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The President's Message
By NCBWA President Shamus McKnight

Membership:

It is hard to believe that preseason rankings and All-America teams already have been denoted and we are just three weeks away from the start of practice around the nation. Hopefully, you had enjoyed a great holiday season, and the start of 2008 is a prosperous one.

We are just over a month away from opening day around the country, and the Feb. 22, start date for Division I gives our sport a true opening day that we can enjoy. At the NCBWA, we are already beginning plans for the Dick Howser Trophy presentation at the Omaha Press Club on June 14, as the event kicks off the most exciting time in our sport – the College World Series.

Thanks for reminding new media people covering baseball in your area to contact any of the Board members (listed at the bottom of this newsletter) about becoming a member in our organization. There is a printable version of the membership application, and membership is open to anyone who covers college baseball and has an interest in our sport.

Happy Holidays and wishing you the best in 2008!

Shamus McKnight
NCBWA President

Pitchers Dominate 2008 NCBWA Preseason All-America Team

In a year when pitching has a solid chance of being dominant, the eighth annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason 2008 All-America team reflects the plethora of mound aces returning for the upcoming campaign.

With the unified Feb. 22 earliest start date for Division I teams, returning 2007 NCBWA Pro-Line Cap All-America hurlers Brian Matusz (10-3, 2.85 ERA) of San Diego, Jacob Thompson (11-0, 1.50 ERA) of Virginia and Preston Guilmet (12-2, 1.87 ERA) of Arizona join fellow '08 returnees Ryan Berry of Rice,

Josh Satow of Arizona State and Scott Gorgen of UC Irvine in heading possible the deepest first team since the NCBWA started its preseason selections prior to 2001.

Two-time NCAA World Series champions Oregon State added righty Mike Stutes (12-4) to a second team mound staff which had a composite record of 54-14 and almost 1.2 strikeouts per inning among the six starting pitchers.

There also is no shortage of stellar relief pitchers among 2007 preseason All-America returnee Cole St. Clair of World Series entry Rice, Eryk McConnell of NC State and Paul Koss of Southern California on the first unit.

Lest readers forget any of the “big bangers” on offense, 2007 Division I home run champion OF Kyle Russell (28 dingers) of Texas joins the likes of returning pre- and postseason All-America 3B Pedro Alvarez of Vanderbilt and .404-hitting 1B Brett Wallace of Arizona State (another 2007 A-A returnee) on a hard slugging first team.

Talented utility players such as Michigan’s Zach Putnam (.330 average, 8 homers, 59 RBI, 8-5 pitching record, played key role in Wolverines’ upset over top-ranked Vanderbilt in the ’07 NCAA Nashville Regional) and San Diego’s Josh Romanski (10-1 pitching mark, .335 batting average) add even more pre-2008 credibility to the dream team.

The stellar outfield also includes Rice CWS participant Aaron Luna and Vanderbilt slugger Dominic de la Osa. Catcher Petey Paramore is one of five Arizona State position players or pitchers featured on the eighth annual NCBWA preseason edition.

There are 19 conferences and 39 schools represented on the three units, which form the base for the ’08 Pro-Line Cap All-America squad and the 22nd annual Dick Howser Trophy, presented by the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area chamber of Commerce and voted upon by the NCBWA membership. The Howser Trophy will be awarded on Saturday morning prior to Game One of the NCAA World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb., on June 14, 2008, at the Omaha Press Club.

2008 Preseason NCBWA All-America Team (2007 Stats)

First Team

| Pos. | Name, School | Class | BA | G | AB | R | H | 2B-3B-HR | RBI |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| C | Petey Paramore, Arizona State | Jr. | .379 | 64 | 224 | 64 | 85 | 18-1-6 | 52 |
| 1B | Brett Wallace, Arizona State | Jr. | .404 | 63 | 265 | 75 | 107 | 17-8-16 | 78 |
| 2B | Johnny Giavotella, New Orleans | Jr. | .385 | 64 | 247 | 65 | 95 | 19-4-15 | 65 |
| 3B | Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt | Sr. | .386 | 66 | 272 | 76 | 105 | 21-3-18 | 68 |
| SS | Derek Shunk, Villanova | Sr. | .357 | 54 | 210 | 49 | 75 | 12-3-2 | 34 |
| UTIL | Zach Putnam, Michigan | Jr. | .330 | 61-61 | 224 | 38 | 74 | 14-2-8 | 59 |
| Pitching: 8-5, 3.87 ERA, 16 G, 102.1 IP, 94 H, 38 BB, 87 SO, 0 SV | | | | | | | | | |
| DH | C.J. Ziegler, Arizona | Sr. | .355 | 59 | 228 | 59 | 81 | 23-2-13 | 63 |
| OF | Aaron Luna, Rice | Jr. | .315 | 66 | 236 | 57 | 74 | 15-3-13 | 66 |
| OF | Kyle Russell, Texas | Jr. | .336 | 63 | 223 | 68 | 75 | 11-5-28 | 71 |
| OF | Dominic de la Osa, Vanderbilt | Sr. | .376 | 66 | 249 | 65 | 94 | 23-2-20 | 62 |

Pitchers

| Pos. | Name School | Cl. | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SP | Ryan Berry, Rice | So. | 11-3 | 3.01 | 23 | 122.2 | 112 | 34 | 125 | 0 |
| SP | Scott Gorgen, UC Irvine | Jr. | 13-3 | 2.83 | 22 | 136.2 | 118 | 41 | 117 | 0 |
| SP | Preston Guilmet, Arizona | Jr. | 12-2 | 1.87 | 18 | 135 | 100 | 34 | 146 | 0 |
| SP | Brian Matusz, San Diego | Jr. | 10-3 | 2.85 | 18 | 123 | 98 | 37 | 163 | 0 |
| SP | Josh Satow, Arizona State | Sr. | 13-3 | 2.76 | 20 | 133.2 | 119 | 53 | 119 | 0 |
| SP | Jacob Thompson, Virginia | Jr. | 11-0 | 1.50 | 17 | 114 | 79 | 32 | 101 | 0 |
| RP | Daniel Edwards, Kansas St | Sr. | 3-0 | 2.27 | 23 | 35.2 | 22 | 13 | 49 | 11 |
| RP | Eryk McConnell, NC State | Sr. | 3-2 | 1.72 | 28 | 52.1 | 43 | 11 | 35 | 11 |
| RP | Cole St. Clair, Rice | Sr. | 0-0 | 1.91 | 16 | 28.1 | 22 | 8 | 26 | 9 |

Second Team

| Pos. | Name, School | Class | BA | G | AB | R | H | 2B-3B-HR | RBI |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| C | Tim Federowicz, North Carolina | Jr. | .333 | 73 | 291 | 46 | 97 | 19-1-4 | 65 |
| 1B | Justin Smoak, South Carolina | Jr. | .315 | 66 | 260 | 64 | 82 | 16-0-22 | 72 |
| 2B | Brandon Turner, Mississippi State | So. | .399 | 55 | 208 | 46 | 83 | 13-1-3 | 48 |
| 3B | Conor Gillaspie, Wichita State | Jr. | .325 | 73 | 295 | 55 | 96 | 24-4-6 | 63 |
| SS | Danny Espinosa, Long Beach State | Jr. | .319 | 53 | 210 | 44 | 67 | 13-4-7 | 38 |
| UTIL | Josh Romanski, San Diego | Jr. | .335 | 56 | 224 | 43 | 75 | 10-2-3 | 30 |
| Pitching: 10-1, 3.05 ERA, 18 G, 112 IP, 90 H, 24 BB, 92 SO, 3 SV | | | | | | | | | |
| DH | Kiel Roling, Arizona State | Jr. | .356 | 58 | 194 | 57 | 69 | 10-0-15 | 63 |
| OF | Ollie Linton, UC Irvine | Jr. | .342 | 57 | 152 | 30 | 52 | 4-8-0 | 21 |

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|--------------------------|-----|------|----|-----|----|----|---------|----|
| OF Mike Bianucci, Auburn | Jr. | .326 | 47 | 175 | 46 | 57 | 11-1-14 | 51 |
| OF Mike McKenna, FAU | Sr. | .413 | 56 | 218 | 46 | 90 | 14-2-16 | 60 |

Pitchers

| Pos. | Name | School | Cl. | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
|------|--------------------|---------------|-----|------|------|----|-------|-----|----|-----|----|
| SP | Bobby Gagg, | Coastal Car. | Jr. | 12-2 | 2.57 | 17 | 112 | 102 | 27 | 84 | 0 |
| SP | Mike Leake, | Arizona State | So. | 13-2 | 3.69 | 25 | 127 | 126 | 29 | 94 | 1 |
| SP | Lance Lynn, | Ole Miss | Jr. | 8-5 | 2.85 | 18 | 123.1 | 94 | 44 | 146 | 0 |
| SP | Mike Minor, | Vanderbilt | So. | 9-1 | 3.09 | 19 | 90.1 | 76 | 19 | 88 | 2 |
| SP | Zack Pitts, | Louisville | Sr. | 10-3 | 2.52 | 20 | 121.2 | 105 | 24 | 91 | 0 |
| SP | Mike Stutes, | Oregon State | Sr. | 12-4 | 4.07 | 22 | 132.2 | 111 | 60 | 129 | 0 |
| RP | David Cales, | UIC | Jr. | 3-0 | 0.74 | 24 | 36.1 | 21 | 1 | 34 | 13 |
| RP | Pat Venditte, | Creighton | Sr. | 8-2 | 1.88 | 38 | 95.2 | 62 | 22 | 99 | 4 |
| RP | Aaron Weatherford, | MS St. | Jr. | 3-2 | 3.53 | 20 | 66.1 | 58 | 25 | 72 | 5 |

Third Team (ties in voting)

| Pos. | Name, School | Class | BA | G | AB | R | H | 2B-3B-HR | RBI |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|------|----|-----|----|-----|----------|-----|
| | C Buster Posey, Florida State | Jr. | .382 | 62 | 246 | 66 | 94 | 21-2-3 | 65 |
| | 1B Dustin Ackley, North Carolina | So. | .402 | 73 | 296 | 70 | 119 | 20-3-10 | 74 |
| | 2B Alex Buchholz, Delaware | Jr. | .387 | 55 | 238 | 46 | 92 | 27-6-11 | 63 |
| | 2B Blake Stouffer, Texas A&M | Sr. | .398 | 67 | 256 | 58 | 102 | 23-5-12 | 85 |
| | 3B Matt Prokopowicz, Hofstra | So. | .416 | 54 | 197 | 41 | 82 | 11-1-6 | 52 |
| | SS Brandon Crawford, UCLA | Jr. | .335 | 61 | 248 | 50 | 83 | 17-2-7 | 55 |
| | UTIL Cole White, Army | Sr. | .408 | 48 | 179 | 27 | 73 | 12-3-4 | 29 |
| Pitching: 7-3, 3.49 ERA, 14 G, 67 IP, 59 H, 19 BB, 54 SO, 0 SV | | | | | | | | | |
| | DH Scott Hawkins, La.-Lafayette | Jr. | .344 | 59 | 209 | 54 | 72 | 11-2-16 | 49 |
| | OF Tony Campana, Cincinnati-60 SB | Sr. | .329 | 56 | 237 | 51 | 78 | 5-1-1 | 18 |
| | OF Ike Davis, Arizona State | Jr. | .349 | 62 | 238 | 56 | 83 | 23-0-8 | 61 |
| | OF Scott Krieger, George Mason | Jr. | .365 | 54 | 219 | 59 | 80 | 12-2-20 | 68 |
| | OF Ryan Lavarney, Yale | Jr. | .467 | 43 | 150 | 33 | 70 | 17-1-14 | 55 |
| | OF Mike McKenna, FAU | Sr. | .413 | 56 | 218 | 46 | 90 | 14-2-16 | 60 |

Pitchers

| Pos. | Name | School | Cl. | W-L | ERA | G | IP | H | BB | SO | SV |
|------|-------------------|--------------|-----|------|------|----|-------|-----|----|-----|----|
| SP | Jared Bradford, | LSU | Sr. | 10-4 | 4.41 | 23 | 96 | 94 | 16 | 81 | 5 |
| SP | Aaron Crow, | Missouri | Jr. | 9-4 | 3.59 | 18 | 117.2 | 109 | 33 | 90 | 0 |
| SP | Eric Erickson, | Miami (Fla) | So. | 10-4 | 2.50 | 16 | 90 | 84 | 16 | 63 | 1 |
| SP | Ben Mancuso, | Creighton | Sr. | 10-3 | 2.34 | 14 | 77 | 77 | 20 | 60 | 0 |
| SP | Rob Musgrave, | Wichita St | Sr. | 10-2 | 2.59 | 18 | 111.1 | 96 | 17 | 85 | 0 |
| SP | Aaron Shafer, | Wichita St | Jr. | 8-2 | 2.23 | 15 | 84.2 | 69 | 23 | 90 | 0 |
| SP | Anthony Shawler, | Old Dom. | Jr. | 11-2 | 2.20 | 15 | 114.2 | 95 | 29 | 130 | 0 |
| RP | Nick Cassavechia, | Baylor | Sr. | 6-2 | 3.12 | 50 | 52 | 43 | 20 | 72 | 11 |
| RP | Joe Kelly, | UC Riverside | So. | 3-1 | 1.32 | 22 | 27.1 | 28 | 11 | 19 | 6 |
| RP | Chris Manning, | Belmont | Jr. | 3-0 | 2.67 | 24 | 27 | 20 | 4 | 17 | 11 |

BASEBALL AMERICA Names Top 25 '08 Recruiting Classes

By landing three newcomers who ranked among the top 100 prospects for the 2007 draft, San Diego earned the top spot on Baseball America's 2007 recruiting class rankings.

Freshman righthander Kyle Blair, freshman third baseman Victor Sanchez and sophomore righty Matt Thomson comprise the impressive core of USD's class, which also includes impact talents like lefthander Sammy Solis, outfielder Sequoyah Stonecipher and first baseman Stephen Kaupang. The Toreros have had one other class ranked since 2000: their 2005 class, led by Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski, ranked No. 12. LSU's deep class, which included five prospects who ranked among the top 200 for the 2007 draft, ranked second. This marks the fifth time since 2001 that LSU has landed a top 10 class.

The final two teams standing in college baseball the last two years, Oregon State and North Carolina, ranked third and fourth, respectively. This is North Carolina's fourth top-12 class since 2003, when the Tar Heels brought in the nation's No. 1 class led by Andrew Miller and Daniel Bard. This is the highest ranking ever for the Beavers, who checked in at No. 20 a year ago.

The top 10 was filled out by Auburn, Notre Dame, UCLA, Cal State Fullerton, Texas and Arkansas. Four-year transfers were not considered for BA's rankings, just freshmen and junior college transfers.

For breakdowns on the Top 25 classes, plus a look at the best classes by region outside the top 25, visit www.baseballamerica.com.

2007 RECRUITING CLASS RANKINGS

1. San Diego
2. LSU
3. Oregon State
4. North Carolina
5. Auburn
6. Notre Dame
7. UCLA
8. Cal State Fullerton
9. Texas
10. Arkansas
11. Missouri
12. Vanderbilt
13. Pepperdine
14. Mississippi
15. Clemson
16. Arizona State
17. Virginia
18. Texas A&M
19. Rice
20. Miami
21. Tennessee
22. Georgia Tech
23. Tulane
24. Georgia
25. UC Riverside

Preseason BASEBALL AMERICA Top 30 for '08 To Come in Jan. 2008 Final 2007 BA Top 25 Rankings

BASEBALL AMERICA TOP 25

| No. | School | W-L | Last Week | Prv. |
|-----|---------------------|---------|-----------|------|
| 1. | Oregon State | 49-18 | 5-0 | 6 |
| 2. | North Carolina | 57-16 | 4-3 | 2 |
| 3. | Rice | 56-14 | 2-2 | 1 |
| 4. | UC Irvine | 47-17-1 | 2-2 | 4 |
| 5. | Arizona State | 49-15 | 1-2 | 3 |
| 6. | Vanderbilt | 54-13 | 0-0 | 5 |
| 7. | Louisville | 47-24 | 1-2 | 8 |
| 8. | Mississippi State | 38-22 | 0-2 | 7 |
| 9. | Cal State Fullerton | 38-25 | 0-2 | 9 |
| 10. | South Carolina | 46-20 | 1-2 | 10 |
| 11. | Texas | 46-17 | 450 | 17 |
| 12. | Texas A&M | 48-19 | 457 | 14 |
| 13. | Wichita State | 53-22 | 460 | 13 |
| 14. | Florida State | 49-13 | 467 | 10 |
| 15. | Clemson | 41-23 | 462 | 12 |
| 16. | Virginia | 45-16 | 454 | 15 |
| 17. | Mississippi | 40-25 | 446 | 19 |
| 18. | San Diego | 43-18 | 452 | 16 |
| 19. | Michigan | 42-19 | 444 | 20 |
| 20. | Coastal Carolina | 50-13 | 435 | 24 |

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|-----|----------------|-------|-----|----|
| 21. | Arkansas | 43-21 | 449 | 18 |
| 22. | UCLA | 33-28 | 437 | 23 |
| 23. | Oklahoma State | 42-21 | 441 | 21 |
| 24. | Missouri | 42-18 | 0-0 | 24 |
| 25. | TCU | 48-14 | 0-0 | 25 |

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL Denotes Pre-2008 Top 40

The 2008 preseason COLLEGIATE BASEBALL poll finds a loaded Arizona team atop the standings for the first time in the initial survey since 1981. Southeastern Conference power South Carolina holds down the No. 2 slot while fellow Pacific-10 Conference member Arizona State is third. Rounding out the Top Five are Mississippi of the SEC and two-time defending NCAA runnerup North Carolina of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

| Rank | School (2007 Record) | Points |
|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Arizona (42-17) | 496 |
| 2. | South Carolina (46-20) | 493 |
| 3. | Arizona State (49-15) | 491 |
| 4. | Mississippi (40-25) | 487 |
| 5. | North Carolina (57-16) | 486 |
| 6. | Rice (56-14) | 483 |
| 7. | San Diego (43-18) | 481 |
| 8. | Texas (46-17) | 478 |
| 9. | Wichita State (53-22) | 476 |
| 10. | Michigan (42-19) | 473 |
| 11. | Vanderbilt (54-13) | 471 |
| 12. | Florida State (49-13) | 468 |
| 13. | Clemson (41-23) | 466 |
| 14. | Miami (Fla.) (37-24) | 464 |
| 15. | Missouri (42-18) | 461 |
| 16. | Cal State Fullerton (38-25) | 459 |
| 17. | Long Beach State (39-20) | 455 |
| 18. | UCLA (33-28) | 452 |
| 19. | Oregon State (49-18) | 451 |
| 20. | Kentucky (34-19-1) | 447 |
| 21. | Fresno State (38-29) | 446 |
| 22. | Texas A&M (48-19) | 443 |
| 23. | Louisville (47-24) | 440 |
| 24. | Virginia (45-16) | 437 |
| 25. | Georgia Tech (32-25) | 434 |
| 26. | UC Irvine (47-17-1) | 432 |
| 27. | Mississippi State (38-22) | 430 |
| 28. | Baylor (35-27) | 428 |
| 29. | Pepperdine (35-22) | 426 |
| 30. | LSU (29-26-1) | 423 |
| 31. | Oklahoma State (42-21) | 420 |
| 32. | Louisiana-Lafayette (45-17) | 419 |
| 33. | Southern Illinois (39-23) | 415 |
| 34. | Southern Miss (39-23) | 413 |
| 35. | UC Riverside (38-21) | 411 |
| 36. | Stetson (42-21) | 408 |
| 37. | Coastal Carolina (50-13) | 406 |
| 38. | Nebraska (32-27) | 405 |
| 39. | California (29-26) | 403 |
| 40. | Oral Roberts (40-17) | 400 |

Others Receiving Votes: Georgia, Alabama, Creighton, South Florida, Notre Dame, Winthrop, Arkansas, Old Dominion, Texas-San Antonio, New Orleans, Oklahoma, East Carolina, Tulane,

Kent State, Houston, Central Michigan, TCU, UCF, Lamar, Southeastern Louisiana, Florida Atlantic, Charlotte, Gonzaga, Santa Clara, Tennessee, Florida, Auburn, USC, Stanford, Washington, Washington State, College of Charleston, Rutgers, Western Carolina, Penn State, Minnesota, Ohio State, N.C. State, Wake Forest, Hawai'i, VCU, Louisiana Tech, Nevada, LeMoyne, Troy, Kennesaw State, Richmond, St. John's, Austin Peay, Southern.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL 2008 Preseason All-America Team and Player of the Year

The 2008 Louisville Slugger preseason All-America baseball teams, selected by *Collegiate Baseball* newspaper, features a who's who of NCAA Division I baseball players. The pre-season pick as National Player of The Year is 3B Pedro Alvarez of Vanderbilt. Last season, he hit .386 with 18 homers, 21 doubles and 68 RBIs. The 6-foot-2, 225-pounder is expected to be a high first round pick in next June's Free Agent Draft. The All-America teams include:

First Team

RHP Jacob Thompson, Virginia (11-0, 1.50 ERA, 101 K, 32 BB)
 RHP Preston Guilmet, Arizona (12-2, 1.87 ERA, 146 K, 34 BB)
 RHP Anthony Shawler, Old Dominion (11-2, 2.20 ERA, 130 K, 29 BB)
 LHP Brian Matusz, San Diego (10-3, 2.85 ERA, 163 K, 37 BB)
 LHP Josh Satow, Arizona St. (13-3, 2.76 ERA, 119 K, 53 BB)
 RHP Scott Gorgen, U.C. Irvine (13-3, 2.83 ERA, 117 K, 41 BB)
 Relief A.J. Griffin, San Diego (11 SV, 6-2 record, 2.70 ERA)
 C Buster Posey, Florida St. (.382, 3 HR, 21 2B, 65 RBI)
 1B Brett Wallace, Arizona St. (.404, 16 HR, 17 2B, 78 RBI)
 2B Blake Stouffer, Texas A&M (.398, 12 HR, 23 2B, 85 RBI, 22 SB)
 2B Johnny Giavotella, New Orleans (.385, 15 HR, 19 2B, 65 RBI, 17 SB)
 3B Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt (.386, 18 HR, 21 2B, 68 RBI)
 SS Alex Buchholz, Delaware (.387, 11 HR, 27 2B, 63 RBI)
 OF Dominic de la Osa, Vanderbilt (.378, 20 HR, 23 2B, 62 RBI, 20 SB)
 OF Kyle Russell, Texas (.336, 28 HR, 11 2B, 71 RBI, 10 SB)
 OF Brad McElroy, Charlotte (.401, 11 HR, 26 2B, 68 RBI, 14 SB)
 UT Josh Romanski, San Diego (9-1 pitching record, 3.05 ERA, 92 K, 24 BB, .335 BA, 10 2B)

Second Team

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| RHP Ryan Berry, Rice | RHP Jorge Reyes, Oregon St. |
| RHP Bobby Gagg, Coastal Carolina | RHP Tyson Ross, California |
| RHP Mike Leake, Arizona St. | RHP Lance Lynn, Mississippi |
| RHP & LHP Pat Venditte, Creighton | RHP Aaron Crow, Missouri |
| LHP Cole St. Clair, Rice | RHP Adam Warren, North Carolina |
| RHP Aaron Shafer, Wichita St. | RHP Zack Pitts, Louisville |
| Relief Rob Wooten, North Carolina | LHP Rob Musgrave, Wichita St. |
| Relief Robbie Elsemiller, Stetson | LHP Anthony Capra, Wichita St. |
| C Ryan Lavarney, Yale | LHP Christian Friedrich, Eastern Kentucky |
| C Blake Murphy, Western Carolina | Relief Daniel Schlereth, Arizona |
| 1B Justin Smoak, South Carolina | Relief Matt Gorgen, California |
| 1B Dustin Ackley, North Carolina | Relief Drew O'Neil, Penn St. |
| 1B Yonder Alonso, Miami (Fla.) | Relief Eryk McConnell, North Carolina St. |
| 2B Brandon Turner, Mississippi St. | C Tim Federowicz, North Carolina |
| 3B Conor Gillaspie, Wichita St. | C Doug Hogan, Clemson |
| 3B James Darnell, South Carolina | 1B Ryne White, Purdue |
| SS Ryan Flaherty, Vanderbilt | 1B Nate Recknagel, Michigan |
| OF Jordan Danks, Texas | 1B Allan Dykstra, Wake Forest |
| OF Collin Cowgill, Kentucky | 1B C.J. Ziegler, Arizona |
| OF Aaron Luna, Rice | 1B Ike Davis, Arizona St. |
| OF Jack Rye, Florida St. | 2B David Adams, Virginia |
| OF Tommy Baldrige, Coastal Carolina | 3B William Block, Florida Atlantic |
| UT Zach Putnam, Michigan | 3B Chris Dominguez, Louisville |
| | SS Jason Christian, Michigan |
| | SS Brandon Crawford, UCLA |
| | SS Danny Espinosa, Long Beach St. |
| | OF Mike McKenna, Florida Atlantic |

Third Team

RHP Mike Stutes, Oregon St.

OF Clay Whittemore, Jacksonville St.
OF Dave Sappelt, Coastal Carolina
OF Tyler Stovall, Central Michigan

OF David Rubinstein, Appalachian St.
UT Cole White, Army

Milestones

Oral Roberts head coach Rob Walton has been named as mentor for Team USA in 2008...Presbyterian will move up to NCAA Division I baseball in 2007 and will become the 11th DI program in South Carolina in 2007...Jake Boss, Jr. has been named head coach at Eastern Michigan...Jeff Curtis resigned as head coach at Texas-Arlington.

Former Texas Baseball Student-Athlete, Assistant Coach, Son of Cliff Gustafson, Deron Gustafson – Dies

Former University of Texas baseball player and assistant coach Deron Gustafson passed away on Thursday, Jan. 3. Gustafson played for the Horns from 1981-83 and was a member of the Texas '83 national championship team. He served as back-up second baseman for the national champs, hitting .306 in 18 games. Gustafson, son of former Longhorn head coach Cliff Gustafson, served as an assistant coach at UT for 13 seasons from 1984-96. Arrangements for memorials were pending.

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