



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2018 SOFTBALL

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Concordia Takes PacWest Title With 17 Consecutive Wins

PACWEST SOFTBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
1.	*Concordia (16)	26-6	--	44-12	Won 14
2.	Academy of Art	22-6	2.0	39-12	Won 13
3.	Calif. Baptist (11)	23-7	2.0	31-10	Lost 2
4.	Dixie State (19)	20-8	4.0	36-8	Lost 2
5.	Hawai'i Hilo	17-9	6.0	29-15	Lost 2
6.	Hawai'i Pacific	15-14	8.5	22-18	Won 1
7.	Biola	16-16	10.0	33-19	Lost 2
8.	Azusa Pacific	15-17	11.0	22-25	Won 2
9.	NDNU	9-23	17.0	13-40	Won 2
10.	Dominican	8-24	18.0	17-35	Lost 5
11.	Chaminade	6-23	18.5	10-31	Lost 8
12.	Holy Names	4-28	22.0	4-40	Lost 4

IRVINE, Calif. -- Concordia won its final 14 regular season games and its final 17 PacWest games to secure at least a share of the PacWest title following a doubleheader sweep of Biola on Saturday.

Concordia won all six games last week by allowing only five runs, including two shutout victories over No. 11 California Baptist. **Callie Nunes** recorded the first shutout by allowing just two hits and a walk with 13 strikeouts to secure the key victory. She finished the regular season of her freshman campaign with a 24-3 record and a 0.55 ERA.

In the regular season finale, **Ryann Ferguson** went 4 for 4 with two runs and an RBI as Concordia beat Biola 7-0 to put finish the PacWest season with a 26-6 record.

Academy of Art got two big wins over Hawai'i Hilo in softball as the two regionally-ranked teams played each other. The Vulcans had the tying run on third base in the seventh inning when **Brooke Larsen** escaped with her 20th victory of the season, 4-3 as the Urban Knights boosted their chances of advancing to the NCAA West Regional.

Biola finished its first season in the PacWest with a 16-16 record in conference play to take seventh place after going 33-19 overall. Hawai'i Hilo is now 17-9 going into Saturday's doubleheader against Chaminade, which will be the Vulcans last chance to make a case for qualification to the NCAA West Regional. California Baptist and Dixie State are both currently in strong position to advance to the postseason.

NCAA Regional Rankings

Week 2 - April 25

Rank	Team	In-Region	Overall
1	Chico State	43-3	43-3
2	Concordia	38-12	38-12
3	Dixie State	33-8	36-8
4	California Baptist	28-8	28-8
5	UC San Diego	30-15	30-15
6	Cal State San Bernardino	25-17	25-17
7	Stanislaus State	29-18	29-18
8	Academy of Art	34-11	35-12
9	Central Washington	26-14	27-14
10	Hawai'i Hilo	29-13	29-13

Week 14 Preview

On Saturday, Academy of Art will play at Dixie State on ESPN3 in a doubleheader between two teams that are looking to secure a spot in the NCAA West Regional.

Academy of Art enters the week with a 13-game winning streak and four games scheduled. The Urban Knights must win all four games to earn a share of the PacWest title with Concordia.

However, all four of those games are against nationally-ranked team that are among the top-4 teams in the West Region.

First, the Urban Knights will have to go through California Baptist on Thursday. The first game's pitching matchup between California Baptist's **Ciara Stapp** and Academy of Art's **Brooke Larsen** features two of the conference's top-3 pitchers in ERA. The two have combined for 37 wins this season and 19 complete-game shutouts.

The next test for Academy of Art will be in St. George, Utah, as they visit Dixie State for a doubleheader that will be streamed live nationally. Dixie State is looking to bounce back from its first doubleheader sweep of the season. The Trailblazers still have the best overall record in the PacWest going into Saturday's doubleheader. Academy of Art is currently No. 8 in the regional rankings.

PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

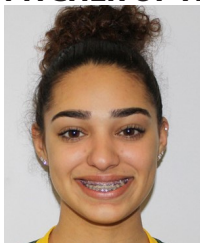
PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Amanda Gjertsen, Concordia
3B, So., 5-10 -- Mission Viejo, Calif.

Gjertsen had three multi-hit games last week to help Concordia earn six big wins to wrap up the regular season on a 14-game winning streak. Concordia is now in great position to host one of the two NCAA sub-regional tournaments. In the Eagles' doubleheader sweep of California Baptist, Gjertsen went 4 for 6 with an RBI and a run. The sophomore then tallied seven RBIs in two games against Dominican, going 4 for 8 with a home run in each game. Gjertsen added an RBI-single in the Eagles' doubleheader sweep of Biola to wrap up the regular season and secure at least a share of the conference title. She wrapped up the regular season with a .317 batting average, seven home runs and 37 RBIs.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



Callie Nunes, Concordia
RHP, Fr., 5-5 -- Modesto, Calif.

Nunes finished the regular season as the national leader in earned run average at 0.55 on the season as she collected a 24-3 record with eight saves. In the final week, the freshman pitched 17 innings with only one earned run allowed in Concordia's nine-inning 2-1 win over Biola. On the week, she struck out 22 batters with only two walks and six hits allowed. Against California Baptist, Nunes threw a complete-game two-hit shutout with 13 strikeouts for a 7-0 victory. She came back in the next game to retire three of the final four batters to earn a save in a 2-0 victory. She has struck out 280 batters so far this season and led Concordia to its first PacWest title, finishing the regular season on a 14-game winning streak.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Jayda Alaan, Academy of Art
UT, Fr., 5-2 -- Diamond Bar, Calif.

Alaan went 5 for 8 on the week with 11 RBIs to help Academy of Art extend its winning streak to 13 games going into the final week of the regular season for the Urban Knights. Alaan opened the week with a 1 for 3 effort with three RBIs in a crucial game against Hawai'i Hilo. In the second game of the doubleheader, she was walked twice, hit by a pitch and drove in a run on a sacrifice fly. On Sunday, she added seven more RBIs as she went 4 for 5 with a home run and two walks. She scored five times in the doubleheader and was hit by a pitch for the 27th time this season. She is now batting .348 on the season with three home runs and 24 RBIs.

2018 PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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
 Mar. 19 Hannah Thieroff, CBU
 Mar. 26 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Apr. 2 Janessa Bassett, DSU
 Apr. 9 Caitlyn Lloyd, CBU
 Apr. 16 Brittany Galvez, CBU
 Apr. 23 Amy Eilefson, CUI

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
 Mar. 26 Callie Nunes, CUI
 Apr. 2 Cambrie Hazel, DSU
 Apr. 9 Cambrie Hazel, DSU
 Apr. 16 Cyanne Fernandez, UHH
 Apr. 23 Callie Nunes, CUI

Freshman of the Week

Feb. 5 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Feb. 12 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Feb. 19 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Feb. 26 Cambrie Hazel, DSU
 Mar. 5 Paige Austin, BU
 Mar. 12 Callie Nunes, CUI
 Mar. 19 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Mar. 26 Jackie Najera, CUH
 Apr. 2 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Apr. 9 Brooke Larsen, ART U
 Apr. 16 Callie Nunes, CUI
 Apr. 23 Brooke Larsen, ART U

PACWEST SCHEDULE/RESULTS

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Tuesday, April 24

Academy of Art 4, Hawai'i Hilo 3
Academy of Art 9, Hawai'i Hilo 1
Concordia 7, California Baptist 0
Concordia 2, California Baptist 0

Friday, April 27

Concordia 12, Dominican 3
Concordia 7, Dominican 1
Azusa Pacific 7, Biola 2
Biola 6, Azusa Pacific 2

Saturday, April 21

Azusa Pacific 8, Dominican 0
Azusa Pacific 9, Dominican 4
Notre Dame de Namur 12, HNU 9
Notre Dame de Namur 5, HNU 1
Concordia 2, Biola 1
Concordia 7, Biola 0
Hawai'i Pacific 3, Chaminade 0

Sunday, April 22

Academy of Art 16, Holy Names 1
Academy of Art 14, Holy Names 0

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Thursday, May 3

Academy of Art at California Baptist, 5 p.m.*

Saturday, May 5

Academy of Art at Dixie State, Noon*
Hawai'i Hilo at Chaminade, Noon*

*Indicates Doubleheader

NFCA COACHES' TOP 25

Week 10 - April 25

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1	North Georgia (14)	49-2	2
2	Chico State (1)	43-3	3
3	Colorado Mesa	39-3	1
4	Southern Arkansas	43-5	4
5	North Alabama	40-4	5
6	Angelo State	40-6	6
7	Winona State	35-5	9
8	Palm Beach Atlantic	30-6	8
9	Lenoir-Rhyne	42-7	7
10	Grand Valley State	31-7	10
11	California Baptist	31-8	12
12	West Texas A&M	35-10	11
13	Augustana (S.D.)	29-9	16
13	Texas A&M-Commerce	35-8	14
15	Tarleton State	43-8	17
16	Concordia Irvine	38-12	RV
17	Illinois-Springfield	32-13	18
18	UAH	31-12	23
19	Dixie State	36-8	13
20	Georgia College	33-11	25
21	UC San Diego	28-13	22
22	West Va. Wesleyan	33-10	RV
23	Embry-Riddle	32-13	RV
24	Saint Anselm	31-9-1	NR
25	McKendree	33-14	RV

RECEIVING VOTES: Washburn, Colorado Christian, Saint Leo, Minnesota Duluth, Valdosta State, Southern New Hampshire, Indianapolis, West Chester, Arkansas Tech, Cameron, Limestone

Next Poll: April 25

PACWEST LEADERS IN NATIONAL STATISTICS

TEAM STATS (as of April 26)

Stat	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	Dixie State	45th	.319
Earned Run Avg.	California Baptist	4th	1.44
Fielding Pct.	Concordia	15th	97.1
Runs	Dixie State	9th	7.55
Home Runs	California Baptist	4th	1.44
Doubles	Dixie State	22nd	1.73
Triples	Hawai'i Pacific	47th	0.28
Stolen Bases	Dixie State	16th	2.32
Slugging Pct.	California Baptist	13th	.542
On-base Pct.	Dixie State	19th	.422

INDIVIDUAL STATS (as of April 26)

Stat	Player	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	29th	.452
Home Runs	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	6th	0.39
Triples	Janessa Bassett	DSU	16th	0.16
Doubles	Jackie Najera	CUH	11th	0.45
Runs Batted In	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	12th	1.27
Runs	Janessa Bassett	DSU	4th	1.49
Slugging Pct.	Hannah Thieroff	CBU	8th	.948
Stolen Bases	M. Schumacher	DUC	8th	0.91
Earned Run Avg.	Callie Nunes	CUI	1st	0.54
Strikeouts Per 7	Callie Nunes	CUI	2nd	11.4