



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2018 BASEBALL

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Point Loma Extends Winning Streak To 14 Games

PACWEST BASEBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
1.	Azusa Pacific (3)	27-7	--	37-7	Lost 1
2.	Point Loma	27-9	1.0	31-14	Won 14
3.	California Baptist (19)	21-11	6.0	28-14	Won 3
4.	Biola	20-16	8.0	28-18	Won 1
5.	Academy of Art	19-17	9.0	24-21	Won 1
6.	Dixie State	18-18	10.0	22-24	Won 1
7.	Concordia	16-20	12.0	19-27	Lost 1
8.	Hawai'i Hilo	15-19	12.0	19-23	Won 5
9.	Fresno Pacific	13-23	15.0	16-26	Lost 5
10.	Hawai'i Pacific	12-24	16.0	18-26	Lost 1
11.	Holy Names	6-30	22.0	10-36	Lost 4

IRVINE, Calif. -- Following a sweep of Fresno Pacific, Point Loma pulled to within a game of first place in the PacWest standings with a 14-game winning streak that has cut into Azusa Pacific's lead atop the conference.

After being named the No. 4 team in the West Region in the first set of NCAA rankings, Point Loma picked up four more wins to strengthen its chance of advancing to the postseason. The second game of the series was called during extra innings for darkness, and was resumed the next day. In the bottom of the 14th inning, **Micah Pries** hit a walk-off grand slam to secure the 10-6 victory before Point Loma went on to win two more games that day.

Azusa Pacific maintained its top spot in the PacWest standings by winning three of four games at Biola last week, which also helped Azusa Pacific win the inaugural Cornerstone Cup. Between the second and third games, the Cougars put a combined 33 runs on the board.

Concordia and Dixie State split their four-game series last week, meaning that the Trailblazers remain in sixth place with two weeks left in the season.

Academy of Art continues to have an outstanding baseball season by winning three of four games against Hawai'i Pacific and take sole possession of fifth place in the conference. **Marciano Reichel** hit an RBI-single up the middle in the 11th inning to break the tie for a 6-5 victory in the series opener. The Urban Knights went on to win another one-run game, 2-1 and wrapped up the series with a 6-2 victory on Saturday.

NCAA Regional Rankings

Week 1 - April 25

Rank	Team	Overall	In-Region
1	Cal State Monterey Bay	31-11	31-11
2	Azusa Pacific	34-6	34-6
3	UC San Diego	28-13	28-13
4	Point Loma	27-14	24-14
5	California Baptist	28-14	28-14
6	Montana State Billings	24-8	24-8
7	Chico State	27-17	27-17
8	Cal Poly Pomona	23-19	23-19

Week 14 Preview

The penultimate week of the regular season features only two series with graduation taking place at several schools in the conference.

The first of those two series is a key one as Academy of Art travels to California Baptist. In the first regional rankings, the Urban Knights did not make the top eight, while California Baptist came in at No. 5 and hasn't played since then. The top six teams in the region will advance to the NCAA West Regional.

Academy of Art is 24-21 on the season after winning three of four games against Hawai'i Pacific. When playing at home this year, California Baptist is 16-8. Last year, the Urban Knights won one game against the Lancers.

The other series that will take place next week is Hawai'i Pacific traveling to Hawai'i Hilo for a Saturday doubleheader and a non-conference Sunday game. The Vulcans enter the series on a five-game winning streak after a sweep of Holy Names. Hawai'i Hilo is 15-19 on the season in PacWest play.

Hawai'i Pacific went 6-1-1 against Hawai'i Hilo last year with the final game of the second four-game series being called while still tied 5-5.

PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Micah Pries, Point Loma
OF, So., 6-4 -- San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

In a week that featured several outstanding individual performances at the plate in the PacWest, Pries effort that helped Point Loma earn a crucial sweep stood above the rest. The sophomore went 8 for 18 with 10 RBIs and 18 total bases on the week in a four-game sweep of Fresno Pacific. In the second game of the series, Pries hit a three-run home run and had an RBI groundout to account for all four of the Sea Lions runs during regulation. After both teams traded solo home runs in the 11th inning, the game was called for darkness and resumed the next day. In the bottom of the 14th inning, Pries finished the game with a walk-off grand slam to win the game 10-6. The sophomore went 5 for 8 in the next two wins over the Sunbirds and finished the series with five extra-base hits.

PITCHER OF THE WEEK



Ben Kaser, Academy of Art
RHP, Jr., 6-2 -- Van Nuys, Calif.

Kaser broke an Academy of Art record last week by recording his sixth win of the season on Friday against Hawai'i Pacific. The junior threw a one-run complete game, scattering five hits and four walks with five strikeouts to hold onto a 2-1 win. He improved to 6-4 on the season with a 4.16 ERA. He has now won four of his last five starts. It was the first time this year that Kaser has gone beyond the seventh inning in one of his starts. He threw 131 pitches, getting over the 100-pitch mark for just the second time this season.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Brendan Dixon, Azusa Pacific
LHP, Fr., 6-1 -- Hemet, Calif.

On Thursday, Dixon entered the Cougars' game against Biola in the third inning with the Cougars trailing 2-1. He threw seven shutout innings in relief with only three hits and three walks allowed with four strikeouts to earn the win as the offense put six more runs on the board. It was the first time in his career that Dixon had thrown more than two frames in an outing. He brought his ERA on the season down to 1.72 as he earned his second career win.

2018 PACWEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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
Mar. 5 Austin Russ, APU
Mar. 12 Andrew Bash, CBU
Mar. 19 Grant Gamble, APU
Mar. 26 John Balliet, PLNU
Apr. 2 Phillip Steering, UHH
Apr. 9 Luke Navigato, CBU
Apr. 16 Adam Rios, PLNU
Apr. 23 Andrew Bash, CBU

Pitcher of the Week

Feb. 5 Dillon Miyashiro, APU
Feb. 12 Dylan Spain, UHH
Feb. 19 Ben Kaser, ARTU
Feb. 26 Isaiah Carranza, APU
Mar. 5 Micah Beyer, BU
Mar. 12 Layne Henderson, APU
Mar. 19 Isaiah Carranza, APU
Mar. 26 Isaiah Carranza, APU
Apr. 2 Micah Beyer, BU
Apr. 9 Trevor Abshire, PLNU
Apr. 16 Garrett Irvin, PLNU
Apr. 23 Dylan Stowell, CBU

Freshman of the Week

Feb. 5 Garrett Irvin, PLNU
Feb. 12 Osvaldo Tovalin, APU
Feb. 19 Colton Combs, HNU
Feb. 26 Micah Layosa, HPU
Mar. 5 Ryan Gallegos, BU
Mar. 12 Angelo Capolupo, CBU
Mar. 19 Kyle Alcorn, UHH
Mar. 26 Garrett Irvin, PLNU
Apr. 2 Tyler Hollow, DSU
Apr. 9 Jagun Leavitt, DSU
Apr. 16 Travis Burleson, UHH
Apr. 23 Ryan Gallegos, BU

PACWEST SCHEDULE/RESULTS

LAST WEEK'S GAMES

Monday, April 23

Hawai'i Hilo 4, Academy of Art 1
Holy Names 11, Hawai'i Pacific 8

Thursday, April 26

Azusa Pacific 7, Biola 2
Dixie State 8, Concordia 1
Hawai'i Hilo 7, Holy Names 6
Academy of Art 6, Hawai'i Pacific 5

Friday, April 27

Point Loma 9, Fresno Pacific 6
Point Loma 10, Fresno Pacific 6
Concordia 5, Dixie State 4
Azusa Pacific 18, Biola 2
Academy of Art 2, Hawai'i Pacific 1
Hawai'i Hilo 10, Holy Names 9

Saturday, April 28

Point Loma 8, Fresno Pacific 2
Point Loma 6, Fresno Pacific 3
Azusa Pacific 15, Biola 5
Biola 4, Azusa Pacific 3
Concordia 6, Dixie State 5
Dixie State 6, Concordia 5
Hawai'i Hilo 6, Holy Names 5
Hawai'i Hilo 2, Holy Names 1
Hawai'i Pacific 9, Academy of Art 3
Academy of Art 6, Hawai'i Pacific 2

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Tuesday May 1

Academy of Art at California Baptist, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Academy of Art at California Baptist, 4 p.m.*

Thursday, May 3

Academy of Art at California Baptist, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 5

Hawai'i Pacific at Hawai'i Hilo, 3 p.m.*

Sunday, May 6

Hawai'i Pacific at Hawai'i Hilo, Noon

**Doubleheader*

NCBWA National Poll

Week 13 - April 25

Rank	Team	W-L	Prev.
1	Augustana (10)	34-2	3
2	North Greenville (3)	39-6	4
3	Azusa Pacific (4)	34-6	1
4	Tampa (1)	32-7	2
5	Illinois Springfield	35-5	5
6	West Texas A&M	32-9	6
7	Delta State	35-7	10
8	Mercyhurst	27-7	9
9	Georgia College	33-9	8
10	LeMoyne	27-9-1	11
11	Florida Southern	34-5-1	7
12	CSU Monterey Bay	31-11	13
13	Columbus State	35-8	12
14	Colorado Mines	28-10	14
15	New Haven	27-6	16
16	Nova Southeastern	29-10	19
17	Bellarmino	33-12	25
18	Central Oklahoma	31-15	18
19	California Baptist	28-14	21
20	Belmont Abbey	36-10	20
21	West Chester	24-11	17
22	St. Thomas Aquinas	29-9	23
23	Central Missouri	29-12	22
24	Ohio Dominican	27-10	15
25	Arkansas Fort Smith	29-12	24

Receiving Votes: Saint Leo, Fla. (32-8); Bloomsburg, Pa. (25-9); Mount Olive, N.C. (33-12-1); UC San Diego (28-13); Texas A&M-Kingsville (31-10); UNC Pembroke (33-12); Northwood, Mich. (28-11); Arkansas Monticello (29-14).

Next Poll: May 1

PACWEST LEADERS IN NATIONAL STATISTICS

TEAM STATS (as of April 26)

Stat	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	California Baptist	47th	.309
Earned Run Avg.	California Baptist	4th	2.67
Fielding Pct.	Azusa Pacific	34th	96.8
Runs	Azusa Pacific	22nd	8.0
Home Runs	Azusa Pacific	8th	1.5
Doubles	California Baptist	39th	2.1
WHIP	California Baptist	7th	1.25
Strikeouts/9	Azusa Pacific	20th	9.5
Slugging Pct.	Azusa Pacific	28th	.495
On-base Pct.	Azusa Pacific	61st	.401

INDIVIDUAL STATS (as of April 26)

Stat	Player	Team	Rank	Avg.
Batting Average	Christian Kapeliela	HPU	22nd	.419
Home Runs	Tyler Flores	PLNU	8th	0.41
Triples	Elijah Smith	ART U	7th	0.17
Doubles	Tommy Bell	CBU	30th	0.43
Runs Batted In	Tyler Flores	PLNU	14th	1.34
Runs	Pablo O'Connor	APU	69th	1.14
Slugging Pct.	Andrew Bash	CBU	7th	.806
On-base Pct.	Austin Russ	APU	8th	.537
Earned Run Avg.	Garrett Irvin	PLNU	9th	1.41
Strikeouts/9	Aiden McIntyre	HNU	7th	13.4