

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2018 BASEBALL

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Cal Baptist Moves Up Standings With Home Sweep

PACWEST BASEBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
1.	California Baptist (13)	3-0	1.5	10-3	Won 4
2.	Azusa Pacific (1)	7-1		17-1	Won 1
3.	Biola	6-2	1.0	11-4	Won 3
4.	Fresno Pacific	3-1	2.0	6-4	Lost 1
5.	Hawai`i Pacific	3-3	3.0	9-5	Won 2
6.	Point Loma	3-3	3.0	7-8	Lost 2
7.	Academy of Art	3-5	4.0	8-9	Won 2
8.	Concordia	2-5	4.5	5-13	Lost 2
9.	Dixie State	2-6	5.0	6-12	Lost 1
10.	Hawai'i Hilo	1-3	4.0	5-7	Lost 2
11.	Holy Names	0-3	4.5	4-8	Lost 3

IRVINE, Calif. -- Dixie State spoiled Azusa Pacific's perfect start to the season, but the Cougars won the series anyways, taking 3 of 4 games in St. George, Utah.

The Cougars swept the Trailblazers in the opening double-header as **Austin Russ** went 5 for 6 with two walks and hit two home runs and a double for six RBIs in the two wins.

On Friday, Dixie State put an end to the 17-game winning streak with a 14-3 win over the Cougars as **Jayden Murray** picked up his first win of the season on seven innings pitched with just two earned runs allowed. Azusa Pacific won the series finale as **Pablo O'Connor** went 3 for 4 with three runs, three RBIs, two walks and a double.

California Baptist moved into first place in the PacWest standings by winning the first three games of the series against Holy Names. The Lancers put 21 runs on the board in the second game of the series as **Luke Navigato** went 3 for 5 with three runs and three RBIs. The Lancers finished with 10 extra-base hits by nine different players in the win.

Academy of Art visited Concordia last week for a four-game series that finished in a split after the Urban Knights swept Saturday's doubleheader. In the Urban Knights' 8-1 win, **Evan Ray** went 3 for 5 with a run and an RBI. **Jackson Murphy** and **Zak May** also hit home runs in the game to help Academy of Art improve to 3-5 in conference play.

There are now seven teams in the PacWest standings that already have three conference wins this year. Biola has the second-most wins in the conference with six.

Preseason All-PacWest

Name	School	Pos.	Class	B/T
Justin Gomez	Azusa Pacific	C	Jr.	L/R
Logan Porter	Dixie State	1B	Sr.	R/R
Luke Navigato	Cal Baptist	2B	Sr.	R/R
Bryce Feist	Dixie State	3B	Jr.	R/R
Haloa Dudoit	Concordia	SS	So.	R/R
Jair Donovan	Concordia	OF	So.	L/L
Pablo O'Connor*	Azusa Pacific	OF	Sr.	R/R
Ryan Williams	Cal Baptist	OF	Jr.	R/R
Tommy Bell	Cal Baptist	DH	Sr.	R/R
Dylan Stowell^	Cal Baptist	Р	Sr.	R/R
Stephen Young	Point Loma	Р	Sr.	L/L
Layne Henderson	Azusa Pacific	RP	Jr.	R/R
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^{* -} Player of the Year

Week 6 Preview

Azusa Pacific looks to bounce back from its first loss of the season with a four-game series at Fresno Pacific. The Sunbirds are 6-4 on the season heading into the series on Thursday followed by a doubleheader on Friday.

Dixie State hopes to continue its momentum into a series with Academy of Art, after serving Azusa Pacific its first loss. The Urban Knights are fresh off a split series against Concordia, looking to battle with Dixie State in back-to-back double-headers on Saturday and Sunday.

Concordia hosts Holy Names this weekend to continue its home stand starting on Thursday at 2 p.m. Hawai'i Pacific takes on No. 13 California Baptist in a three-game series hoping to give the Lancers their first PacWest loss of the season. The Sharks are 9-5 on the season and 3-3 in the PacWest.

Point Loma continues its Hawaiian road trip with a four-game series at Wong Stadium hosted by Hawai'i Hilo. The Vulcans look to add another PacWest win to their 1-3 record, 5-7 overall as they host the Sea Lions.

^{^ -} Pitcher of the Year

PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Austin Russ, Azusa Pacific INF, Jr., 6-4 -- Valencia, Calif.

Russ was virtually unstoppable for Azusa Pacific in its trip to Dixie State last week, where the Cougars won three of four games. Russ went 8 for 11 at the plate with three home runs, a triple and a double for 10 RBIs and five runs in four games. In the series-opening doubleheader, Russ went 5 for 6 with two walks

and hit two home runs and a double for six RBIs. In the series finale, Russ drove in four more runs on three hits, finishing a double away from the cycle as he went 3 for 4. He is now batting .412 on the season with five home runs and 16 RBIs.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



Micah Beyer, Biola RHP, Sr., 5-11 -- Chino, Calif.

Breyer earned his third-consecutive win of the season against Hawai'i Hilo, throwing eight innings of one run ball. The senior scattered four hits and one walk as he struck out 12 of the 30 batters he faced. It is the second time this year that he has reached double-digit strikeouts in a game this year after punching out

14 against Bethesda. Beyer brought his ERA on the season down to 1.93 with a 3-0 record. He has struck out 40 batters in 28 innings pitched in four games this year.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Ryan Gallegos, Biola UTIL, Fr., 5-8 -- Lihue, Hawai`i

Gallegos went 6 for 16 on the week as Biola won three of four games against Hawai`i Hilo. He had a hit in each of the three wins, boosting his batting average on the season to .349. In the second game of the series, he went 3 for 5 with a double and a run scored. In the third game, he hit his first collegiate home run, a

two-run shot that proved to be the difference in a 2-1 win for the Eagles. He had another RBI in the series finale as he went 2 for 4 with two runs.

PREVIOUS WINNERS Player of the Week

Feb. 5 Osvaldo Tovalin, APU Feb. 12 Sean Aspinall, APU

Feb. 19 Phillip Steering, UHH Feb. 26 Tyler Flores, PLNU

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 5 Dillon Miyashiro, APU

Feb. 12 Dylan Spain, UHH

Feb. 19 Ben Kaser, ARTU

Feb. 26 Isaiah Carranza, APU

Freshman of the Week

Feb. 5 Garrett Irvin, PLNU

Feb. 12 Osvaldo Tovalin, APU

Feb. 19 Colton Combs, HNU

Feb. 26 Micah Layosa, HPU

PACWEST LEADERS IN NATIONAL STATISTICS

TEAM STATS (as			INDIVIDUAL STATS (as of June 4, 2017)					
Stat	Team	Rank	Avg.	Stat	Player	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	Dixie State	2nd	.340	Batting Average	Phillip Steering	UHH	14th	.421
Earned Run Avg.	Azusa Pacific	4th	2.93	Home Runs	Adrian Tovalin	APU	5th	21
Fielding Pct.	Fresno Pacific	11th	.972	Hits	Trey Kamachi	DSU	26th	83
Runs	Dixie State	23rd	415	Doubles	Logan Porter	DSU	53rd	18
Home Runs	Azusa Pacific	8th	78	Runs Batted In	Adrian Tovalin	APU	4th	75
Doubles	Dixie State	38th	107	Runs	Pablo O'Connor	APU	31st	62
WHIP	Azusa Pacific	6th	1.21	Slugging Pct.	Pablo O'Connor	APU	9th	.755
Hits	Dixie State	16th	609	Total Bases	Pablo O'Connor	APU	11th	154
Slugging Pct.	Azusa Pacific	23rd	.498	Earned Run Avg.	Stephen Young	PLNU	27th	2.05
On-base Pct.	Dixie State	10th	.418	Strikeouts	Matthew Gunter	HPU	19th	102

PACWEST SCHEDULE/RESULTS

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Monday, February 26

Biola 7, Hawai'i Pacific 5 Biola 10, Hawai'i Pacific 9

Thursday, March 1

Concordia 7, Academy of Art 5 Azusa Pacific 13, Dixie State 7 Azusa Pacific 8, Dixie State 2

Friday, March 2

Concordia 6, Academy of Art 2 Dixie State 14, Azusa Pacific 3 Hawai`i Hilo 15, Biola 1 Biola 17, Hawai`i Hilo 12 California Baptist 7, Holy Names 4

Saturday, March 3

California Baptist 21, Holy Names 3
Academy of Art 8, Concordia 1
Academy of Art 2, Concordia 0
Azusa Pacific 14, Dixie State 9
Biola 2, Hawai`i Hilo 1
Biola 9, Hawai`i Hilo 5
Hawai`i Pacific 4, Point Loma 2
Hawai`i Pacific 5, Point Loma 3

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Monday, March 5

Point Loma at Hawai'i Pacific, 4 p.m.* Holy Names at California Baptist, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Vanguard at Biola, 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

Holy Names at Concordia, 2 p.m. Azusa Pacific at Fresno Pacific, 6 p.m. Point Loma at Hawai'i Hilo, 9 p.m.

Friday, March 9

Azusa Pacific at Fresno Pacific, 2 p.m.* Holy Names at Concordia, 2 p.m. California Baptist at Hawai`i Pacific, 6 p.m. Point Loma at Hawai`i Hilo, 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

Holy Names at Concordia, 11 a.m.* Azusa Pacific at Fresno Pacific, Noon California Baptist at Hawai`i Pacific, 2 p.m. Point Loma at Hawai`i Hilo, 4 p.m. Dixie State at Academy of Art, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Dixie State at Academy of Art, Noon*

NCBWA National Poll

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Rank	Rank Team		Prev.				
1.	1. Azusa Pacific (17)		1				
2.	Delta State (1)	11-1	6				
3.	Belmont Abbey	15-2	11				
4.	Florida Southern	12-1	4				
5.	St. Thomas Aquinas	4-0	7				
6.	Colorado Mesa	8-4	3				
7.	Minnesota State	0-0	8				
8.	Mercyhurst	2-0	14				
9.	Wingate	13-2	16				
10.	Tampa	10-2	17				
11.	So. New Hampshire	4-0	15				
12.	UNC Pembroke	11-1	22				
13.	California Baptist	7-3	12				
14.	West Texas A&M	10-2	RV				
15.	West Chester	2-2	2				
16.	Southern Indiana	2-1	RV				
17.	Central Missouri	8-2	NR				
18.	Saint Leo	10-2	RV				
19.	Mount Olive	8-3	5				
20.	UC San Diego	9-4	24				
21.	Flagler	12-2	RV				
22.	Arkansas Fort Smith	7-3	RV				
23.	New Haven	4-0	RV				
24.	St. Cloud State	2-1	19				

Receiving Votes: Cal State Monterey Bay (8-2); Northwood (4-5); Mississippi (10-2); Texas A&M Kingsville (8-2); Quincy (2-3); Chico State (8-4); West Georgia (11-3); Augustana (5-0); Georgia College (9-4); Franklin Pierce (4-1); Stanislaus State (8-4)

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Next Poll: March 7

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NCBWA WEST REGIONAL POLL

Week 3 - March 5 Rank Team W-L Prev. Azusa Pacific (7) 17-0 2 California Baptist (1) 10-3 2 3 **CSU Monterey Bay** 11-3 4 5 Chico State 10-4 5 3 UC San Diego 11-6 7 Cal Poly Pomona 8-6 7 Hawai'i Pacific 9-5 8 **MSU Billings** 8-6 T10 CSU San Marcos 9-5 RV Stanislaus Sate 8-6 6

^{*}Doubleheader