



WEEKLY NOTEBOOK

2021-22 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Azusa Pacific Remains Undefeated In PacWest

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
1.	Azusa Pacific (14)	8-0	12-1	Won 9
2.	Academy of Art	6-2	9-6	Won 2
3.	Hawai'i Hilo	4-2	7-3	Lost 1
4.	Biola	4-2	8-5	Lost 1
5.	Concordia	5-3	8-6	Won 1
6.	Dominican	5-4	8-8	Lost 1
7.	Point Loma	4-5	9-7	Won 1
8.	Fresno Pacific	2-4	5-6	Won 1
9.	Hawai'i Pacific	1-5	4-9	Lost 7
10.	Chaminade	0-6	1-9	Lost 9
11.	Holy Names	0-6	0-14	Lost 14

IRVINE, Calif. -- Azusa Pacific won the battle of the top-2 teams in the conference standings on Saturday, beating Hawai'i Hilo convincingly, 79-57, allowing Academy of Art to move into second place in the conference standings.

The Cougars have won nine games in a row and have now earned their first win over a regionally ranked team.

Alex Lowden scored a season-high 21 points in the win, and **Laura Pranger** contributed three blocks and 11 rebounds. **Paige Uyehara**, who leads the PacWest in assists, had 10 as Azusa Pacific opened the game on a 9-0 run and never trailed.

Fresno Pacific got its second conference win of the season at home against Concordia, putting the Sunbirds inside the now-expanded playoff picture. **Felicia Dourva** caught fire in the fourth quarter, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers to tie the game with five minutes left. Then in the final minute, she hit a dagger from beyond the arc to give the Sunbirds a 67-63 lead before going on to win 70-67.

Academy of Art picked up a second-consecutive victory, beating Chaminade on Monday to eventually move into second place in the PacWest. **Lauryn Manns** scored a team-high 14 points off the bench and **Alisha Wilson** also came off the bench to contribute an 11-point, 11-rebound double-double for the 6-2 Urban Knights.

This week, all three of the Hawai'i schools will be in Southern California for several key contests. Academy of Art will join them in Southern California to play against Biola and Azusa Pacific over the weekend. Dominican will also be on the road to face Fresno Pacific and Holy Names. Dominican will also host the Hawks on Wednesday.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Michaela VanderKlugt, Concordia C, Gr., 6-1 -- Concord, Calif.

VanderKlugt has now set the conference record for most PacWest weekly awards being named Freshman of the Week three times, Defender of the Week once and Player of the Week eight times for a total of 13 awards. VanderKlugt started the week by becoming the PacWest's all-time leader in rebounds. She tallied nine rebounds against Fresno Pacific, breaking the career rebounds record previously held by Roya Rustamzada. VanderKlugt added 11 more rebounds against Point Loma to reach 1,024 career boards. She also scored 26 points in 22 minutes against Fresno Pacific and added 16 more against Point Loma. She has scored at least 11 points in every game this year. VanderKlugt finished the week with one block and three steals and boosted her 3-point percentage over the .400 mark. Concordia is now in fifth place in the PacWest standings.

DEFENDER OF THE WEEK



Alex Lowden, Azusa Pacific G, Jr., 5-9 -- Glendora, Calif.

Azusa Pacific remains undefeated in the PacWest after earning wins this week against Holy Names and Hawai'i Hilo. The Cougars' defense was key to both of those wins, holding opponents to an average of just 48 points per game, which was the lowest in the PacWest last week by a large margin. Lowden recorded six steals on the week with three steals in each win as she led the conference in total steals. She also recorded a block in each game and had a total of 11 rebounds. Lowden now has three-consecutive games with at least five rebounds, two steals and one block. Lowden also had a big impact on the offensive end as she led the conference in field-goal percentage. She went 8 for 9 from the field, including 4 for 4 from beyond the arc for 21 points against Hawai'i Hilo. She also contributed seven assists in the two wins. Lowden has a total of 28 steals this season, which is only six shy of the conference leader.

PACWEST RECORD WATCH

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE SEASON RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Player	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Points	Riley Friauf	DUC	347	633	786
Field Goals	Riley Friauf	DUC	125	221	285
3-Pointers	Kayla Shaw	APU	49	85	109
FT Made	Riley Friauf	DUC	97	156	234
Rebounds	Riley Friauf	DUC	162	306	435
Assists	Paige Uyehara	APU	72	158	221
Steals	Chanel Stuart	ART U	34	84	115
Blocks	Laura Pranger	APU	33	76	124

TEAM RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Team	Number	Top 10	Record
Points	Point Loma	1132	2468	3085
Field Goals	Point Loma	411	878	1125
3-Pointers	Concordia	111	248	341
FT Made	Point Loma	218	482	598
Rebounds	Point Loma	682	1398	1693
Assists	Point Loma	249	520	662
Steals	Dominican	181	343	476
Blocks	Academy of Art	90	152	224

CAREER POINTS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Team	Number	Year
1.	Cassidy Mihalko	CBU	2168	2013-17
2.	Samantha Murphy	GCU	2147	2007-11
3.	Natalie Diaz	DUC	1912	2015-20
4.	Michaela VanderKlugt	CUI	1889	2017-21
5.	Kamille Diaz	CBU	1865	2013-17
6.	Kelly Hardeman	APU	1834	2012-16
7.	Cara Liggins	PLNU	1654	2017-21
8.	Destiny Castro	CUH	1648	2016-20
9.	Roya Rustamzada	PLNU	1534	2014-18
10.	Jasmin Guinn	ART U	1523	2012-16

CAREER BLOCKS LEADERS

Rank	Player	Team	Number	Year
1.	Sarah Nelson	DUC	320	2011-15
2.	Laura Pranger	APU	283	2018-22
3.	Grace Brady	PLNU	194	2017-19
4.	Maggie Dumphy	APU	192	2013-16
5.	Kelly Hardeman	APU	181	2012-16

PREVIOUS WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Date	Player	Defender
Nov. 15	Riley Friauf, DUC	Alex Lowden, APU
Nov. 22	Michaela VanderKlugt, CUI	Joy Krupa, ART U
Nov. 29	Amy Baum, HPU	Alisha Wilson, ART U
Dec. 6	Amiah Simmons, BU	Laura Pranger, APU
Dec. 13	Riley Friauf, DUC	Alisha Wilson, ART U
Dec. 21	Kayla Shaw, APU	Laura Pranger, APU
Jan. 10	Amiah Simmons, BU	Chanel Stuart, ART U
Jan. 17	Chanel Stuart, ART U	Mandi Kawaha, UHH

D2SIDA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Week 10 -- January 18

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1	Drury (14)	18-1	1
2	Texas A&M-Commerce	13-1	6
3	Fort Hays State (1)	15-1	5
4	Ashland	13-1	4
5	Alaska-Anchorage	10-1	9
6	Glenville State (1)	14-0	7
7	North Georgia	12-1	8
8	Lander	12-2	10
9	Union (Tenn.)	13-2	11
10	Lubbock Christian	14-3	T2
11	Colorado Mines	14-1	13
12	Nebraska-Kearney	14-2	15
13	Western Washington	10-1	T2
14	Azusa Pacific	10-1	19
15	Grand Valley State	13-1	16
16	Tampa	17-3	18
17	Wingate	14-1	20
18	S New Hampshire	9-2	RV
19	SW Oklahoma State	14-3	14
20	Valdosta State	13-2	23
21	Cal State-East Bay	11-1	21
22	USciences	10-2	12
23	Colorado Mesa	11-2	22
24	Kutztown	15-3	NR
25	Southern Indiana	10-2	RV

Receiving Votes: Barton, Gannon, West Florida, St. Cloud State, Eckerd, Savannah State, Colorado State Pueblo, Cal State San Marcos

D2SIDA REGIONAL RANKINGS

Week 11 -- January 24

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1	Western Washington (4)	12-1	1
2	Azusa Pacific (1)	12-1	2
3	Cal State East Bay	13-1	3
4	Cal State San Marcos	11-2	4
5	Alaska Anchorage	10-3	5
6	Central Washington (1)	11-4	6
7	Northwest Nazarene	11-4	7
8	Hawai'i Hilo	7-3	8
9	Montana State Billings	11-8	9
10	Stanislaus State	11-3	10

Receiving Votes: Academy of Art