



WEEKLY NOTEBOOK

2022 SOFTBALL

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Concordia Sets New PacWest ERA Record In DH Split

PACWEST SOFTBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
1.	Concordia (11)	29-3	--	43-8	Lost 1
2.	Azusa Pacific	25-7	4.0	35-15	Won 1
3.	Biola	18-12	10.0	25-18	Lost 1
4.	Hawai'i Pacific	17-15	12.0	23-25	Won 7
5.	Hawai'i Hilo	13-15	14.0	17-20	Lost 1
6.	Chaminade	12-20	17.0	16-25	Won 1
7.	Dominican	12-20	17.0	18-32	Won 1
8.	Academy of Art	7-23	21.0	10-43	Won 1
9.	Holy Names	7-25	22.0	11-37	Lost 1

IRVINE, Calif. -- Concordia has done a lot of things well to finish the conference season with a 29-3 record, which is the fourth-best in PacWest history, but it has been the pitching for the Eagles that has stood out the most during their run to a third-consecutive PacWest title.

Concordia finished the regular season with a 1.01 earned run average as a team, crushing a 12-year old record set by Hawai'i Pacific at 1.14 in 2010 when the Sharks won the national title.

Going into the season, only one pitcher had ever recorded an ERA below 1.00 in PacWest history, and that was Callie Nunes at 0.74 in 2018. This year however, three pitchers currently have ERAs under 1.00, including **Paige Austin** who has tied Nunes' record from 2018. The other two pitchers are Concordia's **Erika Morris** at 0.92 and **Cortney Koelmans** at 0.99 for the Eagles. In fact, all four of the Eagles pitchers have ERAs that would rank in the top-10 in PacWest history with **Katlin Entrup** at 1.12 and **Rae Flores** at 1.22. All four of the Eagles' pitchers have at least eight wins this season and 70 innings pitched.

Azusa Pacific split its doubleheader with Concordia on Saturday to become just the second PacWest team to have won against Concordia this year. The Cougars led the first game 1-0 when **Sydney Sprinkle** blasted a go-ahead two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to win 2-1. In the second game, **Sydney Sahhar** threw a four-hit shutout with four strikeouts for Azusa Pacific to earn her ninth win of the season.

Azusa Pacific is now in strong position to earn an at-large into the NCAA West Regional. Concordia has already secured the PacWest's automatic berth and could also receive the right to host, while Biola remains on the bubble.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Noel Saunders, Hawai'i Pacific OF, Jr., 5-2 -- Pearl City, Hawaii

Saunders hit her first home run of the season last week and she made it count. Saunders launched a go-ahead two-run home run into rightfield in the top of the 10th inning to lead the

Sharks to a 5-3 victory and doubleheader sweep against Hawai'i Hilo. Saunders also hit two doubles in that game to finish 3 for 5. The home run was her first of the season and she entered the game with just 11 extra-base hits all year before hitting three in one game. In the second game of the doubleheader, Saunders helped start a four-run inning in the fifth to help the Sharks come from behind. She hit a single into centerfield to load the bases and came around to score what ended up being the game-winning run. She also had an RBI sacrifice fly in the sixth inning to add an insurance run to the 5-2 victory.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



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

Austin pitched what may have been the last outing of her decorated collegiate career as she retired four batters in a row on 14 pitches with two strikeouts in a relief appearance against

Academy of Art. She pitched in all four games as the Eagles won three of them with Austin earning two wins and a save, pitching 16 shutout innings with 30 strikeouts, with just four walks and three hits allowed. She opened the week with an 11-strikeout no-hitter in five innings and then threw a two-hitter with 15 strikeouts in seven innings. This is her fifth PacWest Pitcher of the Week award this season and the 11th of her career, finishing in second place all-time. Austin has 205 strikeouts this season, which is the fifth-most in a single season in PacWest history. Austin will rank as one of the best pitchers in PacWest history with a career total of 71 wins with 776 strikeouts in 661 innings pitched. Her career earned run average is 1.36 with a 0.74 earned-run average this season, which ties the PacWest record.

PACWEST RECORD WATCH

SINGLE SEASON RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Player	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Hits	Megan Massa	CUI	67	80	91
Runs	Olivia Smith	APU	39	60	78
RBI's	Sydney Sprinkle	CUI	49	55	77
Home Runs	Rylie Rohr	CUI	11	14	19
Total Bases	Megan Massa	CUI	94	129	153
Batting Avg.	Megan Massa	CUI	.414	.446	.504
On-Base Pct.	Megan Massa	CUI	.489	.526	.585
Stolen Bases	Olivia Smith	APU	28	35	52
Strikeouts	Paige Austin	BU	205	150	302
Inn. Pitched	Shelby Keltner	DUC	178.2	190.1	237.1
ERA	Paige Austin	BU	0.74	1.33	0.74

SINGLE SEASON TEAM RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Wins	Concordia	43	42	52
Batting Avg.	Azusa Pacific	.304	.337	.371
Hits	Azusa Pacific	427	498	630
Runs	Concordia	258	340	425
Home Runs	Concordia	33	47	67
Triples	Azusa Pacific	14	16	24
ERA	Concordia	1.01	1.82	1.13
Strikeouts	Biola	298	268	456
Fielding Pct.	Biola	.968	.968	.975
Double Plays	Azusa Pacific	26	26	33
Saves	Concordia	10	5	11
Stolen Bases	Azusa Pacific	73	86	140

PACWEST TEAM EARNED RUN AVERAGE LEADERS

No.	Team	Year	ERA
1.	Concordia	2022	1.01
2.	Hawai'i Pacific	2010	1.13
3.	Hawai'i Pacific	2008	1.20
4.	Hawai'i Pacific	2009	1.45
5.	California Baptist	2018	1.55
6.	California Baptist	2012	1.58
7.	Concordia	2016	1.63

PREVIOUS WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Date	Player	Pitcher
February 7	Missy Nemeth, CUI	Paige Austin, BU
February 14	Sydney Sprinkle, CUI	Erika Morris, CUI
February 21	Noel Saunders, HPU	Sydney Sahhar, APU
February 28	Megan Massa, CUI	Katlin Entrup, CUI
March 7	Caitlin DeCanio, APU	Shelby Keltner, DUC
March 14	Taryn Fujioka, CUH	Katlin Entrup, CUI & Alexis Lacy, UHH
March 21	Alicia Garcia, DUC	Shelby Keltner, DUC
March 28	Olivia Smith, APU	Paige Austin, BU
April 4	Aly Montesino, APU	Paige Austin, BU
April 11	Lauren Lapinid, HPU	Malia Torres, HPU
April 18	Sydney Sprinkle, CUI	Malia Torres, HPU
April 25	Lauryn Henderson, ART U	Paige Austin, BU

NCAA West Region Rankings

Week 2 - April 27

Rank	School	Record	Prev.
1	Cal State San Marcos	36-8	1
2	Concordia	42-7	2
3	Chico State	34-11	3
4	Cal State Dom. Hills	33-15	4
5	Sonoma State	34-14	5
6	Cal State Mont. Bay	31-17	6
7	Azusa Pacific	34-14	7
8	Biola	20-17	10
9	Northwest Nazarene	25-17	8
10	Saint Martin's	21-16	NR

NFCA Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll

Week 11 - April 26

Rank	School	Record	Prev.
1	UT Tyler (16)	38-4	1
2	Indianapolis	41-5	3
3	Texas A&M-Kingsville	41-8	5
4	Central Oklahoma	41-7	4
5	Auburn Montgomery	34-8	2
6	Rogers State	39-7	8
7	Angelo State	37-8	10
8	Cal State San Marcos	36-8	6
9	Tampa	30-10	11
10	Valdosta State	29-9	7
11	Concordia	42-7	9
12	Augustana (S.D.)	36-7	12
13	Lubbock Christian	36-8	14
14	Anderson (S.C.)	37-7	13
15	Oklahoma Christian	36-10	15
16	Minnesota State	38-10	18
16	Southern Indiana	35-10	17
18	West Florida	28-12	20
19	North Georgia	35-15	16
20	Texas A&M-Commerce	37-11	19
21	Grand Valley State	36-5	24
22	Kutztown	30-12	25
23	Lenoir-Rhyne	36-13	23
24	Chico State	34-11	NR
25	Adelphi	33-11	NR

Receiving Votes: Washburn, Nova Southeastern, Colorado Christian, Embry-Riddle, Carson-Newman, Cal State Dominguez Hills, East Stroudsburg