

Softball Magazine's TOP 12 DIVISION I SENIORS OF 2010

by Bill Ballew

With the 2010 Division I regular season at the finish line, many of the nation's senior players were making the most of their final collegiate campaigns. A dozen have stood out, throughout this season as well as before, to leave their marks on their respective programs and receive notice from Softball Magazine for a job well done.

Chelsea Bramlett, c/inf, Mississippi State: This season marks the third straight year Bramlett has been named a top 25 finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. She has ranked among the national and Southeastern Conference leaders in batting average and runs scored throughout the current slate, totals that resided at .513 and 51, respectively, through mid-April. Bramlett also had extended her stolen base streak to a school-record 59, including a 51-for-51 showing this year. Also a top 10 finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, she already tops the Bulldog career charts in hits and stolen bases, was on the verge of establishing the norm for runs scored, and should conclude her time in Starkville ranked at the top in batting average, stolen base percentage and runs per game.

LAUREN DELANEY, P, NORTHWESTERN: It didn't take long for the Wildcat ace to make her presence felt in 2010. In her first start of the season, the senior threw the seventh no-hitter of her

career and her first since tossing five in 2008 by blanking Cal State Fullerton, 7-0, on February 12. Delaney has maintained her impressive pitching and is on pace to break numerous Northwestern career records, many of which have stood for more than two decades. The 2008 Big Ten Pitcher of the Year and two-time member of the USA Softball Player of the Year Award watch list, she already owns the Wildcat single-season records for wins (37), innings pitched (321), games (51) and complete games (43). By mid-April, Delaney was only four victories shy of tying for the top spot in career wins, which stands at 97, and was less than 100 strikeouts shy of topping the whiffs list. Delaney already owns the school career mark with 103 complete games and was four shy of the Wildcat record of 132 games started.

Francesca Enea, of, Florida: Enea is a top 25 finalist for the 2010 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award for the second straight season. The two-time All-American has led the SEC in slugging percentage (.892), home runs (15) and RBI (50) for most of this season while also pacing the Gators in total bases (91) and on-base percentage (.526). An outfielder, Enea holds nine offensive records at Florida and was second in SEC history with 56 career home runs and 207 RBI, through mid-April. She earned All-SEC second-team honors in 2009 while breaking Florida's single-season marks for home runs and RBIs. According to head coach Tim Walton, whose team has resided in the top 10 for most of the season, Enea has taken on a leadership role this spring and been a major reason why the Gators are solid contenders for the national championship.

Lauren Delaney

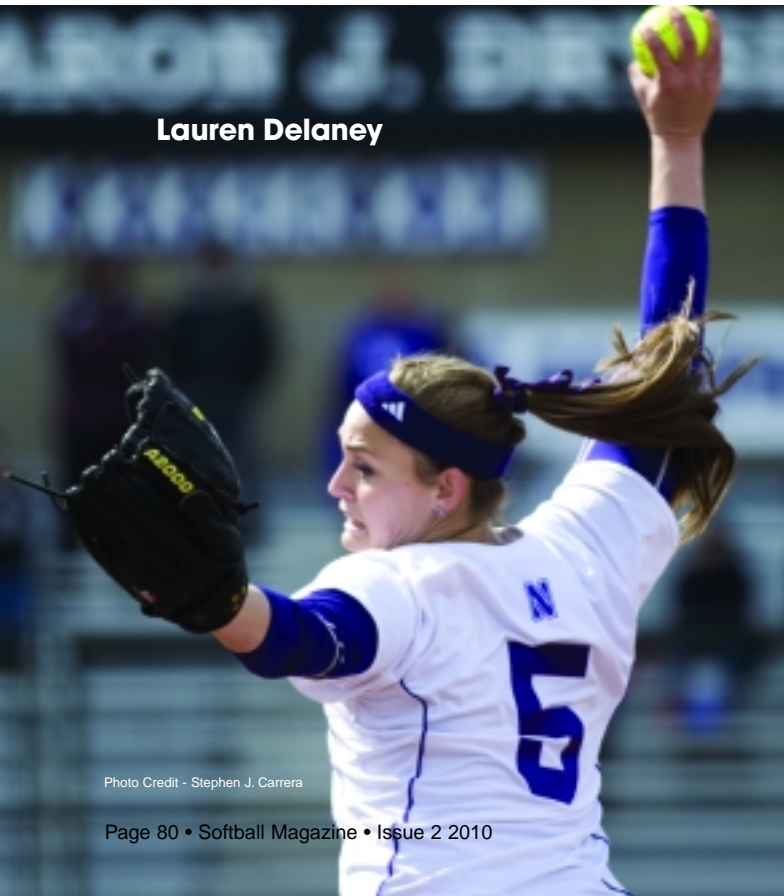


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Amber Flores, inf, Oklahoma: Flores generates fear and trepidation in opponents with her ability to go deep as consistently as anyone in the country. The right-handed hitter became the Oklahoma home run queen on April 3 at Iowa State when she hit her 49th career round-tripper in the first game of a doubleheader and then added her 50th big fly in the nightcap. Through mid-April, the Calexico, California, native was up to 52, including 11 this season. She also owns additional school career marks in walks, slugging percentage and on-base percentage and ranks in the top five in runs scored, batting average, runs batted in, extra-base hits and total bases. Named the Big 12 Player of the Week on February 23, Flores also is a top 25 finalist for USA Softball's Collegiate Player of the Year.

Alissa Haber, of, Stanford: The senior outfielder is a three-time All-American and a two-time first-team All-Pac-10 selection who has paced the Cardinal in most offensive categories for the past three years. At the conclusion of her junior campaign, Haber's career batting average of .395 ranked second only to two-time Olympian Jessica Mendoza in Stanford annals. Through mid-April, the native of Newark, California, had hits in 31 of the team's first 36 games and topped the Cardinal with a .469 batting average, 38 runs and 53 hits while adding 11 doubles, two triples, five home runs and 25 RBI. Haber also was a top 25 finalist for USA Softball's Collegiate Player of the Year Award, where she was joined by freshman teammate Teagan Gerhart.

Megan Langenfeld, p/1b, UCLA: A first-team NFCA All-American and All-Pac-10 recipient in 2009, Langenfeld joined Haber and six other Pac-10 players on the top 25 finalist list for USA Softball's Collegiate Player of the Year Award this spring. Langenfeld has been one of the primary keys to the Bruins' top five ranking for most of the 2010 season. The two-way standout won four of her first five decisions and owned a 1.14 ERA in her first 10 appearances in the circle. A first baseman when not pitching, she led UCLA with a .523 batting average, a 1.031 slugging percentage and a .649 on-base percentage through mid-April. All of those norms would have ranked third nationally but she was just shy of the games-played requirement.

Nevertheless, Langenfeld also paced her team with 25 runs scored while adding six doubles, nine home runs and 28 RBI.

Danielle Lawrie, p, Washington: The reigning USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year, Lawrie was tabbed a top 25 finalist for the award this year after getting off to yet another great start with the top-ranked Huskies. True to form, Lawrie has been a force at the plate and in the circle, leading the nation with 14 shutouts and ranking third with 23 wins through mid-April. Offensively, Lawrie paced Washington with 11 home runs and 41 RBI while hitting at a .327 clip with a .673 slugging percentage and .423 on-base percentage. A three-time USA Softball National Player of the Week recipient during her career, the native of Langley, British Columbia, received that recognition last on April 13 after winning three games in as many starts and posting a 1.33 ERA against then-No. 2 Arizona, which entered the weekend leading the nation in scoring. She also has been named the Pac-10 Player of the Week 14 times in her career, which is tied for the all-time conference mark.

Melissa Roth, c, Louisville: The 2009 Big East Player of the Year, Roth is another top 25 finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. The Long Beach, California, native was a NFCA second-team All-American last year and was selected as an alternate on the USA national team after leading the Cardinals with a .444 batting average and a .870 slugging percentage, both of which established school records. She also was the third overall pick this year in the NPF Senior Draft. Roth owns the school record for career doubles and runs scored, thanks in part to yet another dominant season on the diamond. Through mid-April, she led the Cardinals as well as the Big East in most offensive categories, including batting average (.470), slugging percentage (.983), runs scored (44) and home runs (14).

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Charlotte Morgan



picture by Alex Gilbert

Charlotte Morgan, p/util, Alabama: Morgan is one of 10 finalists for the 2010 Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, an honor that adds to a long list of recognition, making her one of the most decorated players in Alabama history. She was the first member of the Crimson Tide ever named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, in 2009, and was also tabbed an ESPN The Magazine CoSIDA Academic All-American while posting a 3.80 GPA in criminal justice. This season Morgan has ranked among the SEC leaders in several offensive categories, and paced Alabama with 10 doubles, 12 home runs, 46 RBI and a .790 slugging percentage through mid-April. Named the SEC Player of the Week in mid-March, Morgan also contributes in the circle for the Crimson Tide, and owned a 3-2 record in her first 13 games and 11 starts.

Kirsten Shortridge, p/of, LSU: Named a USA Softball National Player of the Week earlier in the 2010 season, Shortridge continues to add to the accolades by being a top 25 finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award. The Keller, Texas, native has led the Tigers with a .411 batting average, 37 runs, 60 hits and 36 stolen bases in 39 attempts through mid-April while adding four doubles, two triples and 23 RBIs. Shortridge also has provided assistance in the circle with a 3-1 record and a 2.33 ERA in her first seven games, including six starts. In 2009, Shortridge was named an Easton second-team All-American after ranking in

the top seven in the SEC with 80 hits, a .426 batting average, 26 multi-hit games and 26 steals.

Danielle Spaulding, 1b/p, North Carolina: A two-time All-American and Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year, Spaulding was named a finalist for the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award for the second time in as many seasons. North Carolina's top pitcher, the Rancho Cucamonga, California, native had thrown five no-hitters this season through the middle of April and paced all NCAA pitchers by averaging 11.8 strikeouts per seven innings. Her ERA was an impressive 0.89, and opponents were hitting a paltry .101 against her. Spaulding has been equally productive with the bat by topping the Tar Heels with 26 RBI and ranking among the team leaders with a .349 batting average, a .627 slugging percentage and a .446 on-base percentage. She also had five doubles and six home runs to give UNC some additional pop in the middle of the lineup.

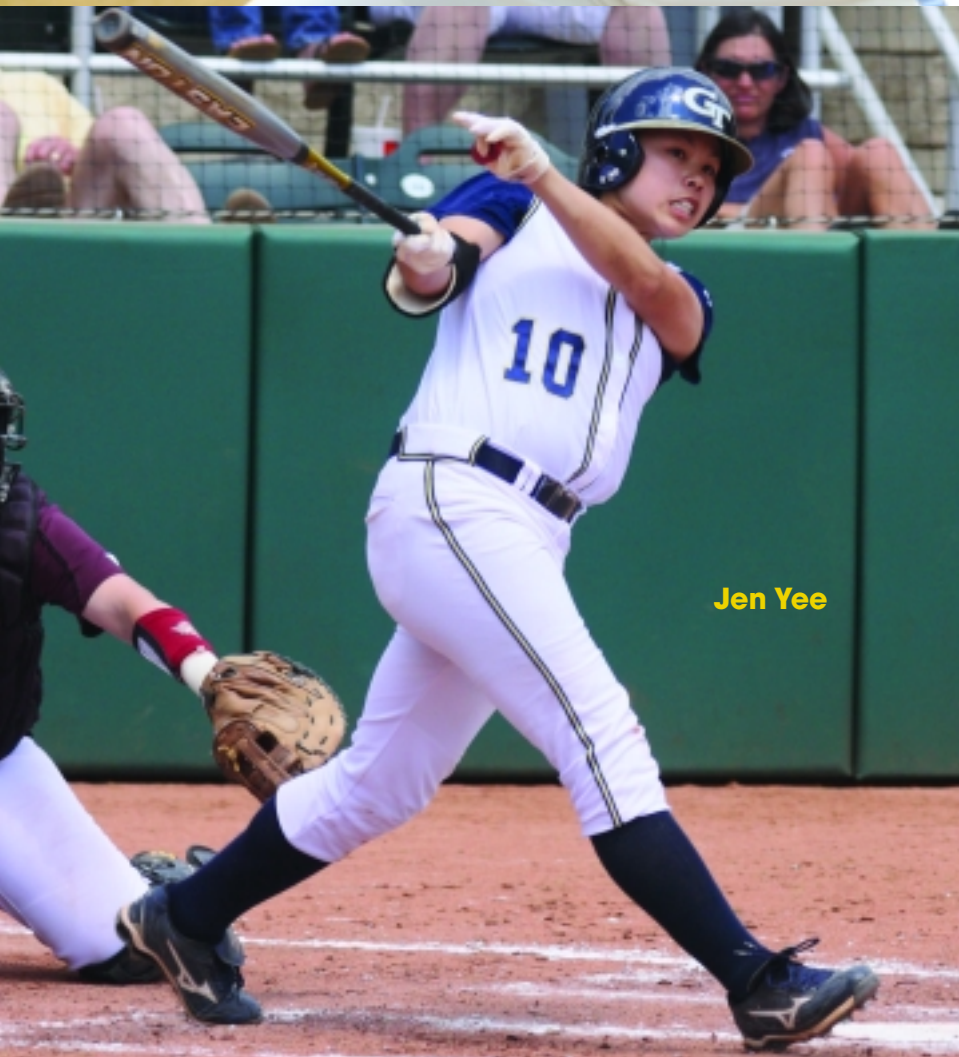
Jen Yee, 2b, Georgia Tech: Based on the number of times she's won it, Yee may force the Atlantic Coast Conference to change its Player of the Week award. The power-hitting second baseman earned the honor for the fourth time this season on April 13 after she batted .714 and reached base 14 times in 16 plate appearances during a week in which the Yellow Jackets swept then-second place Virginia. Yee concluded that week with 21 home runs, the second-highest single-season total in school history, and was only three shy of the Georgia Tech and ACC record of 24, set by Whitney Haller in 2006. The native of British Columbia has ranked among the nation's leaders this season in batting average, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, runs scored and home runs. Yee earned Louisville Slugger/NFCA National Player of the Week recognition in March and was tabbed the most valuable player of the 2010 NFCA Leadoff Classic, which was played February 26-28.

Kirsten Shortridge



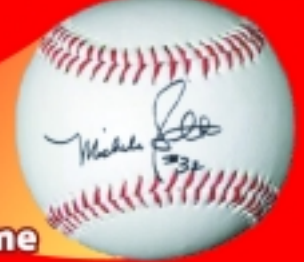


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