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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 8)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
Men's Basketball	Tuesday, Feb 3 @7:30pm	Academy of Art	Walter Gleason Gym
Women's Tennis	Friday, Feb 6 @10:00am	Grand Canyon	Oakland, CA (Mills)
Softball	Friday, Feb 6 @12:30pm	^UC San Diego	Turlock, CA
Softball	Friday, Feb 6 @5:00pm	^Chico State	Turlock, CA
Softball	Saturday, Feb 7 @10:00am	^Grand Canyon	Turlock, CA
Softball	Saturday, Feb 7 @2:30pm	^CSU San Bernardino	Turlock, CA
Softball	Sunday, Feb 8 @1:45pm	^San Francisco State	Turlock, CA
Softball	Sunday, Feb 8 @4:00pm	^CSU Monterey Bay	Turlock, CA
Women's Basketball	Sunday, Feb 8 @5:30pm	*Hawaii Pacific	Walter Gleason Gym
Men's Basketball	Sunday, Feb 8 @7:30pm	*Hawaii Pacific	Walter Gleason Gym

(*) - Denotes Pacific West Conference Game

(^) - Denotes Mizuno Sports Best of the West Tournament Games played at CSU Stanislaus

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ARGO OF THE WEEK

KRISTINA SEWELL, SO., ARROYO GRANDE, CA SOFTBALL

Sewell helped lead the Argonauts to a 1-0-1 start to the season with 15 innings of work in a doubleheader against CSU Monterey Bay. She allowed just an unearned run in a 4-1 NDNU victory in the season opening match before hurling eight scoreless innings in relief as the Argos and Otters tied 2-2 after 16 innings. For the day, Sewell did not allow an earned run in 15 innings of work and surrendered just seven hits while striking out 11 batters.



Teams

Men's Basketball: 4-15 (0-8)

Last Week's Results:

Loss to Dixie State, 71-85 (1/27): The Notre Dame de Namur men's basketball suffered their second straight loss at Dixie State, falling to the Red Storm 85-71. The Argos moved to 4-15 on the season with eight games left to play.

After a defensive struggle the night before, both teams came out firing to open up the game. The Argos connected on eight of their first ten shots and led 21-19 with 12:02 remaining in the half. However, the Red Storm responded with eight straight points to take the lead. NDNU would tie the score at 31-31 late in the half before Dixie State closed on a 9-2 run to take a seven point advantage into the break. The Red Storm shot 59% in the half while the Argos connected on just 33% of their attempts but remained close with a 13-15 performance from the line.

The second half picked up with Dixie State continue their run as they quickly pushed their lead into double digits. The Argos did their best to hang close, hitting 16 free throws in the half but the Red Storm's hot shooting continued. The home team made 16-32 shots in the second, including 3-5 from 3-point range. Bennie Murray scored a game high 19 points for the Argonauts and knocked down three triples. Dan Bergeron tacked on 18 points and 10 rebounds while Trent Henwood scored a career high 12 points in just his second start of the season.

Women's Basketball: 6-14 (3-5)

Last Week's Results:

Loss to Dixie State, 78-83 (1/27): Senior forward Britni Rathke's career high 31 points was not enough as the Notre Dame de Namur women's basketball team dropped a shootout with Dixie State 83-78. The game between the two PacWest schools was counted as a non-conference game with the loss moving the Argos to 6-14 on the season.

The first half was back and forth throughout with five lead changes and six ties. The Argos jumped out first with a 10-5 advantage before an 11-2 run put the Red Storm up by four. NDNU then responded with eight straight points to take a four point lead of their own. Dixie State then went on a run of their own with a 14-2 run before Esmeralda Lopez knocked down a 3-pointer in the final seconds to cut the NDNU deficit to two at the break.

In the second half, the Red Storm scored seven of the first eight points and never looked back. Dixie State inflated their lead to 19 points before a late Argonaut run cut it to six with 1:25 remaining. However, the Red Storm's offense came up with a few big buckets to seal the game. Rathke recorded her 12th double-double of the season with 16 rebounds to go with her career high 31 points. She shot 10-19 from the field and hit 10-11 free throws while also picking up four blocks. Tanaia Keyes added 19 points and four assists off the bench.

Softball: 1-0-1

Last Week's Results:

Defeated CSU Monterey Bay, 4-1

Tied CSU Monterey Bay, 2-2 (16 innings) (2/1): The Notre Dame de Namur softball team got their season off to a good start with a 4-1 victory against CSU Monterey Bay before tying the Otters 2-2 in a 16-inning second game. The Argos used a pair of excellent pitching performances to surrender just one earned run over the two games.

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Kristina Sewell allowed just four hits and an unearned run to pick up the first victory of her career. Sewell kept the Otters off balance all game long while recording six strikeouts. The Argonaut scoring came in the first two innings with a pair of runs in each. Lindsay Crist got the offense going in the first with a lead-off double before coming into score on a single by Danielle Gray. Cassie Avila picked up the second RBI with a bases loaded hit-by-pitch to give NDNU a 2-0 lead.

CSU Monterey Bay cut the deficit in half in the bottom of the inning but fell behind 4-1 after the Argos plated two more in the second. Crist once again got the offense going with a one-out single and advanced to second on a stolen base. Gray would drive her home two batter later with another RBI single and would eventually score herself on a single by Breanna Morales. Sewell would do the rest as she allowed just two hits over the next five innings. The Otters threatened in the seventh, loading the bases but failed to score as Sewell ended the game with a strikeout.

The Argos pitching proved to be just as impressive in the second game as Michele McMahon and Sewell combined to allow just two runs – one earned – in 16 innings. Jessica Boyle matched the two NDNU hurlers with 16 innings of her own and a school record 20 strikeouts. The Otters on the board first with an RBI double by Shelair Rowell in the opening frame before moving ahead 2-0 in the fifth on a single by Rowell. Boyle kept the Argonauts scoreless through the first six innings but NDNU would tie the score with a pair of runs in the seventh.

Morales reached base after getting hit by a pitch and advanced to second when Carli Leary reached on an error. After Boyle retired the next two Argonauts, Morales and Leary came around to score on an error by the catcher. After a scoreless eighth, Sewell came on in relief to hurl eight scoreless innings. She allowed just three hits and struck out five with the game ending in a 2-2 tie after 16 innings. Boyle finished out the game for CSUMB, holding the Argonauts without a hit until the tenth inning.

