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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 10)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>
Softball	Wednesday, Feb 6 @1:00pm	Sonoma State	Notre Dame HS
Women's Basketball	Wednesday, Feb 6 @5:30pm	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, AZ
Men's Basketball	Wednesday, Feb 6 @7:30pm	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, AZ
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Lacrosse	Saturday, Feb 9 @1:00pm	Claremont College	Koret Field

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ARGO OF THE WEEK

**TARA VAN METER, SR., SACRAMENTO, CA
SOFTBALL**

Van Meter helped lead the Argonauts to a 3-1 record at the season opening Best of the West Tournament in Turlock, CA. Van Meter collected at least one hit in every game and made two appearances on the mound. For the tournament, she hit .615 after recording eight hits in 13 at-bats. Van Meter also hit a home run and picked up five RBIs. On the mound, she went 2-0 with victories over Grand Canyon and CSU Stanislaus.



Teams

Men's Basketball: 7-11 (3-7)

Last Week's Results:

def. Dixie State, 52-47 (2/2): Senior point guard Ryan Cooper scored the Argos final seven points to help NDNU defeat Dixie State 52-47. The Argos improved to 3-7 in PacWest play with the victory while the Rebels fell to 5-5. The first half was tough for both teams with the Argos taking a 21-20 lead into the break. NDNU shot just 31% from the field, but forced the Rebels into 18 turnovers. Neither team scored in the final five minutes of action.

Dixie started off strong in the second half and took six point at the halfway mark. The Argos battled back to tie the game on four occasions but Kasey Winters put the Rebels up four with 2:30 remaining. After Chris Clock drilled a jumper to make it a two point game, Cooper drained a three with 1:18 left to give the Argos their first lead since the 18:41 mark. The Argos then came up with a defensive stop before Cooper rattled in a fade away jumper with 19 seconds left to push the lead to three. Cooper would then answer a Winters lay-up with two free throws to put NDNU back up by three. Dixie then turned the ball over on the inbound and Clock found Chris Edwards for a dunk to end the game. Two Argos reached double figures with Cooper scoring 16 and Clock adding 12. Aaron Parker came up big on the defensive end with four steals.

lost to Dixie State, 72-74 (2/1): The Notre Dame de Namur men's basketball team could not hold off Dixie State, falling 74-72 in a nail biter. The Argos jumped out to a big first half lead, but squandered it to the Rebels.

NDNU shot 59% from the field in the first half to build a double digit lead before taking a nine point cushion into the break. The second half was a different story as the Rebels used a 15-0 run to take their first lead of the game with just under 14 minutes left. The Argos continued to fight back, cutting the lead to one several times, but could not retake the lead. With the Argos trailing by two in the final seconds, Ryan Cooper's game winning 3-pointer rimmed out and preserved the Dixie State victory. The Rebels were on fire in the second half, hitting 65% of their shots and 11-13 free throws. NDNU shot at a 50% clip in the second half but were outscored 17-6 at the charity stripe.

Dan Bergeron led four Argonauts in doubled figures with 20 points. Chris Clock scored 13 second half points to finish with 16 while Aaron Parker and Chris Edwards added 12 and 11 respectively. Cooper finished with seven points and eight assists.

Women's Basketball: 8-10 (8-2)

Last Week's Results:

def. Dixie State, 66-54 (2/1): The Notre Dame de Namur women's basketball team stayed hot, winning their seventh straight game and improving to 8-2 in PacWest play. The Argos defeated Dixie State for the second straight night, outlasting the Rebels 66-54.

The first half remained tight into the final minutes before NDNU ran off six straight points to take a ten point margin. Dixie State closed out the first with a pair of buckets to send the game into the break at 29-23. The Rebels could not manage to take the lead in the second as every run was answered by the Argos. After DSC cut the deficit to two with eight minutes left, NDNU rattled off seven straight to provide some breathing room. Down the stretch, the Argos hit their free throws to put the Rebels away.

The Argos shot 51% for the game while holding Dixie State to just 33% shooting. NDNU also held a 25-16 free throw advantage and made 18-21 from the charity stripe in the second half. NDNU's three leading scorers came off the bench with Tanaia Keyes leading all players with 15 points. Ashley Wilson tacked on 12 with Britni Rathke adding nine points and six rebounds. Jennifer Dreesen had seven points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals.

def. Dixie State, 65-60 (2/1): The Notre Dame de Namur women's basketball team continued their winning ways, earning their sixth straight victory with a 65-60 win over Dixie State. The Argos and Rebels both came into the contest tied for second place in the PacWest with 6-2 conference records.

NDNU opened the game with a 21-10 run before Dixie State responded with a 15-2 run to take their first lead. The Argos and Rebels would change leads three more times in the first and go into halftime knotted at 32-32. The Rebels opened the second half with a 9-4 run to take their biggest lead of the game. However, NDNU responded and took a five point advantage with just over eight minutes to play. Dixie State would never lead the game again as the Argos built their margin to eight points in the final minutes.

The Argos shot 46% for the game including 52% in the first and held Dixie State to 37% from the field. Jennifer Dreessen led all scorers with 23 points on 11-15 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds. Cory Riley also reached double figures for the Argos with 14 points. She also grabbed three steals and set the school record for steals in a career with 142. Sandy Perry added six points, four assists and four steals.

Softball: 3-1

Last Week's Results:

lost to CSU Dominguez Hills, 11-2 (5 innings)
def. CSU Stanislaus, 7-6 (8 innings) (2/2):

After starting off the season with a pair of wins at the Togo's Best of the West Tournament, the Notre Dame de Namur softball team split a pair of games on Day Two. The Argos struggled in the first game, falling to CSU Dominguez Hills 11-2 before rebounding to upset #10 CSU Stanislaus 7-6 in eight innings.

In the first game, the Argos fell behind 3-0 in the third before cutting the lead to one in the bottom of the inning. CSUDH responded with five runs in the 4th and three more in the 5th to put the game out of reach. Danielle Holt received the loss for NDNU after allowing four runs in the fourth inning. Tara Van Meter went 3 for 3 for the Argos at the plate while Holt and Bryanne Norris each drove in a run.

The second game did not start off well for the Argos as the Warriors led 4-0 after five innings. However, NDNU stormed back with five in the fifth to take a one run lead. Six straight Argos reached base in the inning with Van Meter's two run double doing most of the damage. Stanislaus tied the game in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings but NDNU would not let the game get away. Kate Elwell and Holt each scored in the top of the eighth to give the Argos a two runs cushion. The Warriors got within one in the bottom of the inning, but Van Meter pitched out of trouble to earn her second win of the tournament. Van Meter went the distance for NDNU, allowing five earned runs in eight innings of work and also delivered two hits and two RBIs. Cierra Keeney, Holt and Milana Jordan also picked up two hits apiece.

def. Grand Canyon, 3-2
def. Davis & Elkins, 7-5 (9 innings) (2/1):

The Notre Dame de Namur softball team opened their 2008 season with a pair of wins at the Togo's Best of the West Tournament in Turlock, CA.

In the first game, the Argos defeated Grand Canyon 3-2 behind six strong innings from Tara Van Meter. Van Meter allowed just one unearned run and struck out three. Cierra Kenney closed out the game with a one run seventh to earn the save. Van Meter and Keeney also caused damage with their bats driving in one run each. After the Antelopes took a 1-0 lead in the first, Keeney tied the game with a RBI triple in the second. Van Meter then put the Argos up for good in the third with an RBI double.

In the second game, the Argos needed two extra innings to take down Davis & Elkins. NDNU came out victorious with a 7-5 win in nine innings. Danielle Holt picked up the victory for the Argonauts after allowing just three runs – one earned – in nine innings of work. She struck out four and walked two. Holt got it done at the plate as well, finishing with three hits. Van Meter once again drove in the game winning run with a solo home run that was part of a three run ninth inning. Milana Jordan also picked up a pair of hits while Bryanne Norris drove in two.