

PROFESSIONAL

DREW POMERANZ, Baseball, San Diego Padres—Heading into his final start for May, Pomeranz was one of the National League's top pitchers with a 1.91 ERA. He still finished the month with a 2.25 ERA in 36 innings, allowing just 18 hits and 9 earned runs. He had a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 38-17 and batters were hitting just .145 against him.

STEPHEN STRASBURG, Baseball, Washington Nationals, SDSU, West Hills High Alumnus—In 11 starts, the 6-4 right-hander fashioned a 9-0 record with a 2.69 ERA and a WHIP of just 1.086. In 73 innings, Strasburg allowed 22 runs on 60 hits. He struck out 90 batters while walking only 22 to lead the Nationals to the top of the National League East standings.

COLE HAMELS, Baseball, Texas Rangers, Rancho Bernardo High Alumnus—Getting off to a 5-1 start, the 6-4 lefty was instrumental in boosting the Rangers into the American League West lead. Hamels posted a 3.34 ERA in 62 innings, allowing 59 hits and 23 earned runs. Along the way he fanned 67 batters while walking only 23.

AMATEUR

NAHUM MENDOZA III, Golf, SDSU, Francis Parker Alumnus—Ranked No. 26 nationally, Mendoza equaled the school record with a 67 in the first round of the NCAA Championships before going on to finish 26th overall with a 7-over par 287. The 287 was an Aztec record for 72 holes in the NCAA championships.

PAIGE HUGHES, Women's Track, UCSD, Valhalla High Alumnus—A senior, Hughes won her third 10,000-meter conference title. She completed the 25-lap race in 36-minutes, 3.42-seconds, leading from start to finish, outkicking Chico State's Sadie Gastelum (36:07.79). She finished her collegiate career with an 18th place in the NCAA Division II championships.

UROS PETRONIJEVIC, Tennis, USD—A native of Serbia, Petronijevic became USD's fifth men's tennis player to earn NCAA Division I All-America honors. Ranked 56th in the nation heading into the NCAA individual singles championships, Petronijevic knocked off No. 44 and No. 25. In the round of 16 he was bested by No. 2 Roberto Cid of South Florida, 6-4, 6-3. He was named First Team All-WCC, finishing 22-13.

DAN GOLUBOVIC, Men's Track, UCSD—As might be expected from a decathlete, the redshirt freshman captured conference titles in the javelin at 197-6 and the pole vault at 15-7 ¼. His 24 points helped the Tritons finished second in the team race. He placed sixth in the NCAA Division II decathlon with 7,116 points.

RACHEL MITCHELL, Water Polo, SDSU—A senior goalie for the Aztecs, Mitchell totaled 65 saves (13 per game) in five matches. Mitchell matched her career high with 18 stops in the Golden Coast Conference championship game victory over Pacific, which required two sudden-victory overtimes. She was named GCC tournament MVP. In SDSU's first NCAA Championship game since 2008, she made 13 saves in the win over Wagner.

FREDERIK JAHR, Men's Track, UCSD—The Tritons have always been a contender in the CCAA track and field championships and they didn't disappoint this year as Jahr earned All-Conference honors by clearing 6-7 in the high jump, finishing third overall based on misses at lower heights.

HIGH SCHOOL

KEEGAN SMITH, Tennis, Point Loma—No matter how, the Pointers junior seems to find his way to the top of the victory stand. Smith defended his section singles title against teammate Ivan Thamma, with whom he partnered to win the doubles crown as a freshman. Smith downed his classmate 6-1, 6-4.

KAIWEN LIU, Golf, Torrey Pines—Not only did the junior lead the Falcons to the team title, he won the individual crown in record fashion. When he fired a two-round total of 14-under par 130 at Admiral Baker, Liu posted the lowest winning score in section history, topping the previous best by four strokes.

PAYTON TIDD, Softball, San Marcos—It took 128 pitches but the Knights freshman finished off a glittering 7-0 month when she hurled San Marcos to the section Open Division title with a 7-6 win over defending champ Poway. For the season, Tidd went 19-1, finishing with 17 straight wins and 124 strikeouts.

TESSA ANDERSON, Gymnastics, West Hills—It isn't often that a freshman can wow the judges but Anderson did just that to capture the section all-around title while leading the Wolf Pack to the team championship. Anderson won the beam (9.675) and the floor exercise (9.425) and was second in the vault (9.450) and bars (9.550).

RASHID SHAHEED, Boys Track, Mt. Carmel—Headed to Weber State this fall, Shaheed collected plenty of hardware in leading the Sundevils to the Division I team title. Shaheed won the 400-meters in 48.62 seconds, the 200 in 21.53 and anchored the 4x100 relay winners in 41.65. He also anchored the second place 4x400 relay team.

LEWIS BUTLER, Baseball, Hoover—A senior infielder, Butler posted off-the-chart numbers while leading the Cardinals to a 22-7 record. The powerfully-built Butler batted .590 with 59 hits, 28 RBI and 23 doubles. He walked 21 times. That resulted in a .672 on-base percentage, an .870 slugging average and a 1.542 OPS.