



**WAC MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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2023-24 STANDINGS			WAC Games				All Games						
School	W	L	Pct.	Hm	Rd	Stk	W	L	Pct.	Hm	Rd	Neu	Stk
Abilene Christian	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
California Baptist	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Grand Canyon	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Seattle U	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Southern Utah	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Stephen F. Austin	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Tarleton State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UT Arlington	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
UTRGV	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Utah Tech	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-
Utah Valley	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	-	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0	-

**Schedule: Week 1**

**Monday, November 6**

North American at Stephen F. Austin	11:30 a.m.
Carroll College at Utah Valley	5 p.m.
Southwestern Adventist at UTRGV	6:30 p.m.
Tarleton State at Virginia	7 p.m.
Southern Utah at CUSB	7 p.m.
San Francisco State at California Baptist	7 p.m.
Oral Roberts at UT Arlington	7 p.m.
Southeast Missouri St. at Grand Canyon	7 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Oklahoma St.	8 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 8**

Utah Tech at Santa Clara	7 p.m.
Prairie View A&M at Seattle U	7 p.m.

**Thursday, November 9**

Utah Valley at Sam Houston	6:30 p.m.
Life Pacific at Southern Utah	6:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Middle Tennessee	6:30 p.m.
Tarleton State at FIU	7 p.m.

**Friday, November 10**

UTRGV at South Dakota	7 p.m.
Abilene Christian at NC State	7 p.m.
Jackson St. at California Baptist	7 p.m.

**Saturday, November 11**

Utah Tech at Jacksonville St.	2 p.m.
Montana St. at Seattle U	2 p.m.
UT Tyler at UT Arlington	5 p.m.
UNT Dallas at Tarleton State	7 p.m.

**Sunday, November 12**

Northern Arizona at Grand Canyon	3:30 p.m.
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**Monday, November 13**

Stephen F. Austin at Northwestern St.	6:30 p.m.
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**All times local to playing sites**

**DRIBBLING AROUND THE WAC**

**IT IS TIME FOR SOME BASKETBALL!**

The 2023-24 NCAA men's basketball season officially kicks off this upcoming week, with nine WAC members in action on opening day Nov. 6. The top eight teams in the WAC standings at season's end will earn the right to compete in the Hercules Tires WAC Basketball Tournament at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas in March.

**WAC SEEDING SYSTEM ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL DEBUT**

The 2022-23 campaign marked the debut of the revolutionary WAC Résumé Seeding System that is used to seed the WAC Basketball Tournaments. Developed by WAC Commissioner **Brian Thornton**, Associate Commissioner of Basketball **Drew Speraw** and **Ken Pomeroy** of [www.Kenpom.com](http://www.Kenpom.com), the seeding system employs an algorithm that is based on performance throughout an entire regular season and rewards WAC members who face stronger schedules. The system is responsible for seeding the top eight teams for the conference tournament after those teams qualify for the field based on the final regular-season WAC standings.

The WAC finished last season 11th in the Kenpom rankings of all 32 NCAA Division I basketball conferences and Independents, its best finish since the 2006-07 season. A pair of WAC teams finished in the top 75 of the NCAA NET rankings, the key metric that helps select at-large entries and seed the NCAA Tournament.

**DEFENDING CHAMPION GRAND CANYON REPEATS  
PRESEASON WAC FAVORITE AHEAD OF NEW SEASON**

Grand Canyon returned to the top spot of the preseason WAC Men's Basketball Coaches Poll for

**2023-24 WAC PRESEASON HONORS**

**Preseason Coaches' Poll**

Rank	Team (1st-Place)	Points
1.	Grand Canyon (9)	99
2.	Stephen F. Austin (2)	87
3.	Seattle U	86
4.	Utah Valley	61
5.	Abilene Christian	60
6.	Tarleton State	49
7.	California Baptist	47
8.	UT Arlington	43
9.	Southern Utah	26
	UTRGV	26
11.	Utah Tech	21

**2023-24 WAC Preseason**

**Player of the Year:**

Ray Harrison, Jr., G, Grand Canyon

**2023-24 Preseason All-WAC Team**

Ray Harrison, Jr., G, Grand Canyon  
Gabe McGlothlin, R-Sr., F, Grand Canyon  
Cameron Tyson, R-Sr., G, Seattle U  
Sadaidriene Hall, Jr., F, Stephen F. Austin  
Drake Allen, Jr., G, Utah Valley

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the second straight season. All 11 WAC head coaches cast votes for the preseason predicted order of finish and all-conference awards.

Grand Canyon, the defending WAC Men's Basketball Tournament champion, claimed nine first-place votes and 99 voting points to finish ahead of Stephen F. Austin, who secured the final two first-place votes and 87 voting points in the preseason coaches poll. Seattle U (86 voting points), Utah Valley (61 voting points) and Abilene Christian (60 voting points) rounded out the top five teams in the preseason rankings.

### HARRISON NAMED WAC PRESEASON PLAYER OF THE YEAR BY THE CONFERENCE HEAD COACHES

Grand Canyon junior guard **Ray Harrison** was named the 2023-24 WAC Preseason Player of the Year by the coaches after landing on the all-conference first team as a sophomore transfer last season. Harrison averaged 21.1 points and 3.6 assists per game in 17 conference starts for the Lopes in 2022-23, guiding GCU to a WAC Tournament title as the championship's Most Outstanding Player (20.0 PPG, 5.5 APG in four tournament starts).

Harrison was joined on the 2023-24 preseason all-conference team by GCU redshirt senior forward **Gabe McGlothlin** (12.8 PPG, 7.5 RPG in conference play in 2022-23), Seattle U redshirt senior guard **Cameron Tyson** (17.0 PPG, .851 FT% in conference play in 2022-23), Stephen F. Austin junior forward **Sadaidriene Hall** (12.8 PPG 7.0 RPG in conference play in 2022-23) and Utah Valley junior guard **Drake Allen** (12.3 PPG, 4.2 APG in conference play with Southern Utah in 2022-23).

### WAC 2022-23 SEASON IN REVIEW

Picked as the preseason favorite entering the 2022-23 campaign, No. 5 seed Grand Canyon won four games at the 2023 Hercules Tires WAC Basketball Tournament on its way to a conference championship and NCAA Tournament automatic bid. The Lopes were one of four WAC men's basketball teams to reach the postseason, with Utah Valley reaching the semifinal round of the postseason men's NIT at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

### ABILENE CHRISTIAN, SFA NATIONALLY ELITE AT TURNING OPPONENTS OVER ON DEFENSE

Stephen F. Austin ranked third in NCAA Division I with 18.06 turnovers forced per game in 2022-23. WAC foe Abilene Christian was just behind the Lumberjacks ranked fifth with 17.67 turnovers forced per contest. ACU was also fifth in turnover margin at an even 5.0 last season.

### COMMISSIONER THORNTON NAMED CHAIR OF NCAA MBB COMPETITION COMMITTEE

WAC Commissioner **Brian Thornton** was appointed the chair of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Competition Committee in October of 2023. The 12-member committee reports directly to the NCAA DI Men's Basketball Oversight Committee in an advisory role, with a focus on student-athlete health and safety, sportsmanship and integrity, game operations and presentation, technology and statistical trends.

### HERCULES TIRES, WAC AGREE TO BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT NAMING RIGHTS EXTENSION

The WAC and Hercules Tires have agreed to a multi-year renewal for the title sponsorship rights of the annual WAC Basketball Tournament. The 2024 edition of the Hercules Tires WAC Basketball Tournament is slated for March 13-16 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

Hercules Tires has served as the title sponsor of the WAC Basketball Tournament for the past three seasons, a partnership that has featured 51 tournament games contested between both the men's and women's championships during that span. The top eight finishers in the conference standings will be seeded based on the WAC Résumé Seeding System in each gender at the end of the 2023-24 regular season and will compete for the conference tournament hardware and automatic bids into the 2024 NCAA Division I Basketball Tournament during the four-day basketball showcase at the Orleans Arena.

### WATCH THE WAC ON LINEAR TV

A pair of WAC men's basketball conference matchups will air on ESPN linear networks during the 2023-24 regular season. Utah Valley will travel to Seattle U on Jan. 26 for a showdown on ESPNU, while Grand Canyon will welcome Stephen F. Austin to Phoenix on March 2 on ESPNU. GCU will additionally compete on the ESPN networks at home against San Diego State on Dec. 5 (ESPNU) and at Liberty on Dec. 9 (ESPNU) in nonconference play.

WAC teams will also appear on the CBS Sports Network (Grand Canyon vs. San Francisco and DePaul/South Carolina, Nov. 17 and 19 at the Arizona Tip-Off in Glendale, Ariz.), the Longhorn Network (UT Arlington at Texas, Jan. 1), the Pac-12 Networks (UT Arlington at Arizona, Nov. 19 on Pac-12 Arizona; Utah Tech at Washington State, Nov. 24 on Pac-12 Washington; Southern Utah at Utah, Dec. 5 on Pac-12 Mountain; Utah Valley at Oregon State, Dec. 9 on Pac-12 Oregon; California Baptist at Oregon, Dec. 12 on Pac-12 Oregon; Utah Valley at Utah, Dec. 16 on Pac-12 Mountain; Utah Tech at Colorado, Dec. 21 on Pac-12 Mountain), and the SEC Network (Abilene Christian at Arkansas, Dec. 21).

# 2023-24 WAC Men's Basketball

## 2023-24 TicketSmarter WAC Players of the Week

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## 2023-24 TicketSmarter WAC Freshman of the Week

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## Current WAC Head Coaching Records (Through 2022-23)

### Brette Tanner – Abilene Christian

Overall .....38-28 (.576), third season  
School.....same  
WAC.....18-18 (.500), third season

### Rick Croy – California Baptist

Overall ..... 217-96 (.693), 11th season  
School.....same  
WAC.....38-42 (.475), sixth season

### Bryce Drew – Grand Canyon

Overall ..... 228-135 (.628), 11th season  
School.....64-27 (.703), fourth season  
WAC.....32-15 (.724), fourth season

### Chris Victor – Seattle U

Overall .....43-21 (.672), third season  
School.....same  
WAC.....25-11 (.694), third season

### Rob Jeter – Southern Utah

Overall ..... 223-115 (.509), 15th season  
School.....0-0 (.000), first season  
WAC.....0-0 (.000), first season

### Kyle Keller – Stephen F. Austin

Overall ..... 85-68 (.556), eighth season  
School.....same  
WAC.....25-11 (.694), third season

### Billy Gillispie – Tarleton State

Overall ..... 189-152 (.554), 12th season  
School.....41-44 (.482), fourth season  
WAC.....39-45 (.464), sixth season

### KT Turner – UT Arlington

Overall .....0-0 (.000), first season  
School.....Same  
WAC.....0-0 (.000), first season

### Matt Figger – UT Rio Grande Valley

Overall ..... 99-91 (.521), seventh season  
School.....23-40 (.365), third season  
WAC.....9-27 (.250), third season

### Jon Judkins – Utah Tech

Overall ..... 300-171 (.637), 18th season  
School.....same  
WAC.....15-35 (.300), fourth season

### Todd Phillips – Utah Valley

Overall .....0-0 (.000), first season  
School.....Same  
WAC.....0-0 (.000), first season

# 2023-24 WAC Men's Basketball

## USA Today Coaches' Poll

Preseason

Rk	School (1st)	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Kansas (23)	0-0	785	-
2.	Purdue (5)	0-0	742	-
3.	Duke (3)	0-0	716	-
4.	Michigan State	0-0	667	-
5.	UConn (1)	0-0	626	-
6.	Houston	0-0	615	-
7.	Marquette	0-0	614	-
8.	Creighton	0-0	552	-
9.	Florida Atlantic	0-0	548	-
10.	Tennessee	0-0	496	-
11.	Arizona	0-0	449	-
12.	Gonzaga	0-0	407	-
13.	Miami	0-0	390	-
14.	Arkansas	0-0	315	-
15.	San Diego State	0-0	277	-
16.	Kentucky	0-0	261	-
17.	Baylor	0-0	258	-
18.	Texas	0-0	251	-
19.	Texas A&M	0-0	231	-
20.	Villanova	0-0	217	-
21.	North Carolina	0-0	197	-
22.	USC	0-0	176	-
23.	Saint Mary's	0-0	147	-
24.	Alabama	0-0	142	-
25.	UCLA	0-0	52	-

WAC schools receiving votes: None

## WAC vs. Other Conferences

Conference	'23-24
America East.....	0-0
American.....	0-0
Atlantic Coast.....	0-0
ASUN.....	0-0
Atlantic 10.....	0-0
Big East.....	0-0
Big Sky.....	0-0
Big South.....	0-0
Big Ten.....	0-0
Big 12.....	0-0
Big West.....	0-0
Colonial.....	0-0
Conference USA.....	0-0
Horizon.....	0-0
Ivy League.....	0-0
Mid-American.....	0-0
MAAC.....	0-0
MEAC.....	0-0
Missouri Valley.....	0-0
Mountain West.....	0-0
Northeast.....	0-0
Ohio Valley.....	0-0
Pac-12.....	0-0
Patriot.....	0-0
SEC.....	0-0
Southern.....	0-0
Southland.....	0-0
SWAC.....	0-0
Summit.....	0-0
Sun Belt.....	0-0
West Coast.....	0-0
Non-Division I.....	0-0
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>0-0</b>

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## Computer Ratings

2022-23 Final

	'22-23 NET	KP
WAC	N/A	11
ACU	204	193
CBU	171	155
GCU	106	108
SU	142	141
SUU	113	111
SFA	136	132
TSU	165	163
UTA	249	241
UTRGV	259	246
UT	158	146
UVU	58	64

NET – NCAA rankings

KP – KenPom rankings

## WAC vs. Ranked Teams

Date Game Result

Rankings are listed as Coaches/AP

## Associated Press Poll

Preseason

Rk	School (1st)	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Kansas (46)	0-0	1548	-
2.	Duke (11)	0-0	1466	-
3.	Purdue (3)	0-0	1436	-
4.	Michigan State (1)	0-0	1346	-
5.	Marquette	0-0	1283	-
6.	UConn (2)	0-0	1243	-
7.	Houston	0-0	1117	-
8.	Creighton	0-0	1099	-
9.	Tennessee	0-0	1032	-
10.	Florida Atlantic	0-0	1011	-
11.	Gonzaga	0-0	830	-
12.	Arizona	0-0	776	-
13.	Miami	0-0	750	-
14.	Arkansas	0-0	685	-
15.	Texas A&M	0-0	597	-
16.	Kentucky	0-0	530	-
17.	San Diego State	0-0	529	-
18.	Texas	0-0	493	-
19.	North Carolina	0-0	474	-
20.	Baylor	0-0	431	-
21.	USC	0-0	427	-
22.	Villanova	0-0	395	-
23.	Saint Mary's	0-0	335	-
24.	Alabama	0-0	163	-
25.	Illinois	0-0	104	-

WAC schools receiving votes: None

## CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 Poll

Nov. 2

Rk	School (1st)	Record	Points	Previous	Conference
1.	Gonzaga (21)	0-0	765	-	West Coast
2.	Saint Mary's (10)	0-0	754	-	West Coast
3.	Northern Iowa	0-0	576	-	Missouri Valley
4.	Akron	0-0	542	-	Mid-American
5.	Drake	0-0	518	-	Missouri Valley
6.	Liberty	0-0	499	-	CUSA
7.	UNCW	0-0	494	-	Coastal Athletic
8.	<b>Grand Canyon</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>482</b>	-	<b>Western Athletic</b>
9.	Yale	0-0	389	-	Ivy League
10.	South Dakota State	0-0	386	-	Summit
11.	Furman	0-0	262	-	Southern
12.	Kent State	0-0	255	-	Mid-American
13.	UC Santa Barbara	0-0	243	-	Big West
14.	Bradley	0-0	241	-	Missouri Valley
15.	Loyola Marymount	0-0	232	-	West Coast
16.	Charleston	0-0	230	-	Coastal Athletic
17.	UNC Asheville	0-0	212	-	Big South
18.	San Francisco	0-0	208	-	West Coast
19.	Appalachian State	0-0	204	-	Sun Belt
20.	Eastern Kentucky	0-0	194	-	ASUN
21.	Ohio	0-0	183	-	Mid-American
22.	Wright State	0-0	182	-	Horizon
23.	Colgate	0-0	144	-	Patriot
24.	Toledo	0-0	137	-	Mid-American
25.	UNCG	0-0	134	-	Southern

WAC schools receiving votes (points): Stephen F. Austin (95), Utah Valley (15)