



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2018 SOFTBALL

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Academy of Art Wins Five At Tournament Of Champions

PACWEST SOFTBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
1.	Calif. Baptist (23)	13-1	--	21-4	Won 4
2.	Dixie State (6)	8-2	3.0	22-2	Won 1
3.	Biola	11-5	3.0	26-8	Won 2
4.	Concordia (RV)	8-4	4.0	17-9	Won 1
5.	Hawai'i Hilo	6-4	5.0	18-10	Won 1
6.	Academy of Art	7-5	5.0	24-11	Won 8
7.	NDNU	4-6	7.0	7-24	Lost 6
8.	Hawai'i Pacific	4-8	8.0	11-12	Lost 1
9.	Azusa Pacific	4-8	8.0	11-16	Won 1
10.	Chaminade	5-13	10.0	9-21	Lost 3
11.	Dominican	3-11	10.0	11-22	Won 1
12.	Holy Names	1-7	9.0	1-19	Lost 11

IRVINE, Calif. -- Academy of Art won all seven games it played in last week, including a perfect 5-0 record at the Tournament of Champions to tie for first place at the largest West Region Tournament of the softball season.

The Urban Knights opened the week with two wins over defending West Region Champion Humboldt State. They went on to defeat No. 13 Sonoma State, 3-0 to start the Tournament of Champions. Academy of Art also had shutout wins over Cal State San Bernardino and defending GNAC Champion Western Washington.

Freshman **Brooke Larsen** tossed 21.2 innings with no earned runs allowed for four wins and two shutouts. Against No. 13 Sonoma State, Larsen threw a two-hit shutout with seven strikeouts. She is now 14-2 on the season with a 1.00 ERA.

Over the last eight days, Chaminade has more than doubled its win total on the season thanks to a breakout performance by freshman **Jackie Najera**. She had 19 hits last week as the Silverswords went 4-5 on the week, including a 9-2 win over No. 13 Sonoma State.

Concordia went 2-3 on the weekend at the Tournament of Champions, beating perennial powers Central Washington and Humboldt State. Freshman **Callie Nunes** threw one-hit shutouts in both of those games to bring her ERA on the season down to 0.33. Concordia is now 17-9 on the season with Nunes earning 11 of those wins. The Eagles are four games back in the standings as they resume conference play.

Week 9 Preview

The top three teams in the PacWest standings did not participate in the Tournament of Champions, but play resumes for them this week with some important conference series.

Dixie State is ranked No. 6 in the nation with a 22-2 record going into this week's four-game series with Azusa Pacific. Since joining the PacWest, the Cougars are 2-12 when playing at St. George, Utah. Dixie State won three of four games during last year's series.

Biola returns to PacWest action with a doubleheader on Saturday at Dixie State. Both teams are currently three games behind California Baptist in the standings. It will be the first meeting between the two programs as conference opponents.

California Baptist will play a doubleheader against Concordia at home on Saturday. The Lancers are looking to improve on their 13-1 start to conference play, while Concordia's Callie Nunes will be looking to build on her streak of six-consecutive outings with no earned runs allowed.

Last week, Dominican won three of five games at the Tournament of Champions. This week the Penguins will look to build on that with home doubleheaders against Hawai'i Pacific and Hawai'i Hilo.

Chaminade will play four games at Academy of Art, which enters the series on an eight-game winning streak. The Urban Knights are among the six teams that are above the .500 mark in the conference standings as they enter the homestand.

In non-conference action, Concordia will play a Monday doubleheader at No. 22 UC San Diego. The Tritons didn't participate in the Tournament of Champions. The Tritons are 20-7 on the season and undefeated in non-conference play.

Notre Dame de Namur will host a four-game series against Hawai'i Pacific. The two teams are a game apart in the standings heading into the ninth week of the 2018 season.

PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

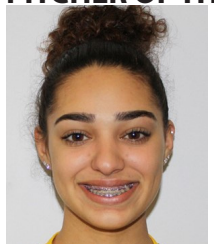
PLAYER OF THE WEEK



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

Larsen helped Academy of Art go 5-0 at the Tournament of Champions as one of only two teams in the West Region to finish the tournament undefeated, giving the Urban Knights a 5-game winning streak. Larsen pitched in five games throughout the week and earned four wins and a save. She threw 21.2 innings with 31 strikeouts and no runs allowed. The freshman dropped her ERA on the season down to 1.00 as she improved to 14-2 to go along with her first career save. At the plate, Larsen went 8 for 20 with two doubles for seven runs and three RBIs.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



**Callie Nunes, Concordia
P, So., 5-6 -- Yorba Linda, Calif.**

Nunes threw three complete games at the Tournament of Champions without allowing an earned run in 21.1 innings of work. The freshman struck out 33 batters on the week as she threw two complete-game shutouts. She brought her ERA down nine more points to an incredible 0.31 over 91.1 innings of work. Both of the freshman's wins were one-hit shutouts, while the lone loss came on an unearned run in extra innings for a 1-0 loss. Against Central Washington, she recorded 13 strikeouts, which was one shy of her career high.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



**Jackie Najera, Chaminade
INF, Fr., 5-3 -- Santa Ana, Calif.**

Najera helped Chaminade to a 4-5 record during the team's trip the Northern California, starting the week with two wins against Dominican. In those two games, Najera went 7 for 9 with six runs, five RBIs and for doubles. The freshman had 19 hits in nine games to improve her hitting streak to 13 games. She finished the week 19 for 35 with 13 runs and eight RBIs. Her slugging percentage was .857 and she was named to the all-tournament team at the Tournament of Champions. Najera helped the Silverswords nearly double their win total on the season last week.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

Player of the Week

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

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
Mar. 19 Ciara Stapp, CBU

Freshman of the Week

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

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 19

Academy of Art 3, Humboldt State 0

Academy of Art 9, Humboldt State 1

Chaminade 14, Dominican 5

Chaminade 11, Dominican 4

Tuesday, March 20

Biola 2, Cal State San Marcos 1

Biola 7, Cal State San Marcos 5

Wednesday, March 21

Notre Dame de Namur 6, Chaminade 0

Chaminade 9, Notre Dame de Namur 1

Tournament of Champions

PacWest

Vs. GNAC: 9-9

Vs. CCAA: 11-15

Overall: 19-24

GNAC

Vs. PacWest: 9-9

Vs. CCAA: 14-9

Overall: 23-18

CCAA

Vs. PacWest: 15-11

Vs. GNAC: 9-14

Overall: 24-25

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Tuesday, March 27

Hawai'i Pacific at Dominican, Noon*

Chaminade at Academy of Art, Noon*

Hawai'i Hilo at Holy Names, Noon*

Concordia at UC San Diego, 4 p.m.*

Simpson at Biola, 4 p.m.*

Wednesday, March 28

Hawai'i Hilo at Holy Names, 1 p.m.*

Chaminade at Academy of Art, Noon*

Azusa Pacific at Dixie State, 3 p.m.*

Thursday, March 29

Hawai'i Pacific at NDNU, 11 a.m.*

Azusa Pacific at Dixie State, 3 p.m.*

Friday, March 30

Hawai'i Pacific at NDNU, 11 a.m.*

Hawai'i Hilo at Dominican, 2 p.m.*

Chaminade at Holy Names, 1 p.m.*

Saturday, March 31

Biola at Dixie State, Noon*

Concordia at California Baptist, Noon*

*Indicates Doubleheader

NFCA COACHES' TOP 25

Week 5 - March 20

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1	Colorado Mesa (12)	26-0	1
2	North Georgia (4)	32-1	2
3	Chico State	26-3	5
4	North Alabama	23-2	6
5	Angelo State	27-3	4
6	Dixie State	22-2	3
7	Southern Arkansas	21-3	8
8	Winona State	25-3	7
9	Texas A&M-Comm.	25-3	11
10	Palm Beach Atlantic	19-2	13
11	Lenoir-Rhyne	25-4	12
12	Indianapolis	21-5	16
13	Sonoma State	19-7	14
14	Minnesota State	19-5	10
15	West Texas A&M	23-5	15
16	West Florida	17-9	21
17	Harding	18-6	18
18	Grand Valley State	15-5	23
19	So. New Hampshire	17-3	20
20	Saint Leo	23-9	9
21	Queens (N.C.)	24-4	19
22	UC San Diego	20-7	22
23	California Baptist	21-4	25
24	Valdosta State	22-7	
25	Tarleton State	23-6	

RECEIVING VOTES: Merrimack (23), University of Alabama in Huntsville (16), Concordia Irvine (14), Southern Indiana (8), UVa Wise (7), Le Moyne (6), Coker (4), Embry-Riddle (4), Minnesota Duluth (1), Augustana (1).