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Softball Stays Put At No. 20 In USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll

Flames take ranking into the Holiday Inn Buzz Classic this weekend.

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Chicago, Ill - The UIC softball team stayed put at No. 20 in the USA Today/NFCA Coaches Division I Top-25 poll released this morning.

The Flames, who have been ranked in the Top-25 all season and as high as No. 17, went 7-3 last week, advancing to the semifinals of the Clearwater Parks and Recreation Tournament after going undefeated in pool play.

UIC tallied victories over UMass (7-5, 8 inn.), Northern Illinois (10-0), Florida International (3-2), Penn (10-2), Tennessee Tech (2-0), Western Kentucky (2-1) and Canisius (7-1), while falling to UMass (4-2), North Carolina (5-3) and Minnesota (2-1).

[Mike McGovern's](#) crew is back in action this weekend at the Holiday Inn Buzz Classic in Atlanta, Ga.. The Flames kick off the tournament with Middle Tennessee State on Friday, March 24, at 5:00 p.m.

USA TODAY/NFCA COACHES POLL

Rank	School	Record	Pts.	LW
1.	Washington (27)	31-1	675	1
2.	Arizona	35-2	647	2
3.	UCLA	25-5	598	4
4.	California	34-4	579	5

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Mike McGovern's squad was ranked 20th in the most recent USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll



5.	Arizona State	29-5	539	3
6.(tie)	Fresno State	24-9	517	7
	Oklahoma	34-5	517	6
8.	Stanford	22-3	471	10
9.	LSU	22-7	465	8
10.	Southern Miss.	29-7	409	11
11.	Cal State Fullerton	24-5	393	9
12.	Oregon State	22-6-1	378	12
13.	Michigan	18-6	342	14
14.	Alabama	33-6	324	13
15.	Louisiana-Lafayette	19-6	296	16
16.	Iowa	14-7	267	14
17.	South Carolina	22-11	230	17
18.	Oklahoma State	23-9	207	18
19.	Long Beach State	20-10	160	19
20.	UIC	29-16	148	20
21.	Mississippi State	23-8	139	21
22.	Notre Dame	18-6	118	RV
23.	Oregon	17-10	108	23
24.	Florida	26-12	62	25
25.	Texas A&M	20-10	49	24

Dropped Out: Hawaii

New to the Poll: No. 22 Notre Dame

Receiving Votes, East Carolina (34), Hawaii (20), North Carolina (17), Florida State (11), Missouri (9), Wisconsin (9), Florida Atlantic (5), Kansas (5), DePaul (4).

Ten other schools were mentioned on one ballot - totaling 33 points.

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