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PACIFIC EMPIRE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 2026 SEASON AWARDS

League honors standout players, coaches, executives and fans following another exceptional summer of collegiate baseball.

The Pacific Empire League has announced its 2026 season awards, recognizing the players, coaches, executives and communities whose performances and contributions helped define an outstanding summer across the League.

Ty McGraw of the Lincoln Potters has been named the 2026 PEL Player of the Year. McGraw delivered another exceptional season for Lincoln, recording 37 hits, nine doubles, two triples, 10 home runs and 41 RBI in 26 games. The Troy University standout adds Player of the Year honors after earning PEL Hitter of the Year recognition in 2025.

Rex Watson of the Healdsburg Prune Packers has been named the 2026 PEL Hitter of the Year. Watson produced one of the most dominant offensive stretches of the season, batting .514 over 20 games while adding seven doubles and six home runs. His summer included a 115 mph, 465-foot home run at Lincoln, one of the signature offensive moments of the PEL season.

Peter Storjohann of the Healdsburg Prune Packers has been named the 2026 PEL Pitcher of the Year. The UC Davis right-hander allowed only three earned runs across 20 innings while striking out 23 and walking just three. Storjohann also delivered four scoreless innings in Game 1 of the PEL Championship Series as Healdsburg began its run to the 2026 title.

Kevin Olmstead of the Medford Rogues has been named the 2026 PEL Coach of the Year. Olmstead was recognized for his leadership, energy and commitment to creating a competitive, player-focused environment throughout the summer.

Matt Lundgren of the Lincoln Potters has been named the 2026 PEL General Manager of the Year. Lundgren was honored for his leadership of the Potters organization, including the club's success on the field and the experience created for players, fans and the Lincoln community.

The Humboldt Crabs have been named the 2026 PEL Fan Base of the Year. One of summer collegiate baseball's most historic organizations, Humboldt once again showcased the atmosphere, tradition and community support that make its home games distinctive, with generations of Crabs fans and the iconic Crab Grass Band helping create one of the League's signature environments.

The Pacific Empire League also recognized its 2026 All-League selections, honoring outstanding position players and pitchers from across the League for their performances throughout the season.

The 2026 awards reflect the depth of talent, leadership and community support found throughout the Pacific Empire League. The League congratulates each recipient and extends its appreciation to every player, coach, staff member, volunteer, host family, partner, umpire and fan who contributed to another memorable summer of collegiate baseball.