



WEEKLY NOTEBOOK

2021-22 MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Hawai'i Hilo Tops PacWest Standings At 5-1

MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
1.	Hawai'i Hilo	5-1	9-4	Won 5
2.	Academy of Art	6-2	10-6	Won 1
3.	Biola (RV)	5-2	11-3	Lost 1
4.	Azusa Pacific	3-2	6-6	Lost 1
5.	Concordia	4-3	7-6	Lost 1
6.	Point Loma	4-3	8-7	Won 2
7.	Chaminade	4-4	6-8	Won 1
8.	Fresno Pacific	2-3	8-4	Won 1
9.	Holy Names	2-4	4-10	Lost 2
10.	Dominican	2-6	5-10	Lost 1
11.	Hawai'i Pacific	0-7	3-10	Lost 9

IRVINE, Calif. -- Hawai'i Hilo played the second and third teams in the current PacWest standings last week and beat both of them to move into first place in the conference with a five-game winning streak.

The Vulcans opened the week with a 97-89 win over Biola, withstanding a 27-point performance from **Chris Rossow** for Biola. **Darren Williams** responded with 28 points of his own along with five assists. Williams went on to replace Rossow as the current PacWest leader in assists.

Against Academy of Art, Hawai'i Hilo trailed by seven with just under six minutes left after the Urban Knights knocked down a pair of triples. The Vulcans responded with a 13-3 run to end the game. McHenry made 4 of 5 attempts from beyond the arc and scored 19 points in the win.

Fresno Pacific defended its home floor with a one-point win over Azusa Pacific, 71-70. **Jelani Watson-Gayle**, who has scored at least 13 points in every game this year, scored a game-high 20 points on 8-of-13 shooting in the win. He is averaging 25 points per game over the last three games. Watson-Gayle made the game-tying 3-pointer in the final minute and then **Nate Kendricks** hit the go-ahead free throw to win the game.

This week's action will get an early start with a three-game slate for Monday night. Concordia will visit Fresno Pacific and then Hawai'i Hilo will host Dominican while Academy of Art and Chaminade square off in Honolulu. Point Loma will put its two-game winning streak to the test on Thursday as the Sea Lions host Chaminade. The Silverswords will continue their trip through southern California on Saturday at Biola.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Aniwaniwa Tait-Jones, Hawai'i Hilo F, Fr., 6-6 -- Wellington, New Zealand

Tait-Jones has scored in double figures in every game so far this year and over the last three games, he has recorded a double-double in each game to help the Vulcans ride a five-game winning

streak that has propelled Hawai'i Hilo to the top of the PacWest standings. Tait-Jones opened the week with 17 points against Biola to go along with 13 rebounds, five assists, two blocks and two steals. The win gave Biola just its third loss of the season. Against Academy of Art, the freshman scored 22 points for his fifth 20-point game of the season. He made 7 of 13 field-goals and tallied 13 rebounds, two blocks and a steal. In each of the last three games, Tait-Jones has recorded at least 17 points, 13 rebounds, a block and a steal. He is averaging 8.8 rebounds per game, which leads the PacWest and he ranks fourth in scoring with 17.6 points per game.

DEFENDER OF THE WEEK



Klay Brown, Academy of Art G, Jr., 6-4 -- South Jamaica, New York

The PacWest leader in steals became the first player this season to be named PacWest Defender of the Week twice in a row. Brown tallied five steals and three blocks on the week as Acad-

emy of Art split their first two games in Hawai'i. Brown only played 15 minutes against Hawai'i Hilo, but made an impact on the defensive side with two steals and a block, plus five defensive rebounds. Brown was back in the starting lineup and led the team in minutes against Hawai'i Pacific. While scoring a team-high 16 points with eight assists on the offensive end, he registered three steals and two blocks along with seven rebounds in the win. Brown now has a league-best 37 steals this season and Academy of Art as a team leads the conference in steals with 173. Averaging almost 11 steals per game as a team, the Urban Knights could have a chance to break the PacWest's single season steals record for a team, which is currently at 328.

PACWEST RECORD WATCH

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE SEASON RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Player	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Points	Wayne Arnold	CUI	316	606	825
Field Goals	Wayne Arnold	CUI	106	220	263
3-Pointers	Wayne Arnold	CUI	45	90	109
FT Made	Edward Gray	HNU	61	150	216
Rebounds	Latrell Williams	ART U	135	281	357
Assists	Daren Williams	UHH	66	160	296
Steals	Klay Brown	ART U	37	70	104
Blocks	Joseph Smoyer	CUH	23	57	107

TEAM RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Team	Number	Top 10	Record
Points	Academy of Art	1268	2623	3085
Field Goals	Academy of Art	467	921	1079
3-Pointers	Point Loma	159	284	336
FT Made	Academy of Art	219	558	614
Rebounds	Biola	585	1206	1394
Assists	Point Loma	248	501	597
Steals	Academy of Art	173	271	328
Blocks	Chaminade	43	130	159

PREVIOUS WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Date	Player	Defender
Nov. 15	Wayne Arnold, CUI	Christian Popoola, ART U
Nov. 22	Donald McHenry, UHH	Jelani Watson-Gayle, FPU
Nov. 29	Wayne Arnold, CUI	Jesse Elrod, BU
Dec. 6	Justin Hemsley, APU	Joshua Bagley, ART U
Dec. 13	Aniwaniwa Tait-Jones, UHH	Latrell Williams, ART U
Dec. 21	Kaden Anderson, PLNU	Wayne Arnold, CUI
Jan. 10	Chris Rossow, BU	Klay Brown, ART U

D2SIDA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Week 8 - January 11

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1.	Lubbock Christian (9)	14-0	1
2.	NW Missouri State (5)	13-1	2
3.	Nova Southeastern (2)	14-0	3
4.	West Liberty	13-1	4
5.	Chico State	10-0	5
6.	Minnesota Duluth	15-0	6
7.	West Texas A&M	16-2	7
8.	Indiana (Pa.)	12-1	9
9.	Mercyhurst	12-1	8
10.	CSU San Marcos	11-0	11
11.	Queens (N.C.)	12-2	12
12.	CSU San Bernardino	11-1	13
13.	Augusta	12-1	15
14.	Dominican (N.Y.)	9-2	10
15.	Ferris State	10-3	16
16.	UNC Pembroke	12-1	20
17.	Lincoln Memorial	12-2	18
18.	Upper Iowa	14-2	23
T19.	Truman State	10-3	14
T19.	Barry	10-2	NR
21.	Regis	11-1	RV
22.	Charleston (W.Va.)	10-2	24
23.	St. Thomas Aquinas	10-3	25
24.	Central Oklahoma	13-2	RV
25.	Grand Valley State	9-2	RV

Receiving Votes: Union, Texas A&M
Commerce, Biola, Bentley, Hillsdale, Augustana, Fairmont State, Fort Hays State

D2SIDA REGIONAL RANKINGS

Week 8 - January 10

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1.	Chico State (6)	10-0	1
2.	Cal State San Marcos	11-0	2
3.	CSU San Bernardino	11-1	3
4.	Biola	11-2	4
5.	Cal Poly Pomona	6-3	5
6.	Seattle Pacific	9-6	T7
7.	Central Washington	8-2	10
8.	Alaska Anchorage	7-3	T7
9.	Academy of Art	9-5	6
10.	Washington	8-4	T7

Receiving Votes: Cal State Dominguez
Hills, Humboldt State, Saint Martin's