



# NEW JERSEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

## BASEBALL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 4/16/17



### PLAYER OF THE WEEK

**DAN BERARDI** • New Jersey City University  
Junior • First Base • Bridgewater, NJ/Middlesex

Berardi snags his first NJAC Player of the Week honor of the season after putting up big numbers in eight games last week. He went 16-for-35 (.472) with 11 RBIs, eight runs scored, two home runs, seven doubles, and four stolen bases as NJCU went an even 4-4 on the week. He reached base in every game, registering at least one hit in seven of the eight games and drawing a walk in the other. He put up four multi-hit games, with a week high four hits (4-for-6) in a win over Staten Island. He added three hits apiece in games against FDU-Florham, Ramapo, and Stockton. The first baseman was also perfect in the field, successfully handling all 80 chances (79 putouts, 1 assist) without a single error. Berardi is currently 15th among all NJAC players with a .337 average this season, and ranks second with a .590 slugging percentage.



### PITCHER OF THE WEEK

**TYLER HOPMAN** • Kean University  
Sophomore • Pitcher • Old Bridge, NJ/Old Bridge

Hopman picks up his first and Kean's third NJAC Pitcher of the Week honor after posting one win and two saves in his three appearances on the mound. He tossed a total of 11.1 innings, not yielding an earned run in that time. He picked up a save with an inning of work against Drew. He then tossed a complete game win over Montclair State, allowing just one unearned run and fanning five. He wrapped up the week with another save in a win over William Paterson, tossing 1.1 innings and striking out two without allowing a hit. He ranks in the top 20 in the NJAC with a 3.61 ERA.



### ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

**JC BALL** • Rutgers-Newark  
Freshman • Second Base • Elizabeth, NJ/Elizabeth

Ball earns his first NJAC Rookie of the Week honor after leading Rutgers-Newark in a 3-2-1 week. He went 16-for-23 (.696) with seven RBIs, eight runs scored, two doubles, and a triple, as well as six stolen bases. He posted a .870 slugging percentage. He went a combined 5-for-9 with two thefts in two games against nationally ranked Alvernia. He batted 5-for-8 with three RBIs, four runs scored and a triple in two wins over William Paterson, before wrapping up the week with a perfect 6-for-6 showing with three RBIs, two doubles and a run scored in a doubleheader against Rowan. The rookie ranks in the top 20 in the NJAC with a .337 average this season.



### ROOKIE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

**MICHAEL WALLEY** • The College of New Jersey  
Freshman • Pitcher • Yardley, PA/Notre Dame

Walley earns his first NJAC Rookie Pitcher of the Week accolade after posting a win in his first collegiate start. He tossed seven scoreless innings in a 5-0 shutout win over Stockton. He struck out five, walked two, and limited Osprey bats to just three hits in the win. Walley has not allowed an earned run in 10.1 innings this season. He has made three appearances with one start.