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Baseball

WCC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY SELECTED

Player of the Month - Jackson Brennan, Gonzaga University

Gonzaga's Jackson Brennan earned WCC Player of the Month honors for February after getting the season off to an outstanding start. Brennan led the Zags to a 7-6 mark on the month, and helped the program to its first national ranking since 1981 when Gonzaga checked in at No. 29 in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll on February 13. The Bulldogs got out of the gate fast to begin the season, winning the UT-Pan American Classic before upsetting then-No. 10 ranked Arizona State and then-No. 2 ranked Oregon State at the Surprise Spring Training Classic.

The senior batted .396 on the month, going 21-for-53, while starting all 13 games in the outfield for the Zags. Brennan also posted outstanding power numbers, pacing the conference with five home runs and driving in a team-high 14 RBI, while notching an .811 slugging percentage. The Castle Rock, CO native also clubbed three doubles and a pair of triples on the month, and swiped a team-best two bases. Brennan was also flawless in the field, posting a 1.000 fielding percentage.



Pitcher of the Month - Josh Butler, University of San Diego

San Diego's Josh Butler enjoyed an incredible start to the season, posting a 3-1 record as he led the Toreros to the highest ranking in program history during the month of February. The junior couldn't have started the season off any better on February 3, as Butler tossed five innings of two-hit ball in San Diego's season-opening win over then-No. 1 ranked Texas. He continued his mastery of opposing lineups in the following weeks, throwing seven shutout innings as USD topped UC Davis, and striking out eight batters in a 10-0 win over Vanderbilt. Butler's 25-inning scoreless streak came to an end on February 24, as he allowed just one run in a loss at Georgia.

For the month, Butler posted a nearly perfect 0.35 earned run average in four starts, striking out 22 batters in 26 innings of work. The Danville, CA native surrendered just 13 hits on the month, and issued just seven free passes. He held opposing batters to a .148 batting average, and allowed just two extra base hits in his four outings. Butler closed out the month leading the conference in wins, and helped the Toreros to a program-best No. 9 national ranking in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll on February 13.

