



WEEKLY NOTEBOOK

2021-22 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Azusa Pacific Wins PacWest Regular Season Title

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	Overall	Streak
1.	Azusa Pacific (21)	16-2	20-3	Lost 1
2.	Dominican	14-5	17-9	Won 6
3.	Concordia	13-5	16-8	Won 1
4.	Biola	11-5	15-8	Won 2
5.	Academy of Art	11-5	14-9	Won 3
6.	Hawai'i Hilo	10-8	13-9	Lost 1
7.	Point Loma	8-10	13-12	Lost 5
8.	Hawai'i Pacific	5-13	8-17	Won 2
9.	Fresno Pacific	4-11	7-13	Lost 2
10.	Chaminade	0-14	1-17	Lost 17
11.	Holy Names	0-14	0-22	Lost 22

IRVINE, Calif. -- Azusa Pacific won its fourth PacWest regular season title last week with its win over Concordia, 68-61. In the process, **Laura Pranger** became the PacWest's all-time leader in blocks as her career total has now risen to 327.

Pranger now has 77 blocks this season, which ranks in the top-10 for single season blocks in PacWest history. Pranger has now cracked the top-10 list three times in her career at Azusa Pacific. The Cougars are now 20-3 on this season for their sixth 20-win season since joining the PacWest.

Concordia bounced back quickly with a win on Saturday at Point Loma, which will help the Eagles' argument for a berth into the NCAA West Regional. **Michaela VanderKlugt** now has 2068 career points, which is just 100 shy of the PacWest's all-time record with a minimum of three games left for her to break the record.

Dominican currently is No. 2 in the PacWest standings and will finish the regular season at home against Biola as the Penguins hope to go into the PacWest Championships with a seven-game winning streak. Four of the wins during the six-game winning streak have been against teams that have already clinched a berth into next week's tournament in Fresno.

The final berth into the tournament is between host Fresno Pacific and Hawai'i Pacific. The two teams will face each other tomorrow in Fresno. If the Sharks win, they will clinch a berth. If the Sunbirds win, they can then clinch a berth either by beating Academy of Art in the regular season finale or by Chaminade upsetting Hawai'i Pacific on Sunday.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Riley Friauf, Dominican F, Gr. 6-1 -- Vancouver, Wash.

Friauf earned her fourth PacWest Player of the Week award this season by recording a pair of double-doubles against Hawai'i Pacific and Hawai'i Hilo as the Penguins improved their winning streak to six games in a row. She opened the week with a 19-point, 12-rebound performance against Hawai'i Pacific. Then on Sunday, she recorded 25 points and 13 rebounds for her 11th double-double this year. Friauf is the conference leader in both scoring and rebounding, averaging 21.5 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. During the six-game winning streak, she has scored at least 18 points in five of the games, helping Dominican get back to the No. 2 spot in the PacWest standings going into the final week of the regular season. Friauf has made 172 free throws this season, which is tied for the seventh-most in PacWest history. She needs 62 more to tie the record.

DEFENDER OF THE WEEK



Aysia Johnson, Biola G, Jr. 5-8 -- Indio, Calif.

Johnson made 10 steals last week, but none were bigger than her steal with two minutes left against Azusa Pacific. The Cougars had led by as much as five in the fourth quarter, but Johnson's steal with 2:31 left in the game led to an easy lay-up by **Amiah Simmons** that Johnson assisted. The lay-up gave the Eagles 51-50 lead against the PacWest Champions as Biola went on to win 55-51. In Biola's first game this week, Johnson had four steals against Point Loma along with three defensive rebounds. Biola held Point Loma to just 35 points to earn a crucial road win against a team over .500, which will reflect well for the NCAA ranking committee. Johnson then equaled her season-high for steals with six against Azusa Pacific. Again, the Eagles defense was stifling, holding the Cougars to just 51 points and only eight in the fourth quarter. Biola's defense forced the Cougars into 26 turnovers, and Biola got 10 fastbreak points in return, snapping an 11-game losing streak to Azusa Pacific.

PACWEST RECORD WATCH

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE SEASON RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Player	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Points	Riley Friauf	DUC	558	633	786
Field Goals	Riley Friauf	DUC	193	221	285
3-Pointers	Kayla Shaw	APU	78	85	109
FT Made	Riley Friauf	DUC	172	156	234
Rebounds	Riley Friauf	DUC	258	306	435
Assists	Paige Uyehara	APU	119	158	221
Blocks	Laura Pranger	APU	77	76	124

TEAM RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Team	Number	Top 10	Record
Field Goals	Dominican	686	878	1125
3-Pointers	Azusa Pacific	192	248	341
FT Made	Dominican	367	482	598
Rebounds	Point Loma	1064	1398	1693
Assists	Azusa Pacific	430	520	662
Steals	Dominican	300	343	476
Blocks	Azusa Pacific	154	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.	Michaela VanderKlugt	CUI	2068	2017-21
4.	Natalie Diaz	DUC	1912	2015-20
5.	Kamille Diaz	CBU	1865	2013-17
6.	Kelly Hardeman	APU	1834	2012-16
7.	Cara Liggins	PLNU	1778	2017-21
8.	Destiny Castro	CUH	1648	2016-20
9.	Roya Rustamzada	PLNU	1534	2014-18
10.	Jasmin Guinn	ART U	1523	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
Jan. 24	Michaela VanderKlugt, CUI	Alex Lowden, APU
Jan. 31	Paige Uyehara, APU	Laura Pranger, APU
Feb. 7	Riley Friauf, DUC	Laura Pranger, APU
Feb. 14	Camryn Figueroa, DUC	Brittney Cedeno, DUC

NCAA REGIONAL RANKINGS

Week 1 -- February 13

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.*
1	Western Washington	14-2	1
2	Central Washington	15-6	5
3	Cal State East Bay	18-2	3
4	Cal State San Marcos	17-2	4
5	Azusa Pacific	18-2	2
6	Alaska Anchorage	15-4	6
7	Northwest Nazarene	11-7	7
8	Concordia	15-7	9
9	Hawai'i Hilo	8-7	RV
10	Academy of Art	12-8	RV

*This week's previous rankings column is based on last week's D2SIDA poll

D2SIDA NATIONAL RANKINGS

Week 14 -- February 15

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1	Ashland (11)	22-1	1
2	Texas A&M-Comm. (2)	20-2	3
3	Glenville State (3)	22-0	2
4	Grand Valley State	21-1	5
5	Union (Tenn.)	19-2	7
6	Western Washington	15-2	6
7	St. Cloud State	19-3	12
8	Barton	21-1	15
9	Colorado Mines	21-3	13
10	Fort Hays State	21-3	4
11	North Georgia	18-3	11
12	Cal State San Marcos	17-2	16
13	Lubbock Christian	21-5	10
14	Drury	24-3	T25
15	Eckerd	16-2	RV
16	Wingate	21-2	23
17	Minnesota-Duluth	19-4	18
18	Cal State-East Bay	18-2	24
19	Missouri-St. Louis	19-2	22
20	Lander	17-3	8
21	Azusa Pacific	18-2	9
22	Tampa	22-5	14
23	Le Moyne	15-4	RV
24	Kutztown	20-5	21
25	Colorado Mesa	19-4	RV

Receiving Votes: SW Oklahoma State, Valdosta State, Southern Indiana, Pace, Alaska Anchorage, Southern New Hampshire, California, Georgia Southwestern State, Missouri Southern, MSU Denver, Savannah State