-14.

Saturday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m. ... at Willamette University ... Salem, Ore. ... NCIC counter ... Willamette is 9-3, 6-0 NCIC and ranked 25th in last week's national poll ... Jenny Joseph leads the Northwest Conference in rebounding (9.5 rpg), field goal shooting (.553) and blocked shots (3.5 bpg) ... Last week Willamette beat Pacific 71-56 and defeated Lewis & Clark 64-58 ... George Fox was 1-1 against the Bearcats last season, winning 76-66 in Salem then falling 62-71 in Newberg ... The Lady Bruins lead the NAIA series 20-9.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 72, Lewis & Clark 53

Wing **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** scored a game-high 23 points, leading George Fox to a 72-53 Northwest Conference victory over visiting Lewis & Clark College (1-9, 0-3) Tuesday (Jan. 14).

Harper was 7 for 9 from the field, including a perfect 3 for 3 on 3-pointers. She also added 11 rebounds and three steals.

George Fox built a 20-point lead early in the second half and allowed the margin no closer than 13 the rest of the way.

Becci's sister post **Michelle Harper (Jr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** came off the bench in the first half to spark a 10-0 run that gave George Fox a 22-8 lead at 7:40. She scored five of her seven points in the stretch. The Lady Bruins led 33-21 at the break

George Fox 72, Seattle University 60

Three George Fox starters combined for 54 points as George Fox posted a 72-60 win over visiting Seattle University Saturday (Jan. 18).

After pulling ahead 53-52 at 10:09, Seattle went scoreless for nearly five and a half minutes. George Fox held a 64-53 lead at 4:40 and didn't allow the Chieftains closer than six the rest of the way.

The Lady Bruins took an early first half 10-point lead, but Seattle's Shannon Welch sparked the Chieftains to a 37-31 advantage at half.

Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** scored George Fox's first six points of the second half and helped the Lady Bruins regain the lead. Rissmiller, who was in early foul trouble, had 14 of her 16 points in the second half.

Center **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** had a game-high 20 points and 12 rebounds and held SU center Julie Orth to four points — 16 points below her season average. Forward **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** had 18 points and six rebounds. **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska)** contributed a season-high nine assists.

Seattle's Alexis Brink led three starters in double figures with 17 points.

Seattle — which will join George Fox in the Northwest Conference next season — dropped to 7-8. The win was the first for George Fox in three meetings with Seattle.

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BRUIN BITS

*** Guard **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska)** is leading the Northwest Conference in assists. She has 56 in 12 games, an average of 4.7 per game.

*** Post **Rachel Powell (So., Cascade HS, Turner, Ore.)** is lost for the season. She suffered a partial tear of her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and had surgery on Dec. 19.

*** Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** was named the 1995-96 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year by *College Sports* magazine. The NCIC first-team basketball selection led the Lady Bruins last season in scoring and rebounding, and in track and field cleared 5-9.75 to become the NAIA high jump national champion.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams – including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College – and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from interim head coach Scott Rueck)

On Lewis and Clark: "It was a good conference win. **Becci Harper** played an outstanding game in every aspect with 23 points and 11 rebounds. We had several chances to put them away, but we have to credit LC with hanging in there. They played hard the entire game."

On Seattle: "Our best effort of the year. Everyone had a great game. It was the type of win we needed as we go into a tough part of our conference schedule. We played a very good defensive game as a team and specifically, **Angela Pettit**, in holding Julie Orth to four points and four rebounds. Offensively, we were patient until we broke down their zone. That was proven by our season-high 20 assists."

On Linfield: "Linfield has two of the top scorers in the league and historically has been a tough opponent for us, no matter what our records are. I know they are coming off a tough weekend on the road, so I have no doubt that they will be glad to be home and ready for us on Friday."

On Willamette: "Willamette is a team that doesn't do anything flashy. They just find a way to win. They currently have an eight-game winning streak. Our talent level is very similar to theirs. Willamette's strengths are the ball handling ability of their two guards and Jenny Joseph inside. The winner will be the team which wants it most."

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Northwest Conference Standings (Jan. 20)

Puget Sound	6-0	11-2
Willamette	6-0	9-3
PLU	5-1	9-5
George Fox	3-2	7-5
Whitworth	2-4	6-8
Lewis & Clark	1-4	2-10
Pacific	1-4	2-11
Whitman	1-5	3-10
Linfield	0-5	3-9

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>GFU</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>High Points</u>	<u>High Rebounds</u>	<u>High Assists</u>
11-23	L 60	Western Baptist	63 Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 17	Carroll/B. Harper, 4
11-27	L 69	Azusa Pacific	71 (OT) Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W 70	Southern Calif.	66(2OT) B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W 73	Concordia	66 Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L 62	Western Baptist	65 Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
12-20	W 82	Concordia	59 Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3	W 67	Whitworth*	62 Pettit, 19	Harper, 10	Carroll, 6
1-4	W 74	Whitman*	57 Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L 60	PLU*	65 Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L 48	Puget Sound*	54 Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14	W 72	Lewis & Clark*	53 Harper, 23	Rissmiller, 12	Miller, 4
1-18	W 72	Seattle Univ.	60 Pettit, 20	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 9
1-24		Linfield*			
1-25		Willamette*			
1-28		Pacific*			
1-31		Puget Sound*			
2-1		Pacific Lutheran*			
2-7		Whitman*			
2-8		Whitworth*			
2-11		Pacific*			
2-14		Willamette*			
2-15		Linfield*			
2-18		Lewis & Clark*			
2-22		Western Oregon			
2-26		Northwest Conference Semifinals			
3-1		Northwest Conference Championship			
3-12-18		NAIA Division II National Tournament			

* Northwest Conference Game

SEASON: 96-97

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P L A Y E R	GP-GS		MIN--AVG		T O T A L		3-POINTERS				R E B O U N D S				PF-FO		A T O B L K S T				PTS - AVG				
					FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG													
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	11	0	91	8.3	2	14	.143	1	7	.143	0	1	.000	7	9	16	1.5	3	0	4	7	0	3	5	0.5
12 Katie JOHNSON	12	0	145	12.1	7	27	.259	1	4	.250	8	11	.727	6	14	20	1.7	16	0	11	21	1	6	23	1.9
14 Cherish CARROLL	12	10	332	27.7	22	62	.355	8	21	.381	20	32	.625	5	17	22	1.8	18	0	56	48	0	19	72	6.0
20 Tonya MILLER	12	1	285	23.8	14	51	.275	9	33	.273	9	16	.563	6	22	28	2.3	22	0	24	30	0	9	46	3.8
22 Katie GRELLER	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
23 Becci HARPER	12	11	417	34.8	67	155	.432	19	49	.388	43	65	.662	34	72	106	8.8	22	0	29	56	0	22	196	16.3
30 Rachel EVANS	7	0	41	5.9	3	5	.600	0	0	.000	2	3	.667	3	3	6	0.9	6	0	0	2	0	1	8	1.1
32 Keelie KEOWN	12	11	231	19.3	19	50	.380	4	17	.235	8	13	.615	15	18	33	2.8	22	1	16	14	2	8	50	4.2
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	12	11	409	34.1	70	151	.464	1	9	.111	41	73	.562	50	44	94	7.8	25	0	21	53	5	31	182	15.2
50 Rachel POWELL	3	0	49	16.3	8	14	.571	0	0	.000	1	4	.250	7	8	15	5.0	5	0	5	11	4	4	17	5.7
52 Angela PETTIT	12	11	371	30.9	67	127	.528	0	0	.000	34	64	.531	38	64	102	8.5	45	4	12	49	8	17	168	14.0
54 Michelle HARPER	12	0	105	8.8	16	26	.615	0	0	.000	10	16	.625	8	19	27	2.3	4	0	1	13	1	4	42	3.5
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														25	24	49				1					

GEORGE FOX	12	2477	295 682 .433	43 140 .307	176 298 .591	204 314 518 43.2	188 5 179 305 21 124 809 67.4
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Opponents	12	2473	294 715 .411	31 118 .263	122 192 .635	145 270 415 34.6	254 161 271 21 143 741 61.8
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SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	295	423	16	7	0	0	741
GEORGE FOX	323	461	14	11	0	0	809

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	24	0	24
GEORGE FOX	36	1	37

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(7-5)	(5-1)	(2-4)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(3-2)	(3-0)	(0-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(2-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 5-5, Northwest Conference: 2-2

George Fox Ranked No. 22 in Last Week's Poll

George Fox was voted No. 22 in the Jan. 7 NAIA Division II national poll. The Lady Bruins were the highest ranking Northwest Conference team, moving up from No. 24 in the first poll. Other regional teams ranked were No. 3 Northwest Nazarene, No. 6 Southern Oregon, No. 21 Western Oregon and No. 24 Albertson. Also receiving votes was Willamette.

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 p.m. ... vs. Lewis & Clark College ... Newberg ... Northwest Conference game ... The Pioneers are 1-8, 0-2 NCIC ... Misty Fillbach is ninth in NCIC scoring 15.3 ppg ... George Fox swept Lewis & Clark last year 64-51 in Portland and 79-59 in Newberg.

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LAST WEEK:

George Fox 60, Pacific Lutheran 65

No. 22-ranked George Fox committed 28 turnovers and suffered its first Northwest Conference loss 65-60 Friday (Jan. 10) at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

Both teams struggled with free throws in the second half. George Fox hit 10 of 12 in the first half to take a 36-35 halftime lead, but went cold in the second half. Trailing 53-51 with seven minutes to go, the Lady Bruins didn't score for the next three minutes, missing five consecutive free throws, including three front ends of one-and-ones. The Lutes increased the lead to eight and would allow George Fox no closer than four the rest of the way.

From the charity stripe, PLU finished 3 of 16 (.125) while George Fox finished 21 of 35 (.600)

George Fox center Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) had a game-high 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Pacific Lutheran remained atop the NCIC standings, improving to 7-4, 3-0 in league play. The loss ended a three-game win streak for George Fox.

George Fox University 48, University of Puget Sound 54

George Fox dropped its second consecutive Northwest Conference game, falling 54-48 Saturday, (Jan. 11) at conference-leading University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

The Lady Bruins made a late comeback attempt, cutting a nine-point deficit to two with 6:33 to go. They were within four at the 2:17 mark, but didn't score again.

Despite outrebounding the Loggers 51-27, George Fox committed 29 turnovers and shot just .310 (18-58) from the field. The Lady Bruins' 48 points was 12 below their previous low for the season.

George Fox forward Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.) had game highs with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Forward/center Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) had 15 points and 12 rebounds.

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SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from interim head coach Scott Rueck)

On PLU: "The PLU loss was a tough one to take and left us all with an empty feeling. We played extremely hard, but didn't have the edge we needed and therefore we were outhustled and a step slow all night. Despite our size advantage, we were outrebounded, I felt that was the determining factor. PLU deserves a lot of credit for the win, they seemed to want it more than we did."

On UPS: "I can't take anything away from our team for their effort Saturday night. We played our best defensive game of the year and outrebounded Puget Sound by 24. The difference in this game was our shooting percentage. Shooting 22 percent in the first half isn't going to get it done on the home floor of a high-quality team like UPS."

On Lewis and Clark: "Lewis and Clark is a team that has been struggling so far this year. They have a solid post in Stacy Cottle and a very good guard in Misty Fillbach. We will need to contain those two. We're looking forward to playing on our home court."

On Seattle University: "Seattle is a team that has been very competitive with the top teams in our league. We lost a close one on the road to them last year and are looking forward to meeting them Saturday night. It will be a good test in preparation for Linfield and Willamette the following weekend."

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Northwest Conference Standings (Jan. 13)

Puget Sound	4-0	9-2
Willamette	3-0	6-3
PLU	3-0	7-4
George Fox	2-2	5-5
Whitworth	2-2	6-6
Whitman	1-3	3-8
Lewis & Clark	0-2	1-8
Linfield	0-3	3-7
Pacific	0-3	1-9

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1-4	W 74-57	Whitman*	Harper, 19	Pettit, 11	Carroll, 8
1-10	L 60-65	Pacific Lutheran*	Pettit, 17	Pettit, 14	Carroll, 4
1-11	L 48-54	Puget Sound*	Rissmiller, 19	Rissmiller, 15	Carroll/Keown, 2
1-14		Lewis & Clark*			
1-18		Seattle			
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1-25		Willamette*			
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40 Nancy RISSMILLER	10 10	360 36.0	59 130	.454		0 6	.000	38 69	.551	41 37	78 7.8	23 0	18 46	4 29	156 15.6		
50 Rachel POWELL	3 0	49 16.3	8 14	.571		0 0	.000	4 4	.250	7 8	15 5.0	5 0	5 11	4 4	17 5.7		
52 Angela PETTIT	10 10	308 30.8	53 103	.515		0 0	.000	29 56	.518	31 54	85 8.5	40 4	9 42	7 15	135 13.5		
54 Michelle HARPER	10 0	88 8.8	11 19	.579		0 0	.000	9 12	.750	7 14	21 2.1	4 0	1 9	1 3	31 3.1		
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GEORGE FOX	10	2000	244 570	.428	34 113	.301	143 246	.581	167 255	422 42.2	160	5 145	257	18 108	665	66.5
Opponents	10	2000	250 595	.420	28 99	.283	100 163	.613	128 231	359 35.9	210	135 238	17 122	628	62.8	

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	237	368	16	7	0	0	628
GEORGE FOX	259	381	14	11	0	0	665

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	21	0	21
GEORGE FOX	33	1	34

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 5-3, Northwest Conference: 2-0

Pettit Named Northwest Conference Player of the Week

George Fox post Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) totalled 35 points, 20 rebounds, four steals and two blocks as the Lady Bruins opened their Northwest Conference season with two wins. Pettit hit 16 of her 29 (.552) field goal attempts. Pettit is the third George Fox player to win Northwest Conference player of the week honors this season, following Becci Harper (Dec. 1) and Nancy Rissmiller (Dec. 8).

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LAST WEEK:

George Fox University 67, Whitworth College 62

No. 24-ranked George Fox held off a late Whitworth rally to win its Northwest Conference opener 67-62 in Newberg.

A 17-point George Fox lead with 10 minutes to go dissolved to three, 59-56, at the two-minute mark. The Lady Bruins hit four of their next five free throws and held on for the win.

George Fox's Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) led all scorers with 19 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) had a double-double, totaling 12 points and 10 rebounds.

For Whitworth Rebecca Moore had four 3-pointers and 18 points.

The Lady Bruins used .571 field goal shooting to build a 39-22 halftime lead

George Fox University 74, Whitman College 57

George Fox used a 21-4 run in the second half to win a Northwest Conference contest 74-57 over visiting Whitman College Saturday (Jan. 4) in Newberg.

George Fox pulled its starters for the final five minutes, but forward Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) finished with 19 points and six rebounds. Center Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The Lady Bruins increased a 38-32 lead to 24 points (65-41) at 4:22.

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On Whitworth "An outstanding win where everyone played well. This was the type of effort that we all hoped we would see. The first game after a two-week break is always scary, but the team responded very well. We built a big halftime lead and then fought to hang on in the end. We knew they would try to come back, they're too good not to. **Angela Pettit** played her best game of the year and **Nancy Rissmiller** shut down Jennifer Tissue, their top scorer."

On Whitman: "Whitman played a very smart game. They played a zone that we had not seen and did not expect. Our team adjusted very well and eventually found a way to score consistently. Another great effort by the entire team. The reserves played the final seven minutes and we didn't miss a step against their starters."

On PLU: "PLU is a very scrappy team that plays with a lot of energy and emotion. They also are 2-0 in league. They play a high pressure style of defense and how we handle it should be the key to the game. Defensively we need to contain Kim Corbray, one of the top players in the conference. We're expecting a battle."

on UPS: "Puget Sound is a very good team. They are new to us, and the conference. They have a solid three guard line-up with one of the top scorers in league, Kristina Goos. They remind me a lot of Azusa Pacific who we played earlier in the season. Needless to say, we have a tough weekend ahead."

GEORGE FOX BASKETBALL . . . JAN. 6, 1997

Northwest Conference Standings (Jan. 6)

Puget Sound	2-0	6-1
George Fox	2-0	5-3
PLU	2-0	5-4
Willamette	1-0	3-3
Whitworth	1-1	5-4
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Whitman	0-2	2-6
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23 Becci HARPER	8 8	277 34.6	46 109 .422			14 35 .400			24 36 .667			22 47 69 8.6	17 0	22 35 0 14	130 16.3			
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GEORGE FOX	8	1678	208 468 .444	30 87 .345	111 196 .566	124 205 329 41.1	127 3 129 201 14 90 557 69.6
Opponents	8	1673	200 475 .421	22 79 .278	87 127 .685	94 194 288 36.0	167 117 198 15 98 509 63.6

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Opponents	237	249	16	7	0	0	509
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Overall: 3-3, Northwest Conference: 0-0

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Saturday, Jan. 4, 6 p.m. ... vs. Whitman College ... Newberg, Ore. ... NCIC counter ... Whitman is 4-3 overall and 0-1 in the NCIC... Whitman plays two games in California before coming to Newberg ... Whitman is led by first-year head coach Cathy Crosslin ... Three starters return from the Missionaries' 10-14 squad last season ... The Lady Bruins split their two matchups with Whitman last year, falling 50-58 at home and winning 70-65 in Walla Walla ... The NAIA series is tied 2-2.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 82, Concordia University 59

In its last game before beginning Northwest Conference play, No. 24-ranked George Fox (3-3) defeated visiting Concordia University (1-12) 82-59 in Newberg, Ore.

The Lady Bruins led 24-8 at the 9:05 mark of the first half and never surrendered the lead.

George Fox was led by forward **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** with a game-high 21 points. Forward **Keelie Keown (Jr., Oakridge HS, Ore.)** dished out a game-high six assists, and Concordia center Amy Twigg led all rebounders with nine.

George Fox made 19 steals, contributing to the Lady Cavaliers' 35 turnovers.

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12-20	W 82-59	Concordia	Harper, 21	Pettit, 6	Keown, 6
1-3		Whitworth*			
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1-14		Lewis & Clark*			
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					FG-FGA	PCT	FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG													
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	5	0	25	5.0	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	1	2	3	0.6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	
12 Katie JOHNSON	6	0	82	13.7	5	17	.294	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	5	2	7	1.2	8	0	5	14	0	5	10	1.7
14 Cherish CARROLL	6	4	185	30.8	11	35	.314	4	9	.444	9	16	.563	4	12	16	2.7	11	0	24	27	0	13	35	5.8
20 Tonya MILLER	6	0	150	25.0	10	29	.345	7	19	.368	2	5	.400	3	11	14	2.3	12	0	13	10	0	5	29	4.8
22 Katie GRELLER	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
23 Becci HARPER	6	4	213	35.5	35	87	.402	12	30	.400	17	27	.630	21	32	53	8.8	14	0	16	29	0	12	99	16.5
30 Rachel EVANS	2	0	10	5.0	1	1	1.00	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	0	2	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.0
32 Keelie KEOWN	6	4	96	16.0	9	21	.429	3	8	.375	3	6	.500	3	8	11	1.8	10	0	8	6	1	2	24	4.0
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	6	4	222	37.0	39	80	.488	0	3	.000	23	45	.511	22	17	39	6.5	17	0	14	23	1	22	101	16.8
50 Rachel POWELL	3	0	49	16.3	8	14	.571	0	0	.000	1	4	.250	7	8	15	5.0	5	0	5	11	4	4	17	5.7
52 Angela PETTIT	6	4	184	30.7	28	57	.491	0	0	.000	20	36	.556	19	26	45	7.5	25	2	6	29	4	9	76	12.7
54 Michelle HARPER	6	0	59	9.8	8	15	.533	0	0	.000	7	10	.700	5	7	12	2.0	3	0	1	8	0	3	23	3.8
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														11	10	21									
GEORGE FOX	6		1276		154	358	.430	26	70	.371	82	152	.539	101	137	238	39.7	107	2	92	158	10	75	416	69.3
Opponents	6		1273		155	348	.445	8	37	.216	72	106	.679	76	152	228	38.0	132		90	171	11	79	390	65.0

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	193	174	16	7	0	0	390
GEORGE FOX	187	204	14	11	0	0	416

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	10	0	10
GEORGE FOX	22	1	23

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-3)	(1-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-3)	(1-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 2-3, Northwest Conference: 0-0

George Fox Stays in NAIA Top 25 National Poll

In the first regular season NAIA Division II poll released Tuesday (Dec. 10), George Fox was the highest-ranking Northwest Conference team at No. 24. The Lady Bruins fell from No. 21 in the preseason poll. Other regional schools ranked were No. 6 Northwest Nazarene, No. 10 Southern Oregon and No. 11 Western Oregon. Willamette and Western Baptist both received votes.

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. ... vs. Concordia University ... Newberg, Ore. ... Non-conference game ... On Dec. 6, George Fox defeated the Lady Cavaliers 73-66 in Portland ... Concordia leads the NAIA series 20-13.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 62, Western Baptist 65

An 18-4 run in the last five minutes wasn't enough as No. 24 George Fox fell 65-62 at Western Baptist College Tuesday (Dec. 10).

Post/wing **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** scored eight of her team-high 21 points in the final rally and had a shot to tie at the buzzer. Wing **Nancy Rissmiller (So, Tigard HS, Ore.)** had a game-high 13 rebounds and five assists.

WBC's guard/forward **Beth Hamrick** lit up the Lady Bruins in the first half, scoring 20 points to help the Lady Warriors to a 33-31 lead. She finished with 26.

George Fox hit 7 of 16 free throws, while Western Baptist was 8 of 9.

BRUIN BITS:

*** All three of George Fox's losses have been by three points or few, one in overtime.

*** George Fox was ranked 21st in the NAIA Division II preseason poll, its highest ranking ever.

*** Forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** was named the 1995-96 NAIA Female Athlete of the Year by *College Sports* magazine. The NCIC first-team basketball selection led the Lady Bruins last season in scoring and rebounding, and in track and field cleared 5-9.75 to become the NAIA high jump national champion.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams – including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College – and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from interim head coach Scott Rueck)

On Western Baptist: "We lost a tough game to a good team. We had a good first half, and a very poor stretch in the second. Beth Hamrick killed us offensively with 26. We didn't have an answer for her all night. We showed some heart coming back in the end to cut their lead to one, but it was too late. We never should have been in that position where we had to come back."

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On Concordia: "We found out a couple weeks ago that Concordia is a team on the rise. I was really impressed with their improvement. Paula Pollitte is doing a great job with them. We are looking forward to playing on our home court after four road games. Friday's game will be our last chance, and a good test, to see if we're ready for conference play."

SCHEDULE/ RESULTS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>W/L</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>High Points</u>	<u>High Rebounds</u>	<u>High Assists</u>
11-23	L 60-63	Western Baptist	Rissmiller, 19	B. Harper, 17	Carroll/ B. Harper, 4
11-27	L 69-71 (OT)	Azusa Pacific	Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W 70-66 (2OT)	Southern California	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6	W 73-66	Concordia	Rissmiller, 27	Pettit, 12	Carroll, 5
12-10	L 62-65	Western Baptist	B. Harper, 21	Rissmiller, 11	Rissmiller, 5
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10 Melissa HEUBERGER	4	0	12	3.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
12 Katie JOHNSON	5	0	67	13.4	5	14	.357	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	4	2	6	1.2	8	0	5	13	2.0
14 Cherish CARROLL	5	5	160	32.0	9	32	.281	4	8	.500	6	12	.500	3	10	13	2.6	10	0	20	22	5.6
20 Tonya MILLER	5	0	128	25.6	7	23	.304	6	16	.375	2	5	.400	3	9	12	2.4	11	0	12	9	4.4
22 Katie GRELLER	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
23 Becci HARPER	5	5	181	36.2	27	74	.365	9	26	.346	15	25	.600	19	31	50	10.0	12	0	14	27	15.6
30 Rachel EVANS	2	0	10	5.0	1	1	1.00	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	0	2	2	1.0	1	0	0	0	1.0
32 Keelie KEOWN	5	5	69	13.8	4	8	.500	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	1	6	7	1.4	7	0	2	6	1.8
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	5	5	197	39.4	35	71	.493	0	3	.000	21	41	.512	20	16	36	7.2	15	0	12	22	18.2
50 Rachel POWELL	3	0	49	16.3	8	14	.571	0	0	.000	1	4	.250	7	8	15	5.0	5	0	5	11	5.7
52 Angela PETTIT	5	5	162	32.4	24	49	.490	0	0	.000	16	30	.533	15	24	39	7.8	21	2	5	24	12.8
54 Michelle HARPER	5	0	40	8.0	4	9	.444	0	0	.000	5	7	.714	3	5	8	1.6	3	0	1	5	2.6
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														9	9	18						
GEORGE FOX	5		1075		124	295	.420	20	56	.357	66	127	.520	84	123	207	41.4	93	2	76	140	66.8
Opponents	5		1075		131	299	.438	7	34	.206	62	90	.689	65	129	194	38.8	109		83	136	66.2

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	161	147	16	7	0	0	331
GEORGE FOX	142	167	14	11	0	0	334

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	7	0	7
GEORGE FOX	19	1	20

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(2-3)	(0-1)	(2-2)	(0-0)
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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 2-2, Northwest Conference: 0-0

Rissmiller Earns Northwest Conference Player of Week Honor

Wing Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.) has won Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges Player of the Week honors after scoring a career-high 27 points in George Fox's win over Concordia University Friday (Dec. 6).

Rissmiller also collected seven steals, two assists, four rebounds, and made just one turnover. She was 11-of-19 from the field and 5-of-8 from the free throw line.

Rissmiller is the second Lady Bruin to win NCIC Player of the Week honors this season. Wing/post Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) was the first recipient.

Rissmiller earned NCIC first-team honors last season as George Fox's leading scorer and rebounder.

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:15 p.m. ... at Western Baptist College ... Salem, Ore. ... Non-conference game ... First of a George Fox/Western Baptist men's and women's basketball doubleheader ... George Fox's women fell 63-60 to Western Baptist in their season opener in Newberg ... George Fox leads the NAIA series 19-2, but Western Baptist has won the last two.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 73, Concordia 66

George Fox wing Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.) scored a career- and game-high 27 points Friday (Dec. 6) while leading the Lady Bruins to their second-straight road win 73-66 over Concordia University in Portland. Rissmiller also snatched a game-high seven steals.

After taking an early 15-point lead, the Lady Bruins clung to a one-point lead at the half, 34-33.

Post Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.) pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Point guard Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska) contributed a game-high five assists.

George Fox will face the Lady Cavaliers again on Dec. 20 in Newberg.

BRUIN BITS:

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*** Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) and Michelle Harper (Jr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) make up what is believed to be the first sister-tandem in George Fox women's basketball history.

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*** The George Fox women's basketball team has some multi-talented athletes. Seven of the 12 squad members compete for other George Fox varsity teams. Track and field competitors are **Becci Harper** (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) (NAIA javelin champion), **Nancy Rissmiller** (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.) (NAIA high jump champion), **Cherish Carroll** (Jr., West Valley HS, Fairbanks, Alaska) (pole vault), **Keelie Keown** (Jr., Oakridge HS, Ore.) (high jump) and **Rachel Powell** (So., Cascade HS, Turner, Ore.) (high jump). **Michelle Harper** (Jr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.) and **Rachel Evans** (So., Hawaii Baptist Academy, Kaneohe, Hawaii) both played volleyball this fall. Assistant coaches **Liz Stephens** and **Kristy Fleming** are former basketball and track athletes as well.

*** In 1995-96, George Fox compiled a 15-10 record, and ranked as high as 22nd in the NAIA Division II national poll. In the process, the Lady Bruins knocked off a pair of NAIA top-10 teams – including eventual national champion Western Oregon State College – and finished third in the Northwest Conference.

SCOTT SAYS: (Comments from interim head coach Scott Rueck)

On Concordia: "We had a near-perfect start, jumping out to a 17-2 lead. We relaxed a little bit and allowed Concordia to build some confidence, hit some shots, and then I knew we were going to have to work for the win. They are a much improved team and were coming off their first win of the season. **Nancy Rissmiller** had an outstanding game on both ends of the court and continued to boost us when we needed it."

On Western Baptist: "This is a game where motivation shouldn't be a problem. They beat us on our home court on opening night. I'm looking for us to handle their pressure much better than the first game and be much more efficient offensively. Turnovers and offensive rebounding will be the key. They are a very good team and it will take a strong effort from everyone to come home with a win."

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23 Becci HARPER	4	3	144	36.0	19	56	.339	6	20	.300	13	21	.619	19	27	46	11.5	11	0	11	21	0	6	57	14.3
14 Cherish CARROLL	4	3	127	31.8	8	26	.308	4	7	.571	6	11	.545	3	6	9	2.3	7	0	17	22	0	9	26	6.5
22 Katie GRELLER	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
12 Katie JOHNSON	4	0	56	14.0	4	12	.333	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	3	2	5	1.3	7	0	3	11	0	3	8	2.0
32 Keelie KEOWN	4	3	54	13.5	3	6	.500	1	2	.500	0	0	.000	1	6	7	1.8	5	0	1	4	1	0	7	1.8
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	3	0	10	3.3	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	.000	0	1	1	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
54 Michelle HARPER	4	0	23	5.8	1	5	.200	0	0	.000	4	6	.667	2	4	6	1.5	2	0	0	3	0	2	6	1.5
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	4	3	161	40.3	32	62	.516	0	2	.000	20	35	.571	12	11	23	5.8	13	0	7	13	1	14	84	21.0
30 Rachel EVANS	1	0	6	6.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	1	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
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20 Tonya MILLER	4	0	106	26.5	5	16	.313	4	11	.364	0	3	.000	3	9	12	3.0	10	0	10	8	0	2	14	3.5
TEAM REBOUNDS.....														7	9	16									
GEORGE FOX	4		875		99	236	.419	15	43	.349	59	111	.532	70	106	176	44.0	77	2	59	114	8	46	272	68.0
Opponents	4		875		103	245	.420	6	30	.200	54	81	.667	55	105	160	40.0	90		71	109	5	53	266	66.5

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	128	115	16	7	0	0	266
GEORGE FOX	111	136	14	11	0	0	272

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	7	0	7
GEORGE FOX	14	1	15

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(2-2)	(0-1)	(2-1)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 1-2, Northwest Conference: 0-0

Becci Harper Named Northwest Conference Player of the Week

Post/wing **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** has been named Northwest Conference Player of the Week. Harper had 38 points and 22 rebounds as the Lady Bruins split a pair of overtime games in last week's California road trip. Harper also had four steals in George Fox's double overtime win over Southern California College on Saturday (Nov. 30).

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Friday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. ... Concordia University ... Portland, Ore. ... Non-conference game ... George Fox defeated the Lady Cavaliers in both of their meetings last season, winning 73-41 in Portland and 71-39 in Newberg ... Concordia returns all five starters from last season's 5-27 team ... The Lady Cavaliers are under first-year head coach Paula Politte ... Concordia leads the NAIA series 20-12.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:15 p.m. ... at Western Baptist College ... Salem, Ore. ... Non-conference game ... First of a George Fox/Western Baptist men's and women's basketball doubleheader ... George Fox's women fell 63-60 to Western Baptist in their season opener in Newberg ... George Fox leads the NAIA series 19-2, but Western Baptist has won the last two.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 69, Azusa Pacific 71 (OT)

George Fox rallied from a 58-53 deficit in the final 3:41 of regulation, but fell short 71-69 in overtime to NAIA Division I Azusa Pacific University Wednesday (Nov. 27) in Azusa, Calif.

With five seconds left in regulation, Lady Bruin wing **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** evened the game 63-63 on a fast-break lay-up to force overtime. She finished with a game-high 18 points.

George Fox had an opportunity to force a second overtime in the final seconds. With the Lady Bruins trailing 71-68, guard **Cherish Carroll (Jr., West Valley HS/Willamette University, Fairbanks, Alaska)** was fouled on a 3-point attempt. She missed her first free throw, made her second, then was called for a violation on her third.

Wing/post **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** and post **Angela Pettit (Sr., Sprague HS, Salem, Ore.)** each grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Lady Bruins.

George Fox 70, Southern California 66 (2OT)

In its second overtime game in four days, George Fox chalked up its first win of the season Saturday (Nov. 29) in Costa Mesa, Calif, defeating Southern California College 70-66 in double overtime.

The Lady Bruins trailed 29-20 at the half, but rallied for a 51-51 tie at the end of regulation. The first overtime period ended at 59-59.

Lady Bruin wing/post **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** and wing **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** each contributed a game-high 20 points. Harper led all rebounders as well, pulling down 13 boards.

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BRUIN BITS:

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On Southern California College: "Playing with heart won this game for us. SCC used a very good 3/4 court press to slow down the tempo of the game, but I felt we adapted well. Becci and Nancy both had big games, our point guards defensive effort was key, and Rachel Powell played big and scored two big baskets in the second overtime after Angela Pettit fouled out. A very big win on the road."

On Concordia: "Concordia has struggled so far this season, but I think they are a step up from where they have been in the past. All but two of their players are juniors or seniors so they have a lot of experience. Tara Gunderson is back after a year off and she is a very dangerous player. We will definitely have to be ready."

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11-27	L 69-71(OT)	Azusa Pacific	Rissmiller, 18	B. Harper/Pettit, 9	B. Harper/Miller, 3
11-30	W 70-66 (2OT)	Southern California	B. Harper/Rissmiller, 20	B. Harper, 13	Carroll, 6
12-6		Concordia			
12-10		Western Baptist			
12-20		Concordia			
1-3		Whitworth*			
1-4		Whitman*			
1-10		Pacific Lutheran*			
1-11		Puget Sound*			
1-14		Lewis & Clark*			
1-18		Seattle			
1-24		Linfield*			
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GEORGE FOX BASKETBALL STATISTICS

REPORT 3 - SEASON BOX SCORE - ALL GAMES

SEASON: 96-97

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P L A Y E R	GP-GS	MIN--AVG	T O T A L			3-POINTERS			FT-FTA	PCT	R E B O U N D S				PF-FO	A	TO	BLK	ST	PTS - AVG
			FG-FGA	PCT		FG-FGA	PCT				OFF-DEF	TOT--AVG								
40 Nancy RISSMILLER	3 3	126 42.0	21 43	.488		0 2	.000		15 27	.556	12 7	19 6.3			9 0	5 12	1 7			57 19.0
23 Becci HARPER	3 3	110 36.7	14 42	.333		5 17	.294		8 15	.533	14 25	39 13.0			9 0	10 15	0 4			41 13.7
52 Angela PETTIT	3 3	106 35.3	15 31	.484		0 0	.000		11 21	.524	6 17	23 7.7			14 2	1 13	1 4			41 13.7
14 Cherish CARROLL	3 3	98 32.7	6 20	.300		2 5	.400		5 8	.625	3 4	7 2.3			5 0	12 17	0 6			19 6.3
50 Rachel POWELL	3 0	49 16.3	8 14	.571		0 0	.000		1 4	.250	7 8	15 5.0			5 0	5 11	4 4			17 5.7
20 Tonya MILLER	3 0	85 28.3	4 14	.286		3 10	.300		0 1	.000	3 6	9 3.0			9 0	6 5	0 1			11 3.7
12 Katie JOHNSON	3 0	38 12.7	3 9	.333		0 1	.000		0 1	.000	3 2	5 1.7			6 0	2 9	0 1			6 2.0
32 Keelie KEOWN	3 3	36 12.0	2 5	.400		0 1	.000		0 0	.000	1 4	5 1.7			1 0	1 2	1 0			4 1.3
54 Michelle HARPER	3 0	14 4.7	1 3	.333		0 0	.000		1 2	.500	1 2	3 1.0			1 0	0 2	0 1			3 1.0
10 Melissa HEUBERGER	2 0	7 3.5	0 0	.000		0 0	.000		0 1	.000	0 1	1 0.5			0 0	0 1	0 0			0 0.0
30 Rachel EVANS	1 0	6 6.0	0 0	.000		0 0	.000		0 0	.000	0 1	1 1.0			0 0	0 0	0 0			0 0.0
22 Katie GRELLER	0 0	0 0.0	0 0	.000		0 0	.000		0 0	.000	0 0	0 0.0			0 0	0 0	0 0			0 0.0
TEAM REBOUNDS.....											6 8	14								
GEORGE FOX	3	675	74 181	.409		10 36	.278		41 80	.513	56 85	141 47.0			59 2	42 87	7 28			199 66.3
Opponents	3	675	78 197	.396		4 23	.174		40 61	.656	49 80	129 43.0			69	49 75	5 42			200 66.7

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	OT3	OT4	TOTAL
Opponents	95	82	16	7	0	0	200
GEORGE FOX	77	97	14	11	0	0	199

DEADBALL REBOUNDS:	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Opponents	5	0	5
GEORGE FOX	10	1	11

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-2)	(0-1)	(1-1)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-2)	(0-1)	(1-1)	(0-0)

Women's Basketball Championship

Official Tournament Bracket

First Round
Wednesday-Thursday
March 12-13

Second Round
Friday
March 14

Quarterfinals
Saturday
March 15

Semifinals
Monday
March 17

Championship
Tuesday
March 18

1 Shawnee State OH (28-1)

Wednesday 9:45 p.m.

Madonna MI (14-14)

Taylor IN (28-7)

Thursday 7:30 p.m.

16 Concordia NE (24-5)

9 Grand View IA (28-6)

Thursday 4 p.m.

Milligan TN (29-4)

St. Thomas Aquinas NY (21-7)

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

8 Black Hills State SD (23-6)

5 Tri-State IN (22-5)

Wednesday 8 p.m.

Concordia WI (18-8)

Cardinal Stritch WI (22-5)

Thursday 5:45 p.m.

12 Southern Oregon (22-8)

13 Mary ND (20-6)

Thursday noon

Central Methodist MO (27-7)

Castleton State VT (21-5)

Wednesday 2:15 p.m.

4 Brescia KY (28-5)

3 Northwest Nazarene ID (22-7)

Wednesday 4:00 p.m.

Dominican CA (23-7)

Austin College TX (23-3)

Thursday 10:15 a.m.

14 St. Ambrose IA (27-6)

11 St. Francis IN (26-7)

Thursday 9:15 p.m.

Tusculum TN (20-9)

Maine-Farmington (20-4)

Wednesday 10:15 a.m.

6 Ozarks MO (28-2)

7 Sterling KS (27-1)

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Puget Sound WA (22-4)

Benedictine KS (26-5)

Thursday 2:15 p.m.

10 Doane NE (25-8)

15 South Dakota Tech (21-8)

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Family PA (27-4)

Covenant GA (21-6)

Wednesday 5:45 p.m.

2 Briar Cliff IA (35-0)

9:15 p.m.

8 p.m.

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8 p.m.

4 p.m.

All times listed are Eastern Standard Time.

National Champion

All games played at Tri-State University in Angola, Indiana

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WHAT'S BRUIN

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LADY BRUIN BASKETBALL

Overall: 0-1, Northwest Conference: 0-0

WHAT'S BRUIN:

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 3 p.m. ... Azusa Pacific University ... Azusa, Calif. ... Non-conference matchup ... NAIA Division I APU and George Fox have split their NAIA series 1-1.

Saturday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. ... Southern California College ... Costa Mesa, Calif. ... Non-conference game ... The Lady Bruins defeated Southern California 58-53 last season in Newberg — the teams' only meeting.

LAST WEEK:

George Fox 60, Western Baptist 63

Western Baptist College's Brooke Spence sank two free throws with 10 seconds remaining as Western Baptist (2-2) held off 21st-ranked George Fox (0-1) 63-60 in the Lady Bruins' season and home opener.

George Fox trailed 61-49 with four minutes to go. WBC's Christy Nordstrom and Kelsie Piper both fouled out in the final three minutes as the Lady Bruins rallied to 61-60 with 1:10 remaining in the contest.

Western Baptist used a 17-4 run in the middle of the first half to build a 31-16 lead. The Warriors led 37-29 at the break.

George Fox forward **Nancy Rissmiller (Jr., Tigard HS, Ore.)** had a game high 19 points — 15 coming in the second half. Lady Bruin forward **Becci Harper (Sr., Central HS, Independence, Ore.)** led all rebounders with 17. WBC's Beth Hamrick had 18 points.

BRUIN BITS:

*** Guard **Katie Johnson (Fr., Reedley HS, Orange Cove, Calif.)** will be in familiar territory this week. Prior to transferring to George Fox this year, Johnson attended Azusa Pacific University, the Lady Bruins' Wednesday opponent.

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On Azusa Pacific: "I'm looking for an improvement in how we execute our offense, but I don't really know anything about Azusa yet."

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ENROLLMENT: 2,188

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ATHLETIC AFFILIATION: NAIA Div. II/NCAA Div. III/Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges

FIELDHOUSE: Wheeler Sports Center (2,000)

1995-96 SEASON RECORD: 15-10

HEAD COACH: Scott Rueck

ALMA MATER: Oregon State (1991)

COACH'S RECORD: First Year

ASSISTANT COACHES: Liz Stephens, Kristy Fleming

LETTER WINNERS RETURNING: 8

LETTER WINNERS LOST: 6

STARTERS RETURNING: 4

STARTERS LOST: 1

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FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE: Jim Fleming

RETURNING STARTERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Nancy Rissmiller	5-10	Jr.	Forward	Tigard, Ore.	13.7 ppg, 10.0 rpg, NCIC 1st Team
Angela Pettit	6-1	Sr.	Center	Salem, Ore.	12.2 ppg, 8.3 rpg, NCIC Hon. Ment.
Becci Harper	6-0	Sr.	Forward/Center	Independence, Ore.	12.1 ppg, 8.8 rpg, NCIC Hon. Ment.
Tonya Miller	5-2	Jr.	Point Guard	West Linn, Ore.	5.0 ppg, 2.42 apg

TOP NEWCOMERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Previous School</u>
Katie Greller	5-11	Fr.	Post	Orange City, Iowa	MOC/Floyd Valley HS
Katie Johnson	5-6	Fr.	Point Guard	Orange Cove, Calif.	Reedley HS
Michelle Harper	6-1	Jr.	Post	Independence, Ore.	Chemeketa CC

LOST STARTERS:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Reason Lost</u>	<u>Statistics</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Liz Stephens	Forward	Graduation	12.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg	NCIC 2nd Team

