



# Division II All-America Program

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## 2019 D2CCA Baseball All-West Region Teams

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**FRESNO, Calif.** – A total of 33 student-athletes have been named to the 2019 Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-West Region Baseball Teams, as announced on Wednesday. Azusa Pacific's Cole Kleszcz was chosen as the West Region Player of the year, while Brandon Weed of UC San Diego garnered West Region Pitcher of the Year honors.

In all, 15 schools have representatives on the regional ballot, with the California Collegiate Athletic Conference and the Great Northwest Athletic Conference each garnering six First Team selections. The vote was one of the most balanced in recent memory, with the GNAC leading the way with 12 total selections, the CCAA following with 11, and the PacWest rounding out the ballot with 10.

The PacWest Player of the Year, Kleszcz tied the PacWest single-season home runs record during the regular season by belting 22 longballs, including three in the Cougars' doubleheader sweep of Point Loma to tie the record. Along with leading the PacWest in home runs, the junior from Valencia, California, was tied for the lead in doubles with 16 and had a conference-best 158 extra-base hits. Kleszcz finished the year with a .380 batting average and .859 slugging percentage, which is currently the second best in PacWest history.

As the CCAA's Most Valuable Pitcher, Weed dominated throughout the regular season, finishing with a 1.73 earned run average, 17th nationally, with a league-leading nine victories. Heading into the postseason, the Lemon Grove native was the only CCAA pitcher to hold a WHIP under 1.00, and he went on to strikeout seven batters over seven innings in his lone outing of the CCAA Tournament.

Voting was conducted by the NCAA Division II Sports Information Directors from West Region institutions and conference offices. Each of the 16 first teamers will now be eligible for the All-American honors, which will be announced later this month. The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

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**Pitcher of the Year** – Brandon Weed, UC San Diego

**Player of the Year** – Cole Kleszcz, Azusa Pacific

**All-West Region First Team**

**SP** – Brandon Weed, UC San Diego, Jr. Lemon Grove, Calif.

**SP** – Alex Roth, Western Oregon, Jr., Peoria, Ariz.

**SP** – Zach Noll, Point Loma, Jr., Temecula, Calif.

**SP** – Andrew Lopez, Chico State, Sr., San Diego

**RP** – Matt Pulos, Stanislaus State, Sr., Brentwood, Calif.

**C** – Jared McDonald, Western Oregon, Sr., Phoenix

**1B** – Daniel Cipriano, MSU Billings, Jr., Agoura Hills, Calif.

**2B** – Gabe Chavez, CSU San Bernardino, Sr., West Covina, Calif.

**SS** – Shay Whitcomb, UC San Diego, So., Newbury Park, Calif.

**3B** – Osvaldo Tovalin, Azusa Pacific, So., Chula Vista, Calif.

**OF** – Cole Kleszcz, Azusa Pacific, Jr., Valencia, Calif.

**OF** – Micah Pries, Point Loma, Jr., San Juan Capistrano

**OF** – Jalen Garcia, MSU Billings, Sr., Billings, Mont.

**DH** – Alex DeVito, Chico State, Sr., Northridge, Calif.

**UT** – Derek Maiben, Western Oregon, Fr., Newberg, Ore.

**UT/P** – Connor McCord, Western Oregon, Jr., Gilbert, Ariz.

**All-West Region Second Team**

**SP** – Nick Estrella, Azusa Pacific, Jr., Tucson, Ariz.

**SP** – Tanner Inouye, Saint Martin's, Jr., Honolulu

**SP** – Garrett O'Callaghan, Holy Names, Sr., Grass Valley, Calif.

**SP** – Preston Mott, UC San Diego, Sr. Clovis, Calif.

**RP** – Mickey Walker, Saint Martin's, Sr., Keizer, Ore.

**C** – Aaron Kim, UC San Diego, R-So., Orange, Calif.

**1B** – Pierson Loska, Cal State Dominguez Hills, Jr., Fountain Valley, Calif.

**2B** – Ryon Knowles, Cal Poly Pomona, Jr., Corona, Calif.

**2B** – Joe Quire, Azusa Pacific, Sr., La Verne, Calif.

**SS** – Wyatt Setian, MSU Billings, So., Post Falls, Idaho

**3B** – Chris Arpan, MSU Billings, Jr., Lake Oswego, Ore.

**DH** – Cooper Moore, Concordia Irvine, Jr., Huntington Beach, Calif.

**OF** – Matt Dillon, MSU Billings, Sr., Billings, Mont.

**OF** – Thomas Delgadillo, Academy of Art, Jr., Diamond Bar, Calif.

**OF** – Griffey Halle, Western Oregon, Sr., East Wenatchee, Wash.

**UT** – Joseph Bahna, Cal State San Marcos, So., Upland, Calif.

**UT/P** – John Balliet, Point Loma, Sr., Mission Viejo, Calif.

