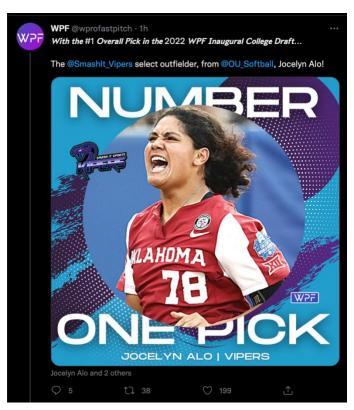
## WPF Drafts 12 in its 2022 Inaugural College Draft

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – The inaugural season of Women's Professional Fastpitch is quickly approaching and the anticipation is high. Today, for the first time in WPF history, 12 college athletes were drafted to the USSSA Pride and Smash It Sports Vipers, respectfully. Names were announced in alternating order beginning with the Smash It Sports Vipers. Right out of the gate, the Smash It Sports Vipers selected NCAA homerun leader Jocelyn Alo out of the University of Oklahoma. Alo currently holds a career record 113 home runs and counting.

The Sooner Standout recorded a number of accolades during her time in Norman, including being named the 2021 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year and 2021 Big 12 Player of the Year. During that same campaign, Alo led the crimson and cream to the 14<sup>th</sup> Women's College World Series appearance and fifth National Championship in program history. She will look to continue to etch her legacy as NCAA post season play gears up with Regionals beginning on Friday, May 20.



For USSSA, the Pride selected Georgina Corrick as the second overall pick in the 2022 WPF Draft. Corrick will make the short trip North to join the Pride from the University of South Florida. The South Florida ace has shown her dominance from the mound adding a healthy list of records to the USF books.

In 2021, she was named NFCA Third Team All-American, American Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year, NFCA First Team All-Region and AAC All-Conference First Team.

Corrick has made her name known nationally leading the country in innings pitched (266.1), shutouts (20), and strikeouts (407). She too will be looking to make a run in post season action beginning on Friday before making her debut for the Pride.

## The full list of draftees is as follows:

- 1. Jocelyn Alo Oklahoma Smash It Sports Vipers
- 2. Georgina Corrick USF USSSA Pride
- 3. Mary Iakopo Texas Smash It Sports Vipers

- 4. Keely Rochard VT USSSA Pride
- 5. Gianna Mancha UCF Smash It Sports Vipers
- 6. Danielle Watson FSU USSSA Pride
- 7. Annie Willis Mississippi St Smash It Sports Vipers
- 8. Delanie Wisz UCLA USSSA Pride
- 9. Shelbi Sunseri LSU Smash It Sports Vipers
- 10. Taylor Ellsworth Arkansas USSSA Pride
- 11. Melissa Mayeux Louisiana Smash It Sports Vipers
- 12. Casidy Chaumont Mizzou USSSA Pride

The USSSA Pride based out of Viera, FL, have a long-standing history in the professional softball world, entering its 20<sup>th</sup> season as an organization. With Donny DeDonatis III at the helm as the owner and general manager, the Pride hope to build upon its legacy of providing opportunities and a place for women to play for many years to come.



The Smash It Sports Vipers, based out of Rochester, NY, enter 2022 as a new franchise in the professional softball world. With Rick Schiffhauer as the owner and Don DeDonatis Sr. as general manager, they may be new, but they have a wealth of experience on their side.

Both organizations are prepping for the 2022 exhibition season being played in five different states. The season begins on June 14 in Kansas City, KS. For a full draft recap visit our social media platforms. Updates on venue locations and ticket options are coming soon. Subscribe to www.wprofastpitch.com and follow @wprofastpitch for the latest league information.

## **ABOUT WPF**

Women's Professional Fastpitch (WPF) is the official professional softball league in the United States, founded by USA Softball, USSSA, and Smash It Sports. WPF will showcase the best athletes in softball, provide a world-class experience for fans, and connect young girls to their idols.