



# PAC-12 CONFERENCE

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**PAC-12 BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS**  
**ARIZONA'S ALEX MEJIA NAMED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**OREGON'S ALEX KEUDELL NAMED PITCHER OF THE YEAR**  
**ARIZONA'S ALEX MEJIA NAMED DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
**OREGON STATE'S MICHAEL CONFORTO NAMED FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**  
**ARIZONA'S ANDY LOPEZ NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR**

**WALNUT CREEK, Calif.** - In a vote by the Conference coaches, ARIZONA junior shortstop **Alex Mejia** has been named the 2012 Pac-12 Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year, while OREGON senior right-handed pitcher **Alex Keudell** has earned Pitcher of the Year honors. OREGON STATE freshman outfielder **Michael Conforto** has been voted Freshman of the Year, and Arizona's **Andy Lopez** has been named Coach of the Year, Commissioner Larry Scott announced Wednesday.

**Pac-12 Player of the Year -- Alex Mejia, ARIZONA**

Mejia is the sixth Wildcat all-time to be awarded Pac-12 Player of the Year, following South Division winners Terry Francona (1980), Chip Hale (shared in 1987), and Scott Erickson and Alan Zinter (shared with each other in 1989); and Trevor Crowe, who shared the honor in 2005. From Sylmar, Calif., Mejia boasts a .357 batting average, good enough for third on the team and fifth in the Conference. The junior shortstop leads Arizona and the Pac-12 in hits with 81.

**Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year -- Alex Keudell, OREGON**

Keudell is the first-ever Oregon Duck to win Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year. The Portland, Ore., native set a school record for single-season wins after finishing the regular season with a 10-4 record. His 2.12 ERA leads the Oregon pitching staff and is the third-lowest among Pac-12 starting pitchers. The senior righty won two Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week awards this season and is a Golden Spikes Award semifinalist. Keudell, Oregon's Friday-night starter, has elevated the Ducks to national rankings as high as No. 5 by *Baseball America* and No. 1 by *Collegiate Baseball* this season, and leads the team into the postseason as the No. 5 overall seed.

**Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year -- Alex Mejia, ARIZONA**

Mejia is the first-ever Wildcat to receive Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year honors. He started all 55 games this season, posting a .953 fielding percentage and a team-leading 169 assists, ranking him seventh in the Conference in that category.

**Pac-12 Freshman of the Year -- Michael Conforto, OREGON STATE**

Conforto is the second Beaver all-time to be awarded Freshman of the Year, with Darwin Barney

receiving the honor in 2005. The outfielder from Woodinville, Wash., leads the Pac-12 in RBI (71) and slugging percentage (.603), and is tied for first in home runs (13). His .343 batting average ranks second on his team and 11th in the Conference. Conforto also has collected 123 total bases, the second-best sum in the league.

### **Pac-12 Coach of the Year -- Andy Lopez, ARIZONA**

Lopez is the second Arizona skipper to win Coach of the Year, succeeding Jerry Kindall, who shared the South Division award in 1980 and 1992, and won outright in 1989. Picked to finish second in the Conference, the Wildcats finished as Pac-12 Co-Champions, securing the program's first league championship since 1992. Arizona was ranked as high as fourth in the country by *Baseball America* this season and never fell out of the top 15. The 'Cats will make their eighth postseason appearance in the last 10 years under Lopez, hosting a regional for the first time since 1992.

### **ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>School</b>
Beau Amaral (2)	OF	Jr.	UCLA
Mark Appel	RHP	Jr.	Stanford
Taylor Ard (2)	1B	RS Jr.	Washington State
David Berg	RHP	Fr.	UCLA
Bobby Brown	DH	Sr.	Arizona
Michael Conforto	OF	Fr.	Oregon State
Joey DeMichele (2)	2B	Jr.	Arizona State
Johnny Field	OF	So.	Arizona
Jeff Gelalich	OF	Jr.	UCLA
Scott Griggs	RHP	Jr.	UCLA
Tyler Heineman	C	Jr.	UCLA
Kurt Heyer (3)	RHP	Jr.	Arizona
Derek Jones	OF	Sr.	Washington State
Alex Keudell	RHP	Sr.	Oregon
Deven Marrero (2)	SS	Jr.	Arizona State
Alex Mejia (2)	SS	Jr.	Arizona
Seth Mejias-Brean	3B	Jr.	Arizona
Stephen Piscotty (2)	3B	Jr.	Stanford
Adam Plutko (2)	RHP	So.	UCLA
Robert Refsnyder (2)	OF	Jr.	Arizona
Tony Renda (3)	2B	Jr.	California
Brady Rodgers	RHP	Jr.	Arizona State
Jimmie Sherfy	RHP	So.	Oregon
Tyler Smith	SS	Jr.	Oregon State
Trevor Williams	RHP	So.	Arizona State

(1) - Two-time All-Conference selection

(2) - Three-time All-Conference selection

**Honorable Mention:** Chase Anselment (WASH, Jr., DH); Andrew Aplin (ASU, Jr., OF); Jake Barrett (ASU, Jr., RHP); James Brooks (UTAH, Sr., SS); Ryan Deeter (UCLA, RS So., RHP); Mitch Delfino (CAL, Jr., 1B); Matt Flemer (CAL, Sr., RHP); Josh Fredendall (WASH, Jr., RHP); Jace Fry (OSU, Jr., LHP); Ryon

Healy (ORE, So., 1B); Aaron Jones (ORE, So., OF); Jacob Lamb (WASH, Jr., 3B); Parker Morin (UTAH, Jr., C); Brian Ragira (STAN, So., 1B); Jayce Ray (WASH, Jr., OF); Joey Rickard (ARIZ, Jr., OF); Abe Ruiz (ASU, Sr., 1B); Austin Wilson (STAN, So., OF).

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