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NCBWA President's Message

By Jeff Hurd

Can anyone remember a college baseball season with any more momentum swings than 2004? It seems that once a team reaches first place in the NCBWA Division I poll, an opponent muscles up and knocks off the national leader. Classic examples earlier this year are LSU, Stanford, Rice, and Texas—which have several common opponents, and Rice and Texas play for the fourth time in 2004 this week.

At a glance just past midseason for most teams, there does not seem to be a dominant power in DI baseball, and a scenario such as Connecticut's win over Georgia Tech in the men's basketball Final Four could play out in baseball just as easily.

In this newsletter is the first nomination form for the prestigious Dick Howser Trophy and the NCBWA All-America team, and we appreciate your diligence as always. If you happen to misplace a nomination form, please feel free to contact bo@big12sports.com or rdanderson@c-usa.org to get another faxed or emailed to you. Don't forget those critical voting deadlines, and please feel free to contact any NCBWA officer about omissions or write-ins on the early ballots. Recent Howser Trophy winners such as Clemson's Kahlil Greene, Southern's Rickie Weeks, Georgia Tech's Mark Teixeira, Baylor's Jason Jennings, and Southern California's Mark Prior have had major impacts on both college baseball and the Majors after they represented their schools so well during their trophy-winning seasons.

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NCBWA President

The Western Athletic Conference

NCBWA Division I Players of the Week

On April 13, nomination forms were distributed via email to Conference offices and NCBWA members for the 2004 Dick Howser Trophy and NCBWA All-American teams. The form is also attached in this newsletter. Information on Division II and Division III awards will be furnished at a later date,

NCBWA Division I Players of the Week

Mar. 2—Co-Hitters: OF Sean Gaston, Notre Dame; OF Jed Lowrie, Stanford; Co-Pitchers: Derek DuClos, Richmond; Derek Hankins, Memphis. Mar. 9—Co-Hitters: OF Ryan Firth, Southern Miss; OF-P Stephen Head, Ole Miss; Co-Pitchers: Clay Dirks, LSU; Jim Ripley, Kansas State. Mar. 16—1B/3B/P Connor Robertson, Birmingham-Southern; Pitcher: Cliff Russum, Southern Miss. Mar. 23—Co-Hitters: Rielly Embrey, San Diego State, Jonathan Batts, UNC Wilmington; Co-Pitchers: Matt Daley, Bucknell; Jarame Beaupre, Delaware. Mar. 30—Hitter: 2B Warner Jones, Vanderbilt; Co-Pitchers: Steve Grasley, Creighton; Jered Weaver, Long Beach State; Apr. 6-Hitter: OF Grant Richardson; Pitcher: Dennis Bigley, Oral Roberts.

NCBWA Division III Players of the Week

Mar. 9 (Listed Hitter, Pitcher)—Sean Scott, Menlo; Nathan Soyer, Rose-Hulman. Mar. 16—Jonathan Thomas, New Jersey City; (co) Adam Huron, Haverford; James Halle, Louisiana College. Mar. 23—James Morgan, East Texas Baptist; Chris Lynn, Kenyon. Mar. 30—Geoff Neese, Dickinson; Jeff Gogal, Montclair State; Apr. 6-Ian Hauze, DeSales (Pa.); Scott Hyde, George Fox U.

First NCBWA Division II Poll Features Nation's Powers

Thanks to the great work of Bob McCommas at Slippery Rock and a dedicated voting cast, the second year of NCBWA Division II national and regional writers' polls have returned. Please go to www.ncbwa.com for the weekly polls and archives.

2004 Dick Howser Award Nomination Process

For the sixth year in succession, NCBWA and St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce are starting the process for nomination and awarding of the 18th annual Dick Howser Trophy.

Nominations will be accepted by faxing or emailing candidates to: (214-753-0145; Attn: Bo Carter) or email: bo@big12sports.com.

Timeline

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| Mon., April 19 | Deadline for Initial Set of Nominations |
| Thu., Apr. 22 | First Ballot e-Mailed to Membership |
| Sat., May 1 | Deadline for First Round of Voting |
| Thu., May 13 | Second Ballot e-Mailed to Membership |
| Fri., May 21 | Deadline for Second Round of Voting |
| Thu., May 3 | Final Ballot e-Mailed to Membership |
| Thu., June 10 | Deadline for Final Round of Voting |
| Fri., June 11 | Regional Players of the Year Announced |
| Tue., June 15 | NCBWA All-American Teams Announced |
| Fri., June 18 | Dick Howser Trophy Winner Announced in Omaha |

The winner's name is inscribed on the permanent trophy, a bronze bust of Howser permanently displayed at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, home of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Both the winner and his school receive a special trophy to keep.

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce has had over 100 years of community service since its founding in 1899. 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 21st Century.

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.

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

Previous winners of the Howser Trophy are Mike Fiore, Miami, 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; and Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; Mark Prior, Southern California, 2001; Khalil Greene, Clemson, 2002; and Rickey Weeks, Southern, 2003.

For further information about the Howser Trophy, please contact: David Feaster, Chair, Dick Howser Trophy Committee, 1717 73rd Circle, NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702, (727) 388-1000.

2004 Dick Howser Trophy or NCBWA All-America Team Nomination Form

| Pos. | Name, School | Class | BA | AB | R | H | HR | RBI | |
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| Name, School (L/R) | Class | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
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Initial 2004 USA BASEBALL Golden Spikes Watch List (Stats as of Apr. 4)

| PLAYER | Pos | Year | College BA | 2B | HR | RBI | SB | FLD % |
|----------------------|--------|------|----------------|------|----|-----|----|-------|
| Dennis Bigley | RHP/IF | Jr | Oral Roberts | .381 | 7 | 6 | 24 | .990 |
| Ryan Braun | IF | So | Miami-FL | .353 | 7 | 5 | 29 | .927 |
| Alex Gordon | IF | So | Nebraska | .400 | 9 | 10 | 39 | .938 |
| Stephen Head | LHP/IF | So | Mississippi | .421 | 8 | 10 | 41 | .978 |
| J.C. Holt | OF | Jr | LSU | .407 | 11 | 4 | 22 | 1.000 |
| Marshall Hubbard | IF/OF | Jr | North Carolina | .327 | 9 | 11 | 43 | .983 |
| Devin Ivany | C | Jr | South Florida | .404 | 10 | 3 | 35 | .981 |
| Jason Jaramillo | C | Jr | Oklahoma St. | .380 | 7 | 4 | 30 | .995 |
| Joe Koshanksy | LHP/IF | Sr | Virginia | .308 | 9 | 10 | 44 | .996 |
| Trevor Lawhorn | IF | So | East Carolina | .342 | 9 | 12 | 31 | .954 |
| Brent Lillibridge | IF | So | Washington | .343 | 7 | 6 | 20 | .950 |
| Jed Lowrie | IF | So | Stanford | .388 | 5 | 8 | 37 | .970 |
| Eddy Martinez-Esteve | IF | So | Florida St. | .411 | 10 | 10 | 38 | .970 |
| Brad McCann | IF | Jr | Clemson | .421 | 10 | 8 | 30 | .930 |
| Micah Owings | RHP/IF | So | Georgia Tech | .333 | 7 | 10 | 35 | .941 |
| Dustin Pedroia | IF | Jr | Arizona St. | .411 | 16 | 5 | 29 | .959 |
| Landon Powell | C | Sr | South Carolina | .391 | 10 | 7 | 37 | 1.000 |
| B.J. Szymanski | OF | Jr | Princeton | .421 | 5 | 3 | 22 | .935 |

| TWO-WAY | Pos | Year | College IP | W-L | SV | BB | SO | ERA |
|---------------|--------|------|--------------|------|-----|----|----|------|
| Dennis Bigley | RHP/IF | Jr | Oral Roberts | 59.2 | 5-1 | 0 | 9 | 1.96 |
| Stephen Head | LHP/IF | So | Mississippi | 37.0 | 4-0 | 2 | 8 | 2.92 |
| Joe Koshanksy | LHP/IF | Sr | Virginia | 51.0 | 5-1 | 0 | 16 | 2.82 |
| Micah Owings | RHP/IF | So | Georgia Tech | 48.1 | 3-2 | 0 | 18 | 3.91 |

| PITCHER | Pos | Year | College IP | W-L | SV | BB | SO | ERA |
|------------------|-----|------|----------------|------|-----|----|----|------|
| Thomas Diamond | RHP | Jr | New Orleans | 60.0 | 4-3 | 0 | 17 | 2.70 |
| J.P. Howell | LHP | Jr | Texas | 57.2 | 7-1 | 1 | 21 | 1.87 |
| Philip Humber | RHP | Jr | Rice | 52.1 | 6-1 | 1 | 14 | 1.72 |
| Mike Pelfrey | RHP | So | Wichita St. | 40.1 | 3-0 | 0 | 9 | 2.45 |
| Steven Register | RHP | Jr | Auburn | 27.1 | 5-0 | 6 | 5 | 1.98 |
| Michael Rogers | RHP | So | NC State | 55.1 | 5-1 | 0 | 9 | 2.60 |
| Jeremy Sowers | RHP | Jr | Vanderbilt | 48.0 | 5-1 | 0 | 5 | 2.81 |
| Brett Smith | RHP | Jr | UC Irvine | 47.0 | 5-0 | 0 | 14 | 2.30 |
| Huston Street | RHP | Jr | Texas | 14.0 | 3-0 | 2 | 5 | 0.64 |
| Wade Townsend | RHP | Jr | Rice | 60.1 | 6-0 | 2 | 26 | 1.49 |
| Justin Verlander | RHP | Jr | Old Dominion | 54.0 | 3-3 | 0 | 28 | 3.50 |
| Jered Weaver | RHP | Jr | Long Beach St. | 64.2 | 9-0 | 0 | 9 | 0.84 |

All-Time Division I Records: Part IV

Following are the Nos. 201-311 records of all current and “retired” NCAA Division I baseball programs with a bonus Top 30 by winning percentage of the nation’s current DI programs (minimum of 20 years in this division). As readers can tell, there is some missing information on some schools, and please email (bo@big12sports.com) or contact by phone (214-753-0102) Bo Carter with any historic updates. Thanks to all who have spent personal time and effort on this project since the late 1990s and to the University of Minnesota athletics media relations office, which has provided much research.

| Rank/School | Seasons | W-L-T | Pct. | Conference W-L | Conference Pct. |
|---------------------------|---------|--------------|------|----------------|-----------------|
| 201. Rhode Island | 93 | 866-1,064-17 | .449 | 54-58 | .482 |
| 202. Manhattan | 97 | 860-1,142-22 | .430 | 60-66 | .476 |
| 203. Western Illinois | 48 | 854-897-13 | .488 | 140-171 | .450 |
| 204. Troy State | 31 | 848-449-3 | .654 | 72-77 | .483 |
| 205. Central Conn. State | 65 | 846-657-6 | .563 | 72-42 | .632 |
| 206. Jacksonville | 55 | 839-698 | .548 | 281-206 | .577 |
| 207. Florida Atlantic | 23 | 834-459-6 | .645 | 107-40 | .728 |
| 207. Pittsburgh | 65 | 834-763-1 | .522 | 145-257 | .361 |
| 209. Utah | 39 | 831-1,060 | .439 | 374-513 | .422 |
| 210. Illinois State | 102 | 821-759-20 | .520 | 73-79 | .480 |
| 211. Colorado | 89 | 8197-614-5 | .571 | 337-333 | .502 |
| 212. Monmouth | 45 | 815-642-4 | .563 | 82-34 | .707 |
| 213. Eastern Michigan | 31 | 812-773-7 | .512 | 401-360 | .527 |
| 214. East Tennessee State | 57 | 803-946-7 | .459 | 239-265 | .474 |
| 215. Mount St. Mary's | 125 | 797-1,046-24 | .432 | 32-80 | .286 |

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|----------------------------------|-----|--------------|------|---------|------|
| 216. St. Mary's (Calif.) | 65 | 790-1,039-14 | .432 | 545-724 | .429 |
| 217. Winthrop | 24 | 789-444-5 | .640 | 196-142 | .580 |
| 218. Duquesne | 53 | 777-669 | .537 | 53-59 | .473 |
| 218. Fairleigh Dickinson | 54 | 777-847-15 | .478 | 155-163 | .487 |
| 220. Saint Louis | 80 | 774-1,128-10 | .407 | 136-257 | .346 |
| 221. Liberty | 30 | 772-632-7 | .550 | 53-41 | .564 |
| 222. Virginia Commonwealth | 32 | 763-724-5 | .513 | 115-152 | .431 |
| 223. St. Joseph's (Pa.) | 78 | 756-965-24 | .439 | 262-371 | .414 |
| 224. LaSalle | 57 | 755-889-11 | .459 | 28-83 | .253 |
| 225. C.W. Post (LIU) | 45 | 751-611-15 | .551 | 4-6 | .400 |
| 226. Campbell | 41 | 747-885-6 | .458 | 61-77 | .442 |
| 227. Cleveland State | 62 | 718-1,035-12 | .410 | 43-61 | .413 |
| 228. Colorado State | 87 | 703-1,101-7 | .390 | 134-361 | .271 |
| 229. Norfolk State | 31 | 699-511-3 | .578 | 32-56 | .364 |
| 230. UC Irvine | 25 | 697-601-17 | .537 | 22-23 | .489 |
| 231. UAB | 25 | 695-627-1 | .527 | 167-199 | .456 |
| 232. Xavier-Ohio (since 1973) | 31 | 688-793-4 | .465 | 59-48 | .551 |
| 233. Drexel | 75 | 687-1,041-19 | .398 | 116-170 | .406 |
| 234. Towson | 39 | 685-685-10 | .500 | 102-94 | .520 |
| 235. Charlotte | 25 | 681-654-5 | .510 | 193-204 | .486 |
| 236. San Francisco | 39 | 677-1,202-2 | .360 | 323-677 | .323 |
| 237. Pace | 56 | 676-843 | .445 | 3-7 | .300 |
| 238. Hofstra | 66 | 667-919-13 | .421 | 81-141 | .365 |
| 239. Md.-Baltimore County | 37 | 664-585-6 | .532 | 76-41 | .650 |
| 240. Tennessee-Martin | 33 | 660-635-11 | .510 | 55-179 | .235 |
| 241. Charleston Southern | 36 | 654-789-3 | .453 | 43-52 | .453 |
| 242. Buffalo | 55 | 638-538-4 | .543 | 11-38 | .224 |
| 243. Tulsa | 33 | 633-370 | .631 | 80-61 | .567 |
| 244. Arkansas-Little Rock | 29 | 629-776 | .448 | 94-201 | .319 |
| 245. St. Francis (N.Y.) | 50 | 621-654-6 | .487 | 161-126 | .561 |
| 246. Wagner | 59 | 618-889-26 | .410 | 138-175 | .441 |
| 247. Alcorn State | 32 | 614-558 | .524 | 77-53 | .592 |
| 248. Bethune-Cookman | 30 | 597-723-7 | .452 | 61-25 | .709 |
| 249. Southern-Baton Rouge | 19 | 589-302-1 | .661 | 132-23 | .852 |
| 250. Texas State | 19 | 586-479-3 | .550 | 230-200 | .535 |
| 251. Sacred Heart (Conn.) | 38 | 573-586-1 | .494 | 171-164 | .510 |
| 252. Iona | 36 | 571-656-8 | .465 | 72-57 | .558 |
| 253. Oakland | 28 | 569-617-3 | .480 | 40-49 | .449 |
| 254. Southern Utah | 39 | 564-1,011-3 | .360 | 57-36 | .613 |
| 255. Fairfield | 35 | 552-648-6 | .460 | 61-68 | .473 |
| 256. SMU | 68 | 544-822-3 | .398 | 290-586 | .331 |
| 257. Siena | 34 | 538-624-4 | .462 | 84-47 | .641 |
| 258. Samford | 34 | 536-700-3 | .434 | 46-98 | .319 |
| 259. UW-Milwaukee | 34 | 526-641-2 | .451 | 67-35 | .657 |
| 260. Hawai'i-Hilo | 27 | 524-652-3 | .446 | 10-56 | .152 |
| 261. Chicago State | 38 | 520-899 | .366 | 62-131 | .321 |
| 262. Oregon | 66 | 517-486-1 | .515 | 466-417 | .528 |
| 263. New York Tech | 22 | 515-500-2 | .507 | 5-5 | .500 |
| 264. VMI (since 1954) | 50 | 514-873-3 | .371 | 282-538 | .344 |
| 265. Niagara | 52 | 512-713-7 | .418 | 64-65 | .496 |
| 266. Savannah State | 30 | 503-369-8 | .577 | ---- | .000 |
| 266. Columbia (since 1930) | 73 | 503-645-1 | .438 | 450-563 | .444 |
| 268. St. Bonaventure (since '82) | 22 | 496-428-2 | .537 | 58-47 | .552 |
| 269. Canisius | 101 | 473-722-3 | .396 | 28-99 | .220 |
| 270. IUPUI | 23 | 471-671-2 | .412 | 19-52 | .268 |
| 271. Hartford | 46 | 461-902-7 | .338 | 114-196 | .368 |
| 272. Georgia State | 30 | 435-743-1 | .369 | 111-117 | .487 |
| 273. UNC Greensboro | 13 | 406-298 | .577 | 109-62 | .638 |
| 274. LeMoyne | 16 | 402-238-1 | .628 | 89-34 | .724 |
| 275. Radford | 19 | 381-512 | .427 | 36-58 | .383 |
| 276. Prairie View A&M | 31 | 380-768-1 | .331 | 41-222 | .156 |
| 277. St. Peter's (N.J.) | 35 | 374-706-9 | .346 | 25-104 | .194 |

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| 278. UNC-Asheville | 19 | 352-589-3 | .374 | 38-60 | .388 |
| 279. College of Charleston | 13 | 334-310-3 | .518 | 79-65 | .549 |
| 280. Texas-San Antonio | 11 | 307-333 | .480 | 128-156 | .451 |
| 281. Valparaiso | 15 | 306-483-7 | .388 | 35-29 | .547 |
| 282. Montana | 48 | 290-285-11 | .504 | 4-25 | .138 |
| 283. Marist | 12 | 282-264-3 | .516 | 150-128 | .540 |
| 284. Texas Southern (since '90) | 14 | 200-316-1 | .388 | 139-138 | .502 |
| 285. Cal State Los Angeles | 8 | 184-279-1 | .397 | 76-134 | .362 |
| 286. Alabama State (since '90) | 14 | 174-276 | .387 | 120-164 | .423 |
| 287. Idaho | 42 | 155-396 | .281 | 155-396 | .281 |
| 288. Delaware State | 4 | 146-91 | .616 | 69-8 | .896 |
| 289. Miss. Valley State (since '90) | 14 | 127-320 | .278 | 89-155 | .365 |
| 291. Coppin State | 15 | 126-463-2 | .213 | 29-48 | .377 |
| 292. Stony Brook | 4 | 125-71 | .638 | 51-29 | .638 |
| 293. Wofford | 8 | 119-276 | .301 | 54-112 | .325 |
| 294. Chattanooga | 6 | 116-111 | .511 | 22-50 | .306 |
| 295. Florida A&M | 5 | 113-131 | .463 | 50-36 | .581 |
| 296. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi | 4 | 98-111-1 | .469 | ---- | .000 |
| 297. Alabama A&M | 5 | 88-140 | .386 | 68-82 | .453 |
| 298. High Point | 4 | 83-137-1 | .377 | 25-52 | .325 |
| 299. North Carolina A&T | 5 | 79-189 | .294 | 29-55 | .345 |
| 299. Arkansas-Pine Bluff | 6 | 79-207 | .276 | 51-123 | .293 |
| 301. Eastern Washington | 9 | 78-135 | .366 | 78-135 | .366 |
| 302. Tennessee State (1988-94) | 7 | 76-167 | .313 | 19-57 | .250 |
| 303. Albany | 4 | 74-118-1 | .385 | 31-49 | .388 |
| 304. IPFW | 3 | 69-118-1 | .369 | ---- | .000 |
| 305. Quinnipiac | 5 | 67-135 | .332 | 37-61 | .378 |
| 306. Gardner-Webb | 2 | 64-51 | .557 | 18-15 | .545 |
| 307. Lipscomb | 3 | 63-81 | .438 | ---- | .000 |
| 308. Howard | 4 | 55-148 | .271 | 40-31 | .563 |
| 309. Binghampton | 3 | 46-100-1 | .315 | 17-57 | .230 |
| 310. Maryland-Eastern Shore | 5 | 20-191 | .095 | 13-72 | .153 |
| 311. Morris Brown | 1 | 10-33-1 | .233 | ---- | .000 |

Top 25 Division I Baseball Programs By Winning Percentage (Through 2003) - Minimum 20 Seasons in Division I

| <u>School</u> | <u>Seasons</u> | <u>Overall</u> | <u>Pct.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Texas | 108 | 2,760-867-27 | .761 |
| 2. Florida State | 56 | 2,192-801-10 | .732 |
| 3. Grambling | 77 | 1,558-586-0 | .727 |
| 4. Miami (Fla.) | 57 | 1,981-775-17 | .719 |
| 5. Cal State Fullerton | 29 | 1,293-541-6 | .705 |
| 6. Wichita State | 69 | 1,704-758-8 | .692 |
| 7. Oklahoma State | 92 | 2,057-1,001-4 | .673 |
| 8. Fordham | 144 | 3,161-1,543-40 | .672 |
| 9. Arizona State | 92 | 2,317-1,136-6 | .671 |
| 10. St. John's (N.Y.) | 125 | 1,415-703-13 | .668 |
| 11. South Alabama | 39 | 1,369-679-3 | .668 |
| 12. Southern California | 109 | 2,692-1,383-44 | .661 |
| 13. East Carolina | 52 | 1,340-693-8 | .659 |
| 14. Arizona | 99 | 2,273-1,179-21 | .658 |
| 15. Oral Roberts | 37 | 1,324-693-4 | .656 |
| 16. Florida International | 30 | 1,181-631 | .652 |
| 17. Florida Atlantic | 23 | 834-459-6 | .645 |
| 18. Clemson | 106 | 2,228-1,234-29 | .644 |
| 19. Brigham Young | 67 | 1,545-857-11 | .643 |
| 20. Mississippi State | 113 | 2,105-1,181-28 | .641 |
| 20. Fresno State | 81 | 2,082-1,163-4 | .641 |
| 22. Winthrop | 24 | 789-444-5 | .640 |
| 23. Texas A&M | 102 | 2,094-1,185-34 | .639 |
| 24. Michigan | 136 | 2,397-1,355-38 | .637 |

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| 24. Seton Hall | 118 | 1,695-965-22 | .637 |
| 24. SMS | 39 | 1,145-653-1 | .637 |
| 27. Oklahoma | 98 | 2,006-1,160-10 | .633 |
| 28. Alabama | 110 | 2,111-1,230-23 | .632 |
| 28. James Madison | 35 | 1,008-588-7 | .632 |
| 30. Washington State | 108 | 2,301-1,348-17 | .631 |
| 30. Minnesota | 112 | 2,139-1,252-26 | .631 |

232 Team USA Alumni in 2004 MLB Camps

As Major League Baseball spring training concludes in Arizona and Florida, USA Baseball has put together a complete list of all former USA Baseball players who are in camp vying for spots in the majors. There are 232 players this spring that have previously donned the Red, White and Blue uniform with 49 former Olympians. USA Baseball has recently determined that 302 (31 percent) of 983 all-time alumni have reached the major league level at some point in their career. In addition, an amazing 80 percent of U.S. Olympians (83 of 104) since 1984 have appeared in at least one major league game during their career. The Cleveland Indians (34) and the Seattle Mariners (34) have had the most USA Baseball alumni play for them while the Atlanta Braves (13) have had the fewest. Kansas City, Oakland and Seattle have had the most Olympians (11) while Atlanta & Philadelphia have had the fewest (two).

For the complete listing, please access: http://www.usabaseball.com/alumni_mlb_04.html

Miami One of Several Colleges to Play "The Bigs" in Exhibitions in 2004; Win 200th Game

Miami traveled north to Jupiter, Fla. on Mar. 3 to take on the defending World Series Champion Florida Marlins at Roger Dean Stadium.

The Hurricanes opened the season at 7-3 and ranked sixth by Baseball America. Miami will send left-hander J.D. Cockcroft to the mound to face the Marlins. Cockcroft was 0-2 on the after two starts with a 5.11 ERA.

The Mar. 3 matchup with the Marlins was UM's 26th meeting with a Major League club since its first game against the Brooklyn Dodgers on March 17, 1950. The Hurricanes also had a 7-6 win over the Baltimore Orioles in 1982.

The Hurricanes were 0-4-1 against the Marlins prior to 2004 after earning a tie in a 5-5 rain-shortened game in Coral Gables in 2002. The Marlins started righthanded pitcher Justin Wayne against a Hurricanes' lineup that hit .327 through the first 10 games of the season.

The then-sixth-ranked Miami Hurricanes also completed a sweep of Illinois-Chicago on Mar. 21, at Mark Light Field for the 2,000th win in the storied program's history. The Hurricanes won their 19th game in 23 outings with that triumph.

Miami, in just 59 seasons and 2,796 games, becomes only the 28th program in the history of college baseball to win 2,000 games. UM advanced to an all-time record of 2,000-779-17 (.718) with the triumph over UIC. Cesar Carrillo improved to 3-0 on the season with six innings of work, allowing one run on three hits and five strikeouts.

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BASEBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. Members receive a membership card, directory, newsletter updates and official votes in the Howser Award Player of the Year, Regional Player of the Year and NCBWA All-America voting. The NCBWA also sponsors preseason All-American awards, publication and writing contests. Additionally, the organization has a website at www.ncbwa.com. For membership, send annual dues (\$15.00), along with mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address information to Russell Anderson, NCBWA Treasurer, c/o Conference USA, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60601.

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