Baseball (for the week ending March 21, 2010)

Division I

Co-Players of the Week

Mark Hill – George Mason University
Senior, Third Base, Media, Pa.

Hill batted .588 (10-17) with a homer, four RBI, and seven runs scored in Mason’s 5-0 week. The senior third baseman also walked six times and was hit by pitch twice for a .720 on base percentage. He had a hit in all five games raising his league-leading average to .558. Hill was also perfect in 13 chances in the field last week.

Matt Prokopowicz – Hofstra University
Senior, Second Base, Massapequa, N.Y.

Prokopowicz batted .571 (12-21) with two homers, nine runs scored, and eight RBI in Hofstra’s 4-1 week. The senior went 10-for-15 as the Pride won back-to-back doubleheaders over Fairfield, giving the team its first four-game win streak since 2007.

Pitcher of the Week

Les Williams – Northeastern University
Junior, RHP, Toronto, Ont.

Williams allowed just one hit over eight shutout innings in Northeastern’s 10-0 victory over Bryant. The junior surrendered only an infield single in the second inning and faced just 26 batters. Williams struck out five and improved to 2-0 with a 1.80 ERA.

Division II

Player of the Week

Nick Spisak – West Chester University
Senior, Infielder, Millersville, Pa.

Spisak hit .615 (8-for-13) with a 1.615 slugging percentage and a .762 on-base percentage in five games last week for West Chester, which included a four-game sweep of Bloomsburg. He scored 13 runs, hit four home runs, and drove in nine runs and was a perfect 5-for-5 on stolen bases. In the PSAC East series, Spisak hit .667 (8-for-12), scored nine runs and had nine RBI. He started the week by officially going 0-for-1, but stealing four bases and scoring four runs in a non-conference win over University of the Sciences. He went 6-for-8 with six RBI and three home
runs in a doubleheader sweep of Bloomsburg on Friday and cracked a two-run homer in Saturday's twinbill sweep.

Co-Pitchers of the Week

Gabriel Duran – Dowling College
Junior, Pitcher, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Duran threw eight shutout innings in a 1-0 win over Queens College. He earned his second win of the season by matching a career-high 14 strikeouts and allowed only four hits.

Jordan Backes – Mercyhurst College
Senior, RHP, Mount Zion, Ill.

Backes pitched a complete game, two-hit shutout to lead Mercyhurst to a 9-0 win over California in the first game of last weekend’s series, which the teams split. He struck out seven and walked just two to move to 2-1 on the season while facing just four batters over the minimum in the victory.

Division III – New England

Co-Players of the Week

Jeff Perillo – Mitchell College
Junior, Infielder, Newington, Conn.

Perillo led the Mariners to a split against Manhattanville falling 18-10 in the opener and winning 13-12 in the nightcap. Perillo batted .625 while slugging a 1.500 percentage. He had five RBI and four hits including two doubles, one triple and one home run going 3-for-4 in the first game and 2-4 in the closer.

Jameson Kokolis – Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Senior, First Base, Manchester, N.H.

Kokolis hit two home runs and drove in a team-high eight runs as the Engineers completed a 4-0 week to improve to 10-0 on the season. The senior hit an impressive .429 (6-for-14) over the four games and posted a .857 slugging percentage to help keep WPI unbeaten. On Tuesday, his two-RBI base hit in the second gave the Engineers the lead for good in an 8-4 win over Johnson and Wales. Kokolis kicked it up a notch in the team’s second game with JWU on Thursday, going 2-for-4 with three RBI and hitting his first home run of the season. On Saturday, he hit a combined 3-for-7 with three runs and three RBI in a doubleheader sweep at Clark. Kokolis’ second home run of the week, a ninth-inning solo shot in game two, helped the Engineers to a 7-4 come-from-behind victory over their NEWMAC conference rivals.
Pitcher of the Week

Zach Levine – Emerson College
Sophomore, Pitcher, Beverly, Mass.

Levine picked up half the team’s wins during Emerson’s most successful spring trip in the program’s history. He got a two inning win in relief in a 5-3 extra innings victory over Penn State Altoona and pitched a complete game, earning a 5-1 win over Newbury College. Levine has allowed no earned runs from the mound this season. The Lions are 4-2 after completing spring training in Florida last week. Emerson travels to New York this weekend to face St. Joseph’s College on March 20 and Lehman College on March 21.

Division III – Upstate

Player of the Week

Chris Fratini – SUNY Institute of Technology
Senior, Outfielder, Syracuse, N.Y.

Fratini averaged .750 at the plate going 9-for-12 with five runs, four RBI, three doubles and two triples. He had a slugging percentage of 1.330, two walks, five stolen bases and an on base percentage of 1.250. In the field, Fratini had two putouts and zero errors (a perfect fielding percentage). In the Wildcats lone win of the week, Fratini finished 3-for-4 at the plate with four RBI, two runs scored, a walk and a stolen base in a 12-5 victory over Lehman College.

Pitcher of the Week

Trevor Brucato – Skidmore College
Junior, Pitcher, Stamford, Conn.

In a 13 inning game against No. 2 Wooster, Brucato threw seven innings, allowing one run on four hits with one strikeout and one walk in a no decision.

Division III – Metro

Player of the Week

Michael Cassese – Rutgers-Newark
Junior, Outfielder, Belleville, N.J.

Cassese hit .500 (12-for-24) with one double, four home runs, 17 RBI, and eight runs scored during five games played for the Scarlet Raptors in California. He opened the week by going 4-for-5 with a double, a home run, five RBI, and two runs scored in a 16-4 victory over Ithaca. One
day later in a 17-12 and 22-12 doubleheader sweep of Cal Lutheran, he went a combined 6-for-11 with three home runs, 12 RBI, and four runs scored. Cassese, who hit safely in all five games, including a three home-run performance in the game-one victory over Cal Lutheran, currently leads the NJAC in RBI (20).

*Pitcher of the Week*

**Frank Snyder – Mount Saint Mary College**  
Senior, Pitcher, Walkill, N.Y.

Snyder threw a nine-inning complete game to lead the Blue Knights to a 2-1 victory at St. Joseph’s in their Skyline Conference opener. Snyder limited St. Joseph’s to five hits and just one run. He struck out three and walked three.

**Division III – South**

*Co-Players of the Week*

**Doug Anuszewski – Frostburg State University**  
Sophomore, Infielder, Eldersburg, Md.

Anuszewski led the Bobcats to a 4-2 record. He hit .611, going 11-18, which included a double and three home runs. He drove in ten runs, scoring five himself, and went 2-4 in stolen base attempts. His highlight performance was a 4-5 effort versus Washington (MD) where he hit two home runs and recorded six RBI.

**Nick Goetz – Gwynedd-Mercy College**  
Senior, Second Base, Marlton, N.J.

Goetz went 7-for-9 (.778) with three walks, adding two doubles and three homers in a 4-0 week. The senior went 2-for-3 with three runs scored, and two walks in Friday’s single game against Philadelphia Biblical. During the doubleheader he tied the single game marks for most RBIs (8) and home runs (3), while going 4-for-5 with four runs scored. In the win, Goetz added a grand slam and a double.

*Pitcher of the Week*

**Andrew Ball – Gwynedd-Mercy College**  
Junior, Pitcher, Blue Mountain Pa.

Ball threw five innings of no-hit ball, striking out six, while allowing one hit over seven innings against Philadelphia Biblical University. The Griffins are 3-0 in conference play on the week.