



WEEKLY ROUNDUP

2021 BASEBALL

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Cruz Blasts Three Home Runs In Biola's Win

PACWEST BASEBALL STANDINGS

No.	Team	Conf.	GB	Overall	Streak
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA POD					
1.	Azusa Pacific	10-2	--	17-4	Lost 1
2.	Point Loma	6-6	4.0	7-9	Won 1
3.	Concordia	5-7	5.0	5-7	Won 2
4.	Biola	3-9	7.0	3-10	Lost 2
HAWAII POD					
1.	Hawai'i Hilo	4-1	--	4-4	Won 2
2.	Hawai'i Pacific	1-4	3.0	1-8	Lost 2
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POD					
1.	Academy of Art	9-7	--	9-7	Lost 2
2.	Holy Names	6-6	1.0	8-6	Won 1
3.	Fresno Pacific	5-7	2.0	9-11	Won 2

IRVINE, Calif. -- Biola's **RobertAnthony Cruz** and Holy Names' **Noah Barros** recorded two of the best single-game performances the PacWest has seen this year. Barros recorded his second-consecutive shutout with just one hit and now walks allowed for his third win. Cruz hit three home and drove in six runs to lead Biola to its second conference win of the year.

Azusa Pacific won its first three games against Point Loma to expand its lead at the top of the SoCal Pod standings. In the second game of the series, **Cory Dawson** threw a five-hit shutout with seven strikeouts and no walks for his third win of the season. Point Loma came back to win the final game of the series, 2-1.

Academy of Art holds onto the lead in the NorCal Pod standings, but Holy Names took three of four games off the Urban Knights to pull within one game of first place in a series that was dominated by the offense until Barros' gem in the finale. **Jake Creamer** hit two home runs in the second game of the series to lead the Hawks to a 29-6 victory. **Morgan McIntosh** had five hits in that game and six runs scored. This week, Fresno Pacific will face Holy Names as both teams continue to chase the Urban Knights in the standings.

Hawai'i Hilo won the only game that was completed this week on the islands, beating Hawai'i Pacific, 8-1 to take a 4-1 lead in the season series. **John Bicos** had a home run and double in the win, and **Kyle Alcorn** earned the win with no earned runs allowed.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



RobertAnthony Cruz, Biola INF, Jr., 6-1 -- Riverside, Calif.

The former All-PacWest middle infielder continued his hot start to the season with his best week so far. Cruz recorded three hits in three games last week as Biola split with Concordia. In the series opener, Cruz blasted three home runs in four at bats and drove in six runs for the win. In the next game, Cruz got an RBI double for Biola's second win. In the final two games, he went a combined 6 for 9 with a home run and double on the road. He has now recorded an extra-base hit in six-consecutive games.

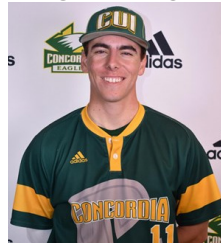
PITCHER OF THE WEEK



Noah Barros, Holy Names P, Sr., 6-2 -- Prescott Valley, Ariz.

Barros was virtually unhittable as he recorded his second-consecutive complete-game shutout. Barros allowed one hit and no walks in a 4-0 victory over Academy of Art for his third win in as many starts this season. He struck out six batters in the seven-inning game and only needed 82 pitches in an efficient performance for the Hawks. Barros has allowed just two runs in 23 innings pitched this year and has 28 strikeouts to just five walks and eight hits.

FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK



Nathan Benefeito, Concordia OF, Fr., 6-1 -- Mission Viejo, Calif.

Benefeito recorded a hit in all four games as Concordia split the series against Biola. He finished the four-game series going 7 for 14 with five RBIs and three runs to raise his batting average on the season to .295 over 12 games. In the second game of the series, Benefeito went 3 for 3 with three singles and a sacrifice bunt. In the series finale, the freshman scored on a wild pitch in the second inning. Then in the fourth inning, he had a 2-RBI double. He also drove in the final run of the game with a single in the sixth inning.

PACWEST RECORD WATCH

SINGLE SEASON INDIVIDUAL RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Player	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Hits	Osvaldo Tovalin	APU	32	80	91
Runs	Osvaldo Tovalin	APU	23	55	67
RBI's	Joseph Kim	APU	25	59	75
Home Runs	Joseph Kim	APU	7	17	27
Stolen Bases	Nick Dodd	FPU	8	20	33
Wins	Cory Dawson	APU	4	9	11
Strikeouts	Ricardo Hernandez Jr.	HNU	38	95	109
Inn. Pitched	Justin Fuson	FPU	22.1	93.1	107
Slugging Pct.	RobertAnthony Cruz	BU	.952	.691	.865
Batting Avg.	RobertAnthony Cruz	BU	.452	.405	.425
On-Base Pct.	Jesus Hernandez	HNU	.525	.496	.537

SINGLE SEASON TEAM RECORD TRACKER

Stat	Team	No.	Top 10	Record
Wins	Azusa Pacific	17	38	42
Batting Avg.	Academy of Art	.326	.315	.347
Runs	Azusa Pacific	183	373	450
Hits	Azusa Pacific	230	544	603
Doubles	Fresno Pacific	35	101	118
Triples	Academy of Art	5	15	24
Home Runs	Azusa Pacific	41	55	107
Walks	Azusa Pacific	80	218	280
ERA	Azusa Pacific	4.19	3.43	2.50
Strikeouts	Azusa Pacific	194	408	501
Fielding Pct.	Hawai'i Hilo	.969	.971	.977
Double Plays	Fresno Pacific	14	48	58
Stolen Bases	Fresno Pacific	32	73	97

NCBWA Top 25 Rankings

Week 6 - Mar. 31

Rk.	Team	W-L	Prev.
1.	Lindenwood [4]	12-0	3
2.	Colorado Mesa [2]	16-2	4
3.	Tampa [8]	7-1	2
4.	Lee [4]	21-2	6
5.	Central Missouri	18-4	5
6.	West Texas A&M	21-3	10
7.	Mount Olive [1]	19-6	8
8.	Azusa Pacific	14-3	7
9.	Seton Hill	12-0	11
10.	Missouri Southern	18-3	9
11.	Angelo State	17-3	1
12.	North Greenville	20-6	12
13.	West Florida	20-5	13
14.	Illinois-Springfield	14-2	14
15.	Northwest Nazarene	17-3	15
16.	Southern New Hampshire	4-0	20
17.	MSU Denver	18-2	18
18.	UNC Pembroke	19-5	RV
19.	Minnesota State	11-1	RV
20.	Tusculum	18-5	17
21.	Northwood	8-2	t21
22.	St. Thomas Aquinas	6-0	RV
23.	Millersville	9-4	RV
24.	UT Tyler	16-7	25
25.	Minnesota-Crookston	11-0	NR

Receiving Votes: Shorter, Franklin
Pierce, North Georgia, Augustana, Mercy-
hurst, **Point Loma**, Quincy, Rollins

PREVIOUS WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Date	Player	Pitcher	Freshman
March 8	Adam Inouye, ART U	Matthew Sanchez, ART U	Tyler DeYoung, HPU
March 15	Joseph Kim, APU	AJ Woodall, APU	David Hays, APU
March 22	Osvaldo Tovalin, APU	Ricardo Hernandez, Jr., HNU	Omar Lopez, APU
March 29	Joseph Kim, APU	Nathan Garkow, PLNU	Omar Lopez, APU