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BASEBALL

WCC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL SELECTED

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

San Diego's Josh Butler tied for the conference lead with three wins in the month of April, ranked third in innings pitched with 37.0, and tied for eighth in ERA with a solid 2.68 and strikeouts with 21. The sophomore right-hander also tied for second in opponents batting average, holding the opposition to just 29 hits in the month and a .215 average. The Danville, Calif. native led San Diego to wins over Coast Division leader Gonzaga, Santa Clara, and Pepperdine in April, and finished the month with a 3-1 record. Butler recorded a career-high nine strikeouts in a 19-2 win over Santa Clara in the month and twice posted victories after giving up just one run in the wins over Gonzaga and Santa Clara. Butler also was impressive in a start against West Division leader San Francisco that resulted in a no-decision for the hurler. In the game against the Dons, Butler threw 8.1 innings, while giving up just two runs on eight hits with two strikeouts. Butler is the second Torero pitcher to be named WCC Pitcher of the Month, joining sophomore left-hander Nate Boman.



Player of the Month - Chad Tracy, Pepperdine University

Pepperdine's Chad Tracy led Pepperdine to a 10-7 record in the month of April that included two key wins over West Division leader San Francisco and upset victories over then-No. 14 Long Beach State and No. 2 Cal State Fullerton. The sophomore catcher led the conference in hits in the month with 30 and triples with two. Tracy ranked second in the WCC in batting average in April, hitting at an impressive .411 clip and slugging percentage at .685, tied for second with 19 RBI, tied for fourth with three homeruns, ranked fifth with a .450 on-base percentage, and tied for sixth with seven doubles. The Claremont, Calif. native also scored 14 runs in the month and was 1-for-2 in stolen base attempts. Tracy hit safely in 16 of the 17 games in April and totaled 10 multiple-hit games and six multiple-RBI games. Additionally, Tracy had an eight-game hitting streak to end the month in which he batted .421 with six runs scored, three doubles, a triple, two homeruns, and 11 RBI. Behind the plate, Tracy was perfect, recording 110 putouts and 10 assists without an error. Tracy joins teammates Steve Kleen and David Uribes as Pepperdine players to earn the monthly honor in three consecutive months.

