

Scott Ota Named Horizon League Batter of the Week

Freshman batted .563 (9-16) with six extra base hits over last five games

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CHICAGO – UIC freshman outfielder Scott Ota (Foster City, Calif./Junipero Serra) was tabbed as the Horizon League Batter of the Week the conference announced on Monday. It is Ota's first career accolade with the Flames.

Ota was 9-16 (.563) with three doubles, two triples, one home run, five RBI and five runs scored last week as the Flames posted a 3-1 record with wins over Northwestern and Northern Kentucky. The California native produced three straight multihit efforts including back-to-back three-hit games (career high) while reaching base safely in eight of 11 plate appearances. The freshman was 2-2 with a double, triple, three RBI and two runs scored in the Flames 7-0 win at Northwestern on April 5. Three days later, he posted a career high three hits in a 3-4 outing (two doubles, triple, RBI and two runs scored) on 4/8 at Northern Kentucky. Ota followed that performance with another three-hit effort on 4/9 at Northern Kentucky including his fourth home run of the season.

This is the third time UIC baseball has received weekly recognition from the Horizon League. Ota joins junior Connor Ryan (Homer Glen, Ill./Lockport/Prairie State College) who was honored as Pitcher of the Week on March 21 and junior first baseman Ricardo Ramirez (Chicago, Ill./De La Salle), the first recipient of the Batter of the Week (Feb. 23) award for the 2016 season.

The Flames open a six-game homestand on Tuesday April 12 at 6:05 p.m. CST, with a non-conference tilt against in-state foe Northern Illinois at Curtis Granderson Stadium. UIC will get back to Horizon League action Friday at 6:05 pm CST with a weekend series against rival Milwaukee.