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NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFF FORMAT

Central Washington University ended its long football affiliation with the NAIA in 1998, qualifying for the playoffs for the ninth time.

The Wildcats now compete at the NCAA Division II level.

Unlike the NAIA, no automatic berths are awarded to the NCAA's 16-team post-season tournament.

A committee selects four teams from each of four regions to compete in the tournament. The committee also puts out a weekly poll and also decides on the seeding for the first-round of the playoffs.

Members of the five-member West Region committee include Steve Card, associate athletic director for business and financial affairs at Western Washington University; Marv Kay, director of athletics at Colorado School of Mines; Bud Elliott, head football coach at Eastern New Mexico University; Dave Prezler, assistant athletic director at Fort Lewis University and Morris Sloan, head football coach at Southeastern Oklahoma University.

Five Columbia Football Association teams - Central Washington, Western Washington, Western Oregon, California - Davis and Humboldt State - are eligible for the NCAA playoffs. Simon Fraser is the lone member of the CFA still competing at the NAIA level.

SFU along with independents Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon are the only teams in the Northwest still competing at the NAIA level (in football).

CWU completed its NAIA playoff history with a record of 10-8-1. The Wildcats reached the semifinals four times, winning a share of the NAIA national title in 1995 under the direction of All-American quarterback Jon Kitna, who now plays for the Seattle Seahawks.

CWU NAIA PLAYOFF HISTORY

Appearances 9
Best Finish 1st-Tie (1995)
Final Fours 4*
Overall Record 10-8-1
At Ellensburg 3-0-0
At Puyallup 1-1-0
At Tacoma 0-0-1
Away 6-7-0

(*Reached semifinals in 1984, 1989,1990 and 1995. Tied Findlay in 1995 title game.)

Table with columns for Year, Record, Opponent, Score, and Location. Rows include 1984 (1-1) vs East Central Oklahoma (20-6) and Central Arkansas (44-6), 1987 (0-1) vs Southern Oregon (21-14), 1988 (0-1) vs Carroll, Mont. (28-7), 1989 (2-1) vs Lewis & Clark (0-51), Dickinson State (7-49), and Westminster, Penn. (21-10), and 1990 (2-1) vs Greenville, Ill. (13-43).

	24	Pacific Lutheran	6	A
	17	Westminister, Pa.	24	A
1991	(0-1)			
	0	Pacific Lutheran	27	A
1993	(1-1)			
	28	Linfield	26	A
	17	Pacific Lutheran	35	A
1995	(3-0-1)			
	28	Western Washington	21	A
	40	Hardin-Simmons, Tex.	20	A
	48	Mary, N.D.	7	Puy
	21	Findlay, Ohio	21	Tac
1998	(1-1)			
	41	Rocky Mountain	38	A
	28	Azusa Pacific	35	A