

Gonzaga University Men's Basketball



Game No. 34 vs. No. 2 Seed BYU Cougars – Tuesday, March 12, 2014
6 p.m. PDT – The Orleans Arena (7,471) – Las Vegas, NV (Championship)



Projected Bulldog Starters

No. 1 Seed GONZAGA UNIVERSITY BULLDOGS (27-6; 15-3 West Coast)

- G - 4 Kevin Pangos, 6-2, 182, Jr., Holland Landing, Ontario**
(14.2 ppg, 3.3 rpg, 3.7 assists, 1.0 steals)
- G - 5 Gary Bell, 6-2, 205, Jr., Kent, WA**
(11.1 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.7 assists, 1.0 steals)
- G - 11 David Stockton, 5-11, 165, Gr., Spokane, WA**
(7.6 ppg, 2.2 rpg, 4.1 assists, 1.6 steals)
- C - 24 Przemek Karnowski, So., 7-1, 296, Torun, Poland**
(10.2 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 0.7 assists, 0.3 steals, 1.8 blocks)
- F - 35 Sam Dower Jr., 6-9, 243, GR, Minneapolis, MN**
(14.8 ppg, 6.9 rpg, 1.0 assists, 0.5 steals, 0.7 blocks)



HEAD COACH: Mark Few (University of Oregon, 1987)

GONZAGA RECORD: 401-99 (15th year – 25th at GU) **CAREER RECORD:** Same

- Gonzaga and BYU met two weeks ago in Provo, Utah, with the homestanding Cougars taking a 73-65 victory as the teams split the season series. The Bulldogs had been victorious in the first meeting in Spokane in late January with an 84-69 victory. Kevin Pangos scored 24 points, 21 in the second half, in the win. David Stockton and Gary Bell Jr. each scored 14 points for Gonzaga, which made 10 of 22 3-pointers in the game. BYU made just 2 of 11 from 3-point range. Gonzaga shot 57.4 percent in the game and had 21 assists, seven by Pangos.
- Gonzaga leads the all-time series with BYU 5-3 in their NCAA Division I meetings, a series that began with an NCAA Tournament meeting in 2011. The Bulldogs had their five-game series winning streak snapped with the 73-65 setback two weeks ago. The Zags claimed the inaugural West Coast Conference meeting between the two schools 83-73 in 2012 in Provo, Utah. The Zags took the re-match in 2012 in Spokane and claimed a WCC Tournament semifinal matchup that same season. The Bulldogs won the first meeting last season 83-63 in the McCarthey Athletic Center and completed the season sweep with a 70-65 victory at the Marriott Center in Provo. Gonzaga won the first meeting this season in Spokane 84-69. The Cougars, behind All-American Jimmer Fredette, took an 89-67 victory in the 2011 NCAA Third Round in Denver, Colo., the season prior to BYU joining the WCC. The Zags claimed a 46-41 victory Dec. 16, 1949, prior to Gonzaga entering the NCAA Division I ranks.
- Gonzaga and BYU have one West Coast Conference Championship meeting, the Bulldogs taking a 77-58 semifinal victory in 2012.
- Gonzaga is making its 17th straight trip to the West Coast Conference Tournament title game and its 20th overall. The last time Gonzaga didn't appear in the tourney finale was 1997 when the No. 5 seed Bulldogs lost to No. 4 seed San Diego 64-59 in the first round at Loyola Marymount. In 1997 President Bill Clinton was winding down his first term and the average price of gas was \$1.36.
- David Stockton equaled his career high with 21 points in Monday's semifinal victory over Saint Mary's. Stockton scored 21 points at home in the West Coast Conference opener against Santa Clara in December.
- Sam Dower Jr. is dialed in when it comes to free throws. Dower set a West Coast Conference Tournament record going 15-for-15 Monday against Santa Clara and tied the Gonzaga single-game record for percentage based on a minimum of 10 attempts also held by Geoff Goss in 1993 and Frank Burgess in 1991. Dower went 8-for-8 Monday to set the tournament record for free throws made and the consecutive free throws made record with 23. Former Zag John Rillie shared the WCC Tournament record of 22 makes in 1995. Going back to the end of the regular season, Dower has made 24 straight from the line. The Gonzaga record is 56 set by Derek Raivio in 2007.
- Gonzaga has won or shared 15 of the last 17 West Coast Conference regular-season titles. After finishing tied for fourth in 1997 the Bulldogs have finished no lower than second, taking the bridesmaid role in head coach Mark Few's first year of 2000 and again in 2012. Pepperdine (12-2) claimed the title by one game over the Bulldogs (11-3) in 2000 with Saint Mary's (12-2) ending Gonzaga's (13-3) 11-year stronghold on the title with a one-game edge in 2012.

2014 West Coast Conference

Standings

(Through games of 3/10/14)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
GONZAGA	15	3	.833	27	6	.818
BYU	13	5	.722	23	10	.697
San Francisco	13	5	.722	21	11	.656
Saint Mary's	11	7	.611	22	11	.667
Pepperdine	8	10	.444	15	16	.484
San Diego	7	11	.389	16	16	.500
Portland	7	11	.389	15	17	.469
Pacific	6	12	.333	15	15	.500
Santa Clara	6	12	.333	14	19	.438
Loyola Marymount	4	14	.222	13	19	.406

Tuesday, March 6 – WCC Championship Play-In

No. 10 Loyola Marymount 67, No. 7 Portland 64
No. 9, Santa Clara 81, No. 8 Pacific 64

Saturday, March 8 - Quarterfinals

No. 3 San Francisco 69, No. 6 San Diego 60
No. 2 BYU 85, No. 10 Loyola Marymount 74
No. 1 Gonzaga 77, No. 9 Santa Clara 75
No. 4 Saint Mary's 80, No. 5 Pepperdine 69

Monday, March 10 - Semifinals

No. 1 Gonzaga 70, No. 4 Saint Mary's 54
No. 2 BYU 79, No. 3 San Francisco 77 (OT)

Tuesday, March 11 - Championship

No. 1 Gonzaga vs. No. 2 BYU, 6 p.m.

ALL GAMES PACIFIC TIME

West Coast Conference

Standings 1992-Present

(Through Games of 3/10/14)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
GONZAGA	271	59	.821	571	173	.767
BYU*	35	15	.700	483	245	.663
Saint Mary's	183	147	.554	410	294	.582
Santa Clara	170	160	.515	379	326	.538
San Francisco	162	168	.491	346	345	.501
Pepperdine	160	170	.485	333	362	.479
San Diego	150	180	.455	345	342	.502
Portland	118	212	.358	290	389	.427
Pacific#	6	12	.333	415	287	.591
Loyola Marymount	99	231	.300	248	434	.364

*Joined WCC July 1, 2011 #Joined WCC July 1, 2013

NCAA Tournament Appearances Since 1992

Gonzaga (1995, '99, '00; '01; '02; '03; '04; '05, '06, '07, '08; '09, '10, '11, '12, '13)
BYU ('92, '93, '95, '01, '03, '04, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12)
Pepperdine (1992, '94, '00; '02)
Pacific (1992, '04, '05, '06); Portland (1996);
Santa Clara (1993, '95, '96); San Diego (2003, '08);
San Francisco (1998);
Saint Mary's (1997, '08, '10, '12, '13)

NIT Appearances Since 1992

Gonzaga (1994, '96, '98); Pepperdine (1993, '99)
BYU (1951, '53, '54, '66), '82, '86, '94, '00, '02, '06, '13)
Pacific (1998); Saint Mary's (2009); San Francisco (2005)

WCC Championship Game Appearances Since 1992

Gonzaga (1992, '95, '96, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14)
BYU (2014)
Loyola Marymount (2006)
Pepperdine (1992, '93, '94, '00, '02)
Portland (1995, '96)
Saint Mary's (1997, '04, '05, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13)
San Diego (1994, '03, '08)
San Francisco (1997, '98)
Santa Clara (1993, '99, '01, '07)



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Bulldogs, Cougars To Battle For WCC Crown

LAS VEGAS, Wash. – David Stockton tied his career high 21 points, Sam Dower Jr. added 12 points and nine rebounds, and Gonzaga advanced to the West Coast Conference championship game for the 17th straight year with a 70-54 win over Saint Mary's Monday night.

The Bulldogs will face BYU Tuesday at 6 p.m. PDT on ESPN in the title game. It's the first title-game appearance for the Cougars in their three years of WCC membership. BYU downed San Francisco 79-77 in overtime in the late semifinal Monday. Gonzaga and BYU split the season series, the Bulldogs winning 84-69 in Spokane and losing at BYU two weeks ago 73-65.

Gonzaga (27-6) crushed Saint Mary's in two meetings during the regular season behind its defense and did it again in the WCC semifinals, holding the Gaels (22-11) to 37 percent shooting.

Gary Bell Jr. added 14 points and Dower made all eight of his free throws after setting a WCC record by going 15-for-15 in the semifinals. His 23 free throws in this tournament are a record which former Bulldog John Rillie (1995) shared at 22, and Dower's 23 straight throws are also a tournament mark. Going back to the end of the regular season Dower has now made 24 straight free throws. Stockton also had six rebounds and four assists for Gonzaga, which will play for its fourth WCC tournament title in five years.

In the other semifinal, Tyler Haws overcame a rough shooting night to score eight of his 24 points in overtime, helping BYU outlast San Francisco 79-77.

Haws, the WCC player of the year, had a hard time freeing himself from San Francisco's defense, shooting 5-of-19, but made all 14 of his free throws. His teammates helped pick up the slack.

Kyle Collinsworth had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Anson Winder had 14 points for BYU (23-10).

San Francisco (21-11) fought back several times, including a late run in overtime. Matt Glover hit a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left and the Dons had a shot to tie after Winder made 1 of 2 free throws, but Avry Holmes missed a fadeaway jumper just before the buzzer.

Both Saint Mary's and San Francisco are expected to be in the hunt for NIT bids when the teams are announced Sunday.

Pangos, Dower All-WCC First Team; Karnowski HM

SAN BRUNO, Calif. - Forward Sam Dower Jr. and guard Kevin Pangos of regular-season champion Gonzaga University were named to the All-West Coast Conference men's basketball team, while sophomore center Przemek Karnowski earned honorable mention honors.

Dower, a graduate student from Minneapolis, Minn., paced the Bulldogs in scoring at 14.6 ppg and tied with Karnowski for the team rebounding lead with 7.0 rpg overall. In WCC play Dower averaged 15.1 ppg and 7.0 rpg. He had seven double-doubles this season to give him eight in his career. He scored a career-high 28 points at Loyola Marymount University and grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds at home against Bryant University this season. Dower's 1,206 career points rank 25th all-time at Gonzaga.

Pangos, who played injured much of the year with turf toe and later a sprained ankle, averaged 14.6 ppg, 3.3 rpg and 3.9 assists/game overall. In WCC action the junior from Holland Landing, Ontario, averaged 12.6 ppg, 3.2 rpg and 3.6 assists/game. He has scored 1,318 career points to rank 21st on the all-time Gonzaga list, 23 shy of surpassing John Stockton for 20th. It's his third All-WCC first-team selection.

Karnowski was a mainstay under the basket for the Bulldogs, averaging 10.3 ppg, 7.0 rpg and swatting 56 blocks for 1.8 blocks/game overall. In WCC play he averaged 10.6 ppg, 6.5 rpg and 1.9 blocks/game. His 56 blocks rank sixth on the Gonzaga single-season list and his 67 career blocks are 10 shy of cracking the all-time Top 10 list.

After ranking third nationally in scoring as a junior, BYU's Tyler Haws captured WCC Player of the Year honors. Senior Pepperdine University forward Brendan Lane earned conference Defensive Player of the Year accolades, while Santa Clara University freshman Jared Brownridge collected the Crons Newcomer of the Year award. The University of San Francisco's Rex Walters was selected as Coach of the Year. All four individual awards – along with the All-West Coast Conference Team and the All-Freshman Team – were voted on by the league's 10 head coaches. It's the first time since 2009 the WCC regular-season champion did not receive one of the four major awards.

ZIG ZAGS

- Gonzaga head coach Mark Few has hit a couple of milestones at the West Coast Conference Tournament. Saturday's quarterfinal was the 400th career victory in his 499th game and Monday was his 500th game as head coach of the Bulldogs. He brings a 401-99 record into Tuesday's title game. He ranks as the fifth fastest coach to reach the 400 win plateau in 499 games. Legendary Kentucky head coach Adolph Rupp heads the list with 477 games in his 20th season in 1950. Clair Bee (Rider and LIU Brooklyn) is second at 483 games in his 21st season in 1951. Jerry Tarkanian reached it in 492 games at Long Beach State and UNLV in his 17th season in 1985 and Roy Williams did it in 496 games in his 15th season at Kansas in 2003. Few is in his 15th season at helm of the Zags.
- Kevin Pangos became the 36th member of Gonzaga's 1,000-point club with his career-high 34 points against Arkansas in the EA Sports Maui Invitational. Pangos has 1,335 career points for 21st, six shy of surpassing John Stockton for 20th. Sam Dower Jr. became the 37th member with his career-high 28 points against Loyola Marymount this season, his 1,241 good for 24th.
- Junior Gary Bell Jr. is on target to join the 1,000-point club with 948.
- Junior Gerard Coleman, with 714 points at Providence, has 911 career points combined at Providence and Gonzaga.
- Kevin Pangos is fifth on the all-time Gonzaga 3-point field goals made list with 235. His 573 attempts are fifth. He's also seventh in career assists with 349.
- Sam Dower Jr. has grabbed 546 career rebounds for a 4.1 average. He's averaging 6.9 rpg this year and has grabbed a single-season career-high 215 boards for Gonzaga this season.

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TOURNEY SUCCESS: Gonzaga is 43-15 overall in the West Coast Conference Basketball Championships, the Bulldogs losing their first five tournament games before beating the University of San Diego in the 1992 first round at Portland. Gonzaga lost to Pepperdine University in the Bulldogs inaugural appearance in the final in 1992. The Bulldogs won their first WCC Tournament in 1995 as John Rillie scored a tournament-record 96 points that still stands as the Bulldogs came in as the No. 4 seed and beat USD, Saint Mary's College and the University of Portland on the way to the title.

TOP SEED SUCCESS: Monday will be the 13th West Coast Conference Basketball Championship title-game matchup between the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds, and the sixth straight time since the tourney moved to The Orleans Arena in 2009. The No. 1 seed has won the title 12 times with eight of those going to the Zags. The No. 2 seed in the tournament has won the title 10 times, Gonzaga University owning three of those. The first title-game matchup of No. 1 vs. No. 2 was 2000 when No. 2 Gonzaga downed No. 1 Pepperdine University. Last year's title-game matchup between No. 1 Gonzaga and No. 2 Saint Mary's College was the 12th No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup in tournament history. The Zags have won the title three times as the No. 2 seed, with all three victories coming against the No. 1 seed.

BARHAM WCC ALL-ACADEMIC: Gonzaga's Drew Barham has been named to the West Coast Conference Men's Basketball All-Academic Team. Barham has a 3.77 GPA in a graduate school in the master's in organizational leadership program. He received his undergraduate degree in sport and leisure management in three years at the University of Memphis, transferring to Gonzaga last season. He was a two-time recipient of the Conference USA Academic Medal in 2010 and 2011 while at Memphis.

CALVARY LEADS IN APPEARANCES: Casey Calvary has played in more West Coast Conference Basketball Championships games than any other Gonzaga player with 12 from 1998-01. He is one of 10 Bulldogs with double-digit tournament appearances. Calvary is fourth on the Bulldogs all-time WCC scoring charts with 136 points and 11.3 ppg. Calvary played when the format called for a team to win three games to claim the championship prior to the format where the No. 3 and No. 4 seeds received one bye into the quarterfinals and the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds received a double-bye into the semifinals which was in place from 2003-13.

STAPP TOP DOG: Blake Stepp is Gonzaga's all-time leading scorer in West Coast Conference play with 164 points in 10 games from 2001-04 for 16.4 ppg. Stepp and Matt Santangelo (1997-00) lead the way with 10 tournament-game starts in as many appearances. He joined the West Coast Conference Hall of Honor in 2012.

BEST AVERAGE: Three Gonzaga players have averaged 20.0 ppg or better in West Coast Conference Tournament play. Dan Dickau averaged 22.2 ppg with 133 points in six games from 2000-02, Jim McPhee averaged 22.0 ppg with 66 points in three tournament games from 1988-90 and Jarrod Davis 21.5 ppg with 86 points in four tournament games from 1991-92.

ZAGS HOSTED IN 2006: Gonzaga hosted the 2006 West Coast Conference Tournament, at the time becoming just the second team to win the title as the host school. The Bulldogs, as the No. 1 seed, downed the University of San Diego 96-92 in overtime and Loyola Marymount University 68-67 to claim the title. USD became the first host to win the tourney in 2003 when the Toreros defeated the Bulldogs, then turned the trick again in 2008 against the Zags. This is the sixth year the tourney has been held at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

MVP HONORS: Ten Gonzaga University players have combined to win 11 MVP honors of the West Coast Conference Basketball Championships. Elias Harris captured the honor in 2013. Marquise Carter continued his late-season heroics in 2011 for MVP honors. Micah Downs (2009), Derek Raivio (2007), Adam Morrison (2005-06), Ronny Turiaf (2004), Dan Dickau (2001-02), Casey Calvary (2000), Matt Santangelo (1999) and John Rillie (1995) have also received the award. Morrison and Dickau are joined by Loyola Marymount University's Hank Gathers (1988-89) as the only two-time recipients.

GONZAGA HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES: Dan Dickau (2013), Blake Stepp (2012), Jeff Brown (2010) and Frank Burgess (2009) are Gonzaga men's basketball players who have been inducted into the West Coast Conference Hall of Honor. Former volleyball player Kelley Cunningham Spink is Gonzaga's 2014 honoree and joins soccer standout Brian Ching (2011) among Gonzaga's Hall of Honor recipients.

GONZAGA'S WCC TOURNAMENT RECORD		
YEAR	SEED	RECORD
2014	No. 1	2-0
2013	No. 1	2-0
2012	No. 2	1-1
2011	No. 2	2-0
2010	No. 2	1-1
2009	No. 1	2-0
2008	No. 1	1-1
2007	No. 1	2-0
2006	No. 1	2-0
2005	No. 1	2-0
2004	No. 1	2-0
2003	No. 1	1-1
2002	No. 2	3-0
2001	No. 1	3-0
2000	No. 2	3-0
1999	No. 1	3-0
1998	No. 1	2-1
1997	No. 5	0-1
1996	No. 2	2-1
1995	No. 4	3-0
1994	No. 1	1-1
1993	No. 2	1-1
1992	No. 4	2-1
1991	No. 6	0-1
1990	No. 8	0-1
1989	No. 6	0-1
1988	No. 5	0-1
1987	No. 2	0-1
TOTAL		43-15

GONZAGA VERSUS WCC TOURNAMENT TEAMS		
TEAM	GU	RECORD
Saint Mary's		12-2
San Diego		9-5
Santa Clara		8-1
Loyola Marymount		6-2
Portland		3-1
Pepperdine		3-3
San Francisco		1-1
BYU		1-0
TOTAL		43-15