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COLUMBIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The Columbia Football Association is beginning its 16th season this fall. Current members include Central Washington, Western Washington, Simon Fraser, Western Oregon, Humboldt State and California - Davis.

All but Humboldt State and UC Davis are charter members of the association which was formed in 1985 when the 14 football-playing schools in the Pacific Northwest combined into one league.

Two schools later dropped football - Pacific following the 1991 season and Oregon Tech following the 1992 season. The conference shrunk to six teams in 1996 when the six members of the Northwest Conference elected to withdraw from the CFA to form their own football league.

In 1997, Eastern Oregon elected to withdraw from the CFA to compete as an independent, but at the same time Humboldt State, a NCAA Division II school in Arcata, Calif., joined the CFA. Southern Oregon withdrew following the 1997 season. UC Davis is the newest member joining this fall.

All conference members except for NAIA member Simon Fraser compete at the NCAA Division II level.

CFA teams have won four NAIA national titles - Linfield in 1986, Pacific Lutheran in 1987 and 1993 and Central Washington in 1995. Five other times CFA teams have lost in the championship game.

League Champions

Year	CFA	Mt. Rainier	Mt. Hood
1985	Pacific Lutheran	Pacific Lutheran	Linfield
1986	Linfield	Pacific Lutheran	Linfield
1987	Central Washington, Oregon Tech	Central Washington	Oregon Tech
1988	Central Washington, Oregon Tech	Central Washington	Oregon Tech
1989	Central Washington	Central Washington	Lewis & Clark
1990	Central Washington, Southern Oregon	Central Washington	Southern Oregon
1991	CWU, Linfield, Lewis & Clark	Central Washington	Linfield, Lewis & Clark
1992	Linfield	Pacific Lutheran	Linfield
1993	Linfield, Pacific Lutheran	Pacific Lutheran	Linfield
1994	Linfield, Pacific Lutheran	Pacific Lutheran	Linfield
1995	Western Washington, Pacific Lutheran	Western Washington	Pacific Lutheran
1996	Western Washington		
1997	Western Oregon		
1998	Central Washington		
1999	Western Washington		