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DON'T MISS: The CoSIDA Tour of The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown and Special 41st Annual NCBWA Meeting at the National Pastime Galley in the Hall of Fame Museum at 2 p.m. (CDT), Saturday, June 29—See you there!!!

Barry On Baseball
NCBWA President's Message by Barry Allen

Greetings to everyone. I would like to congratulate South Carolina, Georgia Tech, Clemson, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Stanford, Rice and Texas for surviving the season and reaching this year's College World Series. And a big congratulations goes out to Augie Garrido and his Texas Longhorns on winning the national championship.

It was another exciting CWS and those who were in Omaha had the opportunity to see a star-studded field that included first-round draft picks Drew Meyer (South Carolina, 10th pick, Texas Rangers), Khalil Greene (Clemson, 13th pick, San Diego Padres) and Jeremy Guthrie (Stanford, 22nd pick, Cleveland Indians) among others at this year's event.

Speaking of Clemson, the Tigers made their first trip to Omaha without legendary Sports Information Director Bob Bradley, who passed away in the fall of 2000. Mr. B was a pioneer in this industry and a great historian not only to the Tigers, but college baseball as well. In fact, many of us still use his 75-game baseball scorebook that he created many years ago. South Carolina Gamecock historian Tom Price, who made his first trip to Omaha since 1985, helped keep Mr. Bradley's memory alive and well at the CWS. Although they were bitter rivals on the field, there two men were best of friends until Mr. B's passing. Cheers to these two legends in the Sports Information Field!

Congratulations to all conference champions, All-America selections, Player of the Year and Coach of the Year Selections. Each and every one of you should be proud of your individual and team accomplishments.

I must admit I was deeply touched when watching the replay of the Conference USA Tournament Championship game when East Carolina defeated Houston. ECU coach Keith LeClair is battling ALS and coached the game from a van in the bullpen. After the game, the players from Houston and ECU ran to the van to offer their congratulations to Keith. Coach LeClair is a great ambassador to college baseball and the baseball world is praying for his recovery. Many of you may have read his story in a recent issue of Collegiate Baseball newspaper and there is more about him in this newsletter. Please keep his family in your prayers. ECU and college baseball needs more people like Keith LeClair. Also, remember his wife and two small children. They need him, too. Best wishes Coach LeClair, we are all pulling for you.

As my tenure winds down, I'd like to thank everyone for their help in making this year run smoothly. Bo Carter, our Executive Director, and our great Board of Directors have made this organization much better over the last few years. Many, many thanks to Bo Carter, Russ Anderson, Ken Krosolovic, Rob Carolla, Jim Wright, Gary Johnson, Beth Haag, Mary Fox, Damon Miller, David Feaster, Bill Bunker, Sean Strazicscar, Jeff Hurd and past President Charles Bloom for all of your support, hard work and friendship.

I would also like to thank my folks at the University of Alabama for their efforts and support during this season. Our team had a wonderful season and we are already looking forward to the 2003 campaign. The Crimson Tide hosted the Tuscaloosa Regional this year, losing in the title game to Florida Atlantic and Coach Kevin Cooney. The regional also attracted our arch-rival Auburn and we were certainly not lacking for publicity. We issued more than 200 press credentials to the game and certainly had an overflow press box. This was very exciting to see how far college baseball has come in a football-crazed environment. Again, thank you!

Best wishes,
Barry Allen
2002 NCBWA President
The University of Alabama

Khalil Greene Named 14th Annual Dick Howser Trophy Winner (Sponsored by Verizon)

Khalil Greene of Clemson has been chosen as the 16th recipient of the prestigious Dick Howser Trophy as college baseball player of the year.

In voting by members of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association in conjunction with the sponsoring Verizon, Inc., and St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area Chamber of Commerce, Greene became the fifth standout from the Atlantic Coast Conference to win the coveted Howser Trophy since current Boston Red Sox standout Jason Varitek in 1994.

He joins 1996 Tigers' pitching stalwart Kris Benson as the second Clemson student-athlete so honored.

Greene has enjoyed a season that few players in NCAA Division I history ever have achieved.

The compact, 5-10, 190-pound senior from Key West, Fla., virtually has rewritten the entire CU and ACC record books.

His 2002 pre-World Series accomplishments included a school-record 26 home runs (most by any Division I shortstop nationally this year) along with a nation-high 129 hits, 90 runs, 86 runs-batted-in, 239 total bases, and an impressive 16-for-17 tally in the stolen bases' department. He hit his CU-best 27th home run of the season and was 3-for-5 in a 11-10 Tigers' walkoff triumph over Nebraska on June 14.

Greene, the first baseball standout from Key West ever to earn National Player of the Year laurels, had an ACC career-record 398 hits for the second-highest total ever by a NCAA Division I athlete. He also started 267 of his first 268 career games for both Clemson and ACC all-time marks.

The standout shortstop is a consensus 2002 All-America as well as the conference recordholder (second in NCAA annals) with 92 career doubles. He also established CU marks for career home runs, total bases, slugging percentage, and the "Ron Hunt" Award category of 58 hit by pitches. His value to the CWS entry in 2002 was exemplified even more as he was hit just 10 times (as opposed to 48 times in his first three seasons), and opponents decided to issue more than a dozen intentional passes to the young slugger. He also was a first round draft selection of the San Diego Padres in 2002 after passing on a 2001 selection to play in his senior campaign.

"We are thrilled to have a student-athlete with the leadership characteristics and ability that Khalil Greene possesses," said Howser Trophy Chair David Feaster of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Signature Bank of Florida. "He is a winner in the classroom (Academic All-ACC), a tremendous team player and a young man who posted unbelievable statistics throughout his career and especially in 2002. We are truly pleased to be honoring him for his accomplishments, and he epitomizes the spirit of the Dick Howser Trophy."

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 100th birthday in 1999 and is in the midst of its third century of service to the community and nation in 2002. The organization has long been a vital force in the baseball affairs of the city, both in spring training and during the pursuit of a major league baseball franchise for the Tampa Bay area, and continues its solid role in the in both college and professional sports as well as serving as the home for the Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

NCBWA membership includes writers, broadcasters and publicists. Designed to promote and publicize college baseball, it is the sport's only college media-related organization, founded in 1962, and is in the midst of its 40th continuous year of existence in '02.

The Howser Trophy was created in 1987, shortly after Howser's death. 1987-98 winners were selected by the American Baseball Coaches Association before the NCBWA became the voting body in 1999.

Previous winners of the Howser Trophy are Mike Fiore, Miami (Fla.), 1987; Robin Ventura, Oklahoma State, 1988; Scott Bryant, Texas, 1989; Alex Fernandez, Miami-Dade Community College South, 1990; Frank Rodriguez, Howard College (Texas), 1991; Brooks Kieschnick, Texas, 1992 and 1993; Jason Varitek, Georgia Tech, 1994; Todd Helton, Tennessee, 1995; Kris Benson, Clemson, 1996; J. D. Drew, Florida State, 1997; Eddy Furniss, LSU, 1998; Jason Jennings, Baylor, 1999; Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; and Mark Prior, Southern California, 2001.

NCBWA Tabs Nine Division I District Players of the Year

For the fourth straight year, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) has chosen its nine NCAA Division I District Baseball Players of the Year.

From the ranks of these standouts will be the winner of the prestigious Dick Howser Trophy, to be announced at 10:30 a.m. (CDT) on Friday, June 14, 2002, in the Old Lobby (second floor) of the Courtyard by Marriott, 101 South 10th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska.

Outfielder Wes Reohr of Penn State is the second Nittany Lion (Michael Campo, 2000) to cop NCBWA District I Player of the Year. The winner of PSU's Most Improved Player award, he posted a team-high .393 average, with nine home runs, 11 doubles and 38 RBI. The senior also had a team-best 75

hits, third on the all-time single-season hit chart at Penn State. The 75-hit performance was also fifth in the Big Ten in 2002. The District II honoree is Tom Merkle of New York Tech. He led the team with a .446 batting average, 20 home runs, 68 RBI, 158 total bases and an .849 slugging percentage. His 20 round-trippers (0.38 per game) were 10th nationally in the latest NCAA rankings. The senior third baseman also scored 60 runs and recorded six stolen bases.

In District III, catcher Jeremy Brown of Alabama garners accolades. The senior started all 66 games for the Crimson Tide this season, batting .320 with 11 homers and 64 RBI. Defensively, Brown handled 471 chances and made only one error (.998 fielding percentage). He is one of 10 semifinalists for the Johnny Bench Award, honoring the nation's top catcher.

Clemson shortstop Khalil Greene is the winner in District IV. The junior is third nationally in hitting (.482) and is also among the nation's leaders with 24 home runs. The ACC Player of the Year, he also has 29 doubles and 79 RBI in 64 games. He boasts a .561 on-base percentage and a school-record .886 slugging mark. He also holds the best career fielding percentage by a Tiger shortstop (.966), having committed just 11 errors. Greene is the second straight Tiger to earn District IV honors, following teammate Jeff Baker's recognition last season. District V features the No. 1 overall selection in the 2002 Major League Baseball Draft, pitcher Bryan Bullington of Ball State. The Mid-American Conference Pitcher of the Year led the conference in nearly every pitching category. He had a school-record 139 strikeouts while pushing his career mark to a school and league-best 357. The junior rightly led the MAC with 11 wins, a 2.84 ERA and 104.2 innings pitched. He allowed only 18 walks and held foes to a .222 batting average. From District VI the NCBWA selected a Nebraska standout for the second straight year when outfielder Jeff Leise was named. An All-Big 12 First Team selection, Leise enters this weekend's Super Regional with a .381 batting average, 12 homers, 49 RBI and 23 stolen bases. He is also a standout in the classroom, earning CoSIDA/Verizon Academic All-America honors. Former NU first baseman Dan Johnson won the honor a year ago. Two players share the organization's District VII choice - Tulane second baseman James Jurries and pitcher Justin Simmons of Texas. Jurries was valuable to the Green Wave at more than one position this season, also seeing time at first and third base. The 2002 Conference USA Player of the Year, he hit .400 with 20 home runs and 30 stolen bases. The second straight player from Tulane (Jake Gautreau) to win in the district, Jurries also led the team with 77 runs, 96 hits and 74 RBI. Simmons was one of the nation's top starters en route to the Longhorns' Super Regional appearance. The sophomore hurler was the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year after compiling an NCAA-best 14-1 record along with a 2.11 ERA. He was the first UT pitcher since 1975 (Richard Wortham, Jim Gideon) to begin a year with 14 straight victories.

Outfielder Ryan Kenning of New Mexico State is the District VIII Player of the Year. The senior finished '02 with a .319 batting average while leading the nation with 96 RBI. He also had 24 home runs, one shy of the NMSU record. Kenning also had a team-best .725 slugging percentage. He started 60 of 61 games and added 15 doubles and three triples. Finally, the District IX selection was Nate Gold of Gonzaga. A senior first baseman, he leads the nation with 33 home runs, an average of more than one every two games (0.59). The West Coast Conference Player of the Year, he also had 76 runs batted in, setting school records in both homers and RBI. He finished the season with a .333 average, 59 runs, 17 doubles and an .842 slugging percentage.

The nine geographic areas of each District are broken down as follows: District I - Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania

District II - Connecticut, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia

District III - Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida

District IV - Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland

District V - Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin

District VI - Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota

District VII - Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana

District VIII - Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Montana

District IX - California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Arizona, Alaska

2002 NCBWA Division I All-America Team

The 14th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers All-America team, released Tuesday by the NCBWA, indicates the top-notch abilities of student-athletes throughout the nation in NCAA Division I baseball.

On the week of the 56th NCAA World Series in Omaha, the All-America contingent is a dream team that could make any coach or program proud. From these ranks will come the winner of the Dick Howser Trophy, presented in Omaha this Friday at 9:30 a.m. CDT to the most outstanding Division I diamond man in the nation by Verizon/The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the NCBWA (voting entity for the award). There are 12 standouts who are among the eight teams in the June 14-22 College World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium and six returnees from the 2001 first, second or third units selected by the 200-plus voting members of the NCBWA for 2002.

Nine NCBWA mainstays from the District Players of the Year for Division I all landed places on the first three units as the 2002 team is one of the youngest contingents in the history (1989-02) of the selections.

First baseman Vincent Sinisi is a redshirt freshman with .432 hitting credentials (11th nationally in batting average) while Southern University stalwart Rickie Weeks led the nation in hitting with a .495 average, 20 home runs and 96 RBI as he posted Davey Johnson-like numbers as the first team second baseman.

The four starting pitchers (three sophomores and a junior) on the initial unit had a combined record of 53-8 with 509 strikeouts in 494-plus innings and include the nation's first choice in the 2002 Major League Draft-Ball State righthander Bryan Bullington. Relief aces senior Blake Taylor of South Carolina and junior Royce Ring of San Diego State combined for 38 saves prior to the 2002 CWS. The left side of the infield, though, is the envy of any college coach. 2002 Dick Howser Trophy finalist senior SS Khalil Greene is third nationally with a .480 batting average for Coach Jack Leggett's World Series-bound Clemson Tigers along with 26 home runs and 86 RBI. Teammate 3B Jeff Baker briefly eclipsed the Clemson season record for home runs with 25 before Greene topped that in a subsequent NCAA Super Regional game against Arkansas and sports 82 RBI for one of the nation's top 1-2 hitting punches at any pair of positions. Catcher Jed Morris powered Nebraska to its second consecutive appearance at Rosenblatt Stadium in the nationals at Omaha, Neb., with a Big 12 Conference-high 21 homers and 84 RBI while New Mexico State OF Ryan Kenning paced the Aggies to their first-ever NCAA appearance in 2002 with 24 dingers and 96 RBI. Notre Dame's speed merchant Steve Stanley helped the Fighting Irish make their first trek to the NCAA World Series since 1957 with a solid series in the Super Regional at Florida State and carries a .445 average with 31 stolen bases through games of June 10. DH-utility athlete John McCurdy of Maryland posted numbers (.443-19 HR-77 RBI) that kept the Terrapins in contention for a postseason berth for most of the season. While the three All-America teams have a solid flair from the state of South Carolina (four Clemson standouts, two from South Carolina, and one each from Coastal Carolina and College of Charleston), there are a total of 34 teams from nine Division I conferences represented on the 2002 lists. Previous first teamers on the NCBWA All-America contingents since '89 have included Georgia Tech catcher Jason Varitek, Clemson pitcher Kris Benson, Texas P-DH-1B Brooks Kieschnick, LSU second baseman Todd Walker, Cal State Fullerton OF Mark Kotsay, Southern California pitcher Mark Prior, Wichita State pitcher BradenLooper, Stanford catch A.J. Hinch, and Old Dominion shortstop Tim Hummel, among others.

2002 NCBWA ALL-AMERICA TEAMS (Stats through June 13, 2002)

FIRST TEAM

| Pos. | Name, School | Class | BA | AB | R | H | HR | RBI |
|--------|------------------------------------|-------|------|-----|----|-----|----|-----|
| 1B | Vincent Sinisi, Rice | Fr. | .432 | 264 | 65 | 114 | 11 | 80 |
| 2B | Rickie Weeks, Southern U. So. | | .495 | 198 | 63 | 98 | 20 | 96 |
| 3B | Jeff Baker, Clemson | Jr. | .335 | 248 | 63 | 83 | 25 | 82 |
| SS | Khalil Greene, Clemson | Sr. | .480 | 269 | 90 | 129 | 26 | 86 |
| C | Jed Morris, Nebraska | Jr. | .380 | 263 | 68 | 100 | 21 | 84 |
| OF | Ryan Kenning, New Mexico St. | Sr. | .319 | 242 | 66 | 77 | 24 | 96 |
| OF | Steve Stanley, Notre Dame-31 SBJr. | | .445 | 245 | 72 | 109 | 1 | 35 |
| OF | Vito Chiaravalloti, Richmond Jr. | | .366 | 238 | 69 | 85 | 23 | 86 |
| UT/ATH | John McCurdy, Maryland Jr. | | .443 | 221 | 67 | 98 | 19 | 77 |

Pitchers

| Pos. | Name School | Cl. | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
|------|---------------------------------|-----|------|------|----|-------|-----|----|-----|----|
| SP | Bryan Bullington, Ball St Jr. | | 11-3 | 2.84 | 15 | 104.2 | 88 | 18 | 139 | 0 |
| SP | Brad Sullivan, Houston | So. | 13-1 | 1.82 | 18 | 128.1 | 80 | 49 | 157 | 0 |
| SP | Tim Stauffer, Richmond | So. | 15-3 | 1.54 | 20 | 146 | 110 | 34 | 140 | 0 |
| SP | Justin Simmons, Texas | So. | 14-1 | 2.52 | 18 | 114.1 | 93 | 35 | 73 | 0 |
| RP | Royce Ring, San Diego State Jr. | | 5-1 | 1.85 | 36 | 39 | 29 | 13 | 54 | 17 |
| RP | Blake Taylor, So. Carolina Sr. | | 6-1 | 2.03 | 34 | 80 | 66 | 39 | 73 | 21 |

SECOND TEAM

| Pos. | Name, School | Class | BA | AB | R | H | HR | RBI |
|------|--------------------|-------|------|-----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1B | Nate Gold, Gonzaga | Sr. | .333 | 228 | 59 | 76 | 33 | 76 |

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|--|-----|------|------|----|-------|-----|----|-----|----|
| 2B James Jurries, Tulane | Sr. | .408 | 235 | 77 | 96 | 20 | 74 | | |
| 3B Tom Merkle, New York Tech Jr. | | .430 | 186 | 48 | 80 | 20 | 68 | | |
| SS Mark Kiger, Florida | Sr. | .403 | 258 | 90 | 104 | 11 | 55 | | |
| C David Castillo, Oral Roberts So. | | .398 | 226 | 59 | 90 | 14 | 79 | | |
| OF Ryan Goleski, Eastern Michigan So. | | .381 | 218 | 62 | 83 | 22 | 70 | | |
| OF Brian Wright, N.C. State | Sr. | .418 | 232 | 72 | 97 | 14 | 73 | | |
| OF Terry Trofholz, TCU | Jr. | .441 | 213 | 51 | 94 | 3 | 40 | | |
| UT/ATH Ryan Barthelemy, Fla. State | Sr. | .362 | 293 | 76 | 106 | 17 | 94 | | |
| (tie) UT/ATH Jesse Crain, Houston Jr. | | .309 | 262 | 51 | 81 | 11 | 47 | | |
| Crain Pitching Stats: 4-0, 0.23 ERA, 27 G, 38.1 IP, 22 H, 10 BB, 46 SO, 10 SV Pitchers | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos. Name School | Cl. | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
| SP Steve Reba, Clemson | Sr. | 13-3 | 4.06 | 18 | 106.1 | 112 | 41 | 78 | 0 |
| SP Alex Hart, Florida | Jr. | 13-3 | 3.24 | 17 | 111 | 81 | 56 | 81 | 0 |
| SP Jeremy Guthrie, Stanford Jr. | | 12-1 | 2.34 | 18 | 142.1 | 121 | 32 | 125 | 0 |
| SP Kyle Sleeth, Wake Forest So. | | 14-0 | 2.97 | 18 | 118.1 | 115 | 41 | 113 | 0 |
| RP Randy Corn, The Citadel | Sr. | 1-0 | 1.37 | 39 | 59 | 33 | 16 | 76 | 13 |
| RP Dave Bush, Wake Forest | Sr. | 8-1 | 1.64 | 40 | 60.1 | 47 | 10 | 61 | 13 |

THIRD TEAM

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|---|-------|------|------|----|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Pos. Name School | Class | BA | AB | R | H | HR | RBI | | |
| 1B Yaron Peters, South Carolina | Sr. | .398 | 256 | 79 | 102 | 28 | 92 | | |
| 2B Corey Loomis, Bowling Green Jr. | | .404 | 193 | 61 | 73 | 13 | 52 | | |
| 3B Lee Curtis, Coll. of Charleston Jr. | | .409 | 225 | 67 | 92 | 15 | 65 | | |
| SS Russ Adams, North Carolina Jr.-45 SB | | .370 | 254 | 75 | 94 | 7 | 55 | | |
| (tie) C Jeremy Brown, Alabama Jr. | | .320 | 219 | 56 | 70 | 11 | 64 | | |
| C Chris Snyder, Houston | Jr. | .343 | 230 | 59 | 79 | 15 | 71 | | |
| OF Justin Owens, Coastal Carolina Sr. | | .417 | 211 | 60 | 88 | 11 | 58 | | |
| OF Mark Jurich, Louisville | So. | .365 | 203 | 47 | 74 | 16 | 60 | | |
| (tie) OF Wes Reohr, Penn State Sr. | | .393 | 191 | 49 | 75 | 9 | 38 | | |
| OF Sam Fuld, Stanford | So. | .372 | 274 | 61 | 102 | 6 | 43 | | |
| OF Dustin Majewski, Texas | Jr. | .403 | 196 | 35 | 79 | 9 | 45 | | |
| OF Adam Bourassa, Wake Forest Jr.-26 SB | | .412 | 250 | 71 | 103 | 2 | 41 | | |
| UT/ATH Darryl Lawhorn, E. Carolina Fr. | | .419 | 234 | 52 | 98 | 17 | 61 | | |
| (tie) | | | | | | | | | |
| UT/ATH Bob Malek, Michigan State Jr. | | .402 | 219 | 66 | 88 | 16 | 66 | | |
| Pitchers | | | | | | | | | |
| Pos. Name School | Cl. | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
| SP Lance Cormier, Alabama | Sr. | 11-3 | 3.28 | 17 | 129 | 135 | 27 | 85 | 0 |
| SP Matt Henrie, Clemson | Jr. | 12-4 | 3.04 | 18 | 106.2 | 106 | 24 | 80 | 0 |
| SP Scooter Michael, UNCGreensboro | So. | 12-1 | 2.76 | 27 | 100.1 | 93 | 21 | 86 | 3 |
| SP Philip Humber, Rice | Fr. | 11-1 | 2.67 | 17 | 108 | 86 | 40 | 128 | 0 |
| (tie) | | | | | | | | | |
| SP Kyle Bakker, Georgia Tech So. | | 12-2 | 3.34 | 18 | 126.2 | 126 | 23 | 106 | 0 |
| SP Paul Maholm, MS State | So. | 10-3 | 3.43 | 14 | 102.1 | 103 | 33 | 77 | 0 |
| SP Shane Komine, Nebraska | Sr. | 10-0 | 1.87 | 14 | 91.1 | 56 | 22 | 108 | 0 |
| RP Taylor Tankersley, Alabama | Fr. | 8-5 | 2.62 | 25 | 68.2 | 55 | 20 | 65 | 7 |
| RP James Russell, Villanova Jr. | | 1-3 | 2.33 | 22 | 27 | 25 | 8 | 35 | 15 |

2002 Standouts Grace Division II Regional Players of the Year

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association

(NCBWA) has announced its inaugural NCAA Division II Region Player and Pitcher of the Year awards to honor the best position player and pitcher from each of the eight regions that compete in collegiate baseball at the DII level. Nomination and voting for the initial awards was conducted online by media and collegiate members of the NCBWA.

The eight NCBWA/NCAA Division II Region Players of the Year are as follows: Junior Medina from Stonehill (Northeast Region); Nathan Moore from Ashland (North Central Region); Jason Manwaring of Mansfield (North Atlantic Region); Chris Studer from South Dakota State (Central Region); Kevin White from Presbyterian (South Region); David Harriman from Armstrong Atlantic State (South Atlantic Region); Will Carbonarra from Incarnate Word (South Central Region) and Mike Richardson from Sonoma State (West Region).

Earning the NCBWA/NCAA Division II Region Pitcher of the Year awards are: Damien Myers from Concordia (Northeast Region); Lenny Bays from Northern Kentucky (North Central Region); Glen Woolard from Kutztown (North Atlantic Region); Mike Peschel from North Dakota State (Central Region); Enriques Baca from Lynn (South Region); Matt Incinelli from North Florida (South Atlantic Region); Matt Jansen from Alabama-Huntsville (South Central Region) and Greg Bruso from UC Davis (West Region).

Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball and membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport.

2002 NCBWA DIVISION II REGION PLAYER AND PITCHERS OF THE YEAR

Northeast Region

Junior Medina, Stonehill (Player)

Northeast-10 Player of the Year, hit .438 with 19 home runs and 60 RBI and will compete at the NCAA's Home Run Challenge in Omaha.

Damien Myers, Concordia (Pitcher) NYCAC Co-Player of the Year, went 14-1 with a 1.42 ERA and currently ranks first in NCAA DII in victories.

North Central Region

Nathan Moore, Ashland (Player)

GLIAC Player of the Year who hit .433 with 10 home runs and 58 RBI and led the conference in six offensive categories, including hitting, slugging (.711) and doubles (24).

Lenny Bays, Northern Kentucky (Pitcher)

GLVC Pitcher of the Year who went 9-4 with a 2.97 ERA, giving up just 92 hits in 103 innings pitched. Went an undefeated 9-0 against GLVC competition during the regular season.

North Atlantic Region

Jason Manwaring, Mansfield (Player)

NCAA Division II's home run leader, Manwaring hit .388 with 23 home runs and 79 RBI in 2002 and set a school- and PSAC record with his 23 homers.

Glen Woolard, Kutztown (Pitcher)

PSAC East Player of the Year who led Kutztown to its second consecutive DII World Series appearance, went 14-2 with a 2.81 ERA and two saves, striking out 148 batters in 105.2 innings pitched.

Central Region

Chris Studer, South Dakota State (Player)

Senior catcher who hit .386 with 15 home runs and 56 RBI in 2002, earning first-team All-Conference and All-Region honors.

Mike Peschel, North Dakota State (Pitcher) First-team All-NCC selection who went 7-1 with a 1.40 ERA in 2002, giving up 37 hits in 58 innings pitched while striking out 65 batters. Ended season with seven straight complete games.

South Region

Kevin White, Presbyterian (Player)

All-SAC player who hit .425 with a school-record 18 home runs and 72 RBI in 2002. Named "Louisville Slugger" National Player of the Week on 4/15.

Enriques Baca, Lynn (Pitcher) First-team All-SSC pitcher who went 8-2 with a 2.94 ERA, giving up 98 hits in 101 innings pitched, while striking out 101 batters.

South Atlantic Region

David Harriman, Armstrong Atlantic State (Player)

Senior catcher who began the season with a 41-game hitting streak, the longest single-season hitting streak in NCAA DII history. Hit .412 with 14 home runs and 69 RBI.

Matt Incinelli, North Florida (Pitcher)

First-team All-PBC pitcher who went 10-4 with a 2.78 ERA and ended his four-year career with 45 victories, two shy of the all-time DII mark.

South Central Region

Will Carbonara, Incarnate Word (Player)

All-Heartland Conference player who set a school record with a .460 batting average to go along with eight home runs and 48 RBI.

Matt Jansen, Alabama-Huntsville (Pitcher)

All-GSC pitcher who went 7-1 with a 3.31 ERA and tied an Alabama-Huntsville record with 22 career wins in 2002.

West Region

Mike Richardson, Sonoma State (Player)

Hit .365 with 10 home runs and 50 RBI in 2002, ranks second all-time in Sonoma State history with a .369 career batting average. Greg Bruso, UC Davis (Pitcher) CCAA Pitcher of the Year who went 10-4 with a 1.94 ERA in 2002, giving up 89 hits in 92.2 innings pitched while striking out 100 batters.

The 2002 Champions: NCAA Divisions I-II-III, NAIA

DI---Texas downed South Carolina 12-6 in Omaha, Neb., at Rosenblatt Stadium for the Longhorns' first NCAA diamond title since 1983 with Rogers Clemens and Calvin Schiraldi as the pitching aces. This time the difference-maker was 2002 CWS Outstanding Player relief ace Huston Street (with a tourney-record four saves in the Longhorns' four triumphs. Head coach Augie Garrido of UT advanced to 4-1 in five title games with Cal State Fullerton and Texas and became the first Division I coach to win national titles at two different schools.

DII--Columbus (Ga.) State won the 2002 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship with a 5-3 win over Chico (Calif.) State before 1,653 June 2 at Paterson Field in Montgomery, Ala. Columbus State freshman pitcher Brian Baker, who had three wins and a save this week, was the tournament's most outstanding player.

DIII—In Grand Chute, Wis., when the 2002 college baseball season started, Eastern Connecticut State University head coach Bill Holowaty made a prophetic statement. Holowaty, whose program was on the verge of breaking the 1,000-win plateau, said his team shouldn't be remembered only as the team that gave ECSU its 1,000th victory. On May 28, his team made sure of that. In a matchup of two of Division III's most storied programs ECSU defeated Marietta College 8-0 to claim it's fourth NCAA Division III title and first since 1998.

NAIA—In Lewiston, Idaho, perennial power Lewis-Clark State edged Oklahoma City 12-8 to win its third NAIA crown in the last four seasons. The only team to break that skein was coach Brian Shoop's Birmingham-Southern Panthers with an 8-3 triumph over Lewis-Clark in 2001 before BSC moved into NCAA Division I in 2002.

Conference USA Re-Names Award in Honor of Former ECU Baseball Coach Keith LeClair

The Conference USA Baseball Coach of the Year award has been re-named in honor of former East Carolina head coach Keith LeClair, it was announced on June 26. Beginning in 2003, the award will be referred to as The Keith LeClair Coach of the Year Award.

A highly successful coach at East Carolina and Western Carolina, LeClair stepped down after five seasons as the Pirates head coach on June 19, citing health reasons. During the summer of 2001, the 35-year old LeClair was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or as it is commonly referred to as, "Lou Gehrig's Disease."

With his health deteriorating, LeClair was unable to coach his team from the dugout most of this past season. However, he did continue to attend games, sitting in a specially-designed van that contained a ventilator to aid in his breathing. Virtually unable to speak any longer, he uses an alphabet board to communicate with others.

"The coaches in the Conference USA feel Keith exemplifies every quality that the 'Coach of the Year' award stands for," said South Florida head coach Eddie Cardieri, chair of the league's baseball coaches. "He is a great coach, a great person and an inspiration to everyone in baseball with his outstanding work ethic. Keith has always been a tremendous competitor as he has shown through his illness. He is a true champion."

In 1992, LeClair became Western Carolina's head coach at the age of 25. In his first season, he led Western Carolina to the Southern Conference regular season and tournament championships. The team, which finished with a No. 17 national ranking, advanced to the NCAA Tournament and came within one game of making the College World Series field, falling to Florida State in the championship game of the South Regional. His 1994 team posted a school-record 45 wins and earned the program's first-ever at-large

bid to the NCAA postseason. In his six seasons at Western Carolina, he posted a record of 229-135-2, led WCU to four NCAA Tournament berths, and was SoCon Coach of the Year in 1992, 1994, and 1997.

LeClair has continued that success since arriving at East Carolina in 1997. The second-winningest coach in ECU history, his teams won 43 or more games in each of the last four seasons, advancing to NCAA Tournament play each time, and have been ranked in the national Top 25 polls each of the last three seasons. His 2002 ECU squad won the 2002 Conference USA Tournament title in its first season in the league. He has earned Colonial Athletic Association Coach-of-the-Year and ABCA East Region Coach of the Year honors twice. As a player, assistant coach, and head coach, LeClair has been a part of 13 NCAA Tournament teams and has won conference Coach of the Year honors five times.

LeClair, who has been integral in the push for the building of a new, state-of-the-art baseball stadium on the ECU campus, will remain with the ECU athletics department as a special assistant to Director of Athletics Mike Hamrick.

Batesole Moves from Cal State Northridge to Fresno State as Head Coach (From the Fresno BEE, May 28, 2002)

Mike Batesole won plenty of baseball games at a school without enough money to fill its scholarship limits. He attracted nationally ranked recruiting classes while selling a sagging stadium and dungeon-sized clubhouse. Now the soon-to-be-ex-Cal State Northridge coach will have the benefit of one of college baseball's premier facilities, fan support unrivaled throughout most of the West Coast and a strong tradition at the Division I level. Batesole simply couldn't turn down Fresno State and on Tuesday was named the Bulldogs' new head coach.

"This is his dream job," CSUN athletic Dick Dull said of Batesole taking over a Bulldogs' program that is a regular NCAA Regional participant and played in two College World Series since 1988. In his seventh season, Batesole guided CSUN to a Big West Conference championship and a 40-15 record. The Matadors will play Maine on Friday at 7 p.m. in the first round of the NCAA Regionals at USC. His success at CSUN, which cut baseball after the 1997 season and suffered back-to-back losing seasons in 1999 and 2000, has been hailed as a miracle performance. He was named Big West Coach of the Year this season. Since the program's reinstatement before the 1998 season, Batesole has worked with less than the allotted 11.7 scholarships allowed by the NCAA. Dull said next season will be the first with all the scholarships used.

"He does the best job he can with what he's got," said CSUN's Tim Arroyo, a fourth-year senior. "He won't have to work as hard to get the job done at Fresno State." Batesole inherits a stable program which employed just two head coaches since 1948: stadium namesake Pete Beiden and Bob Bennett, who retired on Sunday with 1,302 wins in 34 years. "It's the best job in the nation," Batesole said by phone Tuesday. "On the West Coast, it has the best facility, the best fans, the best community support." Batesole will continue to coach the Matadors through the postseason. Dull met with CSUN assistant Steve Rousey on Tuesday morning and would like to hire him at least on an interim basis. A former assistant at Long Beach State and head coach at L.A. City College, Rousey would be a leading candidate to replace Batesole.

2002 USA National Team Chosen

| Player | Pos | Ht | Wt | B/T | Yr | College | Hometown |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---------------------|--------------------|
| Cordero, Chad | RHP | 6-0 | 190 | R/R | So | Cal State Fullerton | Chino, Calif. |
| Humber, Philip | RHP | 6-4 | 210 | R/R | Fr | Rice | Carthage, Texas |
| Johnson, Grant | RHP | 6-6 | 220 | R/R | Fr | Notre Dame | Burr Ridge, Ill. |
| Littleton, Wes | RHP | 6-2 | 180 | R/R | So | Cal State Fullerton | Oceanside, Calif. |
| Sleeth, Kyle | RHP | 6-5 | 195 | R/R | So | Wake Forest | Westminster, Colo. |
| Street, Huston | RHP | 6-0 | 179 | R/R | Fr | Texas | Austin, Texas |
| Sullivan, Brad | RHP | 6-1 | 205 | R/R | So | Houston | Nederland, Texas |

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| Zimmermann, Bob | RHP | 6-5 | 225 | R/R | So | SW Missouri State | Creve Coeur, MO |
| Alvarez, Abe | LHP | 6-2 | 180 | L/L | So | Long Beach State | Fontana, Calif. |
| Bakker, Kyle | LHP | 6-9 | 262 | L/L | So | Georgia Tech | Omaha, Neb. |
| Powell, Landon | C | 6-3 | 215 | B/R | So | South Carolina | Apex, NC |
| Sammons, Clint | C | 5-11 | 191 | R/R | Fr | Georgia | Stone Mountain, Ga. |
| Aubrey, Michael | IF | 6-0 | 195 | L/L | So | Tulane | Shreveport, La. |
| Hill, Aaron | IF | 5-11 | 196 | R/R | So | LSU | Visalia, Calif. |
| Jackson, Conor | IF | 6-3 | 205 | R/R | So | California | Woodland Hills, Calif. |
| Patterson, Eric | IF | 5-10 | 160 | L/R | Fr | Georgia Tech | Kennesaw, Ga. |
| Pedroia, Dustin | IF | 5-9 | 157 | R/R | Fr | Arizona State | Woodland, Calif. |
| Weeks, Rickie | IF | 5-11 | 195 | R/R | So | Southern | Alte Monte, Fla. |
| Costa, Shane | OF | 6-1 | 205 | L/R | So | Cal State Fullerton | Visalia, Calif. |
| Jurich, Mark | OF | 5-10 | 185 | L/L | So | Louisville | Louisville, Ky |
| Fuld, Sam | OF | 5-10 | 180 | L/L | So | Stanford | Durham, NH |
| Quentin, Carlos | OF | 6-2 | 215 | R/R | So | Stanford | Chula Vista, Calif. |
| Coaching Staff | | | | | | | |
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