



2013 WOMEN'S SOCCER



August 19, 2013

2013 Big Sky Soccer Standings

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL				
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
Eastern Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sacramento State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Utah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weber State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

COMING UP IN THE BIG SKY...

OGDEN, Utah (August 19, 2013) – The 17th season of Big Sky Conference soccer kicks off Friday.

Defending conference tournament champion, Idaho State, hosts Boise State. Portland State will travel to Eugene to take on Oregon, and Montana will host Air Force. Portland State, Montana and Idaho State shared the 2012 regular-season title.

Weber State will host Idaho, and Eastern Washington will host Gonzaga. Sacramento State will travel across the river to take on UC Davis, and Northern Colorado will play Colorado for a match that will count towards the Colorado Cup.

North Dakota will travel to West Lafayette, Ind., for the Boilermaker Challenge Cup. Southern Utah and Northern Arizona will travel to the state of California to play CSU Bakersfield and Long Beach State respectively.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Friday, August 23

Xavier vs. North Dakota ¹	3 p.m.
Idaho at Weber State	3 p.m.
Gonzaga at Eastern Washington	4 p.m.
Boise State at Idaho State	4 p.m.
Sacramento State at UC Davis	5 p.m.
Colorado vs. Northern Colorado ²	5 p.m.
Air Force at Montana	5:30 p.m.
Southern Utah at CSU Bakersfield	7 p.m.
Northern Arizona at Long Beach State	7 p.m.
Portland State at Oregon	7 p.m.

Sunday, August 25

Marquette at Portland State	10 a.m.
Akron vs. North Dakota ¹	10 a.m.
Denver vs. Northern Colorado ²	12 p.m.
Idaho at Idaho State	12 p.m.
Lamar at Northern Arizona	12 p.m.
Wyoming at Montana	1 p.m.
Seattle at Eastern Washington	1 p.m.

Sunday, August 26

UC Santa Barbara at Weber State	3 p.m.
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¹ Boilermaker Challenge Cup - West Lafayette, Ind.

² Colorado Cup

Portland State Slight Favorite Over Northern Colorado

NSCAA 2013 WOMEN'S TOP 25 PRESEASON POLL		
Rk.	Team	2012 Record
1	North Carolina	15-5-3
2	Stanford	21-2-1
3	Florida State	20-4-0
4	Penn State	21-4-2
5	UCLA	16-3-2
6	BYU	20-2-2
7	Duke	15-6-2
8	Virginia	16-5-1
9	Florida	19-5-1
10	Notre Dame	16-6-2
11	San Diego State	21-2-1
12	Texas A&M	19-5-1
13	Baylor	19-1-5
14	Marquette	18-2-3
15	Wake Forest	14-6-3
16	Santa Clara	12-4-6
17	Maryland	14-7-2
18	Georgetown	16-4-3
19	Michigan	16-5-3
20	California	16-6-0
21	UCF	17-5-2
22	Portland	11-5-5
23	Ohio State	16-4-2
24	Texas Tech	16-6-1
25	Denver	17-3-4

OGDEN, Utah - The Big Sky soccer coaches have chosen Idaho State and Portland State as favorites to win the 2013 championship.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team in the preseason poll, which was released August 7 by the league office.

Idaho State and Portland State were picked to finish first with 68 points each. Idaho State received four first-place votes and Portland State received one first-place vote. After going 6-2-1 in conference last year, Idaho State was a co-regular season Big Sky champion, sharing the title with Portland State and Montana. Idaho State hosted the 2012 conference championship and defeated Weber State and Montana in penalty kicks to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 2006 season. Idaho State lost in the first round to Stanford 3-0. Head coach Allison Gibson is the reigning Big Sky Conference coach of the year. The Bengals return seven starters including the 2012 co-Offensive MVP Amanda Ellsworth and the championship MVP, Sheridan Hapsic.

The Vikings were co-regular season champions with Idaho State and Montana, after finishing 6-2-1 in conference. It was the team's fourth Big Sky co-regular season championship. Portland State fell short of winning its first Big Sky conference championship title after losing to Montana in the semifinals 3-2. Portland State returns six starters and 19 letterwinners from the 2012 squad. Head coach Laura Schott has been the PSU coach since 2008. Under Schott's reign the Vikings haven't lost more than two conference games in a single season. Schott was named co-Big Sky coach of the year in 2009.

Montana was picked to finish third with two first-place votes and 65 total points, just three points shy of first. After finishing 6-2-1 in 2012, Montana was a co-regular season Big Sky champion along with Idaho State and Portland State. Under second-year head coach Mark Plakorus, the Grizzlies have appeared in the past two conference championships. Montana won the championship in 2011 and lost in the final in 2012 to Idaho State. The Grizzlies will be returning six starters and lost five starters. Among the starters lost are the 2012 Big Sky co-Offensive MVP Erin Craig and the 2012 Defensive MVP Lauren Costa.

Weber State was picked to finish fourth with two first-place votes and 58 total points. Weber State finished the 2012 season fourth overall with a 5-3-1 conference record. The Wildcats advanced to the Big Sky Conference tournament in 2012 for its second consecutive year. WSU fell in the semifinals in a shootout to Idaho State. The Wildcats return 10

starters from the 2012 squad including the Big Sky newcomer of the year, Chansi Crompton.

Northern Colorado was picked to finish fifth with 57 points. NC finished 4-2-3 in conference in 2012 and were just one point shy of making the tournament. The Bears return seven starters including the 2012 Goalkeeper of the Year Natalie D'Adamo and a first-team All-Big Sky defender Adrienne Jordan.

Northern Arizona finished sixth with one first-place vote and a total of 43 points. Northern Arizona finished fifth last year with a 2-2-3 conference record. The Lumberjacks are looking to return to the conference tournament for the first time since 2010.

Sacramento State was picked seventh with 37 points. The Hornets finished the 2012 season with a 3-4-2 conference record and is returning 16 letterwinners including five starters.

Eastern Washington finished eighth with 28 points. The Eagles finished the 2012 season with a 3-3-3 conference record and is returning eight starters including two second-team All-Big Sky players, Cassie Black and Brianna Brannan.

Rounding out the poll are Southern Utah and North Dakota. Southern Utah was picked ninth with 16 points, and North Dakota finished 10th with 10 points. Southern Utah earned its first Big Sky win in a 3-0 win over North Dakota and finished the 2012 season with a 1-7-1 conference record. North Dakota is still looking for its first Big Sky win as it finished 0-9 in 2012.

The first regular season matches start August 23rd, with the first conference matches starting Sept. 26th. At the end of the conference season, the top four teams will advance to the Big Sky Championship.

Big Sky Preseason Soccer Poll

Team	Points
T1. Idaho State	68 (4)
T1. Portland State	68 (1)
3. Montana	65 (2)
4. Weber State	58 (2)
5. Northern Colorado	57
6. Northern Arizona	43 (1)
7. Sacramento State	37
8. Eastern Washington	28
9. Southern Utah	16
10. North Dakota	10

(Number of first place votes in parenthesis)

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BIG SKY CONFERENCE WEEKLY RELEASES

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2012 Big Sky Standings

	CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA	
Idaho State *^#	6	2	1	19	15	8	11	5	1	31	21	
Portland State *#	6	2	1	19	17	5	9	7	2	24	15	
Montana *#	6	2	1	19	13	5	11	6	2	22	16	
Weber State *	5	3	1	16	10	5	7	10	1	18	20	
Northern Colorado	4	2	3	15	13	5	6	7	5	20	22	
Eastern Washington	3	3	3	12	8	12	6	7	4	18	25	
Northern Arizona	3	3	3	12	7	8	5	9	5	15	28	
Sacramento State	3	4	2	11	9	11	5	9	4	20	27	
Southern Utah	1	7	1	4	6	13	3	11	2	15	26	
North Dakota	0	9	0	0	3	29	2	13	1	15	48	

* Clinched spot in Big Sky Tournament

^ Hosted Tournament and was Tournament Champion

Co-Regular Season Champion

2012 BIG SKY PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Offensive

Aug. 21 Rachel Strawn, ISU
Aug. 28 Megan Anderson, UND
Sept. 4 Anna Pingree, ISU
Erin Craig, UM
Sept. 11 Cassie Black, EWU
Sept. 18 Cassie Black, EWU
Sept. 25 Tara Rickenbach, NC

Oct. 2 Daniela Solis, PSU
Rachel Strawn, ISU
Oct. 9 Cassie Black, EWU
Allie Simon, UM
Oct. 16 Amanda Ellsworth, ISU
Oct. 23 Chansi Crompton, WSU
Oct. 30 Stacey Brinkman, SUU

Defensive

Kristen Hoon, UM
Natalie D'Adamio, NC
Adrienne Jordan, NC

Lainey Hulsizer, PSU
Diane Buzzard, NAU
Janelle Kramer, NC
Lauren Costa, UM
Kayla Henningsen, PSU

Lauren Weaver, NAU

Charly Booth, SUU
Sheridan Hapsic, ISU
Kristen Hoon, UM

BIG SKY WEBSITES

Eastern Washington - goeags.com Northern Colorado - uncbears.com
Idaho State - isubengals.com Portland State - goviks.com
Montana - gogriz.com Sacramento State - hornetsports.com
North Dakota - undsports.com Southern Utah - suutbirds.com
Northern Arizona - nauathletics.com Weber State - weberstatesports.com



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Eastern Washington Eagles

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	Gonzaga	4 p.m.
8/25	Seattle	1 p.m.
8/30	at Nevada	7 p.m.
9/1	at Washington State	1 p.m.
9/8	Fresno State	11 a.m.
9/13	at Idaho	4 p.m.
9/17	at Gonzaga	4 p.m.
9/20	vs. SIUE ¹	4 p.m.
9/22	at North Dakota State ¹	2 p.m.
9/26	at Idaho State *	4 p.m.
9/28	at Weber State *	12 p.m.
10/4	Portland State *	4 p.m.
10/6	Sacramento State *	11 a.m.
10/11	at Northern Colorado *	7 p.m.
10/13	at North Dakota *	1 p.m.
10/18	at Montana *	3 p.m.
10/25	Southern Utah *	3 p.m.
10/27	Northern Arizona *	11 a.m.

¹ North Dakota State Tourn. - Fargo, N.D.

Idaho State Bengals

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	Boise State	4 p.m.
8/25	Idaho	12 p.m.
8/30	at Texas Tech	7 p.m.
9/3	Utah Valley	4 p.m.
9/7	Utah State	12 p.m.
9/13	at Hawaii ¹	7 p.m.
9/15	vs. Florida Gulf Coast ¹	2:30 p.m.
9/22	at Wyoming	1 p.m.
9/26	Eastern Washington *	4 p.m.
9/28	Montana *	1 p.m.
10/4	at Northern Arizona *	7 p.m.
10/6	at Southern Utah *	1 p.m.
10/12	Weber State *	12 p.m.
10/17	Sacramento State *	4 p.m.
10/19	Portland State *	11 a.m.
10/25	at North Dakota *	3 p.m.
10/27	at Northern Colorado *	3 p.m.

¹ Hawai'i Tournament - Honolulu, Hawai'i

University of Montana Grizzlies

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	Air Force ¹	5:30 p.m.
8/25	Wyoming ¹	1 p.m.
8/30	at Loyola Marymount	4 p.m.
9/1	at Cal State Fullerton	1 p.m.
9/5	Houston Baptist ²	5 p.m.
9/9	Utah Valley ²	5 p.m.
9/13	at Nebraska-Omaha	7 p.m.
9/15	at Creighton	1 p.m.
9/20	Nevada	4 p.m.
9/26	at Weber State *	3 p.m.
9/28	at Idaho State *	1 p.m.
10/4	Sacramento State *	3 p.m.
10/6	Portland State *	12 p.m.
10/11	at North Dakota *	3 p.m.
10/13	at Northern Colorado *	12 p.m.
10/18	Eastern Washington *	3 p.m.
10/25	Northern Arizona *	3 p.m.
10/27	Southern Utah *	1 p.m.
11/1	at UC Riverside	7 p.m.

¹ Montana Kickoff Invitational - Missoula, Mont.

² Montana Cup - Missoula, Mont.

University of North Dakota

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	vs. Xavier ¹	3 p.m.
8/25	vs. Akron ¹	10 a.m.
8/30	at Creighton	4 p.m.
9/1	at Nebraska Omaha	11 a.m.
9/6	at Western Illinois	3 p.m.
9/8	at Iowa State	12 p.m.
9/11	North Dakota State	4:30 p.m.
9/15	Boise State	1 p.m.
9/20	South Dakota	4 p.m.
9/22	at South Dakota State	1 p.m.
9/27	at Sacramento State *	4 p.m.
9/29	at Portland State *	1 p.m.
10/4	Northern Colorado *	3 p.m.
10/11	Montana *	3 p.m.
10/13	Eastern Washington *	1 p.m.
10/18	at Southern Utah *	3 p.m.
10/20	at Northern Arizona *	12 p.m.
10/25	Idaho State *	3 p.m.
10/27	Weber State *	1 p.m.

¹ Boilermaker Cup - West Lafayette, Ind.

Northern Arizona Lumberjacks

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	at Long Beach State	7 p.m.
8/25	Lamar	12 p.m.
8/30	at CSU Bakersfield	7 p.m.
9/1	at UC Riverside	7 p.m.
9/8	UNLV	5 p.m.
9/13	Grand Canyon	7 p.m.
9/15	Colorado State	1 p.m.
9/20	UTEP	7 p.m.
9/22	Hawaii	12 p.m.
9/28	at Southern Utah *	1 p.m.
10/4	Idaho State *	7 p.m.
10/6	Weber State *	12 p.m.
10/11	at Sacramento State *	4 p.m.
10/13	at Portland State *	1 p.m.
10/18	Northern Colorado *	7 p.m.
10/20	North Dakota *	12 p.m.
10/25	at Montana *	3 p.m.
10/27	at Eastern Washington *	11 a.m.

* Big Sky Conference Match

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Northern Colorado Bears

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	vs. Colorado ¹	5 p.m.
8/25	vs. Denver ¹	12 p.m.
8/30	at Nebraska-Omaha	5 p.m.
9/1	at Creighton	3 p.m.
9/6	Air Force	7 p.m.
9/13	New Mexico State	7 p.m.
9/18	at Wyoming ²	4 p.m.
9/20	vs. UNLV ²	1:30 p.m.
9/22	vs. Stony Brook ²	11 a.m.
9/27	at Portland State *	1 p.m.
9/29	at Sacramento State *	1 p.m.
10/4	at North Dakota *	3 p.m.
10/11	Eastern Washington *	7 p.m.
10/13	Montana *	12 p.m.
10/18	at Northern Arizona *	7 p.m.
10/20	at Southern Utah *	1 p.m.
10/25	Weber State *	7 p.m.
10/27	Idaho State *	12 p.m.
11/1	Colorado State	6 p.m.

¹ Colorado Cup

² Colorado Tournament - Boulder, Colo.

Portland State Vikings

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	at Oregon	7 p.m.
8/25	Marquette	10 a.m.
8/30	at UNLV ¹	7 p.m.
9/1	vs. New Mexico St. ¹	10:30 a.m.
9/7	CSU Bakersfield	1 p.m.
9/13	vs. Florida Gulf Coast ²	4:30 p.m.
9/15	at Hawaii ²	5 p.m.
9/22	San Francisco	1 p.m.
9/27	Northern Colorado *	1 p.m.
9/29	North Dakota *	1 p.m.
10/4	at Eastern Washington *	4 p.m.
10/6	at Montana *	12 p.m.
10/11	Southern Utah *	1 p.m.
10/13	Northern Arizona *	1 p.m.
10/17	at Weber State *	3 p.m.
10/19	at Idaho State *	11 a.m.
10/25	at Sacramento State *	2:30 p.m.

¹ UNLV Tournament - Las Vegas, Nev.

² Hawaii Tournament - Honolulu, Hawaii

Sacramento State Hornets

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	at UC Davis	5 p.m.
8/30	at Cal Poly	7 p.m.
9/1	at CSU Bakersfield	1 p.m.
9/6	UNLV	2:30 p.m.
9/8	San Jose State	3:30 p.m.
9/11	Fresno Pacific	5 p.m.
9/15	at Nevada	5 p.m.
9/20	Fresno State	4 p.m.
9/22	at Pacific	1 p.m.
9/27	North Dakota *	4 p.m.
9/29	Northern Colorado *	1 p.m.
10/4	at Montana *	3 p.m.
10/6	at Eastern Washington *	11 a.m.
10/11	Northern Arizona *	4 p.m.
10/13	Southern Utah *	1 p.m.
10/17	at Idaho State *	4 p.m.
10/19	at Weber State *	12 p.m.
10/25	Portland State *	2:30 p.m.

Southern Utah Thunderbirds

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	at CSU Bakersfield	7 p.m.
8/28	UCSB	10 a.m.
8/30	vs. Vermont ¹	1:30 p.m.
9/1	vs. Appalachian State ¹	10 a.m.
9/8	at Utah	1 p.m.
9/13	at Arizona ²	7 p.m.
9/15	vs. Arizona ²	11 a.m.
9/20	UC Riverside	1 p.m.
9/22	UTEP	1 p.m.
9/28	Northern Arizona *	1 p.m.
10/4	Weber State *	4 p.m.
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10/25	at Eastern Washington *	3 p.m.
10/27	at Montana *	1 p.m.

¹ Colorado College Tourn. - Colorado Springs, Colo.

² Arizona Cats Classic - Tucson, Ariz.

Weber State Wildcats

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Date	Opponent	Time
8/23	Idaho	3 p.m.
8/26	UC Santa Barbara	3 p.m.
8/29	at Utah Valley	7:30 p.m.
9/6	at Boise State ¹	5 p.m.
9/8	vs. Washington State ¹	12 p.m.
9/13	at Wyoming	4 p.m.
9/15	at Utah	1 p.m.
9/22	at Utah State	1 p.m.
9/26	Montana *	3 p.m.
9/28	Eastern Washington *	12 p.m.
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10/12	at Idaho State *	12 p.m.
10/17	Portland State *	3 p.m.
10/19	Sacramento State *	12 p.m.
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10/27	at North Dakota *	1 p.m.

¹ Boise State Tournament - Boise, Idaho

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