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UND's Marek, HBU's Brunson Earn Weekly Baseball Honors

North Dakota's **Andrew Marek** earned Great West Baseball Player of the Week this week, while **Keith Brunson** from Houston Baptist got the nod as Pitcher of the Week.

Marek, an outfielder from East Grand Forks, N.D., went 7-for-12 (.583) with three runs, three RBI and a double last week in three games last week for the Fighting Sioux. In the mid-week series split at Saint Louis, Marek went 6-for-9 (.667) with a trio of hits in each of those contests, giving him three consecutive three-hit outings. He hit safely in all three contests, going 1-for-3 against Jamestown on Sunday. In the 13-9 victory over Saint Louis on March 18, Marek went 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI. His RBI-single in the eighth inning was part of a seven-run inning that put the Sioux back in the lead and helped secure their third win in five games. The senior opened the season mired in a 2-for-31 slump (.065), but has raised his average to .255 thanks his five-game hitting streak - he is 11-for-20 (.550) at the plate during that stretch with three doubles and five RBI.

Other Players Nominated - Andrew Taccolini (HBU), Bonham Hough (UTPA), Jace Brinkerhoff (Utah Valley)

Brunson, a senior from Sugarland, Tex., threw innings of scoreless relief that allowed the Huskies to come back from an 11-4 deficit and defeat Louisiana Tech in extra innings, 12-11. The lefthander gave up just two hits and struck out one while facing just one batter over the minimum during his time on the mound. Brunson was efficient with his pitches as he tossed just 49 in five innings, 34 for strikes. Houston Baptist scored seven runs in the final three innings to tie and game and then pushed across the game-winner in the 12th.

Other Players Nominated - Marcos Martinez (UTPA)