Western Wildcats Open 2007 Season with Road Split
The Western Nevada Community College baseball team (2-2) kicked off their 2007 season in a big way with a doubleheader sweep in Henderson. The Wildcats beat Cochise College 7-4 in the first game and No. 2-ranked Yavapai College 4-2 in the second. However, the two teams avenged their losses in two close games as Cochise topped WNCC 2-1 and Yavapai turned back the Wildcats 3-1.


Boxer Joey Gilbert to Headline 2007 Wildcats Fund-Raiser
Former University of Nevada All-American boxer and current World Boxing Organization middleweight champion Joey Gilbert will be the keynote speaker at Western Nevada Community College’s fourth annual Wildcats Athletics Benefit. The three-course prime rib dinner, raffle, and live and silent auctions will be at the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno, Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m.


Baseball Team Posts Winning Scores in the Classroom
Getting A’s and B’s in the classroom can be just as important to a Western Nevada Community College student athlete as hitting a home run. Last fall, the WNCC men’s baseball team posted a combined 3.03, out of a possible 4.0, and passed 94 percent of the classes they attempted. This marked the third semester in a row that the team’s cumulative grade point average was above the 3.0 mark.


Pitcher Dan Grubbs poses in the library before practice. Grubbs maintains a 3.7 overall GPA at WNCC.
Head Coach D.J. Whittemore, right, talks about the team's 2007-2008 recruiting class during a recent signing ceremony at the Carson City campus.

**Wildcats Sign 17 Players for Next Year’s Team**

Western Nevada Community College is welcoming 17 high school baseball standouts from Nevada, California, Oregon, Idaho and Arizona to play on next year's Wildcats baseball team. The seniors signed letters of intent to play at Western in 2007-2008.

Head Coach D.J. Whittemore is enthusiastic about his new recruiting class. "Kevin Edwards, our assistant coach and recruiting coordinator, did an excellent job putting this group of players together. We're very excited and hope they can continue the winning tradition we developed last year."  

**Three Wildcats Earn National Recognition**

In the latest Collegiate Baseball College Preview, three Western Nevada Community College baseball players were named among the best junior college players in the nation at their positions. Starting pitcher Justin Garcia, starting pitcher Cole Rohrbough, and first baseman Thomas Miller were the only three players named to the list from the Scenic West Athletic Conference.  

**Seven Wildcats Sign to Play with Division One Schools**

Four pitchers from the WNCC baseball team signed letters of intent, on the first day of the National Letter of Intent Signing period, to play for NCAA Division One schools next year.

This was in addition to three other Wildcats that previously signed with Division One schools. Jerahmie Libke signed with Southern Utah University and Tyson Jaquez and Aaron signed to play with the University of Nevada.  
[Link](http://www.wncc.edu/news/2006-11-08b.php)  

Head Coach D.J. Whittemore (right) introduces his pitchers, (from L-R) Justin Garcia, Cole Rohrbough, Dan Grubbs, and Stephen Sauer, before they signed their letters of intent at a recent press conference.

Cole Rohrbough, one of three Wildcats recognized by Collegiate Baseball, fires a pitch to a College of Southern Idaho batter.
Baseball Benefit Poker Tourney Nets More Than $21,000
More than 80 participants raised $21,450 for Western Nevada Community College’s baseball team in a recent Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament at the Peppermill Hotel-Casino in Reno. Ken Bartlett of Bartlett Architecture in Reno won the top prize, a one-year membership at Red Hawk Golf Course, a $4,000 value, along with $1,000 cash.

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m.
Western Wildcats Baseball vs. Midland Junior College at Midland, Texas
Stats, scores and schedule: http://www.wncc.edu/athletics/baseball/season.php

Friday, Feb. 9, Noon
Western Wildcats Baseball vs. Midland Junior College at Midland, Texas

Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
Wildcats Baseball Doubleheader vs. New Mexico Junior College in Hobbs, N.M.