



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2021 SOFTBALL

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PacWest Softball ABCs: Austin, Bhatt, Cerda

PACWEST SOFTBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POD					
1.	Dominican	6-2	--	7-5	Lost 1
2.	Academy of Art	3-5	3.0	3-5	Won 2
2.	Holy Names	3-5	3.0	3-5	Lost 2
HAWAII POD					
1.	Hawai'i Hilo	5-0	--	5-0	Won 8
2.	Chaminade	2-4	3.5	2-4	Lost 4
3.	Hawai'i Pacific	0-3	4.0	0-3	Lost 3
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POD					
1.	Concordia	5-3	--	9-4	Lost 1
2.	Azusa Pacific	4-4	1.0	9-5	Won 1
3.	Biola	3-5	2.0	8-8	Lost 1

IRVINE, Calif. -- Hawai'i Hilo continued its undefeated start to the 2021 season with a sweep of Chaminade that started with a 2-1 win in 10 innings on Saturday.

Markie Okamoto got the game-winning hit as the first batter in the bottom of the 10th inning to drive in the game-winning run. The Vulcans are now on an eight-game winning streak dating back to last season and have a 3.5-game lead over Chaminade in second place in the Hawai'i Pod standings.

Azusa Pacific swept a doubleheader against Biola to move into first place of the SoCal Pod standings to start the week, but then Concordia won three of four games against the Cougars to become the pod's new leader in the standings. **Erika Morris** pitched 10.2 innings with one earned run allowed, two strikeouts and a win, and she also hit a home run in the Eagles' win on Saturday.

Academy of Art and Holy Names faced each other for the first time in the NorCal pod and the series ended in a split after some impressive performances with the bats. **Lauryn Henderson** had two home runs and 13 total bases for Academy of Art, while **Lyndsey Widner** went 7 for 14 with a home run and four runs for the Hawks after getting Player of the Week recognition last week. Widner is now the league leader in batting average, slugging and on-base percentage.

The conference got its first taste of inter-pod play with Biola hosting Dominican for a four-game set. The Eagles won the first three games before the Penguins came back to win the series finale, 2-1.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Aly Cerda, Holy Names
C, Jr., 5-6 -- Selma, Calif.

Cerda extended her hitting streak to seven games as she helped the Hawks win two games against Academy of Art last week. She is Holy Names' second-consecutive junior catcher to win this award. All of Cerda's hits were extra-base hits as she hit three home runs and two doubles in four games. In the third game of the series, Cerda went 2 for 3 with a double, home run, walk, two runs and two RBIs. Cerda also hit a two-run home run in the series finale.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



Paige Austin, Biola
RHP, Jr., 5-5 -- Los Alamitos, Calif.

Austin made three pitching appearances last week and earned two wins as she threw 20 innings with just two earned runs allowed. Austin struck out 28 batters in the three outings. In her first start against Dominican, Austin struck out 11 batters in a 6-1 victory over the top team in the NorCal Pod standings. In her next appearance, Austin threw a three-hit shutout with 10 strikeouts and no walks in just 91 pitches for her fourth win of the season. The junior has now won five PacWest Pitcher of the Week awards and has 57 strikeouts with just 10 walks this season.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Sara Bhatt, Hawai'i Hilo
P, Fr., 5-9 -- Murrieta, Calif.

For the third week in a row, the PacWest Freshman of the Week is a native of Murrieta, California, as Bhatt helped lead the Vulcans to a sweep against Chaminade. Bhatt made her collegiate debut against Chaminade last week and threw 9.1 innings with no runs allowed. She pitched in three different games and earned the win in each of those games. Bhatt struck out eight batters and only allowed four hits. In the second game, she had five strikeouts in five innings.

PACWEST RECORD WATCH

SINGLE SEASON RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Player	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Hits	Jennifer Morinishi	BU	18	80	91
Runs	Brielle Fraijo	APU	12	60	78
RBI's	Becca Jewett	APU	14	55	77
Home Runs	Dani Burghardt	APU	4	14	19
Total Bases	Aly Montesino	APU	29	129	153
Slugging Pct.	Lyndsey Widner	HNU	1.000	.768	.893
Batting Avg.	Lyndsey Widner	HNU	.583	.446	.504
On-Base Pct.	Lyndsey Widner	HNU	.655	.526	.585
Stolen Bases	McKinsey Thorpe	CUI	6	35	52
Wins	Katie Korstrom	APU	4	22	34
Strikeouts	Paige Austin	BU	50	150	302
Inn. Pitched	Paige Austin	BU	47.1	190.1	237.1
ERA	Paige Austin	BU	1.18	1.33	0.74

SINGLE SEASON TEAM RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Wins	Concordia	9	42	51
Batting Avg.	Azusa Pacific	.321	.337	.371
Hits	Azusa Pacific	128	498	630
Runs	Azusa Pacific	73	340	425
Home Runs	Azusa Pacific	11	47	67
Triples	Concordia	3	16	24
Doubles	Azusa Pacific	19	92	116
Walks	Concordia	49	177	228
ERA	Hawai'i Hilo	0.77	1.82	1.13
Strikeouts	Biola	70	268	456
Fielding Pct.	Dominican	.986	.968	.975
Double Plays	Azusa Pacific	8	26	33
Saves	Academy of Art	1	5	11
Stolen Bases	Concordia	22	86	140

NFCA Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll

Week 5 - March 16

Rank	School	Record	Prev
1	North Georgia (12)	12-0	2
2	Texas A&M-Commerce (4)	14-4	3
3	Augustana (S.D.)	4-2	4
4	Lincoln Memorial	18-2	6
5	Rollins	4-0	7
6	UT Tyler	12-4	8
7	Valdosta State	12-3	5
8	Oklahoma Christian	15-3	10
9	Rogers State	9-3	12
10	Concordia	6-3	9
11	Saint Leo	6-2	11
12	Southern Arkansas	5-2	1
13	Indianapolis	7-1	14
14	Winona State	8-0	15
15	Texas A&M-Kingsville	12-2	18
16	Young Harris	15-4	17
17	Saint Anselm	0-0	16
18	West Texas A&M	15-5	19
19	Grand Valley State	6-2	20
20	West Chester	4-0	21
21	West Florida	15-7	23
22	Colorado Mesa	8-0	22
23	Central Oklahoma	12-4	25
24	Angelo State	12-7	24
25	UAH	12-6	13

Receiving Votes: Anderson, Western Washington, St. Cloud State, Shepherd, Northwest Nazarene, Auburn Montgomery, Minnesota State

PREVIOUS WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Date	Player	Pitcher	Freshman
March 8	Peyton Mott, DUC	Liz Phillips, APU	Aly Montesino, APU
March 15	Lyndsey Widner, HNU	Rae Flores, CUI	Aly Montesino, APU