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College Softball Begins to Wrap Up

UCLA finally begins to live up to expectations as they move up from five places to No. 6 with their upset sweep of No. 5 Stanford. Texas remains No. 1 with Oklahoma close on their tail at No. 2. These two teams are the main prospects for this year's Women's College World Series finals, especially considering last year's runner up, Florida State, trails behind in the 16 spot. Tennessee (3), Oklahoma State (4) and Duke (5) all remained dominating through the end of their season. LSU has been falling off, but stays in the top ten in the No. 7 spot. Stanford moved to No. 8 after their losses to UCLA, but will likely stay in the top twenty through the end of the season, along with Georgia, Washington and Texas A&M.

Dominican holds their breath this week watching the last few conference games in the PacWest. They face Academy of Art on April 26 at 12 and 2:30pm in the City at Mission Blue Field. As of now, the top three spots, Concordia, Azusa Pacific and Hilo, have all clenched their spots in the PacWest tournament. All three teams have finished over .500, which puts them in a good position to earn a spot in the regional tournament, with the No. 1 spot already earned (Concordia). Biola has to finish their season with two games against both Azusa Pacific and Concordia, they will try to hold on to No. 4. In order to remain No. 4, they will need to win in at least two out of four of their remaining games, which is not in their favor. However, this is a good sign for the Penguins because it puts them in the No. 4 spot if Biola can not complete the task, as long as they win both against Art on Friday. The final battle for No. 4 is nail biting because it is the last spot available in the PacWest tournament for the conference title. Let's hope the Lady Pengs can pull out the victories on Friday to make program history! And for the last time as a DUC Beat editor sko Pengs!

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