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## CWU PLAYER PROFILES

### MIKE BLANKENSHIP

Guard, 5-9, 170, Jr., Forks

High School: Graduated from Forks High School in 1991. Twice earned all-league honors in basketball. Team captain. Averaged 22 points per game senior season. College: Played two seasons at Centralia CC. Averaged 16.5 points and was among the conference leaders in free throw percentage (84.7). Also led team in assists and steals. Earned first team all-region honors. MVP in NWAACC all-star game in which he had 14 points, nine assists and six steals. . .Is a tough player, who plays hard and is a great finisher. Misc: Born 7-12-73 at Port Angeles. Public relations major. Has two brothers.

### CARLOS CARSON

Forward, 6-5, 250, Jr., Seattle

High School: Graduated from Rainier Beach in 1986. Lettered in football (3), basketball (3) and track (2). Played tight end and strong safety in football. All-Metro AA junior and senior season. Twice All-Metro in basketball. Competed as sprinter and hurdler in track. Competed in state meet in 200 meters and 300 hurdles. State AA champion in 4x100 relay. College: Played two seasons at Highline CC (1991-92 and 1992-93). Averaged 14 points and eight rebounds. Redshirted one season (1986) at Idaho in football. Was on CWU football team this fall. Misc: Born in 1968 in Seattle. Leisure services major. Has two brothers and two sisters. Helms Scholar Athlete award winner in high school. Active in Big Brothers of King County.

### PHIL DEUTSCH

Guard, 6-1, 185, Jr., Tacoma

High School: Graduated from Mt. Tahoma in 1993. Lettered in basketball (4), baseball (3) and cross country (1). Mt. Tahoma Athlete-of-the-Year senior season. Second team all-area and first team All-Narrows junior and senior season. Team captain junior and senior season. Pitcher in baseball. College: Played two seasons at Tacoma CC for ex-CWU assistant Carl Howell. Honorable mention NWAACC freshman and sophomore year. Team co-captain sophomore season. Averaged 16.0 points per game freshman season and 18.0 sophomore year. Set school records for three-pointers made in game (11), season (105) and career (205). Had career high 37 points against Concordia. Misc: Born 9-14-74 at Tacoma. Psychology major. High school activities included student government, church youth activities and Boy Scouts. Brother (Mike) punted for Colorado State and had several tryouts with NFL teams.

### GRADY FALLON

Forward, 6-3, 193, So., Toledo

High School: Graduated from Toledo in 1994. Lettered in basketball (3), football (3) and baseball (4). Played wing in basketball. Twice all-conference and twice Team MVP. League MVP and all-state.

Team captain junior and senior season. Played quarterback in football. Coaches and Inspirational award winner. Played shortstop and pitcher in baseball. Team MVP and team batting champion. College: Earned letter in freshman season. Played in 22 games, including two games at national tournament. Scored season-high nine points in 58-45 loss to Montana State - Northern on Nov. 12. . .Is excellent three-point shooter. Has worked hard and has come a long ways since freshman season. Misc: Born 6-11-76 at Juneau, Alaska. Education major. Plans to be a teacher and coach. High school activities included honor society and Spanish Club. Has one sister. Had 3.91 GPA in high school.

JEFF FOSTER

Guard, 6-5, 230, Sr., Mukilteo

High School: Graduated from Mariner in 1992. Three-year letterman in basketball. Averaged 22 points per game senior season. All-time leading scorer. All-state. College: Played two seasons at Edmonds CC and one year at Mesa State, Colo. Most Inspirational award winner at Edmonds. Averaged 15.9 points and 6.5 rebounds. Academic all-conference at Mesa. Played in 15 games at Mesa and averaged nine points and 2.4 rebounds per game. Shot 44.4 percent from the floor and 75.0 from the foul line. . .Is a big three-point threat. Also is real tough when he puts the ball on the floor. Misc: Born 12-24-73 at Everett. Public Relations major. Has two brothers.

SHAWN FRANK

Forward, 6-3, 225, Sr., Everett

High School: Graduated from Everett in 1990. Lettered in football and basketball. Second team all-conference in basketball. Most Inspirational award winner. First team all-conference quarterback in football. College: Played two seasons at Everett CC. First team NWAACC. Led league in scoring (27.3) and rebounding (14.1). Most Inspirational award winner. Voted Everett CC's Athlete-of-the-Year. .Played 1992-93 season at CWU and was started on District 1 championship team. Averaged 9.1 points and 5.5 rebounds. Shot 53.9 percent from the floor. Had five double-doubles (scoring and rebounding). Game highs of 19 points against Whitman (Nov. 21) and 15 rebounds against Pacific Lutheran (Nov. 20). . .Is a Charles Barkley-type of player in that he plays bigger than his size. Played point guard in high school and also has a good passing and perimeter game. Misc: Born 4-22-72 at Alvirpa, Pa. Physical education major. Plans career in coaching. Has one brother.

JOHN GREER

6-7, 200, Sr., Bothell - Cascade

High School: Graduated from Cascade High School in 1992. Lettered in basketball (2) and track (2). All-area and all-league forward in basketball. Averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game. Was long jumper in track. College: Played two seasons at Edmonds. First

team all-league sophomore year. Averaged 21.1 points, 12.2 rebounds and 5.2 assists. Averaged 14.4 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.0 assists freshman season. Scored career-high 33 points in win over Centralia. . .Averaged 6.6 points and 3.5 rebounds last year at Northern Arizona. Played in 26 games. Made five starts. Shot 52 percent from the floor and 65.9 percent from the foul line. Scored season-high 20 points in final game of season against Weber State. Had seven rebounds four times, including seven offensive rebounds against Oral Roberts on Jan. 6. Misc: Born 5-6-74 at Bothell. Has one brother and two sisters.

JASON JAMES

Guard, 6-2, 185, Sr., Tacoma - Clover Park

High School: Graduated from Clover Park in 1991. Lettered in football (1) and basketball (2). All-league safety in football. Second team all-league guard and team captain in basketball. College: Played freshman season at CWU in 1991-92. Scored season-high 20 points in college debut against Malaspina, connecting on seven-of-eight shots, including three-of-four three-pointers. Played in just 12 other games. Averaged 2.5 points and 1.2 rebounds. . .Attended CWU past three years, but elected not to turn out for basketball. Misc: Born 7-9-73 at Fort Hauchuea, Ariz. Physical education major. Plans to be PE teacher. Has one brother and one sister.

LEON JOHNSON

Forward, 6-7, 190, Sr., Seattle

High School: Graduated from Ingraham High School in 1991. Lettered in football (1) and basketball (2). Played quarterback and wide receiver in football. Played center in basketball. Twice all-league. Team Captain, MVP and top rebounder in basketball. Averaged 18 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three blocks senior season. College: Played two seasons at Edmonds CC. Twice all-league. Inspirational award winner and Best Defender. Averaged 12 points, five rebounds and three blocks per game. . .Earned all-conference honors last season for CWU. Missed first nine games. Averaged 17.1 points and team-best 6.6 rebounds in final 25 contests, starting 24. Scored 20 or more nine times, including 23 and 25 in two national tournament games. Also had 20 rebounds in two tourney games. Season-high 28 points against Seattle Pacific on Jan. 24. Season-best 13 rebounds against The Master's (Calif.) on Mar. 16. Set school-record by blocking nine shots against Lewis-Clark State in PNWAC championship game on Mar. 7. Finished season with 60 blocked shots, second best total in school history. . .Is very athletic. Has excellent court speed for a post player. Misc: Born 1-21-73 at Seattle. Has two brothers and one sister. Uncles (Michael Timmons and Calvin Anderson) played football and track at CWU and Yale, respectively. Has three-year-old son, Corday Ujean Johnson.

CHICO McCLATCHER

Guard, 5-8, 165, Jr., Tacoma

High School: Graduated from Henry Foss in 1991. Lettered in basketball. Earned four letters in track. College: Played two seasons at Umpqua Community College. Also attended Grambling State and Concordia University in Irvine, Calif. .Has raw talent. Has ability to quicken pace of game. Misc: Born 5-12-73 at Tacoma. Law enforcement major. Wants to work for FBI or as a private investigator. Has been active in Big Brother program. Enjoys researching areas of difficulty people experienced during the 1960s and 1970s. High school activities included Boys State. Was Afro Pageant King of Pierce County.

JEFF MCDONALD

Forward, 6-4, 190, So., Yakima

High School: Graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1994. Lettered in basketball (2) and baseball (2). Was forward in basketball and pitcher in baseball. College: Saw limited duty as freshman. Averaged 1,7 points and 1.5 rebounds. Played in 23 games, starting one. Has ability to score and is a good rebounder, but needs to improve strength. Misc: Born 11-7-75 at Grand Forks, N.D. Engineering major. Has two brothers. Uncle (Scott) played baseball in Baltimore Oriole organization. Father (Richard) played baseball at Air Force Academy.

TYCE NASINEC

Guard, 6-4, 180, Fr., Puyallup - Rogers

High School: Graduated from Rogers in 1995. Tacoma Athletic Commission Athlete-of-the-Year award winner. Lettered in football (3) and basketball (3). Twice Team MVP, League MVP and selected to all-area team. Second team all-state senior season. Played quarterback and safety in football. First team all-league safety senior season. Team captain and Defensive Back-of-the-Year. College: Only freshman on squad. Is a good rebounder and strong finisher and is going to be a good player at this level. Misc: Born 6-22-76 at Seattle. Has two brothers. Undecided on major.

TROY STEIGMAN

Guard, 5-10, 180, Sr., Battle Ground

High School: Graduated from Battle Ground in 1992. Lettered in basketball (3), soccer (4), football (3) and golf. On Vancouver Columbian Super Five. Twice all-league. Team MVP, Most Inspirational, Team Captain and assist leader. All-league and all-state four years in soccer. Greater St. Helens League Player-of-the-Year senior season. All-league safety and team captain in football. College: Played two seasons at Lower Columbia and one at Fort Lewis, Colo. Set single-season assist record with 282 at Lower Columbia. Averaged 11.3 points and a school-record 7.3 assists last season at Fort Lewis. Game highs of 22 points against Tarleton State, Tex., and 15 assists against Texas A&M - Kingsville. .Will be one of top point guards in Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference. Is a great floor leader. Gets ball to guys in right spots. Misc: Born 10-2-73 at Vancouver. Has one brother. Physical education major. Also attended University of Portland.

WILLIE THOMAS

6-5, 185, Sr., Los Angeles, Calif. - Locke

High School: Graduated from Locke High School in 1991 at the age of 16. Played forward in basketball. Averaged 27 points and 11 rebounds leading Saints into state quarterfinals senior season. Earned all-league and all-state honors. Team captain and MVP. College: Originally signed a letter and attended Fresno State before playing two seasons at Bellevue Community College. Averaged 15.4 points, 6.7 rebounds and two steals leading Helmsmen to a 32-1 record and the NWAACC title. NWAACC Player-of-the-Year. . .Scored 27 points and grabbed 17 rebounds in 89-87 win over Edmonds in title game to earn Most Valuable Player honors. Scored 17 of Bellevue's final 19 points as they overcame 11-point deficit in final five minutes. Was Team Captain and Outstanding Defensive award winner. . .Played junior season at CWU in 1993-94 before redshirting last year. Averaged 12.5 points and 6.4 rebounds. Blocked 26 shots. Scored career-high 22 points against Western Washington on Feb. 5, 1994. Had 10 or more rebounds seven times, including season-best 13 against Whitworth (Dec. 11, 1993) and Central Missouri (Dec. 27, 1993). . .Is very athletic (42-inch vertical leap) and has ability to score inside or outside. Good rebounder and excellent free throw shooter. Misc: Born 12-4-74 at Los Angeles, Calif. Social science major. Has one sister. Father, Willie, played at Jackson State and his mother, Lucille, played at Alcorn A&M.

ERIC DAVIS

Guard, 6-1, 195, Jr., Ephrata

High School: Graduated from Ephrata High School in 1994. Lettered in basketball (3), soccer (2) and golf (2). Twice voted first team all-league on basketball. Voted to all-state tournament team junior year when he led Ephrata to state championship. Second team all-state and team captain senior season. Averaged 23.1 points per game junior season and 26 senior year. Most Inspirational award winner in soccer. College: Played two seasons at Walla Walla CC. Team captain and Co-MVP. Second team all-league. Averaged 18.7 points, 3.6 rebounds and 3.2 assists last season. Made 98 of 251 three-point shots (39.0). Also converted on 72.3 percent of foul shots (68-94). Misc: Born 7-12-76 at Wenatchee. Education major. Planning career in teaching and coaching. Was a class representative in high school. Has one sister.

BRYCE OLSON

Started 22 of 30 games last season for Wildcats. Ranked fourth on team in scoring, averaging 8.4 points per game. Had season-high 19 points against Western Washington on Jan. 20. Scored in double figures 12 times. Had nine assists against Whitman on Dec. 16. Scored layin with four seconds left to give 'Cats dramatic 80-79 comeback win over Simon Fraser in conference playoffs. . .Splayed in 23 games, averagiubng nine minutes per game last year for Wildcats. Averaged 1.7 points and 1.0 rebounds. Scored season-high eight points at Gonzaga (Nov. 30). . .last year (1995)Jr: Two-year letterman. , freshman season. Played in all 30 games last year,

starting 17. Ranked second on team in three-pointers made (41) and attempted (132). Averaged 6.5 points and 2.6 rebounds. Scored career-high 21 points in 75-46 win at Whitman Dec. 16. Had career-high 10 rebounds in 72-61 loss to Seattle Pacific Nov. 18. Scored just 36 points and averaged just 12 minutes per game over final 11 contests. Jr. Was ticketed to redshirt last season, but early season injuries and eligibility problems forced rethinking. Played in 17 games. Averaged 3,3 points and 1.8 rebounds. Scored in double figures twice, including career-high 12 against Northwest College on Jan. 12. . . .  
6-2, 175, So., Seattle - Garfield

High School: Graduated from Garfield in 1994. Three-year letter winner in basketball. Won scholar-athlete and sportsmanship award at 1994 state tournament. College: Was scheduled to redshirt last season, before injuries and ineligibilities caused change in plan in early January, Played in nine games and a total of 39 minutes. Had season-high six points in 84-68 loss to Western Washington Feb. 17. Misc: Born 12-7-75 at Seattle. Biology - Pre-med major. Planning to be a physician. Posted 3.86 GPA in high school, twice winning Scholar-Athlete awards. Has one brother and one sister. Grandfather (Bud Olson) played basketball at Washington State. past twos

PHIL DEUTSCH (NOT UPDATED)  
Guard, 6-1, 185, Jr., Tacoma

High School: Graduated from Mt. Tahoma in 1993. Lettered in basketball (4), baseball (3) and cross country (1). Mt. Tahoma Athlete-of-the-Year senior season. Second team all-area and first team All-Narrows junior and senior season. Team captain junior and season season. Pitcher in baseball. College: Played two seasons at Tacoma CC for ex-CWU assistant Carl Howell. Honorable mention NWAACC freshman and sophomore year. Team co-captain sophomore season. Averaged 16.0 points per game freshman season and 18.0 sophomore year. Set school records for three-pointers made in game (11), season (105) and career (205). Had career high 37 points against Concordia. Misc: Born 9-14-74 at Tacoma. Psychology major. High school activities included student government, church youth activities and Boy Scouts. Brother (Mike) punted for Colorado State and had several tryouts with NFL teams.

PAUL FRAKER  
Forward, 6-3, XX, Jr., Forks

AARON KENNEDY  
Guard, 6-1, So., Tacoma - Curtis

CHRIS MOSLEY  
Forward, 6-3, Sr., Puyallup

TODD NEALEY  
Guard, 6-0, Sr., LaCrosse

BRIAN REED

Forward, 6-3, Jr., Zillah

REM SACKMAN

Forward, 6-5, So., Longview - Mark Morris

BRYAN WICK

Center, 6-8, Jr. Puyallup1082 Could play at the point or off-guard this winter. . .Excellent shooter and will play lot of minutes this winter for Wildcats. 219 Played seven games last season before being ruled ineligible. Averaged 3.3 points. Converted on only 25.8 percent of shots (29 of 31 attempts were from three-point range), but is much better shooter than that. Came into camp this fall in best shape of life and is shooting ball much better. Public relations8

High School: Graduated from Forks High School in 1993. Lettered in football (3), basketball (4) and baseball (3). Team MVP and first team all-league in football and basketball. Second team all-league in baseball. Academic all-league in basketball. Team captain in all three sports. Played quarterback, linebacker and kicking position in football, power forward in basketball and pitcher-first base in baseball. College: Played baseball and basketball at Centralia CC. Team captain in both sports. Played first base and led team in runs batted in. Leading rebounder (8 per game) and scorer (17 per game) and team MVP in basketball. Converted on 62 percent of field goal attempts and 75 percent of free throws. Centralia's Sportsman of the Year. . .Plays much bigger than 6-3 size. Can score off the block, play defense on bigger players and rebound. Misc: Born 5-2-75 at Port Angeles. Has three brothers. Physical education major. Wants to be teacher and coach. Had 3.4 GPA in high school and won several academic scholarships. Non-athletic activities included ASB vice president, student council and class officer.

High School: Graduated from Curtis High School in 1994 (??). Lettered in basketball. First team all-league junior and senior season. Team MVP. College: Played one season at Green River Community College. Redshirted one season at Idaho State. . .Could start at point guard this season for Wildcats or could also see playing time at shooting guard. Is quick and a good penetrator. Also has ability to score. Misc: Born 5-30-76 at Tacoma. Has one brother and one sister. Brother (Todd) will redshirt this winter and play for Wildcats next season. Business major.

Had 3.4 grade point average in high school.210,

High School: Graduated from Puyallup High School in 1993. Lettered in three in basketball. Averaged eight points and four rebounds senior season. College: Played two seasons at Tacoma Community College and one at Whitman College prior to enrolling at CWU. At Tacoma CC, averaged nine points and five rebounds. Averaged 11 points, five rebounds, three assists and 1.5 steals at Whitman ranking third in Northwest Conference in both assists and steals. . .Is very tough and is an intense and hard worker. Plays much larger than his size. Misc: Born 1-28-75 at Tacoma. Has four brothers and one sister. Had 3.5 grade point average in high school. Activities



included honor society, ASB vice president, Homecoming King and sports editor of school newspaper. English education major. Plans to teach english and coach. Has one daughter, Kayla Marcelle Mosley, who was born last spring. Cousin of NBA player Purvis Short.5SoPlayed significant minutes as true freshman last season. Averaged 6.6 points and 2.4 rebounds in 30 games, starting seven. Also had 43 assists and 36 steals. Had best steal to minute ratio on team. Had season-high 16 points against Northwest Nazarene and season-high eight rebounds in 79-76 playoff win over St. Martin's. .Will be one of main players this season. Can shoot the ball, but can also put it on the floor and score. Has very good jumping ability which makes him a good rebounder.Business/communications 185, Endicott

High School: Graduated from LaCrosse High School in 1993. Lettered in football (2), basketball (4) and baseball (3). Receiver in football. All-state and all-league point guard in basketball. All-state and all-league second baseman in baseball. Team captain in all three sports. Inspirational in football and basketball. College: Played at Big Bend Community College and at Northwest College before enrolling at CWU. All-league at Big Bend. Two-time all-tournament all-star and NCCAA All-American at Northwest. Team captain at both schools. .Is a good scoring guard and also is a good defender. Will start at the point, but has more of scoring mentality than recent Wildcat point guards. Misc: Born 12-15-74 at Spokane. Communications major. Planning career in broadcasting. Has one brother and one sister. Father (Tedd) played basketball at Whitworth. Was ASB representative in high school and ASB president at Big Bend.N

High School: Graduated from Mark Morris High School in 1994 after attending school for three years at Arroyo Grande in California. Three-year starter in basketball. Was Greater St. Helens League MVP and all-area senior season. College: Played one season at Centralia CC before missing 1995-96 season after breaking foot. .Will be role player for Wildcats. Good rebounder. Misc: Born 8-2-75 at San Luis Obispo, Calif. Public Relations major. Father (Lou) played football at the University of Washington. Uncle (Bill Bakamus) played basketball at the University of Puget Sound. Has one brother.207 Has added 20 pounds to frame since 1994 season without losing any of jumping ability. Will be one of top players in conference.

#### REDSHIRTS

##### RYAN BEHBAHANI

Guard, 5-7, 145, So., Juneau

High School: Graduated from Douglas High School in 1994. Lettered in basketball (4) and baseball (3). Also competed in Junior Olympics in ski racing. Ranked second in U.S. Western region in Super Giant Slalom. Team MVP senior season. Team assist leader and played in all-state game. Team placed third in state junior senior and second in state senior year. Played point guard in basketball and second base in baseball. Gold Glove winner. College: Has

attended CWU past two years, but has not played on team. Misc: Born 2-3-76 at Ahwaz, Iran. Geography major. Has one brother and one sister.

TODD BUTCHER

Forward, 6-6, 223, Fr., Los Angeles, CA

High School: Attended a boarding high school in Sheridian, Ore., at The Delphian School. Graduated in 1996. Lettered in soccer (2), basketball (3) and baseball (2). Midfielder in soccer. Twice selected second team all-star. Center in basketball. Team MVP twice. League MVP once. Twice voted to first team all-state squad. Pitcher and shortstop in baseball. Twice elected Team MVP. College: Will redshirt this season for Wildcats. Misc: Has two brothers and one sister. Had 3.77 high school grade point average. Was a President's Academic Excellence award winner and on Dean's list. Member of Douglas Honors College at CWU. Business/accounting major. Plans to be an accountant.

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High School: Graduated from Zillah in 1994. Lettered in football (3), basketball (3), baseball and track. Played wide receiver and cornerback in football. All-league and All-Valley. All-league guard in basketball. Played on state championship team. All-league outfielder in baseball. Placed ninth in state triple jump in track. College: Played two seasons at Yakima Valley. Team captain both seasons. . .Excellent defender. When he goes into game, it will usually be to shut someone down. Misc: Born 3-25-76 at Seattle. Education major. Plans to be a teacher. Was active in student government in high school serving as ASB president, junior class president and youth group president. Has one brother and two sisters. Brother (Todd) played basketball at Bellevue CC. Cousin (Keith Reed) played football at Whitworth and father (Rick) played football at Eastern Washington.210,  
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High School: Graduated from Puyallup High School in 1993. Two-year letter winner in basketball. College: Played two seasons at Tacoma Community College for former Wildcat JV coach Carl Howell prior to transferring to CWU. . .At 6-8 is the tallest player on this winter's Wildcat basketball roster. When Wildcats opt to go for bigger lineup will be definite factor. Can shoot the three and also has the ability to go inside and chase down rebounds. Misc: Born 10-7-74 at Puyallup. Has one brother and one sister. Had 3.3 grade point average in high school. Administrative management major. seniors much penetrater Had English quarter finals Had Geography Sherid an government Voted honorary team captain. Selected Ken Broches Coaches Award winner.

RYAN HILL Guard 0, 162 Lopez Graduated from Lopez High School in 1994. Lettered in soccer (4), basketball (4) and track and field (4). Played forward in soccer. Leading scorer and Team MVP. Played point guard in basketball. Led squad in assists and steals. Team MVP and Most Inspirational Player. All-league. Compile in 800, 1600 and 3200 in track. Placed eighth in state meet in 1600 senior season. Has been involved in program past two seasons, but has not

played in any games. Has two brothers. Biology major. Planning career as orthopedic surgeon. Serves as a LGA (Living Group Advisor).5@[]~~~~