

Division III SOFTBALL

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NOTE FROM EDITOR

Welcome to the inaugural issue of Division III Softball - The Newsletter. I hope that this newsletter will serve the needs of Division III softball players, coaches and institutions.

The plan is to have a newsletter twice a month during the season and at least two issues in the offseason. I hope to include Top 25 poll in every in-season issue, along with transactions, superlatives, players of the month and updated conference standings.

In order for this publication to be successful, there is a need for help from Sports Information Directors and conference personnel to have input. If possible, could my email address, d3softball@gmail.com, be included on your mailing list when sending out weekly conference notebooks.

I would like to take this time to issue my thanks to all of the SID's that have volunteered their time to assist with the voting of the All-American and All-Region teams, along with the Top 25 polls. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. In addition, I would like to extend my thanks to all of the SID's that submitted nominations for the preseason All-America team. Your work helps add validity to the poll and the All-America teams.

If you have any questions, comment or concerns, please feel free to drop me a line at d3softball@gmail.com. Additionally, if there is something you would like added to the publication - just drop me a line. I want this publication to become one of the premier publications for Division III Softball.

Thanks,

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Division III Softball - The Newsletter Preseason Top 25

It's with great pleasure that we announce the 2009 preseason Top 25 poll.

Led by preseason All-Americans in the circle, McCaslin Carson (1st team) and Rene Schwartenburg (2nd team), Louisiana College takes the No. 1 spot in the preseason Division III Softball - The Newsletter poll. Louisiana, who finished third last season, tallied 366 points and four first-place votes.

2008 National runner-up UW-Whitewater earned five first-place votes, the most of any school, and was picked second with 362 points. The Warhawks, who were the only school with two first-team All-Americans, returns all but two starters from last season's 39-11 squad. Whitewater was followed by 2007 national championship contender DePauw, reigning National Champion UW-Eau Claire and perennial power Muskingum to round out the top five.

The second five is led by 2007 national championship participant Lynchburg, followed by Texas-Tyler, Ithaca, St. Thomas and Linfield.

National championship participant Cortland State starts the season at 11, followed by Endicott, Redlands, Rhode Island College and Montclair State.

The remainder of the Top 25 is filled out as Mary Hardin Baylor and Wartburg are tied for 16th, while West power Chapman comes in at 18th, Rochester and UW-Oshkosh, the third school from the WIAA in the top 20. Ramapo, Rowan, Simpson, Illinois Wesleyan and Trine complete the inaugural preseason Top 25 poll.

The first poll of the season will appear in the next edition the week of March 9. The poll will be released every other week for the remainder of the season.

School (1st place votes)	Rec.	Votes
1. Louisiana College (4)	44-7	366
2. UW-Whitewater (5)	39-11	362
3. DePauw (3)	40-4	351
4. UW-Eau Claire (3)	36-11	336
5. Muskingum	41-12	298
6. Lynchburg	39-8	288
7. Texas-Tyler	42-9	253
8. Ithaca	36-12	242
9. St. Thomas	42-5	241
10. Linfield (1)	38-6	222
11. Cortland State	39-13	184
12. Endicott	41-16	160
13. Redlands	34-12	154
14. Rhode Island College	36-9	146
15. Monclair State	43-6	142
16. Mary Hardin-Baylor	35-11	132
Wartburg	32-8	132
18. Chapman	27-11	128
19. Rochester	32-12	123
20. UW-Oshkosh	32-11	118
21. Ramapo	34-12	93
22. Rowan	31-11	87
23. Simpson	29-12	78
24. Illinois Wesleyan	30-11	77
25. Trine	31-8	65

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Coe 59, Washington U. 49, Emory 42, North Central 38, Aurora 37, St. Joseph's (L.I) 35, Springfield 27, Tufts 27, Kean 21, Lebanon Valley 20, Bethany 17, LaVerne 17, Plattsburgh State 15, Moravian 15, Ursinus 14. Two schools appeared on just one ballot.

The Division III Softball - The Newsletter Top 25 is selected by a committee of Sports Information Directors from across the country. All eight NCAA regions are represented on the committee.

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Preseason All-America Team

First Team

Pos.	Name	Yr.	School
C	Amy Pearce	Sr.	Geneva
1B	Jen Goslin	Jr.	Neumann
2B	Tera Burr	Sr.	UW-Platteville
SS	Kelly Waskewicz	Jr.	Salisbury
3B	Katie Allensen	Sr.	Keene State
OF	Lauren Cruz	Jr.	UW-Whitewater
OF	Amy Gahl	Sr.	UW-Whitewater
OF	Tina Mangola	Sr.	Ohio Northern
DP	Tanya Davis	So.	Baldwin-Wallace
UT	Megan Richardson	Sr.	Texas-Tyler
P	McCaslin Carson	Sr.	Louisiana College
P	Megan Soultz	Jr.	DePauw
AL	Jenny Ross (P)	So.	UW-Eau Claire
AL	Monica Urban (OF)	Sr.	Illinois Wesleyan

Second Team

Pos.	Name	Yr.	School
C	Lauren Brenneman	Jr.	Salisbury
1B	Rachel Denny	Sr.	Eastern Connecticut State
2B	Erika Cook	Sr.	Marywood
SS	Jess Ferreira	Sr.	Suffolk
3B	Allison Greaney	So.	Ithaca
OF	Chelsea Feldman	Sr.	Ithaca
OF	Erin Dudzinski	Sr.	Chapman
OF	Heidi Smith	Jr.	Rowan
DP	Kerry Barga	So.	Ithaca
UT	Jess Bandzwolek	So.	Stevenson
P	Rene Schwartenburg	So.	Louisiana College
P	Jessica Stang	So.	UW-Whitewater
AL	Jessica LaBarron (UT)	Jr.	Alfred
AL	Monica White (P)	Jr.	Rivier

HONORABLE MENTION: **C** - Catherine Beuerle (Shenandoah); **1B** - Meg Kaknis (Union); **2B** - Amanda Perry (Rhode Island); **SS** - Kelsey Washam (Webster); **3B** - Kelly Smith (York); **OF** - Shannon Starr (Aurora); **OF** - Catherine Pruiett (Shenandoah); **OF** - Alaska Chance (Chapman); **OF** - Allie LaBlanc (Bridgewater State); **DP** - Allison Thibault (Kean); **UT** - Sam Tempe (Pine Manor); **P** - Lauren Davis (Ursinus); **P** - Amy Mattin (Muskingum); **At-large** - Dana Vahey (Webster); **At-large** - Danielle Goubeaux (Ohio Northern)

Nominations for the All-America team was accepted from every NCAA Division III school. The nomination form was distributed via email to every conference office to be sent out to their respective Sports Information Directors. The team was selected by a committee of Sports Information Directors, representing all eight NCAA Division III Regions.



Amy Pearce



Jen Goslin



Tera Burr



Kelly Waskewicz



Katie Allensen



Lauren Cruz



Amy Gahl



Tina Mangola



Tanya Davis



Megan Richardson



McCaslin Carson



Megan Soultz



Jenny Ross



Monica Urban

Sun West gets makeover

For years the Sun West Tournament has been sandy beaches, Mickey Mouse, warm Southern California hospitality and even college athletes winning thousand-dollar prizes on “The Price is Right”. However, in 2010 the tournament will get an exciting new makeover.

The City of Orange, which has been the home for the Sun West Tournament (hosted by Chapman University) since 1998, has begun work on a four-diamond “fastpitch only” softball complex that will become the new home for the tournament in March 2010.

The new complex at El Camino Real Park in Orange, California will become the permanent home for the Chapman University Panthers as well as the new site of the Sun West Tournament. The new city facility will cater to youth and college fastpitch softball teams. The city broke ground last November and the project is expected to be completed by this Fall.

“The Sun West has never had this many diamonds at its disposal during scheduling,” said tournament director Doug Aiken. “We will be able to accommodate more Spring Break teams than ever before at this new facility. We’re thrilled with this new opportunity and with Chapman’s continued partnership with the City of Orange.”

A “premiere” diamond will feature concrete dugouts, permanent fencing, batting cages, bullpens and a media area. All four diamonds will be lighted with a central concessions stand and bathrooms, as well.

“Chapman will finally have a facility that matches the caliber of its nationally-ranked softball team,” said CU’s

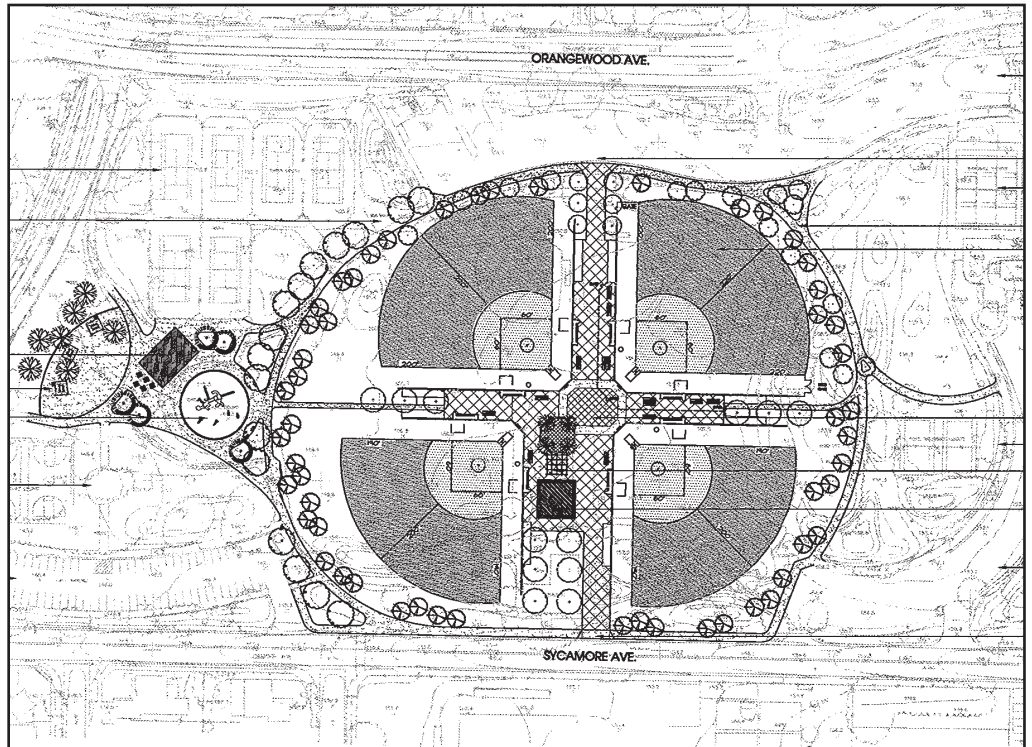


PHOTO AND RENDERINGS SUBMITTED BY CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY

Teams heading to sunny California for the SunWest Tournament in 2010 will be greeted by a brand new facility. (Top) An artist rendering of the impending complex. (Bottom) The current progress of the new home of the Chapman Panthers and the SunWest Tournament.

Director of Athletics David Currey. “Our hope is that this is a place where we can showcase Chapman and the City of Orange to the rest of Division III by hosting the Sun West and NCAA playoffs for many years.”

The Sun West Tournament will celebrate its 12th birthday this March.

The tournament has been known in DIII circles for hosting some of the top teams in the nation. In fact from 2003-07, the Division III national champions spent their Spring Break at Sun West. The 2009 edition features St. Thomas (Minn.), Tufts (Mass.) and Linfield (Ore.) among others.

Allegheny Mountain			Baptist Bible	0-0	0-0	Johnson & Wales	0-0	0-0
Frostburg State	0-0	0-0	Cabrini	0-0	0-0	Lasell	0-0	0-0
Franciscan	0-0	0-0	Cedar Crest	0-0	0-0	Mount Ida	0-0	0-0
LaRoche	0-0	0-0	Centenary	0-0	0-0	Norwich	0-0	0-0
Mt. Aloysius	0-0	0-0	Gwynedd-Mercy	0-0	0-0	Pine Manor	0-0	0-0
PSU Altoona	0-0	0-0	Immaculata	0-0	0-0	Rivier	0-0	0-0
Penn State Behrend	0-0	0-0	Keystone	0-0	0-0	Simmons	0-0	0-0
Pitt Bradford	0-0	0-0	Marywood	0-0	0-0	St. Joseph (CT)	0-0	0-0
Pitt Greensburg	0-0	0-0	Neumann	0-0	0-0	St. Joseph's (Maine)	0-0	0-0
Hilbert	0-0	0-0	Coll. Of Notre Dame	0-0	0-0	Suffolk	0-0	0-0
Medaille	0-0	0-0	Philadelphia Bible	0-0	0-0			
			Rosemont	0-0	0-0	Great South		
American Southwest - EAST			Commonwealth			Agnes Scott	0-0	0-0
East Texas Baptist	0-0	0-0	Albright	0-0	0-0	Huntingdon	0-0	0-0
LeTourneau	0-0	0-0	Arcadia	0-0	0-0	LaGrange	0-0	0-0
Louisiana	0-0	0-0	Elizabethtown	0-0	0-0	Maryville (TN)	0-0	0-0
Mississippi College	0-0	0-0	Lebanon Valley	0-0	0-0	Piedmont	0-0	0-0
Ozarks	0-0	0-0	Lycoming	0-0	0-0	Spelman	0-0	0-0
Texas at Dallas	0-0	0-0	Messiah	0-0	0-0	Wesleyan (GA)	0-0	0-0
Texas Tyler	0-0	0-0	Widener	0-0	0-0			
American Southwest - WEST			Commonwealth Coast			Heartland		
Concordia TX	0-0	0-0	Anna Maria	0-0	0-0	Anderson	0-0	0-0
Hardin Simmons	0-0	0-0	Curry	0-0	0-0	Bluffton	0-0	0-0
Howard Payne	0-0	0-0	Eastern Nazarene	0-0	0-0	Defiance	0-0	0-0
Mary Hardin Baylor	0-0	0-0	Endicott	0-0	0-0	Franklin	0-0	0-0
Schreiner	0-0	0-0	Gordon	0-0	0-0	Hanover	0-0	0-0
Sul Ross State	0-0	0-0	Univ New England	0-0	0-0	Manchester	0-0	0-0
Texas Lutheran	0-0	0-0	New England College	0-0	0-0	Mt. St. Joseph	0-0	0-0
			Nichols	0-0	0-0	Rose-Hulman	0-0	0-0
Capital Athletic			Regis	0-0	0-0	Transylvania	0-0	0-0
Gallaudet	0-0	0-0	Roger Williams	0-0	0-0			
Hood	0-0	0-0	Salve Regina	0-0	0-0	Iowa Intercollegiate		
Mary Washington	0-0	0-0	Wentworth	0-0	0-0	Buena Vista	0-0	0-0
Salisbury	0-0	0-0				Central (IA)	0-0	0-0
Stevenson	0-0	0-0	Empire 8			Coe	0-0	0-0
Wesley	0-0	0-0	Alfred	0-0	0-0	Cornell	0-0	0-0
York (PA)	0-0	0-0	Elmira	0-0	0-0	Dubuque	0-0	0-0
			Ithaca	0-0	0-0	Loras	0-0	0-0
CCIW			Nazereth	0-0	0-0	Luther	0-0	0-0
Augustana	0-0	0-0	Rochester Tech	0-0	0-0	Simpson	0-0	0-0
Carthage	0-0	0-0	St. John Fisher	0-0	0-0	Wartburg	0-0	0-0
Elmhurst	0-0	0-0	Utica	0-0	0-0			
Illinois Wesleyan	0-0	0-0	Freedom			Independent		
Milliken	0-0	0-0	Alvernia	0-0	0-0	Rust	0-0	0-0
North Central	0-0	0-0	Delaware Valley	0-0	0-0	Finladia	0-0	0-0
North Park	0-0	0-0	DeSales	0-0	0-0	Maine Presque Isle	0-0	0-0
Wheaton (IL)	0-0	0-0	Eastern	0-0	0-0	New Rochelle	0-0	0-0
			Fairleigh Dickinson	0-0	0-0	St. Elizabeth's	0-0	0-0
Centennial			Kings	0-0	0-0	St. Joseph's (L.I)	0-0	0-0
Dickinson	0-0	0-0	Manhattanville	0-0	0-0	Cal State East Bay	0-0	0-0
Franklin & Marshall	0-0	0-0	Misericordia	0-0	0-0	Chapman	0-0	0-0
Gettysburg	0-0	0-0	Wilkes	0-0	0-0	Univ. of Dallas	0-0	0-0
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McDaniel	0-0	0-0	Great Northeast			Menlo	0-0	0-0
Muhlenberg	0-0	0-0	Albertus Magnus	0-0	0-0			
Swarthmore	0-0	0-0	Emerson	0-0	0-0	Landmark		
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Washington	0-0	0-0				US Merchant Marine	0-0	0-0
						Drew	0-0	0-0
Colonial States						Juniata	0-0	0-0

Ohio Athletic		
Baldwin Wallace	0-0	0-0
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Heidelberg	0-0	0-0
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Mt. Union	0-0	0-0
Muskingum	0-0	0-0
Ohio Northern	0-0	0-0
Otterbein	0-0	0-0
Wilmington	0-0	0-0

Old Dominion		
Bridgewater	0-0	0-0
Eastern Mennonite	0-0	0-0
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Guilford	0-0	0-0
Lynchburg	0-0	0-0
Randolph	0-0	0-0
Randolph-Macon	0-0	0-0
Roanoke	0-0	0-0
Sweet Briar	0-0	0-0
VA Wesleyan	0-0	0-0

Presidents' Athletic		
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Chatham	0-0	0-0
Geneva	0-0	0-0
Grove City	0-0	0-0
Thiel	0-0	0-0
Thomas More	0-0	0-0
Wash. & Jeff.	0-0	0-0
Waynesburg	0-0	0-0
Westminster (PA)	0-0	0-0

SCIAC		
California Lutheran	0-0	0-0
Claremont Mudd Scripps	0-0	0-0
LaVerne	0-0	0-0
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Pomona Pitzer	0-0	0-0
Whittier	0-0	0-0

St. Louis Intercollegiate		
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Greenville	0-0	0-0
MacMurray	0-0	0-0
Maryville (MO)	0-0	0-0
Webster	0-0	0-0
Westminster (MO)	0-0	0-0

Southern Collegiate Athletic		
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Rhodes	0-0	0-0
Austin	0-0	0-0
Colorado College	0-0	0-0
Southwestern	0-0	0-0

Trinite (TX)	0-0	0-0
Hendrix	0-0	0-0
Centre	0-0	0-0
DePauw	0-0	0-0
Sewanee	0-0	0-0

SUNYAC		
Brockport State	0-0	0-0
Buffalo State	0-0	0-0
Cortland State	0-0	0-0
SUNY Fredonia	0-0	0-0
SUNY Geneseo	0-0	0-0
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SUNY New Paltz	0-0	0-0
SUNY Oneota	0-0	0-0
SUNY Oswego	0-0	0-0
Plattsburgh State	0-0	0-0
SUNY Potsdam	0-0	0-0

Skyline		
SUNY Farmingdale	0-0	0-0
Mt. St. Mary	0-0	0-0
Mt. St. Vincent	0-0	0-0
Old Westbury	0-0	0-0
Poly Tech of NY	0-0	0-0
Purchase College	0-0	0-0
Sage	0-0	0-0
St. Joseph's (NY)	0-0	0-0

University Athletic		
Case Western	0-0	0-0
Chicago	0-0	0-0
Emory	0-0	0-0
Washington U	0-0	0-0
Brandeis	0-0	0-0

Upper Midwest		
Minnesota Morris	0-0	0-0
Northland	0-0	0-0
Bethany Lutheran	0-0	0-0
Crown (MN)	0-0	0-0
Martin Luther	0-0	0-0
Northwestern	0-0	0-0
Presentation	0-0	0-0
St. Scholastica	0-0	0-0

USA South		
Averett	0-0	0-0
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Ferrum	0-0	0-0
Greenboro	0-0	0-0
Mary Baldwin	0-0	0-0
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Methodist	0-0	0-0
N.C. Wesleyan	0-0	0-0
Peace	0-0	0-0
Shenandoah	0-0	0-0

Wisconsin Intercollegiate		
UW Eau Claire	0-0	0-0

UW LaCross	0-0	0-0
UW Oshkosh	0-0	0-0
UW Platteville	0-0	0-0
UW River Falls	0-0	0-0
UW Stevens Point	0-0	0-0
UW Stout	0-0	0-0
UW Superior	0-0	0-0
UW Whitewater	0-0	0-0

Superlatives

Per Game Categories

Pitchers

10-plus strikeouts

2-hitter or better

Shutout

Hitters

3-plus hits

5-plus RBI

3-plus SB

8-plus total bases

Career Categories

Coaches

50 wins

increase in increments of 50

Pitchers

200 strikeouts

increase in increments of 100

50 wins

increase in increments of 50

25 saves

increase in increments of 25

Hitters

50 HR

increase in increments of 25

100 RBI

increase in increments of 50

50 R

increase increments of 25

50 SB

increase in increments of 25

50 2B

increase increments of 25

20 3B

increase increments 20