

2026



NORTHWEST

CHAMPIONSHIP



**GEORGE FOX
UNIVERSITY**



**WHITMAN
COLLEGE**



**LEWIS & CLARK
COLLEGE**



**WILLAMETTE
UNIVERSITY**

HOSTED BY

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

MAY 1ST & 3RD, 2026 | AUSTIN SPORTS COMPLEX | NEWBERG, OR

ABOUT THE NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

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NWC MEMBERS

George Fox University Bruins
Newberg, OR

Lewis & Clark College River Otters
Portland, OR

Linfield University Wildcats
McMinnville, OR

Pacific Lutheran University Lutes
Tacoma, WA

Pacific University Boxers
Forest Grove, OR

University of Puget Sound Loggers
Tacoma, WA

Whitman College Blues
Walla Walla, WA

Whitworth University Pirates
Spokane, WA

Willamette University Bearcats
Salem, OR

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE HISTORY

In the last 27 years, the Northwest Conference has established itself as one of the most competitive NCAA Division III conferences in the U.S. Comprised of nine private colleges and universities in Washington and Oregon, the NWC is competitive on a national level in a wide array of sports and recognized for its emphasis on academic excellence.

The NWC was formed in 1926, making it one of the oldest athletics conferences in the western United States. For 60 years, the Northwest Conference sponsored sports exclusively for men. In 1984, the Northwest Conference joined with the Women's Conference of Independent Colleges to become the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges. The name was shortened to its current moniker in 1996 when it joined the NCAA.

The charter members included Willamette University, Whitman College, Pacific University, the College of Puget Sound (now the University of Puget Sound), Linfield College (now Linfield University) and the College of Idaho. Albany College joined in 1931, left in 1938 and rejoined in 1949 using its present name of Lewis & Clark College. Pacific Lutheran University was added in 1965 and Whitworth College in 1970. In 1978, the College of Idaho dropped out of the conference. Whitworth also left in 1984, but then returned in 1988. In 1996, George Fox joined when the conference moved to the NCAA. Seattle University was also a member for one year before it switched to NCAA Division II. From 2006-2010, Menlo College was part of the conference as an associate member in football.

The move to NCAA Division III in 1996 was embraced as one that would foster equity, sportsmanship and genuine concern for the student-athlete in all endeavors of competition. Athletics competition at the NCAA Division III level is based on the development of student-athletes through a "comprehensive educational experience" (NCAA Division III Identity Initiative).

The NWC's current membership includes Lewis & Clark College, Linfield University, George Fox University, Pacific University and Willamette University from Oregon; and Pacific Lutheran University, the University of Puget Sound, Whitman College and Whitworth University from Washington.

The Northwest Conference has won 10 NCAA Division III National Championships: Pacific Lutheran football in 1999, Linfield football and George Fox baseball in 2004, Linfield softball in 2007, George Fox women's basketball in 2009, Linfield softball in 2011, Pacific Lutheran softball in 2012, Linfield baseball in 2013, George Fox women's track & field in 2018 and George Fox women's golf in 2023.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	MATCHUP
Friday, May 1 st	4:00 PM	<i>Semi-Final #1</i> - No. 1 George Fox vs No. 4 Willamette
Friday, May 1 st	7:00 PM	<i>Semi-Final #2</i> - No. 2 Whitman vs No. 3 Lewis & Clark
Sunday, May 3 rd	1:00 PM	<i>Championship</i> - Winner SF1 vs Winner SF2

NWC WOMEN'S LACROSSE HISTORY

	CHAMPION	PLAYER OF THE YEAR	COACH OF THE YEAR
2015	Pacific	Amy Mayhugh (Pacific)	Liana Halstead (Puget Sound)
2016	George Fox/Pacific	Alexa Nakashimada (George Fox)	Kate Robinson (Whitman)
2017	George Fox	Lindsay Schwartz (Whitman)	Kate Robinson (Whitman)
2018	George Fox	Jess Hanson (George Fox)	Katie Mastropalo (George Fox)
2019	George Fox	Lois Ray (George Fox)	Katie Mastropalo (George Fox)
2020	Season Canceled	N/A	N/A
2021	George Fox	Bethany Shade (Linfield)	Sarah Lautenbach (Willamette)
2022	George Fox	Offensive - Andrea Garcia-Milla (GFU) Defensive - Bethany Shade (Linfield)	Sarah Lautenbach (Willamette)
2023	George Fox	Offensive - Madeleine Sherry (Whitman) Defensive - Marena Tharpe (George Fox)	Katie Brand (George Fox)
2024	George Fox	Offensive - Lily Bachiochi (Willamette) Defensive - Payton Bergren (George Fox)	Sarah Lautenbach (Willamette)
2025	George Fox	Offensive - Lily Bachiochi (Willamette) Defensive - Jay Shiflett (Willamette)	Chris Duncan (Whitman)

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY



GEORGE FOX ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Academic Year	Hometown / High School	Previous School
1	Jasmine Uresti	D	5-5	So.	Fallbrook, Calif. / Fallbrook	
2	Anna Newkirk	A	5-5	So.	Oregon City, Ore. / Oregon City	
5	Claire Abraham	M	5-5	Jr.	Lexington, Ky. / Lafayette	
6	Audrey White	A	5-4	Sr.	Salem, Ore. / Crosshill Christian	
8	Sasha Thayer	A	5-6	Sr.	Salem, Ore. / South Salem	
9	Jenna Clark	D	5-4	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. / Grossmont	
10	Callie Olson	A	5-2	Fr.	Buckley, Wash. / White River	
11	Lily Glos	D/M	5-8	So.	Wilsonville, Ore. / Wilsonville	
12	Hannah Hill	D	5-2	So.	Menifee, Calif. / Heritage	
14	Payten Roth	D	5-5	Fr.	Tigard, Ore. / Tigard	
15	Ava Bluhm	M	5-7	Sr.	Clackamas, Ore. / Clackamas	
17	Gabrielle McClung	GK	5-6	Fr.	Livermore, Calif. / Livermore	
18	Merrick Gibson	A	5-7	So.	Auburn, Wash. / Auburn Riverside	
20	Naomi Rauch	A	5-6	Jr.	Newberg, Ore. / Newberg	Corban
21	Alli Stilp	D/M	5-7	Sr.	Newberg, Ore. / Newberg	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
22	Lana Davis	M	5-8	Sr.	Del Mar, Calif. / Sante Fe Christian	
25	Kat Ellett	GK	5-11	Fr.	West Linn, Ore. / Wilsonville	

Head Coach: Jordyn Merkel

Assistant Coach: Kyra Candanzo

WHITMAN COLLEGE



WHITMAN ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Academic Year	Hometown / High School
1	Teagan Huff	M/D	5-7	Sr.	Edmonds, WA / Edmonds Woodway High School
2	Joy Olson-Uderitz	D	5-4	So.	Kirkland, WA / Juanita High School
3	Grace Galanes	M	5-4	So.	Kirkland, WA / Eastside Preparatory School
4	Andrea Garcia	D	5-3	Jr.	Sammamish, WA / Eastlake High School
5	Ella Harrington	D/M	5-6	So.	Bainbridge Island, WA / Bainbridge High School
6	Leah Dingman	D/M	5-7	Fy.	Boise, ID / Boise High School
7	Molly Labhart	M	5-9	Fy.	Tualatin, OR / Tualatin High School
9	Allyson Burgess	D	5-2	Jr.	McKinney, TX / McKinney Boyd High School
10	Sarah Hawkins	A	5-4	So.	Bend, OR / Summit High School
11	Emily Odegard	M	5-5	So.	Bellingham, WA / Savannah College of Art and Design
13	Muriel Jones-Hoisington	M/D	5-9	Jr.	Pendleton, OR / Warner Pacific
14	Nell Harvey	D	5-9	So.	Monkton, VT / Mount Abraham Union High School
15	Lola McConaghy	A/M	5-6	So.	Calgary, Alberta / Master's College
18	Cessa DeSario	M/D	5-5	Jr.	Glendale, Calif. / Flintridge Preparatory School
19	Jessie Levine	D	5-2	So.	Mercer Island, WA /
20	Ellie Milesi	A	5-4	So.	Seattle, WA / Ballard High School
23	Lindsey Pasena-Littlesky	A	5-10	Sr.	Hermiston, OR / Hermiston High School
24	Caroline Femino	A/M	5-5	Jr.	La Canada, Calif. / Polytechnic School
25	Serafin Miller	A/M	5-5	Fy.	Lynnwood, WA / Archbishop Murphy High School
50	Renn Novak	G	5-8	Jr.	Mercer Island, WA / Mercer Island High School
55	Kenzie Cain	G	5-6	Fy.	Oakland, CA / Marin Academy

Head Coach: Chris Duncan

Assistant Coaches: Adira Awe, Ben Spencer, Madeleine Sherry

LEWIS & CLARK



LEWIS & CLARK ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Academic Year	Hometown / High School
0	Zoey Hamel-Hyland	GK	5-7	Jr.	San Diego, Calif. / Patrick Henry
1	Kate Meinhard	M	5-8	Sr.	Shaker Heights, Ohio / Shaker Heights
2	Ally Vargas-Buell	A	5-3	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif. / Sacred Heart Cathedral
4	Gloria Meehan	D	5-5	Jr.	Orange County, Calif. / Sage Hill
6	Kate Corsaro	D	5-5	Jr.	Pleasanton, Calif. / Amador Valley
7	Aviana Gonzales	A	5-2	Jr.	Forest Grove, Ore. / Multnomah University
8	Rowan Levandoski	A	5-6	Jr.	Albuquerque, N.M. / Eldorado
9	Ava Mullen	D	5-6	So.	Murrieta, Calif. / Murrieta Mesa
13	Ala Cross	A	5-4	Fy.	Dublin, Calif. / Dublin
17	Kaitlin McRae	GK	5-2	So.	Orange County, Calif. / St. Margaret's Episcopal
19	Kaedance Stubbs	D	5-7	So.	Danville, Calif. / Monte Vista
23	Sage Swegle	A	5-7	Jr.	Conifer, Colo. / Conifer
28	Finley Allen	M	5-7	Jr.	Zionsville, Ind. / Zionsville Community
40	Phoebe Labuhn	GK	5-7	Fy.	Beaverton, Ore. / Beaverton
45	Mack Searle	M	5-6	So.	Sandy, Utah / Alta
68	Chayce Milheim	D	5-7	Fy.	Los Gatos, Calif. / The Harker School
77	Merrick Loeffler	GK	5-9	Fy.	Mercer Island, Wash. / Mercer Island

Head Coach: Lindsay Newman

Assistant Coach: Jill Vacanti

WILLAMETTE



WILLAMETTE ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Academic Year	Hometown / High School
2	Ruby Hampton	M/D	5-4	Fy.	Billings, Montana / Billings Senior HS
3	Cassidy Nguyen	D	5-1	Fy.	San Francisco, California / Brentwood College School
4	Ella Lassahn	D	5-5	Fy.	Salem, Oregon / South Salem HS
5	Adelyn Tucker	A	5-5	Fy.	Bend, Oregon / Mountain View HS
7	Jay Shiflett	D	5-6	Jr.	Glen Burnie, Maryland / Old Mill HS
8	Sophie Cendejas	A	5-3	Fy.	Yorba Linda, California / El Dorado HS
9	Danica Doscocil	M	5-3	Fy.	Menifee, California / Heritage HS
10	Olivia Austin	GK	5-7	Jr.	San Diego, California / La Jolla HS
12	Brooklynn Pearl	M	5-4	Sr.	Eugene, Oregon / Willamette HS
13	Catie Mohr	D/M	5-6	Sr.	Portland, Oregon / Wilson HS
14	Celeste Moorman	D/M	5-5	Fy.	Eagle, Idaho / Capital HS
15	Addie Martin	GK	5-8	Fy.	Lafayette, California / Acalanes HS
17	Claire Kisielnicki	A	5-2	Sr.	Manitou Springs, Colorado / Manitou Springs HS
18	Jaydin Lutu	D	5-4	Jr.	Beaverton, Oregon / Beaverton HS
19	Alexandra Miller	A/M	5-6	Fy.	Poway, California / Poway HS
22	Priya Mistry	A	5-2	Fy.	San Ramon, California / California HS
23	Shelby Wilkinson	M	5-8	Fy.	Plymouth, Utah / Bear River HS
25	Alex Warfel	M	5-8	Fy.	Boise, Idaho / Boise HS
26	Syd Shoemaker	D	5-10	Jr.	Reno, Nevada / Robert McQueen HS
27	Matthew Stout	D	5-4	Fy.	Long Beach, California / Mater Dei HS

Head Coach: Sarah Lautenbach

Assistant Coaches: Tia Krats, Lily Stump