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Former Saint Barrios is Big 12 Player of the Week
After batting .400 with a triple and 5 two out RBI's on the week for the Texas Tech Red Raiders, former Seward County Saint and Liberal BJ shortstop Jake Barrios has been named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Week as announced by the league office Monday.

Barrios finished the week with back to back multi-hit games against TCU over the weekend. He went 2 for 4 with 2 RBI's in the middle game of the series and then went 2 for 5 with 3 RBI's in Tech's 8-7 win over the Horned Frogs on Sunday. He sparked the Red Raiders with a three run triple off the right field wall with two outs in the 1st inning of Sunday's win. He hit safely in every game last week while also going 1 for 3 with 2 walks in the Red Raiders midweek game at New Mexico State on Monday, and went 1 for 3 with a sacrifice bunt against TCU in the series opener Friday. He finished the week with a .471 on-base percentage and .533 slugging percentage.

Barrios is currently third on the team with a .271 batting average and leads the squad with 3 triples and 22 RBI's for the 17-13 Red Raiders. Defensively Barrios has been just as good for first year Head Coach Tim Tadlock and the Raiders as the shortstop turned 3rd baseman has just 4 errors in 157 chances on the season.

As a freshman Barrios led the Saints to the JUCO World Series, earning All-Tournament Team honors in Grand Junction. As a sophomore last season, he helped the Saints to the #1 seed for the Region VI Tournament, hitting .354 with 14 doubles and 49 RBI's.

Barrios is the second former Saint to earn the honor for the Red Raiders after Kelby Tomlinson grabbed the award in 2011 for Tech.

Barrios will play for the Liberal BJ's this summer which will mark his third summer with the team.

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