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## BASEBALL

### WCC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH FOR MAY SELECTED

#### Pitcher of the Month - Anthony Rea, Santa Clara University

Santa Clara's Anthony Rea led the Broncos with a 3-1 record on the mound in the month of May with wins over then-No. 21 Stanford, WCC champion Pepperdine, and Portland. The senior right-hander tied for third in the conference with three wins in the month, ranked fourth with an impressive 1.33 ERA, and held opponent's to the fifth-lowest batting average in May at .206. The Palo Alto, Calif. native registered two complete games, including a 2-1 victory over NCAA-bound Pepperdine and a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to San Francisco. Rea allowed just 21 hits in five appearances for a 0.78 hits per inning average, struck out 15 batters, and walked just two opponents in the month for a 0.07 walks per inning average. Rea was named the WCC/Rawlings Pitcher of the Week on May 17 after picking up two wins on the week over Stanford and Pepperdine. On the road against the Waves, Rea out-dueled WCC Pitcher of the Year Paul Coleman and hurled a complete-game victory as the Friday starter in arguably his best outing of the year. Rea was named to the All-WCC first team earlier in the month.



#### Player of the Month - Steve Kleen, Pepperdine University

Pepperdine's Steve Kleen led the Waves both offensively and on the mound to the WCC West Division and conference titles during the month of May. The senior utility player ranked second in the conference with a team-best .422 (27-for-64) batting average, tied for first in the WCC with 27 hits, tied for second with 14 RBI, and scored nine runs with one homerun, while posting team-bests in slugging percentage (.531) and on-base percentage (.481). The Menifee, Calif. native hit safely in 15 of 17 games, including the final 14, while totaling eight multi-hit games in May. Kleen's lone homerun of the month was a grand slam against LMU that helped propel the Waves to a victory in the second game of the WCC Championship Series to even the series at one game apiece. As Pepperdine's closer, Kleen appeared in seven games and worked 10.1 scoreless innings for a conference-best 0.00 ERA, while allowing just four hits and three walks with 11 strikeouts. Kleen led the WCC in May with a .121 opponent's batting average and picked up a conference-best six saves in the month. Kleen was named a unanimous All-WCC first team selection earlier in the month and was recently named one of five national finalists for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award. This marks the second Player of the Month award for Kleen and the fourth straight award for a Pepperdine player.

