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NCBWA President's Message

By Jeff Hurd

College baseball is the best!

There's no more excitement than to be in Omaha, Neb., or Montgomery, Ala., or Lewiston, Idaho, or any number of championship sites.

It's especially gratifying to be in Omaha for annual presentation of the Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy, and this year's Division I Player of the Year was no surprise. Long Beach State's Jered Weaver, unable to travel to Omaha because of a severe bronchial ailment and doctor's orders not to fly, was well represented by LBSU head coach Mike Weathers. Special thanks go to coach Weathers for literally going an extra 130-140 miles to make it for the presentation and several national interviews and to Long Beach State baseball SID Niall Adler, who was particularly helpful throughout the weeks before and after the presentation.

I would be remiss if I didn't extend deepest gratitude to David Feaster (chair of the Xanthus Howser Trophy and longtime representative of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce), Russ Sloan (president of the St. Pete Area Chamber) and marketing specialist Ms. Jan Zach for their longstanding support of NCBWA as well as the Howser Trophy and their great diligence in obtaining corporate sponsorship for the trophy by Xanthus, a St. Petersburg-based corporation.

The Xanthus delegation—President Jim Zach, CEO Brian Green and CFO Larry Otts—could not have been more gracious. They indicated great pleasure in being associated with the Howser Trophy as well as the baseball writers, and their first trip to Omaha appeared to be exciting and rewarding for them. All three executives were boyhood friends, and they have built Xanthus into one of the fastest-growing corporations in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area. The service the company supplies in student loans and debt consolidation will be beneficial for years to come.

Our group, including past NCBWA presidents Rob Carolla, Russ Anderson, Bo Carter, Charles Bloom (later in the week), made special efforts to be on hand for the 18th annual awards' ceremony, and I am grateful for this group's support.

As you finishing reading this message, I urge you to drop a few notes of thanks on behalf to NCBWA to these great benefactors:

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Congratulations to Cal State Fullerton on the Division I title, Delta State on capturing Division II and George Fox in winning D-III.

Jeff Hurd, Western Athletic Conference
2003-04 President

Long Beach State's Weaver Chosen As 18th Recipient Of Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy, College Baseball Player of Year

Another in a long line of West Coast collegiate pitching standouts, Long Beach State All-America junior righthander Jered Weaver of Simi Valley, Calif., has been voted as recipient of the 18th annual Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy as 2004 college baseball player of the year.

Weaver's numbers for '04 almost seem too good to be true.

He was a six-time (record) COLLEGIATE BASEBALL Louisville Slugger Pitcher of the Week. Weaver also became just the 14th pitcher in NCAA Division I history to record 200-plus (213, ninth-most whiffs in Division I season annals) strikeouts in a season. The two-time consensus first team All-America had 14 games with 10-plus strikeouts, and the opposition included Southern California, Baylor, Houston, Brigham Young, UCLA, Wichita State, Cal State Fullerton (on two occasions), UC Irvine, Cal Poly, UCSB, Pacific, and Miami (Fla.). He also struck out the first 10 hitters he faced in separate contests against Southern California in February and Brigham Young in March.

Seven of his mound victories were over Top 30 opponents, including NCAA World Series entry Arizona during the regular season, California, USC, Wichita State, UC Irvine, and Stanford.

He was leading the nation in total wins (15-1), strikeouts (201 in 136 1/3 innings pitched), opponents' batting average (for pitchers with 100-plus frames) at .161, and had a 1.65 ERA for third nationally prior to the June 18-27/28 NCAA World Series. His total of 13.3 strikeouts per nine innings also topped the country.

"We are thrilled to be presenting Jered Weaver of Long Beach State with the 2004 Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy," said Xanthus Howser Trophy chair David Feaster of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. "He embodies all the skills of the great student-athlete and has represented his university and country well as a previous member of Team USA in 2003. His character counted in the voting and selection process, and he showed great courage while facing just about every team's ace this spring."

"Jered Weaver had a phenomenal season," said LBSU head coach Mike Weathers. "He carried this team, and his statistics actually don't tell the whole story. He completely dominated most of the hitters he faced, and we are extremely proud that he has received this national honor."

In voting by members of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association in conjunction with the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area Chamber of Commerce, the "Beach" rightly joins a heady list of pitchers who have moved from the Xanthus Howser Trophy to even greater heights. Three of the winners in the last decade have displayed their talents in Major League Baseball in 1995's Kris Benson, 1999's Jason Jennings and 2001 winner Mark Prior.

Weaver is the first man on the mound to capture these kudos since Prior after Clemson shortstop Khalil Greene in 2002 and Southern University 2B Rickie Weeks in 2003.

The junior standout has been Co-Big West Player of the Year for the past two seasons, first team All-Big West in both 2003 and '04, eight-time National Pitcher of the Week during the two most recent seasons, 13-time Big West Pitcher of the Week, and preseason (2004) NCBWA All-America in addition to consensus post-2004 All-America laurels.

His sophomore campaign in 2003 included a 14-4 overall record, 144 strikeouts in 133-plus innings, a 1.96 ERA and a .182 opponents' average.

Imposing at 6-7, 205 pounds, he has set school strikeout records in each of the last two seasons at Long Beach State while registering a career record of 37-9 (.804 winning percentage) and leading his conference in every major pitching stats' category as both a sophomore and junior. [His career ERA is 2.43—fourth-best in the pitching-rich history of the 49ers.](#)

Equally impressive are his summer diamond accomplishments as he competed for Team USA in 2003 and the Anchorage Bucs in the Alaska League after his collegiate freshman year. He had an amazing 45 2/3 consecutive scoreless innings while pitching for the '03 national team with a record 0.38 ERA. [He was named BASEBALL AMERICA's Summer Player of the Year with that Team USA all-time-low ERA.](#) That came after he had a 1.11 earned run average in 64-plus innings and was 5-1 for Anchorage in 2002. Weaver was chosen as BASEBALL AMERICA Summer All-America in both of those campaigns.

He was selected as the 12th player in the 2004 MLB draft first round by the nearby Anaheim Angels and helped his collegiate squad advance two rounds into the 2004 NCAA tournament. LBSU upended homestanding Stanford in the NCAA Stanford Regional before falling twice in extra innings to Arizona in the Long Beach Super Regionals.

Weaver's hometown of Simi Valley also has received worldwide recognition recently as the site of the Ronald W. Reagan Presidential Library and the eventual resting place of the United States President.

The Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy, given in memory of the Florida State University All-America shortstop and major league player and manager who died of brain cancer in 1987, is regarded by many as college baseball's most prestigious award.

In addition to Friday's presentation by NCBWA President Jeff Hurd of the Western Athletic Conference, there will be a special ceremony during the 2004-05 academic year on the Long Beach State campus before the big righthander's family, friends and teammates.

Criteria for consideration for the trophy include performance on the field, leadership, moral character and courage, qualities that were exemplified by Dick Howser's life.

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 D-Rays and the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four, among other championship events. Both the winner and his school receive a special trophy to keep on public display at the university.

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce has been the guiding force in Xanthus Howser Trophy activities since the first award in 1987 and has helped the region in numerous baseball projects. It has been a force in both in spring training locales and during the pursuit of a Major League Baseball franchise for the Tampa Bay-St. Petersburg area and is 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 its fifth decade of coverage and promotion of college baseball on all levels.

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; Mark Prior, Southern California, 2001; Khalil Greene, Clemson, 2002; Rickie Weeks, Southern, 2003; Jered Weaver, Long Beach State, 2004.

Xanthus Help, LLC, Partners With St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, NCBWA As Corporate Sponsor of Prestigious Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy

Xanthus Help, LLC, has partnered with the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association to serve as corporate sponsor of the Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy for Division I Baseball Player of the Year.

In a joint announcement on Wednesday, June 9, Xanthus CEO Jim Zach and Russ Sloan, president of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber, denoted the new sponsorship of the award. The 18th annual Xanthus Howser Trophy will be presented on Friday, June 18, 2004, at a national news conference in the Omaha (Neb.) Courtyard by Marriott.

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All parties involved in the announcement appeared pleased with several amenities that Xanthus will bring to the table for the 2005 Howser Trophy selection process.

A total of 64 general fund scholarships totaling \$64,000 will be donated in honor of top baseball student-athlete nominees for the '05 Xanthus Howser Trophy in the 45 states and District of Columbia in which Division I baseball is played.

The 2005 Xanthus Howser Trophy recipient will have a \$10,000 scholarship awarded to his university by the corporation as well as a special presentation at a football game on the winner's campus or a designated home site (last autumn's ceremonial trophy handoff occurred at the 2003 Southern-Grambling grid contest at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans to Southern All-America and '03 first draft choice 2B Rickie Weeks).

"We could not be happier about the new association of Xanthus and the Dick Howser Trophy," Sloan said. "It is an added bonus that Xanthus is located in St. Petersburg, and we are pleased to be starting an outstanding new partnership. This is an association that will last for a long time."

“The scholarship program provided by Xanthus will be a wonderful boost to higher education as well as a great recognition for the Xanthus Howser Trophy winner and the 64 designated student-athletes who have excelled on the playing field and in leadership and character areas,” he added.

“We also are extremely excited about the Xanthus Howser Trophy,” said Xanthus CEO Zach. “The talent, baseball ability and character aspects of the award are important to our organization. We have been fortunate to be able to work on a nationwide basis with a productive student loan program and debt management at no cost to students.”

Zach was joined on the national teleconference by Chief Operations Officer Brian Green and Chief Financial Officer Ray Otts. Zach is an alumnus of Florida State University where Howser starred as a student-athlete and later head coach. FSU’s campus baseball facility is Dick Howser Stadium.

Following is a profile of Xanthus Higher Education Loan Program, LLC:

What Is Xanthus Help

Xanthus Higher Education Loan Program, LLC, is headquartered in Tampa Bay, Fla. Launched in July of 2002, Xanthus has experienced tremendous growth in education college graduates to benefit from the Federal Consolidation program for their student loans. Our dedication to excellence in customer satisfaction and life-of-loan servicing sets Xanthus apart and ahead of our competitors.

The leadership team brings over 80 years of combined experience in banking, finance, and student loan consolidation. Xanthus employs a growing team that includes Recovery Specialists, Quality Control Staff, and Loan Processors as well as Account Executives, highly trained in meeting the various needs of our customers. Since our inception, Xanthus has grown to assist student loan borrowers with loan consolidations exceeding 20 million dollars per month, with average borrower indebtedness in excess of \$50,000. Our 2004 estimates place funded consolidations in excess of \$400 million..

Our consolidation partners include American Education Services (AES) and Pittsburgh National Corporation (PNC Bank), two leaders in the servicing and funding of federally guaranteed student loans. AES, a division of Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), has grown from a small student loan guarantor with a volume of only 4,600 student loans in 1964, to one of the largest, full-service financial aid organizations in the nation. Pittsburgh National Corporation (PNC Bank) was established in 1852. PNC Bank was the first to apply for a National Charter, and is ranked 11th among Financial Institutions in the Nation. Together, AES and PNC are leaders in the industry making postsecondary education a reality for thousands of students.

Xanthus Higher Education Loan Program specializes in the marketing of Federal Consolidation loans. In 2004, Xanthus will offer both Origination and Consolidation Programs for Private Education Loans.

Today’s academic and financial world rewards those who invite and nurture meaningful partnerships, knowing that success is won through collaborative effort. At Xanthus Higher Education Loan Program, we recognize the value of these partnerships, and therefore, aggressively seek to develop these partnerships on a daily basis.

What They Do

Xanthus currently markets our discounted loan programs to customers internally through Account Executives, direct mailings, our website, www.askhelp.org, and print and Internet advertising, and a nationwide sales team.

Xanthus is able to offer our customers discounted loan programs because of the relationships that we have with our lender. In exchange for the volume of loans that we generate, our customers gain from benefits that are exclusive to our program. Certain benefits would include Interest Rate Reductions Programs, Repayment Assistance, and access to valuable Student Loan Information.

NCBWA Selects Division III Players of the Year

Eastern Connecticut State University outfielder Dwight Wildman (Sr., Seymour, Conn.) has been named National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division III Player of the Year, while his teammate, Ryan DiPietro, (So., Berlin, Conn.) shared the organization's Division III Pitcher of the Year award with George Fox University's Scott Hyde (Jr., Grant Pass, Ore.).

Wildman, who was also named American Baseball Coaches Association first team All-America, Little East Conference "Player of the Year," and NCAA Division III New England Regional all-tournament MVP, batted .425 with 61 runs scored, 20 doubles, 16 home runs, 71 RBI, 26-31 stolen bases.

DiPietro was named ABCA first-team All-American, Little East Conference Pitcher of the Year and was named to the NCAA Division III New England Regional all-tournament team with a 9-0 record, an NCAA Division III-leading 0.83 earned run average, three shutouts and 151 strikeouts in 97.1 innings pitched.

Hyde was an ABCA first-team All-America, the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship's Most Outstanding Player, named to the NCAA Division III West Region all-tournament team and named Northwest Conference Player of the Year with a 14-1 record (most wins in NCAA Division III), seven complete games, two shutouts, a 1.99 earned run average and 191 strikeouts (also tops in NCAA Division III) in 122.0 innings pitched. Hyde, who was named NCBWA "Pitcher of the Week" on April 3 after throwing a no-hitter versus Pacific, went 3-0 at the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship with 30 strikeouts in 20 innings pitched and defeated Eastern Connecticut, 6-3, in the championship game.

The voting was conducted by the eight NCBWA NCAA Division III regional coordinators. Eight regional players and eight regional pitchers, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) membership, advanced to the national ballot.

Results of CoSIDA NCBWA Publications' Contest

Baseball Guides – Division A (67 Entries)

1. Texas (Mike Forcucci, Mary Elliott)
2. LSU (Bill Franques, Jason Feirman, David Hurd)
3. Florida (Brian Deitz)
4. Kansas State (Kenny Lannou, Ron Cook)
5. Texas Tech (Blayne Beal, Chris Cook)

Best Cover: Florida

Division B (21 Entries)

1. North Dakota (Michael Cummings, Mitchell Wigness, Dan Benson)
2. Mesa State (Jennifer Hobbs)
3. Montevallo (UM Sports Information)
4. Central Missouri State (Joe Moore, Kris Gilbert, Rob Bergin)

Best Cover: Montevallo

Division C (31 Entries)

1. Johnson County (Kan.) CC (Tyler Cundith)
2. Embry-Riddle Univ. (Allison Smalling, Jamie Joss, John Phillips)
3. Madonna U. (Matthew Fancett)
4. Johns Hopkins (Brian Morley, Kevin Tritt, Ernie Larossa)

Best Cover: Fullerton (Calif.) College

Baseball Programs

1. Ohio State
2. LSU
3. Baylor
4. Tampa

Best Cover: LSU

District Media Guide Winners: I. St. John's; II. Penn State; III. Florida; IV. Tennessee; V. Notre Dame; VI. Texas; VII. Kansas State; VIII. BYU

Special thanks to contest coordinator and NCBWA Third VP Dave Fanucchi and judges Kevin Best of North Carolina, Jake Fehling of USA Baseball, and Matt Eddy of BASEBALL AMERICA.

CoSIDA Academic All-America Team Reflects Classroom “Victories” for Baseball Student-Athletes

Junior pitcher Wade Townsend, who has led Rice University to a 43-12 record and a top seed in his weekend's NCAA Regionals, and senior Brady Endl, a member of Wisconsin-Whitewater's Division III World Series team, head the 2004 Academic All-America baseball team, which was announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) on June 1.

Townsend, a right-hander from Dripping Springs, Texas, was named the Academic All-America of the Year in the university division. He enters the NCAA tournament with a perfect 11-0 record, a 1.68 ERA and 141 strikeouts in 112.2 innings of work for the fourth-ranked Owls. Last year, he was 12-2 with 164 punchouts and a 2.20 ERA while pitching Rice to the national championship. For his career, Townsend is a sparkling 24-3 with 13 saves, a 2.01 ERA and an average of 11.33 strikeouts per nine innings.

The success has continued in the classroom where the 6-4 Townsend has amassed a 3.59 grade point average while majoring in history, economics and managerial studies.

Endl, making his second straight appearance on the first team, was selected as the Academic All-America of the Year in the college division. The first baseman, who led the Warhawks to a 39-9 season, hit .404 with 18 homers, 63 RBI, 57 runs scored and a sensational .813 slugging percentage. He also excelled on the mound, winning 10 of 12 decisions with a 2.34 ERA and 103 strikeouts in 84.2 innings.

Endl, who hails from Jefferson, Wis., was also one of five members of the college division first team who has a grade point average of 4.00 or better for their college career, achieving his perfect GPA as a finance/financial planning major.

Senior outfielder Ted Ledbetter (Oklahoma City University) has amassed a 4.01 GPA as a psychology major while Brian Brzek of RPI, Evan Weinstein of Longwood and Matt Keener of Southern Indiana have 4.00 GPA's.

The college division team also includes two of the top seven hitters in the latest NCAA Division III statistics, junior infielder Eric Cirella of Salve Regina University and senior outfielder Rob Morrison of Johns Hopkins University.

Of the 34 players named to one of the three university division teams, 16 will be active in the NCAA Division I tournament that gets underway this coming weekend. That list includes four players from Wichita State University, outfielders Mark Johnson and Nick Blasi, pitcher Tommy Hottovy and infielder Brandon Green. Johnson was a first-team selection while the others were second-teamers.

The other first-team honorees who will be playing in the NCAA tourney are Townsend, junior pitcher Garrett Broshius of Missouri, and infielders James Burt of Miami (Fla.) and Steve Sollmann of Notre Dame.

The complete list of student-athletes named to the Academic All-America Baseball Team is attached. The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America; a 2,000-member organization consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Division I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or email rlipe@bentley.edu.

CoSIDA 2004 Academic All-America Baseball Team (University Division)
First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Garrett Broshius	Missouri	Jr.	Advance, Mo.	3.92	Psychology
P	Wade Townsend	Rice	Jr.	Dripping Springs, TX	3.59	History, Economics
	Managerial Studies					
C	Chris Westervelt	Stetson	Sr.	Batesville, Ark.	3.81	E-Business Technology
IF	Tom Blaszk	Virginia Tech	Jr.	Blacksburg, Va.	3.89	Biology
IF	James Burt	Miami (Fla.)	Gr.	Allendale, N.J.	3.82	Business (und.)/ Sports Administration
IF	Reed Eastley	Niagara	Jr.	Brandon, Manitoba	3.88	Mathematics
IF	Reilly Embrey	San Diego State	Sr.	Poway, Calif.	3.98	Kinesiology
IF	Steve Sollmann	Notre Dame	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.38	Marketing
OF	Tom Beechem	Dayton	Gr.	Park Hills, Ky.	3.99	Mechanical
	Engineering/					
					4.00	Materials Science &
Eng.						
OF	Josh Brummett	Belmont	Sr.	Owensboro, Ky.	3.93	Accounting
OF	Mark Johnson	Wichita State	Sr.	Andover, Kan.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
DH	David Dufour	Wofford	Sr.	Morrow, Ohio	3.60	Business Economics

Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Tommy Hottovy	Wichita State	Sr.	Parkville, Mo.	3.76	Finance
P	Austin Tubb	Southern Miss	Sr.	Hoover, Ala.	3.31	Sports Administration
C	Brad Canada	Bradley	Jr.	Fishers, Ind.	3.84	Economics
IF	Brian Bixler	Eastern Michigan	Jr.	Sandusky, Ohio	3.57	Finance
IF	Brooks Colvin	SMS	Sr.	O'Fallon, Ill.	3.72	Finance
IF	Brandon Green	Wichita State	Sr.	Adair, Okla.	3.32	Sport Administration
IF	Andy Hunter	Minnesota	So.	West St. Paul, Minn.	3.80	Accounting
OF	Nick Blasi	Wichita State	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.	3.62	Business Administration
OF	Phillip Coker	Charleston	So.	Hanahan, S.C.	3.97	Chemistry
OF	Jordan Foster	Lamar	Sr.	Arlington, Texas	3.76	Accounting
OF	Sean Murray	New Mexico	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	4.20	Mechanical Engineering
DH	Ryan Parker	Indiana	Jr.	Hilliard, Ohio	3.94	Business Management

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Alex Graham	Pacific	Sr.	Fair Oaks, Calif.	3.61	Engineering/Physics
P	Chris Saxton	Florida Atlantic	Sr.	Lake Worth, Fla.	3.73	Education
C	Schuyler Williamson	U.S. Military Academy	Jr.		Pensacola, Fla.	3.21
	Engineering Management					
IF	Brett Anderson	Charleston	Jr.	Charleston, S.C.	3.45	Communications
IF	Gary Morris	Elon	Jr.	Franklin, N.C.	3.68	Environmental Studies
IF	Dan Soukup	Belmont	Sr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	3.66	Business
OF	Matt Ciaramella	Utah	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	3.52	Business
OF	Collin Henderson	Washington State	Gr.	Puyallup, Wash.	3.70/4.00	Sports
	Management					
OF	Chris Kolkhorst	Rice	Sr.	Houston, Texas	3.36	Economics, Managerial Studies,
	Kinesiology					
DH	Bobby Barbier	Northwestern State	So.	Lafayette, La.	3.55	Health and Human Performance

Academic All-America of the Year: Wade Townsend, Rice

2004 Academic All-America Baseball Team (College Division)
First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Brian Brzek	RPI	Gr.	Woodstock, Conn.	4.00	Aeronautical Engineering
P	Evan Weinstein	Longwood	Sr.	Toronto, Ontario	4.00	Business Administration
C	Michael Pelley	Armstrong Atlantic State	Sr.	Lake Kathie, New South Wales, Australia	3.88	Information Technology
INF	Curtis Bell	Presbyterian	Sr.	Gilbert, S.C.	3.94	Physics
INF	Eric Cirella	Salve Regina	Jr.	Jamestown, R.I.	3.88	Business Administration
INF	Brady Endl	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	Jefferson, Wis.	4.00	Finance-Financial Planning
INF	Brendan Rokke	Southwest Minnesota St.	Sr.	Tracy, Minn.	3.97	Psychology
OF	Ryan Burke	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	3.61	Elementary Education
OF	Matt Keener	Southern Indiana	Jr.	Newburgh, Ind.	4.00	Marketing
OF	Ted Ledbetter	Oklahoma City	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.01	Psychology
OF	Rob Morrison	Johns Hopkins	Sr.	Malibu, Calif.	3.59	Political Science
DH	Rob Daggett	Elmhurst	Sr.	Meridian, Miss.	3.31	Finance

Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Peter Dean	Washington and Lee	Sr.	Vienna, Va.	3.66	Chemistry
P	Tom McCullen	Rowan	Jr.	Absecon, N.J.	3.63	Elementary Education
C	Josh Gaub	Ashland	Sr.	Brunswick, Ohio	3.30	Environmental Science
INF	Brian Ahlers	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Minier, Ill.	3.82	Construction Engineering
INF	Brad Groth	Elmhurst	Sr.	Lake Villa, Ill.	3.59	Finance
INF	Steve Hopkins	Missouri-Rolla	Jr.	Rolla, Mo.	3.97	Management Systems
INF	David Yount	Wingate	Sr.	Forest City, N.C.	3.59	Sports Management
OF	Kyle Heckendorf	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Sr.	Mosinee, Wis.	3.82	Elementary/Special Education
OF	Michael McLanahan	Ouachita Baptist	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla.	4.00	Accounting
DH	Zack Humphrey	SE Oklahoma St.	Sr.	Weatherford, Okla.	3.74	Computer Information Systems

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Year	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Adam Blackwell	Lee	Jr.	Franklin, Tenn.	3.92	Business Administration
P	Steve Broski	Augustana (Ill.)	Jr.	Rockford, Ill.	4.00	Pre-Medicine
C	Bob Haile	Susquehanna	Sr.	Sunbury, Pa.	3.78	Accounting
INF	Tim Casale	Johns Hopkins	Sr.	West Hempstead, N.Y.	3.31	Psychology/English
INF	Caleb Goist	Thiel	Sr.	Columbiana, Ohio	3.81	Biology/Pre-Dental
INF	Zak King	Tiffin	Sr.	Plymouth, Ohio	4.00	Business Administration
INF	Brian Sanders	Chapman	Gr.	Placentia, Calif.	3.90	Business
INF	Ben Sherer	Gustavus Adolphus	So.	Bismarck, N.D.	3.92	Biology
OF	Nicholas D'Amato	Salve Regina	Sr.	Mystic, Conn.	3.66	Economics
OF	Mike Larson	California (Pa.)	Jr.	Weyburn, Saskatchewan	3.84	Criminal Justice
OF	Adam Mandel	Denison	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.25	History
DH	Sam Cunningham	Emory	So.	Atlanta, Ga.	3.91	Economics,
	Environmental Studies					

College Division Academic All-America of the Year: Brady Endl, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

USA BASEBALL Extends Nine More Invitations to 2004 National Team Trials to 28 of Possible 36

USA Baseball added nine collegiate players to participate in the 2004 USA Baseball National Team Trials on June 20-26 at Durham, N.C. The USA Baseball National Team was selected from a pool of 36 players, of which 28 have been determined. The official 20-man team roster was announced on June 27 and jumped out to a 6-0 start in its first six exhibition contests behind .800 (8-for-10) stickwork by Tavis Buck and a .526 average (10-for-19, six RBI) by Trevor Crowe. USA National Team LHP Mark Romanczuk (2-0 with no earned runs in his first 6 2/3 innings) from Stanford was among the standouts in the second group of invitees who made the squad. For a full roster of all invitees, and the 20 finalists, fans can log on to www.usabaseball.com/natl_players.html. The 2004 USA Baseball National Team opened play on June 23 at Durham Bulls Athletic Park in Durham vs Canada. Team USA will also play an additional seven games in Durham, along with several more domestic exhibition games prior to representing the United States at 2004 II FISU World University Baseball Championships in Chinese Taipei, July 23-August 1. The next group of invitees for Team USA was Brad Corley - OF - So - Mississippi State - Louisville, Ky.; Joey Devine, RHP - So - N.C. State - Junction City, Kan.; Warner Jones, - IF/OF - So - Vanderbilt - Nashville, Tenn.; Tim Lincecum, - RHP - Fr - Washington - Renton, Wash.; Mark Romanczuk, - LHP - So - Stanford - Newark, Del.; Ricky Romero, - LHP - So - CSU Fullerton - Los Angeles, Calif.; Clete Thomas - OF - So - Auburn - Lynn Haven, Fla.; Troy Tulowitzki - IF - So - Long Beach State - Sunnyvale, Calif.; Chris Valaika - IF - Fr - UC Santa Barbara - Newhall, Calif. Loyola Marymount's Frank Cruz serves as the Field Manager for Team USA. He is assisted by Jack Smitheran of UC Riverside, Elliott Avent of NC State, and Mike Trapasso of Hawaii.

Montoro takes over as NCBWA President

Mike Montoro, Assistant Athletic Director at Southern Miss, will take over as NCBWA President in 2004-05. Prior to promoting the Golden Eagles, Montoro served at Virginia Tech, West Virginia and Liberty. Todd Lamb of Ohio State moves up to 1st Vice-President and Dave Fanucci of USA Baseball slides up to 2nd Vice-President. Joining the list of NCBWA officers is Mex Carey of St. John's, who becomes the organization's new 3rd V.P.

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