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**The President's Message**  
**By NCBWA President Joe Dier**

**NCBWA Membership:**

With the 2008-09 hoops season now in the record books, the collegiate spotlight is focusing more closely on the nation's baseball diamonds. Though we're heading into the final month of the season, there are still plenty of twists and turns ahead on the road to Omaha and the 2009 NCAA College World Series. The NCAA will soon be announcing details of next month's tournament selection announcements naming the regional host sites (May 24) and the 64-team tournament field (May 25).

To date, four different teams have claimed the top spot in the NCBWA's national Division I polls --- Arizona State, Georgia, LSU, and North Carolina. Several other teams have graced the No. 1 position in other national polls. The NCAA's mid-April RPI listing has Cal State Fullerton leading the 301-team pack, with 19 teams sporting 25-win records through games of April 12. For the record, New Mexico State tops the wins list with a 30-6 mark.

As the conference races heat up from coast to coast, the NCBWA will begin the process for naming its All-America teams and the Dick Howser Trophy (see below). We will have a form going out to conference offices and Division I independents in coming days. Last year's NCBWA-selected team included 56 outstanding baseball athletes, and we want to have the names of all deserving players on the table for consideration for this year's awards.

Thanks for your participation in the NCBWA's awards programs and best of luck to all as the race to Omaha heats up over the coming weeks.

Joe Dier  
Mississippi State, NCBWA President

**NCBWA All-American Nominations Coming Soon**

Information on the nomination process for the 2009 Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-American team and the Dick Howser Trophy will be distributed during the week of April 20. Nomination forms will be emailed to conference offices and to NCBWA members. Here is the timeline:

Mon. April 27	First Day of Nominations being Accepted (with stats through games of April 26)
Fri., May 1	Deadline for Initial Set of Nominations
Tue., May 5	First Ballot e-Mailed to Membership
Wed., May 13	Deadline for First Round of Voting
Thu., May 14	Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalists Announced
Wed., May 27	Final Ballot e-Mailed to Membership
Tue., June 2	Deadline for Final Round of Voting
Wed., June 10	Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-American Teams Announced
Thu., June 11	National Coach of the Year Announced
Sat., June 13	Three Dick Howser Trophy Finalists Announced at College World Series
Thu., July 2	Dick Howser Trophy Winner Announced on the College Baseball Awards Show

### **NCBWA Announces Midseason Watch List For 2009 Stopper of Year Award**

Forty-five relief pitchers are included on the midseason watch list for the fifth annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award. The award is given to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I college baseball.

The midseason watch list includes Addison Reed of San Diego State, who leads the nation with 12 saves and is the only closer with double digits in that category. The sophomore right-hander carries a 0.51 earned run average and has totaled 20 strikeouts in only 14.2 innings pitched.

Not far behind Reed are nine save relief specialists all tied for second nationally: Luke Demko (1-3, 2.57) of Rhode Island, Ryan Smith (0-0, 4.19) of Dartmouth, Eric Pettis (3-1, 3.83) of UC Irvine, Kyle Bellamy (3-0, 1.40) of Miami (Fla.) and Winthrop's Tyler Mizenko (2-3, 3.38).

The Atlantic Coast Conference led the way with seven players named to the midseason watch list. The Big 12 had five, while the West Coast, Southeastern Conference and Pac-10 Conference added four pitchers each on this year's watch list.

The watch list was compiled from nominations submitted by sports information contacts and conference media relations offices nationwide. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Division I national saves leader and four other relief pitching standouts will be selected as finalists and released Wednesday, June 3, prior to start of NCAA Super Regional play.

The NCBWA's All-America Committee then will select the winner, with this year's recipient to be announced Saturday, June 13, before the opening of NCAA College World Series.

Texas hurler J. Brent Cox won the inaugural Stopper of the Year Award in 2005, with Don Czyz of Kansas claiming the honor in 2006, Luke Prihoda of Sam Houston State winning it in 2007 and Georgia's Joshua Fields topping the field in 2008.

The NCBWA, founded in 1962, presents the Dick Howser Trophy to the nation's top player. It also selects a Division I All-America Team, Division I Freshman All-Americans, Division I and III Players of the Week, Division I District Players of the Year and Division II and III Players of the Year. For more information on the NCBWA Stopper of the Year, contact Chuck Dunlap at the Southeastern Conference at 205-458-3000.

### **2009 NCBWA STOPPER OF THE YEAR MIDSEASON WATCH LIST**

#### **PITCHER SCHOOL CL**

Colin Bates North Carolina So.  
Michael Belfiore Boston College Jr.  
Kyle Bellamy Miami (Fla.) Jr.  
Scott Bittle Ole Miss Sr.  
Zach Calhoun UTSA Jr.  
Collin Cargill Southern Miss So.  
Joey Cutler NC State Sr.  
Luke Demko Rhode Island Sr.  
Chris Enourato West Virginia Jr.  
Nick Gaudi Pepperdine Sr.  
Jake Geglein Cincinnati Sr.  
AJ Griffin San Diego Jr.  
Jake Hale Ohio State Sr.  
Stephen Harrold UNC Wilmington So.  
Alex Hassan Duke Jr.  
Austin Hubbard Auburn Jr.  
Joe Kelly UC Riverside Jr.  
Greg Lane Binghamton Sr.  
Cody Martin Gonzaga So.  
Nick McCully Coastal Carolina Fr.  
Tyler Mizenko Winthrop Fr.  
Brian Moran North Carolina Jr.

Kevin Munson James Madison So.  
Matty Ott LSU Fr.  
Matt Packer Virginia Jr.  
Eric Pettis UC Irvine Jr.  
Addison Reed San Diego State So.  
Kevin Rhoderick Oregon State So.  
Jordan Rogers Rice Sr.  
Thomas Rooke Kansas State So.  
Chad Shepherd Northwestern State Fr.  
Thain Simon Santa Clara So.  
Paul Smyth Kansas Sr.  
Ryan Smith Dartmouth So.  
Jimmy Stanley Belmont Sr.  
Travis Starling Texas A&M Jr.  
Jason Stoffel Arizona Jr.  
Drew Storen Stanford So.  
Josh Storm Troy Sr.  
Daniel Tenholder Austin Peay Jr.  
Matt Vaughn Clemson Sr.  
Derek Ward ULM Sr.  
Dean Weaver Georgia Jr.  
Austin Wood Texas Sr.

### **Ten Players, Coaches Selected for Fourth Annual College Baseball Hall of Fame Class**

The College Baseball Foundation has announced 10 players and coaches comprising the 2009 National College Baseball Hall of Fame induction class.

"This is an exciting day for the Hall of Fame every year," said Dr. Mike Gustafson, co-chair of the Hall of Fame and member of the CBF Board of Trustees. "It's another remarkable class."

Among the 2009 Hall of Fame class is one Vintage-Era inductee and the first "small school" inductee. Branch Rickey, player and coach from Ohio Wesleyan and Michigan is the Vintage-Era inductee. The Vintage-Era designation is for those who played or coached prior to 1947.

The University of St. Francis head coach Gordie Gillespie is the small-school inductee. His career at Lewis University and St. Francis has seen him become the winningest coach in college baseball history. The "small school" designation is for two and four-year schools other than NCAA Division I.

"We are delighted to finally recognize the 'small school' category of college baseball," Gustafson said. "Coach Gillespie was the overwhelming choice of our voting committee."

Gillespie, who has coached for more than five decades, said he is thrilled to be a part of the 2009 College Baseball Hall of Fame Class.

"I can't tell you how excited and overwhelmed I am to receive this tremendous honor," he said. "To be going in with such a select group of college players ... as well as my dear friend Ron Polk, who is one of the most brilliant minds in college baseball, is unbelievable."

The remaining members of the 2009 Hall of Fame class are Joe Carter, outfielder, Wichita State; Darren Dreifort, pitcher/DH, Wichita State; Kirk Dressendorfer, pitcher, Texas; Barry Larkin, shortstop, Michigan; Keith Moreland, catcher/utility, Texas; Rafael Palmeiro, outfielder, Mississippi State; Ron Polk, coach, Georgia Southern, Mississippi State, Georgia; and Todd Walker, second baseman, Louisiana State.

Joe Carter, who played at Wichita State from 1979 to 1981, was named National Player of the Year by Sporting News in 1981. A two-time first-team All-American, he was twice named MVP of the Missouri Valley Conference and three times named to the All-MVC team. In 2007, he was the top vote-getter when the MVC chose its All-Centennial baseball team.

Darren Dreifort led Wichita State to consecutive College World Series appearances from 1991 to 1993, including appearances in both the 1991 and 1993 final games. The winner of Golden Spikes and Smith Awards in 1993, he was a two-time first-team All-American and All-MVC performer. He was the 1993 MVC Pitcher of the Year and in 2007 he was named to the MVC All-Centennial team as both a designated hitter and relief pitcher.

Kirk Dressendorfer, who pitched at Texas from 1988 to 1990, was a three-time first team All-American, making him one of only 11 in history to be so honored. His 45 wins made him one of the most decorated players in Southwest Conference history as he won three SWC MVP awards and three All-SWC team honors. He also was named to three All-SWC Postseason Tournament Teams.

"Going into the College Baseball Hall of Fame is a tremendous honor," Dressendorfer said. "I truly feel blessed for having been given the ability and support to join such an elite group of baseball players."

Gordie Gillespie represents the new "small school" category. He is the first non-Division I inductee and also the first active head coach inductee. He remains active at the University of St.

Francis (III.) at age 82 and his 1,783 wins entering the 2009 campaign make him college baseball's all-time winningest coach.

"In my 57 years of baseball coaching, I haven't changed my enthusiasm one bit," Gillespie said. "To see the kids doing what they do, they plays that they make, is a real thrill. Every day is a World Series to me. There's nothing else like it."

Michigan's Barry Larkin was a two-time first-team All-American shortstop. He was the first two-time Big Ten Player of the Year and in 1983 he was the Big Ten Postseason Tournament MVP. He twice led the Wolverines to the College World Series and finished his career with a .361 batting average.

Keith Moreland was a three-time first-team All-Southwest Conference performer as a third baseman at the University of Texas, and twice named first-team All-American (1973, 1975). He helped lead the Longhorns to three consecutive Southwest Conference crowns, three straight NCAA Regional/District titles, a trio of College World Series appearances and the 1975 National Championship. His teams went a combined 160-21 in his three seasons.

Mississippi State's Rafael Palmeiro, along with Dressendorfer, was one of only 11 players in history to be named first team All-America three times. He was twice named All-Southeastern Conference and was an SEC All-Tournament Team selection in 1983. In 1984, he was the SEC's first Triple Crown winner with a .415 batting average, 29 home runs and 94 RBIs.

Ron Polk is one of only three coaches to lead three different schools to the College World Series — Georgia Southern, Mississippi State and the University of Georgia. He concluded his 35-year career as a head coach last spring with a career record of 1,373-700-2 (.662). His teams made eight College World Series appearances, won five SEC championships and made 23 Regional appearances.

Perhaps best known for signing Jackie Robinson to a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Branch Rickey was named the most influential figure of the 20th century in sports by ESPN. He played his first two seasons at Ohio Wesleyan before signing a professional contract, whereupon he assumed the head coaching duties. While playing for the St. Louis Browns, he coached baseball and football at Allegheny College. Upon completion of his playing career, he began studies at the University of Michigan Law School. He served double-duty in Ann Arbor as the Wolverines baseball coach, where his most famous pupil was Hall of Famer George Sisler. A Hall of Famer himself, he later embarked on a career as a major league manager and executive and is credited with creating the concept of farm systems as well as the batting helmet.

Todd Walker played second base at LSU from 1992 to 1994 and was a two-time first-team All-American. Arguably the greatest position player in the annals of LSU baseball, he was named All-SEC three times and in 1993 was named Most Outstanding Player at the College World Series for the National Champion Tigers. He also was named to the Omaha World-Herald All-Time College World Series Team.

Hall of Fame inductees are chosen based on the votes of more than 110 representatives from coast to coast. Voters include retired and active coaches, media members and previous inductees. To be eligible for the College Baseball Hall of Fame ballot, players must have completed one year of competition at a two-year institution in the CCCAA or NJCAA or a four-year NCAA (Division I, II or III) or NAIA institution. Ballot-eligible coaches must have retired or be active and no less than 75 years old.

"This class is not short on household names in college baseball," said Jeff Chase, co-chair of the Hall of Fame and a member of the CBF Board. "Last year's group was dominated by pitchers, but this year the position players have taken over. We can't wait for the induction festivities in early July."

The 2009 inductees will be honored on July 3 as part of the College Baseball Foundation's annual celebration of both the past and present of college baseball July 2-July 4 in Lubbock.

For more information about the 2009 National College Baseball Hall of Fame induction class or Hall of Fame events, contact Dr. Mike Gustafson at [gus@collegebaseballfoundation.org](mailto:gus@collegebaseballfoundation.org) or Jeff Chase at [jeff@collegebaseballfoundation.org](mailto:jeff@collegebaseballfoundation.org).

### **Organizations Plan to Unite For Creation of College Baseball Awards Show**

The boards of directors and awards committees for the Dick Howser Trophy, Brooks Wallace Award, College Baseball Foundation, College Baseball Hall of Fame, and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association plan to come together to host an awards program to present college baseball's major individual honors in an announcement by the groups on March 24.

This collaboration will allow the CBF to include the presentation of the Dick Howser Trophy during the College Baseball Awards Show, which will be presented in Lubbock on July 2, 2009. The nationally televised event will be followed by the College Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on July 3.

The groups have had discussions with national television networks and corporate sponsors to assemble the recipients of the Howser Trophy, Brooks Wallace Award, NCBWA Stopper of the Year, CBF Pitcher of the Year, and National Coach of the Year for NCAA Division I baseball at one site and date. Recognition of the Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-America and Freshman All-America teams, the NCBWA Freshman Player and Pitcher of the Year, as well as other awards, will be included in the awards show's schedule of events.

"We are very excited to work with these two organizations to bring increased attention to college baseball," said Raymond Richardson, CBF board member and College Baseball Awards Show chair. "This is a great sport that deserves this night of celebration, especially as we approach the 150th anniversary of the first college baseball game.

"To have so many awards presented in one evening will be great for college baseball. The game and those that play it will soon be recognized together on a national stage. Partnerships with the Howser Committee and the NCBWA will only make the game of college baseball stronger."

Jana Howser, whose father is the namesake of the Howser Trophy, said uniting these college baseball awards only seemed natural.

"Bringing (the Howser Trophy) to the College Baseball Awards Show is a natural fit," said Howser, who serves on both the Howser Trophy Committee and CBF Board of Directors. Dick Howser also was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008.

"For nearly 25 years, a group of talented and dedicated people have worked continuously to honor the best college player nationally in awarding the Dick Howser Trophy," she added. "Now the Howser Trophy Committee and NCBWA are partnering with the College Baseball Foundation to enhance the recognition of the game. This comprehensive presentation of awards will strengthen college baseball by awarding a spectrum of college baseball achievements nationally. My dad would be very happy to see the exposure of college baseball growing."

Winners of the national awards will be celebrated at the showcase event as well as the various sites of the sponsoring and voting bodies before and after the national awards show as determined by the awards committees.

This year marks the 23rd annual presentation of the Dick Howser Trophy, which traditionally has been presented in Omaha, Neb., around the College World Series and then at the winner's

campus site the following autumn. Howser Trophy recipients also have been lauded at the Governor's Baseball Dinner in St. Petersburg in conjunction with the sponsoring agency, the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

The trophy is named in memory of Florida State University's All-America shortstop Dick Howser, who later managed the New York Yankees and took the Kansas City Royals to the 1985 World Championship after a solid Major League Baseball playing career totaling 30 years. The cornerstones of the Howser Trophy are performance, both academically and on the field, leadership, moral character and courage — qualities that were exemplified by Dick Howser. The trophy first was proposed by Howser's Seminole infield teammate Bill Bunker and then actualized by 23-year Howser Trophy committee chair and bank president David Feaster along with the St. Pete Area Chamber. Feaster currently is president of Cornerstone Bank in St. Petersburg.

"This is a very wonderful development for the Dick Howser Trophy, which the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce has had the privilege of sponsoring for 23 years," said SPCACC executive John Long. "We are appreciative of the cooperation and support in this venture."

The Brooks Wallace Award has been presented since 2004 to a college player of the year for athletics ability and courage. In 2009, the national award will be designated for the first time for a position player — shortstop. The award memorializes the Texas Tech standout shortstop, who died at the age of 27 from leukemia after a standout playing and coaching career at the university.

Under the cooperative agreement, the groups will join in an alliance similar to the College Football Awards Association and use similar voting groups and timelines for preseason watch lists and presentations.

Voting for the Dick Howser Trophy has been conducted by the NCBWA membership since 1999, after the American Baseball Coaches Association selected the recipient from 1987 through 1997. The NCBWA also selects the NCAA Division I Stopper and Freshman of the Year.

The Wallace Award has been voted on by a select group of coaches, media, media relations directors, and the Wallace Award committee since its inception in 2004.

The Wallace Award presentation was a key component of the College Baseball Foundation's July events, which also includes the National College Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Since its inception

in 2005, the Hall of Fame has named 47 inductees, including the 2009 class. The CBF and College Baseball Hall of Fame also are working on a permanent home for the hall in Lubbock, Texas. Currently, artifacts and trophies are housed in the Southwest Collection and University Archives at Texas Tech. The Wallace Award also is unveiling a new permanent trophy in time for the 2009 presentation.

The joint presentation and national telecast have been the brainchild of the participating groups for several months and have met with a solid initial response.

The 2008 Howser Trophy and Wallace Award recipient Buster Posey of Florida State had nothing but praise for the awards committees and his experiences in Lubbock and Omaha.

"I think college baseball will benefit from the added exposure," said the consensus college player of the year and San Francisco Giants signee. "I really like the idea of pulling some of these awards together. Lubbock is a great place to have it. When you get in a big city, sometimes you lose sight of why you are really there. The hospitality in Lubbock was second to none."

The Dick 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, P, Baylor, 1999; Mark Teixeira, 1B, 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; Brad Lincoln, P, Houston, 2006; David Price, P, Vanderbilt, 2007; and Buster Posey, C-UT, Florida State, 2008.

Wallace Award recipients have been Kurt Suzuki, C, Cal State Fullerton, 2004; Alex Gordon, 3B, Nebraska, 2005; Brad Lincoln, P, Houston, 2006; David Price, P, Vanderbilt, 2007; and Buster Posey, C-UT, Florida State, 2008.

Stopper Award recipients have been J. Brent Cox, Texas, 2005; Don Czyn, Kansas, 2006; Luke Prihoda, Sam Houston State, 2007; and Joshua Fields, Georgia, 2008.

The combined total years of presentations for the Howser, Wallace, NCBWA Wilbur Snyppe Award for contributions to college baseball, Stopper, and 2009 Pitcher of the Year are 65 — not counting 2009 additions.

"We are very excited to continue moving forward with these plans," Richardson said. "None of our past or present success would have been possible without the support of the Lubbock community and our generous sponsors, including United Supermarkets, City Bank, Diamond Sports, Mizuno, Rip Griffin Companies, University Medical Center, McDougal Companies, Lubbock Economic Development Agency, Lubbock Power & Light, and the City of Lubbock, and our new partner, the City of St. Petersburg."

#### **Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA Division I Players of the Week**

Hitters of the Week: Feb. 24 – Chris Karsten, Louisiana Tech; Mar. 3 - Kent Matthes, Alabama; Mar. 10 – Daniel Hill, Murray State; Mar. 17 - Digger Towe, UAB; Mar. 24 – Kyle Roller, East Carolina; Mar. 31 - Rich Poythress, Georgia; Apr. 7 – Brett Nommensen, Eastern Illinois; Apr. 14 – Juan Martinez, Oral Roberts

Pitchers of the Week: Feb. 24 – Shaeffer Hall, Kansas; Mar. 3 – (co) Ryan Berry, Rice; Brandon Workman, Texas; Mar. 10 – Wade Kapteyn, Evansville; Mar. 17 – Kyle Gibson, Missouri; Mar. 24 – Stephen Strasburg, San Diego State; Mar. 31 - Cody Wheeler, Coastal Carolina; Apr. 7 - Nolan Moody, Michigan State; Apr. 14 – Brad Stallings, Kent State

#### **NCBWA Division III Players of the Week**

Feb. 23-Mar. 1 - Hitter: Jeremy Macklin, Texas Lutheran; Pitcher (co): Matt Schuld, St. Thomas, Minn.; D.J. Keckler, Wesley

Mar. 2-8 – Hitter: Joel Chrobak, Franklin; Pitcher: Cody Boals, Elmhurst

Mar. 9-15 – Hitter: Garrett Lamborn, Wesleyan; Pitcher: Tyler Seaman, Mississippi College

Mar. 16-22 - Hitter: Cody Callahan, Keene State; Pitcher: Tim McMenamin, Gwynedd-Mercy

Mar. 23-29 - Hitter: Thomas Phillips, MIT; Pitcher: John Lunardi, Susquehanna

Mar. 30-Apr. 5 – Hitter: Bo Bell, Mississippi College; Pitcher: Evan Michaud, Western New England

Apr. 6-12 – Hitter: Daniel Ward, Hendrix; Pitcher: Tyler Seaman, Mississippi College

## 2009 Golden Spikes Award Watch List

The initial Golden Spikes Award watch list includes:

Jason Stoffel Arizona RHP Jr.  
 Jason Kipnis Arizona State OF Jr.  
 Mike Leake Arizona State RHP/IF Jr.  
 Kendal Volz Baylor RHP Jr.  
 Josh Fellhauer Cal State Fullerton OF Jr.  
 Blake Smith California OF/RHP Jr.  
 Brett Jackson California OF Jr.  
 Shane Davis Canisius LHP So.  
 Rob Lyerly Charlotte OF/1B Jr.  
 Scott Woodward Coastal Carolina 3B So.  
 Brandon Sizemore Coll of Charleston 2B Sr.  
 Cory Harrilchak Elon OF Sr.  
 Matt den Dekker Florida OF Jr.  
 Robbie Shields Florida Southern SS Jr.  
 Tommy Mendonca Fresno State 3B Jr.  
 Alan Ahmady Fresno State 1B Jr.  
 Rich Poythress Georgia 1B Jr.  
 Derek Dietrich Georgia Tech SS So.  
 Josh Phegley Indiana C Jr.  
 Ben Tootle Jacksonville State RHP Jr.  
 Greg Rohan Kent State 1B Sr.  
 Chris Dominguez Louisville 3B Jr.  
 Justin Marks Louisville LHP Jr.  
 Blake Dean LSU OF Jr.

D.J. LeMahieu LSU SS So.  
 Micah Gibbs LSU C So.  
 Nate Lape Marshall OF Sr.  
 Chris Hernandez Miami LHP So.  
 Ryan Jackson Miami SS Jr.  
 Chris Fetter Michigan RHP Sr.  
 Scott Bittle Mississippi RHP Sr.  
 Kyle Gibson Missouri RHP Jr.  
 Tim Clubb Missouri State RHP Jr.  
 A.J. Pollock Notre Dame OF Jr.  
 Andrew Oliver Oklahoma State LHP Jr.  
 Tyler Lyons Oklahoma State LHP Jr.  
 Jerry Sullivan Oral Roberts RHP Jr.  
 Ryan Ortiz Oregon State C Jr.  
 Diego Seastrunk Rice C Jr.  
 A.J. Griffin San Diego RHP Jr.  
 Stephen Strasburg San Diego State RHP Jr.  
 Grant Green Southern Cal SS Jr.  
 Jeff Inman Stanford RHP Jr.  
 Kentrail Davis Tennessee OF So.  
 Luke Anders Texas A&M 1B Sr.  
 Eric Pettis UC Irvine RHP Jr.  
 Alex White UNC RHP Jr.  
 Dustin Ackley UNC 1B Jr.  
 Matt Harvey UNC RHP So.  
 Mike Minor Vanderbilt LHP Jr.

## Team USA News for 2009 – U.S. Roster for World Baseball Classic

### Name Pos B/T Ht. Wt. Birthplace Major League Team College

Ryan Braun OF R/R 6-1 200 Mission Hill, Calif. Milwaukee Brewers Miami (Fla.)  
 Jonathan Broxton P R/R 6-4 290 Augusta, Ga. Los Angeles Dodgers None  
 Mark DeRosa IF/OF R/R 6-1 205 Passaic, N.J. Cleveland Indians Pennsylvania  
 Brian Fuentes P L/L 6-4 230 Merced, Calif. Los Angeles Angels Merced JC  
 Curtis Granderson OF L/R 6-1 185 Blue Island, Ill. Detroit Tigers UIC  
 Jeremy Guthrie P R/R 6-1 185 Roseburg, Ore. Baltimore Orioles BYU/Stanford  
 Brad Hawpe OF L/L 6-3 205 Fort Worth, Texas Colorado Rockies LSU  
 J. P. Howell P L/L 6-0 175 Modesto, Calif. Tampa Bay Rays USC/Texas  
 Chris Iannetta C R/R 6-0 185 Providence, R.I. Colorado Rockies North Carolina  
 Derek Jeter IF R/R 6-3 195 Pequannock, N.J. New York Yankees None  
 Chipper Jones IF B/R 6-4 210 Deland, Fla. Atlanta Braves None  
 Ted Lilly P L/L 6-1 190 Torrance, Calif. Chicago Cubs Fresno City  
 Matt Lindstrom P R/R 6-4 210 Rexburg, Idaho Florida Marlins BYU-Idaho  
 Brian McCann C L/R 6-3 230 Athens, Ga. Atlanta Braves None  
 Joe Nathan P R/R 6-4 225 Houston, Texas Minnesota Twins Stony Brook  
 Roy Oswalt P R/R 6-0 185 Weir, Miss. Houston Astros Holmes (Miss.)  
 Jake Peavy P R/R 6-1 193 Mobile, Ala. San Diego Padres None  
 Dustin Pedroia IF R/R 5-9 180 Woodland, Calif. Boston Red Sox Arizona State  
 J.J. Putz P R/R 6-5 250 Trenton, Mich. New York Mets Michigan  
 Jimmy Rollins IF B/R 5-8 175 Oakland, Calif. Philadelphia Phillies None  
 B.J. Ryan P L/L 6-6 260 Bossier City, La. Toronto Blue Jays None  
 Scot Shields P R/R 6-1 180 Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Los Angeles Angels Lincoln Memorial  
 Grady Sizemore OF L/L 6-2 200 Seattle, Wash. Cleveland Indians None  
 Matt Thornton P L/L 6-5 245 Three Rivers, Mich. Chicago White Sox Grand Valley State  
 David Wright IF R/R 6-0 215 Norfolk, Va. New York Mets None  
 Kevin Youkilis IF R/R 6-1 220 Cincinnati, Ohio Boston Red Sox Cincinnati  
 Brad Ziegler P R/R 6-4 200 Pratt, Kan. Oakland Athletics Missouri State



## **2008 World Baseball Classic Team Coaches**

### **Name Pos Birthplace College**

Davey Johnson Manager Orlando, Fla. Texas A&M  
Reggie Smith Batting Coach Shreveport, La. None  
Marcel Lachemann Pitching Coach Los Angeles, Calif. Southern California  
Barry Larkin Auxiliary Coach Cincinnati, Ohio Michigan  
Bill Ripken Auxiliary Coach Havre de Grace, Md. None  
Mike Schmidt Auxiliary Coach Dayton, Ohio Ohio  
Mel Stottlemyre Bullpen Coach Hazleton, Mo. None

USA Baseball set its 2009 calendar with key dates such as March 2-5, World Baseball Classic team training camp, Clearwater, Fla.; March 7, World Baseball Classic Team vs. Canada, Rogers Centre, Toronto, Canada 2 p.m.; March 8-25, World Baseball Classic, Toronto, Rogers Centre, San Diego, Tokyo, and selected sites; May 26, Golden Spikes Award 30 semifinalists named; June 2, Golden Spikes Award five finalists determined.

## **Mountain West Conference Selects 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Baseball Dream Team**

The MWC's 10-year anniversary all-star team is as follows:  
Mountain West Baseball 10th Anniversary Team

### **Player Position School Years Played in MWC All-Conference**

Chris Shelton Catcher Utah 2001 2001  
Jay Brossman First Base Utah 2004-2007 2004, 2005, 2007  
Jordan Pacheco Second Base New Mexico 2005-2007 2005, 2006, 2007  
Nick Romero Third Base San Diego State 2006-2008 2007, 2008  
Taber Lee Shortstop San Diego State 2000-2002 2001, 2002  
Anthony Gwynn Outfielder San Diego State 2001-2003 2003  
Austin Adams Outfielder TCU 2006-2007 2006, 2007  
Eric Nielsen Outfielder UNLV 2002-2004 2004  
Danny Ray Herrera Pitcher New Mexico 2004-2006 2005, 2006  
Stephen Strasburg Pitcher San Diego State 2007-Present 2008  
Jake Arrieta Pitcher TCU 2006-2007 2006, 2007  
Royce Ring Relief Pitcher San Diego State 2000-2002 2001, 2002  
Karl Bolt Designated Hitter/Utility Air Force 2004-2007 2007

## **Milestones**

Lamar head coach Jim Gilligan won his 1,100<sup>th</sup> game in 33 years as a head coach 6-1 over Siena on Feb. 25...Alabama head coach Jim Wells became the seventh Southeastern Conference coach to win 600 games at one school after the Crimson Tide's 24-0 shutout over Alabama A&M on Mar. 17... Rice coach Wayne Graham won his school-record (and counting) 800th game on Mar. 18...San Jose State mentor Sam Piraro recorded his 700th victory on Mar. 17...The Citadel coach Fred Jordan captured his 600<sup>th</sup> win in a 4-1 triumph over Air Force on Mar. 29...Retired Texas Tech coach Larry Hays, who is among the NCAA Division I baseball Top Five in victories with 1,509, had his jersey No. 27 retired by both Tech and Lubbock Christian during ceremonies before the LCU-TTU game in Lubbock on Mar. 23...Northwestern and Notre Dame will play a game at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. (CST). The White Sox and the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority (ISFA) are hosting the game at the ballpark...College of Charleston tied Washington's 1998 Division I record for batters hit by pitch (vs. Rice) by getting plunked 10 times by Quinnipiac hurlers on Mar. 8...The College of Albermarle is bring back baseball for 2010 and named Norbie Wilson head coach...Retired Calhoun (Ala.) College coach Fred Frickie joins Wayne King, former head coach of Joliet (Ill.) JC; John Daigle, director of operations of USA Stadium; and Larry Smith, former head coach of Kaskaskia (Ill.) College are being inducted into the 2009 Junior College Baseball Hall of Fame in May...Texas A&M is honoring its 1999 NCAA World Series team, 1989 Southwest Conference championship squad and 1959 SWC title/CWS outfit on various anniversary weekends (10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup>, respectively) this season...Longtime Auburn head coach Paul Nox, retired in 1984 and 76 years old, died last week.

## **2009 Season Milestones**

Ted Reida formally was hired just after the season started as assistant coach at West Virginia...USF head coach Lelo Prado threw out the first pitch at Bright House Stadium in Clearwater, Fla. (site of the Big East Conference postseason championship), during Big East Day ceremonies on Mar. 23...St. John's met Georgetown on Mar. 29 in the first game played the New York Mets' new Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y.

## **Where Are They Now?**

The NCBWA features college baseball notables in "Where Are They Now?" updates on a number of coaches, student-athletes and programs. This issue's segment features some NCBWA All-America selections from the 1999 season – 10 years. Some familiar names are Barry Zito, Southern California – now pitching with the San Francisco Giants; Kyle Snyder, North Carolina – now pitching with the New York Mets; Ben Sheets, Northeast Louisiana now ULM) – recuperating from offseason injury (Olympic gold medalist and longtime ace with the Milwaukee Brewers); Mike Paradis, Clemson – formerly pitched in Baltimore Orioles' organization, now retired; Jason Jennings, Baylor – winner of the '99 Dick Howser Trophy and consensus national Player of the Year, pitching for the Texas Rangers.

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