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The President's Message
By NCBWA President Michael "Mex" Carey

Membership:

Our annual NCBWA meeting will be held in conjunction with the 50th annual CoSIDA national workshop in San Diego on Saturday, June 30, from 5-6 p.m. (PDT) at the San Diego Marriott Marina. Location is Marriott Hall, Salon 2, at the headquarters hotel.

We just completed the most exciting time of the year and congratulate Oregon State for its impressive run to a second straight College World Series title. The NCAA Regionals were among the most exciting in recent years, with teams like Michigan and Louisville making surprising runs to the Super Regionals. We also capped off the NCBWA honors' candidates and pitcher David Price won the coveted 21st annual Dick Howser Trophy.

CSTV.com still has streamed video and audio of the presentation online, and the national cable network CSTV chose the Dick Howser Trophy presentation as its "Coca Cola College Sports Event of the Day" on Saturday, June 16. CSTV host Carter Blackburn had several taped cut-in interviews on June 16 with Price and Vandy head coach Tim Corbin. ESPN also spotted Price at the NCAA World Series on June 15 and highlighted the Howser Trophy and his achievements.

On a personal note, this has been a tremendous experience to work with the NCBWA this year. The work done behind the scenes by folks like Russ Anderson, Bo Carter and Mike Montoro make this organization run, and make people have a greater appreciation for the college game. I think there are many more things that the NCBWA can do to enhance the coverage of college baseball nationally, but if you saw the tremendous coverage games received this year, then you know that we are well on our way.

My best wishes for a tremendous summer...

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

Agenda For 46th Annual NCBWA Business Meeting
Saturday, June 30, 2007 – 5-6 p.m. (PDT) – Marriott Marina Hotel, San Diego, Calif.

- I. Greeting, call to order – President Mex Carey and Executive Director Bo Carter
- II. Update on past year's awards (All-America teams, All-District, Howser, etc.)
- III. Dick Howser Trophy
- IV. Status of CoSIDA Baseball Publications Contest
- V. Division II-III Baseball Updates
- VI. National Polls (all divisions)
- VII. Treasurer's Report (Carter standing in for Russ Anderson)
- VIII. Slate of Officers and Board for 2007-08
- IX. Adjourn

Vanderbilt's David Price Captures 21st 2007 Dick Howser Trophy

David Price, the most prolific student-athlete in Vanderbilt baseball history and one of the top hurlers in Southeastern Conference annals, was selected as the 21st annual recipient of the Dick Howser Trophy.

The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) selected Price in a vote of over 300 members of the NCBWA and Dick Howser Trophy committee prior to the June 15 announcement at the Omaha Press Club.

A 6-6, 225-pound junior from Murfreesboro, Tenn., for Coach Tim Corbin's Commodores, the consensus All-America left-hander led the SEC in five different pitching categories and was dominant in almost every start for his '07 squad. He led Vandy to a school-record-season victories' total at 54-13 overall and is the Commodores' first men's athletics national player of the year in any sport.

Price was chosen as the first player in the 2007 Major League Baseball Draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays (VU's first-ever initial draft selection) and ended the year at 11-1 overall with 194 strikeouts in 133 1/3 innings pitched (13.1 strikeouts every nine frames). He did not lose a decision in his 17 starts and struck out 10 or more batters in 12 of those first 17 appearances. Price also had a career-high 17 strikeouts in the opening round of the NCAA Nashville Regional in nine innings against Austin Peay. He also fanned 15 LSU hitters in a key late-season conference victory.

The 2007 Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year, SEC Male Athlete of the Year and Collegiate Baseball's National Co-Player of the Year (with Florida State 2B Tony Thomas, Jr.), finished with a 2.63 earned run average and 95 hits (a norm of 6.4 hits every nine innings). He also broke the Vandy career strikeout record with 441 in just three seasons and 313 innings of work.

Price's 194 strikeouts also were second in SEC season history to LSU's Ben McDonald (1989), and the former All-State basketball standout at Murfreesboro's Blackman High School helped Vanderbilt rise to a No. 1 ranking nationally for nine-consecutive weeks – a school record. The junior helped Vandy take their first-ever regular-season Southeastern Conference crown in '07, and was a standout on both the 2005 and '06 VU postseason entries.

As a freshman, he worked out of the bullpen in the early portion of the season, while striking out 92 hitters in 69-plus innings and posting a 2.86 ERA. Last year he was 9-5 with 155 strikeouts and 43 walks in 110-plus frames. Posting a 22-10 record during his three-year career, he has averaged 12.7 strikeouts and just 2.99 walks every nine frames, while working as VU's "ace" in each of the last two years.

He is ranked in almost every major NCAA pitching category with his 194 total whiffs (most in nation), 11 victories (top 15) and 13.1 game strikeouts' average (second). The Murfreesboro resident also was Baseball America's 2006 Summer Player of the Year with a 5-1 record, 0.20 ERA, one earned run in 44 innings tossed, and a major role in Team USA's gold medal in the World University Games at Havana, Cuba.

"Once again, the Dick Howser Trophy has been awarded to an individual with great character, as well as great athletic ability," said Howser Trophy Committee Chair David Feaster of St. Petersburg. "David Price epitomizes all that is great with college baseball, and has exhibited great leadership on and off the field. The Dick Howser Trophy committee and all involved send our heartiest congratulations."

"I am extremely honored to win this award," Price said. "This is the highlight of my college career, and I owe much gratitude to coach (Tim) Corbin and my teammates for helping me achieve what I did in 2007. It was a group effort, and I will remember this season for the rest of my life."

Price topped a field of an initial Watch List of 50 stellar diamondmen and three other finalists - Texas outfielder Kyle Russell, Rice pitcher-first baseman-designated hitter Joe Savery, and FSU's Tony Thomas - three other consensus All-America choices.

Price's name will be added to 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 Dick Howser Trophy committee will make another formal presentation of the trophy to the VU standout at a 2007 Vanderbilt home game to be determined.

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. 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; Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; Mark Prior, Southern California, 2001; Khalil Greene, Clemson, 2002; Rickey Weeks, Southern, 2003; Jered Weaver, Long Beach State, 2004; Alex Gordon, Nebraska, 2005; Brad Lincoln, Houston, 2006.

For further information about the Howser Trophy, please contact: David Feaster, Chair, Dick Howser Trophy Committee, 100 No. 2nd Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33701, (727) 388-1000; or Bo Carter, Executive Director of NCBWA, 433 E. Las Colinas Blvd., Ste 1130, Irving, TX 75039, (972-556-1000, ext. 22).

Sam Houston State's Prihoda Named 2007 NCBWA Stopper of the Year

Sam Houston State relief ace Luke Prihoda was named the 2007 winner of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Stopper of the Year Award. The award honors the top relief pitcher in college baseball.

Prihoda helped guide the Southland Conference champion Bearkats (40-24) to a runner-up finish at the Oxford Regional, as Sam Houston State advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1996. SHSU was one of only two No. 4 seeds to advance to a regional title game, as Prihoda earned a win and a save in his two NCAA appearances. He had a win or save in 25 of Sam Houston State's 40 victories during the season.

On the season, the right-hander from Weimar, Texas, compiled a 7-3 record with a national-co-best 18 saves in 19 chances while posting a 1.62 ERA in 35 appearances. The Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year and Southland Tournament Most Valuable Player, Prihoda struck out 65 and walked 11 in 72.2 innings of work and allowed just five of 35 inherited runners to score.

"This is huge," Prihoda said. "I played with last year's winner (Don Czyz) two summers ago and have been following this award for quite a while. When I set my goals at the start of the season, I

set breaking our school record for saves as my top goal. After I broke that record, I went after the conference record and then when I got that one, I thought finishing among the top five in the nation in saves would be outstanding."

"This is just a perfect end to a great season, especially when you consider who I was competing against for the award," Prihoda said. "I want to thank my teammates and my coaches after winning the conference tournament and getting to the finals of the regional. This will be the team that people will look back on and say that we brought back the once great baseball tradition at Sam Houston State."

Sam Houston State Coach Mark Johnson said that Prihoda's accolades are well deserved.

"There is no question that Luke Prihoda is our Most Valuable Player, and this is a great honor for him," Johnson said. "There are a lot of excellent pitchers in our conference, but Luke contributed more as a reliever and saw more action. He pitched in 35 of our 64 games, and he brought us home quite a few times. He was a joy to watch."

Prihoda bested a field of five finalists in national voting, including Andrew Carignan of North Carolina, Matt German from Northern Illinois, Andy Masten from Creighton and Casey Weathers from Vanderbilt.

This is the third annual NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award. J. Brent Cox of Texas won the inaugural award in 2005, while Don Czyz of Kansas was the 2006 recipient.

Pro-Line Athletic D-I All-America Team Denoted

A total of 56 standout college baseball players from every part of the country is featured on the 12th Annual **Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association All-American Team**.

The 2007 NCBWA All-America Team is comprised from 21 different conferences and 19 conference championships teams. The three All-American squads are also made up of 22 conference Player of the Year winners.

All four 2007 Dick Howser Trophy finalists were first-team selections, including Conference USA Player of the Year Joe Savery (Rice), the NCAA strikeout leader and No. 1 overall pick of the 2007 Major League Draft, David Price (Vanderbilt), the ACC Player of the Year Tony Thomas, Jr. (Florida State) and the 2007 NCAA home run champion Kyle Russell (Texas).

The NCBWA All-America team also includes the **NCBWA Stopper of the Year** award winner, right-hander Luke Prihoda (Sam Houston State), who tied for the NCAA lead the NCAA with 18 saves. Prihoda was the 2007 Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year and Most Valuable Player of the 2007 SLC Tournament.

The 2007 All-America squad was represented well at the 2007 College World Series. Seven of the eight teams at the CWS had at least one player on this year's squad for a total of 11 players. No. 2 seed Rice (Joe Savery and Aaron Luna), No. 3 seed North Carolina (Dustin Ackley and Andrew Carnigan), No. 5 seed Arizona State (Brett Wallace and Kiel Roling) and Mississippi State (Edward Easley and Brandon Turner) have two players each. For complete statistics for the honorees through games of June 14, 2007, please go to www.NCBWA.com.

2007 PRO-LINE ATHLETIC/NCBWA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA TEAM						
Pos.	First Team	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
1B	Brett Wallace	Arizona State	6-1	245	So.	Sonoma, Calif.
2B	Tony Thomas Jr.	Florida State	5-10	180	Jr.	Valrico, Fla.
3B	Pedro Alvarez	Vanderbilt	6-2	215	So.	New York, N.Y.
SS	Todd Frazier	Rutgers	6-4	220	Jr.	Toms River, N.J.
C	Sean Coughlin	Kentucky	6-1	215	Sr.	Morrison, Colo.
OF	Kellen Kulbacki	James Madison	5-11	205	Jr.	Palmyra, Pa.
OF	Kyle Russell	Texas	6-5	185	So.	Tomball, Texas
OF	Robbie Widlansky	Florida Atlantic	6-2	210	Jr.	Coral Springs, Fla.
DH	Bobby Verbick	Sam Houston State	5-7	205	Jr.	Angleton, Texas
UT	Joe Savery	Rice	6-3	215	Jr.	Bellaire, Texas
SP	Brian Matusz	San Diego	6-4	193	So.	Cave Creek, Ariz.
SP	Adam Mills	Charlotte	6-0	195	Sr.	Big Pool, Md.
SP	David Price	Vanderbilt	6-5	215	Jr.	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
SP	Jacob Thompson	Virginia	6-6	205	So.	Danville, Va.
RP	Andrew Carignan	North Carolina	5-11	215	Jr.	Norwich, Conn.
RP	Luke Prihoda	Sam Houston State	6-5	230	Sr.	Weimar, Texas
Second Team: 1B Matt LaPorta, Florida, Sr.; 2B Tyler Mach, Oklahoma State, Jr.; 3B Greg Sexton, William & Mary, Jr.; SS Brandon Turner, Mississippi State, Fr.; C Edward Easley, Mississippi State, Jr.; C Matt Wieters, Georgia Tech, Jr.; OF Corey Brown, Oklahoma State, Jr.; OF Maurice Davis, Alcorn State, Jr.; OF Dominic de la Osa, Vanderbilt, Jr.; OF Grant Desme, Cal Poly, Jr.; DH Kiel Roling, Arizona State, So.; UT Sean Doolittle, Virginia, Jr.; SP Adrian Alaniz, Texas, Jr.; SP Raymond Guilmet, Arizona, So.; SP Bryan Henry, Florida State, Sr.; SP Nick Schmidt, Arkansas, Jr.; RP Matt German, Northern Illinois, Sr.; RP Andy Masten, Creighton, Sr.						
Third Team: 1B Dustin Ackley, North Carolina, Fr.; 1B Trey Sutton Southern Miss, Jr.; 2B Logan Johnson, Louisville, Sr.; 3B Blake Stouffer, Texas A&M, Jr.; C Jonathon Lucroy, Louisiana-Lafayette, Jr.; SS Derek Shunk, Villanova, Jr.; OF Brad McElroy, Charlotte, Jr.; OF Justin Jenkins, West Virginia, Sr.; OF Ryan Lavarney, Yale, So.; OF Brian Rike, Louisiana Tech, Jr.; OF Emeel Salem, Alabama, Sr.; DH Phil Disher, South Carolina, Jr.; DH Aaron Luna, Rice, So.; UT Zach Putnam, Michigan, So.; SP Nick Chigges, College Of Charleston, Sr.; SP Barry Enright, Pepperdine, Jr.; SP Scott Gorgen, UC Irvine, So.; SP Corey Kluber, Stetson, Jr.; SP Kyle Nicholson Texas A&M, Sr.; SP Wes Roemer, Cal State Fullerton, Jr.; RP Daniel Edwards, Kansas State, Jr.; RP Eryk McConnell, N.C. State, Jr.; RP Casey Weathers, Vanderbilt, Sr.						

Previous Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA All-America teams from 1996-2006 have featured the likes of OF J.D. Drew of Florida State, P-DH Jason Jennings of Baylor, 1B Mark Teixeira of Georgia Tech, RHP Mark Prior of Southern California, SS Khalil Greene of Clemson, and SS-2B Rickey Weeks of Southern (all current major leaguers), among others.

Pro-Line Athletic is in its third year as a sponsor of the NCBWA. It produces and distributes plaques for National Hitter and Pitchers of the Week during the regular season and last season extended its award production to include plaques for each member of the Pro-Line/NCBWA All-American team.

During the Summer of 2006 Pro-Line launched into the custom game clothing business with all products being manufactured in its facility in Fort Worth, Texas. As a part of this transition, the company re-branded from Pro-Line Cap Company to become Pro-Line Athletic ... a full line athletic apparel company offering American Made headwear, workout gear and uniforms.

NCBWA 2007 Division II All-America Team

PITCHER OF THE YEAR - Dylan Owen, Francis Marion (S.C.)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR - Ben Barrone, Winona State (Minn.)

FIRST TEAM

SP - Nick Beach, Grand Valley State (Mich.)
SP - Jon Bjelland, Minnesota State
SP - Brent Lysander, Sonoma State (Calif.)
SP - Dylan Owen, Francis Marion (S.C.)
RP - Jonathan Holt, Tampa (Fla.)
RP - Jameson Maj, Abilene Christian (Texas)
C - Ben Barrone, Winona State (Minn.)
1B - Eric Lovett, Mount Olive (N.C.)
2B - Maikol Gonzalez, Tusculum (Tenn.)
3B - Jeff Carroll, Cal State Los Angeles
SS - Matt Bodenchuk, Mesa State (Colo.)
OF - Chance Beasley, Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)
OF - Nicolas Boisvert, Lynn (Fla.)
OF - Josh Miller, West Virginia State
DH - Miguel Porchas, New Mexico Highlands
UT - Keith Renaud, Franklin Pierce (N.H.)

SECOND TEAM

SP - Brett Durand, Delta State (Miss.)
SP - Kevin Hammons, Tusculum (Tenn.)
SP - Mike Myers, Adelphi (N.Y.)
SP - Matt Wright, Shippensburg (Pa.)
RP - Paige Dumont, Sonoma State (Calif.)
RP - Keith Nelson, Mesa State (Colo.)
C - Breck Draper, Central Oklahoma
1B - Josh Paul, Central Missouri
2B - Jeff Miller, West Virginia State
3B - Craig Corrado, Tampa (Fla.)
SS - Steve Condotta, Florida Tech
OF - Drew Candlin, Columbus State (Ga.)
OF - Jason Rust, Wilmington (Del.)
OF - Chris Weimer, Nebraska-Omaha
DH - Seth Waller, Belmont Abbey (N.C.)
UT - Matt Borman, Concordia-Saint Paul (Minn.)

THIRD TEAM

SP - Mike Adams, Franklin Pierce (N.H.)
SP - Tyler Cloyd, Nebraska-Omaha
SP - Jarrett Coker, Columbus State (Ga.)
SP - Justin Phillips, Harding (Ark.)
RP - Tyler Bishop, Franklin Pierce (N.H.)
RP - Nick Fellman, Minnesota State
C - Matt Adams, Slippery Rock (Pa.)
1B - Matt Cantele, UC San Diego
2B - Cody Lusero, Nebraska-Kearney

3B - Casey Jirsa, Ashland (Ohio)
SS - Evan Porter, Nebraska-Omaha
OF - Kyle Gerhart, New Mexico Highlands
OF - Dustin Jones, Wayne State (Neb.)
OF - Jareck West, Delta State (Miss.)
DH - Josh Benton, Wingate (N.C.)
UT - Chad Jacobson, South Carolina-Aiken

HONORABLE MENTION

SP - Dan Albritton, Florida Southern; Brett Armour, Mesa State (Colo.); Anthony Arrington, Columbus State (Ga.); Keith Barrett, Ouachita Baptist (Ark.); Bryson Clark, Pittsburg State (Kan.); Patrick Colgan, Saint Edward-s (Texas); Chris Doerschner, California (Pa.); Kevin Ferguson, Tampa (Fla.); Frank Gailey, West Chester (Pa.); Tom Layne, Mount Olive (N.C.); Eric Loh, Bryant (R.I.); Bryan Oland, Sonoma State (Calif.) RP - Frank Allen, Rockhurst (Mo.); Mike McCardell, Kutztown (Pa.); Michael Newman, Georgia College & State
C - Dustin Richardson, Mount Olive (N.C.); Christian Rosa, Tusculum (Tenn.); Nick Smith, Grand Valley State (Mich.)
1B - Brandon Halstead, West Virginia State; Frank Quintana, Felician (N.J.)
2B - Steven Allred, Angelo State (Texas); Alex Castellanos, Belmont Abbey (N.C.); Jake Christman, Franklin Pierce (N.H.); Darin Mastroianni, Southern Indiana
3B - Iain Dykins, Central Missouri; Jeremy Haworth, Ouachita Baptist (Ark.); Joe Mare, C.W. Post
SS - Paul Day, Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.); Dan Skirka, Grand Valley State (Mich.)
OF - Michael Brzezinski, Saint Mary's (Texas); Will Cherry, Florida Southern; B.J. Collom, Sonoma State (Calif.); Scott Houin, Mount Olive (N.C.); Matt Lawson, UC San Diego; David Lough, Mercyhurst (Pa.); Truman Marek, Armstrong Atlantic State (Ga.); Justin Mills, Georgia College & State; M.J. Parsons, Slippery Rock (Pa.); Kevin Renaud, Franklin Pierce (N.H.); Carlos Rivera, Tusculum (Tenn.); Lee Rohan, California (Pa.); Hunter Slade, Southern Indiana; Mike Testani, Adelphi (N.Y.); Mitch Walser, Upper Iowa DH Chris Caputo, Dowling (N.Y.); Bryce Columbus, Central Oklahoma; Drew Pare, West Chester (Pa.)
UT - Orestes Gonzalez, Barry (Fla.); Clay Sartain, Delta State (Miss.); Lee VanStrein, Grand Valley State (Mich.)

Alvernia College's Zach Lutz Named NCBWA NCAA Division III "Position Player of the Year" and Chapman's Devin Drag Named "Pitcher of the Year"

Alvernia College third baseman Zach Lutz (Jr, Mohnton, Pa./Governor Mifflin) has been named 2007 National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association NCAA Division III "Position Player of the Year," while Devin Drag from Chapman University (Sr., Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif./Mary Star of the Sea) was named NCBWA NCAA Division III "Pitcher of the Year." Lutz was named "D3baseball.com" "Player of the Year," ABCA second-team All-America and the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" with a .467 batting average, 49 runs scored, 15 doubles, three triples, 12 home runs, 58 RBI, a .553 on-base percentage, an .883 slugging percentage and 10-of-10 stolen bases. Drag was named ABCA first-team All-America and "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America with a 16-0 record with two saves, a 2.41 ERA, 7.60 strikeouts/nine innings and 2.56 walks/nine innings. Opponents batted .267 against him, and he was the winning pitcher in an 8-4 decision over Marietta in the first round of the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

Regional Position Players of the Year

New England

Chris Scarola, OF
Sr., Curry College
Massapequa Park, N.Y. (H.S.)

Named "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, ABCA second-team All-America and the Commonwealth Coast Conference "Player of the Year" with a .469 batting average, 48 runs scored, 11 doubles, two triples, 12 home runs, 48 RBI, a .520 on-base percentage, an .867 slugging percentage and 10-of-11 stolen bases.

New York

Mike Zaccardo, c
Jr., SUNY-Cortland

Irondequoit, N.Y. (H.S.)

Named ABCA third-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" honorable mention All-America and State University of New York Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" with a .419 batting average, 38 runs scored, 14 doubles, one triple, nine home runs, 40 RBI, a .488 on-base percentage, a .735 slugging percentage and five-of-five stolen bases.

Mid-Atlantic

Zach Lutz, 3b
Jr., Alvernia College

Mohnton, Pa. (Governor Mifflin)

Named "D3baseball.com" "Player of the Year," ABCA second-team All-America and the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" with a .467 batting average, 49 runs scored, 15 doubles, three triples, 12 home runs, 58 RBI, a .553 on-base percentage, an .883 slugging percentage and 10-of-10 stolen bases.

South

Hunter Owen, of
Jr., Millsaps College

Jackson, Miss. (Jackson Prep)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" third-team All-America and the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference "Hitter of the Year" with a .404 batting average, 57 runs scored, 23 doubles, two triples, 11 home runs, 70 RBI, a .520 on-base percentage, a .776 slugging percentage and 21-of-24 stolen bases.

Mideast

Scott Tarnowski, of
Sr., Manchester College
Roanoke, Ind. (Huntington North)

Named ABCA first-team All-America and the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference MVP with a .427 batting average, 45 runs scored, seven doubles, three triples, 10 home runs, 46 RBI, a .506 on-base percentage, a .727 slugging percentage and 27-of-30 stolen base.

Central

Ricky Angel, 2B
Jr., Illinois Wesleyan University
Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard West)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America and CCIW "Hitter of the Year" with a .457 batting average, 39 runs scored, 18 doubles, two triples, 10 home runs, 52 RBI, a .519 on-base percentage, a .778 slugging percentage and four-of-six stolen bases.

Midwest

Tony Konieck, 3B
Sr., Gustavus Adolphus College
Rochester, Minn. (Mayo)

Named American Baseball Coaches Association first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America and Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference MVP with a .452 batting average, 38 runs scored, 15 doubles, five triples, 10 home runs, 55 RBI, a .510 on-base percentage, an .895 slugging percentage and four-of-seven stolen bases.

West

Michael Simpson, OF
Sr., Hardin-Simmons University
Abilene, Texas (Cooper)

Named ABCA third-team All-America and the American Southwest Conference West Division "Co-Player of the Year" with a .409 batting average, 51 runs scored, 16 doubles, one triple, 13 home runs, 53 RBI, a .487 on-base percentage, a .756 slugging percentage and four-of-four stolen bases.

Regional Pitchers of the Year

New England

Shawn Gilblair, Pitcher
So., Eastern Connecticut State University
Windham, Conn. (H.S.)

Named ABCA "Player of the Year" and first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America and Little East Conference "Pitcher of the Year" with an 11-2 record, a 2.26 ERA, 7.81 strikeouts/nine innings and 1.13 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .214 against him.

New York

Jimmy Dougher
Sr., SUNY-Cortland
Liverpool, N.Y. (H.S.)

Named "D3baseball.com Pitcher of the Year," ABCA first-team All-America and State University of New York Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year" for the third-straight season with an 8-2 record, a 0.63 earned run average, 7.74 strikeouts/nine innings and 0.73 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .150 against him.

Mid-Atlantic

Joe Augustine, Pitcher
Sr., Kean University
Highland Park, N.J. (H.S.)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" third-team All-America and the New Jersey Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year" with an 9-2 record, a 2.21 ERA, 9.49 strikeouts/nine innings and 1.66 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .207 against him...twirled a six-hit, one-run game over nine innings to defeat Chapman, 3-1, in the second round of the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

South

Jason Glushon, Pitcher
Sr., Emory University
Encino, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake)

Named ABCA second-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" third-team All-America and the MVP of the University Athletic Association with a 13-2 record, a 2.23 ERA, 8.04 strikeouts/nine innings, 0.93 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .241 against him...winning pitcher in a 6-3 elimination-win over SUNY-Cortland at the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

Mideast

Adam Samson, Pitcher

Jr., College of Wooster
Orrville, Ohio (H.S.)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America and the North Coast Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year" with an 11-0 record, a 1.61 ERA, 8.74 strikeouts/nine innings and 2.76 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .190 against him.

Central

Matt Aronson, Pitcher

So., Illinois Wesleyan University

La Grange, Ill. (Chicago-St. Ignatius)

Named ABCA second-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America and CCIW "Pitcher of the Year" with an 8-0 record, a 0.41 ERA, 8.51 strikeouts/nine innings and 2.43 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .168 against him.

Midwest

Jordan Zimmermann, Pitcher

Jr., Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Auburndale, Wis. (H.S.)

Named ABCA second-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" third-team All-America, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year" and MVP of the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship with a 10-0 record, a 2.08 ERA, 11.57 strikeouts/nine innings and 2.07 walks per nine innings...opponents batted .185 against him...threw a one-hit shutout over nine innings to defeat Emory, 2-0, in the first round of the national championship.

West

Devin Drag, Pitcher

Sr., Chapman University

Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Mary Star of the Sea)

Named ABCA first-team All-America and "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America with a 16-0 record with two saves, a 2.41 ERA, 7.60 strikeouts/nine innings and 2.56 walks/nine innings...opponents batted .267 against him...winning pitcher in an 8-4 decision over Marietta in the first round of the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

Position Player

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Zach Lutz	2	4			1	1			51
Tony Konicek	2		2	2	2				46
Scott Tarnowski	1	1	3	1				2	40
Hunter Owen	2	1	1		1	1	1	1	39
Ricky Angel	1		2	1	2	1	1		38
Chris Scarola		2		3		2	1		37
Mike Zaccardo				1	1	1	3	2	20
Michael Simpson					1	2	2	3	17

Pitcher

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Devin Drag	4	1	1	1	1				54
Jordan Zimmermann	1	4	1	1	1				51
Jimmy Dougher	3		4				1		50
Adam Samson		1		3	3	1			37
Joe Augustine		2	1		1		2	2	30
Jason Glushon			1	1	1	2	2	1	26
Shawn Gilblair				2		2	1	3	21
Matt Aronson					1	3	2	2	19

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2. Prairie View A&M
3. Southern University
4. North Carolina A&T
5. Jackson State
6. Savannah State
7. Alcorn State
8. Norfolk State
9. Delaware State
10. Mississippi Valley

BlackCollegeBaseball.com also announced that The Heritage Group (THG Agency, LLC) has agreed to a one-year deal as the 2008 Black College Baseball poll sponsor. BCB has run a bi-weekly poll for historically black colleges and universities since 2002. Beginning in 2008, the THG Agency BCB Poll will become a weekly poll released on Tuesdays. Voters for the Black College Baseball Poll are comprised of various national writers and publishers of collegiate baseball media.

“This partnership shows the continued growth and importance of black college baseball programs and the BCB website,” said Ruffin Bell, owner of the Black College Baseball website. “I’m excited that The Heritage Group wants people to know that they [THG Agency] support these baseball programs and the efforts of this website to promote the game of baseball.”

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Team USA Ready for 2007 Summer National, International Activity

USA Baseball is in the midst of an extensive summer national and international schedule and invited 11 initial standouts to tryouts in Durham, N.C. They were later joined by several additions in mid-summer and stalwarts from the 2007 NCAA World Series field.

The first 11 players on the 2007 USA Baseball National Team follow:

Name Position Cl. School Hometown

Pedro Alvarez IF So. Vanderbilt New York, N.Y.

Brett Hunter RHP So. Pepperdine Moorpark, Calif.

Lance Lynn RHP So. Ole Miss Brownsburg, Ind.

Brian Matusz LHP So. San Diego Cave Creek, Ariz.

Josh Romanski OF/LHP So. San Diego Corona, Calif.

Tyson Ross RHP So. California Oakland, Calif.

Cody Satterwhite RHP So. Ole Miss Jackson, Miss.

Justin Smoak IF So. South Carolina Goose Creek, S.C.

Jacob Thompson RHP So. Virginia Danville, Va.

Brett Wallace IF So. Arizona State Sonoma, Calif.

Jemile Weeks IF So. Miami, Fla. Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Later Additions:

28	Ryan Berry	RHP	R/R	6-1	195	Fr.	Rice	Humble, Texas
15	Jordan Danks	OF	L/R	6-5	205	So.	Texas	Round Rock, Texas
8	Danny Espinosa	IF	S/R	6-0	185	So.	Long Beach State	Santa Ana, Calif.
5	Ryan Flaherty	UT	L/R	6-3	200	So.	Vanderbilt	Portland, Maine
11	Logan Forsythe	IF/OF	R/R	6-0	195	So.	Arkansas	Memphis, Tenn.
6	Roger Kieschnick	OF	L/R	6-3	200	So.	Texas Tech	Rockwall, Texas
18	Tommy Medica	C	R/R	6-1	190	Fr.	Santa Clara	San Jose, Calif.
9	Jordy Mercer	RHP/IF	R/R	6-3	192	So.	Oklahoma State	Taloga, Okla.
35	Petey Paramore	C	S/R	6-2	195	So.	Arizona State	Allen, Texas

Two additional players will join the 2007 USA Baseball National Team as non-Pan Am Games members and will be alternates for the event. Those players will be named in late June. Even later additions:

45	Victor Black	RHP	R/R	6-4	190	Fr.	Dallas Baptist	Amarillo, Texas
48	Trevor Coleman	C	S/R	6-1	210	Fr.	Missouri	Dripping Springs, Texas
29	Jeremy Hamilton	IF	L/L	6-0	180	So.	Wright State	Cincinnati, Ohio
32	Jordan Henry	OF	L/R	6-0	160	Fr.	Mississippi	Vicksburg, Miss.
19	Landon Hernandez	C/IF	R/R	6-1	220	So.	Hawaii	Cathedral City, Calif.
12	Joe Kelly	RHP	R/R	6-1	165	Fr.	UC Riverside	Corona, Calif.
38	Mike Minor	LHP	L/L	6-3	175	Fr.	Vanderbilt	Chapel Hill, Tenn.
47	Shawn Sanford	RHP	R/R	5-10	182	Fr.	South Florida	Cinnaminson, N.J.
10	Eric Surkamp	LHP	L/L	6-5	216	So.	NC State	Cincinnati, Ohio

The USA Baseball National Team is led by Long Beach State head coach Mike Weathers who will be making his second coaching tour with the USA Baseball National Team. In his previous USA Baseball coaching assignment, Weathers was an assistant on the 2003 USA Baseball National Team, which captured a silver medal at the 2003 Pan Am Games. Assisting Weathers on the 2007 USA Baseball National Team coaching staff will be Rob Cooper (head coach at Wright State), Bill Kinneberg (Utah head coach), and Mark Scalf (UNC Wilmington head coach). In addition, current Long Beach State baseball SID and NCBWA member Niall Adler will serve as the 2007 teams' press officer.

Team USA 2007 Schedule

June 19-24 Pre-Tour Training with NECBL Northeast United States
 June 26-28 Pre-Tour Training, Cary, North Carolina
 June 29-July 3 USA vs. TBD North Carolina
 July 4-9 USA vs. Japan Durham, North Carolina
 July 14-19 Pan American Games Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 July 22-27 USA vs. China TBD - United States
 July 28-30 USA vs. The Netherlands Durham, North Carolina
 August 3-12 World Port Tournament Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Longest Division I Hitting Streaks in 2007 (Active Streaks in Bold) Compiled by Malcolm Gray, East Carolina

1. 38 Justin Jenkins, West Virginia (2/17 – 4/28; tied for 10th best in NCAA History)
2. **35 Ryan Flaherty, Vanderbilt (4/7 – active when season ended on 6/4/07)**
- 35 Ty Wright, Oklahoma State (3/24 – 6/2)
4. 33 Marcus Quade, New Mexico State (2/13 – 4/20)
5. **29 Stephen Batts, East Carolina (4/13 – active when season ended on 6/3/07)**
- 29 **John Koehnlein, Youngstown State (4/10 – active when season ended on 5/25/07)**
7. 28 Dustin Ackley, North Carolina (2/28 – 4/14; ended in Game 1 of double-header)
- 28 Eric Rose, Michigan (03/24 – 05/06; started in the second game of DH vs. Oakland Univ.)
9. 27 Brandon Menchaca, Delaware (4/12/06 – 2/24/07)

27 Jordan Petraitis, Miami (Ohio) (3/21 – 5/9)
 11. 26 Brandon Guyer, Virginia (3/6 – 4/20)
 12. 25 Ryan Snowden, Illinois (2/25 – 4/14)
 13. 24 Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt (4/20 – 6/3)
 24 Walter Diaz, USF (3/13 – 4/22)
 24 Jon Gossard, Rutgers (3/31 – 5/9)
 24 Joe Hulett, McNeese State (3/3 – 4/24)
 24 Ryan Hutchinson, Boston College (4/1 – 5/6)
 24 John Malloy, La Salle (2/16 – 4/6)
 24 Will Vazquez, Kent State (4/8 – 5/25)
 24 Ryan White, Purdue (4/20 – 5/20)
 21. 23 Garrett Bass, Jacksonville State (2/27 – 4/6)
 23 Robbie Blauer, UC Santa Barbara (2/10 – 3/26)
 23 Robbie Blauer, UC Santa Barbara (4/1 – 5/27)
 23 Dan Biedenharn, Wright State (4/21 – 5/25)
 23 Zach Chamberlain, Pacific (4/7 – 5/25)
 23 Justin Parker, Wright State (3/10 – 4/20)
 23 Corey Shimada, Utah (4/7 – 5/19)
 23 Justin Smoak, South Carolina (3/18 – 4/24)
29. 22 Michael Murray, Memphis (4/24 – active when season and career ended 6/2/07)
22 Sean Reilly, Tennessee Tech (4/14 – active when season ended on 5/19/07)
 22 Aaron Baker, Oklahoma (2/2 – 3/17)
 22 Chris Fox, UC Santa Barbara (4/6 – 5/20)
 22 Ian Hollick, New Mexico (4/6 – 5/23)
 22 Taylor Holiday, UC Irvine (4/22 – 6/16)
 22 Shane Peterson, Long Beach State (3/31 – 5/11)
36. 21 Trey Sutton, Southern Miss (04/15 – active his season ended on 5/23/07 due to injury)
 21 Rawley Bishop, Middle Tennessee State (3/7 – 4/4)
 21 Jay Brossman, Utah (4/7 – 5/17)
 21 Ben Feltner, Texas A&M (2/13 – 3/23)
 21 Erik Huber, Eastern Illinois (2/25 – 4/1)
 21 Mark Kelly, Southern Illinois (2/17 – 3/25)
 21 Daniel Stovall, New Mexico (3/5 – 4/16)
 21 Damon Sublett, Wichita State (2/20 – 3/25)
 21 Rob Vernon, UNC Asheville (3/11 – 4/4)
45. 20 Rob Brockel, UW-Milwaukee (5/2 – active when season ended on 5/26/07)
 20 Jimmy Cesario, Houston (3/18 – 4/29)
 20 Blake Dean, LSU (3/17 – 4/20)
 20 Joe DiGeronimo, Wagner (3/2 – 4/5)
 20 Alexander Hassan, Duke (2/24 – 3/31)
 20 Matt LaPorta, Florida (3/23 – 4/29)
 20 Jack Rye, Florida State (2/9 – 3/18)
 20 Mark Sobolewski, Univ. of Miami (4/1 – 5/6)
 20 Tony Thomas Jr., Florida State (2/2 – 3/11)

2007 Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA Division I Players of the Week

Feb. 13: Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt (Hitter); Spencer Steedley, Charlotte (Pitcher)
 Feb. 20: Jericho Jones, Louisiana Tech (Hitter); James Simmons, UC Riverside (Pitcher)
 Feb. 27: Mike Bianucci, Auburn (Hitter); Brian Matusz, San Diego (Pitcher)
 March 6: David Doss, South Alabama (Hitter); Sean Urena, Cal State Fullerton (Pitcher)
 March 13: Justin Bour, George Mason (Hitter); David Price, Vanderbilt (Pitcher)
 March 20: Corey Brown, Oklahoma State (Hitter); Lance Lynn, Ole Miss (Pitcher)
 March 27: Matt LaPorta, Florida (Hitter); Eric Rohr, Saint Louis (Pitcher)
 April 3: Tony Thomas, Florida State (Hitter); Trey Barham, VMI (Pitcher)
 Apr. 10: Travis Jones, South Carolina (Hitter); Rick Zagone, Missouri; Ryan Berry, Rice (co-Pitchers)
 Apr. 17: Kellen Kulbacki, James Madison (Hitter); Brad Brach, Monmouth (Pitcher)
 Apr. 24: Ryan Heath, Oakland (Hitter); Scott Barnes, St. John's (Pitcher)
 May 1: Matt Horwath, UCF (Hitter); James Adkins, Tennessee (Pitcher)

May 8: Blake Stouffer, Texas A&M (Hitter); Matt Daly, Hawai'i (Pitcher)

May 15: Matt Spencer, Arizona State (Hitter); Matt Gianini, Central Connecticut State (Pitcher)

2007 Pro-Line NCBWA Division III National Players of the Week

Mar. 5 - Hitter of the Week: Jake Shandri (Wartburg); Pitcher of the Week: Bill Dictus (Edgewood)

Mar. 12 – Hitter: Pete Moore (Moravian); Pitcher: Lee Boyse (Coe)

Mar. 19 - Hitter: Rob Sumner (New Jersey City); Pitcher: Jake Dennstedt (SUNY-Brockport)

Mar. 26 - Hitter: Jake Shandri (Wartburg); Pitcher: Xander Jones (Ohio Wesleyan)

Apr. 2 - Co-Hitters: Richard Hurd (Rhodes), Don Reinertsen (William Paterson); Kyle Sherman (Ohio Wesleyan); Pitcher: Kyle Wewe (Thomas More)

Apr. 9 - Hitter: Josh Cardoso (Rhode Island College); Pitcher: Bob Buskett (College of New Jersey)

Apr. 16 - Hitter: Adam Evanoff (Wisconsin-Stevens Point); Co-Pitcher of the Week: Sam Heaps (Elizabethtown); Brad Mountain (Eastern Nazarene)

Apr. 23 - Hitter: Jimmy Fernandez (Allegheny); Pitcher: Tim Kiely (Trinity, Conn.)

Apr. 30 – Hitter: Tim Rowe (Rockford); Pitcher: Peter Reyes (SUNY-Old Westbury)

Milestones

Tampa finished the season where it started as the nation's number-one ranked team as the Spartans took a 7-2 victory over Columbus State (Ga.) University to win their second consecutive NCAA II national championship. The Spartans become the first team to win consecutive titles since UT won in 1992 and 1993....Perry Schatzow hit an infield single to drive in the winning run, and Kean University (N.J) beat Emory 5-4 in 10 innings to win its first NCAA Division III baseball title in Grand Chute, Wis., on May 29... Sam Houston State head coach Mark Johnson nabbed his 900th career on Apr. 17 in a 6-4 triumph over Prairie View A&M. He also guided the Bearkats to the Southland Conference tourney title and SHSU's first NCAA appearance since 1996. UAB's coach Brian Shoop won his 700th game in late March... April...On May 1 Savannah State won two of three games against Florida Memorial in a rare tripleheader – believed to be the first and only TH in college baseball in '07. SSU won game one 5-2, lost game two 5-4 and won game three 8-3...Oral Roberts P Chance Chapman broke the school record with a nine-inning Division I-2007-high 19 strikeouts in a 12-1 win over Centenary in Tulsa, Okla., on May 11.

Florida Selects O'Sullivan as Head Coach

Florida has named **Kevin O'Sullivan** as its new baseball coach. O'Sullivan arrives in Gator Country after serving nine seasons as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Clemson where he helped the Tigers to nine-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and College World Series berths in 2000, 2002 and 2006. A native of Jupiter, Fla., O'Sullivan becomes the 21st head coach in school history.

Clemson's associate head coach since 2002, O'Sullivan and the Tigers recently advanced to NCAA Super Regionals for the seventh time since the format was introduced in 1999 before succumbing to Mississippi State. This total represents the second-most in the nation, trailing only the eight appearances by Miami (Fla.). A week earlier, the Tigers claimed the Myrtle Beach Regional with an unblemished 3-0 record and ousted top-seeded Coastal Carolina.

Under his tutelage, 29 Tiger hurlers have been chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft, including five in '07. A school-record 11 Clemson players were taken over the two-day event, highlighted by junior left-hander Daniel Moskos going fourth overall to the Pittsburgh Pirates. During O'Sullivan's tenure, 11 pitchers have been picked in the top-five rounds, including a trio of first-rounders: Mike Paradis (1999), Tyler Lumsden (2004) and Daniel Moskos (2007).

McNeese State Names Burrows Head Coach

Terry Burrows, who played and coached at McNeese State University and who had an 11 year professional career as a player, has been named the Cowboys new head baseball coach. McNeese interim athletic director Tommy McClelland made the announcement of Burrows selection on June 14.

Burrows replaces Chad Clement who had resigned as the Cowboy head coach five games into the 2007 season. Assistant coach Chris Fackler was appointed interim head coach for the remainder of the year. The 39 year old Burrows most recently served as head coach at St.Louis High in Lake Charles where he coached the team to its first district title in 10 years. Prior to that he had served as an assistant coach both at McNeese State and at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. At St.Louis he had seven players go on to sign college scholarships while at Louisiana-Monroe he helped develop a staff that had five pitchers selected in the major league draft.

UND's Ziegler Leaving to Become Arena Events Manager

Kelvin Ziegler, the University of North Dakota's all-time winningest baseball coach, is leaving to become the events manager at the Ralph Engelstad Arena.

Ziegler has been the UND head coach for 14 seasons. He will start work as the events manager at the Grand Forks arena on July 9, the school said. "On one hand, we are sorry to lose a truly dedicated and successful baseball coach, and he'll leave large shoes to fill," UND athletic director Tom Buning said in a statement. "On the other hand, we're excited that Kelvin will help us ensure that our sporting events at the Ralph (Engelstad Arena) and Betty (Engelstad Sioux Center) are a success for our fans, student-athletes and coaches."

Ziegler became UND's head coach in 1994 and compiled a career record of 326-251-2. He posted nine 20-win seasons and led the Sioux to an NCAA tournament appearance in 2004, a year he also was named North Central Conference coach of the year.

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

A reminder that membership in the NCBWA runs from the beginning of July through the end of the College World Series. Therefore, it is now time to begin renewing for 2008. Please see renewal information (\$20 per year) below.

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