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College Softball Kicks Off This Week

College softball across all college divisions will start this week. With UC Berkeley and Stanford University departing from the Pac 12 conference into the Big 12 (formally known as Big 10), the first Division I softball games will kickoff February 8th, competitive as ever. Coaches polls unanimously project Oklahoma to remain #1 in rankings, as they are defending three consecutive NCAA championships in the last three years. They are followed by University of Tennessee, which held a 51-10 record in the 2023 spring season, and Florida State, the runner up of last year's championship. Other top ten schools include Stanford, Clemson, Texas, and UCLA (in no particular order).

Regarding Division II softball, Dominican began their season February 2nd in the Concordia Kickoff Classic in Irvine. The Penguins finished the tournament 1-2, defeating the No. 6 Dominguez Hills Toros and falling only one short in both their games against CSU San Bernardino and Northwestern Nazarene University. In the PacWest conference Dominican is projected to finish 4th, behind only the three Southern California teams: Concordia University of Irvine (1), Azusa Pacific University (2), and Biola University (3). Make sure to come out to support your Lady Pangs in their first home game against Western Washington University, February 8 (time weather pending) at Penguin field!

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