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Shake Ups Across First Week of College Softball

The first week of college softball was eventful to say the least. In the Pac 12 conference, UCLA dropped from 2 to 20 in the standings. Dropping their record to 2-3 on the season, two of their losses came from the Texas Longhorns, which ascended from 5th to 3rd in the NCAA after their undefeated outing. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte upset the No. 4 Florida State Seminoles in extra innings; 6-5 after 10 innings. Despite this being the Seminoles sole loss, they fall from 4th to 5th in the NCAA. The UC Berkeley Bears showed out in their first outing going 4-1 in the Louisiana Classic tournament, their only loss to the Ragin Cajuns of University of Louisiana at Lafayette after a disappointing incident prior to the game.

A devastating 6-inning run rule loss for the UC Berkeley Bears after an incident between the crowd and UC Berkeley softball players during the national anthem. Before every first game of the day, for each day of a softball tournament, the national anthem is played. Teams lineup along the lines facing the flag to honor their country, but some exercise their right to kneel, like a group of players from the UC Berkeley roster. While kneeling, Louisiana fans shouted over their rendition of the anthem “liberal wokeness” and “stand up.” Shouting continued throughout the song, until the rest of the Berkeley roster moved from the line to building a wall behind their teammates that were being harassed. This situation gained traction on social media app X with the video gaining over 1.5 million views and many controversial comments from both sides of the incident.

On a more exciting note, our own Dominican softball team earned PacWest team of the week for going 3-1 in the North Bay tournament. Dominican rises to 3rd in the PacWest while Azusa Pacific falls from 2nd to 5th after a no-win showing in the Concordia Kickoff Classic last weekend. Penguins are scheduled to play Simon Fraser University on February 17, but will most likely get halted due to weather. The following weekend the Lady Pengs will take on No. 1 Concordia February 24th and 25th, at 12 and 2pm on their home field.

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