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Membership:

Play ball!

It's hard to believe that we have not yet reached February, but the first reports of college baseball scores has come through on my computer. It was with great pleasure and interest that I read the first recap – defending national champion Oregon State picking up where it left off in Omaha last year – and prepared for what we all hope will be an exciting 2007 season.

While the winter has been pretty mild in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast – the Georgetown baseball team was actually able to practice outdoors because temperatures were in the 60s at one point – the latter part of January has brought some cold weather, but not enough to dampen the spirits of those of us who love college baseball.

Here at Georgetown, former Cincinnati Reds catcher and Hall of Famer Johnny Bench will be the guest at our annual "First Pitch" Dinner and the team hits the field for the first time on February 13 against George Washington.

This year will be the last of the "early" starts for college baseball as the NCAA has mandated a final weekend in February (depending on the calendar) or first weekend in March opening for all divisions with a maximum of 56 regular-season dates beginning in 2008.

Many of you have seen our membership forms come through e-mail and thanks for reminding the beat writers, columnists and electronic media covering your teams to send in membership dues checks to our Associate Executive Director, Russell Anderson. Prospective members can email Russ their information online and mail a check to him with the designated \$15 dues – still one of the great bargains in national memberships.

I've gotten some input from people in and around the college baseball world already, but please feel free to send an e-mail (mbc32@georgetown.edu) or call me (202-687-2475) with any suggestions or newsletter items for the NCBWA Board of Directors listed in this newsletter. We value your input and are glad to take any suggestions and ways to keep NCBWA alive and well in its 46th year of existence!

Mike "Mex" Carey
NCBWA President
Sports Information Director, Georgetown University

2007 NCBWA Division I Preseason Poll (10th Annual)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan. 10, 2007

NCBWA Releases 2007 Preseason Division I Poll

DALLAS - The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association continues its tradition of NCAA Division I polls for the 10th year with its 2007 preseason predictions and weekly surveys. Weekly polls will continue from Feb. 5 through June 26 following the NCAA World Series in Omaha, Neb.

The poll voters come from 32 college baseball writers and related media persons from throughout the nation. After a preseason Top 35 listing, the remainder of the polls will feature a national Top 30.

Rice, which advanced to the 2006 NCAA World Series semifinals and which has been dominant in Conference USA, leads the '07 preseason pack after topping the nation with 57 victories (57-13) last year. Coach Wayne Graham's squad is expected to be a heavy favorite to repeat as C-USA champion as well. The Owls join previous NCBWA preseason No. 1 choices LSU (1998, 2001), Southern California (1999), Miami (Fla.) (2000), Stanford (2002), Texas (2003, 06), and Rice (2004, 07),

The initial '07 poll has representation by 10 different conferences among the 293 baseball-playing schools in NCAA Division I ranks. For more information or to join the NCBWA, please go to www.ncbwa.com.

Rank-School-2006 Record-Final '06 Poll Place

1. Rice 57-13 3
2. Clemson 53-15 5
3. South Carolina 41-25 13
4. North Carolina 54-15 2
5. Miami, Fla. 42-24 6
6. Texas 41-21 16
7. Virginia 57-15 14
8. Arkansas 39-21 27
9. Cal State Fullerton 50-15 4
10. Georgia Tech 50-18 7
11. Vanderbilt 38-27 NR
12. Nebraska 42-17 19
13. Mississippi 44-22 11
14. Arizona State 37-21 28
15. Florida State 44-21 22
16. Tulane 43-21 22
17. Oregon State 50-16 1
18. Wichita State 46-22 NR
19. Georgia 47-23 8
20. Pepperdine 42-21 24
21. Oklahoma State 41-20 23
22. TCU 39-23 NR
23. UCLA 33-25 NR
24. Stanford 33-27 18
25. Tennessee 31-24 NR
26. Baylor 37-26 30
27. Kentucky 44-17 17
28. Alabama 44-21 9

29. Evansville 43-22 29
30. Oklahoma 45-22 10
31. Winthrop 46-18 26
32. Southern California 25-33 NR
33. Oral Roberts 41-16 15
34. LSU 35-24 NR
35. Mississippi State 37-23 NR

Others receiving votes (listed alphabetically): Arizona (27-28), Auburn (22-34), California (26-28), College of Charleston (46-17), Charlotte (35-20-1), Elon (45-18), Florida (28-28), Fresno State (45-18), Hawai'i (45-17), Houston (39-22), Jacksonville (43-19), Kansas (43-25), Kent State (38-19), Long Beach State (29-27), UL Layette (39-20), Michigan (43-21), Missouri (35-28), N.C. State (40-23), Notre Dame (45-17-1), Ohio State (37-21), Rhode Island (34-16), San Diego State (23-36), San Francisco (39-23), Southern Miss (39-23), St. John's (40-19), Troy (47-16), UC Irvine (36-24), UC Riverside (29-25), Wake Forest (33-22), Washington State (36-23), West Virginia (36-22).

NCBWA Preseason Division II Poll
Rank-School-2006 record-Points

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|----------------------------|---------|-----|
| 1. Tampa (4) | 54-6 | 100 |
| 2. Cal State Chico | 46-21 | 94 |
| 3. Georgia College & State | 53-12 | 82 |
| 4. Ashland | 47-17 | 80 |
| 5. Montevallo | 43-18 | 77 |
| 6. Emporia State | 48-13 | 76 |
| 7. Kutztown | 44-14 | 69 |
| 8. Florida Southern | 38-19 | 68 |
| 9. Francis Marion | 41-18 | 65 |
| 10. Western Oregon | 40-16 | 63 |
| 11. Delta State | 37-15 | 56 |
| 12. Grand Valley St | 47-10 | 55 |
| 13. Franklin Pierce | 44-11 | 49 |
| 14. Catawba | 47-14 | 47 |
| 15. Columbus State | 41-20 | 37 |
| 16. MN State-Mankato | 43-13 | 36 |
| 17. Cal State Los Angeles | 36-16-1 | 35 |
| 18. Central Oklahoma | 40-20 | 34 |
| 19. West Chester | 39-20 | 32 |
| 20. Central Missouri | 44-16 | 26 |
| 21. Mesa State | 39-19 | 24 |
| 22. Fla. Gulf Coast | 41-17 | 17 |
| 23. So. Carolina-Aiken | 45-19 | 13 |
| 24. Abilene Christian | 44-18 | 12 |
| 25. UMass Lowell | 37-14 | 6 |

Others receiving votes -- Cal State San Diego (35-24) 4, Wayne State, Neb. (37-15-1) 4, Fort Hays State (46-17) 3, Mount Olive (39-16) 3.

**Other Key National Pre-2007 Polls
For Division I**

Collegiate Baseball Top 40

1. Rice
2. Clemson
3. South Carolina
4. Arkansas
5. North Carolina
6. Miami, Fla.
7. Texas
8. Vanderbilt
9. Nebraska
10. Virginia
11. Georgia Tech
12. Cal State Fullerton
13. Florida State
14. Arizona State
15. TCU
16. Tulane
17. Wichita State
18. Tennessee
19. Pepperdine
20. Mississippi
21. Baylor
22. Georgia
23. Stanford
24. Oklahoma State
25. Southern California
26. UCLA
27. Arizona
28. Evansville
29. Oral Roberts
30. Long Beach State
31. LSU
32. Mississippi State
33. Houston
34. Oklahoma
35. Troy
36. San Francisco
37. Winthrop
38. Michigan
39. Notre Dame
40. Ohio State

Baseball America Top 50

1. Rice
2. Miami (Fla.)
3. Clemson
4. Texas
5. North Carolina
6. South Carolina
7. Arkansas
8. Vanderbilt

9. Virginia
10. Wichita State
11. Tennessee
12. Georgia Tech
13. UCLA
14. Cal State Fullerton
15. Tulane
16. Oregon State
17. Nebraska
18. Florida State
19. Pepperdine
20. Arizona State
21. Evansville
22. Oklahoma State
23. Winthrop
24. TCU
25. Mississippi
26. UC Riverside
27. Georgia
28. N.C. State
29. Southern California
30. Kentucky
31. Stanford
32. San Francisco
33. San Diego State
34. Oral Roberts
35. Oklahoma
36. Auburn
37. Baylor
38. UC Irvine
39. UL Lafayette
40. Michigan
41. Texas Tech
42. Central Michigan
43. Delaware
44. Elon
45. Notre Dame
46. San Diego
47. Ohio State
48. Miami (Ohio)
49. Texas A&M
50. LSU

Rivals.com Top 25

1. Rice
2. North Carolina
3. South Carolina
4. Virginia
5. Miami (Fla.)
6. Texas
7. Vanderbilt
8. Arizona State
9. Arkansas
10. Clemson
11. Mississippi

12. Cal State Fullerton
13. Georgia Tech
14. Oregon State
15. Oklahoma State
16. UCLA
17. Nebraska
18. Wichita State
19. Pepperdine
20. Tulane
21. N.C. State
22. Georgia
23. Kentucky
24. Alabama
25. Winthrop

Others considered: Florida State, TCU, College of Charleston, Tennessee, Stanford

Pre-2007 Black College Baseball Division I Poll and Conference Predictions

Rank-College-Conference-2006 W-L-PVS

1. Bethune Cookman MEAC 30-27 2
2. Prairie View A&M SWAC 33-22 1
3. Southern University SWAC 26-20 3
4. Alcorn State SWAC 26-21 5
5. Savannah State INDEP 30-19 4
6. Mississippi Valley State SWAC 24-32 6
7. North Carolina A&T MEAC 22-36 9
8. Norfolk State MEAC 23-28 7
9. Jackson State SWAC 22-17 8
10. Texas Southern SWAC 19-30 10

2007 MEAC Predicted Finishes

*Defending champions

1. *Bethune Cookman
2. North Carolina A&T
3. Norfolk State
4. Delaware State
5. Florida A&M
6. Maryland Eastern Shore
7. Coppin State

SWAC Predicted Finishes

East

1. Alcorn State
2. Mississippi Valley State
3. Jackson State
4. Alabama State
5. Alabama A&M

West

1. *Prairie View A&M
2. Southern University
3. Texas Southern
4. Arkansas Pine Bluff
5. Grambling State

2007 Black College Baseball D-I Poll Voters:
 Ruffin Bell, Blackcollegebaseball.com; Bo Carter, NCBWA; Kenyatta Cavi, The Heritage Group; Charles Curti, Beaver County Times; Paul Kislanko, SEBaseball.com; John Manuel, Baseball America; Tony McClean, Black Athlete Sports Network; Jeremy Mills, Ncaa-baseball.com; Boyd Nation, Boydsword.com; Sean Ryan, Collegebaseballinsider.com; Rick Rollins; Eric Sorenson, CSTV; Phil Stanton, Collegebaseballinsider.com; Glenn Tanner, College Baseball Newsgroup.

Conference USA Preseason Poll

1. Rice (9)
 2. Tulane
 3. Houston
 4. Southern Miss
 5. East Carolina
- (First place votes in parentheses)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Joe Savery, Rice (Junior, Pitcher/Infielder)

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Cole St.Clair, Rice (Junior, Lefthander)

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

P Ricky Hargrove, Jr., Houston
 P Sean Morgan, Jr., Tulane
 P Joe Savery, Jr., Rice
 P Cole St. Clair, Jr., Rice
 RP Daniel Latham, Sr., Tulane
 C Luis Flores, So., Houston
 IF Adam Amar, Sr., Memphis
 IF Brad Emaus, Jr., Tulane
 IF Brian Friday, Jr., Rice
 IF Trey Sutton, Jr., Southern Miss
 OF K.K. Chalmers, Jr., Memphis
 OF Tyler Henley, Jr., Rice
 OF Aaron Luna, So., Rice
 OF Warren McFadden, So., Tulane
 DH/UT Brendan Murphy, Sr., Marshall

Pre-'07 Mountain West Conference Poll

1. TCU (10)
2. San Diego State (1)
3. BYU
4. UNLV
5. New Mexico
6. Utah
7. Air Force

All-Mountain West Preseason Team
 Pos. Name, Class School
 C Andrew Walker, Jr., TCU
 1B Daniel Stovall, Sr., New Mexico
 2B Jordan Pacheco, Jr., New Mexico
 3B Ian Hollick, Jr., New Mexico
 SS Bryan Kervin, Jr., TCU
 OF Keith Smith, Sr., UNLV
 OF Austin Adams, Jr., TCU
 OF John Welsh, Sr., Utah
 P Bruce Billings, Sr., San Diego State
 P Jake Arrieta, Jr., TCU
 UT/DH Apana Nakayama, Sr., BYU

All-Atlantic Coast Conference Selections

Atlantic Division (First Place Votes in Parentheses)

School - Points

1. Clemson (11)..... 71
2. Florida State (1)..... 55
3. N.C. State..... 48
4. Wake Forest..... 40
5. Boston College..... 20
6. Maryland..... 18

Coastal Division

School – Points

1. North Carolina (4).... 60
2. Miami (2).....58
3. Virginia (4)..... 54
4. Georgia Tech (2)..... 44
5. Virginia Tech..... 22
6. Duke..... 14

ACC Overall Champion:

Clemson - 9 votes

Georgia Tech - 2

Virginia -1

Big South Conference Pre-2007 Survey

Rank-Team (first place votes)-Points

1. Winthrop (14) 112
2. Coastal Carolina (2) 108

- T-3. UNC Asheville 82
- T-3. High Point 82
5. Liberty 71
6. VMI 54
7. Charleston Southern 34
8. Radford 19

2007 Sun Belt Conference Predictions

(Voting by Head Coaches)

1. Troy (6) 115
2. UL Lafayette (5) 114
3. South Alabama 94
4. Florida Atlantic 84
5. Florida International 68
6. Middle Tennessee 66
7. New Orleans 60
8. Arkansas State 42
9. Western Kentucky 37
- T-10. UALR 23
- T-10. UL Monroe 23

*First place votes in parenthesis

'07 All-Sun Belt Team

Mickey Storey (FAU, Jr., SP)

Hunter Moody (ULL, Jr., SP)

Danny Farquhar (ULL, So., RP)

Josh Dew (Troy, Sr., RP)

Jonathan Lucroy (ULL, Jr., C)

Jeff Cunningham (USA, Jr., 1B)

Johnny Giavotella (UNO, So., 2B)

Ben Soignier (ULM, So., SS)

Devery Van De Keere (ULL, Sr., 3B)

Chris Dunn (FIU, Sr., OF)

James McOwen (FIU, Jr., OF)

Ryan Gotcher (UALR, Sr., OF)

Josh Yates (ASU, Sr., DH)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Josh Dew (Troy, Sr., 1B/RP)

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

Hunter Moody (ULL, Jr., SP)

Montoro Tabbed 2006 NCBWA Wilbur Snynn Award Recipient

Mike Montoro, Assistant Executive Director of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers and Associate Athletics Director for Media Relations at Southern Miss, is the winner of the 32nd annual Wilbur Snynn Award, presented annually by the NCBWA for outstanding contributions to college baseball.

"Mike Montoro is one of the outstanding college baseball people nationally," said NCBWA Executive Director Bo Carter. "Together with Southern Miss Head Baseball Coach Corky Palmer, the Golden Eagles are blessed with two of the most talented individuals in their professions in the sport. The NCBWA is very proud and thankful to Mike for his wonderful contributions to college baseball."

Montoro, also past president of the college baseball writers' organization, has been directing the media relations department at Southern Miss since Aug. 2000. He has composed the NCBWA Directory, worked closely with several preseason and postseason NCBWA All-America squads as well as the prestigious Dick Howser Trophy, served as chief football and baseball contact at Southern Miss, and has been an integral part of the Pro-Line NCBWA Players of the Week selections.

"Mike is one of the hardest-working people in this business, and he is extremely worthy of receiving this honor," said NCBWA Associate Executive Director Russell Anderson, Assistant Commissioner of Conference USA.

The 1990 Liberty University graduate with a master's degree in sport management (1994) from West Virginia University, also has been a long-time member of the ESPN the Magazine College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America Committee. Before coming to USM, he was Assistant Media Relations Director at Virginia Tech and Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations director at Liberty.

Montoro has been active in the NCAA World Series at Omaha, Neb., with NCBWA and is regarded as one of the top publicists in Conference USA.

"I am honored to be selected for such a prestigious award as the Wilbur Snynn," said Montoro. "College baseball is a great American past time, and it truly has been a privilege to work with the National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association in promoting such a great game and its outstanding student-athletes, as well. I would like to thank the NCBWA for allowing me to serve the organization and for honoring me in this way."

The Southern Miss Associate AD follows a long line of illustrious persons in gaining the award, given in memory of longtime Ohio State Sports Information Director and NCBWA founder the late Wilbur (Bill) Snynn since 1975. Snynn was a noted contributor to the writers' organization, which was initiated in 1962 (and celebrating its 46th year in 2007), as well as an officer in the group. The NCBWA/Wilbur Snynn Award yearly honors a professional for contributions to the sport of collegiate baseball. Voting is done by a panel of previous winners, who include past NCAA World Series directors, College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame members, decorated media members and others.

Previous Wilbur Snynn Award Winners

1975	Wilbur Snynn, Ohio State
1976	Bill Esposito, St. John's
1977	Phil Langan, Cornell
1978	John Geis, Southern Conference
1979	Hank Schomber, Georgia Southern

1980	Bob Culp, Western Michigan
1981	Lou Pavlovich Sr., Collegiate Baseball
1982	Tom Price, South Carolina
1983	Bob Bradley, Clemson
1984	Robert Williams, Omaha World-Herald
1985	Jerry Miles, NCAA
1986	Larry Keefe, Seton Hall
1987	Tom Rowen, San Jose Mercury-News
1988	Fred Gerardi, KESY Radio, Omaha
1989	Jim Wright, NCAA
1990	Steve Weller, SIU-Edwardsville
1991	Bill Little, University of Texas
1992	Kirk Bohls, Austin American-Statesman
1993	Bo Carter, Southwest Conference
1994	Lou Pavlovich Jr., Collegiate Baseball
1995	Steve Pivovar, Omaha World-Herald
1996	Gary Johnson, NCAA
1997	Dave Wohlhueter, Cornell
1998	Allan Simpson, Baseball America
1999	Alan Cannon, Texas A&M University
2000	Jim Callis, Baseball America
2001	Dick Case, USA Baseball
2002	Russell Anderson, Conference USA
2003	John Manuel, Baseball America
2004	Dana Heiss Grodin, Sports Weekly
2005	Dennis Poppe, NCAA
2006	Mike Montoro, Southern Miss

2007 NCBWA Preseason Division I All-America Team

Returning NCBWA Pro-Line Cap All-America stars and several standouts from the 2006 NCAA World Series highlight the seventh annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason 2007 All-America team.

2006 first team first baseman Andy D'Alessio (.312-23 HR-85 RBI) of Clemson joins fellow first unit member OF Kellen Kulbacki of James Madison (.464-24 HR-75 RBI), the nation's returning leader in home runs and batting average in Division I, and Cal State Fullerton World Series returnee Wes Roemer (13-2, 145 SO, 7 walks, 155 IP) as three of the sterling returnees. NCAA World Series heroes 1B Chad Flack and SS Josh Horton of North Carolina on the second team have their school poised to make another run at the NCAA Championship, captured last June by Oregon State for the first time. Fellow CWS competitors include first team starting pitcher (after blazing in relief in '06) Cole St. Clair, P/1B Joe Savery and SS Brian Friday of the Rice Owls on the '07 dream team rosters.

Team USA performers from summer 2006 also are in abundance with Vanderbilt 3B Pedro Alvarez, utility star P-1B Sean Doolittle of Virginia, Rice's St. Clair, and Texas Tech's Roger Kieschnick, to name just a few, receiving recognition.

The starting pitching staff also has strong numbers worth noting behind Roemer. TCU's Jake Arrieta (14-4), Arkansas' Nick Schmidt (9-3), and Nebraska's Tony Watson (10-2) were aces of their staffs, while relief men Joshua Fields (15 saves) of Georgia, Blair Erickson (14) of UC Irvine and Milan Dinga of Army (10) combined for 39 saves and microscopic ERAs in a total of 81 appearances out of the bullpen.

First team infielders and outfielders featured such feats as Alvarez's 22 home runs as a freshman, seven triples and 36 stolen bases by Alabama OF Emeel Salem, a 11-2 pitching mark to compliment a .324 batting average by Doolittle, and 17 home runs apiece by C Kevin Coughlin of Kentucky and OF Steven Strausbaugh of Western Carolina.

The three units have representation from 18 different conferences as teams anticipate the opening of 2007 baseball in late January or early February. Preseason All-Americans give a

sneak peek to those who may be in contention for the prestigious 21st annual Dick Howser Trophy, voted upon by NCBWA members and awarded annually in Omaha, Neb., prior to the NCAA World Series.

2007 NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name, School	Cl.	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	C Sean Coughlin, Kentucky	Sr.	.325	58	203	52	66	13	0	17	55
1B	Andy D'Alessio, Clemson	Sr.	.312	69	250	55	78	15	0	23	85
2B	Eric Sogard, Arizona State	Sr.	.353	55	184	47	65	13	5	9	50
3B	Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt	So.	.329	64	240	70	79	15	1	22	64
SS	Zack Cozart, Mississippi	Sr.	.338	66	272	57	92	16	1	10	64
UTIL	Sean Doolittle, Virginia	Jr.	.324	62	216	49	70	15	1	4	57
Pitching:	11-2, 2.38 ERA, 18 G, 90.2 IP, 64 H, 21 BB, 108 SO, 1 SV										
DH	Robert Rodebaugh, Elon	Sr.	.340	61	203	47	69	21	0	11	60
OF	Emeel Salem, Alabama	(36 SB) Jr.	.356	65	284	67	101	14	7	2	32
OF	Steven Strausbaugh, Western Car.	Jr.	.340	54	209	61	71	17	1	17	64
OF	Kellen Kulbacki, James Madison	Jr.	.464	53	194	68	90	17	2	24	75

Pos.	Name, School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Wes Roemer, CS Fullerton	Jr.	13-2	2.38	21	155	126	7	145	0
SP	Cole St.Clair, Rice	Jr.	7-2	1.82	37	74.1	39	26	100	11
SP	Jake Arrieta, TCU	Jr.	14-4	2.35	19	111	96	37	111	1
SP	Tony Watson, Nebraska	Jr.	10-2	2.78	17	100.1	88	24	69	0
SP	Nick Schmidt, Arkansas	Jr.	9-3	3.01	17	116.2	90	50	145	0
RP	Joshua Fields, Georgia	Jr.	3-2	1.80	35	50	36	11	56	15
RP	Blair Erickson, UC Irvine	Sr.	5-0	2.06	29	52.1	40	33	57	14
RP	Milan Dinga, Army	Jr.	2-0	0.48	17	18.2	12	2	22	10

(also plays OF)

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name, School	Cl.	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
	C Matt Wieters, Georgia Tech	Jr.	.355	68	259	72	92	20	0	15	71
1B	Chad Flack, North Carolina	Jr.	.384	67	292	68	112	18	5	13	68
2B	Ramon Corona, N.C. State	Jr.	.353	63	278	71	98	19	5	6	57
3B	Jonathan Greene, Western Carolina	Jr.	.338	60	240	41	80	13	0	14	45
SS	Josh Horton, North Carolina	Jr.	.395	68	271	62	107	17	1	7	59
(tie) UTIL	Joe Savery, Rice	Jr.	.335	69	254	61	85	20	1	9	66
Pitching:	5-1, 2.76 ERA, 13 G, 62 IP, 55 H, 24 BB, 62 SO, 0 SV										
UTIL	Damon Sublett, Wichita State	Jr.	.394	46	165	45	65	9	1	10	45
Pitching:	1-0, 0.00 ERA, 14 G, 12.1 IP, 5 H, 10 B, 23 SO, 7 SV										
DH	Brendan Murphy, Marshall	Sr.	.315	54	203	40	64	19	1	15	70
OF	Jared Prince, Washington State	So.	.401	56	207	50	83	16	1	9	58
OF	Danny Payne, Georgia Tech	Jr.	.356	43	180	56	64	14	1	11	44
OF	Tommy Lentz, Winthrop	Sr.	.379	62	232	51	88	17	1	8	51

Pos.	Name, School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Barry Enright, Pepperdine	Jr.	13-2	4.05	21	124.1	145	22	68	0
SP	Chris Ashman, Oral Roberts	Sr.	10-1	2.17	19	99.1	82	24	75	0
SP	Alex Wilson, Winthrop	So.	13-3	3.78	20	138	127	50	143	0
SP	Nick Chigges, Coll. Of Charleston	Sr.	11-2	1.40	17	115.2	86	48	100	0
SP	Aaron Shafer, Wichita St.	So.	11-3	2.63	16	99.1	87	22	77	0
SP	David Price, Vanderbilt	Jr.	9-5	4.16	19	110.1	92	43	155	0
RP	Daniel Moskos, Clemson	Jr.	5-5	2.52	33	53.2	44	21	54	10
RP	Luke Tucker, Florida State	Sr.	2-1	1.06	27	34	15	16	51	9

THIRD TEAM (Ties in Voting)

Pos.	Name, School Cl.	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
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	C J.P. Arencibia, Tennessee Jr.	.352	55	216	44	76	17	0	11	52
	C Matt Smith, Texas Tech So.	.377	49	183	38	69	16	1	7	46
1B	Adam Amar, Memphis Sr.	.395	55	210	40	83	17	3	10	66
2B	Jemile Weeks, Miami (Fla.) So.	.352	66	256	69	90	18	6	6	40
3B	Conor Gillaspie, Wichita State So.	.352	68	261	41	92	18	3	7	67
3B	Curt Smith, Maine So.	.390	58	223	56	87	18	6	5	55
SS	Brian Friday, Rice Jr.	.353	70	269	66	95	22	3	9	57
SS	Todd Frazier, Rutgers Jr.	.366	58	227	62	83	14	3	11	51
UTIL	Josh Dew, Troy Jr.	.317	56	208	65	66	12	1	17	67
Pitching:	5-1, 2.98 ERA, 24 G, 48.1 IP, 39 H, 21 BB, 63 SO, 7 SV									
UTIL	Ryan Wehrle, Nebraska Sr.	.367	57	226	50	83	22	1	8	48
DH	David Doss, South Alabama Sr.	.400	44	175	39	70	19	1	7	39
OF	Roger Kieschnick, Texas Tech So.	.359	58	237	54	85	14	2	9	55
OF	Marcus Davis, Alcorn State Jr.	.424	47	170	56	72	15	12	11	64
OF	Eric Rose, Michigan Sr.	.329	56	213	43	70	7	1	2	45
OF	Collin Cowgill, Kentucky Jr.	.298	61	225	62	67	15	1	16	61

Pos.	Name, School Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
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SP	Mitch Harris, Navy Jr.	10-3	1.74	13	82.2	57	20	113	0
SP	Bryan Henry, Florida State Sr.	9-4	2.88	18	115.2	98	30	98	0
SP	Ben Norton, Evansville So.	9-3	3.23	19	97.2	87	33	73	1
SP	Christian Friedrich, E Ky So.	10-2	1.98	15	82	64	24	118	0
SP	Greg Dombrowski, Kentucky Jr.	10-2	2.83	15	101.2	113	11	54	0
SP	Tommy Hunter, Alabama So.	10-3	3.30	20	117.1	115	22	80	1
SP	Dan DeLucia, Ohio State Sr.	10-2	3.25	15	108	103	25	69	0
RP	Daniel Latham, Tulane Sr.	5-3	4.75	35	47.1	49	10	41	14
RP	Brett Hunter, Pepperdine So.	5-3	2.83	29	60.1	52	16	53	11

Ohio State's Lewis Named Minor League's Most Spectacular Pitcher for '06

Kinston lefty Scott Lewis, who had a 1.48 earned run average, is the winner of Minor League Baseball's inaugural Most Spectacular Pitcher Award.

The award, sponsored by VYTORIN(r) (ezetimibe/simvastatin), goes to the qualifying pitcher with the lowest earned run average for the regular season, among all domestic minor leagues. Lewis dominated Carolina League hitters all season while allowing just 84 hits and 19 earned runs in 115.2 innings. He exhibited outstanding control, walking a mere 28 batters while striking out 123. Lewis had just a 3-3 record, the result of being on a strict 65-pitch limit. His longest outing of the regular season was 5.2 innings, which he accomplished four times.

The pitch limit was necessary due to the Tommy John surgery Lewis underwent in 2003 when he was at Ohio State University. Despite the surgery, the Cleveland Indians selected Lewis in the third round of the 2004 June Draft. Lewis went a combined 0-3 with a 4.71 ERA in just 21 total innings in 2004 and 2005 for Mahoning Valley in the New York-Penn League.

Lewis will receive a trophy and a check for \$7,500. On hand to present the first ever Most Spectacular Pitcher Award, sponsored by VYTORIN, is legendary Hall of Fame pitcher, Rollie Fingers. Both Fingers and Lewis were be in attendance for an award ceremony at the Triple-A Championship game in Oklahoma City on Sept. 19 - just a week before Lewis' 23rd birthday.

Lewis was a third-round pick in 2004 by the Cleveland Indians (77th overall pick). He started five games in 2004 after undergoing elbow surgery in May 2003. The left-handed pitcher from Washington Court House, Ohio (Washington HS), was 1-0 with a 3.48 ERA in 20.2 innings in 2004, his final season at Ohio State. In 2003, a season in which he earned Big Ten Pitcher of the Year and First Team All-American honors, Lewis led the conference with a 1.61 ERA and 127 strikeouts in 83.2 innings and was 9-1 as a sophomore. He was 18-3 as a Buckeye and had a 2.38 career ERA. His college won-loss percentage is tied for second all time behind Steve Arlin, while his ERA ranks third behind Arlin and Dick Boggs.

Conference USA 2007 Television Schedule on CSTV

Sun., Apr. 8	Memphis at Tulane	2 pm EDT/1 pm CDT
Fri., Apr. 13	Rice at Houston	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Tue., Apr. 17	Texas at Rice	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Fri., Apr. 20	Houston at Tulane	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Fri., May 4	East Carolina at Houston	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Fri., May 11	Tulane at Rice	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Tue., May 15	Baylor at Rice	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Thu., May 17	Southern Miss at Houston	8 pm EDT/7 pm CDT
Sun., May 27	C-USA Championship Game	9 pm EDT/8 pm CDT

Conference USA's 12th baseball season gets underway on February 3. The league tournament is scheduled for May 23-27 in New Orleans with Tulane University serving as the host. C-USA's nine baseball schools have produced 50 NCAA appearances and seven College World Series teams over the past 11 seasons.

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EA Sports release "NCAA Baseball 2007" will feature special presentations of mock college contests from 20 different college and NCAA World Series facilities.

They include Clark-LeClair Stadium (East Carolina), Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Reckling Park (Rice), Russ Chandler Stadium (Georgia Tech), Hawks Field at Haymaker Park (Nebraska), Alex Box Stadium (LSU), Mark Light Field (Miami, Fla.), Disch-Faulk Field (Texas), Doug Kingsmore Stadium (Clemson), Frank Eck Stadium (Notre Dame), Packard Stadium (Arizona State), Swayze Field (Ole Miss), Lindsay Nelson Stadium (Tennessee), Baylor Ballpark (Baylor), The Ballpark at St. Johns (St. Johns), Sunken Diamond (Stanford), Goodwin Field (Cal St. Fullerton), Jerry Kendall Field at Frank Sancet Stadium (Arizona), Dick Howser Stadium (Florida State), and Dedeaux Field (Southern California).

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