

Women DI Club Rankings - Oct. 3, 2012

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The regular season for women's DI clubs is nearly over, with only two more weekends of significant games remaining. The Elite 8 will occur at the end of the month and a handful of squads already know they're making the trip to Atlanta.

ORSU, Chicago North Shore and Atlanta have been dominating their respective regions and unless some serious unraveling occurs, will take the number-one seeds out of conferences. ORSU has two more games at home against Belmont Shore and Nor Cal Triple Threat, both at home. Travel is always a major influence in the games' outcomes, but even if ORSU were on the road, they'd be favored in their final two games. Seattle is in the second spot right now and should improve to 5-1 after their game against Tempe at home. CR1 has only two seeds to playoffs.

In CR2, reigning champs North Shore have been looking good throughout the regular season. They have one more game against cross-town rivals Chicago, but even if North Shore loses, their 4-1 record will be enough to advance. CR2 only has six teams in its region - unlike the seven in the other two regions - and half of those will move on to playoffs. Detroit looks like the second-best team in CR2 but they'll have a good test against Austin in their final game. Both Austin and Chicago are duking it out for the third and final seed to playoffs. Both are 1-1-1 and played out their tie (22-22) against each other. Both are favored in one of their final two matches - Austin over the Minnesota Valkyries, and Chicago over Denver Black Ice. It'll really come down to whether Austin beats Detroit, as North Shore should defeat Chicago.

In CR3, Atlanta has been pummeling the competition. While teams like Albany and Philadelphia have challenged the Harlequins for a half, Atlanta has prevailed with massive scores. Their biggest test will come this weekend when they travel to NOVA, who is also undefeated. NOVA has played closer matches against some of the middle-of-the-road teams, but once they reach their full potential, they'll look good in the post-season. CR3 also has three seeds, and that'll come down to Boston or Philadelphia most likely. It'll come down to the wire, but the two teams play on Oct. 13 and should settle the debate who is better in 2012.

The following rankings note some of the teams' most significant victories and losses:

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1. Chicago North Shore (4-0) Outscored opponents 170-17 with one game remaining v Chicago
2. Atlanta (4-0) Outscored opponents 235-15; defeated Boston 100-0
3. ORSU (4-0) Outscored opponents 146-26; defeated Seattle 45-7
4. NOVA (4-0) Outscored opponents 175-92; defeated Boston 36-26, Albany 34-27
5. Seattle (4-1) Lost to ORSU 45-7; defeated Nor Cal TT 26-24, SF Fog 12-7
6. Detroit (3-1) Outscored opponents 226-46; lost to North Shore 34-5
7. Nor Cal Triple Threat (3-2) Defeated Emerald City 43-42; lost to Seattle 26-24
8. Boston (2-2) Lost to NOVA 36-26
9. Emerald City Mudhens (1-3) Lost to ORSU 28-14, Seattle 32-22, Nor Cal TT 43-42
10. Austin (1-1-1) Tied Chicago 22-all; lost to North Shore 28-5
11. Chicago (1-1-1) Tied Austin 22-all; lost to Detroit 27-7
12. Philadelphia (2-2) Defeated Albany 43-0; lost to Atlanta 47-10
13. Belmont Shore (2-2) Lost to Nor Cal TT 34-17 at home
14. Providence (1-2-1) Tied Albany 15-all; lost to Boston 33-19
15. Albany (0-3-1) Tied Providence 15-all; lost to NOVA 34-27
16. Tempe (1-2) Defeated Nor Cal TT 33-7 at home
17. Denver Black Ice (1-3) Defeated MN Valkyries 29-14; lost to Austin 41-27
18. San Francisco Fog (0-5) Close matches against Seattle (12-7) and Belmont Shore (15-0)
19. Village Lions (0-4) Closest match: 26-5 loss to Philadelphia
20. Minnesota Valkyries (0-4) Closest match: 29-14 loss to Black Ice