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The President's Message
By NCBWA President Shamus McKnight

Membership:

As we head for home on this college baseball season, this is truly the best time of the year. Conference tournaments have finished up, and we are starting the 64-team NCAA Championships Friday. As been the case in recent years, the champion could come from anywhere. The remarkable story of Oregon State over the last three years provides just another example that great college baseball is not limited to the Sun Belt.

I would like to give a tip of the cap to Mike Montoro for his work in creating our inaugural freshman All-America team. We hope that this work recognizes some of the top performers in the country, and takes its place among the other honors the NCBWA presents, including the Dick Howser Trophy and the Stopper of the Year. Don't forget to submit your votes by the deadlines listed below, and the Howser Trophy presentation will be in Omaha on Saturday, June 14.

Please also note that we have our annual NCBWA business meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 2008, at Tampa Bay Marriott, room TBD, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. (EDT) during the College Sports Information Directors of America national workshop at Tampa, Fla.

Shamus McKnight
NCBWA President

Upcoming NCBWA Award Dates

Here is a look at some upcoming dates for the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Awards:

Wed., June 4	NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award
Thu., June 5	Eight Dick Howser Trophy Finalists Announced
Fri., June 6	NCBWA Regional Players of the Year
Mon., June 9	Div. I Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA Freshman All-American Teams
Tue., June 10	National Freshman Pitcher and Player of the Year
Wed., June 11	Div. I Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-American Teams
Thu., June 12	NCBWA National Coach of the Year
Sat., June 14	Dick Howser Trophy Award

**Media Advisory – Dick Howser Presentation at Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
June 14, 2008**

2008 Dick Howser Trophy Announcement/Ceremony

Who: Members of National, Regional Media

What: National News Conference - Dick Howser Trophy

When: Saturday, June 14, 2008 – 8:30-10 a.m. Buffet Breakfast; 10-10:30 a.m. (CDT) - National Announcement of Dick Howser Trophy – Division I Player of Year

Where: Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Contact: Karla Ewert, 1301 Harney St., Omaha, NE 68102 (corner of 13th St. & Harney), ample downtown parking available; ph: 402-346-5000

Why: To Announce the Winner of the Dick Howser Trophy Live Among Four Finalists:

Trophy will be presented to one of eight finalists announced on June 5.

Breakfast and refreshments will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. by sponsoring the Omaha Press Club and Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

For additional information, please contact: Bo Carter (972-556-1000, ex. 213; bcarter@footballfoundation.com), Russ Anderson (214-774-1300, rdanderson@c-usa.org) or Mike Montoro (304-293-2821, Mike.Montoro@mail.wvu.edu)

16 Semifinalists Named for 2008 Whitney Bank Dick Howser Trophy

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, working in conjunction with the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce, has released the list of 16 semifinalists for the 2008 Dick Howser Trophy, given to the top player in collegiate baseball.

The membership of the NCBWA will choose the Dick Howser Trophy based on three rounds of voting. The 2008 winner will be announced just prior to the first game of the College World Series, with a press conference slated for Saturday, June 14, at 10 a.m. (CDT) at the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

The 16 candidates hail from nine different conferences, with the SEC producing four and the Pac-10 listing three. Arizona State and Kentucky are the only schools with multiple semifinalists. Eight different positions are represented on the list, including five pitchers, three outfielders and two first basemen.

The Dick Howser Trophy, given in memory of the former Florida State 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. 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.

A Florida native, Howser was twice an All-America shortstop at Florida State University (1957-58), then coached the Seminoles in 1979 after a career as a major league player and coach. After one year in the college ranks, Howser returned to the majors to manage the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals and won the World Series with the Royals in 1985. The baseball stadium on the Florida State campus is named for Howser. The FSU alumnus also was named to the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008.

The winner's name is inscribed on the permanent trophy, a bronze bust of Howser displayed at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg - home of the Tampa Bay Rays and the 1999 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four – along with several other locations. Both the winner and his school receive a special trophy to keep.

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, P, USC, 2001, Khalil Greene, SS, Clemson, 2002; Rickey Weeks, 2B, Southern U., 2003; Jered Weaver, P, Long Beach State, 2004; Alex Gordon, 3B, Nebraska, 2005; and Brad Lincoln, P/DH, Houston, 2006; David Price, P, Vanderbilt, 2007.

2008 DICK HOWSER TROPHY SEMIFINALISTS

Pos. Name, School

Ike Davis, UT, Arizona State
Brett Wallace, 3B, Arizona State
David Cooper, 1B, California
Buster Posey, C, Florida State
Gordon Beckham, SS, Georgia
Chris Shehan, OF, Georgia Southern
Sawyer Carroll, OF, Kentucky
Collin Cowgill, OF, Kentucky
Jemile Weeks 2B, Miami (Fla.)
Aaron Crow, P, Missouri
Johnny Dorn, P, Nebraska
George Brown, P, St. John's
Brian Matusz, P, San Diego
Stephen Strasburg, P, San Diego State
Justin Smoak, 1B, South Carolina
Shooter Hunt, P, Tulane

First-Ever NCBWA Freshman All-America Team Selection Process

For the first time, the NCBWA is excited about starting the process for nomination and awarding of the NCBWA Freshman All-America teams. The NCBWA will name a first and second team as well as a National Freshman Hitter and Pitcher of the Year. Each team will consist of four infielders, a catcher, four outfielders, a dh/utility player, four starting pitchers and three relief pitchers.

For more information, please contact Montoro at 304-293-2821 or mike.montoro@mail.wvu.edu

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

Apr. 15 – Hitter: Missouri OF Jacob Priday; Pitcher: Stephen Strasburg, San Diego State
Apr. 22 – Hitter: Louisiana-Monroe OF Dexter Fontenot; Pitcher: Chris Manno, Duke
Apr. 29 – Hitter: Georgia Southern OF Ty Wright; Pitcher: Chris Hernandez, Miami (Fla.)
May 6 – Hitter: Jacksonville State OF Clay Whittemore; Pitcher: Kenn Kasperek, Texas
May 13 – Hitter: Coastal Carolina 1B David Anderson; Pitcher: Andrew Liebel, Long Beach State
May 20 – Hitter: College of Charleston 3B Jeremie Tice; Pitcher: Scott Swinson, Maryland

NCBWA Pro-Line Athletic Division III Players of the Week

Mar. 10 Hitter of the Week: Brad Broussard (Ozarks); Pitcher of the Week: Joe Bartlinski (Kean)
Mar. 17 Hitter: Brent Voorhees (McMurry); Pitcher: Ryan Kulik (Rowan)
Mar. 24 Hitter: Drew Hedman (Pomona-Pitzer); Pitcher: Drew Campbell (Kean)
Mar. 31 Hitter: Derek Gianakas (Kean); Pitcher: Lonnie Robinson (St. Thomas, Minn.)
Apr. 7 Hitter: Derek David (McMurry); Pitcher: Matt Tone (SUNY-Cortland)
Apr. 14 Hitter: Steve DeBarberie (Alvernia); Pitcher: Bryon Mendenhall (Randolph-Macon)
Apr. 21 Hitter: Ricky Angel (Illinois Wesleyan); Pitcher: Jeremy Rubens (Wisconsin-Oshkosh)
Apr. 28 Hitter: J.D. Rotzoll (Concordia, Ill.); Pitcher: Josh Roiger (Hamline)

NCBWA Awards and Dick Howser Trophy Timeline

Thu., May 15	16 Dick Howser Semifinalists Announced
Wed., May 28	Final Ballot e-Mailed to Membership
Wed., June 4	Deadline for Final Round of Voting
Thu., June 5	Eight Dick Howser Trophy Finalists Announced
Fri., June 6	Regional Players of the Year Announced
Wed., June 11	Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-American Teams Announced
Sat., June 14	Dick Howser Trophy Winner Announced at College World Series (Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, 1301 Harney St. in Warehouse Entertainment District)

NCAA Division I Championships Field for Fri.-Sun/Mon., May 30-June 1 or 2**Ann Arbor Regional**

#1 Arizona (38-17) vs. #4 Eastern Michigan (25-32)
#2 Michigan (45-12) vs. #3 Kentucky (42-17)

Athens Regional

#1 Georgia (35-21-1) vs. #4 Lipscomb (32-28)
#2 Georgia Tech (39-19) vs. #3 Louisville (41-19)

Baton Rouge Regional

#1 LSU (43-16-1) vs. #4 Texas Southern (16-32)
#2 Southern Miss. (40-20) vs. #3 New Orleans (42-19)

Cary Regional

#1 North Carolina (46-12) vs. #4 Mt. St. Mary's (21-32)
#2 UNC Wilmington (42-15-1) vs. #3 Elon (43-16)

College Station Regional

#1 Texas A&M (43-16) vs. #4 Ill.-Chicago (34-20)
#2 Dallas Baptist (37-17) vs. #3 Houston (39-22)

Conway Regional

#1 Coastal Caro. (47-12) vs. #4 Columbia (22-28)
#2 East Carolina (40-19) vs. #3 Alabama (34-26)

Coral Gables Regional

#1 Miami (Fla.) (47-8) vs. #4 Bethune-Cookman (36-20)
#2 Missouri (38-19) vs. #3 Ole Miss (37-24)

Fullerton Regional

#1 Cal St. Fullerton (37-19) vs. #4 Rider (29-26)
#2 UCLA (31-25) vs. #3 Virginia (38-21)

Houston (Rice) Regional

#1 Rice (42-13) vs. #4 Sam Houston St. (37-23)
#2 Texas (37-20) vs. St. John's (N.Y.) (41-14)

Lincoln Regional

#1 Nebraska (40-14-1) vs. #4 Eastern Ill. (27-28)
#2 UC Irvine (38-16) vs. #3 Oral Roberts (46-12)

Long Beach Regional

#1 Long Beach St. (37-19) vs. #4 Fresno St. (37-27)
#2 San Diego (41-15) vs. #3 California (33-19-2)

Raleigh Regional

#1 North Carolina St. (38-20) vs. #4 James Madison (38-17)

#2 South Carolina (38-21) vs. #3 Charlotte (43-14)

Stanford Regional

#1 Stanford (33-21-2) vs. #4 UC Davis (34-22)

#2 Pepperdine (36-19) vs. #3 Arkansas (34-22)

Stillwater Regional

#1 Oklahoma St. (42-16) vs. #4 Western Ky. (33-25)

#2 Wichita St. (44-15) vs. #3 TCU (43-17)

Tallahassee Regional

#1 Florida St. (48-10) vs. Bucknell (29-22-2)

#2 Florida (34-22) vs. #3 Tulane (37-20-1)

Tempe Regional

#1 Arizona St. (45-11) vs. #4 Stony Brook (34-24)

#2 Vanderbilt (40-20) vs. #3 Oklahoma (34-24-1)

2008 NCBWA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

PITCHER OF THE YEAR – Mike Adams, Franklin Pierce (N.H.)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Keith Hernandez, Emporia State (Kan.)

FIRST TEAM (5 SP due to ties in balloting)

Starting Pitcher – +++Mike Adams, Jr., Franklin Pierce (N.H.)

Starting Pitcher – Jim Fuller, So., Southern Connecticut State

Starting Pitcher – Brett Hontz, Sr., Carson-Newman (Tenn.)

Starting Pitcher – Korey Noles, Sr., Columbus State (Ga.)

Starting Pitcher – Ryan Schlecht, Sr., Mount Olive (N.C.)

Relief Pitcher – Justin Lamb, Sr., Valdosta State (Ga.)

Relief Pitcher – Anthony Perez, So., Tampa (Fla.)

Catcher – Keith Hernandez, Sr., Emporia State (Kan.)

First Base – +++Chad Jacobsen, Sr., South Carolina Aiken

Second Base – +Maikol Gonzalez, Sr., Tusculum (Tenn.)

Third Base – Rodney Rutherford, Sr., Columbus State (Ga.)

Shortstop – Jamie Nilsen, Sr., Central Washington

Outfield – Matt Cotellese, Jr., West Chester (Pa.)

Outfield – Mike Elkerson, Sr., Abilene Christian (Texas)

Outfield – David Thomas, Sr., Catawba (N.C.)

Designated Hitter/Utility Player – Dustin Walls, Sr., Incarnate Word (Texas)

SECOND TEAM (3 SP, 4 OF due to ties in balloting)

Starting Pitcher – Marquis Fleming, Sr., Cal State Stanislaus

Starting Pitcher – Matt Means, Sr., Sonoma State (Calif.)

Starting Pitcher – Steve Smith, Sr., Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)

Relief Pitcher – +++Tyler Bishop, Sr., Franklin Pierce (N.H.)

Relief Pitcher – Chris Matlock, Jr., Central Missouri

Catcher – Jason Sherrer, Sr., Mount Olive (N.C.)

First Base – Ben Minard, So., Ashland (Ohio)

Second Base – Chas Anthony, So., Erskine (S.C.)

Third Base – Greyson Schram, So., Concord (W.Va.)

Shortstop – Randall Clay, Sr., Southeastern Oklahoma State

Outfield – Karl Derbacher, Jr., Southern Connecticut State
Outfield – John Long, Sr., Southern Arkansas
Outfield – Eric Shortell, Sr., Emporia State (Kan.)
Outfield – ++Chris Weimer, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha
Designated Hitter/Utility Player – +++ Matt Adams, So., Slippery Rock (Pa.)

THIRD TEAM (2 3B due to ties in balloting)

Starting Pitcher – Anthony Bass, Jr., Wayne State (Mich.)
Starting Pitcher – Nick Schumacher, Sr., Wayne State (Neb.)
Starting Pitcher – Clint Straka, Jr., Central Oklahoma
Starting Pitcher – ++Matt Wright, Jr., Shippensburg (Pa.)
Relief Pitcher – Eric Carmichael, So., West Chester (Pa.)
Relief Pitcher – Shaun Larsen, Jr., Southern Indiana
Catcher – Reece Gorman, Sr., Metro State (Colo.)
First Base – Ian Bridges, Jr., Sonoma State (Calif.)
Second Base – Derek Bowen, Jr., West Virginia Wesleyan
Third Base (tie) – Rob Dahlberg, Jr., West Alabama
Third Base (tie) – Gene Howard, Sr., Rollins (Fla.)
Shortstop – Mike Diaz, Jr., Southern Connecticut State
Outfield – Bryan Majors, Sr., Emporia State (Kan.)
Outfield – Chris Pacheco, Jr., Incarnate Word (Texas)
Outfield – Jerry Sands, Jr., Catawba (N.C.)
Designated Hitter/Utility Player – Scott Savastano, Jr., Franklin Pierce (N.H.)

HONORABLE MENTION

Starting Pitcher – Tyler Applehans, Jr., Emporia State (Kan.); Andre Benjamin, Jr., Grand Valley State (Mich.); Jason Bowman, Jr., West Chester (Pa.); Mark Carey, Jr., Central Missouri; Blaine Cravens, Sr., Saint Joseph's (Ind.); Bobby Hernandez, Jr., Barry (Fla.); Chris Kessinger, Jr., Nebraska-Omaha; #Eric Loh, Sr., Bryant (R.I.); Matt McCarty, Jr., Shepherd (W.Va.); Boo Morrow, Jr., Tusculum (Tenn.); Peden Rucker, Sr., South Carolina Aiken; Scott Shimek, Jr., Saint Mary's (Texas).
Relief Pitcher – Zach Farry, Sr., Francis Marion (S.C.); Keith Noe, Sr., UC San Diego.
Catcher – Rickey Noland, Sr., Delta State (Miss.); Seth Paul, Sr., Indianapolis (Ind.).
First Base – Clay Calfee, Jr., Angelo State (Texas); Bryan Cook, Sr., Nova Southeastern (Fla.); Dusty Washburn, Jr., Fort Hays State (Kan.).
Second Base – Mike Baillargeon, Jr., Assumption (Mass.); Patrick Brady, So., Bellarmine (Ky.); Kyle Resser, Sr., Saint Cloud State (Minn.); #Clay Sartain, Jr., Delta State (Miss.).
Third Base – Adam Carolan, Sr., Missouri Western State; Kyle Hogue, Sr., Mesa State (Colo.); Jacob Petkac, So., Ashland (Ohio).
Shortstop – Ryan Giblin, Sr., Mansfield (Pa.); Jason Morales, Sr., North Carolina Pembroke; Evan Porter, Jr., Nebraska-Omaha; Matt Reimer, Sr., Saint Joseph's (Ind.); Chauncey Ward, Sr., Albany State (Ga.).
Outfield – Craig Brisson, So., North Georgia; Bo Darby, Fr., West Virginia State; Bryan Frew, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha; Justin Garber, Sr., Shippensburg (Pa.); Derek Hinke, Sr., Grand Valley State (Mich.); Hunter Jobes, Sr., Delta State (Miss.); Jake Palmer, Sr., Metro State (Colo.); #Kevin Renaud, Sr., Franklin Pierce (N.H.); Alex Vertchnik, Jr., Mount Olive (N.C.); Reed Welker, Sr., Saginaw Valley State (Mich.); Shannon Wilkerson, So., Augusta State (Ga.); Josh Wilson, So., Armstrong Atlantic State (Ga.).
Designated Hitter/Utility Player – Nathan Coggins, So., Albany State (Ga.); Dustin Koca, Sr., Nebraska-Omaha; Matt Miller, Sr., Mesa State (Colo.); #Drew Pare, Sr., West Chester (Pa.); Casey Robrahn, Jr., Grand Valley State (Mich.).

+ First team NCBWA Division II All-American in 2007
++ Second team NCBWA Division II All-American in 2007
+++ Third team NCBWA Division II All-American in 2007
Honorable mention NCBWA Division II All-American in 2007

USA Baseball Releases Initial 12 Invitees for Team USA 2008

USA Baseball has announced today its initial list of 12 collegiate players who have accepted invitations for the 2008 National Team Trials held June 11-23.

Included among the first invitees is 2007 National Team member Mike Minor, a sophomore left-handed pitcher from Vanderbilt. Minor posted a 5-2 record and a 1.64 ERA in nine appearances with the National Team last year.

Other sophomores on the list are Josh Fellhauer (OF, Cal State Fullerton), Kyle Gibson (RHP, Missouri), AJ Griffin (RHP, San Diego), Mike Leake (RHP/UTL, Arizona State), Andrew Oliver (LHP, Oklahoma State), Aaron Senne (OF, Missouri) and Jason Stoffel (RHP, Arizona).

The four freshmen invitees are Christian Colon (INF, Cal State Fullerton), Kentrail Davis (OF, Tennessee), Bryan Morgado (LHP, Tennessee) and Hunter Morris (1B, Auburn). Morgado is a redshirt freshman.

USA Baseball's 2008 National Team schedule includes a six-game friendship series against Chinese Taipei and a month-long trip to Europe where the team will compete in the Haarlem Baseball Week in the Netherlands and the IV FISU World Collegiate Baseball Championship in the Czech Republic.

Listed below is the 2008 National Team Trials Roster to date:

Christian Colon INF R/R Fr. Cal State Fullerton Corora, Calif.
Kentrail Davis OF L/R Fr. Tennessee Theodore, Ala.
Josh Fellhauer OF L/L So. Cal State Fullerton Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
Kyle Gibson RHP R/R So. Missouri Greenfield, Ind.
AJ Griffin RHP R/R So. San Diego El Cajon, Calif.
Mike Leake RHP/UTL R/R So. Arizona State Fallbrook, Calif.
Mike Minor LHP L/L So. Vanderbilt Chapel Hill, Tenn.
Bryan Morgado LHP L/L R-Fr. Tennessee Miami, Fla.
Hunter Morris 1B L/R Fr. Auburn Huntsville, Ala.
Andrew Oliver LHP L/L So. Oklahoma State Vermillion, Okla.
Aaron Senne OF L/L So. Missouri Rochester, Minn.
Jason Stoffel RHP R/R So. Arizona Agoura, Calif.

The 2008 USA Baseball National Team will be led by Oral Roberts head coach Rob Walton, who served as an assistant coach for the 2005 National Team. Walton is joined on the 2008 staff by pitching coach Jerry Meyers (head coach, Old Dominion), assistant coach Nino Giarratano (head coach, San Francisco), and assistant coach Ritch Price (head coach, Kansas). In addition, current Baylor baseball media relations contact and NCBWA member Larry Little will serve as the 2008 National Team press officer; Little held the same position with the 2005 National Team.

NCBWA Division II National Poll (As of May 7)

Rank Team Record Last Week Points

1 Mount Olive (N.C.) 49-5 10 250
2 Tampa (Fla.) 38-9-1 231
3 Delta State (Miss.) 42-8 230
4 Emporia State (Kan.) 46-7 227
5 Sonoma State (Calif.) 42-12 203
6 Southern Arkansas 42-9 196
7 West Alabama 45-10 165
8 Columbus State (Ga.) 39-15 157
9 UC San Diego 41-14 150
10 Saint Joseph's (Ind.) 41-14 147
11 Tusculum (Tenn.) 40-13 140
12 Bryant (R.I.) 37-15 134
13 Abilene Christian (Texas) 41-14 122

14 West Chester (Pa.) 41-14 118
 15 Central Missouri 38-14 108
 16 South Carolina Aiken 43-13 105
 17 Chico State (Calif.) 37-13 89
 18 Erskine (S.C.) 44-9 87
 19 Nebraska-Omaha 39-11 72
 20 Franklin Pierce (N.H.) 35-12 69
 21 West Virginia State 36-12 48
 22 Catawba (N.C.) 38-16 36
 23 Concord (W.Va.) 35-13 31
 24 Mesa State (Colo.) 40-15 29
 25 Wayne State (Neb.) 38-10 26

Others receiving votes: Wayne State (Mich.) 30-15 20; Grand Valley State (Mich.) 31-11 15; Metro State (Colo.) 38-17 15; Angelo State (Texas) 39-19 10; Ouachita Baptist (Ark.) 43-13 8; Southern Connecticut State 33-15 4; Southern Indiana 36-18 3; Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 41-16 2; Cal State Stanislaus 36-19 1; Minnesota State 24-21 1.

NCBWA Division III Final National Poll

Rank School Record Last Rank Record Polls (First Place Votes in Parentheses)

1 Trinity (Conn.) (25) 3 45-1 625
 2 Johns Hopkins 5 42-8 594
 3 UW-Whitewater 11 42-10 563
 4 Chapman 1 40-5 543
 5 Adrian rv 36-13 504
 6 Cortland State 2 42-5 483
 7 Salisbury 4 41-4 449
 8 Linfield rv 35-13 446
 9 Kean 6 39-11 428
 10 Heidelberg 12 41-10 390
 11 St. Thomas 9 34-9 313
 12 Wheaton (Mass.) 8 34-10 290
 13 RPI 18 36-12 283
 14 St. Scholastica 22 34-6 277
 15 Illinois Wesleyan 7 33-11 218
 16 Keene State 13 34-11 198
 17 Carthage 10 36-10 190
 18 Southern Maine rv 36-14 184
 19 Piedmont 14 33-11 155
 20 Wooster 17 36-11 151
 21 Rowan rv 34-14 138
 22 Trinity (Texas) rv 35-15 129
 23 Texas-Tyler 15 36-9 121
 24 Augustana 19 34-13 96
 25 Calvin 21 32-10 90

Dropped Out: No. 16 UW-Oshkosh, No. 20 UW-Stevens Point, No 23 New Jersey, No 24. University of the Ozarks, No 25. George Fox. Also receiving votes: University of the Ozarks 50, UW-Oshkosh 42, Lynchburg 33, New Jersey 27, Webster 26, DePauw 20, Christopher Newport 16, UW-Stevens Point 15, Penn State-Behrend 14, Eastern Connecticut 9, Ithaca 6, Cal State-East Bay 3, Ripon 2, Rose-Hulman 2, Wartburg 1, Western New England 1.

Milestones/Coaching Notes

Louisiana-Lafayette head coach Tony Robichaux captured his 500th game 4-3 over Northwestern State in Lafayette on Apr. 16...Texas Tech head coach Larry Hays announced his retirement at the conclusion of the 2009 season and will be replaced by longtime Oregon State and current Tech assistant coach Dan Spencer...Chad Porter has been named head coach at Texas A&M-International...Scott Norwood has taken over the Arkansas-Little Rock program...Tom Slater resigned as head coach at Auburn.

Where Are They Now?

The NCBWA has an occasional feature in the newsletter with "Where Are They Now?" updates on a number of college coaches, student-athletes and programs. This issue's segment features

several retired coaches and ABCA Hall of Fame members. These include coach John Winkin (three schools, notably Maine), recuperating from a stroke he suffered in Jan. 2008; Paul Nix, Auburn, 2004 inductee into the Alabama Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame; Jack Lamabe, Jacksonville and LSU, died on Dec. 21, 2007; Dr. Gene Hooks, Wake Forest, recently helped celebrate "Hooks Last Stand" at Gene Hooks Stadium as Wake Forest played its final game there. The Demon Deacons will move to Ernie Shore Field in Winston-Salem in 2009.

TOP 12 REGULAR-SEASON NCAA BASEBALL ATTENDANCE DATES (Updated May 28, 2008)

40,106—San Diego St. (4) vs. Houston (0), March 11, 2004, PETCO Park, Diego, California
 28,836—Georgia Tech (12) vs. Georgia (5), 11, 2004, Turner Field, Atlanta, Georgia
 27,673—LSU (9) vs. Tulane (5), April 10, 2002, Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, Louisiana
 27,134—TCU (6) vs. Houston (4), Texas (5) vs. Rice (4) and Tulane (6) vs. Texas Tech (4), Feb. 11, 2006, Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas
 25,175—Long Beach State (5) vs. San Diego State (0), March 13, 2004, PETCO Park, San Diego
 23,984—Vanderbilt (7) vs. Arizona (6), Texas A&M (3) vs. Houston (2), and (7) vs. Baylor (0), Feb. 10, 2007, Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas
 22,599—Georgia (3) vs. Georgia Tech (2), May 13, 2008, Turner Field, Atlanta
 21,995—Baylor (3) vs. Tennessee (2), Oklahoma (3) vs. Houston (2), and (3) vs. Texas A&M (1), Feb. 12, 2005, Park, Houston, Texas
 21,724—Texas (6) vs. Rice (3), Feb. 14, 2004, Minute Maid Park, Houston, Texas
 21,620—Georgia (10) vs. Georgia Tech (7), April 24, 2007, Turner Field, Atlanta, Georgia
 21,343—LSU (9) vs. Tulane (5), April 27, 2004, Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, La.
 21,158—Nebraska vs. Creighton, May 16, 2006, Omaha

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Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. Members receive a directory, newsletter updates and official votes in the Howser Award Player of the Year, Regional Player of the Year and NCBWA All-America voting. The NCBWA also sponsors preseason All-American awards, the Stopper of the Year Award, publication and writing contests. Additionally, the organization maintains a website at www.ncbwa.com. For membership, send annual dues (\$20), along with mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address information to Russell Anderson, NCBWA Associate Executive Director, c/o Conference USA, 5201 No. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 300, Irving, TX 75309.

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