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### NWC Men's Basketball Standings Through January 28, 2007

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	8	2	17	2
Puget Sound	7	3	14	4
Lewis & Clark	7	3	12	6
George Fox	6	4	10	8
Pacific	5	5	9	9
Willamette	5	5	9	10
Pacific Lutheran	4	6	7	10
Linfield	2	8	7	12
Whitman	1	9	5	14

### 2006-07 Willamette University Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 17	at Albertson#	116-77 L
Nov. 18	vs. Eastern Oregon#	84-81 W
Nov. 24	at Claremont-M.-S.^	60-50 L
Nov. 25	at Pomona-Pitzer^	80-68 L
Dec. 1	at Puget Sound* (3 OT)	140-137 L
Dec. 2	at Pacific Lutheran*	90-84 L
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Concordia (Ore.)</b>	<b>96-93 W</b>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Southern Oregon</b>	<b>66-51 W</b>
Dec. 19	at Western Oregon	94-58 L
Dec. 29	at California Lutheran%	85-72 W
Dec. 30	vs. Bethany (Kan.)%	79-64 L
<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Pacific*</b>	<b>66-62 W</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark*</b>	<b>76-66 L</b>
Jan. 12	at George Fox*	72-52 L
<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Linfield*</b>	<b>80-68 W</b>
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>Whitworth*</b>	<b>79-66 L</b>
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Whitman*</b>	<b>89-80 W</b>
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Puget Sound*</b>	<b>119-108 W</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Pacific Lutheran*</b>	<b>90-67 W</b>
Feb. 2	at Pacific*	8 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Lewis & Clark*	8 p.m.
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>George Fox*</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>
Feb. 10	at Linfield*	8 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Whitworth*	8 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Whitman*	8 p.m.

# Duane Wolfe Golden Rule Shootout, Caldwell, Idaho

^ David Wells Classic, Claremont, Calif.

% Thrivent Financial Tourn., Thousand Oaks, Calif.

\* Northwest Conference Home games in **Bold Face**

## Men's Basketball (9-10 Overall, 5-5 NWC)

### Last Weeks Results:

#### **Bearcats Upset Puget Sound, Rout Pacific Lutheran**

The Willamette University men's basketball team won both of its games last weekend, including a 119-108 upset of NWC rival the University of Puget Sound on Friday, Jan. 26. UPS entered the game ranked #13 in the nation in NCAA Division III. The Bearcats followed up with a rout of Pacific Lutheran University on Saturday, Jan. 27. Willamette has won three games in a row to move to 9-10 overall, 5-5 in the NWC.

In the win over Puget Sound, Willamette connected on 37 of 53 shots for 69.8%. The Bearcats also excelled at the foul line, where they converted 39 of 46 free throws. Willamette achieved a decisive 46-19 rebounding edge, including 40 defensive boards, which allowed the Bearcats to overcome 38 turnovers.

The Bearcats placed seven players in double figures led by sophomore post Kyler McClary (Hillsboro, OR/Glencoe HS) and freshman wing/post Dan Nugent (Portland, OR/Jesuit HS), each with 21 points. Michael Smith (Jr., Wing, Phoenix, OR/Phoenix HS) added 20 points and was 8 of 11 from the floor. UPS fell to 14-3, 7-2 in the NWC.

Against Pacific Lutheran, junior post Ian Mansfield (Hillsboro, OR/Century HS) scored 16 points to lead five Willamette University players in double figures. Willamette held a 43-22 halftime lead and remained in front by more than 20 points for most of the second half. Pacific Lutheran fell to 7-10 overall, 4-6 in the NWC.

Mansfield connected on 6 of 11 field goals for the Bearcats. He also grabbed six rebounds and earned four assists. Mansfield has scored in double figures in 11 games this season.

PLU trailed by just two points, 17-15, after a jumper by Jared Brandeberry at the 9:05 mark of the first half. The Bearcats responded with an 11-0 run for a 28-15 margin with 3:58 remaining in the period. The Lutes tallied two free throws, before Willamette concluded the half with a 15-7 run, increasing the lead to 21 points.

### This Week's Games:

#### **Willamette Continues NWC Schedule at Pacific, Lewis & Clark**

The Bearcats, who concluded their five-game homestand with a 4-1 record after defeating Pacific Lutheran, are scheduled to end the regular season with five of their last six games on the road. Willamette opens the road-heavy portion of the schedule at Pacific University on Friday, Feb. 2. The 'Cats defeated the Boxers, 66-62, on Jan. 5 at Cone Field House. WU also plays at Lewis & Clark on Saturday, Feb. 3. The Pioneers downed the Bearcats in Salem, Ore., 76-66, on Jan. 6. Both of this week's road games are slated to start at 8 p.m. (PST).

Willamette, with a 5-5 record in the Northwest Conference, is still alive for one of three berths in the NWC Tournament. Even so, the Bearcats must win nearly all of their games to move from a tie for fifth place into third in the standings. WU trails second place Puget Sound and third place Lewis & Clark by two games in the loss column.

### Bearcat Notes:

- Willamette almost set a school record by shooting 69.8% from the field against 13th-ranked Puget Sound. The Bearcats hit 37 of 53 shots against the Loggers to fall just short of the school record of 70.2%, set against Simon Fraser (Canada) on Jan. 28, 1972. In that game, WU hit 33 of 47 field goal attempts.



**NWC Statistics**

**Willamette Men's Basketball Team Rankings**

Scoring Offense.....	4th.....	78.7 ppg
Scoring Defense.....	6th.....	82.5 ppg
Scoring Margin.....	7th.....	-3.8 ppg
Free Throw Pct.....	1st.....	75.1%
Field Goal Pct.....	2nd.....	48.5%
Field Goal Defense.....	5th.....	46.4%
3-Point FG Pct.....	6th.....	34.2%
3-Point Defense.....	9th.....	38.9%
Rebounding.....	5th.....	35.3 rpg
Rebounding Defense.....	5th.....	35.5 rpg
Rebounding Margin.....	5th.....	-0.2 rpg
Blocked Shots.....	1st.....	4.05 bpg
Assists.....	2nd tie.....	15.21 apg
Steals.....	7th tie.....	5.68 spg
Turnover Margin.....	9th.....	-4.42 tpg
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	8th.....	0.82
Offensive Rebounds.....	9th.....	8.42 rpg
Defensive Rebounds.....	1st.....	26.84 rpg
3-Point FG Made.....	8th.....	6.16 per gm.

**Willamette Men's Basketball Individual Rankings (Top 10)**

Scoring.....	Dan Nugent.....	10th.....	16.0 ppg
Rebounds.....	Ian Mansfield.....	3rd.....	7.8 rpg
FG Pct.....	Dan Nugent.....	3rd.....	59.1%
.....	Michael Smith.....	9th.....	51.8%
Assists.....	Ian Mansfield.....	7th.....	3.16 apg
FT Pct.....	Rob Andrus.....	2nd.....	84.4%
.....	Michael Smith.....	8th.....	80.4%
.....	Dan Nugent.....	10th.....	78.7%
Steals.....	Dan Nugent.....	7th tie.....	1.47 spg
3 FG Pct.....	Michael Smith.....	4th.....	43.1%
Blocks.....	Dan Nugent.....	1st.....	1.79 bpg
.....	Ian Mansfield.....	5th.....	0.95 bpg
Def. Rebs.....	Ian Mansfield.....	1st.....	6.68 rpg
.....	Dan Nugent.....	5th.....	4.37 rpg
Minutes.....	Kyler McClary.....	9th.....	30.21 mpg

- The Bearcats completed their five-game homestand from Jan. 13 through Jan. 27 with a 4-1 record. The 'Cats were defeated by nationally-ranked Whitworth, 79-66 on Jan. 19, but won all of the other games in the homestand, including a 119-108 victory over 13th-ranked Puget Sound. Willamette is 7-2 overall at home this season.
- WU will be out to improve its road record, as the Bearcats close out the season with five of six games on the road. The 'Cats are just 2-8 away from Cone Field House this season, winning at California Lutheran on Dec. 29 and downing Eastern Oregon on a neutral court on Nov. 18.
- In Willamette's upset of Puget Sound, the Bearcats placed seven players in double figures. Kyler McClary and Dan Nugent each scored 21 points, while Michael Smith added 20. Other double-digit scorers for Willamette were Ian Mansfield with 15 points, C.J. Stuvland (Sr., Point Guard, Portland, OR/University of Oregon) with 13 points, plus Rob Andrus (Sr., Wing, Chimacum, WA/Chimacum HS) and Corey Costantino (So., Wing, Ashland, OR/Ashland HS) with 12 points each.
- Rob Andrus has scored in double figures in seven of Willamette's last eight games. During the month of January, he averaged 11.3 points per game, while playing an average of 15.1 minutes per night. He shot 63.4% from the field (26 of 41), hit 8 of 14 3-pointers (57.1%) and converted 81.1% at the free throw line (30 of 37).
- Members of the first Willamette University team led by Head Coach Gordie James and Assistant Coach Wally Wing attended the Bearcats' home game against Pacific Lutheran and were honored at halftime. James' first team, in 1987-88, won the NCIC title with an undefeated 10-0 record and completed the season at 18-10 overall. Only one other team since World War II, the 1954-55 squad at the College of Idaho, has gone undefeated in the NWC. No one has been able to accomplish the feat since Willamette's 1987-88 team. James and Wing are both in their 20th season with the Bearcats.
- WU's 119 points against Puget Sound tied for the fifth-highest score in school history. Willamette set the record in a 140-137 (3 OT) loss at Puget Sound earlier this season. The previous record of 127 was set against Concordia on Dec. 13, 1985.
- Willamette leads the Northwest Conference in free throw shooting at 75.1%. The Bearcats have converted 343 of 457 free throws this season.
- Individually, Rob Andrus ranks second in the NWC in free throws at 84.4% (54 of 64), while Michael Smith is eighth at 80.4% (45 of 56) and Dan Nugent is 10th at 78.7% (70 of 89). Nugent leads the conference in blocked shots with 1.79 per game (34 total). Ian Mansfield is fifth in the NWC in blocks (0.95 per game, 18 total) and ranks first in defensive rebounds, with 6.68 per game (148 total).

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## NWC Women's Basketball Standings Through January 28, 2007

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Puget Sound	8	2	15	4
George Fox	8	2	12	5
Whitworth	6	4	12	7
Pacific Lutheran	6	4	11	7
Lewis & Clark	5	5	12	7
Whitman	5	5	10	9
Linfield	4	6	9	9
Willamette	2	8	4	15
Pacific	1	9	5	12

## 2006-07 Willamette University Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 17	vs. St. Mary's (Minn.)#	56-43 L
Nov. 18	vs. Wartburg (Iowa)#	64-41 L
Nov. 21	at Corban College	71-62 L
Nov. 24	vs. Eastern Oregon^	81-50 L
Nov. 25	at Albertson^	70-54 L
Dec. 1	at Puget Sound*	60-47 L
Dec. 2	at Pacific Lutheran*	57-30 L
<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>Corban College</b>	<b>74-53 L</b>
Dec. 8	at Western Oregon	71-51 W
Dec. 29	at Menlo College%	47-31 L
Dec. 30	vs. CSU-East Bay%	66-52 W
<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Pacific* (OT)</b>	<b>71-66 W</b>
<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark*</b>	<b>60-48 W</b>
Jan. 12	at George Fox*	72-35 L
<b>Jan. 13</b>	<b>Linfield*</b>	<b>66-53 L</b>
<b>Jan. 19</b>	<b>Whitworth*</b>	<b>64-58 W</b>
<b>Jan. 20</b>	<b>Whitman*</b>	<b>52-41 L</b>
<b>Jan. 26</b>	<b>Puget Sound*</b>	<b>75-36 L</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	<b>Pacific Lutheran*</b>	<b>58-42 L</b>
Feb. 2	at Pacific*	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Lewis & Clark*	6 p.m.
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>George Fox*</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Feb. 10	at Linfield*	6 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Whitworth*	6 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Whitman*	6 p.m.

# Bon Appetit Tournament in Portland, Ore.

^ Lady Yote Classic in Caldwell, Idaho

% Peninsula Hoops Classic in Atherton, Calif.

\* Northwest Conference Home games in **Bold Face**

## Women's Basketball (4-15 Overall, 2-8 NWC)

### Last Weeks Results:

### Willamette Falls to Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran

The Willamette University women's basketball team dropped a pair of NWC home games this past weekend, losing 75-36 to the University of Puget Sound on Friday, Jan. 26, and losing 58-42 to Pacific Lutheran University the following day. UPS came into Friday's contest ranked #20 in the nation in NCAA Division III. With the two losses, the Bearcats dropped to 4-15 overall and 2-8 in NWC play.

Against UPS, the Bearcats were led in scoring by Laura Payne (Jr., G, Sammamish, WA/Skyline HS), who totaled 11 points on the night. Keilyn Fujioka (Fr., F, Kailua, HI/Iolani HS) contributed 10 points and four rebounds. Victoria Swigart (Jr., G, Newport Beach, CA/Newport Harbor HS) grabbed a team-high five rebounds. The Bearcats shot 33.3% (8 of 24) in each half to finish the game 16 of 48. WU was 2 of 9 on three-point shots and made 2 of 6 free throws, as UPS was called for just 12 fouls.

In the loss to Pacific Lutheran, the Bearcats fell behind by 16 points at halftime and were not able to recover. Willamette did manage to outscore PLU 21-9 over the final nine minutes of play.

Fujioka led Willamette with 16 points and also pulled down seven rebounds. She was held to just two points in the first half, but exploded for 14 points in the final 20 minutes. She was 6 of 11 from the field, including 6 of 8 in the second half.

Kari Woody (Sr., F, Boise, ID/Timberline HS) led the Bearcats with eight rebounds. Swigart grabbed six rebounds, while Payne contributed four assists and two steals.

### This Week's Games:

### Willamette Continues NWC Schedule at Pacific, Lewis & Clark

The Bearcats, who concluded their recent five-game homestand with a 1-4 record, are scheduled to end the regular season with five of their last six games on the road. Willamette opens the road-heavy portion of the schedule at Pacific University on Friday, Feb. 2. Earlier this season, Willamette defeated the Boxers 71-66 in overtime here at Cone Field House on Jan. 5. The Bearcats also play at Lewis & Clark on Saturday, Feb. 3. The Pioneers tripped up Willamette, 60-48, in Salem back on Jan. 6. Both of this week's game are set to tip-off at 6 p.m. (PST).

### Bearcat Notes:

- Keilyn Fujioka is having an impressive freshman campaign for the Bearcats. She is second in the NWC in field goal percentage, shooting 54.7 percent (81 of 148) on the year, and she is tied for second in the conference in rebounding with an average of 8.3 boards per game. In addition, she is third in the NWC in blocked shots (22, 1.16 per game), and tied for 13th in scoring with an average of 10.2 points a game.
- Laura Payne is leading the NWC in minutes per game (35.47). She is third in the NWC in assists per game (2.79), and 20th in points per game (8.9).
- The Bearcats play five of their final six games on the road. Two of the teams four wins have come on the road, but WU has yet to win a NWC road game (0-3 on the season).
- Despite their 1-4 record during their five-game homestand, the Bearcats are vastly improved over last season's team that went 0-16 in NWC play. Their win over Pacific on Jan. 5 snapped a 20 game NWC losing streak, and on Jan. 19 they upset Whitworth, 64-58, which was in third place in the conference at the time.



**NWC Statistics**

**Willamette Women's Basketball  
Team Rankings**

Scoring Offense.....	9th.....	49.4 ppg
Scoring Defense.....	8th.....	62.6 ppg
Scoring Margin.....	9th.....	-13.3 ppg
Free Throw Pct.....	7th.....	61.8%
Field Goal Pct.....	9th.....	34.6%
Field Goal Defense.....	6th.....	39.1%
3-Point FG Pct.....	9th.....	25.5%
3-Point Defense.....	7th.....	30.4%
Rebounding.....	7th.....	36.7 rpg
Rebounding Defense.....	9th.....	42.7 rpg
Rebounding Margin.....	9th.....	-5.9 rpg
Blocked Shots.....	6th.....	2.16 bpg
Assists.....	7th.....	11.47 apg
Steals.....	9th.....	6.0 spg
Turnover Margin.....	9th.....	-4.21 tpg
Assist/Turnover Ratio.....	7th.....	0.53
Offensive Rebounds.....	9th.....	11.53 rpg
Defensive Rebounds.....	5th.....	25.21 rpg
3-Point FG Made.....	7th.....	2.89 per gm.

**Willamette Women's Basketball  
Individual Rankings (Top 20)**

Scoring.....	K. Fujioka.....	13th tie.....	10.2 ppg
.....	Laura Payne.....	20th.....	8.9 ppg
Rebounds....	K. Fujioka.....	2nd Tie.....	8.3 rpg
.....	Kari Woody.....	15th.....	4.7 rpg
FG Pct.....	K. Fujioka.....	2nd.....	54.7%
Assists.....	Laura Payne.....	3rd.....	2.79 apg
Steals.....	Rebekah Wells..	9th tie....	1.39 spg
3 FG Pct. ....	Laura Payne.....	14th.....	26.7%
3 FG Made .	Laura Payne.....	13th..	1.05 per gm.
Blocks.....	K. Fujioka.....	3rd.....	1.16 bpg
.....	Kari Woody ..	Tie 9th.....	0.47 bpg
Off. Rebs....	K. Fujioka.....	5th.....	2.63 rpg
Def. Rebs....	K. Fujioka.....	1st.....	5.63 rpg
Minutes.....	Laura Payne.....	1st.....	35.47 mpg

- Prior to the Pacific Lutheran game, Laura Payne had scored in double digits in four games in a row, including scoring a season-high of 17 points against both Linfield (Jan. 13) and Whitworth (Jan. 19). Payne was held to just six points against PLU. Payne has scored in double digits in nine of the Bearcats 19 games on the season.
- Keilyn Fujioka has led the Bearcats in rebounding in 13 of their 19 games, and has reached double digits in rebounds in seven of those games. The freshman from Kailua, Hawaii has already posted three double-doubles this season, after only one WU player accomplished the feat last year. Her best game of the year came in the Bearcats' 66-52 win over Cal State-East Bay on Dec. 30, when she posted season-highs of 23 points and 15 rebounds. Her other two double-doubles came against Western Oregon (18 points, 15 rebounds), and Linfield (13 points, 12 rebounds).
- Before last weekend's game against UPS and PLU, Sara Brooks had been on a hot streak from behind the 3-point line. In the six games prior to the UPS and PLU games, Brooks shot 36.8 percent (14 of 38) from 3-point range. Against Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran she shot just 1 of 8 from 3-point range.
- Kari Woody has started four consecutive games at forward for WU, after coming off the bench in each of the Bearcats' first 15 games. She has averaged 6 points and 6 rebounds per game in her four starts. In her first start of the season, against Whitworth on Jan. 19, she logged a season-high 31 minutes, and finished with 12 points, which matched her season-high for points in a game. She also scored 12 points against Cal State-East Bay on Dec. 30.

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**2007 Willamette University  
Women's Tennis Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 27	at Portland	7-0 L
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>Whitworth**</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>Southern Oregon#</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>Whitman**</b>	<b>9 a.m.</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Pacific*#</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
Feb. 24	at Pacific Lutheran*	1 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Lewis & Clark*	10 a.m.
Mar. 4	at Linfield*	1 p.m.
<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>George Fox**^</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar. 10</b>	<b>Puget Sound**^</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
Mar. 17	at Whitworth*	10 a.m.
Mar. 18	at Whitman*	9:30 a.m.
Mar. 26	at Texas Lutheran	3:30 p.m.
Mar. 27	at Trinity (Texas)	4 p.m.
Mar. 30	at Pacific*	4 p.m.
<b>Mar. 31</b>	<b>Pacific Lutheran**^</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Linfield**^</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Apr. 7</b>	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark**^</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
Apr. 13	at George Fox*	3 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Puget Sound*	1 p.m.
Apr. 20	at NWC Tournament%	All Day
Apr. 21	at NWC Tournament%	All Day

# Courthouse Tennis Club (1339 Madison NE in Salem, Ore.)

^ Willamette University Tennis Courts near the Sparks Center parking lot

\* Northwest Conference match

% NWC Tournament at Yakima, Wash.

Home matches in **Bold Face**

**Women's Tennis (0-1 Overall, 0-0 NWC)**

**Last Weeks Result:**

***Bearcats Lose to NCAA Division I University of Portland***

Willamette University began the 2007 women's tennis season with a 7-0 loss to the University of Portland on Saturday, Jan. 27, at UP's indoor courts. The Pilots, who compete in NCAA Division I, improved to 3-1 on the season. Willamette, a member of NCAA Division III, was playing its first match of the season.

The teams used NCAA Division I scoring, so Portland picked up a single point in the team standings by sweeping all three doubles matches. Willamette's #1 doubles team of Tiffany Kam (Jr., Pearl City, HI/Punahou School) and Alaine Anderson (Jr., Santa Ana, CA/Foothills HS) lost to Lindsey Griffin and Audree Jenks of Portland, 8-2.

At #1 singles, Kam lost to Griffin, 6-2, 6-1. Emily Elliott (Fr., Woodside, CA/Woodside Priory) provided a strong challenge in the second set of her #6 singles match against Katie Kennel. Elliott performed well during the set, before falling to Kennel, 6-4. Kennel won the first set, 6-0.

"We had some high points in every match and the girls are ready to work hard since we have a conference match in three weeks," WU Head Coach Becky Roberts said.

**Up Next for the Bearcats:**

***Willamette Opens Home Schedule on Feb. 17***

The Bearcats will return to action on Saturday, Feb. 17, with the home opener against Whitworth College at 12 p.m. (PST), followed by a match with Southern Oregon University at 6:30 p.m. (PST). All of the action is set for the Courthouse Tennis Club at 1339 Madison NE in Salem, Ore.

The Whitworth match will open Northwest Conference play for the Bearcats. The meeting with Southern Oregon will be a non-conference match.

Overall, Willamette is scheduled to play nine matches in Salem this season. The first four matches have been scheduled for the Courthouse Tennis Club. If weather permits, the final five home matches will be held at the Willamette University tennis courts near the Sparks Center parking lot on the WU campus.



**NWC Men's Swimming Standings  
Through January 28, 2007**

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	7	0	7	1
Linfield	6	1	6	3
Pacific Lutheran	5	2	6	2
Puget Sound	4	3	4	4
Whitman	3	4	4	4
Lewis & Clark	2	5	3	5
Willamette	1	6	1	6
Pacific	0	7	0	7

**2006-07 Willamette University  
Men's Swimming Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Oct. 27	NWC Sprint Pentathlon	7th
Oct. 28	NWC Relays	NTS^
Nov. 11-12	Bay Area Invitational	2nd
Nov. 17	Whitworth*	116-64 L
Nov. 18	Whitman*	111-70 L
Dec. 1-2	NW Invitational	NTS^
Jan. 13	Pacific Lutheran*	134-66 L
Jan. 19	Linfield*	125-67 L
Jan. 20	Lewis & Clark*	91-85 L
Jan. 26	Puget Sound*	107-74 L
Jan. 27	Pacific*	84-35 W
Feb. 9-11	NWC Championships	All Day
Mar. 15-17	NCAA DIII Nationals	All Day

\* Northwest Conference Home games in **Bold Face**  
^ No team score available

**Men's Swimming (1-6 Overall, 1-6 NWC)**

**Last Weeks Results:**

**Willamette Picks Up First Win of the Season over Pacific;  
Loses To Puget Sound**

The Willamette University men's swimming team picked up its first win of the 2006-07 season when they defeated host Pacific University 84-35 on Saturday, Jan. 27. One day earlier, the Bearcats were defeated by the University of Puget Sound, 107-74 in Tacoma, Wash. For the year, WU is 1-6 overall and 1-6 in NWC action.

In the Bearcats win over Pacific, Matthew Tanigawa (Fr., Honolulu, HI/Baptist Academy) won two events, while Kevin Tangeman (Fr., Sherwood, OR/Sherwood HS), Pete Kahn (So., Billings, MT/Billings Senior HS) and Kei Otawa (Sr., Moscow, ID/Moscow HS) took first place in one race apiece. Tanigawa edge Pacific's Kai Seixas by 0.38 seconds to win the 200-yard individual medley. Tanigawa clocked in with a time of 2:11.83. He also won the 200-yard butterfly, as he finished the event in 2:27.33.

Tangeman claimed first place in the 200-yard freestyle, as he recorded a time of 1:59.49. Kahn was victorious in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:19.37. Otawa won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:04.18 and finished a close second behind Nathan Smith of Pacific in the 50-yard freestyle. In the 50 free, Smith was timed at 22.06 seconds to win the event, while Otawa was close behind with a time of 22.28 seconds.

WU's 200-yard medley relay team took first place. Cason Schmit (Sr., Oakland, CA/Bishop O'Dowd HS) swam the lead-off lap, while James Huang (So., Portland, OR/Sunset HS), Tangeman and Tanigawa followed for the Bearcats. Willamette's time in the medley relay was 1:51.89.

Willamette recorded five second place finishes in the men's events. Otawa's second place result in the 50-yard freestyle was a solid performance in his head-to-head race against Smith. Greg Henselman (Jr., Corvallis, OR/Corvallis HS) took second place in the 200-yard freestyle in 2:09.42 and was second in the 200-yard butterfly in 2:31.93. Schmit earned a second place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, as he clocked in at 50.09 seconds. Graham Smith (Sr., Wilsonville, OR/Wilsonville HS) was second in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:29.95.

Against Puget Sound on Friday, Otawa won two events and also finished second in another. Otawa won the 100-meter freestyle in 55.45 seconds and the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:09.63. He placed second in the 50-meter freestyle in a time of 24.66 seconds. Otawa was narrowly edged by the Loggers' Bret Schluederberg, who won with a time of 24.26 seconds.

Huang was the only other Bearcat to pick up a first place finish on the men's side. He was victorious in the 400-meter individual medley in 5:38.26.

Henselman and Kahn earned second place finishes. Henselman swam to a second place finish in the 800-meter freestyle (10:35.33), while Kahn finished second in the 100-meter backstroke (1:11.00).

**Up Next for Willamette:**

**Bearcats Are Off Until Feb. 9 When NWC Championships Start**

Willamette does not compete this week, and is off until Feb. 9, when the NWC Championships will start. The event will run through Sunday, Feb. 11 and will be hosted by Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.



## **NWC Statistics**

### **Willamette Men's Swimming Individual Rankings (Top 15)**

50 Free	Kei Ottawa	2nd	21.98
	Cason Schmit	15th	22.89
100 Free	Kei Ottawa	1st	48.12
	Cason Schmit	14th	50.09
200 Free	Kei Ottawa	5th	1:48.27
500 Free	Kei Ottawa	8th	5:04.18
50 Back	Cason Schmit	7th tie	26.88
50 Breast	Kei Ottawa	2nd	28.28
100 Breast	Kei Ottawa	5th	1:01.24
200 Breast	Kei Ottawa	2nd	2:15.70
50 Fly	Kei Ottawa	7th	25.15
200 Fly	Kei Ottawa	6th	2:08.66
200 IM	Kei Ottawa	8th	2:05.94

## **Bearcat Notes:**

- Kei Ottawa was nominated for NWC Men's Swimmer of the Week after his performances against Puget Sound and Pacific.
- In his senior season, Ottawa has been a bright spot for the Bearcats. He is in the Top 8 in the NWC in 10 different events, and holds the conference's best time in the 100-yard freestyle (48.12). He is also second in the NWC in the 50-yard freestyle (21.98) and the 50-yard breaststroke (28.28).
- Ottawa has claimed three first place finishes in four of the Bearcats' seven NWC meets this year. By rule, a swimmer is only allowed to enter three individual events in a dual meet. In fact, he won every individual event he entered in four straight NWC meets. In individual events in NWC competition, he has 16 first place finishes and three second place finishes. He has yet to finish worse than second place this season during NWC dual meets.
- Cason Schmit is the only other WU swimmer to have a Top 15 time in the NWC in an individual event. Schmit is tied for 7th in the 50-yard backstroke (26.88), 14th in the 100-yard freestyle (50.09), and 15th in the 50-yard freestyle (22.89).
- Matthew Tanigawa turned in his best performance of the season in the Bearcats' win over Pacific. Tanigawa won both of the events he entered, the 200-yard individual medley, and the 200-yard butterfly. The two firsts are his only first place finishes in NWC dual meets.
- Greg Henselman recorded three second place finishes for WU in the dual meets against Pacific and Puget Sound. While he has yet to finish first in an individual event, Henselman has provided the Bearcats with five second place finishes and three third place finishes in NWC dual meets.
- The combination of sophomore Pete Kahn and freshman Kevin Tangeman gives WU an added plus for the future. In NWC dual meets, Kahn has picked up two first place finishes, two second place finishes, and one third place finish. Tangeman, meanwhile, has one first place finish and four second place finishes to his credit during NWC action.

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**NWC Women's Swimming Standings  
Through January 28, 2007**

	NWC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	7	0	7	1
Puget Sound	6	1	6	2
Lewis & Clark	5	2	6	2
Whitman	3	4	4	4
Pacific Lutheran	3	4	4	4
Linfield	3	4	5	6
Willamette	1	6	2	6
Pacific	0	7	1	7

**2006-07 Willamette University  
Women's Swimming Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Oct. 27	NWC Sprint Pentathlon	5th
Oct. 28	NWC Relays	NTS^
Nov. 11-12	Bay Area Invitational	3rd
Nov. 17	Whitworth*	109-69 L
Nov. 18	Whitman*	132-63 L
Dec. 1-2	NW Invitational	NTS^
Jan. 13	Pacific Lutheran*	126-76 L
Jan. 19	Linfield*	101-82 L
	Mills College	130-46 W
Jan. 20	Lewis & Clark*	143-60 L
Jan. 26	Puget Sound*	130-59 L
Jan. 27	Pacific*	100-62 W
Feb. 9-11	NWC Championships	All Day
Mar. 8-10	NCAA DIII Nationals	All Day

\* Northwest Conference Home games in **Bold Face**  
^ No team score available

**Women's Swimming (2-6 Overall, 1-6 NWC)**

**Last Weeks Results:**

**Willamette Defeats Pacific, Loses to Puget Sound**

The Willamette University women's swimming team easily defeated host Pacific University 100-62 on Saturday, Jan. 27. One day earlier, the Bearcats were defeated by the University of Puget Sound, 130-59 in Tacoma, Wash. For the year, WU is 2-6 overall and 1-6 in NWC action.

In the win over Pacific, Shannon Gima (Jr., Alameda, CA/Lick-Wilmerding HS) led the way with two individual first place finishes, plus another victory as the first leg of WU's victorious 200-yard freestyle relay team. Gima won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:23.52 and edged teammate Becca Fischer (Sr., Billings, MT/Billings West HS) by posting a time of 2:21.82 in the 200-yard backstroke. Fischer finished second just 0.11 seconds behind Gima.

WU won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:55.31. Pacific's freestyle relay team, which finished in 1:50.58, was competing exhibition. Joining Gima on the WU relay were Lauren Gard, Whitney Pryce (Fr., Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury HS) and Shanley Roxburgh (Sr., Waipahu, HI/Punahou School).

Brittany Thiemans (Jr., Bellevue, WA/Bellevue HS) earned first place times for Willamette in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. She also swam the second leg on WU's 200-yard medley relay team, which took second place in a time of 2:06.67. In the 50 free, Thiemans recorded a time of 26.55 seconds to win by 0.70 seconds over Rowena Manabat of Pacific. In the 100 free, Thiemans clocked in with a time of 58.77 seconds to win by 1.19 seconds over Manabat.

Fischer was the winner in the 200-yard breaststroke. She recorded a time of 2:36.19 in the event, as she achieved her best time of the season.

The Bearcat women registered a second place finish in the 200-yard medley relay, as Fischer, Thiemans, Roxburgh and Jenna Larrow (Fr., Boise, ID/Timberline HS) completed the race in 2:06.67. WU also benefited from Fischer's second place finish behind Gima in the 200-yard backstroke.

Other second place results were achieved by Willamette in the 200-yard freestyle, the 200-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle. Pryce took second in the 200 free in 2:10.01, while Roxburgh earned second place in the 200 I.M. with a time of 2:41.90. Larrow was second in the 500 free, as she completed the distance race in 5:54.98.

Against Puget Sound, Fischer won the 100-meter breaststroke in 1:21.37 and finished second in the 100-meter backstroke in 1:12.28. Also for the Bearcat women, Thiemans took second in the 50-meter freestyle in 29.30 seconds and Gima was second in the 400-meter individual medley in 5:51.95.

**This Week's Action:**

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**NWC Statistics**

**Willamette Women's Swimming  
Individual Rankings (Top 15)**

50 Free .....	Becca Fischer ....	14th.....	26.08
	..... B. Thiemens .....	15th.....	26.25
100 Free .....	Becca Fischer ....	14th.....	57.44
50 Back .....	S. Gima.....	9th tie.....	30.09
	..... B. Fischer .....	13th tie.....	30.24
100 Back ....	Becca Fischer .....	11th.....	1:04.76
200 Back ....	Shannon Gima... ..	13th.....	2:21.82
	..... Becca Fischer .....	14th.....	2:21.93
50 Breast ...	Becca Fischer .....	2nd.....	33.67
100 Breast ..	Becca Fischer .....	4th.....	1:11.24
200 Breast ..	Becca Fischer .....	5th.....	2:36.19
50 Fly .....	Becca Fischer ....	11th.....	29.10
100 Fly .....	B. Sutherland.....	12th.....	1:03.91
200 Fly .....	Shannon Gima... ..	12th.....	2:23.52
	..... B. Sutherland.....	13th.....	2:24.55
100 IM.....	Becca Fischer .....	4th.....	1:03.57

**Bearcat Notes:**

- Becca Fischer was nominated for NWC Women's Swimmer of the Week after her performances against Puget Sound and Pacific.
- In her final season as a Bearcat, Fischer has emerged as the team's top swimmer. Fischer has ten Top 15 times in NWC individual events, including four Top 5 times. She is second in 50-yard breaststroke (33.67), fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:11.24) and 100-yard individual medley (1:03.57), and fifth in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:36.19).
- Fischer has taken home ten first place finishes and seven second place finishes in NWC dual meet action this year. In three of the Bearcats' seven NWC duals, she has claimed two first place finishes.
- Both Shannon Gima's and Brittany Thiemens' two first place finishes against Pacific were individual season-highs. Gima's only other win came in the 200-yard butterfly (2:28.17) against Pacific Lutheran back on Jan. 13. Both Gima and Thiemens also have four second place finishes to their credit on the season.
- The 800-yard freestyle relay team of Lauren Vice (So., Portland, OR/Santa Catalina School), Bridget Sutherland (Jr., Everett, WA/Everett HS), Whitney Pryce, and Shanley Roxburgh is currently fourth in the NWC with a time of 8:29.16.
- The 400-yard medley relay team of Gima, Fischer, Sutherland, and Pryce is fifth in the NWC with a time of 4:19.35.

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