



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2018 SOFTBALL

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California Baptist & Dixie State Dominate In Hawai'i

PACWEST SOFTBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
1.	Calif. Baptist (25)	13-1	--	21-4	Won 4
2.	Dixie State (3)	8-2	3.0	22-2	Won 1
3.	Biola	11-5	3.0	24-8	Lost 2
4.	Concordia (17)	8-4	4.0	15-6	Lost 1
5.	Hawai'i Hilo	6-4	4.0	15-8	Lost 1
6.	Academy of Art	7-5	5.0	17-11	Won 1
7.	NDNU	3-5	7.0	6-18	Won 2
8.	Hawai'i Pacific	4-8	8.0	9-9	Lost 3
9.	Azusa Pacific	4-8	8.0	8-15	Won 2
10.	Dominican	3-9	9.0	7-17	Won 1
11.	Chaminade	2-12	11.0	5-16	Lost 1
12.	Holy Names	1-7	9.0	1-14	Lost 6

IRVINE, Calif. -- California Baptist and Dixie State both spent last week in Hawai'i as PacWest play continued, where the Lancers won five of six games, while the Trailblazers compiled a 4-2 record.

The previous week, Concordia went 7-1 on its trip to Hawai'i, setting the bar for the other two nationally-ranked programs in the PacWest. Against those three nationally-ranked teams, Hawai'i Hilo went 2-4.

Dixie State became the first PacWest program to start a year with a 20-0 record after sweeping a doubleheader against Chaminade. In 2008, Hawai'i Pacific had gone 19-0 before losing to Dixie State to end the winning streak. A decade later, the Sharks returned the favor, becoming the first team to beat the Trailblazers all year as **Noelani Boyer** hit a two-run home run in the first inning in a 2-1 victory.

California Baptist split against Hawai'i Hilo before recording three-consecutive shutout victories against Chaminade and Hawai'i Pacific. The Lancers wrapped up the trip with a nine-inning 7-3 win against Hawai'i Pacific.

Azusa Pacific handed Biola just its second sweep of the season. The two teams will play two more in La Mirada in the final week of the regular season. The Eagles also split with Academy of Art, which went 3-3 on its trip to Southern California. That included a split for the Urban Knights against Concordia, ending a five-game winning streak for the No. 17 team in the nation with a 3-1 win.

Week 8 Preview

There is still a big gap in the standings between the top six teams and the rest of the conference standings, but Azusa Pacific helped close that gap by winning three of four games against those top-6 teams.

This week only features two PacWest double-headers as Chaminade goes to Dominican and Notre Dame de Namur. Most of the focus this week will be on non-conference play, which starts with defending West Region Champion Humboldt State visiting Academy of Art on Monday.

The Tournament of Champions will begin on Friday, featuring the majority of the 31 softball programs in the West Region, including nine PacWest teams. The three PacWest teams that elected not to compete in the tournament this year are the top three teams in the conference standings right now: California Baptist, Dixie State and Biola.

Chico State has been one of the best teams in the region so far this year and will play three games against PacWest teams. Chaminade will get the first chance to upset the Wildcats on Friday before Notre Dame de Namur plays Chico State. On Friday it will be Hawai'i Pacific's turn.

Concordia has one of the toughest schedules at the tournament of any PacWest team, beginning on Friday with a battle against defending GNAC regular season champion Central Washington. The Eagles will also face a red-hot San Francisco State along with Sonoma State and host Stanislaus State. Concordia wraps up the trip on Sunday against Humboldt State.

Hawai'i Hilo will play two GNAC teams on Friday in Western Washington and Northwest Nazarene. Saturday's action for the Vulcans will feature Cal State East Bay and Cal State Dominguez Hills. The Vulcans will get a big test on Sunday against Cal State Monterey Bay, which was the CCAA's preseason favorite to win the conference.

PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**Hannah Thieroff, California Baptist
1B/3B, Jr., 5-5 -- Mission Viejo, Calif.**

Thieroff helped California Baptist win five of six games in Hawai'i last week as she extended her hitting streak to seven games. The junior went 11 for 23 with five home runs and 14 RBIs. After having their 12-game winning streak snapped by Hawai'i Hilo, the Lancers won four games in a row. Thieroff helped get the new winning streak started by going 5 for 7 in the first two wins of the trip with two home runs in each game and a total of 11 RBIs. In the opener against Hawai'i Hilo, Thieroff went 3 for 3 with two home runs, a single, a hit-by-pitch and six RBIs.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



**Ciara Stapp, California Baptist
P, So., 5-6 -- Yorba Linda, Calif.**

Stapp continued her dominant start to her sophomore season with three complete games in Hawai'i, picking up three wins. Stapp tossed 21 innings with 22 strikeouts only one earned run allowed as she improved to 10-2 on the season with a 1.26 ERA. Stapp gave up nine hits and five walks in her first outing on the islands but limited the Vulcans to only four runs with just one of those being earned to earn the win. Two days later against Chaminade, the sophomore threw a three-hit shutout with eight strikeouts and no walks.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



**Brooke Larsen, Academy of Art
RHP, Fr., 5-6 -- Sacramento, Calif.**

Larsen helped Academy of Art earn three splits during a tough road trip to Southern California. The freshman tossed two complete games as she went 2-1 in 20 innings pitched with 23 strikeouts and four earned runs allowed. Larsen scattered seven hits and five walks in a complete game shutout against Azusa Pacific. The next day, she struck out nine batters in six innings despite taking a loss. Against Concordia, Larsen held the Eagles to just one run in a complete-game win to improve to 10-2 on the season with a 1.24 ERA.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Player of the Week

Feb. 5 Ryann Ferguson, CUI
Feb. 12 Janessa Bassett, DSU
Feb. 19 Janessa Bassett, DSU
Feb. 26 Hailey Boyett, BU
Mar. 5 Selina Sherlin, BU
Mar. 12 Areana Ramos, BU

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 5 Callie Nunes, CUI
Feb. 12 Callie Nunes, CUI
Feb. 19 Cambrie Hazel, DSU
Feb. 26 Ciara Stapp, CBU
Mar. 5 Cambrie Hazel, DSU
Mar. 12 Kellye Springstead, CBU

Freshman of the Week

Feb. 5 Brooke Larsen, ARTU
Feb. 12 Brooke Larsen, ARTU
Feb. 19 Brooke Larsen, ARTU
Feb. 26 Cambrie Hazel, DSU
Mar. 5 Paige Austin, BU
Mar. 12 Callie Nunes, CUI

PACWEST LEADERS IN NATIONAL STATISTICS

TEAM STATS (as of March 15)

Stat	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	Dixie State	19th	.344
Earned Run Avg.	California Baptist	7th	1.42
Fielding Pct.	Dixie State	3rd	98.2
Runs	Dixie State	6th	8.77
Home Runs	California Baptist	4th	1.56
Doubles	Dixie State	24th	1.82
Triples	Dixie State	52nd	0.32
Stolen Bases	Dixie State	21st	2.27
Slugging Pct.	California Baptist	6th	.587
On-base Pct.	Dixie State	12th	.434

INDIVIDUAL STATS (as of March 15)

Stat	Player	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	46th	.470
Home Runs	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	6th	0.48
Triples	Janessa Bassett	DSU	24th	0.19
Doubles	Bailey Gaffin	DSU	67th	0.41
Runs Batted In	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	31st	1.32
Runs	Janessa Bassett	DSU	9th	1.52
Slugging Pct.	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	3rd	1.121
Stolen Bases	M. Schumacher	DUC	25th	0.77
Earned Run Avg.	Callie Nunes	CUI	2nd	0.45
Strikeouts Per 7	Callie Nunes	CUI	2nd	11.7

PACWEST SCHEDULE/RESULTS

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Monday, March 12

California Baptist 8, Hawai'i Hilo 4
Hawai'i Hilo 4, California Baptist 3
Hawai'i Pacific 2, Martin Methodist 0
Hawai'i Pacific 4, Martin Methodist 3
Dixie State 20, Chaminade 4
Dixie State 8, Chaminade 2

Wednesday, March 14

Humboldt State 7, NDNU 5
Humboldt State 9, NDNU 1
Hawai'i Pacific 2, Dixie State 1
Dixie State 6, Hawai'i Pacific 3
Azusa Pacific 3, Academy of Art 2
California Baptist 7, Chaminade 0
Academy of Art 5, Azusa Pacific 0
California Baptist 12, Chaminade 0

Thursday, March 15

Notre Dame de Namur 4, Pace 0
Notre Dame de Namur 5, Pace 4
Academy of Art 5, Biola 0
Biola 4, Academy of Art 1
California Baptist 7, Hawai'i Pacific 3

Friday, March 16

Azusa Pacific 4, Biola 1
Azusa Pacific 4, Biola 0

Saturday, March 17

Concordia 7, Academy of Art 1
Academy of Art 3, Concordia 1
Hawai'i Hilo 4, Dixie State 2
Dixie State 6, Hawai'i Hilo 3

Sunday, March 18

Chaminade 4, Dominican 3
Dominican 10, Chaminade 2

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Monday, March 19

Humboldt State at Academy of Art, 11 a.m.*
Chaminade at Dominican, Noon*

Tuesday, March 20

Cal State San Marcos at Biola, 1 p.m.*

Wednesday, March 21

Chaminade at NDNU, 11 a.m.

Friday, March 23

CSUDH vs. Hawai'i Pacific, 6 a.m.
CSUSM vs. Hawai'i Pacific, 8:30 a.m.
Simon Frasier vs. Azusa Pacific, 9 a.m.
Concordia (Ore.) vs. Dominican, 10 a.m.
Western Wash. vs. Hawai'i Hilo, 11:30 a.m.
Saint Martin's vs. Azusa Pacific, 11:30 a.m.
Western Oregon vs. Dominican, 12:30 p.m.
Northwest Nazarene vs. Hawai'i Hilo, 2 p.m.
Sonoma State vs. Academy of Art, 3 p.m.
NW Nazarene vs. Azusa Pacific, 4:30 p.m.
Cal State East Bay vs. NDNU, 4:30 p.m.
CSUSB vs. Holy Names, 4:30 p.m.
Chico State vs. Chaminade, 4:30 p.m.
Sonoma State vs. Chaminade, 7 p.m.
Cal State East Bay vs. Holy Names, 7 p.m.
Chico State vs. NDNU, 7 p.m.
CSUSB vs. Academy of Art, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

Northwest Nazarene vs. Dominican, 9 a.m.
Central Washington vs. Concordia, 10 a.m.
Humboldt State vs. Azusa Pacific, 10 a.m.
Simon Fraser vs. Dominican, 11:30 a.m.
CSUSM vs. Holy Names, 11:30 a.m.
Saint Martin's vs. Chaminade, 11:30 a.m.
Central Washington vs. NDNU, 11:30 a.m.
SF State vs. Concordia, 12:30 p.m.
CSU East Bay vs. Azusa Pacific, 12:30 p.m.
NW Nazarene vs. Academy of Art, 12:30 p.m.
CSUSB vs. Hawai'i Pacific, 1:30 p.m.
Western Oregon vs. Holy Names, 2 p.m.
CSU Monterey Bay vs. NDNU, 2 p.m.
CSUDH vs. Academy of Art, 3 p.m.
Chico State vs. Hawai'i Pacific, 4 p.m.
CSU East Bay vs. Hawai'i Hilo, 4:30 p.m.
Concordia vs. Chaminade, 4:30 p.m.
CSUDH vs. Hawai'i Hilo, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

16 more games at the Tournament of Champions in Turlock, Calif.

*Indicates Doubleheader

NFCA COACHES' TOP 25

Week 6 - March 6

Rank	Team	Prev.	W-L-T
1	Colorado Mesa (12)	22-0	1
2	North Georgia (2)	26-1	2
3	Dixie State (2)	18-0	3
4	Angelo State	24-1	4
5	Chico State	23-2	5
6	North Alabama	20-2	6
7	Winona State	17-2	8
8	Southern Arkansas	19-3	7
9	Saint Leo	20-7	10
10	Minnesota State	16-3	9
11	Texas A&M-Commerce	17-3	11
12	Lenoir-Rhyne	19-4	12
13	Palm Beach Atlantic	16-2	13
14	Sonoma State	17-7	178
15	West Texas A&M	19-3	16
16	Indianapolis	14-4	20
17	Concordia Irvine	14-5	19
18	Harding	14-4	17
19	Queens (N.C.)	23-3	23
20	So. New Hampshire	10-0	NR
21	West Florida	14-8	24
22	UC San Diego	19-4	25
23	Grand Valley State	13-5	NR
24	Merrimack	11-1	22
25	California Baptist	16-3	NR

RECEIVING VOTES: Valdosta State (22), Tarleton State (22), Southern Indiana (19), UVA Wise (17), Coker (17), Central Oklahoma (15), Cameron (3), Shepherd (2), Le Moyne (2), UAH (2), Minnesota Duluth (1)