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Gonzaga University Baseball Weekly Notes

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BULLDOGS (11-13, 4-5 WCC) OPEN CROSS-DIVISION PLAY AT NO. 16 PEPPERDINE (18-9, 7-2 WCC)

FRIDAY – MARCH 30 (Eddy D. Field Stadium)
Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY - MARCH 31 (Eddy D. Field Stadium)
Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY – APRIL 1 (Eddy D. Field Stadium)
Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 1 p.m.



GONZAGA CLOSSES GAP IN WCC RACE: Gonzaga avoided falling behind the WCC eight-ball after the Zags won the weekend series from the front running Santa Clara Broncos. After losing the opener in extra innings, Gonzaga rallied to win the final two games of the series and remain three games back of the Broncos, in a second place tie with San Francisco. Gonzaga and SCU battled for four hours in Sunday's game two but had to return for more action on Monday morning. Gonzaga won the game in the bottom of the 10th on a lead off home run by Kevin Richardson. Gonzaga then exploded for eight early runs in the series finale and Eric Everson was able to hold off a late Broncos rally for the 10-7 Gonzaga victory. The West Coast Conference will now have a four week schedule of cross divisional games before concluding the season with another round against divisional opponents to follow. Gonzaga will host San Francisco and Loyola Marymount in the second half of the Coast Division season with a trip to Santa Clara also waiting.

ZAGS SWEEP WHITWORTH: In the Zags other two home games on the five-game homestand, Gonzaga swept a pair of games from cross-town neighbor Whitworth College. Gonzaga opened the homestand last Wednesday with a 7-0 win over the Pirates. The victory ended a five-game losing skid for the Zags and prepared them for the weekend set against SCU. On Tuesday afternoon, Whitworth scored its first run against the GU pitching staff in three years but it was not enough as the Zags ended the homestand with a 5-1 victory.

TRIPLE PLAY: Gonzaga turned the rarest of baseball plays on Sunday afternoon as the team turned a triple play against Santa Clara. With runners moving from first and second, Danny Evans caught a line drive and easily stepped on second before completing the play with a toss to first base.



2001 Zags Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Feb. 17	Portland (Game 1)	W 1-0
Feb. 17	Portland (Game 2)	L 5-4 (10)
Feb. 18	Portland	W 8-3
Feb. 24	San Diego State (Game 1)	L 6-5 (10)
Feb. 24	San Diego State (Game 2)	L 11-2
Feb. 25	San Diego State	L 5-4
Feb. 27	#? Washington State	L 6-1
Mar. 2	* WASHINGTON STATE	W 12-9
Mar. 3	\$ Washington State (Game 1)	W 10-4
Mar. 3	\$? Washington State (Game 2)	L 4-3
Mar. 4	* WASHINGTON STATE	W 7-6 (10)
Mar. 9	* Loyola Marymount	W 14-7
Mar. 10	* Loyola Marymount	L 12-5
Mar. 11	* Loyola Marymount	W 10-9 (10)
Mar. 13	Oregon State	L 12-6
Mar. 14	Oregon State	L 10-9
Mar. 17	* San Francisco	L 5-3
Mar. 18	* San Francisco	L 10-6
Mar. 19	* San Francisco	L 9-5
Mar. 21	WHITWORTH	W 7-0
Mar. 24	* SANTA CLARA	L 8-4 (10)
Mar. 25	* SANTA CLARA	W 8-7 (10)
Mar. 26	* SANTA CLARA	W 10-7
Mar. 27	WHITWORTH	W 5-1
Mar. 30	* Pepperdine	2 p.m.
Mar. 31	* Pepperdine	1 p.m.
Apr. 1	* Pepperdine	1 p.m.
Apr. 4	Lewis-Clark State	6 p.m.
Apr. 6	* SAN DIEGO	3 p.m.
Apr. 7	* SAN DIEGO	1 p.m.
Apr. 8	* SAN DIEGO	1 p.m.
Apr. 10	? Washington State	2 p.m.
Apr. 12	* Portland	3 p.m.
Apr. 14	* Portland (Game 1)	11 a.m.
Apr. 14	* Portland (Game 2)	TBA
Apr. 17	Oklahoma State	4 p.m.
Apr. 18	& Oklahoma State	Noon
Apr. 20	* SAINT MARY'S	3 p.m.
Apr. 21	* SAINT MARY'S	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	* SAINT MARY'S	1 p.m.
Apr. 23	Arizona State	6 p.m.
Apr. 24	Arizona State	6 p.m.
Apr. 27	* SAN FRANCISCO	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	* SAN FRANCISCO	1 p.m.
Apr. 29	* SAN FRANCISCO	1 p.m.
Apr. 30	WASHINGTON	3 p.m.
May 1	WASHINGTON	3 p.m.
May 4	* Santa Clara	7 p.m.
May 5	* Santa Clara	1 p.m.
May 6	* Santa Clara	1 p.m.
May 11	* LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	3 p.m.
May 12	* LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	1 p.m.
May 13	* LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	1 p.m.
May 15	Washington	6:30 p.m.
May 16	Washington	6:30 p.m.

*WEST COAST CONFERENCE GAME
 # Columbia Basin College (Pasco, WA)
 \$ Walla Walla CC (Walla Walla, WA)
 & Bricktown Ballpark (Oklahoma City, OK)
 ? Rescheduled games from Feb. 9-11 series
 ALL TIMES PACIFIC TIME ZONE
 ALL TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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THE HERTZ ERA CONTINUES: Gonzaga head coach Steve Hertz enters his 22nd season as the head coach of the Bulldogs and 24th season as a Division I head coach. During his tenure with the Bulldogs Hertz has compiled a 564-562-5 record including two trips to the NCAA Regionals. The last two seasons Gonzaga has been in contention for the Coast Division title of the West Coast Conference finishing second in both campaigns. Overall, Hertz has compiled a 623-624-5 record winning his 600th career game on April 8, 2000 against Saint Mary's College.

SCOUTING PEPPERDINE: This will be the cross division opener for Gonzaga as they travel back to the Los Angeles area to face West Division leader Pepperdine. The Waves are currently ranked 16th in the polls and have been ranked in the Top 10 earlier in the season. Pepperdine is coached by Frank Sanchez in his fifth season guiding the Waves to a 18-9, 7-2 WCC mark on the year. Pepperdine leads the all-time series 23-4 with Gonzaga's victories against Pepperdine all coming at August/A.R.T. Stadium. Noah Lowry currently leads a staff that has all three starting pitchers with earned run averages under 3.20.

ZAGS-WAVES SERIES ON THE NET: Gonzaga fans will be able listen to this weekend's baseball series against Pepperdine on the Internet. Pepperdine will broadcast the three-game series starting with Friday's 2:00 p.m. opener. All games can be heard by visiting the Pepperdine web site and clicking on the Yahoo! Broadcast logo on the left-hand side of the page. Gonzaga will begin its baseball radio broadcast schedule next weekend with Saturday and Sunday games against San Diego being aired. Gonzaga plans to air a total of 12 regular season games this season on KFAN 790-AM in Spokane and on the gozags.com website.

I WANNA BE RICH: Kevin Richardson has extended his current hitting streak to 17 games as the Zags completed their recent home stand with a 4-1 record. The junior college transfer currently leads the Gonzaga team with a .375 average including four home runs and 15 RBI. Richardson was named the WCC Player of the Week after hitting .524 (11-for-21) during a four-game stint last week. During the series against Santa Clara Richardson's lone home run of the week was a lead off shot in the bottom of the 10th inning that carried Gonzaga to a game two victory. Since being inserted into the starting line-up on a regular basis, Richardson has collected eight multiple hit games including a recent streak of six straight multiple hit games.

HERTZ KEEPS ON ROLLIN: Senior Jared Hertz has joined Richardson in the consecutive game hitting streak category as the 2000 Academic All-American has quietly put together a 13-game hitting streak. Hertz started his current roll in the Zags last visit to the Los Angeles area as he went 3-for-5 with five RBI against Loyola Marymount. He currently leads the team with 23 RBI and ranks fourth on the squad with a .319 batting average.



Current West Coast Conference Standings

(Through Games of March 27)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
COAST DIVISION						
Santa Clara	7	2	.777	10	17	.400
San Francisco	4	5	.444	14	12	.538
GONZAGA	4	5	.444	11	13	.458
Loyola Marymount	3	6	.333	14	16	.467
WEST DIVISION						
Pepperdine	7	2	.777	18	9	.667
San Diego	5	4	.555	17	12	.586
Portland	3	6	.333	12	13	.480
Saint Mary's	3	6	.333	9	17	.346

Wednesday – March 28

Oregon State at Portland, 2 p.m.
 Santa Clara at Southern Cal, 5 p.m.

Friday – March 30

GONZAGA at Pepperdine, 2 p.m. *
 Portland at Loyola Marymount, 2 p.m. *
 Santa Clara at Saint Mary's, 2 p.m. *
 San Francisco at San Diego, 2:30 p.m. *

Saturday – March 31

GONZAGA at Pepperdine, 1 p.m. *
 Portland at Loyola Marymount, 1 p.m. *
 Santa Clara at Saint Mary's, 1 p.m. *
 San Francisco at San Diego, 1 p.m. *

Sunday – April

GONZAGA at Pepperdine, 1 p.m. *
 Portland at Loyola Marymount, 1 p.m. *
 Santa Clara at Saint Mary's, 1 p.m. *
 San Francisco at San Diego, 1 p.m. *

Gonzaga West Coast Conference Honors

2001 Gonzaga Players of the Week

March 6 – Brian Munhall
 March 27 – Kevin Richardson

2001 Gonzaga Pitchers of the Week

February 20 – Barry Matthews
 March 13 – David Hixson

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CLELLAND MAKES SUCCESSFUL RETURN: Three weeks after being struck by a baseball during the Washington State series, freshman pitcher Ed Clelland made a successful return to the mound. Clelland tossed a perfect 10th inning in game two against Santa Clara to pick up his first collegiate win. He returned later that day and pitched in the final game of Gonzaga's series win over the Broncos.

HOME-COOKING DOES SOME GOOD: After opening the first 19 games of the season on the road, Gonzaga finally opened August/A.R.T. Stadium for the 2001 season. The Zags responded with a 4-1 homestand including a series victory over Coast Division leader Santa Clara. Following a weekend trip to Pepperdine, Gonzaga will play 14 of its next 27 games at home, including four WCC series and a two-game set against the University of Washington.

MR. DOUBLE MAN: Junior Brian Munhall has been a doubles machine early in the season as he currently leads the Gonzaga team with 10 two-baggers. Munhall hit 12 doubles last season in 49 games played. With seven more doubles this season, Munhall would crack the single-season Top 10 in a tie with George Miller (1981) and current Bulldog Barry Matthews (2000) at 17 doubles. The Gonzaga single-season record is 25 set by Jim Carnell in 1981. The team record of 123 was also set by the 1981 team and includes four members on the single-season Top 10 list.

QUICK STARTERS: The Bulldogs have been quick starters for the 2001 season as they have scored 67 runs in the opening three innings of the season. The team is currently outscoring its opponents by a 2.5-to-1 margin during the opening innings of each contest. For the season the Zags are scoring 45 percent of their total runs during the first third of games.

MASARU: Masaru Okamoto became the first Japanese born player to play for Gonzaga when he entered the game and pitched 0.2 innings against Whitworth on Tuesday afternoon.

SIMONITSCH SEALS TWO WINS: Freshman Errol Simonitsch improved his season record to 2-1 during the week as he tossed eight shutout innings against Whitworth to collect wins in both games. For the season Simonitsch has now tossed 18.1 innings with an earned run average of 2.95.

MATTHEWS CLIMBS DOUBLES LIST: Barry Matthews has moved into a tie for seventh place on the Gonzaga career doubles list as he moved his career total to 37 over the week. Matthews now sits tied with Bill Hainline (1976-79).