

2014 Daktronics Division II West Region Baseball

Cal Poly Pomona's Armendariz, Chico State's Baker Capture Top West Region Baseball Awards

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HAYWARD, Calif. — Cal Poly Pomona outfielder David Armendariz has been named 2014 Daktronics, Inc. Division II West Region Baseball Player of the Year, announced Thursday. Fellow senior Nick Baker of Chico State was selected as the 2014 West Region Pitcher of the Year.

Chico State led all West Region squads with five First Team selections and seven total All-Region honorees. UC San Diego, the top seed and host of the NCAA Division II West Regional, placed players three on First Team and one on Second Team. California Baptist also had four total honorees with two on each team.

Fellow NCAA West Regional participants Cal Poly Pomona and Dixie State each totaled three selections, one First Team pick and two Second Team picks apiece. Central Washington placed a pitcher and two position players on Second Team. Cal State East Bay had a pair of Second Team selections to round out the squads with multiple honorees.

Cal State Monterey Bay, Saint Martin's, Montana State University Billings, and Sonoma State all had one player earn First Team honors. Cal State Dominguez Hills, Northwest Nazarene, and San Francisco State all had one Second Team selection.

Armendariz led the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) in home runs (9), runs batted in (50), total bases (102), and slugging percentage (.593) during the regular season. He also belted 15 doubles and stole 10 bases, earning CCAA Player of the Year honors.

Baker led a Chico State pitching staff that posted one of the top ten earned run averages in the nation. He finished the regular season 9-1 with a 1.56 ERA. He allowed just 66 hits and nine walks in 92.1 innings and notched five complete games. The right-hander was among the national leaders in WHIP and strikeout-walk ratio, and he was named CCAA Pitcher of the Year. Baker enters the NCAA Division II postseason with a career record of 31-8.

Sonoma State junior George Asmus, California Baptist sophomore Trevor Oaks, and Chico State sophomore Brad Lohse joined Baker as First Team starting pitchers. Wildcat teammate Luke Barker was tabbed as the First Team relief pitcher. The First Team infield consisted of Saint Martin's junior Chandler Tracy at catcher, Dixie State senior Tyler Blair at first base, UC San Diego junior Erik Lewis at second base, Chico State senior Ruben Padilla at third base, and Montana State Billings junior Brody Miller at shortstop.

California Baptist junior Andy Crowley and Cal State Monterey Bay senior Mark Hurley joined Armendariz as First Team outfielders. UC San Diego senior Nick La Face made First Team as the designated hitter. Utility players Troy Cruz of UC San Diego and Eric Angerer of Chico State rounded out the First Team selections.

Baker, Hurley, and Dixie State's Kevin Kline garnered All-West Region honors for the second straight year, with Baker the only student-athlete to repeat on First Team.

Players selected to First Team will now be listed on the Daktronics All-American national ballot. Armendariz and Baker will be eligible for National Player and Pitcher of the Year, respectively.

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DAKTRONICS, INC. DIVISION II WEST REGION BASEBALL TEAMS

Daktronics West Region Player of the Year: David Armendariz, Senior, Cal Poly Pomona

Daktronics West Region Pitcher of the Year: Nick Baker, Senior, Chico State

FIRST TEAM

Starting Pitcher	George Asmus	Sr.	Sonoma State	Pleasanton, Calif.
Starting Pitcher	Nick Baker	Sr.	Chico State	La Quinta, Calif.
Starting Pitcher	Brad Lohse	So.	Chico State	Chico, Calif.
Starting Pitcher	Trevor Oaks	So.	California Baptist	Riverside, Calif.
Relief Pitcher	Luke Barker	Jr.	Chico State	Chico, Calif.
Catcher	Chandler Tracy	Jr.	Saint Martin's	Newcastle, Wash.
First Base	Tyler Blair	Sr.	Dixie State	Las Vegas, Nev.
Second Base	Erik Lewis	Jr.	UC San Diego	Upland, Calif.
Third Base	Ruben Padilla	Sr.	Chico State	Reseda, Calif.
Shortstop	Brody Miller	Jr.	Montana State Billings	Missoula, Mont.
Outfield	David Armendariz	Sr.	Cal Poly Pomona	Granada Hills, Calif.
Outfield	Andy Crowley	Jr.	California Baptist	Highland, Calif.
Outfield	Mark Hurley	Sr.	Cal State Monterey Bay	Hollister, Calif.
Utility (Non-Pitcher)	Eric Angerer	Sr.	Chico State	Danville, Calif.
Utility (Pitcher)	Troy Cruz	So.	UC San Diego	Chula Vista, Calif.
Designated Hitter	Nick La Face	Sr.	UC San Diego	North Hollywood, Calif.

SECOND TEAM

Starting Pitcher	John Conquy	Jr.	Dixie State	Las Vegas, Nev.
Starting Pitcher	Justin Donatella	So.	UC San Diego	Saugus, Calif.
Starting Pitcher	Aaron Vaughn	Sr.	Northwest Nazarene	Tucson, Ariz.
Starting Pitcher	Brandon Williams	Jr.	Central Washington	Auburn, Wash.
Relief Pitcher	Cory Davis	Jr.	San Francisco State	Chino Hills, Calif.
Catcher	Marcus Mastrobuoni	Jr.	Cal State Stanislaus	Livermore, Calif.
Catcher	Peter Miller	Jr.	Chico State	Santa Cruz, Calif.
First Base	Kamran Young	Jr.	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Santa Clarita, Calif.
Second Base	Trevor Magno	Sr.	Cal Poly Pomona	Anaheim, Calif.
Third Base	Blair Moore	Sr.	California Baptist	Riverside, Calif.
Shortstop	Andrew Montoya	Jr.	California Baptist	Colton, Calif.
Shortstop	Cody Slader	Jr.	Chico State	Castro Valley, Calif.
Outfield	Joseph Eusebio	Sr.	Cal Poly Pomona	Walnut, Calif.
Outfield	Skippy Ferreria	Jr.	Cal State Stanislaus	Fresno, Calif.
Outfield	Kelly Starnes	Jr.	Cal State East Bay	Pittsburg, Calif.
Utility (Non-Pitcher)	Jason Fletcher	Jr.	Cal State East Bay	Sacramento, Calif.
Utility (Pitcher)	Cory Welch	Jr.	Central Washington	Las Vegas, Nev.
Designated Hitter	Kasey Bielec	Jr.	Central Washington	Port Orchard, Wash.
Designated Hitter	Kevin Kline	Jr.	Dixie State	Las Vegas, Nev.