

GNAC FOOTBALL

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Football Report 1 (Sept. 3, 2001)

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	13
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	34
Western Washington	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	28
Central Washington	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	17

LAST WEEK: **Thursday** – Central Oklahoma 28 at Western Washington 24. **Friday** – North Dakota 10 at Central Washington 17. **Saturday**– Montana Tech 34 at Humboldt State 35; Mesa State 13 at Western Oregon 14.

THIS WEEK: **Saturday** - Central Washington at Willamette, 1:30 p.m.; Humboldt State at Saint Mary's, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at Fort Lewis, 1 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK: **Offense** – Dustin Creager, Humboldt State (WR, 6-1, 186, Fr., Mission Viejo, CA – Santa Margarita) caught 10 passes for 119 yards, including four for scores (8, 4, 18 and 7) as the Lumberjacks rallied from a 34-21 fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Montana Tech 35-34. **Defense** - Elton Seals, Western Oregon (DB, 6-0, 210, Sr., Portland, OR – Benson & Bakersfield JC) preserved a 14-13 win for the Wolves with two fourth-quarter takeaways. He forced and recovered a fumble at the eight-yard line and intercepted a pass in the end zone in WOU's 14-13 win over Mesa State, Colo. Seals also was credited with eight tackles, including five solos.

AROUND THE GNAC: Creager's four touchdown receptions equaled a Northwest small-college record, which had been done 10 times previously, the last time by Kenny Russaw of Central Washington against Southern Oregon in 1996. Western Washington freshman Michael Koenen's 54-yard field goal against Central Oklahoma on Thursday was the second longest in Northwest small-college history and the longest since Bill Kirkland of Eastern Oregon kicked a 55-yarder against Oregon Tech in 1990.

GAME SUMMARIES

Central Oklahoma 28, Western Washington 24 (at Bellingham): Greg Briley, who ran for 142 yards on 35 carries, scored on a four-yard run with one second left, lifting Central Oklahoma to a 28-24 victory over Western Washington at Civic Stadium. Western jumped to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and held a 24-21 edge throughout the fourth quarter, but Central Oklahoma recovered a fumble with 4:18 to play and marched 58 yards in 14 plays for the winning score. Briley, who carried the ball 10 times on the final drive, swept left and eluded two tackles for the game-winning score. Erik Totten then returned the ensuing kickoff across midfield, was trapped on the sideline, cut back

across the field to open space, but was hauled down by James Thornton at the Western 45 to end the game. The game was tied 14-14 at halftime before redshirt freshman Michael Koenen gave Western a 17-14 lead with a school-record 54-yard field goal. After Koenen's kick, Central Oklahoma responded with a 15-play, 80-yard drive which ended on a one-yard touchdown plunge by quarterback Brett Manning with 4:49 left in the third quarter, but Western regained the lead less than a minute later on a 60-yard pass from quarterback Scott Mitchell to Greg Dykstra. The game-winning drive was the third time in the fourth quarter Central Oklahoma reached Western territory. On the first drive, Martez Johnson intercepted Manning on a 3rd-and-28 from the 44, and on the following series, Briley was stopped in the backfield by defensive end Corey Gunnerson on 4th-and-two from the 33. Mitchell completed 8-of-12 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown despite missing all but the first seven plays of the first half with an injury to his left (non-throwing) shoulder. Dykstra had six catches for 128 yards and two scores, and became the 13th player in school history to reach 1,000 career receiving yards. The Bronchos had a 410-317 edge in total offense as they ran for 220 yards on 56 carries and had an 11-minute edge in time of possession. Western scored on the opening series of the game, marching 89 yards on 11 plays, capped by a one-yard run by Devin Martin. The Vikings extended their lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter, recovering a UCO fumble at the Broncho 24 and scoring three plays later on a 14-yard pass to Dykstra from backup quarterback Steve Nichols. UCO tied the game by scoring twice in 65 seconds early in the second quarter. Wide receiver Don Harris scored on a 19-yard end around, then immediately after Western fumbled on the second offensive play of the following series, Manning hit Carter with a 27-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 14-14. Totten, who had 130 return yards (47 on five punts and 83 on three kickoffs) had a team-high 14 tackles. Western played without three regular starters on defense, as linebackers Lann Olson and Derek Noble, and defensive tackle Nick Ball all missed the game with injuries. It was the third straight season the Vikings have lost their season opener, but was the first home-opening loss in seven years. The game marked the earliest start to a season in school history, and was also the first non-Saturday game in Western history and the first home night game for the Vikings since 1992. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington, Offense,** Greg Dykstra (WR, 6-1, 200, Jr., Everson, WA); **Defense,** Michael Koenen (K-P, 5-10, 165, Fr., Ferndale) – In addition to his school-record field goal, Koenen averaged 43.0 yards on five punts, including a long of 53 yards.

Central Oklahoma	0	14	7	7 --- 28
Western Washington	14	0	10	0 --- 24

WWU - Martin 1 run (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Dykstra 13 pass from Nichols (Koenen kick)
 UCO - Harris 19 run (Thomason kick)
 UCO - Carter 27 pass from Manning (Thomason kick)
 WWU - Koenen 54 Field Goal
 UCO - Manning 1 run (Thomason kick)
 WWU - Dykstra 60 pass from Mitchell (Thomason kick)
 UCO - Briley 4 run (Thomason kick)

Humboldt State 35, Montana Tech 34 (at Arcata): Dustin Creager caught a seven-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Kadle with 25 seconds left to lift the Lumberjacks to a one-point win over Montana Tech. . . Creager, who finished with 10 catches for 119 yards, only moments earlier had scored on a 18-yard pass from Kadle to pull HSU to within seven points with just 2:15 on the clock. Following that catch, HSU tried an onside kick, but Montana Tech recovered at its own 49. But, three plays later Mohammed Muheize picked off a third-down pass from Skyler Willard at his own 43 and returned it 20 yards to the Tech 37. From there it took Humboldt 10 plays, including an 11-yard completion from Kadle to Antoine Smith on a fourth-and-10 play, to reach the end zone. The winning touchdown came on the first play following Smith's catch. . . Earlier Creager had also scored on touchdown catches of eight and four yards. Kadle finished the day with five touchdown passes, also completing a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jason Roach in the second quarter. On the day, Kadle completed 30 of 48 passes for 301 yards. He also netted three yards on two rushes. All but 38 of HSU's 339 yards in total offense came through the air. Running back Mitch Jones led HSU's ground game with 35 yards on 17 carries. Montana Tech finished with 416 yards in total offense, 190 rushing and 226 passing. Quarterbacks T.J. Ramaeaker and Willard each threw for 113 yards. Four different Oredigger backs gained 35 or more yards. . . In addition to Creager, HSU's top receivers were Brent Adkins, who caught seven passes for 28 and Smith, who hauled in six for 90 yards. Adkins was also perfect on extra points, converting on five-of-five. . . Defensively, Humboldt had six takeaways. Muheize and Siosifa Latu each picked off two passes. Wayland Williams had an interception and Josh Jackson recovered a fumble. Linebacker Paul Wolford led the Lumberjacks with 17 tackles, including eight solos and nine assists. Latu had 12 tackles and also broke up two passes. Zach Weinberger also had 12 tackles, two for losses of three yards. **Players-of-the-Game: Humboldt State, Offense,** Dustin Creager (WR, 6-1, 186, Fr., Mission Viejo, CA – Santa Margarita); **Defense,** Paul Wolford (LB, 6-1, 210, Sr., Sacramento, CA – Rio Americano) – Had 2 ½ tackles for losses totaling two yards among his 17 tackles.

Montana Tech	7	14	6	7	--	34
Humboldt State	0	14	7	14	--	35

MT – LeProwse 7 run (Casne kick)
 MT – McGuire 3 pass from Ramaeaker (Casne kick)
 HSU – Creager 8 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)
 HSU – Roach 10 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)
 MT – McGuire 12 pass from Ramaeaker (Casne kick)
 MT – Casne 31 Field Goal
 MT – Casne 23 Field Goal
 HSU – Creager 4 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)
 MT – Jay LeProwse 2 run (Casne kick)
 HSU – Creager 18 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)
 HSU – Creager 7 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)

North Dakota 17, Central Washington 10 (at Ellensburg):

North Dakota, which was ranked 14th in the AFCA NCAA Division II pre-season national poll, scored 17 first-quarter points, then held on to defeat Central Washington 17-10 in the season opener for both schools. . . A year ago, the Fighting Sioux, who went on to win eight of 11 games, ripped the Wildcats 52-6 in the season opener. . . UND scored on its first three possessions, but penetrated CWU territory only twice the remainder of the contest. It reached Central's 44 early in the second quarter and advanced to the Wildcat 32 on its first possession of the fourth quarter. But, that drive ended with a blocked field goal attempt. . . Jed Perkerewicz scored UND's first touchdown on a three-yard run to complete a six-play, 80-yard drive, its only sustained drive of the day. The Sioux then took advantage of a 37-yard interception return by Craig Riendeau to tack on three more points with a 26-yard field goal by Cameron Peterka. Dan Graf then made it 17-0 scoring on a 40-yard pass from quarterback Kelby Klosterman on the first play following a 19-yard punt into a stiff Ellensburg wind. . . Central's defense accounted for its only touchdown in the second quarter when Jason Patterson picked off a pass and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown. Steve Hickey then closed UND's lead to seven points with a 39-yard field goal with 8:10 left in the quarter. . . A fumble recovery then set up the Wildcats inside the Sioux 30, but CWU couldn't convert the opportunity into points and the Wildcats penetrated UND territory just once the remainder of the way, reaching their 43 in the third quarter before the drive stalled. . . North Dakota outgained CWU 327-218 in the contest, including a 238-23 advantage on the ground. Perkerewicz finish with 117 yards on 33 carries and Blaise Larson netted 75 yards on four rushes, including a 61-yard run to set up the first touchdown. . . Quarterback Zak Hill completed 15 of 35 passes for 186 yards for CWU before sustaining a separation of his right shoulder early in the fourth quarter. Earlier, CWU wide receiver Josh Lopez went out with a strained right hamstring. Lopez had caught four passes for 62 yards prior to the injury. . . Defensively, defensive back Terrance Allen and linebacker Blake Walker led CWU with 10 tackles each. **Players-of-the-Game: Central Washington, Offense,** Brian Potucek (WR, 6-0, 175, Fr., Tacoma – Clover Park) – Caught a team-best five catches for 51 yards in his collegiate debut. **Defense,** Jason Patterson (DB, 5-11, 185, Sr., Enumclaw) – Scored his fifth career touchdown, his third via an interception, as he moved into a tie for 13th place in modern Northwest small-college history with his 12th career interception.

North Dakota	17	0	0	0	--	17
Central Washington	0	10	0	0	--	10

UND – Perkerewicz 3 run (Peterka kick)
 UND – Peterka 26 Field Goal
 UND – Graf 40 pass from Klosterman (Peterka kick)
 CWU – Patterson 26 interception (Hickey kick)
 CWU – Hickey 39 Field Goal

Western Oregon 14, Mesa State 13 (at Monmouth):

Elton Seals forced and recovered a fumble at the eight-yard line, then intercepted a pass in the end zone as Western Oregon thwarted two fourth-quarter scoring opportunities for Mesa State in defeating the Rocky Mountain Conference school 14-13. . . Following Seals' interception, the Wolves were able to kill the final 3:07 of the clock with three first downs. Running back David Mackie netted 35 yards on five rushes on the drive. .

.Mesa State, which was ranked 18th in the AFCA NCAA Division II pre-season football poll, jumped to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter on a 14-yard pass from Brandon Milholland to Josh Ingram, but the Wolves got even when defense back Jay Banks stripped the ball from receiver Rodney Pierce and ran 24 yards for a touchdown. . WOU's defense also set up its second score in the second quarter. Linebacker Ransen Rodrigues sacked Mesa quarterback Brandon Milholland, forcing a fumble. Linebacker Isaiah Haines recovered the loose ball and three plays later quarterback Denny Bies tossed a two-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jeff Berard. . Mesa State put together a 10-play, 79-yard drive in the fourth quarter for a touchdown, but Brinton Smith broke threw to block the extra point try to preserve the one-point lead. . For the game, WOU netted just 210 yards on offense, including 109 rushing, but its defense allowed just 222 yards, 139 rushing and 83 passing. Mackie led WOU's ground game with 58 yards on eight rushes. Quarterback Denny Bies completed 10 of 26 passes for 101 yards. Berard led the receivers with five catches for 59 yards. . Defensive back Chris Angel had one of WOU's two interceptions and also had 83 return yards,

including 34 on three punt returns and 49 on two kickoff returns. Angel also had eight tackles. Banks and linebacker Dave Morrill each had nine tackles. Rodrigues had six tackles, including two quarterback sacks for losses of 13 and another tackle for a loss of three yards. . . The game marked the return of WOU head coach Duke Iverson, who led the Wolves to a 20-8 record between 1985 and 1987 before moving on to Western State, Colo. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Oregon, Offense**, David Mackie (RB, 5-10, 190, Jr., Albany, OR – South Albany) – Mackie averaged 7.3 yards on eight carries, including five crucial runs late in the fourth quarter. **Defense**, Elton Seals (DB, 6-0, 210, Sr., Portland, OR – Benson & Bakersfield JC).

Mesa State	7	0	0	6	--	13
Western Oregon	7	7	0	0	--	14

Mesa – Ingram 14 pass from Milholland (Sheers kick)
WOU – Banks 24 fumble return (Keippela kick)
WOU – Berard 2 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)
Mesa – Schabron 5 run (kick blocked)

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Football Report 2 (Sept. 10, 2001)

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	13
Western Washington	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	38
Central Washington	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	34
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	1	1	45	83

LAST WEEK: Central Washington 24 at Willamette 17; Humboldt State 10 at Saint Mary's 49; Western Washington 48 at Fort Lewis 10.

THIS WEEK: Carroll at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Menlo College at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.; Western Oregon at Carson-Newman, noon; Western Montana at Western Washington, 1 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense – Scott Mitchell, Western Washington (QB, 6-3, 210, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin). . Mitchell completed 30 of 37 passes for 408 yards and four touchdowns and also rushed for 57 yards on 12 carries leading the Vikings to a 48-10 win over Fort Lewis. Mitchell's passing total was the first 400-yard game for a GNAC/CFA player since WWU's Sam Hanson threw for 480 yards against Humboldt State during the 1998 season. Mitchell, who has completed 38 of 49 passes and hasn't been intercepted so far this fall, needs just 67 more yards to become the 26th quarterback in Northwest small-college modern history (since 1985) to throw for 5,000 yards. He currently ranks 20th in career total offense with 5,447 yards.

Defense - Jason Patterson, Central Washington (DB, 5-11, 185, Sr., Enumclaw). . . Patterson intercepted two passes and also broke up another pass in the Wildcats' come-from-behind 24-17 win over Willamette. His first interception came early in the second quarter on a third-and-five situation from the CWU 9 and prevented the Bearcats from extending their 14-3 lead. Then after the Wildcats rallied to tie the score at 17-17 in the fourth quarter, Patterson, who also had three tackles, claimed his 14th career interception with just three minutes remaining in the contest to set up CWU's game-winning 35-yard touchdown drive.

GAME SUMMARIES

Central Washington 24, Willamette 17 (at Salem): Nat Conley ran for a career-high 189 yards and Jason Patterson picked off his 13th and 14th passes of his career as the Wildcats overcame a pair of first quarter defensive scores by Willamette to even its record at 1-1. . .John McDowell and Marcus Boards had 42 and 36-yard interception returns for touchdowns in the first quarter to stake the Bearcats to an early 14-3 lead. But, except for a 19-yard fourth-quarter field goal by Tom Marriage, which was set up on a 43-yard pass to Brett Meyer from Bucky Rivera, Willamette

was blanked the remainder of the way by the CWU defensive unit. . .CWU put together two long touchdown drives in the second half to pull even. Conley scored on a one-yard run to finish off a six-play, 70-yard drive in the third quarter. The CWU back carried five times for 41 yards on the drive, which also featured a 29-yard pass from quarterback Dale Chase to Moses Lewis. . .Then in the fourth quarter, CWU went 80 yards on 11 plays. Chase completed six of nine passes for 47 yards before Conley's seven-yard run set up Chase's one-yard quarterback sneak with 3:16 remaining in the contest. . .Patterson then intercepted Rivera on Willamette's first play following the kickoff. From there, CWU needed only four plays, including a 17-yard run by Conley, to get the ball into the end zone. Chase completed a 14-yard pass on third-and-six to Brian Potucek for the winning touchdown. . .CWU outgained Willamette 398-275 and had a 25-11 advantage in first downs. The 'Cats finished with 209 yards rushing and Chase completed 17 of 36 passes for 189 yards. Potucek caught five passes for 47 yards. . .Justin Peterson netted 108 yards on 12 carries as the Bearcats got most (216) of their yardage on the ground. Rivera was just three of seven for 59 yards. . .CWU punter Joe Smith averaged 46.2 yards on five punts, including a long of 68. . .Defensive back Terrance Allen led the Wildcats with 11 tackles. Allen, Blake Walker and Travis Brock had fumble recoveries as the Wildcats had five takeaways. Walker also had nine tackles, including five primaries. . .Central Washington has allowed 34 points in its first two games, all but three in the opening quarter of its two games. **Players-of-the-Game:** Offense, Nat Conley (RB, 6-0, 200, Sr., Pasco); Defense, Jason Patterson (DB, 5-11, 185, Sr., Enumclaw) - Patterson is now tied with former CWU defensive back Montreux Macon (1993-95) for ninth place on the modern Northwest small-college career list with 14 thefts.

Central Washington	3	0	7	14	--	24
Willamette	14	0	0	3	--	17
Central - Hickey 25 Field Goal						
Willamette - McDowell 42 interception (Hughes kick)						
Willamette - Boards 36 interception (Hughes kick)						
Central - Conley 1 run (Hickey kick)						
Willamette - Marriage 19 Field Goal						
Central - Chase 1 run (Hickey kick)						
Central - Potucek 14 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)						

Western Washington 48, Fort Lewis 10 (at Durango): Quarterback Scott Mitchell threw for four touchdowns and had the third 400-yard passing day in school history as Western Washington defeated Fort Lewis College at Ray Dennison Memorial Field. . .Mitchell complete 30-of-37 for a career-high 408 yards and four touchdowns, and added 57 yards and a score on 12 carries as the Vikings evened their record at 1-1. In the first half alone, he was 20-of-23 for 256 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 53 yards and a touchdown on eight carries. . .The triumph was the 82nd career win for coach Rob Smith, pushing him past NAIA Hall-of-Famer Charles Lappenbusch. Lappenbusch, who coached 20 years in the period 1933-55, had a career mark of 81-64-17. Smith, in his 13th season, has a record of 82-40-1. . .Fort Lewis, which fell to 0-2,

scored its only touchdown on a seven-yard run by Derrick Williams early in the fourth quarter. The Skyhawks played without running back Joe Moore, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year, because of a neck injury. Moore, who ran for 1,059 yards last season, suffered the injury in last week's loss to NAIA No.3-ranked Carroll College MT. . .Western jumped in front quickly, scoring two touchdowns before the Skyhawks ran an offensive play. The Vikings went 74 yards in 10 plays on the opening series, capped by a Mitchell four-yard pass to tight end Rick Carte. Fort Lewis fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, and Western scored three plays later, with Mitchell hitting wide receiver Wayne Timmons on a screen pass for a 13-yard touchdown. . .Western extended its lead to 21-0 on a one-yard run by Mitchell early in the second quarter before Fort Lewis got on the scoreboard with a 27-yard field goal by Steve Berglund. The Vikings answered late in the period, going 85 yards in 12 plays, capped by Mitchell's four-yard pass to slotback Nate Kuhns with 26 seconds left in the half, giving Western a 28-3 lead at halftime. . .Western's second-half scoring came on another four-yard pass from Mitchell to Carte, a 65-yard interception return by Raymond Jackson and field goals of 23 and 28 yards by Michael Koenen. . .The Vikings had a 562-288 edge in total offense and a 34:54-25:06 lead in time of possession. Fort Lewis quarterback Andrew Webb was 17-of-46 for 128 yards and was intercepted twice. Williams ran for 92 yards on 18 carries and Webb added 61 on 10 rushes. . .Mitchell's passing numbers were reached despite being without starting wide receiver Ryan Van Diest and starting slotback Sean Marshall because of groin and rib injuries, respectively. Kuhns had 10 receptions for 102 yards and Timmons had six for 89. Wide receiver Greg Dykstra added four receptions for 109 yards, his second consecutive 100-yard game. . . Defensively, the Vikings were led in tackles by safety Andy Linscott with eight tackles, including three solos. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense, Scott Mitchell (QB, 6-3, 210, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin). Defense, Raymond Jackson (DB, 6-1, 185, Jr., Seattle, WA - Rainier Beach & Butte CC) - Had a team-high four solo tackles in addition to interception return for touchdown.

Western Washington	14	14	10	10	--	48
Fort Lewis	0	3	0	7	--	10
WWU - Carte 4 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Timmons 13 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Mitchell 1 run (Koenen kick)						
Fort Lewis - Berglund 27 Field Goal						
WWU - Kuhns 4 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Koenen 28 Field Goal						
WWU - Carte 4 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
Fort Lewis - Williams 7 run (Berglund kick)						
WWU - Koenen 23 Field Goal						
WWU - Jackson 65 interception (Koenen kick)						

Saint Mary's 49, Humboldt State 10 (at Moraga, CA): NCAA Division I-AA Saint Mary's amassed 526 yards, including 466 yards rushing, in crushing Humboldt State 49-10. . .Quarterback Gus Papanikolas, who sustained a separated shoulder in the second quarter and didn't play in the second half, netted 128 yards on 13 rushes in leading the Gaels to a 21-10 lead at the break. . . SMC then broke the game open with three scores in the third quarter. . . Humboldt State managed only 42 net yards rushing as a team. Mitch Jones had 35 yards on 14 carries and Kyle Lucas added 28 on seven rushes, but the rest of the team finished with minus 21 yards. . .The Jacks' passing game was more effective, helping Humboldt keep it interesting in the early going. Quarterback Jacob Kadle tossed a 13-yard pass to Cavitt Fowler to set up a one-yard run by Mitch Jones in the first quarter. . . In the second quarter, Kadle completed seven passes on a drive that resulted in a Brent Adkins. 29-yard field goal. Kadle finished with 18 completions in 30 attempts for 175 yards. Backup quarterback Aaron Currell was four-for-five for 59 yards with one interception. Freshman Dustin Creager caught seven passes for 81 yards and now has 17 catches in two games. Christian Hansen had four catches for 52 yards and Fowler had four for 46 yards. . . Saint Mary's threw only seven times in the game, completing six passes for 60 yards. . .Defensively, the Lumberjacks were led by Siosifa Latu and Eddie Plaxton. Latu had 12 tackles, including seven primaries. Plaxton had 10 tackles (five primaries) and also recovered a fumble. **Players-of-the-Game: Humboldt State**, Offense, Jacob Kadle (QB, 6-2, 215, Sr., Arcata, CA - College of the Redwoods); Defense, Siosifa Latu (DB, 6-1,195, Sr., Hawthorne, CA - El Camino).

Humboldt State	7	3	0	0	--	10
Saint Mary's	14	7	21	7	--	49
SMC - Papanikolas 20 run (Arevalo kick)						
HSU - Jones 1 run (Adkins kick)						
SMC - Coleman 1 run (Arevalo kick)						
HSU - Adkins 29 Field Goal						
SMC - Wilson 5 run (Arevalo kick)						
SMC - White 2 run (Arevalo kick)						
SMC - Wilson 9 run (Arevalo kick)						
SMC - Harrell 2 run (Arevalo kick)						
SMC - Harrell 26 run (Arevalo kick)						

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Football Report 3 (Sept. 17, 2001)

	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	13
Western Washington	0	0	0	0	2	1	149	38
Central Washington	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	34
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	1	2	74	119

LAST WEEK: Carroll at Central Washington, cancelled; Menlo College 36 at Humboldt State 29.; Western Oregon at Carson-Newman, cancelled; UM-Western 0 at Western Washington 77.

THIS WEEK: Western Oregon at UC Davis, 6 p.m.; Central Washington at Saint Mary's, 1 p.m.; Humboldt State at Rocky Mountain, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at Montana, 1 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Nyle Chambers, Western Washington (RB, 6-1,220, So., Sumner, WA). .Chambers ran for 122 yards and two touchdowns and also scored another touchdown on a 36-yard reception as the Vikings set a modern Northwest small-college record for points in a 77-0 thrashing of Montana - Western. Chambers caught three passes for 68 yards and finished with 190 all-purpose yards.

Defense: Erik Totten, Western Washington (SS, 5-10, 195, Sr., Maple Valley, WA). .Totten was credited with a team-high five tackles, including one for a loss of three yards, and also became the first player in Northwest small-college history to reach the 1,000 yard mark in career punt return yardage. Totten , who also has 1,063 career kickoff return yards, netted 68 yards on four punt returns to increase his career total to 1,002 yards. His average of 12.8 per return (on 78 returns) is currently the second best in Northwest small-college history behind Brad Taylor of Central Washington, who averaged 14.8 yards on 38 returns in the 1988 and 1989 seasons.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Sept. 8)

Team: Total Offense - 22. Western Washington 439.5. Passing Offense - 8. Western Washington 332.5; 21. Humboldt State 267.5. Scoring - 24. Western Washington 36.0. Takeaways - 3. Western Oregon 4.0; 27. Western Washington 1.0; Central Washington 1.0. Total Defense - 23. Western Oregon 222.0. Passing Defense - 19. Western Washington 69.9. Scoring Defense - 29. Western Oregon 13.0.

Individual: Passing - 3. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 209.3 (points). Total Offense - Scott Mitchell, WWU, 319.5; 27. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 236.0. Receiving - 7. Dustin Creager, HSU, 8.5. Receiving Yards - 11. Greg Dykstra, WWU, 118.5; 23. Dustin Creager, HSU, 100.0. Scoring - 18. Dustin Creager, HSU, 12.0. Field Goals - 11. Michael Koenen, WWU, 1.5; 25. Steve Hickey, CWU, 1.0. Punting - 9. Michael Koenen, WWU, 43.3; 10. Joe Smith, CWU,

42.4. Punt Returns - 26. Chris Angel, WOU, 11.3. Kickoff Returns - 16. Nick Omatsu, CWU, 28.3; 20. Erik Totten, WWU, 27.7. Interceptions - 3. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.5; 10. Siosifa Latu, HSU, 1.0; Mohammed Muheize, HSU, 1.0; Anthony Dalton, WWU, 1.0; Elton Seals, WOU, 1.0; Chris Angel, WOU, 1.0.

AROUND THE GNAC: Western Washington broke the previous Northwest small-college scoring mark of 76 points, which was set by Oregon Tech against Eastern Oregon in 1987. The last team to crack the 70-point barrier was Central Washington in a 73-14 win over Pacific in 1991. .Viking freshman kicker Michael Koenen also tied two Northwest records for most extra points made (9) and attempted (10). .Two GNAC games were postponed Saturday and likely will not be rescheduled. Postponed were Carroll College's game at Central Washington and Western Oregon's contest at 14th-ranked Carson-Newman, Tenn. .All four GNAC teams will hit the road this week. Two of the four (Western Washington, Central Washington) will play NCAA Division I-AA teams, while Western Oregon is at perennial Division II power and third-ranked UC Davis. .Western Washington (36th overall) and Western Oregon (38th) were among "others receiving votes" in last week's AFCA Division II national poll. .Nat Conley tied a 22-year-old Central Washington University record by carrying the ball 38 times in the Wildcats road win at Willamette Sept. 8. Conley's 189 yard rushing total was the most for a CWU back since Dan Murphy rushed for 208 against Western Washington on Nov. 7, 1998. .Scott Mitchell's 456 yard total offense total for Western Washington on Sept. 8 at Fort Lewis was the 20th highest single-season total in modern Northwest Small-College history (since 1985). .Only three college games were played involving Northwest small-college teams Saturday. In addition to the two GNAC games, Southern Oregon blanked Linfield 29-0. All the remaining games on the scheduled were cancelled.

GAME SUMMARIES

Western Washington 77, UM-Western 0 (at Bellingham): Western Washington scored on 10 of its first 11 possessions and set a modern-day school record for points in a 77-0 victory over University of Montana-Western. .Running back Nyle Chambers ran for 122 yards and two touchdowns and scored another touchdown on a 36-yard reception as the Vikings improved to 2-1 on the season. The Vikings, who had a 570-78 edge in total offense and tied a school record with 31 first downs, failed to score only three times, twice when the end of a half ended drives and also on a fumble with six minutes left. .Chambers, who averaged 7.2 yards per carry, was one of three backs to gain 50 or more yards. B.J. Frost, who scored on runs of seven and five yards, had 80 yards on 16 carries, while Devin Martin netted 67 yards on 16 carries. .Quarterback Scott Mitchell netted 14 yards on four rushes and was nearly perfect throwing the football, completing 12 of 14 passes for 205 yards and three touchdowns as he raised his

NCAA quarterback rating to a phenomenal 259.0. He also extended his string of games without an interception to four, one short of the Northwest record. Over that stretch he has completed 74 of 107 passes. In three games this season, he has completed 50 of 63 passes (79.4 percent) for 777 yards and eight touchdowns. . .Western's efficiency didn't decrease, either, when Mitchell went to the bench. Backups Steve Nichols (2-3, 33) and Josh Shimek (3-3, 37) combined to completed five of six for 70 yards. . .Greg Dykstra (71 yards) and Chambers (68 yards) each caught three passes. . .Mitchell became the fourth player in school history to exceed 5,000 yards in career passing, finishing the afternoon with 5,138, as he extended his string of passes without an interception to 129. . .The Vikings were equally impressive on defense and special teams. Erik Totten returned four punts for 68 yards as he became the first player in Western and Northwest small-college history to surpass the 1,000 yard. His 1,002 total eclipsed the Viking school record of 964 set by Orlando Steinauer (1992-95) Michael Koenen kicked nine extra points in 10 attempts, both school records, and also had five of his kickoffs go for touchbacks. . .Defensively, the Vikings picked off three passes. Andy Linscott's 12-yard return set up WWU's second touchdown in the opening quarter. Linebacker Taylor Hutton returned an interception 55 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. Nesby Glasgow Jr. also had a 12-yard interception return. . .The Viking defense surrendered just 20 net yards on 25 rushes and 58 yards on 10 completions in 27 attempts. In three games, WWU opponents are completing just 39 percent of their pass attempts. . The Bulldogs did not get past the Western 45 until recovering a fumble at the Western 25 midway through the fourth quarter. They advanced only a yard from there, and on fourth-and-nine, quarterback Cole Van Heel was sacked. . . The shutout was the first for the Vikings since a 58-0 triumph at Humboldt State in 1999. . .The win snapped a two-game home losing streak. Prior to those losses, they had won 11 straight games at Civic Stadium. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense, Nyle Chambers (RB, 6-1,220, So., Sumner, WA). Defense, Eric Totten (SS, 5-10, 195, Sr., Maple Valley, WA).

UM-Western	0	0	0	0	--	0
Western Washington	21	21	14	21	--	77
WWU - Kuhns 7 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Chambers 11 run (kick blocked)						
WWU - Martin 1 run (Carte pass from Mitchell)						
WWU - Frost 7 run (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Dykstra 44 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Chambers 36 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Chambers 1 run (Koenen kick)						
WWU - McClain 4 pass from Shimek (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Nichols 2 run (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Hutton 55 interception return (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Frost 5 run (Koenen kick)						

Menlo 36, Humboldt State 29 (at Arcata): Menlo College outscored Humboldt State 29-3 in the fourth quarter and in overtime as it overcame a 26-0 deficit and defeated Humboldt State 36-29. . .Eddie Miller scored on a six-yard pass from quarterback Zamir Amin to snap a 29-29 tie in the extra session. Manny Orta then sealed the win intercepting Jacob Kadle's second-and-14 pass from 15 at the two-yard line. . .Humboldt State had a 15-point lead and the ball with less than four minutes remaining in the contest, but the Oaks drove 67 yards in six plays, the first 34 on a pass to Nathan Jackson and the final 16 on a pass to Miller to pull to within eight with 2:30 left. . .Menlo then got the ball back with 1:49 left when Duane Sherry recovered a Kyle Lucas fumble at the Menlo 33. Three players later, Menlo was facing a desperation fourth-and-18 situation from its own 30. Amin, however, was able to complete a 70-yard touchdown pass to Jackson. The pair then hooked up again for the two-point conversion, sending the game into overtime. . .Humboldt State led 19-0 at halftime and went ahead 26-0 on a 73-yard interception return by Marshall Hendricks before Menlo started its comeback, which featured three touchdown receptions by Miller, including one after HSU punter David Waltzman was tackled at the nine-yard line in a punting situation. . .Before it was settled in overtime, the two starting quarterbacks combined for 774 yards and seven touchdowns. Amin completed 35 of 58 passes for 427 yards and four scores. Humboldt's Jacob Kadle completed 22 of 44 for 347 yards and three touchdowns. Both QBs were picked off three times. . .In the battle of receivers, Jackson had 12 catches for 216 yards and Miller had 11 for 85 for the Oaks while Humboldt's Dustin Creager grabbed nine for a GNAC-season best 171 yards. . .Neither team was very productive on the ground. Duane Miller had 52 of Menlo's 69 yards. Kadle was the Lumberjacks' top rusher with 27 of its net 35 yards. . .Defensively, Derlyn Gross led the Division III school with nine tackles, including three for losses of 12 yards. Siosifa Latu intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble and broke up three passes for HSU. Mohammed Muheize and Ben Ewing each had nine tackles for the 'Jacks. Wayland Williams had eight tackles and also broke up five passes and had an interception. **Players-of-the-Game: Humboldt State**, Offense, Jacob Kadle (QB, 6-2, 215, Sr., Arcata, CA - C. of the Redwoods) - Finished with 374 yards in total offense; Defense, Wayland Williams (DB, 5-11, 170, Sr., Mission Viejo, CA - West Hills JC).

Menlo	0	0	7	22	7	--	36
Humboldt State	0	19	7	3	0	--	29
HSU - Creager 54 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)							
HSU - Smith 26 pass from Kadle (kick blocked)							
HSU - Adkins 11 pass from Kadle (pass failed)							
HSU - Hendricks 73 interception (Adkins kick)							
Menlo - Cordova 2 run (DeSenna kick)							
Menlo - Miller 11 pass from Amin (DeSenna kick)							
HSU - Adkins 23 Field Goal							
Menlo - Miller 16 pass from Amin (DeSenna kick)							
Menlo - Jackson 70 pass from Amin (Jackson pass from Amin)							
Menlo - Miller 6 pass from Amin (DeSenna kick)							

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	0	0	0	0	2	2	149	68
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	1	1	46	56
Central Washington	0	0	0	0	1	2	57	69
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	1	3	102	150

LAST SATURDAY: Western Oregon 32 at UC Davis 43; Central Washington 23 at Saint Mary's 35; Humboldt State 28 at Rocky Mountain 31; Western Washington 0 at Montana 30.

THIS SATURDAY: UC Davis at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.; Montana - Western at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Southern Utah, 7 p.m.; Western Washington at Cal Poly - SLO, 6 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Mike Hinshaw, Western Oregon (WR, 6-0, 190, So., Scappoose) - Hinshaw, who won the PacWest 100 and 200 meter titles last spring, caught seven passes for 134 yards, including touchdowns of 78 and 25 yards from Denny Bies and three yards from backup quarterback Bart Bishop in the Wolves' 43-32 loss to nationally-ranked UC Davis.

Defense: Michael Koenen, Western Washington (P, 5-10, 165, Fr., Ferndale) - Koenen averaged 42.5 yards on 12 punts, including a school-record 67-yarder in the third quarter, and set a Northwest small-college record with his 510 punting yards. Damon Schaeffer of Southern Oregon against Humboldt State set the old mark of 500 in 1992.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Sept. 15)

Team: Total Offense - 9. Western Washington 483.0. Passing Offense - 6. Western Washington 313.3; 17. Humboldt State 274.3. Scoring - 5. Western Washington 49.7. Takeaways - 1. Western Oregon 4.0, 22. Western Washington 1.3; 24. Central Washington 1.0. Total Defense - 16. Western Oregon 222.0; 28. Western Washington 258.7. Passing Defense - 7. Western Washington 59.9 points, 23. Western Oregon 85.6. Scoring Defense - 24. Western Washington 12.7; 27. Western Oregon 13.0.

Individual: Passing - 1. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 224.9 (points). Total Offense - 11. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 286.0; 12. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 282.0. Rushing - 28. Nat Conley, CWU, 112.5. Receiving - 4. Dustin Creager, HSU, 8.7. Receiving Yards - 12. Greg Dykstra, WWU, 114.7. Field Goals - 22. Michael Koenen, WWU, and Steve Hickey, CWU, 1.0. Punting - 7. Joe Smith, CWU, 42.4 (Michael Koenen, WWU, with 43.2 average, was not ranked because he did not have enough attempts). Punt Returns - 26. Erik Totten, WWU, 12.0; 29. Chris Angel, WOU, 11.3. Kickoff Returns - 19. Nick Omatsu, CWU, 28.3; 24. Erik Totten,

WWU, 26.5. Interceptions - 3. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.5; 8. Siosifa Latu, HSU, 1.0; Anthony Dalton, WWU, 1.0; Elton Seals, WOU, 1.0; Chris Angel, WOU, 1.0.

PATTERSON NOW SEVENTH IN CAREER INTERCEPTIONS:

Despite playing against three ground-oriented teams, Central Washington defensive back Jason Patterson leads the GNAC with four interceptions. Patterson has had at least one interception in each of his last four games (the Northwest small-college record for most consecutive games with at least one interception is five) and seven of his last eight contests. His 15 career interceptions ranks second on CWU's all-time list and he is tied with Greg Freers of Simon Fraser (1989-92) and Kelly Susee of Western Washington (1986-89) for seventh place on the Northwest small-college modern-day career interception list. Central's opponents have attempted just 41 passes and Patterson has picked off 9.8 percent of the attempts.

GAME SUMMARIES

Montana 30, Western Washington 0 (at Missoula):

Quarterback John Edwards completed 19 of 31 passes for a career-high 277 yards and a touchdown and also ran for a score, leading NCAA Division I-AA No.2-ranked University of Montana to a 30-0 victory over Western Washington. . . The Grizzlies (2-1), who reached the NCAA I-AA championship game last season, held a narrow 3-0 lead after the opening quarter, but then broke the game open with a 17-point second period. Edwards capped a seven-play, 50-yard drive with a one-yard sneak for Montana's first touchdown. The Grizzlies then scored twice in the final 2:13 of the half. Chris Snyder converted on a 27-yard field goal and running back Yohance Humphery scored on a one-yard run. . .After a scoreless third period, Montana completed the scoring in the fourth quarter, getting a 44-yard field goal from Snyder and a 52-yard touchdown pass from Edwards to T.J. Oelkers. . .Humphery, Montana's all-time leading rusher, netted 105 yards on 19 carries as the Grizzlies outgained the Vikings 390-181 in total offensive, including 113-44 on the ground. His touchdown was his 31st, tying him for first place in school history for most career rushing touchdowns. . WWU quarterback Scott Mitchell, who entered the game leading NCAA II in pass efficiency, completed 13 of 28 passes for 137 yards, but was sacked six times. He did extend his string of pass attempts without an interception to 157 and tied a Northwest small-college record with his fifth consecutive game without an interception. . .But, Mitchell couldn't get the Vikings into the end zone and their string of games without being shutout, dating back to a 26-0 loss to Linfield in the opening round of the 1992 NAIA playoffs, ended at 85. . . Western reached the Montana side of the field on their first two offensive possessions, but didn't get past the Grizzly 40 until two drives in the final five minutes of the game.

Western reached the Montana 18 as time expired. . . Viking safety Erik Totten had 14 tackles, including three for losses of seven yards. JeVarian Gamble had two tackles for losses of 11, including a nine-yard quarterback sack. Wayne Parker also was a standout on defense for the Vikings with eight primary tackles and three assists. He also had a six-yard quarterback sack and forced two fumbles. . . The game, Montana's home opener, was played before a crowd of 18,398, the largest ever to attend a football game involving Western. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense, Ryan Van Diest (WR, 6-1, 190, So., Lynden) - Caught five passes for 66 yards, including a 33-yarder, WWU's longest scrimmage play of the day. Defense, Michael Koenen (P, 5-10, 165, Fr., Ferndale).

Western Washington	0	0	0	0	--	0
Montana	3	17	0	10	--	30
UM - Snyder 24 Field Goal						
UM - Edwards 1 run (Snyder kick)						
UM - Snyder 27 Field Goal						
UM - Humphery 1 run (Snyder kick)						
UM - Snyder 44 Field Goal						
UM - Oelkers 52 pass from Edwards (Snyder kick)						

Saint Mary's 35, Central Washington 23 (at Moraga): Saint Mary's rushed for 492 yards and five touchdowns and outgained Central Washington 583-308 in total offense in defeating the Wildcats 35-23 in a non-conference game at Moraga. . Andre Coleman netted 181 yards, including a game-clinching 52-yard scamper in the fourth quarter. Coleman also scored in the opening period on an eight-yard run. Quarterback Chris Kobe and Clint Wilson also reached the century mark. Kobe had 170 yards on 18 rushes and added 91 yards through the air, completing six of 14 passes. Wilson finished with 113 yards on 14 rushes. . The 492 total was just three yards short of the most yards allowed rushing by a team in Northwest small-college history. . Still, the Wildcats managed to rally from deficits of 21-0 and 28-6, pulling to within five points in the fourth quarter on a 23-yard fourth down pass from quarterback Dale Chase to wide receiver Jake Roberts. Chase figured in all three of CWU's touchdowns, throwing a 43-yard TD pass to Moses Lewis and scoring on a one-yard sneak, both in the second quarter. . Following Chase's TD pass to Roberts, which came on a fourth-and-18 situation, Saint Mary's quickly responded driving 80 yards, aided by a 15-yard pass interference penalty, in four plays for the clinching touchdown. . Chase finished the day with 20 completions in 40 attempts for 259 yards. But, he was picked off three times. Lewis caught four passes for 107 yards. Roberts and Brooks Denny each had five catches for 62 and 42 yards, respectively. . Running back Nat Conley netted 68 yards on 16 rushes. . Leading CWU's special teams were punter Joe Smith, kicker Steve Hickey and kick returner Rocky Martinez. Smith averaged 46.6 yards on seven punts, including a long of 58. Hickey booted a career-best 42-yard field goal in the third quarter. Martinez returned four kickoffs a total of 101 yards. . Defensive leaders for the Wildcats included linebacker Blake Walker and defensive backs Terrance Allen and Jason Patterson. . Walker had 17 tackles, including 13 primaries, and also recovered a fumble. Allen had 10 tackles, two for losses of five yards. Patterson was credited with four tackles and also claimed his fourth interception of the season. **Players-of-the-Game: Central Washington**, Offense, Moses Lewis (WR, 6-3, 180, Fr.,

Yakima - Davis); Defense, Blake Walker (LB, 6-1, 215, Fr., Everett - Cascade).

Central Washington	0	13	3	7	--	23
Saint Mary's	14	14	0	7	--	35
SMC - Coleman 8 run (Arevalo kick)						
SMC - Harrell 2 run (Arevalo kick)						
SMC - Wilson 9 run (Arevalo kick)						
CWU - Lewis 43 pass from Chase (kick failed)						
SMC - Kobe 22 run (Arevalo kick)						
CWU - Chase 1 run (Hickey kick)						
CWU - Hickey 42 Field Goal						
CWU - Roberts 23 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)						
SMC - Coleman 52 run (Arevalo kick)						

UC Davis 43, Western Oregon 32 (at Davis): UC Davis scored 27 consecutive points to overcome a 20-16 deficit and went on to defeat Western Oregon 43-32 in a non-conference game before 7,260 fans at Toomey Field. . Quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan led the Aggies, completing 30 of 42 passes for 372 yards and four touchdowns. O'Sullivan also netted 82 yards on nine carries, finishing with 454 yards in total offense. . O'Sullivan's strong supporting cast included wide receiver Michael Oliva and running back Trae Milton. Oliva caught 11 passes for a career-high 196 yards, including touchdown catches of seven and 16 yards. Milton netted 105 yards on 17 rushes, scoring on runs of 44 and nine yards. . UC Davis finished with 608 yards in total offense compared to just 306 by the Wolves. WOU, however, kept it close for two quarters, as quarterback Denny Bies completed nine of 13 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns and running back David Swopes ran for 69 yards on six carries in the opening half. Bies, however, was 0 for 4 and Swopes netted just two yards after the intermission. . Wide receiver Mike Hinshaw had a big night catching seven passes for 134 yards, including touchdowns of 78 and 25 yards from Bies and three yards from backup quarterback Bart Bishop. The two WOU quarterbacks combined to complete 17 of 30 passes for 224 yards. . After falling behind 43-20 early in the fourth quarter, Western Oregon rallied for a pair of late touchdowns to close the final margin to 11 points. Jason Taroli scored on a two-yard run with 4:29 left. Hinshaw's final TD came with 1:30 remaining. . Western Oregon had a plus four takeaway ratio, recovering four fumbles. The Wolves, last week's national leader in takeaways, have a plus eight ratio on the season. . Dave Morrill, who had a team-best 10 tackles, had one of the four fumble recoveries. He also had two tackles for losses of three yards. . UC Davis' victory extended its regular-season winning streak to 20. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Oregon**, Offense, Mike Hinshaw (WR, 6-0, 190, So., Scappoose); Defense, Dave Morrill (LB, 6-3, 245, Jr., Scappoose).

Western Oregon	10	10	0	12	--	32
UC Davis	9	14	13	7	--	43
UCD - Williams 28 Field Goal						
WOU - Hinshaw 78 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)						
UCD - Enos 33 pass from O'Sullivan (kick blocked)						
WOU - Keippela 40 Field Goal						
WOU - Keippela 37 Field Goal						
UCD - Smith 4 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
WOU - Hinshaw 25 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)						
UCD - Oliva 7 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
UCD - Oliva 16 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
UCD - Milton 44 run (kick failed)						
UCD - Milton 9 run (Williams kick)						
WOU - Taroli 2 run (kick failed)						
WOU - Hinshaw 3 pass from Bishop (run failed)						

Rocky Mountain 31, Humboldt State 28 (at Billings):

Humboldt State scored twice in the fourth quarter but couldn't quite overcome a 31-13 deficit in losing to NAIA member Rocky Mountain College 31-28 at Klint Field in Billings. .Rocky Mountain converted three first-half pass interceptions into touchdowns to take a 28-14 lead at the intermission, then stretched its lead to 17 in the third quarter on a 23-yard field goal by Jeremy Duprey. .Humboldt pulled to within 10 points with 5:55 remaining on a 16-yard touchdown pass from Jacob Kadle to Christian Hansen and a two-point conversion pass. Cavitt Fowler then caught a 54-yard pass from Kadle, to cap off a two-play, 70-yard drive and cut the Rocky Mountain lead to three. .However, an onside attempt was not successful and the Bears were able to run the final 92 seconds off the clock. .Linebacker Travis Meidinger scored Rocky Mountain's first touchdown of the game, returning an interception 15 yards for a score. Two more interceptions then set up touchdown drives of 32 and 37 yards. .Humboldt scored its first two touchdowns on passes of 19 and 41 yards to Brent Adkins and Fowler. .Kadle finished with 20 completions in 49 attempts for 353 yards and four touchdowns. Adkins caught six for 86 yards and Fowler had four catches for 118 yards. .HSU outgained Rocky Mountain 386-376, including a 353-101 advantage through the air The Bears netted 228 yards on 55 rushes. .Defensively, linebacker Chris Walters led the Lumberjacks with 16 tackles, including seven primaries. Tim White had 15 tackles. .Defensive tackle Ben Ewing had three tackles for losses of 25 yards, while defensive back Adrian Blanson had two tackles for losses of 19 yards. **Players-of-the-Game: Humboldt State**, Offense, Cavitt Fowler (WR, 5-6, 160, So., Chula Vista, CA); Defense, Siosifa Latu (DB, 6-1, 195, Sr., Hawthorne, CA) - Had 13 tackles, including one for a 17 yard loss. Also forced and recovered a fumble and blocked two passes.

Humboldt State	7	6	0	15	--	28
Rocky Mountain	14	14	3	0	--	31

HSU - Adkins 19 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)

RMC - Meidinger 15 interception (Duprey kick)

RMC - Warburton 31 pass from Albin (Duprey kick)

RMC - Hanson 8 pass from Kimmet (Duprey kick)

HSU - Fowler 41 pass from Kadle (kick blocked)

RMC - Stieglar 2 pass from Kimmet (Duprey kick)

RMC - Duprey 23 Field Goal

HSU - Hansen 16 pass from Kadle (Latu pass from Kadle)

HSU - Fowler 54 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	2	1	62	59
Western Washington	0	0	0	0	3	2	166	77
Central Washington	0	0	0	0	2	2	99	104
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	1	4	116	206

LAST SATURDAY: UC Davis 56 at Humboldt State 14; Western Montana 35 at Central Washington 42; Western Oregon 16 at Southern Utah 3; Western Washington 17 at Cal Poly – SLO 9.

THIS SATURDAY: New Haven at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Azusa Pacific at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.; Western Oregon at CSU Northridge, 1:05 p.m.; South Dakota State at Western Washington, 1 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Nat Conley, Central Washington (RB, 6-0, 200, Sr., Pasco, WA) rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 42-35 win over Montana - Western. Conley scored on runs of four, 36 and 80 yards. The latter TD was the longest scrimmage run by a CWU back since Kenny Thompson scored on a 94-yard run against Pacific Lutheran in 1991.

Defense: Dave Morrill, Western Oregon (LB, 6-3, 245, Jr., Scappoose) had a team-high 10 tackles, including six primaries, to anchor the Wolf defense, which limited Division I-AA Southern Utah to 192 yards and a single field goal in a 16-3 win. Among Morrill's tackles were two for losses of six yards.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Sept. 22)

Team: Total Offense - 29. Western Washington 407.5. Passing Offense - 9. Humboldt State 308.8; 20. Western Washington 269.2. Scoring - 18. Western Washington 37.2. Takeaways - 1. Western Oregon 4.0. Passing Defense - 15. Western Washington 80.5 points, 24. Western Oregon 86.3.

Individual: Passing - 2. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 182.6 (points). Total Offense - 6. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 302.2; 23. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 244.5. Receiving - 18. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.5. Receiving Yards - 24. Dustin Creager, HSU, 92.8. Field Goals - 23. Steve Hickey, CWU, and Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.0. Punting - 2. Joe Smith, CWU, 43.7; 5. Michael Koenen, WWU, 42.8. Interceptions - 4. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.33.

AROUND THE GNAC: Western Washington quarterback Scott Mitchell extended his string of passes without an interception to 164 (34 short of the Northwest small-college record of 198) before the string ended in the opening quarter of Saturday's game at San Luis Obispo. . . Central Washington's Jason Patterson returned an interception 100 yards for a defensive PAT conversion Saturday, equaling

the longest defensive PAT conversion in Northwest small-college history. It was also only the seventh such conversion among Northwest small-college players since the rule was instituted prior to the 1989 season. Coincidentally, the only other CWU player to score on a defensive PAT was Jason Carter in 1993. Carter's younger brother, Jared, was CWU's top tackler Saturday with 12. . . Even though he had a pick, Patterson's streak of four consecutive games with one or more interceptions did come to an end as statistics on extra-point attempts do not count. . . Western Washington and Western Oregon were ranked ninth and 10th in last week's official NCAA Division II West Regional poll. The top four ranked teams in the final poll in November qualify for the NCAA Division II playoffs. In the AFCA National poll, Western Oregon was among "others receiving votes" and was ranked 32nd overall.

GAME SUMMARIES

Central Washington 42, Western Montana 35 (at Ellensburg): Nat Conley rushed for 188 yards and three touchdowns and defensive back Jason Patterson scored on a 47-yard punt return and on a defensive two-point conversion as Central Washington held on to defeat Montana - Western 42-35 in a non-conference football game at Tomlinson Stadium. . . Conley scored on runs of four, 36 and 80 yards. The latter TD put CWU up 40-29 with 5:06 left. The Bulldogs, however, closed to within five points with 54 seconds left on a four-yard pass from Travis Kirby to Brandon DeLeon, but Patterson then picked off Kirby's PAT pass and returned it 100 yards for two points. . . Kirby completed 42 of 65 passes for 412 yards and three touchdowns, but CWU, which never trailed, still outgained UMW 478-475 in total offense. Wildcat quarterback Dale Chase completed 17 of 32 passes for 291 yards and two touchdowns. . . Chase's first pass attempt, which came on the second scrimmage play of the contest, was a 64-yard touchdown completion to Moses Lewis. CWU then went ahead 14-0 as Conley scored his first touchdown to complete a nine-play, 75-yard drive. The teams, however, then traded scores the remainder of the afternoon as UMW pulled to within a touchdown on five different occasions (14-10, 21-16, 28-23, 34-29 and 40-35), but could never quite catch the Wildcats. . . Lewis finished the game with two catches for 98 yards. Jake Roberts caught five for 48 yards. Brian Potucek (76 yards) and Brooks Denny (43 yards) had four catches each. . . DeLeon caught 16 passes for 117 yards and two touchdowns and Scott Barrett had nine receptions for 170 yards for Western. . . Both punters had outstanding afternoons. Eric Zahler of UMW averaged 53.8 yards on four punts. Joe Smith, who came into the game ranked second nationally, among NCAA Division II punters, averaged 42.7 yards on three kicks. . . Rocky Martinez had 100 yards on three kickoff returns for CWU. . . Defensive leaders for the Wildcats included linebacker Jared Carter and

defensive back Terrance Allen. Carter was credited with 12 tackles, including 11 primaries. He had three for losses of six yards and also intercepted a pass. Allen had 11 tackles, one for a three-yard loss. Travis Brock and Lance Gibson each had two tackles for losses. **Players-of-the-Game: Central Washington,** Offense, Nat Conley (RB, 6-0, 200, Sr., Pasco) - Conley's 188 yards (on 20 carries) was just one off his career-best total of 189 yards (on 38 carries) set earlier in September against Willamette University; Defense, Jared Carter (LB, 6-0, 225, Sr., Walla Walla).

Western Montana	0	10	6	19	--	35
Central Washington	7	14	7	14	--	42
CWU - Lewis 64 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)						
CWU - Conley 4 run (Hickey kick)						
UMW - Zahler 32 Field Goal						
UMW - Frunz 3 pass from Kirby (Zahler kick)						
CWU - Denny 18 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)						
UMW - DeLeon 11 pass from Kirby (pass failed)						
CWU - Conley 36 run (Hickey kick)						
UMW - Agbalog 5 run (Zahler kick)						
CWU - Patterson 47 punt return (kick failed)						
UMW - Agbalog 3 run (pass failed)						
CWU - Conley 80 run (run failed)						
UMW - DeLeon 4 pass from Kirby (Patterson 100 yard interception return for defensive PAT)						

Western Washington 17, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 9 (at San Luis Obispo): Redshirt freshman Michael Koenen kicked three field goals and helped preserve an eight-point lead by averaging 56 yards on three fourth-quarter punts as Western Washington defeated NCAA Division I-AA Cal Poly. . . The Mustangs had three fourth-quarter possessions, but all of them started deep in their own territory even though Western failed to pick up a first down in the period. . . Western led 14-9 lead at halftime and extended its margin to 17-9 on a 45-yard field goal by Koenen with 7:49 left in the third quarter. The Vikings had just 25 yards of offense the rest of the game, but Koenen punts of 63, 58 and 47 yards kept the Mustangs from getting good field position. . . For the game, Koenen, who entered the contest fifth in NCAA Division II at 42.8 yards a punt, averaged 45.8 yards on five attempts. . . Cal Poly scored its only touchdown just 58 seconds into the game as Darrell Jones took a screen pass from quarterback Seth Burford and went 74 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown. . . Western responded with three consecutive scores, as Koenen connected on field goals of 25 and 31 yards, and quarterback Scott Mitchell hit wide receiver Greg Dykstra on a 15-yard touchdown pass. The subsequent two-point conversion run by running back Nyle Chambers gave the Vikings a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter. . . Cal Poly narrowed the gap to 14-9 when Mitchell fumbled while being tackled in the end zone and batted the ball out of play. . . Mitchell, who entered the game second in NCAA Division II in pass efficiency, completed 16 of 24 passes for 174 yards and ran for 53 yards on 11 carries. He had a streak of 164 consecutive passes without an interception snapped in the first quarter, but it wasn't costly, as Cal Poly linebacker Isaac Dixon fumbled, and Western recovered, leading to Koenen's second field goal. . . Running back Nyle Chambers had a

game-high 80 yards on 21 carries for the Vikings, who had 232 of their 302 total yards in the first half. . . Burford completed 20 of 31 passes for 274 yards, and ran for 61 yards on 15 carries, accounting for 335 of Cal Poly's 367 yards of offense. . . Linebacker Derek Noble led Western's defense with eight tackles, and tackle Steve Bernardy had three stops, all for losses. . . The triumph was only the third in Western history over a NCAA I-AA opponent. The Vikings defeated St. Mary's College in 1999 and 2000. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington,** Offense, Nyle Chambers (RB, 6-1, 220, So., Sumner, WA) and Michael Koenen (K, 5-10, 165, Fr., Ferndale, WA); Defense, Derek Noble (LB, 6-1, 220, Jr., Bellevue, WA - Newport) - Had a team-high eight tackles.

Western Washington	6	8	3	0	--	17
Cal Poly SLO	7	2	0	0	--	9
CP - Jones 74 pass from Burford (Niakan kick)						
WWU - Koenen 25 Field Goal						
WWU - Koenen 31 Field Goal						
WWU - Dykstra 15 pass from Mitchell (Chambers run)						
CP - Safety, Mitchell knocks ball out of end zone						
WWU - Koenen 45 Field Goal						

UC Davis 56, Humboldt State 14 (at Arcata): Three different quarterbacks combined for 313 yards passing and UC Davis also netted 287 yards on the ground in rolling to a 56-14 win over Humboldt State in a non-conference game at Arcata. . . Starting quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan completed 13 of 15 passes for 190 yards and one touchdown before being flagged twice for celebration penalties and being ejected. O'Sullivan's two backups were also efficient completing nine of 11 passes for 123 yards. . . The Aggies scored twice in the first quarter as Matt Massari capped off an 11-play, 80-yard drive, with a 15-yard run. O'Sullivan then made it 14-0 with a 42-yard pass to Joe Bandel. . . UC Davis then added three more second-quarter touchdowns to go up 35-0 at the break and stretched their lead to 49-0 early in the fourth quarter before HSU quarterback Jacob Kadle led the Lumberjacks on a six-play, 66-yard drive, culminating with a 12-yard touchdown pass to Brent Adkins. HSU got its final touchdown with 10 seconds left in the game on a six-yard pass from Aaron Currell to Dustin Creager. . . Trae Milton led UC Davis' running game with 116 yards on 17 carries, while Massari netted 81 on nine attempts. Sean Holleman added 65 yards on 10 rushes. . . Humboldt, which was outgained 600-248, was held to 41 net rushing yards. Kadle, who was sacked twice for losses of 16 yards, completed 15 of 29 passes for 170 yards and one touchdown. Adkins caught six for 70 yards and Creager had five catches for 84 yards. . . Charley Enos, one of 10 Aggie receivers, had five catches for 57 yards. . . Siosifa Latu, who forced and recovered a fumble, led HSU's defense with 12 tackles, including eight solos. Tim White was credited with 1 1/2 tackles for losses. **Players-of-the-Game: Humboldt State,** Offense, Dustin Creager (WR, 6-1, 186, Fr., Mission Viejo, CA - Santa Margarita) - Had a long catch of 58 among his five catches for 84 yards; Defense, Siosifa Latu (DB, 6-1, 195, Sr., Hawthorne, CA - El Camino).

UC Davis	14	21	7	14	--	56
Humboldt State	0	0	0	14	--	14
UCD - Massari 15 run (Williams kick)						
UCD - Bandel 42 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
UCD - Milton 4 run (Williams kick)						
UCD - O'Sullivan 6 run (Williams kick)						
UCD - Massari 7 run (Williams kick)						

UCD - Adriatico 31 pass from Kearns (Williams kick)
 UCD - Holleman 1 run (Williams kick)
 HSU - Adkins 12 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)
 UCD - Holleman 7 run (Sayre kick)
 HSU - Creager 6 pass from Currell (Adkins kick)

Western Oregon 16, Southern Utah 3 (at Cedar City):

Western Oregon held Southern Utah's veer offense to just 84 yards rushing (and 192 in total offense) and no touchdowns in defeating the Division I-AA school. . Southern Utah, which led the nation in rushing last season, scored its only points on a 23-yard field goal by Dave Pretzer on the final play of the first half. Pretzer's kick came after the Thunderbirds had driven 53 yards in seven plays down to the WOU six-yard line. . Western Oregon used a 13-play, 43-yard drive to set up a 31-yard field goal by Andrew Keippela in the opening quarter. The Wolves then went up 10-0 with 1:30 left in the half on a Bart Bishop one-yard run. Jason Taroli gained 35 yards on four carries in the drive, including five on a fourth-and-three from Southern Utah's 21-yard line. He then added 14 more on the next play to set up the touchdown. . The only score in the second half came on a three-play drive after Kevin Huck recovered the football at the Thunderbird 10-yard line. . While its defense held the Thunderbirds to 192 yards, Western Oregon's offense managed just 156 yards. Taroli led the Wolf ground gain with 52 yards on 11 rushes and also caught three passes for 11 yards. Bishop completed eight of 22 passes for 47 yards. Punter Lucas Taroli was also an effective weapon for WOU, averaging 47.6 yards on eight punts, including a long of 59. . Western Oregon, which leads the nation's Division II schools in takeaways, did not have a turnover and recovered two fumbles to extend its takeaway ratio to plus 10. In addition to Huck, Jay Banks had a fumble recovery had also had seven tackles, including two for losses. Dave Morrill led the defense with 10 tackles, two of them for losses. Ransen Rodrigues had four tackles, including an eight-yard quarterback sack and two others for losses of two. He also forced a fumble. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Oregon,** Offense, Jason Taroli (RB, 5-10, 200, Sr., Oregon City, OR); Defense, Dave Morrill (LB, 6-3, 245, Jr., Scappoose, OR).

Western Oregon	3	7	0	6	--	16
Southern Utah	0	3	0	0	--	3

WOU - Keippela 31 Field Goal
 WOU - Bishop 1 run (Keippela kick)
 SUU - Pretzer 23 Field Goal
 WOU - Swopes 2 run (kick failed)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	0	0	0	0	4	2	211	105
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	2	2	99	106
Central Washington	0	0	0	0	2	3	116	127
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	2	4	147	234

LAST SATURDAY: New Haven 23 at Central Washington 17; Azusa Pacific 28 at Humboldt State 31; Western Oregon 37 at CSU Northridge 47; South Dakota State 28 at Western Washington 45.

THIS SATURDAY: Central Washington at Western Washington, 1 p.m.; Humboldt State at Western Oregon, 1 p.m. (non-conference).

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Nyle Chambers, Western Washington (RB, 6-1, 220, So., Sumner) rushed for 90 yards on 21 rushes and caught six passes for 100 yards to lead the Vikings to a 45-28 win over South Dakota State. Chambers scored twice in the third quarter on a 10-yard pass from Scott Mitchell and on a six-yard run as Western, which led 24-21 at halftime, outscored SDSU 14-0 in the period. On the first drive, he accounted for 77 of the 78 yards and on the second drive he gained 45 of the 54 yards.

Defense: Adam Angeli, Humboldt State (LB, 6-2, 245, Jr., Guerneville, CA - Mendocino) had nine tackles, including three quarterback sacks for losses of 21 yards, as the Lumberjacks held Azusa Pacific to 118 rushing yards in a 31-28 win at the Redwood Bowl. The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for the Lumberjacks.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Sept. 29)

Team: Passing Offense - 13. Humboldt State 294.6; 28. Western Washington 250.2. Scoring - 28. Western Washington 33.2. Takeaways - 1. Western Oregon 3.33. Scoring Defense - 26. Western Washington 15.4.

Individual: Rushing - 22. Nat Conley, CWU, 123.8. Passing - 5. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 172.3 (points). Total Offense - 12. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 278.8; 25. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 241.0. Receiving - 22. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.2. Receiving Yards - 24. Dustin Creager, HSU, 91.0. Field Goals - 13. Michael Koenen, WWU, 1.20; 19. Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.0. Punting - 4. Joe Smith, CWU, 43.6; 5. Michael Koenen, WWU, 43.4; 21. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 40.4. Interceptions - 8. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.00

AROUND THE GNAC: Humboldt State freshman wide receiver Dustin Creager leads the GNAC this fall with three 100-yard receiving games. Last year, no player in the CFA had more than two 100-yard games. Central Washington University running back Nat Conley has three of the four 100 yard rushing games by GNAC players this fall.

Western Washington and Western Oregon were ranked eighth and ninth in last week's official NCAA Division II West Regional poll. The top four ranked teams in the final poll in November qualify for the NCAA Division II playoffs. In the AFCA National poll, both teams were among "others receiving votes" and were ranked 32nd (WOU) and 34th (WWU) overall. This Saturday's Western Oregon - Humboldt State game is the first of two between the two schools and is a non-conference affair.

GAME SUMMARIES

New Haven 23, Central Washington 17 (at Ellensburg): Dwayne Brown returned an interception 65 yards and on the next play Maikel Mehu scored on a three-yard run to snap a 17-17 tie as New Haven, Conn., defeated Central Washington 23-17 in a non-conference game Saturday at Tomlinson Stadium. Brown's theft was a double whammy for the Wildcats, who were in position at the New Haven 29 yard line for a go-ahead field goal. CWU quarterback Zak Hill, playing his first game since separating a shoulder in CWU's season opener, sustained a knee injury trying to tackle Brown. Following the New Haven touchdown, CWU twice drove deep into Charger territory. But, on the first drive, backup quarterback Dale Chase was intercepted by Jamar Williams at the eight-yard line on the first play following a 43-yard run by Nat Conley down to the New Haven 26-yard line. The Wildcats then got the ball back at their own 46 with 2:16 remaining and drove to the New Haven 17 before being stopped on downs. Chase completed two passes for 25 yards to wide receiver Jake Roberts on the drive. Roberts finished with a career-high eight catches for 88 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown reception with 12:45 left in the fourth quarter. Roberts then also caught a two-point conversion pass from Hill to tie the game. CWU led 9-7 at halftime on the strength of a 53-yard pass from Hill to Moses Lewis and a 34-yard field goal by Steve Hickey. But, New Haven used a 38-yard field goal by Peter Dodosh and a 52-yard pass from quarterback Rob D'Innocenzio to Matt Marcks to go ahead by eight points at the end of the third quarter. CWU finished the game with a 398-285 edge in total offense, but the Wildcats turned the ball over three times and didn't have a takeaway. Conley rushed for 139 yards - his third 100-yard game - and Hill completed 16 of 36 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns before leaving the game. Chase was four-of-14 for 58 yards. In addition to Roberts, Brooks Denny was CWU's top receiver with five catches for 42. Lewis had two for 65 yards. CWU punter Joe Smith, who came into the game ranked fourth nationally in punting averaging 43.6 yards, averaged just 31.2 yards on five punts. Smith, however, actually had an outstanding afternoon, punting all five times into a very, brisk Ellensburg wind. The Wildcats also got good play from their specialty teams. Jason Patterson returned four punts for a total of 71 yards and Brian Potucek had 70 yards on three

kickoff returns and 108 all-purpose yards (including 38 receiving). . .Mehu led New Haven with 93 yards on 14 rushes. D'Innocenzio completed 12 of 26 passes for 145 yards. . .Defensive back Jeremy Jacobs had 10 tackles, including one for a four-yard loss, and also two outstanding breakups to led CWU's stop unit. Linebacker Blake Walker had eight tackles. **Players-of-the-Game:** Central Washington, Offense, Jake Roberts (WR, 6-3, 195, So., Spokane - University); Defense, Jeremy Jacobs (DB, 6-3, 210, Jr., Lakewood - Lakes & Snow).

New Haven	7	0	10	6	--	23
Central Washington	9	0	0	8	--	17

UNH - Mehu 31 run (Dodosh kick)
 CWU - Lewis 53 pass from Hill (kick blocked)
 CWU - Hickey 34 Field Goal
 UNH - Dodosh 38 Field Goal
 UNH - Marcks 52 pass from D'Innocenzio (Dodosh kick)
 CWU - Roberts 11 pass from Hill (Roberts pass from Hill)
 UNH - Mehu 3 run (kick failed)

Humboldt State 31, Azusa Pacific 28 (at Arcata): Brent Adkins scored on an 83-yard pass from Jacob Kadle - the longest scrimmage play in the GNAC this fall - to provide the decisive points as Humboldt State snapped a four-game losing streak with a three-point win at the Redwood Bowl. . .Adkins' catch gave Humboldt a 17-point lead with 9:02 remaining. But, the Lumberjacks had to hold on to claim the victory as the Cougars put together a pair of long touchdown drives (12 plays, 60 yards and 10 plays, 87 yards), scoring twice on one-yard runs by Lathian Tyler to pull to within three points with 1:14 remaining. Adkins, however, recovered APU's onside kick and Humboldt was then able to run the final 74 seconds off the clock. . .Tyler finished the game with 115 yards on 33 rushes as Azusa netted 418 yards in total offense. Quarterback Luke Winslow completed 24 of 40 passes for 300 yards. . .Humboldt State quarterback Jacob Kadle had even better numbers, completing 17 of 33 passes for 388 yards and three touchdowns. The total was his GNAC leading fourth 300-yard game this season and was also the second highest single-game passing total in school history. . .In addition to the passing yardage, HSU added 42 yards on the ground and finished with 430 yards of offense. . .Humboldt never trailed in the contest building a 14-0 halftime lead on a pair of long touchdown passes to Dustin Creager (58 yards) and Antoine Smith (44 yards). HSU opened up a 24-7 lead on a 10-yard run by Mitch Jones (37 yards on 14 carries) early in the fourth quarter before APU began its comeback. . .Adkins led Humboldt's receivers with six catches for 128 yards. Creager caught five for 149 (his third 100-yard game) and Smith had three catches for 80 yards. Frankie Tapia led Azusa with nine catches for 116 yards. . .The Lumberjacks did not commit a turnover in the game and had two takeaways - a 50-yard interception return by Wayland Williams and a one-yard return by Siosifa Latu. . .Latu's interception was his fourth of the season, tying Central Washington's Jason Patterson for the conference lead. Latu also leads the conference in fumble recoveries with three and takeaways with seven. He also returned one punt eight yards and had nine tackles, one for a three-yard loss. . .Mohammed Muheize led HSU with 11 tackles, including eight primaries. Linebacker Adam Angeli had

nine tackles, including three quarterback sacks for losses of 21 yards. **Players-of-the-Game:** Humboldt State, Offense, Brent Adkins (WR, 6-0, 190, So., Redmond, WA - WWCC) - In addition to catching six passes for 128 yards, recovered an onside kick to seal the win; Defense, Adam Angeli (LB, 6-2, 245, Jr., Guernville, CA - Mendocino).

Azusa Pacific	0	0	7	21	--	28
Humboldt State	7	7	3	14	--	31

HSU - Creager 58 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
 HSU - Smith 44 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
 HSU - Waltzman 21 Field Goal
 APU - Tyler 3 run (Ryburn kick)
 HSU - Jones 10 run (Waltzman kick)
 APU - Hib 18 pass from Winslow (Ryburn kick)
 HSU - Adkins 83 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
 APU - Tyler 1 run (Ryburn kick)
 APU - Tyler 1 run (Ryburn kick)

CSU Northridge 47, Western Oregon 37 (at Northridge):

Cal State Northridge rallied from a 30-19 deficit late in the third quarter to deny Western Oregon its second consecutive win over a NCAA Division I-AA school. Last week the Wolves defeated Southern Utah. . .Jamaal Perry scored on an 11-yard pass from quarterback Marcus Brady with 5:03 left in the third period and then Northridge scored 22 fourth-quarter points to defeat the Wolves. . .The issue was in doubt right until the end when Anthony Ramos scored on a 25-yard pass from Brady with two minutes remaining in the game. . .Though the final score was close, the yardage wasn't as the California school rolled up 615 yards in total offense, 253 rushing and 362 passing. Western Oregon finished with 316. . .Brady accounted for 462 of CSN's total, rushing for 100 yards and two touchdowns and completing 29 of 36 passes for 362 yards. Drew Amerson caught 12 passes for 179 yards. . .Western Oregon, which came into the game leading Division II schools in takeaway ratio (+10), added four more takeaways as Chris Angel and Albert Meza had interceptions and Angel and Jamil Wynn recovered fumbles. But, WOU's ratio remained at plus 10 as the Wolves also turned the ball over four times. . .Western Oregon, which led 23-19 at halftime, was led by quarterback Bart Bishop. Bishop completed 15 of 32 passes for 226 yards, including touchdowns to Mike Hinshaw (14 yards) and Brad Satran (6 yards). Hinshaw caught five passes for 64 yards. . .Jason Taroli netted 56 yards on 14 carries to lead WOU's ground game. David Swopes added 37 yards on nine rushes. Punter Lucas Taroli averaged 41.5 yards on four punts. . .In addition to his two takeaways, Angel had a team-best 11 tackles. Linebacker Dave Morrill had 10 stops. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Oregon,** Offense, Bart Bishop (QB, 6-4, 235, Jr., Stayton - Regis) - Had the first 200-yard passing game by a WOU quarterback this season; Defense, Chris Angel (DB, 6-0, 205, Sr., Albany - South Albany).

Western Oregon	13	10	7	7	--	37
CSU Northridge	7	12	6	22	--	47

WOU - Satran 6 pass from Bishop (Keippela kick)
 Northridge - Amerson 36 pass from Brady (Brown kick)
 WOU - Swopes 3 run (Keippela 22 Field Goal)
 WOU - Bishop 1 run (Keippela kick)
 Northridge - Brady 1 run (kick failed)
 Northridge - Brady 40 run (pass failed)
 WOU - Bishop 1 run (Keippela kick)
 Northridge - Perry 11 pass from Brady (pass failed)

Northridge - Wright 8 run (Amerson pass from Brady)
 WOU - Hinshaw 14 pass from Bishop (Keippela kick)
 Northridge - Hackett 20 pass from Brady (Brown kick)
 Northridge - Ramos 25 pass from Brady (Brown kick)

Western Washington 45, South Dakota State 28 (at Ellensburg): Scott Mitchell rolled up 420 yards of total offense - his second 400-yard game this season - and accounted for five touchdowns in Western Washington's 17-point win over South Dakota State. . . Mitchell completed 24-of-33 passes for 328 yards and three touchdowns, moving into third place among Western career passing leaders in yardage. He also ran for 92 yards and two scores as the Vikings improved to 3-2 with their second straight victory. . . South Dakota State fell to 2-4 despite the efforts of running back Josh Ranek, who ran for 133 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries and had 128 yards on five receptions, including an 82-yard touchdown on a swing pass. . . Western jumped to a 14-0 lead less than 10 minutes into the game going 62 yards in seven plays on their first series and 91 yards in eight plays the following possession. Mitchell capped the opening drive with a three-yard touchdown run, then hit wide receiver Greg Dykstra on a fade pattern for a seven-yard score. . . The Vikings never trailed after that, although the Jackrabbits closed to within three (24-21) on a nine-yard run by Ranek with 29 seconds left in the first half. SDSU got no closer, though, as Western scored on the opening drive of the second half, going 78 yards in seven plays, capped by a 10-yard pass from Mitchell to running back Nyle Chambers. Chambers accounted for all but one yard in the drive on four rushes and two receptions, then added a six-yard scoring run on the following possession, in which he touched the ball on seven of the eight plays. Chambers finished with 90 yards on 21 carries and 100 . receiving yards on six pass receptions. . . The Vikings finished with a 557-418 edge in total offense, and a 38:09-21:51 margin in time of possession. . . Dykstra had eight receptions for 91 yards and a touchdown, and wide receiver Ryan Van Diest added three catches for 61 yards, including a 17-yard score in the second quarter. . . Mitchell, who entered the game fifth in NCAA Division II in pass efficiency (172.3), ran his career passing yardage to 5,777, surpassing the 5,503 yards of Kirk Kriskovich (1985-86, 89). He is only 84 yards behind second-place Darren Erath (1994-97) at 5,861. This fall he has thrown for 1,416 yards and 12 touchdowns and has thrown just one interception in 148 passes. He also ranks sixth in the conference in rushing with 209 yards and his three rushing touchdowns ranks second, trailing only Nat Conley of Central Washington, who has four. . . South Dakota State quarterback Dan Fjeldheim completed 20-of-32 passes for 291 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Wide receiver Kris Garry had seven receptions for 82 yards. . . Western kicker Michael Koenen hit a 35-yard field goal, had three kickoffs go for touchbacks, and averaged 49.3 yards on three punts, including a 66-yarder. It is the third consecutive week Koenen has had a punt of 63 yards or more. . . Defensive back Erik Totten, who had 64 return yards (31 on three punts, 33 on three kickoffs), led WWU with eight tackles, while Lann Olson had seven. Jesse Looker and Corey Gunnerson had quarterback sacks of

nine and five yards. Steve Bernardy had one tackle for a loss among his two stops and also recovered two fumbles. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense, Nyle Chambers (RB, 6-1, 220, So., Sumner). Defense, Martez Johnson (CB, 6-0, 185, Jr., Seattle, WA - Rainier Beach) - Had the only interception of the game and also had four tackles and broke up a pass.

South Dakota State	7	14	0	7	--	28
Western Washington	14	10	14	7	--	45
WWU - Mitchell 3 run (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Dykstra 7 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
SDSU - Ranek 2 run (Cave kick)						
WWU - Van Diest 17 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
SDSU - Ranek 82 pass from Fjeldheim (Cave kick)						
WWU - Koenen 35 Field Goal						
SDSU - Ranek 9 run (Cave kick)						
WWU - Chambers 10 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Chambers 6 run (Koenen kick)						
SDSU - Ranek 3 run (Cave kick)						
WWU - Mitchell 6 run (Koenen kick)						

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	1	0	36	14	5	2	247	119
Humboldt State	0	0	0	0	3	4	181	265
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	2	3	130	140
Central Washington	0	1	14	36	2	4	130	163

LAST SATURDAY: Central Washington 14 at Western Washington 36; Humboldt State 34 at Western Oregon 31 (non-conference).

THIS SATURDAY: Central Washington at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.; Western Washington at Humboldt State, 1 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Scott Mitchell, Western Washington (QB, 6-3, 210, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin) and Jacob Kadle, Humboldt State (QB, 6-2, 215, Sr., Arcata, CA - College of the Redwood). . Mitchell completed 25 of 44 passes for 313 yards and three touchdowns and also rushed for a team-high 65 yards and one touchdown to lead the Vikings to a 36-14 win over Central Washington. . Kadle engineered one of the greatest comebacks in Northwest small-college history, completing 23 of 46 passes for 376 yards and four touchdowns as the Lumberjacks rallied from a 31-7 halftime deficit to defeat Western Oregon 34-31.

Defense: Chris Walters, Humboldt State (LB, 5-10, 210, Jr., Anaheim, CA - Santa Ana College) set up the winning touchdown with a 29-yard interception return and also had a team-high 16 tackles, including an eight-yard quarterback sack, in the Lumberjacks 34-31 come-from-behind non-conference victory over Western Oregon.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Oct. 6)

Team: Total Offense - 24. Western Washington 414.8. Passing Offense - 8. Humboldt State 310.2; 22. Western Washington 263.2; 30. Central Washington 240.6. Scoring - 22. Western Washington 35.2. Takeaways - 1. Western Oregon 2.50; 24. Western Washington 1.17.

Individual: Rushing - 16. Nat Conley, CWU, 126.8. Passing - 3. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 175.4 (points). Total Offense - 5. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 297.0; 17. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 270.8. . Receiving - 25. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.0. Receiving Yards - 13. Dustin Creager, HSU, 100.7. Field Goals - 11. Michael Koenen, WWU, 1.17; 17. Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.0. Punting - 2. Michael Koenen, WWU, 44.0; 12. Joe Smith, CWU, 41.5; 21. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 40.5. Kick Returns - 29. Jay Banks, WOU, 25.4.

AROUND THE GNAC: Kadle increased his season pass total to a Humboldt State school-record 2,141 yards, breaking the previous mark of 2,055 set by Shanon Mornhinweg in 1994. His 20 touchdown passes broke the old single-season record of 17 set by Gary Peterson in

1971. . Mitchell became the 14th quarterback in modern Northwest small-college history to pass for 6,000 career yards. He currently ranks 13th with 6,090 yards and needs just 189 more yards in total offense to become the 11th player in Northwest small-college history to gain 7,000 yards in total offense. . Western Washington was ranked fifth in last week's official NCAA Division II West Regional poll. The top four ranked teams in the final poll in November qualify for the NCAA Division II playoffs. In the AFCA National poll, WWU and Western Oregon were among "others receiving votes" and were ranked 31st and 34th (WWU) overall.

GAME SUMMARIES

Western Washington 36, Central Washington 14 (at Bellingham): Quarterback Scott Mitchell completed 25 of 44 passes for 313 yards and three touchdowns and added another score on the ground, leading Western Washington to a 36-14 victory over Central Washington. . The triumph was the third in a row for the Vikings, who improved to 5-2. CWU fell to 2-4. The game was the conference opener for both teams. . The Vikings took a 22-0 lead with a little over five minutes left in the first half and never led by less than 15 points after that. . Western opened the scoring on seven-yard pass from Mitchell to tight end Rick Carte, who made a leaping, pirouetting catch in the back of the end zone. The score was 8-0 after a conversion pass from Mitchell to wide receiver Greg Dykstra. The Vikings then scored on back-to-back possessions in the second period. Mitchell threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Dykstra to cap a 10-play, 77-yard drive, then scored himself on a five-yard run on the following series. . Central scored with less than two minutes left in the half as quarterback Dale Chase threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Williams set up by a 29-yard run by punter Joe Smith. . Leading 22-7 at halftime, the Vikings scored on the opening play of the second half, as the Wildcats fumbled the kickoff and Nesby Glasgow Jr. recovered and ran 18 yards for a touchdown. . Central again closed the margin to 15 (29-14) on a 31-yard touchdown pass from Chase to H-back Brian Potucek, but Western put the game away early in the fourth quarter. . Strong safety Erik Totten intercepted a Chase pass, and on the following play, Mitchell went deep to Dykstra for a 58-yard touchdown. . Dykstra had five receptions for 114 yards and two touchdowns, giving him seven touchdown catches for the season. Slotback Sean Marshall had nine catches for 76 yards. . Chase completed 16 of 52 passes for 281 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. Potucek had eight receptions for 165 yards and a score, and running back Nat Conley added 104 yards rushing - his league-leading fourth 100-yard rushing game - on 14 carries. . Western finished with a narrow 456-424 edge in total offense, but had a 10-minute advantage (35:01-24:59) in time of possession. . It was the third straight victory for the Vikings over CWU, who last had three consecutive victories over the Wildcats in the mid-70s (1976-

78). .CWU defensive back Jason Patterson picked off his GNAC leading fifth pass of the season against Mitchell, who has thrown just two interceptions in 192 attempts. .Other defensive statistical leaders for the Wildcats included Levi Teasley, who had 11 tackles, including a quarterback sack, and Duncan Bagley, who broke up three passes and was credited with 10 tackles. Freshman linebacker Blake Walker had nine tackles and his team-leading third fumble recovery. .Wayne Parker led the WWU defensive with five tackles, including a 12-yard quarterback sack. Marcus Hall and Totten also had quarterback sacks for losses of eight and six yards. The Viking defense had five takeaways, including interceptions by Andy Linscott (19 yards), Totten (4 yards) and Anthony Dalton and fumble recoveries by Glasgow and Martez Johnson. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Scott Mitchell (QB, 6-3, 210, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin), Defense, Anthony Dalton (CB, 5-10, 190, Jr., Olympia, WA - River Ridge - Yuba JC) - Had three tackles, including one for a loss. Also forced a fumble, intercepted a pass and broke up three passes. **Central Washington**, Offense, Brian Potucek (WR, 6-0, 175, Fr., Tacoma - Clover Park); Defense, Levi Teasley (LB, 5-9, 195, So., Ellensburg).

Central Washington	0	7	7	0	--	14
Western Washington	8	14	7	7	--	36

WWU - Carte 7 pass from Mitchell (Dykstra pass from Mitchell)
 WWU - Dykstra 10 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Mitchell 5 run (Koenen kick)
 CWU - Williams 10 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)
 WWU - Glasgow 18 fumble return off kickoff (Koenen kick)
 CWU - Potucek 31 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)
 WWU - Dykstra 58 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)

Humboldt State 34, Western Oregon 31 (at Monmouth): Humboldt State staged one of the greatest comebacks in Northwest small-college history, thrice converting two-point conversions in the second half, to overcome a 31-7 deficit and defeat Western Oregon 34-31. .Quarterback Jacob Kadle completed 23 of 46 passes for 376 yards, including 256 yards in the second half. Kadle tossed four touchdown passes, including a two-yarder to Dustin Creager with 8:20 left that put HSU ahead 32-31. Kadle then teamed with Kyle Lucas for the two-point conversion. .Western Oregon had an opportunity to tie the game in the final minute, but Andrew Keippela missed a three-pointer from 49 yards. .Western Oregon appeared on its way to a rout, especially after Mike Hinshaw scored on a 61-yard pass from Denny Bies on the final play of the first half. .But, HSU scored twice in the third period on touchdown passes of 25 and nine yards from Kadle to Brent Adkins and Christian Hansen and then pulled to within five on a 34-yard field goal by David Waltzman with 10:39 left. Two minutes later, Chris Walters set up the winning touchdown, returning an interception 29 yards to the WOU 17 yard line. After a pass interference penalty gave the Lumberjacks a first-and-goal at the two-yard line, Kadle hooked up with Creager for the game-winning touchdown on third down. .Western Oregon later drove from their own 38 to HSU 29, converting one fourth down in the process, but a three-yard sack by Zach Weinberger put the ball back at the 32 forcing the long-range field goal

attempt. .Creager was Kadle's favorite target catching a GNAC season-high 11 for 180 yards. The yardage is also a conference single-game best mark. Adkins had five catches for 79 yards and Antoine Smith caught three for 69. All but 11 of HSU's 387 yards in total offense came through the air. .Bies completed 20 of 39 passes for 286 yards and two touchdowns to lead WOU. Hinshaw caught six for 139 yards. Running backs Jason Taroli and David Swopes combined for 184 yards. Taroli netted 96 yards on 18 rushes increasing his career total to 2,552. Swopes, who scored on runs of three and one-yard, gained 88 yards on 19 carries. .WOU, which came into the game ranked first nationally in takeaways, had two (interceptions by Jamil Wynn and Albert Meza), but none in the decisive second half. .In addition to his key interception, Walters led the Humboldt State defense with 16 tackles, including nine primaries and a eight-yard quarterback sack. Gabe Jackson had three tackles for losses and Adam Angeli was credited with two quarterback sacks for losses of 15 yards. Mohammed Muheize had an interception, 10 tackles and also broke up three passes. .Ransen Rodriguez had two quarterback sacks for the WOU defense for losses of 15 yards. Defensive back Chris Angel had a team-high eight tackles and also broke up a pass. .Western Oregon finished with a 457-387 advantage in total offense, ran 22 more plays and controlled the football for 37 minutes and 45 seconds. **Players-of-the-Game: Humboldt State**, Offense, Jacob Kadle (QB, 6-2, 215, Sr., Arcata, CA - College of the Redwood); Defense, Chris Walters (LB, 5-10, 210, Jr., Anaheim, CA - Santa Ana College). **Western Oregon**, Offense, Mike Hinshaw (WR, 6-0, 190, So., Scappoose) - Had a GNAC season-best 211 all-purpose yards, including 72 on three kickoff returns; Defense, Chris Angel (DB, 6-0, 205, Sr., Albany - South Albany).

Humboldt State	0	7	16	11	--	34
Western Oregon	3	28	0	0	--	31

WOU - Keippela 34 Field Goal
 WOU - Swopes 3 run (Keippela kick)
 WOU - Hinshaw 18 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)
 WOU - Swopes 1 run (Keippela kick)
 HSU - Creager 5 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
 WOU - Hinshaw 61 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)
 HSU - Adkins 25 pass from Kadle (White pass from Waltzman)
 HSU - Hansen 9 pass from Kadle (Fowler pass from Kadle)
 HSU - Waltzman 34 Field Goal
 HSU - Creager 2 pass from Kadle (Lucas pass from Kadle)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	2	0	77	21	6	2	288	126
Western Oregon	1	0	14	2	3	3	144	142
Humboldt State	0	1	7	41	3	5	188	306
Central Washington	0	2	16	50	2	5	132	177

LAST SATURDAY: Central Washington 2 at Western Oregon 14; Western Washington 41 at Humboldt State 7.

THIS SATURDAY: Humboldt State at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.; Western Washington at New Haven, 1 p.m.

UPCOMING: Nov. 3 – Central Washington at UC Davis, 1:30 p.m.; Humboldt State at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Western Washington, 1 p.m. **Nov. 10** – Western Washington at UC Davis, 1:30 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 1 p.m. **Nov. 17** - Central Washington at Eastern Washington, 1 p.m.; NCAA Division II Playoffs.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Scott Mitchell, Western Washington (QB, 6-3, 210, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin). . . Mitchell, who has completed 67.6 percent of his passes (the Northwest small-college record is 67.9) and has been intercepted just twice (his .009 percentage is on pace to break the Northwest small-college record of .010 set by Craig Kupp of Pacific Lutheran in 1989) completed 22 of 30 passes (including 17 of his first 19) for 380 yards and four touchdowns in a 41-7 win at Humboldt State. Mitchell became the 11th player in Northwest small-college history to gain 7,000 yards in total offense. He currently ranks ninth on the career chart with 7,223.

Defense: Brinton Smith, Western Oregon (DB, 6-3, 205, So., Portland, OR - Madison). . . Smith, making his first start, led the Wolves with 14 tackles, including nine primaries, and also intercepted two passes to lead the defense, which limited Central Washington to just 230 yards in total offense. Smith returned one of his thefts 36 yards to set up WOU's third-quarter touchdown in a 14-2 victory. Among his tackles was one for a three-yard loss. He was also credited with two pass breakups.

AROUND THE GNAC: WWU quarterback Scott Mitchell now ranks 11th in Northwest small-college history with 6,470 passing yards. In moving into ninth place on the career total offense list with 7,223 yards, among the players he passed Saturday was WWU radio color commentator Jason Stiles, who finished his 1992-95 career with 7,192 yards. . . CWU defensive back Jason Patterson increased his career interception total to 18, one short of the CWU school record of 19 set by Pat Maki in 1971 and 1972. His total currently ranks fifth on the Northwest modern-day chart (since 1985).

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Oct. 13)

Team: Total Offense - 24. Western Washington 420.7. Passing Offense - 6. Humboldt State 319.6; 22. Western Washington 270.3; 28. Central Washington 250.0. Scoring - 21. Western Washington 35.3. Scoring Defense - 25. Western Washington 17.0. Takeaways - 3. Western Oregon 2.0; 13. Western Washington 1.43.

Individual: Rushing - 22. Nat Conley, CWU, 123.0. Passing - 5. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 166.0 (points). Total Offense - 7. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 305.7; 10. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 286.1. Receiving - 8. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.7. Receiving Yards - 5. Dustin Creager, HSU, 112.0; 19. Greg Dykstra, WWU, 90.4. Field Goals - 17. Michael Koenen, WWU, and Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.0. Punting - 8. Michael Koenen, WWU, 42.2; 9. Joe Smith, CWU, 42.0; 24. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 39.8. Interceptions - 8. Jason Patterson, CWU, 0.83.

POLLS: NCAA West Region (Oct. 15) - 1. Chadron State; 2. UC Davis, 3. Texas A&M-Commerce, 4. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5. **Western Washington**, 6. Tarleton State 7. Nebraska-Kearney, 8. Angelo State, 9. Colorado School of Mines, 10. Midwestern State. (Top 4 qualify for NCAA playoffs). **AFCA National Poll (Oct. 15)** - 26. Western Washington.

GAME SUMMARIES

Western Washington 41, Humboldt State 7 (at Arcata): Quarterback Scott Mitchell threw touchdown passes on three consecutive possessions in the first half and became the first player in school history to throw for 300 yards in three consecutive games in a 41-7 win over Humboldt State at the Redwood Bowl. . . The Vikings (6-2, 2-0 in the GNAC) overcame three first-quarter turnovers in extending their winning streak to four. . . Humboldt State fell to 3-5 and 0-1 in the GNAC as it lost to Western for the fifth consecutive time. . . Mitchell completed 17 of his first 19 passes and finished the game 22 completions in 30 attempts for 380 yards and four touchdowns. The 380 yards is the fifth best single-game total in school history. Mitchell also became just the second player in Western history to reach 7,000 yards in total offense, completing the day with a career mark of 7,223 yards. . . Western also rushed for 256 yards as it had a 645-305 edge in total offense, rolling up the second-best single-game total offense in school history. . . The Vikings fumbled the ball away on their first two plays from scrimmage, and three times in their first four possessions, but still scored first, as Mitchell hit slotback Sean Marshall with an eight-yard touchdown pass late in the opening quarter. . . Humboldt State tied the game on the first play of the second period on a four-yard toss from

quarterback Jacob Kadle to freshman wide receiver Dustin Creager, but Western then scored on three consecutive possessions to take a 28-7 lead. Mitchell hit wide receiver Ryan Van Diest behind the Lumberjack defense for a 47-yard touchdown, then found wide receiver Greg Dykstra for an eight-yard score and running back Devin Martin completed the burst with a three-yard run. . .On the opening series of the second half, Western went 64 yards in four plays, finishing the drive on a screen pass from Mitchell to Van Diest for a 40-yard touchdown. Backup running back B.J. Frost capped the scoring with a five-yard run midway through the fourth period. . .Frost led the running game with 96 yards on 17 carries, almost entirely in the fourth period. Martin added 80 yards on 13 carries. Van Diest had 125 yards on four receptions, including two touchdowns, and Dykstra had five catches for 65 yards. . .Kadle, who entered the game ranked seventh nationally in NCAA II in total offense (305.7), completed 21 of 40 passes for 160 yards. He was picked off twice, including one by Western strong safety Erik Totten in the end zone on the opening drive of the game. Anthony Dalton also had a pick. .Creager, who leads the GNAC in receiving, had seven receptions for 61 yards, and running back Mitch Jones had 118 yards on 14 rushing attempts. . .Derek Noble led WWU with eight tackles, while Corey Gunnerson had four, including two quarterback sacks for losses of 11 yards. Mohammed Muheize led HSU with 13 tackles. Tim White had 11 . Adam Angeli had eight, including a nine-yard sack and another tackle for a one-yard loss. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington, Offense, Scott Mitchell (QB, 6-3, 210, Sr., Kennewick, WA - Kamiakin); Defense, Erik Totten (SS, 5-10, 195, Sr., Maple Valley) - In addition to end zone interception on HSU's first series, he had five tackles and also broke up a pass. He also returned a kickoff 39 yards. Humboldt State, Offense, Mitch Jones (RB, 5-10, 201, Jr., Reno, NV - Wooster) - Had his first 100-yard game of the season in averaging 8.4 yards on 14 carries; Defense, Mohammed Muheize (DB, 5-10, 180, Jr., San Diego, CA - El Cajon) - Also broke up a pass in addition to leading all players with 13 tackles.**

Western Washington	7	21	7	6	--	41
Humboldt State	0	7	0	0	--	7

WWU - Marshall 8 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)
 HSU - Creager 4 pass from Kadle (Adkins kick)
 WWU - Van Diest 47 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Dykstra 8 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Martin 3 run (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Van Diest 41 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Frost 5 run (kick failed)

Western Oregon 14, Central Washington 2 (at Monmouth): Western Oregon took advantage of two of six Central Washington turnovers to score the game's only touchdowns in defeating the Wildcats 14-2. . .Jason Taroli, who netted 63 yards on 16 rushes, scored both of the TDs on runs of two and one yard. . .In the second quarter, Taroli's two-yard run was the third play in an eight-yard drive after lineman Isaiah Haines knocked down a lateral pass by CWU quarterback Nate Graham and returned it 23 yards to the Wildcat eight-yard line. After an incomplete pass on first down, Taroli picked up six yards to the two to

set up his own TD run. . .WOU tacked on an insurance touchdown in the third quarter. Brinton Smith picked off a Graham pass and returned it 36 yards to the CWU 33 to set up a five-play, 33-yard drive. The big play was a 25-yard pass from Denny Bies to Damien Cole down to the six-yard line. Taroli did the rest, carrying three straight times before diving over for the touchdown on third down. . .Smith had two interceptions, including one that ended a Wildcat drive at the WOU 43. He also had a team-high 14 tackles, including one for a three-yard loss. He was also credited with two breakups. . .CWU, which scored its only points in the first quarter when Bies was flagged for intentional grounding in the end zone, had several opportunities to score, but each time the Wolf defense came up big. In the first quarter, the Wildcats drove to the WOU 4, but three plays netted just one yard and on fourth down Steve Hickey's field goal attempt was blocked by Josh Dorfler. Later in the period, a CWU drive stalled at the 36 leading to a punt. In the third quarter, linebacker Dave Morrill picked off a Graham pass on a first-and-10 play from the WOU 22. Later in the period, CWU drove to the WOU 38 before Smith's interception return set up WOU's second touchdown. CWU penetrated Western territory three times in the final period. Hickey missed a 36-yard field goal attempt on the first drive. Chris Angel stopped one drive with a interception. The final drive stalled at the 34 on downs. . .WOU's defense held Central to 230 yards in total offense, 56 rushing and 174 passing. Graham completed 13 of 29 passes, but was intercepted four times. Nat Conley, who has had a league-best four 100-yard rushing games this fall, was held to 59 yards on 20 carries, but he added 59 more on two catches, including a 55-yard reception. Brian Potucek led CWU's receivers with 50 yards on five catches. . .In addition to Taroli's 63 yards, David Swopes added 40 on eight carries for WOU, which finished with 280 yards in offense. Bies completed 14 of 31. He was picked off three times, twice by Jason Patterson, who increased his season interception total to seven. Mike Hinshaw (83 yards) and Brad Satran (43 yards) led WOU's receivers with five and four catches, respectively. . .Punters Joe Smith and Lucas Taroli averaged 43.0 and 40.9 yards for their teams. . .Among the defensive leaders in addition to Smith for WOU were Morrill, who had eight tackles and Lyman Panui and Jay Banks, who each had two tackles for losses. Levi Teasley led Central with 15 tackles, one for a loss, while Blake Walker had 13 (two for losses five yards) and Duncan Bagley had 12. Lance Gibson had six, including three for losses of 17. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Oregon, Jason Taroli (RB, 5-10, 200, Sr., Oregon City) - Scored the 21st and 22nd touchdowns of his career increasing his career rushing total to 2,615, which ranks 19th on the Northwest Small-College career list. Defense, Brinton Smith (DB, 6-3, 205, So., Portland, OR - Madison). Central Washington, Offense, Nat Conley (RB, 6-0, 200, Sr., Pasco) - Had 118 all-purpose yards, divided evenly between rushing (59) and receiving (59) Defense, Jason Patterson (DB, 5-11, 185, Sr.) - Had six tackles and also returned two interceptions for 43 yards.**

Central Washington	2	0	0	0	--	2
Western Oregon	0	7	7	0	--	14

CWU - Safety, Bies flagged for intentional grounding in end zone
 WOU - Taroli 2 run (Keippela kick)
 WOU - Taroli 1 run (Keippela kick)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	2	0	77	21	7	2	312	147
Western Oregon	1	0	14	2	4	3	180	149
Central Washington	1	2	56	71	3	5	172	198
Humboldt State	0	2	28	81	3	6	209	346

LAST SATURDAY: Humboldt State 21 at Central Washington 40; Simon Fraser 7 at Western Oregon 36; Western Washington 24 at New Haven 21.

THIS SATURDAY: - Central Washington at UC Davis, 1:30 p.m.; Humboldt State at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Western Washington, 1 p.m.

UPCOMING: Nov. 10 - Western Washington at UC Davis, 1:30 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 1 p.m. **Nov. 17** - Central Washington at Eastern Washington, 1 p.m.; NCAA Division II Playoffs.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Nat Conley, Central Washington (RB, 6-0, 200, Sr., Pasco, WA) rushed for a school-record 322 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 40-21 Homecoming win over Humboldt State. Conley, who carried the ball a school-record 40 times, scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter to put CWU ahead 17-14, then had clinching touchdown runs of 50 and 37 in the fourth quarter.

Defense: Albert Meza, Western Oregon (DB, 6-1, 190, Sr., Canby, OR) had interception returns of 62 and 30 yards as the Wolf defense increased their season takeaway total to 26 in holding an opponent to single-digit points for the third time in seven games. Meza also had three tackles, including one for a loss.

AROUND THE GNAC: Conley's 322 yard effort was the third highest single-game total in Northwest small-college modern history and the most since Southern Oregon's Griff Yates ran for a record 348 yards against Pacific Lutheran in 1998. Conley needs just 87 more yards to reach the career 2,000 yard plateau. WWU quarterback Scott Mitchell ranks 11th in Northwest small-college passing history with 6,648 yards and eighth place on the career total offense list with 7,389 yards. Conley has five of the eight 100-yard rushing games, including the top four, in the GNAC this fall. Humboldt State's Jacob Kadle leads the GNAC with six 200-yard passing games, while Mitchell has had five. Both players have had six 200-yard total offense games. In receiving, Dustin Creager of HSU leads the GNAC with four 100-yard games. Mike Hinshaw of Western Oregon and Greg Dykstra of Western Washington have had three each.

SMITH GETS NATIONAL HONOR: Western Oregon defensive back Brinton Smith (6-3, 205, So., Portland, OR - Madison) was named the **NCAA Division II National Defensive Player-of-the-Week** by the web site D2Football.com for the Week of Oct. 20. He was also selected to share the award by the publication Football Gazette. . . Smith, making his first start, led the Wolves with 14 tackles, including nine primaries, and also intercepted two passes to lead WOU to a 14-2 win over CWU. Smith returned one of his thefts 36 yards to set up WOU's third-quarter touchdown. Among his tackles was one for a three-yard loss. He was also credited with two pass breakups, a blocked field goal and a fumble recovery.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Oct. 20)

Team: Total Offense - 10. Western Washington 448.8. Passing Offense - 10. Humboldt State 299.6; 15. Western Washington 285.1; 30. Central Washington 239.1. Passing Defense - 17. Western Washington 94.4 (points). Scoring - 16. Western Washington 36.0. Scoring Defense - 18. Western Washington 15.8. Takeaways - 3. Western Oregon 2.2; 13. Western Washington 1.25.

Individual: Rushing - 23. Nat Conley, CWU, 113.9. Passing - 3. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 173.8 (points). Total Offense - 7. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 301.9; 10. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 286.9. Receiving - 9. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.8. Receiving Yards - 8. Dustin Creager, HSU, 105.6; 23. Greg Dykstra, WWU, 87.2. Punting - 8. Joe Smith, CWU, 42.1; 9. Michael Koenen, WWU, 42.1; 23. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 40.0. Interceptions - 2. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.0. **Defense:** Tackles - 18. Chris Walters, HSU, 10.8; 22. Siosifa Latu, HSU, 10.4, and Tim White, HSU, 10.4; 30. Blake Walker, CWU, 10.0. Solos - 6. Blake Walker, CWU, 6.6; 28. Siosifa Latu, HSU, 5.3. Passes Defended (Interceptions-Broken Up) - 11. Jason Patterson, CWU, 7-6-13-1.9; 21. Martez Johnson, WWU, 11-2-13-1.6; 30. Marshall Hendricks, HSU, 11-1-12-1.5. Forced Fumbles - 5. Siosifa Latu, HSU, 0.50, and Ransen Rodrigues, WOU, 0.5; 13. Dustin Hawkins, CWU, 0.4. (**Note:** Defensive leaders are compiled only three times yearly).

POLLS: NCAA West Region (Oct. 22) - 1. Chadron State (8-0); 2. Texas A&M-Kingsville (6-1); UC Davis, 3. Western Washington, 4. UC Davis (5-2); 5. Tarleton State (6-2); 6. Nebraska-Kearney (6-2), 7. Angelo State (5-2), 8. Texas A&M-Commerce (6-2); 9. Midwestern State (5-3); 10. Mesa State (5-3). **AFCA National Poll (Oct. 22)** - 26. Western Washington.

GAME SUMMARIES

Western Washington 24, New Haven 21 (at West Haven): Redshirt freshman Michael Koenen kicked a 40-yard field goal with two seconds to lift Western Washington to a 24-21 win over the University of New Haven in a battle of regionally-

ranked teams. . . Western, which is ranked No.3 in the West Region, improved to 7-2 with its fifth straight win. New Haven, which is ranked No. 5 in the Northeast Region, fell to 4-3. . . A 24-yard punt return by Erik Totten gave Western the ball on the New Haven 45 with 56 seconds left. Running back Devin Martin, who had a career-high 118 yards on 23 carries, ran 11 yards to the 34, then quarterback Steve Nichols hit wide receiver Greg Dykstra for a 12-yard gain to the Charger 22. Two plays later, Koenen, who had missed his last six field goal attempts, including two in the first half, hit the game-winner after New Haven used two timeouts. . . Each team had opportunities to take the lead in the fourth quarter. Western reached the New Haven 3 with just under 10 minutes left, but Nichols was intercepted by safety George Fuller. The Chargers then took the ball to the Viking 3, but Pete Dodosh's 19-yard field goal attempt was blocked by Anthony Dalton. . . . New Haven held a 21-14 lead at halftime as wide receiver Matt Marcks, who finished with 10 receptions for 213 yards, scored two touchdowns and set up another. Western tied the game late in the third quarter on a four-yard run by Martin. Nichols entered the game during that series, replacing Scott Mitchell, who injured his left (non-throwing) shoulder. . . The triumph marked the first time Western had won a game after trailing at halftime since Nov. 15, 1997, when the Vikings defeated Southern Oregon, 27-26, after trailing 26-14 at halftime. . . Western opened the scoring on a one-yard run by Nyle Chambers and had a chance to extend the lead, but Koenen was short on a 54-yard field goal. New Haven responded with a seven-play, 63-yard drive, tying the game on a 24-yard pass from Rob D'Innocenzio to Marcks. . . The Chargers took a 14-7 lead in the second quarter, as a 59-yard pass from D'Innocenzio to Marcks set up a one-yard run by Maikel Mehu. Western tied the game on the following series on a 19-yard pass from Mitchell to wide receiver Ryan Van Diest, but Marcks and D'Innocenzio connected again for a 28-yard score, giving New Haven a seven-point lead at halftime. . . D'Innocenzio finished the game 15-of-35 for 240 yards and two touchdowns. . . Mitchell, who ranks third nationally in NCAA II in pass efficiency and seventh in total offense, was just 12-of-27 for 178 yards with a touchdown and an interception before aggravating an injury suffered in the opening game of season. He spent the rest of the game with his left arm in a sling, and his status for the rest of the season is in doubt. . . The Vikings had a 348-275 edge in total offense, holding the Chargers to 30 yards on 28 rushing attempts and notching six sacks, two by Steve Bernardy. Bernardy had five tackles, all primaries, and finished with three tackles for losses of 12 yards. Derek Noble had eight tackles, including one for a loss and also broke up a pass. **Players-of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense; Devin Martin (RB, 5-8, 190, Jr., Oakland, CA - Berkeley & Idaho State); Defense, Steve Bernardy (DE, 6-2, 260, Sr., Laurel, WA - Meridian).

Western Washington	7	7	7	3	--	24
New Haven	7	14	0	0	--	21

WWU - Chambers 1 run (Koenen kick)
 NH - Marcks 24 pass from D'Innocenzio (Dodosh kick)
 NH - Mehu 1 run (Dodosh kick)
 WWU - Van Diest 19 yards from Mitchell (Koenen kick)

NH - Marcks 28 pass from D'Innocenzio (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Martin 4 run (Koenen kick)
 WWU - Koenen 40 Field Goal

Central Washington 40, Humboldt State 21 (at Ellensburg):

Nat Conley ran for a school-record 322 yards as Central Washington rallied from a 14-3 second-quarter deficit to defeat Humboldt State 40-21. . . Conley, who has the four highest single-game rushing totals this fall in the GNAC (322, 189, 188 and 139), eclipsed the old school mark of 270 set by Dan Murphy against Azusa Pacific in 1998. . . CWU outgained Humboldt State 503-270 in total offense in earning its first conference win of the season and snapping a three-game losing streak. The Wildcats finished with 335 rushing yards and quarterback Dale Chase completed 14 of 24 passes for 168 yards, including touchdown passes of 51 yards to Brian Potucek and 34 yards to Moses Lewis. CWU also scored three points on a 25-yard field goal by Steve Hickey and got two points when Humboldt's long snapper snapped the ball out of the end zone in a punting situation in the third quarter. . . The safety was the only score of the third period and gave CWU a 26-14 lead, capping off a 23-0 run. But, Jacob Kadle then completed an eight-yard touchdown pass to Brent Adkins with 12:35 left in the fourth quarter to cut CWU's lead to five. Conley, however, clinched the win for CWU exploding for runs of 50 and 37 to cap off a three-play, 59-yard drive and a two-play, 42-yard drive. He accounted for all 101 yards on the two drives. . . Early in the game, Humboldt State dominated, driving 80 yards in 10 plays after taking the opening kickoff and then putting together a three-play, 85-yard drive early in the second half to go up 14-3. . . On its first possession, Kadle completed 37 and 11 yard passes to Antoine Smith and Dustin Creager before covering the final seven yards on a pair of quarterback sneaks (four and three yards). Mitch Jones also had a 15-yard run in the series. On the second TD drive, Kadle completed a 60-yard pass to Smith. Jones then ran for two yards to set up a 23-yard TD pass to Creager. But, most of the remainder of the game belonged to the Wildcats. . . Kadle finished the contest with 18 completions in 42 attempts for 229 yards. Smith caught five passes for 117 yards, while Creager, who leads the GNAC in receiving, caught five for 59 yards. . . Potucek led CWU's receivers with five catches for 97 yards. Josh Lopez had six for 22 yards. . . Brian Corpuz and Jason Patterson had interceptions for CWU. For Patterson, it was his conference-leading eighth theft of the season and the 19th of his career, tying the CWU career mark set by Pat Maki during the 1971-72 campaigns. . . Chris Walters, who leads the conference in tackles, had 19, including 13 primaries. Mohammed Muheize had 16 and Eddie Plaxton had 11. . . Jared Carter had nine tackles, including a 10-yard quarterback sack in the second quarter. Carter also forced and recovered a fumble to set up Moses Lewis' 34-yard touchdown reception in the second period. **Players-of-the-Game: Central Washington**, Offense, Nat Conley (RB, 6-0, 200, Sr.); Defense, Jared Carter (LB, 6-0, 225, Sr., Walla Walla); **Humboldt State**, Offense, Antoine Smith (WR, 5-10, 155, Jr., Oakland, CA); Defense, Chris Walters (LB, 5-10, 210, Jr., Anaheim, CA).

Humboldt State	7	7	0	7	--	21
Central Washington	3	21	2	14	--	40

HSU - Kadle 3 run (Waltzman kick)
 CWU - Hickey 25 Field Goal
 HSU - Creager 23 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
 CWU - Potucek 51 pass from Chase (run failed)

CWU - Conley 2 run (Potucek pass from Chase)
 CWU - Lewis 34 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)
 CWU - Safety, ball snapped out of end zone
 HSU - Adkins 8 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
 CWU - Conley 50 run (Hickey kick)
 CWU - Conley 37 run (Hickey kick)

Western Oregon 36, Simon Fraser 7 (at Monmouth):

For the third time this fall, Western Oregon held an opponent to single digit points in defeating Simon Fraser before 3,200 fans at McArthur Field. . .The Wolf defense, which is among the nation's leaders in takeaways, intercepted three passes and allowed just 158 yards in total offense in holding the Clan to a single touchdown. . .Albert Meza had two interceptions, returning them 62 and 30 yards, while Chris Angel, who had 74 yards in punt (6-34) and kickoff (2-40) returns, also had a theft. . .WOU held SFU to just 56 yards rushing (it has allowed just 123 yards over the last three games), despite a 74-yard, 18 carry effort by Mike Vilimek. Clan quarterback J.R. Davies completed 11 of 18 passes for 102 yards, including a 13-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Jeans. By the time Jeans found the end zone, the Wolves were already ahead 16-0 on the strength of a 38-yard field goal by Andrew Keippela and touchdown passes of 55 yards to Mike Hinshaw and 12 yards to Jeff Berard by freshman quarterback Denny Bies. . .Later, WOU added 20 more points, six on field goals of 35 and 47 by Keippela. Hinshaw hauled in another touchdown

pass of 52 yards from Bies and Jason Taroli scored on a one-yard. . .All the scoring came in the first three quarters as neither team tallied over the final 19:07. . .Taroli led Western Oregon's rushers with 83 yards on 13 carries. Bies had his most efficient game as a collegian, finishing with 258 yards, completing 14 of 22 passes without an interception and without a sack. Earlier this season, he passed for 286 yards, but was intercepted twice in 39 throws and netted just 257 yards in total offense. . .Hinshaw had five catches for 133 yards, his third 130 yard plus performance of the season. .Vilimek was SFU's top rusher and Davies produced the most yards, completing 11 of 18 for 102 yards. . .Linebacker Dave Morrill (5-7-12) and defensive back Brinton Smith (7-3-10) finished in double figure tackles. Morrill (4 yards), Josh Dorfler (6 yards) and Lance Donnelly (9 yards) each had two tackles for losses. **Players-of-the-Game:** **Western Oregon**, Offense, Mike Hinshaw (WR, 6-0, 190, So., Scappoose, OR); Defense, Albert Meza (DB, 6-1, 190, Sr., Canby, OR).

Simon Fraser	0	7	0	0	--	7
Western Oregon	16	6	14	0	--	36

WOU - Keippela 38 Field Goal
 WOU - Hinshaw 55 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)
 WOU - Berard 12 pass from Bies (kick failed)
 SFU - Jeans 13 pass from Davies (Henschel kick)
 WOU - Keippela 35 Field Goal
 WOU - Keippela 47 Field Goal
 WOU - Hinshaw 52 pass from Bies (Keippela kick)
 WOU - Taroli 1 run (Keippela kick)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	3	0	123	35	8	2	358	161
Western Oregon	1	1	28	48	4	4	194	195
Central Washington	1	2	56	71	3	6	185	246
Humboldt State	0	2	28	81	3	7	243	383

LAST SATURDAY: Central Washington 13 at UC Davis 48; Humboldt State 34 at Simon Fraser 37; Western Oregon 14 at Western Washington 46.

THIS SATURDAY: Western Washington at UC Davis, 1:30 p.m.; Simon Fraser at Central Washington, 1 p.m.; Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 1 p.m.

NEXT SATURDAY: Central Washington at Eastern Washington, 1 p.m.; NCAA Division II Playoffs.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Michael Koenen, Western Washington (K, 5-10, 165, Fr., Ferndale, WA) and Dustin Creager, Humboldt State (WR, 6-1, 186, Fr., Mission Viejo, CA). . Koenen scored 16 points, kicking four field goals (32, 40, 37, 30) and four extra points leading the Vikings to a 46-14 win over Western Oregon. The victory enabled the Vikings to clinch their third straight conference title. . Creager caught eight passes for 153 yards and three touchdowns. He now has 14 reception touchdowns, breaking the old single season school mark of 13 set by Drew Roberts in 1960.

Defense: Anthony Dalton, Western Washington (CB, 5-10, 190, Jr., Olympia, WA - River Ridge & Yuba JC). . Dalton returned a fumble 40 yards for a touchdown to account for one of two defensive scores by the Vikings in a 32-point win over Western Oregon. He also had five primary tackles, including two quarterback sacks for losses of 19 yards. Dalton also forced two fumbles and broke up a pass.

AROUND THE GNAC: Humboldt State quarterback Jacob Kadle threw for 383 yards, surpassing the 300-yard mark for the sixth time this season He has seven games of 200 or more yards and leads the conference in both categories. . In receiving, Creager leads the GNAC with five 100-yard games. Mike Hinshaw of Western Oregon has had four, while HSU's Antoine Smith and Greg Dykstra of Western Washington have had three each. . Nat Conley of Central Washington continues to lead the conference with five 100-yard rushing games. Mitch Jones of Humboldt State has had two, while Nyle Chambers and Devin Martin of Western Washington each have had one.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Oct. 27)

Team: Total Offense - 12. Western Washington 437.6. Rushing Defense - 26. Western Washington 115.0; 28. Western Oregon 116.9. Passing Offense - 12. Humboldt State 291.8; 18. Western Washington 278.3. Passing Defense - 24. Western Washington 97.2 (points). Scoring - 18. Western Washington 34.7. Scoring Defense - 21. Western Washington 16.3. Takeaways - 2. Western Oregon 2.0.

Individual: Rushing - 9. Nat Conley, CWU, 39.9. Passing - 3. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 166.3 (points). Total Offense - 8. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 286.8; 10. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 281.8. Receiving - 10. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.6. Receiving Yards - 12. Dustin Creager, HSU, 100.4; 26. Greg Dykstra, WWU, 86.2. Punting - 7. Joe Smith, CWU, 42.0; 13. Michael Koenen, WWU, 41.1; 26. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 39.5. Field Goals - 10. Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.14. Interceptions - 2. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.0. All-Purpose - 22. Nat Conley, CWU, 148.4.

POLLS: NCAA West Region (Oct. 29) - 1. Chadron State (8-0); 2. Texas A&M -Kingsville (7-1); 3. Western Washington (7-2), 4. UC Davis (6-2); 5. Tarleton State (7-2); 6. Nebraska-Kearney (7-2), 7. Texas A&M -Commerce (7-2); 8. Angelo State (5-3); 9. Midwestern State (6-3); 10. East Central Oklahoma (5-3). . **AFC National Poll (Oct. 29)** - 21. Western Washington.

GAME SUMMARIES

Western Washington 46, Western Oregon 14 (at Bellingham): Michael Koenen kicked four field goals and the Viking defense scored two touchdowns as Western Washington defeated Western Oregon to clinch the first Great Northwest Athletic Conference football championship. . The triumph was the sixth straight for the Vikings, who won a league title for the third year in a row. Last year, Western shared the CFA title with Central Washington and they won it outright in 1999. . Koenen connected on field goals of 32, 40, 37 and 30 yards. He also had three kickoffs for touchbacks. . Western Washington quarterback Scott Mitchell, who was a doubtful starter because of an injury to his left (non-throwing) shoulder, completed nine of 17 passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns and also scored on a three-yard run. Mitchell also became Western's career leader in total offense, running his total to 7,508 yards. . Mitchell hit running back B.J. Frost for a 48-yard touchdown on a screen pass to open the scoring, and connected with tight end Adam Snel for a 36-yard score to give the Vikings a 19-0 lead at halftime. . Both of the Viking defensive touchdowns came in the fourth quarter. Cornerback Anthony Dalton stripped Western Oregon backup quarterback Bart Bishop, picked up the fumble and rambled 40 yards for a touchdown. Later in the period, strong safety Erik Totten intercepted Bishop and ran 15 yards for a score. . Western Oregon scored twice in the fourth period. Chris Angel returned the kickoff 95 yards after Dalton's

touchdown and wide receiver Brad Satran caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from third-string quarterback Shon Peil to cap an eight-play, 54-yard drive. . .Western Washington had only an 11-yard edge in total offense, 268-257, but Western Oregon, which came into the game ranked second nationally in takeaways, had five turnovers, and had also had drives in the first half end on a botched punt attempt, a fake punt attempt on fourth-and seven from the Viking 42 that came up short, and a missed field goal. . .Wolves starting quarterback Denny Bies completed 14 of 28 passes for 161 yards with two interceptions. Peil was six of seven for 68 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Mike Hinshaw had game-highs of eight receptions for 108 yards (his fourth 100-yard game of the season). . .Running back Devin Martin had a game high 77 yards on 20 carries for the Vikings, rushing for 60 of those yards in the opening quarter. . .Greg Dykstra, Western Washington's leading receiver on the season, left the game early in the first quarter with a shoulder sprain and did not return. **Players -of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense, Michael Koenen (K, 5-10, 165, Fr., Ferndale, WA); Defense, Anthony Dalton (CB, 5-10, 190, Jr., Olympia, WA - River Ridge & Yuba JC). **Western Oregon**, Offense, Mike Hinshaw (WR, 6-0, 190, So., Scappoose, OR); Defense, Dave Morrill (LB, 6-3, 245, Jr., Warren - Scappoose) - Had four tackles for losses of 15 yards among his eight stops.

Western Oregon	0	0	0	14	--	14
Western Washington	6	13	6	21	--	46
WWU - Frost 48 pass from Mitchell (kick failed)						
WWU - Koenen 32 Field Goal						
WWU - Koenen 40 Field Goal						
WWU - Snel 36 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Koenen 37 Field Goal						
WWU - Koenen 30 Field Goal						
WWU - Mitchell 3 run (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Dalton 40 fumble return (Koenen kick)						
WOU - Angel 95 kickoff return (Cole pass from Bishop)						
WWU - Totten 15 interception return (Koenen kick)						
WOU - Satran 34 pass from Peil (run failed)						

UC Davis 48, Central Washington 13 (at Davis): Quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan completed 19 of 28 passes for 335 yards and three touchdowns as 16th-ranked UC Davis racked up 596 yards of offense in a 48-13 drubbing of Central Washington. . .UCD (7-2), which has now beaten the Wildcats five consecutive times, led by just a 20-13 margin midway through the second quarter, but then outscored CWU 28-0 the remainder of the way, including 21-0 in the second half. . .Central drove 71 yards in six plays for a touchdown on its first possession, scoring on a 25-yard pass from quarterback Dale Chase to wide receiver Moses Lewis. The 'Cats later scored on a 66-yard Chase pass to freshman wide receiver Brian Potucek to pull within 20-13 with 10:09 remaining in the second quarter. . .The Aggies, however, pulled ahead 27-13 on a 13-yard run by Sean Holleman. Holleman then scored the first of three UCD second-half touchdowns on a 57-yard run. . .O'Sullivan tossed a 19-yard TD pass to Michael Oliva and running back Jared Ferrari completed the scoring on a 28-yard run. . .Holleman netted 104 yards on 11 rushes, while Oliva caught 10 passes for 163 yards and Charley Enos had six catches for 119 yard to lead the Aggies. . .Jake Roberts had career highs of nine catches and 141 yards for the

Wildcats. Chase also had a career-high 316 yards, completing 24 of 42 passes. . .Potucek had three catches for 80 yards and also returned two kickoffs a total of 40 yards. . .CWU defensive back Jason Patterson picked off his ninth pass of the season and the 20th of his career to break the CWU career mark of 19 set by Pat Maki during the 1971 and 1972 campaigns. Patterson is only the fourth player in modern Northwest small-college history to intercept 20 or more passes. Brian Corpuz also had an interception for the Wildcats, returning it 39 yards. **Players -of-the-Game: Central Washington**, Offense, Jake Roberts (WR, 6-3, 195, So., Spokane - University); Defense, Jason Patterson (DB, 5-11, 185, Sr., Enumclaw) - Patterson joined Greg Nyte of Simon Fraser (24 between 1984 and 1987), Bill Blevins of Pacific (23 between 1986 and 1989) and Orlando Steinauer of Western Washington (20 between 1992 and 1995) in the 20 interception club.

Central Washington	6	7	0	0	--	13
UC Davis	13	14	14	7	--	48
UCD - Bandel 7 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
CWU - Lewis 25 pass from Chase (kick failed)						
UCD - Oliva 24 pass from O'Sullivan (kick failed)						
UCD - Enos 7 run (Williams kick)						
CWU - Potucek 66 pass from Chase (Hickey kick)						
UCD - Holleman 13 run (Williams kick)						
UCD - Holleman 57 run (Williams kick)						
UCD - Oliva 19 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
UCD - Ferrari 28 run (Williams kick)						

Simon Fraser 37, Humboldt State 34 (at Burnaby): Simon Fraser and Humboldt State combined for 1,122 yards before the Clan emerged victorious as Mike Vilimek scored on a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns from one and five yards. . .Vilimek, who earlier had scored on runs of 80 and three, finished with 315 yards on 36 rushes. SFU netted 371 yards on the ground and 178 through the air as quarterback J.R. Davies completed 13 of 25 passes. . .Mitch Jones ran for 185 yards and two touchdowns for HSU and quarterback Jacob Kadle completed 27 of 48 passes for 383 yards and three touchdowns, all to Dustin Creager. Creager, who has 14 touchdown receptions this fall, caught eight passes for 153 yards and Antoine Smith had five for 111 yards. HSU finished with 573 yards, including 190 rushing. . .Humboldt State led on two occasions, including 27-23 after a one-yard run by Jones in the third quarter. But, Vilimek then capped a pair of long touchdown drives (80 and 74 yards) with short runs. . .Creager then scored on a 25-yard pass from Kadle to pull HSU back to within three points. The Lumberjacks got the ball back one more time and drove from their own one to SFU's 15 before being stopped on downs. . .Chris Walters and Eddie Plaxton led Humboldt in tackles with 14 and 13, respectively. T.J. Aimonetti had two tackles for losses, including a six-yard quarterback sack. **Players -of-the-Game: Humboldt State**, Offense, Dustin Creager (WR, 6-1, 186, Fr., Mission Viejo, CA) - Established a new HSU school record for single-season touchdown receptions, breaking the old mark of 13 set by Drew Roberts in 1960. Defense, Chris Walters (LB, 5-10, 210, Jr., Anaheim, CA - Santa Ana College).

Humboldt State	7	14	6	7	--	34
Simon Fraser	17	6	0	14	--	37
SFU - Vilimek 80 run (Henschel kick)						
HSU - Jones 45 run (Waltzman kick)						
SFU - Henschel 32 Field Goal						

SFU - Unaegbu 30 pass from Davies (Powell kick)
HSU - Creager 45 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
HSU - Creager 17 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
SFU - Vilimek 3 run (kick failed)
HSU - Jones 1 run (pass failed)

SFU - Vilimek 1 run (Henschel kick)
SFU - Vilimek 5 run (Henschel kick)
HSU - Creager 25 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	3	0	123	35	8	3	390	201
Western Oregon	1	2	50	72	4	5	216	219
Central Washington	1	2	56	71	4	6	227	246
Humboldt State	1	2	52	103	4	7	267	405

LAST SATURDAY: Western Washington 32 at UC Davis 40; Simon Fraser 0 at Central Washington 42; Western Oregon 22 at Humboldt State 24.

THIS SATURDAY: Central Washington at Eastern Washington, 1 p.m.

GNAC PLAYERS-OF-THE-WEEK

Offense: Jacob Kadle, Humboldt State (QB, 6-2, 215, Sr., Arcata, CA - College of the Redwoods) completed 34 of 56 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns leading the Lumberjacks to a 24-22 win over Western Oregon. Kadle completed the season as the GNAC's leader in passing yards (3,193), passing touchdowns (28) and total offense (289.2 yards per game). He also ended the season with a league-best eight 200-yard passing games and a league-high six 300-yard passing contests.

Defense: Lance Gibson, Central Washington (DE, 6-5, 245, Jr., Rupert, ID - Minico & WWCC) had 10 tackles, including six primaries and also had a one-yard QB sack, as the Wildcat defense blanked Simon Fraser 42-0, holding the Clan to just 202 yards. Gibson also recovered a fumble and broke up a pass.

AROUND THE GNAC: For the second year in a row, no GNAC team will advance to post-season. Western Washington, which was ranked third in last week's final regional poll, was not one of the four teams selected for the tournament from the West Region. Fifth-ranked Tarleton State was selected along with top-ranked Chadron State, No. 2 Texas A&M - Kingsville and fourth-ranked UC Davis. . .With just one regular-season game remaining, most of the GNAC statistical championships have already been decided. Central Washington running back Nat Conley has locked up the rushing (1,292) and all-purpose (1,360) crowns. Humboldt State quarterback Jacob Kadle won the passing (290.3) and total offense (289.2) yardage titles, while Western Washington QB Scott Mitchell is the pass efficiency champion (154.2). Freshman Dustin Creager of Humboldt State swept the receiving titles, finishing first in catches per game (7.1) and yards per game (105.8). Creager also won the scoring title (8.2). Michael Koenen of Western Washington is the kick-scoring champion (7.5). CWU defensive back Jason Patterson has wrapped up the interception (10) and takeaway titles (11). . .Still up for grabs are the punting, punt return, kickoff return and tackle for losses titles. . .The GNAC all-conference team will be announced Monday afternoon. The

GNAC Academic all-conference team was announced last week. Eighteen players were selected to the team, including eight from WWU (Complete list available on web site).

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Nov. 3)

Team: Total Offense - 19. Western Washington 420.6. Rushing Defense - 21. Western Washington 106.3. Passing Offense - 10. Humboldt State 300.9; 25. Western Washington 263.5. Passing Defense - 27. Western Washington 96.6 (points). Scoring - 18. Western Washington 35.8. Scoring Defense - 22. Western Washington 16.1. Takeaways - 16. Western Oregon 1.25, 17. Western Washington 1.20.

Individual: Rushing - 13. Nat Conley, CWU, 129.4. Passing - 4. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 165.6 (points). Total Offense - 8. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 290.5; 18. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 270.0. Receiving - 9. Dustin Creager, HSU, 6.7. Receiving Yards - 10. Dustin Creager, HSU, 105.7; 26. Mike Hinshaw, WOU, 85.9. Punting - 4. Joe Smith, CWU, 42.7; 16. Michael Koenen, WWU, 40.6; 20. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 40.0. Field Goals - 8. Michael Koenen, WWU, 1.25; 10. Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.00. Interceptions - 2. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.0.

POLLS: Final NCAA West Region (Nov. 5) - 1. Chadron State (9-0); 2. Texas A&M -Kingsville (8-1); 3. Western Washington (8-2), 4. UC Davis (7-2); 5. Tarleton State (8-2); 6. Nebraska-Kearney (7-2), 7. Angelo State (6-3); 8. East Central Oklahoma (6-3); 9. Midwestern State (6-4), 10. Texas A&M - Commerce (7-3). **AFC National Poll (Nov. 5)** - 17. Western Washington.

GAME SUMMARIES

UC Davis 40, Western Washington 32 (at Davis): UC Davis broke open a tight contest with a pair of long touchdowns in the fourth quarter and went on to defeat Western Washington before a crowd of 7,470. The win earned the Aggies a spot in the NCAA Division national playoffs for a school-record sixth consecutive year and cost the Vikings, which had a six-game winning streak snapped, a post-season berth. . .The Vikings trailed only 26-24 entering the fourth quarter, and UC Davis faced a third-and-19 on the opening play of the period, but Aggie quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan hit wide receiver Michael Oliva for a 64-yard touchdown. On their next possession, Aggie running back Sean Holleman, who rushed for 145 yards on 22 carries, scored on a 53-yard run, giving UC Davis a 40-24 lead. . .Western narrowed the margin in the final minute as quarterback Scott Mitchell hit wide receiver Greg Dykstra with a four yard pass and tight end Rick Carte caught a two-point conversion pass to make the score 40-32, but the Aggies recovered an onside kick and ran out the clock. Mitchell threw a school record 64 passes, completing 32 for 361 yards with three touchdowns and two

interceptions. The three touchdown passes gave him 67 for his career, tying the Western record held by Jason Stiles (1992-95). Mitchell also moved into second in single-season passing yardage with 2,778 yards, throwing for 300 yards in a school-record five games this year. He completed his career with 7,877 yards in total offense, including 7,139 passing to finish sixth and eighth, respectively, on the modern Northwest small-college career charts. . . UC Davis jumped to a 13-0 lead in the first quarter as Holleman scored on a pair of short runs. The teams exchanged touchdowns early in the second quarter, then Western pulled to within six, 20-14, on the final play of the half as wide receiver Ryan Van Diest caught a 39-yard touchdown on a jump ball play in the end zone. The Vikings took a 21-20 lead just over four minutes into the second half on a 21-yard pass from Mitchell to Dykstra, but the edge lasted just 1:44, as O'Sullivan, who completed 18-of-29 passes for 332 yards and two scores, completed passes of 32, 20 and 31 yards, capped by a 31-yard touchdown to wide receiver Charley Enos, extending O'Sullivan's streak of games with a touchdown pass to 30. A two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Aggies with a 26-21 edge. Western's Michael Koenen kicked a 28-yard field goal with 5:53 left in the third quarter to cap a 14-play drive and narrow the margin to 26-24. . . Dykstra had a GNAC season-high 14 receptions for 128 yards and two scores, tying Western's single-game receptions record set by Ben Clampitt in 1999 at UC Davis. Van Diest added nine catches for 141 yards and one touchdown. UC Davis had a narrow 477-460 edge in total offense, although Western had the ball nearly 10 minutes more. Oliva had five catches for 129 yards and a touchdown for the Aggies, and Enos added 103 yards and a score on five receptions. Western's Erik Totten had five kickoff returns for 102 yards, becoming the school's career kickoff return yardage leader with 1,347. Koenen made three extra-point kicks, tying the school single-season record with 43, as the Vikings scored a school-record 390 points on the year. **Players -of-the-Game: Western Washington**, Offense, Greg Dykstra (WR, 6-1, 200, Jr., Everson, WA – Lynden Christian). Defense, Erik Totten (DB, 5-10, 195, Sr., Maple Valley - Tahoma).

Western Washington	0	14	10	8	--	32
UC Davis	13	7	6	14	--	40
UCD - S. Holleman 3 run (kick failed)						
UCD - S. Holleman 1 run (Williams kick)						
WWU - Chambers 5 run (Koenen kick)						
UCD - O'Sullivan 7 run (Williams kick)						
WWU - Van Diest 39 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
WWU - Dykstra 21 pass from Mitchell (Koenen kick)						
UCD - Enos 31 pass from O'Sullivan (pass failed)						
WWU - Koenen 28 Field Goal						
UCD - Oliva 64 pass from O'Sullivan (Williams kick)						
UCD - S. Holleman 53 run (Williams kick)						
WWU - Dykstra 4 pass from Mitchell (Carte pass from Mitchell)						

Central Washington 42, Simon Fraser 0 (at Ellensburg): Nat Conley became only the sixth running back in school history to rush for 2,000 career yards as Central Washington scored on its first three possessions and coasted to a 42-0 victory over Simon Fraser. . . Conley rushed 21 times for 127 yards and two touchdowns, increasing his career total to 2,086, including 1,292 this season. . . CWU scored its first

three touchdowns on passes as quarterback Dale Chase combined with Moses Lewis (4 yards), Brian Potucek (6 yards) and Josh Lopez (24 yards) for first-quarter scores. . . Conley then scored on a two-yard run in the second quarter and on a three-yard run in the third period. CWU used a blocked punt by Potucek to set up its final score in the fourth quarter. Linebacker John Hook recovered the block at the two and carried it into the end zone for a touchdown. . . CWU's specialty teams also helped set up its first touchdown as Rocky Martinez returned the game's opening kickoff 41 yards from where it took the Wildcats just seven plays to go 46 yards for the score. . . That was enough points for the Wildcat defense, which held the Clan to just 202 yards, including 48 rushing. SFU's Mike Vilimek, who came into the game averaging 140.6 yards (1,125 in eight contests), was limited to 62 on 21 carries. . . Defensive end Lance Gibson was among the standouts finishing with a game-high 10 tackles, including six primaries. He also had a one-yard sack, blocked a pass and recovered a fumble. . . Levi Teasley had 10 tackles for the Wildcats, including two quarterback sacks and three total tackles for losses. . . Defensive back Jason Patterson picked off his 10th pass of the season, the most for a Northwest small-college player since Orlando Steinauer intercepted 10 during the 1995 season. Patterson also tied a NW record by intercepting a pass in his fifth consecutive games. His 21 career interceptions is a CWU record and ranks third in Northwest small-college history, trailing only Greg Nyte of Simon Fraser (24 between 1984 and 1987) and Bill Blevins of Pacific (23 between 1986 and 1989). . . On offense, the Wildcats finished with 398 yards. Chase, after a 10-for-10 start, completed 20 of 26 for 230 yards, his fifth 200-yard game. Conley surpassed 100 yards in rushing for a GNAC high sixth time. Wide receiver Moses Lewis caught seven passes for a season-high 111 yards. . . **Players -of-the-Game: Central Washington**, Offense, Moses Lewis (WR, 6-3, 180, Fr., Yakima - Davis); Defense, Lance Gibson (DE, 6-5, 245, Jr., Rupert, ID - Minico & WWCC).

Simon Fraser	0	0	0	0	--	0
Central Washington	21	7	7	7	--	42
CWU - Lewis 4 pass from Chase (Smith kick)						
CWU - Potucek 6 pass from Chase (Smith kick)						
CWU - Lopez 24 pass from Chase (Smith kick)						
CWU - Conley 2 run (Smith kick)						
CWU - Conley 3 run (Smith kick)						
CWU - Hook 2 blocked punt return (Smith kick)						

Humboldt State 24, Western Oregon 22 (at Arcata): Jacob Kadle completed 34 of 56 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns as the Lumberjacks built a 24-9 lead and then held on to defeat Western Oregon. . . Kadle, who threw for 4,456 yards in just two seasons at Humboldt, finished his career with a school-record 365 completions, including touchdown passes of 15 yards to Dustin Creager and 17 yards to Antoine Smith in the first and second quarter, respectively. Mitch Jones also scored in the opening period on a one-yard run and David Waltzman kicked a 20-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to give HSU a 24-9 lead. . . After Waltzman's kick, WOU pulled to within two points on touchdown runs of 14 yards by freshman Damien Cole and one yard by Jason Taroli. WOU then had three more possessions, but the first two ended on turnovers and the third ended on downs at the

HSU 41. . Creager equaled his season high with 11 catches and finished with 107 yards, his league-leading sixth 100 yard game this season. Smith caught seven for 60 yards and Brent Adkins had six receptions for 37 yards. Jones led HSU's ground attack with 50 yards on 17 rushes. . . Taroli led Western Oregon with 100 yards on 21 rushes, increasing his career total to 2,836, including 540 this season. David Swopes added 76 yards on 15 rushes and quarterback Denny Bies completed 16 of 36 passes for 184 yards. WOU also got a 50-yard field goal by Andrew Keippela, the second longest this season in the GNAC. . . The Wolves, however, turned the ball over five times and had just one takeaway, a complete reversal of their season long trend which ranked them among the top five teams nationally in that category for most of the season. . . Linebacker Chris Walters had two of the takeaways, his third and fourth fumble recoveries of the season. Walters, the GNAC leader in recoveries, also had 12 tackles and deflected two passes. T. J. Aimonetti had nine tackles, including two for losses. . . Lyman Panui led WOU with nine

tackles, including 1 1/2 for losses of five yards. Albert Meza picked off his fifth pass of the season. **Players -of-the-Game: Humboldt State**, Offense, Jacob Kadle (QB, 6-2, 215, Sr., Arcata, CA); Defense, Chris Walters (LB, 5-10, 210, Jr., Anaheim, CA - Santa Ana College). **Western Oregon**, Offense, Jason Taroli (RB, 5-10, 200, Sr., Oregon City, OR); Defense, Lyman Panui (LB, 6-1, 240, Sr., Waianae, HI).

Western Oregon	6	0	9	7	--	22
Humboldt State	14	7	3	0	--	24

- HSU - Jones 1 run (Waltzman kick)
- WOU - Satran 30 pass from Bies (kick failed)
- HSU - Creager 15 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
- HSU - Smith 17 pass from Kadle (Waltzman kick)
- WOU - Keippela 50 Field Goal
- HSU - Waltzman 20 Field Goal
- WOU - Cole 14 run (pass failed)
- WOU - Taroli 1 run (Keippela kick)

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	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Western Washington	3	0	123	35	8	3	390	201
Western Oregon	1	2	50	72	4	5	216	219
Central Washington	1	2	56	71	4	7	248	284
Humboldt State	1	2	52	103	4	7	267	405

LAST SATURDAY: Central Washington 21 at Eastern Washington 38.

GNAC STAT CHAMPIONS: Winning GNAC individual statistical titles this fall were Central Washington running back Nat Conley, quarterbacks Jacob Kadle of Humboldt State and Scott Mitchell of Western Washington, HSU receiver Dustin Creager, freshmen kickers Michael Koenen of Western Washington and Joe Smith of Central Washington, CWU defensive back Jason Patterson, kick returner Chris Angel of Western Oregon and defensive end Corey Gunnerson of Western Washington. . . Conley won the rushing (1,327) and all-purpose (1,402) crowns. Kadle won the passing (290.3) and total offense (289.2) yardage titles, while Mitchell claimed the pass efficiency championship (154.2). Creager swept the receiving titles, finishing first in catches per game (7.1) and yards per game (105.8). He also won the scoring title (8.2). Koenen finished first in kick-scoring (7.5) and Smith finished first in punting (42.3). Patterson, who set a Northwest small-college record Saturday by intercepting a pass in his sixth consecutive game, won three titles, finishing first in punt returns (11.3), interceptions (11) and takeaways (12). Angel won the kickoff return title (25.5) and Gunnerson finished on top on tackles for losses (13 for 56).

AROUND THE GNAC: Conley's margin in rushing (787 yards over runner-up Jason Taroli of Western Oregon) was the largest in modern CFA or GNAC history, dating back to the founding of the CFA in 1985. . .Patterson accounted for 73 percent of his team's interception total (11 of 15). His 11 thefts were the most for a Northwest small-college player since Larry Smith of Puget Sound intercepted 11 during the 1983 season. His 22 career thefts ranks third on the modern day Northwest small-college career list. His 12 takeaways is a Northwest small-college record, eclipsing the old mark of 11 by WWU linebacker Wayne Lewis in 1987. . .Patterson, who won the 2000 CFA interception (6) and takeaway (6) titles, and Mitchell, who was the 2000 passing efficiency leader, were the only players to successfully defend their statistical titles. . .Western Washington, which also won team statistical titles in total offense, rushing offense, scoring offense, total defense and rushing defense, claimed its eighth consecutive team scoring defense title, allowing just 18.3 points per game. The Vikings have won that title outright seven of the last eight years and they shared it in 1998 with Southern Oregon. . .Four Western Washington players were named to the Verizon Academic All-District VIII team. Named to the team were wide receiver Greg Dykstra, offensive lineman

Nick Giralmo, quarterback Scott Mitchell and defensive back Erik Totten.

NCAA NATIONAL STATISTICS (Through Nov. 10)

Team: Total Offense - 18. Western Washington 424.2. Rushing Defense - 21. Western Washington 109.8, 24. Western Oregon 112.6. Passing Offense - 10. Humboldt State 299.0; 20. Western Washington 272.4. Passing Defense - 30. Western Washington 102.8 (points). Scoring - 19. Western Washington 35.5. Takeaways - 20. Western Washington 1.00.

Individual: Rushing - 14. Nat Conley, CWU, 129.2. Passing - 9. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 154.2 (points). Total Offense - 9. Jacob Kadle, HSU, 289.2; 12. Scott Mitchell, WWU, 279.0. Receiving - 6. Dustin Creager, HSU, 7.1. Receiving Yards - 10. Dustin Creager, HSU, 105.8. Punting - 4. Joe Smith, CWU, 42.5; 16. Michael Koenen, WWU, 40.8; 24. Lucas Taroli, WOU, 40.0. Field Goals - 7. Michael Koenen, WWU, 1.20; 14. Andrew Keippela, WOU, 1.00. Interceptions - 2. Jason Patterson, CWU, 1.0. Punt Returns - 22. Jason Patterson, CWU, 11.6. Kickoff Returns - 25. Chris Angel, WOU, 25.5.

POLLS: Final NCAA West Region (Nov. 11) - 1. Chadron State (10-0); 2. Texas A&M -Kingsville (9-1); 3.. UC Davis (8-2); 4. Tarleton State (9-2); 5. Nebraska-Kearney (8-2), 6. Western Washington (8-3); 7.. Midwestern State (7-4), 8. Mesa State (7-4); 9. Angelo State (6-4); 10. Colorado School of Mines (7-4). **AFC National Poll (Nov. 12)** - 23. Western Washington.

GAME SUMMARIES

Eastern Washington 38, Central Washington 21 (at Cheney): Jesse Chatman scored on runs of 52 and 58 yards in the second half and netted 217 yards on 26 carries to lead NCAA Division I-AA Eastern Washington to a 38-21 win over Central Washington in a non-conference football game at Woodward Field in Cheney. . .Chatman's final TD came with 8:44 left after the Wildcats, who finished their season with a record of 4-7, had pulled to within 10 points with 9:08 left on nine-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dale Chase to Brian Potucek. . .Earlier in the game Chase and Potucek had combined for a 59-yard touchdown as CWU grabbed a 6-0 first-quarter lead. The Eagles, however, then scored 24 unanswered points to take command. . .Chase finished the game with 20 completions in 41 attempts for 362 yards and three touchdowns, including an eight-yard TD to Moses Lewis in the third quarter. He, however, was intercepted three times. Potucek caught four passes for 150 yards. EWU quarterback Fred Salanoa completed 24 of 39 passes for 275 yards and two touchdowns. . .Potucek was one of three CWU receivers to catch four balls. Jake Roberts had four for 89 yards and Moses Lewis had four for 61. . .CWU outgained

their former long-time rivals 362 to 318 through the air, but the Eagles won the overall yardstick 547 to 419, holding the Wildcats to 57 rushing yards, 35 by GNAC rushing champion Nat Conley. . Jason Patterson picked off a pass for the sixth game in a row to set a Northwest small-college record for the most consecutive games with at least one interception. . Other defensive standouts for the Wildcats included Duncan Bagley, who had 13 tackles, including two for losses and Levi Teasley who had 11 tackles. Teasley ended the season as CWU's second-leading tackler with 76. Linebacker Blake Walker led the Wildcat defenders with 98, including 61 primaries.

Central Washington	6	0	8	7	--	21
Eastern Washington	0	17	14	7	--	38

CWU - Potucek 59 pass from Chase (kick failed)
 EWU - Brightful 56 pass from Salanoa (Griggs kick)
 EWU - Griggs 23 Field Goal
 EWU - Brightful 41 pass from Levens (Griggs kick)
 EWU - Brightful 12 pass from Salanoa (Griggs kick)
 CWU - Lewis 8 pass from Chase (Roberts pass from Chase)
 EWU - Chatman 52 run (Griggs kick)
 CWU - Potucek 9 pass from Chase (Chase kick)
 EWU - Chatman 58 run (Griggs kick)