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The President's Message

By NCBWA President Joe Dier

NCBWA Membership:

More than four months after its official start back on Feb. 20, the 2009 college baseball season has found its way into the record books. What a season it was, with LSU, one of five different teams to hold down the top position in the NCBWA's weekly national rankings during the year and besting Texas to capture the College World Series championship series at Omaha's historic Rosenblatt Stadium.

Worth noting from the 63rd national championship tournament is that the 15-game event drew a record 336,076 fans to Rosenblatt Stadium. And though this year's champion, LSU, is among the 23 teams that have previously reigned as NCAA baseball champions, college baseball welcomed two newcomers to its national championship event. Southern Miss and Virginia became the 107th and 108th schools to compete in the CWS. More than a third of the schools that compete on the NCAA Division I level have now advanced to college baseball's biggest stage.

With construction on the new 24,000-seat TD Ameritrade Stadium in downtown Omaha underway and venerable Rosenblatt Stadium set to host its 61st and final CWS in 2010, there could added incentive, if only for sentimental reasons, to advance to college baseball's "final eight" next season.

Back to 2009, though, and congratulations to our recently-crowned kings of diamonds: NCAA Division I national champion LSU (56-17), NCAA Division II champion Lynn University (46-16) of Boca Raton, Fla., and NCAA Division III champion University of St. Thomas (41-13) of Saint Paul, Minn.

The college baseball spotlight now shifts to Lubbock, Texas, and the College Baseball Awards Show Thursday, July 2. Among the presentations at the 6 p.m., event at Lubbock's United Spirit Arena are the 23rd annual Dick Howser Trophy, given to college baseball's player of the year; and the Brooks Wallace Award for the nation's top collegiate shortstop. The Howser Trophy winner will be announced live on a worldwide webstream over MLB.com, while UC Irvine shortstop Ben Orloff will be present to accept the coveted Wallace Award.

The College Baseball Foundation is also set to salute 10 college baseball greats at its fourth National College Baseball Hall of Fame induction during the week's baseball celebrations. Set for enshrinement are Joe Carter (Wichita State), Darren Dreifort (Wichita State), Kirk Dressendorfer (Texas), coach Gordie Gillespie (St. Francis), Barry Larkin (Michigan), Keith Moreland (Texas), Rafael Palmeiro (Mississippi State), coach Ron Polk (Georgia, Georgia Southern, Mississippi State), Branch Rickey (Ohio Wesleyan/Michigan), and Todd Walker (LSU). I feel honored to have worked at college games where six of this year's 10 inductees were on the field as players or coaches.

As the NCBWA's 47th year comes to a close, I'd like to extend sincere words of appreciation to three colleagues who work tirelessly to keep this organization moving forward - executive directors Bo Carter, Russ Anderson and Mike Montoro. Thanks to their efforts with the NCBWA, college baseball continues to grow in popularity, both among the sport's fan following and in its media coverage. And on a personal note, their assistance during my term as president has been immeasurable.

We're also in the process of accepting dues' renewals and new memberships, and please go to www.NCBWA.com or email Russ Anderson (RDAnderson@c-usa.org) for more information.

Here's wishing all a safe and enjoyable summer and much success in preparation for the 2010 collegiate baseball season.

Joe Dier
Mississippi State, NCBWA President

2009 NCBWA Pro-Line Athletic Division I All-America Team

The three finalists for the prestigious 2009 Dick Howser Trophy highlight the 14th Annual Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association All-America Team.

The 2009 Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-America Team includes eight now-consensus selections, and Howser Trophy finalists as NCAA World Series-competing 1B Dustin Ackley of North Carolina and Arizona State pitcher Mike Leake along with phenomenal righthander Stephen Strasburg of San Diego State. Other luminaries on the first unit were Howser Trophy semifinalists pitchers Kyle Bellamy of Miami (Fla.), A.J. Morris of Kansas State, and Johnny Bench Award finalist catcher J.T. Wise of Oklahoma.

Among the 57 standouts on the three units, there are student-athletes from 19 different conferences and 17 conference championships teams. The three All-America squads are also made up of 18 conference Player of the Year winners.

Some of the record-setting and nation-leading honorees are NCAA Division I total home runs' co-leader (28) OF Kent Matthes of Alabama, Pacific-10 Conference Pitcher of the Year (in both 2008 and '09) and national wins' leader (16-1) Leake, versatile utility player Bryce Brentz (who tops the nation with a .465 batting average and 28 homers) of Middle Tennessee, and Strasburg (national strikeouts' pacesetter with 195 and the first player taken on June 9 in the Major League Baseball free agent draft by the Washington Nationals). Ackley went second in the draft behind Strasburg to the Seattle Mariners. Leake was the eighth player selected overall by the Cincinnati Reds. Many of the 2009 NCBWA Division I District Players of the Year made one of the three squads.

The three finalists will be the pool for the winner of the 23rd Annual Dick Howser Trophy as voted upon by NCBWA members and awarded since 1987 and be announced on Thursday, July 2, in Lubbock at a gala awards banquet at the United Spirit Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Previous Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA All-America teams from 1996-2008 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 Rickie Weeks of Southern (all current Major Leaguers), among others.

Pro-Line Athletic is in its fifth 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 extends its award production to include plaques for each member of the Pro-Line/NCBWA All-America 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 rebranded from Pro-Line Cap Co. to become Pro-Line Athletic - a full line athletic apparel company offering American Made headwear, workout gear and uniforms.

2009 Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA Division I All-America Team
(Statistics Through June 12, 2009)

FIRST TEAM

Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C J.T. Wise	Oklahoma	Sr.	.359	61	209	50	75	13	0	17	62	23	42	2/3
1B Dustin Ackley	North Carolina	Jr.	.412	63	250	73	103	17	4	22	70	50	32	13/17
2B Derek McCallum	Minnesota	Jr.	.409	59	232	57	95	17	3	18	86	31	33	6/6
3B Tommy Mendonca	Fresno State	Jr.	.339	62	233	54	79	8	0	27	78	33	64	2/4
SS Ben Orloff	UC Irvine	Sr.	.358	60	254	62	91	11	1	0	28	21	16	18/23
OF Kent Matthes	Alabama	Sr.	.358	59	204	67	73	14	2	28	81	34	44	13/15
OF Jason Kipnis	Arizona State	Jr.	.385	59	221	71	85	20	4	16	71	48	30	26/30
OF Tyler Townsend	Fla. Internat'l	Jr.	.434	54	212	58	92	16	1	24	77	26	31	3/8
DH Matt Alexander	Air Force	Jr.	.383	51	214	53	82	19	3	15	65	15	28	2/5
UT Bryce Brentz	Middle Tenn.	So.	.465	60	230	79	107	19	2	28	73	31	32	7/11
Pitching:			4.57		5-3	15	14		2	0			88.2	90

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Pitchers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
SP Mike Leake	1.36	16-1	17	16	7	0	132.2	21	150
SP Deck McGuire	3.50	11-2	16	16	0	0	100.1	41	118
SP Eric Arnett	2.50	12-2	14	14	6	0	108	39	109
SP A.J. Morris	2.09	14-1	16	16	4	0	116.1	30	100
SP Stephen Strasburg	1.32	13-1	15	15	2	0	109	19	195
RP Kyle Bellamy	0.97	3-1	30	0	0	16	46.1	20	63
RP Jake Hale	1.31	0-1	40	0	0	18	55	15	67
RP Addison Reed	0.65	0-0	25	0	0	20	27.2	7	38

SECOND TEAM

Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C Chris Henderson	George Mason	Jr.	.413	56	235	70	97	22	2	14	58	32	25	1/2
1B Rich Poythress	Georgia	Jr.	.376	62	237	69	89	17	0	25	86	39	38	3/8
2B Ryan Wood	East Carolina	Sr.	.379	66	264	87	100	22	1	14	57	50	41	14/16
3B Anthony Rendon	Rice	Fr.	.388	61	242	60	94	14	1	20	72	31	23	9/11
SS Bryan Marquez	New Mexico St	Sr.	.414	60	215	83	89	14	1	22	85	48	29	5/6
OF Scott Krieger	George Mason	Sr.	.372	56	218	68	81	14	5	20	80	36	49	6/7
OF Devon Dageford	Louisiana Tech	Jr.	.385	51	195	59	75	18	3	23	68	18	37	9/11
OF Jarrett Parker	Virginia	So.	.364	62	253	75	92	19	7	16	65	35	71	19/24
DH Phil Wunderlich	Louisville	So.	.367	64	245	56	90	18	1	18	78	18	22	4/9

Pitchers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CGSV	IP	BB	SO				
SP Daniel Renken Cal State Fuller.	So. 2.36	11-2	16	16	3	0	118	32	98			
SP Sean Gilmartin Florida State Fr.	3.49	12-3	18	14	1	1	81	37	83			
SP Louis Coleman LSU Sr.	2.76	13-2	21	14	2	0	114	19	124			
SP Kyle Gibson Missouri Jr.	3.21	11-3	16	15	5	0	106.2	19	131			
SP Daniel Bibona UC Irvine Jr.	2.63	12-1	15	15	1	0	106	26	108			
RP Matty Ott LSU So.	2.17	3-2	34	0	0	16	45.2	4	63			
RP Austin Wood Texas Sr.	2.19	5-1	37	0	0	15	78	15	67			
RP Eric Pettis UC Irvine Jr.	3.86	5-2	29	0	0	17	42	7	37			
UT Danny Hultzen Virginia Fr.	.333	53	186	40	62	7	1	3	33	28	32	8/8
Pitching:	2.09	9-1	15	14	0	0	86	27	95			

THIRD TEAM (Ties in voting)

Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB/SBA
C Carlos Ramirez	Arizona State	Jr.	.349	61	218	59	76	13	2	18	72	42	48	3-4
1B David Anderson	Coastal Car	Sr.	.377	63	220	53	83	11	2	21	82	45	53	0/1
1B Cody Hawn	Tennessee	So.	.364	50	198	46	72	15	0	22	81	27	36	0/1

2B Brandon Sizemore Coll. Of Ch.. Sr. .318	56	236	67	75	20	1	17	74	27	37	10/14
3B Tony Thompson Kansas So. .389	61	247	58	96	27	0	21	82	21	35	1/1
SS Christian Colon Cal State Full. So .352	60	247	78	87	16	2	7	38	23	24	14/21
SS Jedd Gyorko West Virginia So. .421	55	228	74	96	28	1	8	58	32	25	1/2
OF Josh Fellhauer Cal St. Full Jr. .399	58	218	49	87	11	0	6	55	26	25	18/29
OF Lance Durham Cincinnati Jr. .427	58	232	45	99	18	1	19	53	35	42	1/2
OF Tim Wheeler Sacramento State Jr. .385	54	200	59	77	16	3	18	72	29	28	15/17
OF Bo Davis Southern Miss Sr. .371	57	202	67	75	6	4	14	53	43	40	10/11
DH Ryan Goins Dallas Baptist Jr. .371	55	221	76	82	17	2	22	70	46	36	11/14
UT Mike McGee Florida State So. .379	60	198	66	75	18	1	19	78	40	47	13-16
Pitching:	4.04	6-2	15 13	0	0	69	64	41			

Pitchers

	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CGSV	IP	BB	SO
SP Anthony Ranaudo LSU So.	2.95	10-3	16	16	0 0	109.2	41	147
SP Buddy Baumann Missouri State Jr.	3.23	11-1	13	13	2 0	86.1	32	101
SP Daniel Calhoun Murray State Jr.	2.32	11-3	16	14	11 1	97	6	85
SP Alex Wimmers Ohio State So.	3.27	9-2	16	16	4 0	104.2	55	136
SP Kane Holbrooks Texas State Sr.	3.29	10-1	16	15	1 0	101.1	20	57
RP Ryan Duke Oklahoma So.	3.22	3-1	26	0	0 16	36.1	12	43
RP Chris Franklin SE Louisiana Jr.	2.60	5-2	24	0	0 12	34.2	20	33
RP Tyler Mizenko Winthrop Fr.	3.77	2-4	30	0	0 14	45.1	19	42

Virginia's O'Connor Named 2009 NCBWA Division I Coach of Year

After leading his team to the program's first appearance at the NCAA College World Series, Virginia head coach Brian O'Connor was named the National Coach of the Year by the National College Baseball Writers Association.

The award, which was voted on by the NCBWA Board of Directors, was chosen from a list that included all Division I Conference Coaches of the Year and the coaches of the eight NCAA College World Series teams. O'Connor, who was the only coach to appear on every voter's ballot, received the honor on June 13 at the Omaha Press Club prior to the NCAA World Series.

After an impressive regular season, the Cavaliers (48-15-1) rattled off wins against Clemson, North Carolina, Duke and Florida State to win the ACC Tournament championship as the No. 6 seed.

O'Connor then led the Cavaliers across the country to compete as the No. 2 seed at the NCAA Irvine Regional. There, they defeated San Diego State and host and No. 6 national seed UC Irvine twice to advance to the first NCAA Super Regional in school history.

Following a 4-3 loss in 12 innings during the first game of the NCAA Oxford Super Regional against Mississippi, the Cavaliers scored two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to take a 4-3 win in Game Two and broke open a close game with three runs in the fifth inning on the way to a 5-1 victory in the championship game.

O'Connor has posted a 265-104-1 career record. In six seasons as the Cavaliers' skipper, he has led Virginia to NCAA Regional berths each year with five 40-win seasons during that time. His program has produced more than 20 players selected in the annual Major League Baseball draft, including a school-record six players in each of the last two seasons.

While the Cavaliers (who tied for fifth place in the '09 CWS) were newcomers to the NCAA College World Series, O'Connor is certainly no stranger to the Omaha area. He competed at Creighton from 1990-1993 while racking up 20 career wins and helping lead the Bluejays to the 1991 NCAA College World Series.

O'Connor became the second recipient of the honor in the award's young history. Fresno State head coach Mike Batesole, who led the Bulldogs out of an NCAA Regional as a No. 4 seed to the national championship, received the inaugural award in 2008.

San Diego State's Reed Earns 2009 NCBWA Stopper of Year Kudos

San Diego State relief pitcher Addison Reed is the 2009 recipient of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Stopper of the Year Award, the NCBWA announced June 13 in Omaha on the opening day of the College World Series.

Reed recorded a nation-leading 20 saves in 20 opportunities this season. He finished the season with a microscopic 0.65 earned run average and 38 strikeouts over his 27.2 innings of work. Reed has allowed only seven walks, with two of those being intentional passes. Only one of the 20 hits he allowed in 2009 went for extra bases (a double vs. Nevada on Feb. 26).

His save total is a new San Diego State and Mountain West Conference season record in breaking the mark of 17 set by Royce Ring during the 2002 season. The Aztec and conference career marks of 26 are held by Ring as well.

"It's a great honor and I'm very excited to win this award," said Reed. "It's a good ending to what was a good season for our team and the SDSU program."

In being named to the All-MWC first team, he finished league play with six saves and in his nine appearances in MWC action he allowed only one unearned run on two hits with four walks (two intentional) and 14 strikeouts. Conference opponents hit just .065 against him.

Reed, just a sophomore, received an invitation to the 2009 USA Baseball National Team Trials to be held at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, N.C., June 15-24. The National Team Trials will be comprised of 36 collegiate players vying for a spot on the final 22-man roster to be announced on June 24.

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; Apr. 21 – Derek McCallum, Minnesota; Apr. 28 – (co) Shane Brown, UCF; Jesse Sawyer, South Dakota State; May 5 – Justin Bour, George Mason; May 12 – Greg Folgias, Missouri; May 19 – Chris Herman, Miami (Fla.)

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 Stillings, Kent State; Apr. 21 – Alex White, North Carolina; Apr. 28 - J.T. Ross, Northeastern; May 5 - Alex Wimmers, Ohio State; May 12 – Stephen Strasburg, San Diego State; May 19 – Justin Marks, Louisville

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

Apr. 13-19 – Hitter: Ryan Pike, Southern Maine; Pitcher: Cory Collins, Curry

Apr. 20-26 – Hitter: Joe Biagini, Webster; Pitcher: Tim Flannery, Albright

NCBWA Division I District Players of the Year

Nine of college baseball's finest student-athletes have been named 2009 National Collegiate Baseball Writers of America District Players of the Year, as the NCBWA announced its 10th annual awards.

The 2009 NCBWA District Players of the Year include first baseman/pitcher Mike Belfiore (Boston College), shortstop Jedd Gyorko (West Virginia), right fielder Kent Matthes (Alabama), first baseman Rich Poythress (Georgia), second baseman Derek McCallum (Minnesota), pitcher A.J. Morris (Kansas State), third baseman Anthony Rendon (Rice), shortstop Bryan Marquez (New Mexico State) and pitcher Stephen Strasburg (San Diego State).

Belfiore is the District I Player of the Year after leading Boston College to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1967. A two-way player, he was among the semi-finalists for the Stopper of the Year Award, presented by the NCBWA. Belfiore was a Second Team All-ACC performer this season.

The Commack, N.Y., native started 59 games and hit .273 (63-for-231) with 11 home runs and 62 RBI for the Eagles. The 62 RBI ranks fourth on the school's single-season list. He also scored 44 runs and added 17 doubles for a team that ranks seventh nationally with 151 two-base hits in 2009. One of the Eagles' top clutch hitters, Belfiore had 31 of his 62 RBI this season with two outs. He hit a game-winning, walk-off grand slam against LeMoyne on May 10 to cap a six-run ninth inning and give BC a dramatic 10-6 win. On the mound, he was outstanding, posting a 5-1 record with nine saves and a 2.05 ERA in 25 appearances. The left-hander worked 48 1/3 innings and allowed 15 runs (11 ER) on 44 hits, with 12 walks and 59 strikeouts, while holding opponents to a .237 batting average.

Gyorko is the District II Player of the Year after a stellar season at West Virginia, after making the smooth transition from second base to shortstop this season. He is one of five finalists for the Brooks Wallace Award, given annually to the nation's best shortstop. Gyorko is also one of 36 players invited to try out for the USA National Collegiate Baseball Team. A First Team All-Big East and Second Team Collegiate Baseball Newspaper/Louisville Slugger selection, Gyorko is nine hits shy of 200 hits after just two seasons at WVU. He ranks second in the nation in doubles (28), third in doubles per game (0.51), 16th in hits (96) and 21st in average (.421).

A native of Morgantown, W.Va., Gyorko completed his sophomore campaign with a .421 average, eight home runs and 58 RBI and set the single-season school record with 28 doubles. He also led the Mountaineers with 150 total bases and 96 hits and 31 multi-hit games. He also amassed 74 runs and had a .658 slugging mark. Gyorko started all 55 games for WVU, batting .375 with four home runs and 25 RBI in conference play and ended the season with a 14-game hitting streak. At the 2009 Big East Tournament, Gyorko hit .636 (7-for-11) with five RBI, six runs scored and one double. He went 19 games without committing an error at shortstop from March 21-April 18.

Matthes is the District III Player of the Year and the 2009 SEC Player of the Year, after setting the Alabama single-season record with 28 home runs. He broke the 23-year old record of 27 home runs held by Doug Duke in 1986. Matthes is a finalist for the 2009 Golden Spikes Award, presented by USA Baseball, and is a semi-finalist for the Dick Howser Trophy, presented to the national player of the year by the NCBWA. He was named to the 2009 Collegiate Baseball Newspaper/Louisville Slugger All-American Team, becoming the eighth first-team All-American under head coach Jim Wells. He was also one of a school-record tying five Alabama players to be named First-Team All-SEC this season. He is the third UA player to win District III Player of the Year honors, joining Andy Phillips (1999) and Beau Hearod (2001).

The Orlando, Fla., native led the nation in home runs (28) and ranked second in home runs per game (0.5), third in slugging percentage (.858), sixth in RBI per game (1.45), ninth in RBI (81) and 10th in total bases (175). In 58 games, he hit .358 (73-for-204) with 28 home runs and 81 RBI. He led the Tide in runs scored (67), home runs (28), RBI (81), total bases (175), slugging percentage (.858), sac flies (6), intentional walks (5), on-base percentage (.464) and stolen bases (13). In SEC play, he hit .330 (35-for-106) with 13 home runs and 35 RBI in 29 games. Matthes opened the season with an 18-game hitting streak and was one of three UA players to hit for

the cycle this season, when he went 4-for-5 with five RBI in a win over Nicholls State on Feb. 24. He also set the school record with a home run in six straight games. For the season, Matthes hit 15 game-tying or go-ahead home runs and he led the Tide with 10 game-winning RBI. He was twice named National Player of the Week and SEC Player of the Week (March 2 and March 16) this season.

Poythress is the District IV Player of the Year and the second straight Georgia Bulldog to win the honor. Gordon Beckham, the 2008 SEC Player of the Year, took home the honor last season. He was a second team selection to the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper/Louisville Slugger All-American squad. He was also named first team All-SEC and a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy and the Golden Spikes Award. He was also named to the SEC's All-Defensive Team.

The Grovetown, Ga., native was second nationally with 86 RBI this season. Poythress also ranked fifth in home runs (25), sixth in total bases (181), 11th in home runs per game (0.40), 16th in RBI per game (1.39) and 18th in slugging percentage (.764). He wrapped up the season with a .376 average, 25 home runs and a single season school record 86 RBI. Poythress became the first player in Georgia history to have two 70-RBI seasons and is the second player in program history to have two three-home run games after launching three homers in the Bulldogs 24-8 win over Ohio State in the Tallahassee Regional. He is second on Georgia's career RBI list with 185 and fifth on the career home runs list with 43. Poythress helped guide the Bulldogs to a 38-24 record in 2009 and the program's first in-season No.1 ranking. He is the 18th All-American in Georgia baseball history.

McCallum is the District V Player of the Year after leading the Golden Gophers to a second place finish in the Big Ten Conference regular season and tournament play. He was a semi-finalist for the 2009 Dick Howser Trophy, the only second baseman and Big Ten player among the final 16 players. McCallum was also a unanimous All-Big Ten selection at second base and was one of only three Big Ten players to earn unanimous all conference selections. He was named to the All-Big Ten Tournament Team after reaching base in 14 of 23 plate appearances and hitting .438 (7-for-16) with six runs scored, two homers and seven RBI.

A native of Shoreview, Minn., McCallum was second nationally with 86 RBI this season and ranked fifth in RBI per game (1.46), 11th in total bases (172) and 43rd in hitting (.409). Overall, he hit .409 (95-for-232) with 18 home runs and 86 RBI in 59 starts. In Big Ten play, McCallum hit .440 (40-for-91) with eight homers and 36 RBI in 23 games. He had at least one RBI in 10 straight games on two different occasions this season and was named National and Big Ten Player of the Week on April 20.

Morris is the District VI Player of the Year after earning Big 12 Pitcher of the Year honors after stellar season with the Kansas State Wildcats, leading them to their first-ever NCAA appearance. He is a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award and a semi-finalist for the Dick Howser trophy. Morris, who became the first Wildcat since Craig Wilson in 1992 to earn first team All-American status, is the first Wildcat to be named a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award.

A native of Humble, Texas, Morris finished the season as the school's single-season record holder for wins (14), strikeouts (100), innings pitched (116.1) and games started (16). His 14 wins were also tied for the third most in Big 12 history, while his 2.09 ERA was the seventh lowest in school history. Overall, he compiled a 14-1 record and 2.09 ERA in 16 starts for KSU. He added five complete games and logged 100 strikeouts and 116 1/3 innings. He was 10th nationally this season in ERA and 29th in strikeouts.

Rendon won District VII Player of the Year honors after being named the 2009 National and Conference USA Freshman of the Year. He is the fifth Conference USA Player to earn National Freshman of the Year honors, following Rice's Ryan Berry (2007), East Carolina's Darryl Lawhorn (2002) and Tulane's Michael Aubrey (2001) and James Jurries (1999). He also becomes the eighth different Rice player since 2002 to earn at least co-National Freshman of the Year honors, following Berry, Joe Savery (2005), Jeff Niemann (2003), Philip Humber (2002), Vincent Sinisi (2002), Mario Ramos (1999), Damon Thames (1998), and Lance Berkman (1997). Rendon, who is also a national semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy as well as the Golden Spikes Award, is the first player in Conference USA history to be named both the Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year in the same season. Rendon was also named C-USA Tournament Most Valuable Player after leading the Owls to their third tournament title in four years. The standout from nearby Lamar High School in Houston has had a sensational debut at the Division I level, leading the conference in batting average (.384) and home runs with a

Rice freshman record 19. He also leads C-USA in slugging percentage (.688) and tops the Owls in RBI (70). Rendon has scored 57 runs, walked 31 times and added 13 doubles, while striking out just 22 times in 237 at-bats.

Marquez is the District VIII Player of the Year after leading the Cowboys to one of the most productive offensive seasons in school history. NMSU set single-season records for wins (44), hits (722), home runs (119), extra base hits (285), RBI (628), total bases (1,310), on-base percentage (.469) and slugging (.599). New Mexico State led the nation in scoring (11.0), runs (668), slugging (.599) and walks (416) and rank second nationally in home runs (119) and home runs per game (1.95). Marquez ranked in the top 10 nationally in runs scored (3rd), RBI (4th), on-base percentage (5th) and slugging (8th). He was also among the top 20 national leaders in RBI per game, home runs, total bases and home runs per game.

A native of Bonny Lake, Wash., Marquez was a First Team Collegiate Baseball Newspaper/Louisville Slugger All-America and First-Team All-WAC performer. He hit .414 (89-for-215) with 22 home runs and 85 RBI while adding 83 runs scored and 14 doubles. He was named National Player of the Week and WAC Hitter of the Week on March 16.

Strasburg is the District IX Player of the Year for the second straight season, after sharing district honors with San Diego's Brian Matusz last season. A First Team All-American selection by Collegiate Baseball Newspaper/Louisville Slugger, Strasburg is a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award and semi-finalist for the Dick Howser Trophy. For the second year in a row, the right-hander led the nation in strikeouts (195) and strikeouts per nine innings (16.1) as the Aztecs advanced to the NCAA Irvine (Calif.) Regional. Strasburg was also second nationally in ERA (1.32) and hits per nine innings (5.37) and third in wins (13).

The San Diego, Calif., native compiled a 13-1 record and 1.32 ERA this season. Strasburg worked 109 innings and added 195 strikeouts. He pitched his first career no-hitter against Air Force (May 8), with 17 strikeouts. He held a record of 8-0 with a 1.07 ERA (7 ER/59/1 IP) in eight road/neutral starts this season. Strasburg struck out at least 10 batters in 13 of his 15 starts and walked three walks or fewer in 27 of his 28 career starts. He had his streak of 57 consecutive innings where he allowed one run or fewer broken in the seventh inning of his April 24 start vs. TCU.

The group was divided into areas as follows: District I-Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania; District II: Connecticut, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia; III: Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida; IV: Georgia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland; V: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; VI: Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; VII: Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana; VIII: Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, Montana; District IX: California, Oregon, Washington, Hawai'i, Arizona, Alaska.

NCBWA Division II All-America Team

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – Shannon Wilkerson, Augusta State

PITCHER OF THE YEAR – Gabriel Duran, Dowling

COACH OF THE YEAR – Dan O'Brien, UC San Diego

FIRST TEAM

Catcher: Matt Adams, Slippery Rock

First baseman: Jon Alia, Cal State Dominguez Hills

Second baseman: Kevin Becker, Mesa State

Shortstop: Matt Bodenchuk, Mesa State (unanimous selection)

Third baseman: Yan Gomes, Barry

Outfielder: Shannon Wilkerson, Augusta State (unanimous selection)

Outfielder: Bryan Fogle, Erskine

Outfielder: Jason Fobes, CSU-Pueblo

Outfielder: J.D. Martinez, Nova Southeastern

Utility player: Donovan Huffer, Concord

Designated hitter: Travis Howard, USC Aiken

Starting pitcher: Gabriel Duran, Dowling (unanimous selection)
Starting pitcher: Hayden Simpson, Southern Arkansas (unanimous selection)
Starting pitcher: Chris Armijo, Incarnate Word
Starting pitcher: Dan Wright, Lynn
Relief pitcher: Shaun Larsen, Southern Indiana
Relief pitcher: Chris Matlock, Central Missouri

SECOND TEAM

Catcher: Ryan Query, Catawba
First baseman: Daniel Kassouf, Belmont Abbey
Second baseman: Cannon Lester, Southern Arkansas
Shortstop: Rich Racobaldo, Mount Olive
Third baseman: Nate Arevalo, Cameron
Outfielder: Matt Cotellesse, West Chester
Outfielder: Adam Darby, Harding
Outfielder: Brandon Decker, Valdosta State
Outfielder: Eric Workman, West Virginia State
Utility player: Chris Adamson, Angelo State
Designated hitter: Matt Costello, Valdosta State
Starting pitcher: Nick Fogleman, Pfeiffer
Starting pitcher: Blake Keitzman, Western Oregon
Starting pitcher: Gary Moran, Sonoma State;
Starting pitcher: Ben Watkins, Pitt-Johnstown
Relief pitcher: Brad Rutherford, Abilene Christian
Relief pitcher: Matt Winterhalter, Northern Kentucky

THIRD TEAM

Catcher: Jordan Schmidt, Abilene Christian
First baseman: Evan McDole, Northern Kentucky
Second baseman: Drew Cross, St. Edward's
Shortstop: Evan Porter, Nebraska-Omaha
Third baseman: Craig Lyerly, Catawba
Outfielder: Conner Crumbliss, Emporia State
Outfielder: Sam DiMatteo, California (Pa.)
Outfielder: Will Gowdy, Ouachita Baptist
Outfielder: Joe Wendtke, Wayne State (Neb.)
Utility player: Andrew Whittington, Southern Arkansas
Designated hitter: Keith Towne, Angelo State
Starting pitcher: Michael Fiers, Nova Southeastern
Starting pitcher: Darin Gorsky, Kutztown
Starting pitcher: Michael Thompson, Bellarmine
Starting pitcher: Kyle Vasquez, Franklin Pierce
Relief pitcher: John Church, West Florida
Relief pitcher: Justin Moore, Dominican

HONORABLE MENTION

Catcher: Chase Blackwood, Valdosta State; Chris Herbert, Concordia-St. Paul
First baseman: Logan Forest, Texas-Permian Basis; Yudelmis Hernandez, Barry; Andrew Kinney, Southwest Minnesota State; Zach Solly, Fairmont State.
Second baseman: Chas Anthony, Erskine; Mike Baillargeon, Assumption; Carlos Leyva, Cal State Dominguez Hills
Shortstop: Vance Albitz, UC San Diego; Shane Busti, California (Pa.); Devin Goodwin, Delta State
Third baseman: David Olson, Minnesota-Duluth; Jacob Petkac, Ashland; Ethan Santora, Mercyhurst; Josh Tanner, UC San Diego
Outfielder: Adam Arakawa, Chico State; Thomas Bumpass, Abilene Christian; Bo Darby, West Virginia State; Kevin Dietrich, UNC Pembroke; Kevin Dusold, Northern Kentucky; Jeff Foltz, Ashland; Cody Holliday, Wilmington;

Mark Letchworth, Wingate; J.T. Putt, Regis; Mario Ramirez, Cal State LA; Chance Tuttle, Central Missouri; Derek West, Southwest Minnesota State

Utility player: Tyler Choate, Southern Indiana; Paul-Michael Klingberg, Cal State Dominguez Hills; Alex Koch, Wayne State (Neb.); Phil Messerian, Nyack

Designated hitter: Jason Carr, New Mexico Highlands; Josh Meagher, Chico State; Ben Sondgeroth, Indianapolis

Starting pitcher: Andre Benjamin, Grand Valley State; Brad Bichel, Cameron; Logan Birr, St. Cloud State; Tom Cote, Franklin Pierce; Reece Dodd, Southeastern Oklahoma; Adam Maini, Kutztown; Matt McGovern, UNC Pembroke; Ajay Meyer, Ashland; Bret Moyer, West Chester; Max Russell, Florida Southern; Jake Schmidt, Concordia-St. Paul; Tim Shibuya, UC San Diego; Cody Walden, Armstrong Atlantic; Cory White, Indianapolis
Relief pitcher: Rob Currie, Tusculum; Martin DeWald, GCSU; Nathan Kafka, Minnesota State; Guido Knudson, UC San Diego; Rob Nicholas, Franklin Pierce; Kenny Reisinger, Shepherd

NCBWA Selects 2009 Division III Players, Regional Players of Year

The NCAA Division III members of the NCBWA have selected Pomona-Pitzer College first baseman Drew Hedman (Sr., Redding, Calif./Shasta) as the NCBWA NCAA Division III Hitter of the Year, while Trinity College's Jeremiah Bayer (Sr., Greenfield, Mass./Deerfield Academy) was named NCBWA NCAA Division III Pitcher of the Year. Hedman was a unanimous pick of the eight-member sports information director's panel, while Bayer received seven-of-eight first-place votes.

Hedman was named "D3baseball.com Player of the Year, "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, American Baseball Coaches Association/Collegiate Baseball "Co-Player of the Year," ABCA first-team All-America, the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .500 batting average, 60 runs scored, 11 doubles, three triples, 23 home runs (leads NCAA Division III), 79 RBI, 13-of-13 stolen bases, a 1.038 slugging percentage and a .578 on-base percentage.

Bayer was named "D3baseball.com Pitcher of the Year," "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, ABCA first-team All-America, the New England Small College Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year," first-team all-conference and New England Regional Championship all-tournament with a 12-1 record, a 0.85 earned run average, 8.88 strikeouts per nine innings and 2.27 walks per nine innings.

Regional Position Players of the Year

New England

Sean Killeen, Catcher, Trinity College, Sr., Greenfield, Mass.

Named ABCA and "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, the New England Small College Athletic Association "Player of the Year," first-team all-conference and New England Regional Championship all-tournament with a .440 batting average, 57 runs scored 18 doubles, three triples, 11 home runs, 53 RBI, three stolen bases, an .846 slugging percentage and a .565 on-base percentage.

New York

Patrick Reardon, Catcher, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Jr., Troy, N.Y. (LaSalle Institute)

Named ABCA and "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America, the Liberty League "Player of the Year" with a .409 batting average, 61 RBI, 22 doubles, one triple, 10 home runs, 54 RBI, seven stolen bases, a .689 slugging percentage and a .491 on-base percentage.

Mid-Atlantic

Mike Mocerì, Second Base, Kean University, Jr., Yardville, N.J. (Hamilton East)

Named ABCA and "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, the New Jersey Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .433 batting average, 54 runs scored, 22 doubles, seven triples, two home runs, 59 RBI, nine stolen bases, a .640 slugging percentage and a .460 on-base percentage.

South

Mike Celenza, First Base, Salisbury University, Jr. Gaithersburg, Md. (Quince Orchard)

Named ABCA and "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America, the Capital Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .469 batting average, 62 runs scored, 12 doubles, one triple, 12 home runs, 57 RBI, a .781 slugging percentage and a .581 on-base percentage.

Mideast

Tim Tepe, Shortstop, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio (Elder)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .489 batting average, 57 runs scored, 21 doubles, six triples, seven home runs, 58 RBI, a .792 slugging percentage and a .536 on-base percentage.

Central

Andy Fuiten, Outfielder, Webster University, Sr., Decatur, Ill. (Lincoln College)

Named St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .407 batting average, 53 runs scored, 11 doubles, 15 home runs, 58 RBI, nine stolen bases, an .822 slugging percentage and a .532 on-base percentage.

Midwest

Kyle Johnson, Catcher, Concordia College (Minn.), Sr., Cambridge, Minn. (Cambridge-Isanti)

Named ABCA third-team All-America, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .404 batting average, 29 runs scored, 14 home runs, 36 RBI, a .947 slugging percentage and a .540 on-base percentage.

West

Drew Hedman, First Base, Pomona-Pitzer, Sr., Redding, Calif. (Shasta)

Named "D3baseball.com Player of the Year," "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, ABCA "Co-Player of the Year," ABCA first-team All-America, the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a .500 batting average, 60 runs scored, 11 doubles, three triples, 23 home runs (leads NCAA Division III), 79 RBI, 13-of-13 stolen bases, a 1.038 slugging percentage and a .578 on-base percentage.

Regional Pitchers of the Year

New England

Jeremiah Bayer, Trinity College, Sr., Greenfield, Mass. (Deerfield Academy)

Named "D3baseball.com Pitcher of the Year," "D3baseball.com" first-team All-America, ABCA first-team All-America, the New England Small College Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year," first-team all-conference and New England Regional Championship all-tournament with a 12-1 record, a 0.85 earned run average, 8.88 strikeouts per nine innings and 2.27 walks per nine innings.

New York

Andrew Mondo, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Jr., Clifton Park, N.Y. (Shenendehowa)

Named ABCA second-team All-America and the Liberty League "Pitcher of the Year" with an 11-3 record, a 3.03 earned run average, 9.10 strikeouts per nine innings, 2.15 walks per nine innings and a .255 opponent batting average.

Mid-Atlantic

Zeb Engle, Ursinus College, Sr., Spring City, Pa. (Spring-Ford)

Named ABCA and "D3baseball.com" second-team All-America, Centennial Conference "Pitcher of the Year" and first-team all-conference with a 9-0 record, a 1.87 earned run average, 10.03 strikeouts per nine innings, 3.09 walks per nine innings and a .238 opponent batting average.

South

Noah Solomon, Trinity University, So., Austin, Texas (Anderson)

Named the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year" with a 5-1 record, a 1.94 earned run average, 8.17 strikeouts per nine innings, 3.60 walks per nine innings and a .196 opponent batting average.

Mideast

Mark Miller, College of Wooster, Sr., Convoy, Ohio (Crestview)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, North Coast Athletic Conference "Pitcher of the Year" and NCAA Division III Baseball Championship all-tournament with an 11-2 record, a 2.51 earned run average, 6.71 strikeouts per nine innings, 2.70 walks per nine innings and a .244 opponent batting average.

Central

Jerrold Martijn, Sr., Wartburg College, Orangetad, Aruba/Kirkwood CC

Named ABCA third-team All-America, first-team All-Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and IIAC "Pitcher of the Year" with a 10-1 record, a 3.51 earned run average, 9.33 strikeouts per nine innings and 4.06 walks per nine innings...opponents batted .233 against him.

Midwest

Matt Schuld, University of St. Thomas (Minn.), Jr., Plymouth, Minn. (Robbinsdale-Armstrong)

Named ABCA first-team All-America, "D3baseball.com" third-team All-America, first-team All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III Baseball Championship all-tournament with a 12-1 record, a 3.25 earned run average, 8.00 strikeouts per nine innings, 3.08 walks per nine innings and a .234 opponent batting average.

West

Brett Holland, Texas-Tyler, Sr., Lindale, Texas

Named American Southwest Conference East Division "Pitcher of the Year" with a 9-5 record, a 3.24 earned run average, 11.93 strikeouts per nine innings, 2.61 walks per nine innings and a .252 opponent batting average.

2009 Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA Freshman All-America Team Denoted

A total of 37 standout freshmen college baseball players from every part of the country are featured on the annual Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Freshman All-America Team.

The 2009 Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA Freshman All-America Team is comprised from 17 conferences and 10 conference championship teams. The two All-America squads are also made up of 12 conference "Rookie of the Year" winners.

Cal State Fullerton, Texas and Wichita State each placed the most players (three) overall on the two teams, while 31 schools placed one player on the teams. Cal State-Fullerton and Texas each had one player on the first team and one on the second team while Wichita State placed two players on the second team.

The Pacific-10 Conference placed three players on the first team while the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference and the Southeastern Conference each placed two players on the first team. The SEC had six members on the first and second teams, The Pac-10 had four, while the ACC, Big Ten, Big West and Conference USA each had three selections.

Pro-Line Athletic is in its fourth 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 extends 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.

Pro-Line NCBWA 2009 Freshman All-America Team (Stats Through June 12)

First Team

Player, School	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	SB/SBA
C Jeremy Schaffer, Tulane	.311	57	212	40	66	8-2-14	56	1/4
1B Preston Tucker, Florida	.364	62	242	48	88	13-3-15	85	5/7
2B Matt Jensen, Cal Poly	.375	42	160	42	60	15-1-9	53	2/4
3B Anthony Rendon, Rice	.388	61	242	60	94	14-1-20	72	9/11
SS A.J. Pettersen, Minnesota	.353	59	224	65	79	7-3-2	45	8/13
OF Xavier Macklin, NC A&T	.364	52	214	55	78	20-5-12	51	14/19
OF George Springer, UConn	.358	56	212	75	76	14-3-16	57	12/15
OF Kolton Wong, Hawai'i	.341	58	226	46	77	21-2-11	52	11/15
OF Ryan Wright, Louisville	.335	65	257	43	86	16-2-5	66	12/16

DH Alex Dickerson, Indiana	.370	58	238	45	88	15-1-14	57	2/6
UT Danny Hultzen, Virginia	.333	53	186	40	62	7-1-3	33	8/8

Pitching: 9-1, 2.09 ERA, 86 IP, 76 H, 75 BB, 95 K, 0 SV

Pitchers

Pos.	Name	School	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Trevor Bauer,	UCLA	9-3	2.99	20	105.1	85	27	92	2
SP	Sean Gilmartin,	Florida State	12-3	3.49	18	98	81	37	83	1
SP	Taylor Jungmann,	Texas	7-3	2.45	20	73.1	55	29	81	0
SP	Tyler Pill,	Cal State Fullerton	11-3	3.95	16	98	91	12	73	0
RP	Sam Gaviglio,	Oregon State	10-1	2.73	18	62.2	45	9	55	1
RP	Mitchell Lambson,	Arizona State	8-3	2.77	29	74.2	50	23	86	5
RP	Matty Ott,	LSU	3-2	2.17	34	45.2	43	4	63	16

Second Team

C	C.J. Cron,	Utah	.337	59	246	39	83	19-1-11	58	1/3
1B	Ian Nielsen,	Ball State	.352	51	216	34	76	15-2-9	53	2/3
2B	Levi Michael,	North Carolina	.298	62	248	51	74	15-4-13	56	5/9
3B	Troy Channing,	Saint Mary's	.379	55	206	45	78	11-0-20	75	2/3
SS	Joe Panik,	St. John's	.332	50	187	38	62	11-4-5	47	6/7
OF	Jackie Bradley, Jr.,	So. Car.	.349	63	255	69	89	11-2-11	46	8/10
OF	Kameron Bruntz,	Southern Miss	.347	62	219	61	76	9-4-7	53	7/8
OF	Taylor Dugas,	Alabama	.352	56	236	61	83	20-2-2	27	13/14
OF	Dusty Robinson,	Fresno State	.319	60	207	52	66	12-1-15	45	7/9
DH	Aaron Westlake,	Vanderbilt	.377	63	239	53	90	15-0-10	57	5/8
UT	Zack Cox,	Arkansas	.273	51	176	38	48	14-2-12	36	1/3

Pitching: 5-1, 3.50 ERA, 18.0 IP, 20 H, 3 BB, 15K, 1 SV

Pitchers

SP	Jordan Cooper,	Wichita State	8-6	2.78	15	97	87	20	91	0
SP	Eric Harrington,	Lamar	8-1	3.01	15	83.2	94	26	63	0
SP	Charlie Lowell,	Wichita State	6-2	2.95	12	64	55	33	63	0
SP	Anthony Meyo,	Coastal Carolina	9-2	2.93	17	76.2	67	32	68	0
SP	Noe Ramirez,	Cal State Fullerton	8-1	2.91	18	99	82	19	86	0
RP	Austin Dicharry,	Texas	8-2	2.40	23	56.1	37	20	56	1
RP	Justin Malone,	Georgia State	1-0	1.35	18	26.2	19	6	23	7
RP	Tyler Mizenko,	Winthrop	2-4	3.77	30	45.1	44	19	42	14

2009 Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA Freshmen of the Year Selected

Florida first baseman Preston Tucker and Florida State left-handed starting pitcher Sean Gilmartin have been named the 2009 Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Freshman Hitter and Pitcher of the Year recipient.

Tucker won the Gators' version of the Triple Crown with a .364 batting average, a school-record 85 RBI and 15 home runs. The Tampa, Fla., native was selected the SEC Co-Freshman of the Year, leading Florida in multiple-hit games (27), multiple-RBI games (23), slugging percentage (.628) and total bases (152). He also added 13 doubles, three triples, 88 hits and scored 48 runs.

He batted .650 (13-for-20) in Florida's five NCAA Tourney games and was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Gainesville Regional after going 9-for-13 (.692) with six RBIs, four runs and two homers. Tucker also helped lead UF to a 42-22 overall record, the NCAA Gainesville Regional Championship and its first Super Regional in four years.

Gilmartin, ranked No. 4 in the nation in wins prior to the NCAA World Series, is 12-3 with a 3.49 ERA in 98.0 inning pitched his season. The Moorpark, Calif., native struck out 83 batters, walked 37, posted two complete games and one save and opponents hit just .221 against him. He was named first team All-ACC and earned third team All-America honors and freshman All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball.

Team USA College Squad News for 2009

Team USA has selected its national team coaching staffs for the 2009 summer all-star season.

They are head coaches Rick Jones (National Collegiate Team) of Tulane, Garye LaFevers (18-Under National Team) of Buckeye (Ariz.) High School, George Sanchez (16U National Team) of Tempe (Ariz.) Corona Del Sol HS, and Dave Webb (14U National Team) of Corona Del Sol.

Assisting Jones on the 2009 National Collegiate Team are Rob Cooper (head coach, Wright State), pitching coach Mike Kennedy (head coach, Elon) and Dan McDonnell (head coach, Louisville). Cooper was an assistant coach for the 2007 National Team while Kennedy and McDonnell are making their first appearance on a USA Baseball coaching staff.

2009 USA Baseball National Team Trials Invitees and 22-Man Squad (through June 25, 2009):

Tryouts Roster (*Member of Final 22-Man Squad)

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

*Trevor Bauer P R/R 6-1 175 Valencia, Calif. UCLA
*Chad Bettis P R/R 6-0 193 Lubbock, Texas Texas Tech
*Bryce Brentz P/OF R/R 6-0 180 Knoxville, Tenn. Middle Tennessee
Andrew Chafin P L/L 6-2 190 Wakeman, Ohio Kent State
*Michael Choice OF R/R 6-0 215 Mansfield, Texas Texas-Arlington
*Gerrit Cole RHP R/R 6-4 215 Santa Ana, Calif. UCLA
*Christian Colon IF R/R 6-0 185 Corona, Calif. Cal State Fullerton
Derek Dietrich IF L/R 6-1 195 Parma, Ohio Georgia Tech
*Blake Forsythe C R/R 6-2 220 Memphis, Tenn. Tennessee
Micah Gibbs C S/R 5-11 214 Pflugerville, Texas LSU
Tom Girdwood P R/R 6-2 200 Charlotte, N.C. Elon
*Yasmani Grandal C S/R 6-2 210 Havana, Cuba Miami (Fla.)
*Sonny Gray RHP R/R 5-11 180 Smyrna, Tenn. Vanderbilt
Jedd Gyorko IF R/R 5-10 190 Morgantown, W.Va. West Virginia
*Rick Hague IF R/R 6-2 190 Spring, Texas Rice
Chris Hernandez LHP L/L 6-1 195 Miami, Fla. Miami (Fla.)
*Tyler Holt OF R/R 6-0 190 Marion, Ind. Florida State
Danny Hultzen P/IF L/L 6-2 190 Bethesda, Md. Virginia
Matt Jensen IF R/R 5-10 190 Fresno, Calif. Cal Poly
Kent Matthes OF R/R 6-2 220 Orlando, Fla. Alabama
*Casey McGrew P L/R 6-0 175 Delaware, Ohio Wright State
Deck McGuire RHP R/R 6-6 223 Richmond, Va. Georgia Tech
*Brad Miller IF R/R 6-0 175 Orlando, Fla. Clemson
Hunter Morris 1B L/R 6-2 220 Huntsville, Ala. Auburn
*Matt Newman OF/P L/L 5-10 170 Phoenix, Ariz. Arizona State
Jarrett Parker OF L/L 6-4 205 Stafford, Va. Virginia
*Nick Pepitone P R/R 6-6 230 Katy, Texas Tulane
*Drew Pomeranz LHP L/L 6-5 231 Collierville, Tenn. Ole Miss
Anthony Ranaudo RHP R/R 6-7 231 Jackson, N.J. LSU
Addison Reed P L/R 6-3 215 Montclair, Calif. San Diego State
Anthony Rendon IF R/R 5-11 180 Houston, Texas Rice
Daniel Renken P R/R 6-4 190 Long Beach, Calif. Cal State Fullerton
*Jeremy Schaffer C R/R 6-1 205 Houston, Texas Tulane
*Rob Segedin IF/RHP R/R 6-1 205 Teaneck, N.J. Tulane
Tony Thompson IF R/R 6-5 210 Reno, Nev. Kansas
Logan Verrett RHP R/R 6-2 170 Corpus Christi, Texas Baylor
*T.J. Walz P R/R 6-0 175 Omaha, Neb. Kansas
*Cody Wheeler P L/L 5-11 160 Spotsylvania, Va. Coastal Carolina
*Andy Wilkins IF R/L 6-2 225 Broken Arrow, Okla. Arkansas

Alex Wimmers P L/R 6-2 195 Cincinnati, Ohio Ohio State
*Asher Wojciechowski P R/R 6-4 205 Pensacola, Fla. The Citadel
*Kolten Wong OF/C L/R 5-9 Hilo, Hawai'i Hawai'i
Phil Wunderlich UT L/R 6-0 220 Chicago, Ill. Louisville
*Tony Zych RHP R/R 6-3 180 Chicago, Ill. Louisville

USA Baseball set its 2009 calendar with key dates such as May 26, Golden Spikes Award 30 semifinalists named; June 2, Golden Spikes Award five finalists determined; July 11, Golden Spikes Award winner named during MLB All-Star Game festivities in St. Louis.

2009 USA Collegiate Baseball All-Star Team Schedule (All Times EDT)

June 14-20 Trials training camp National Training Complex Cary, N.C.
June 20-24 Blue vs. Red Intrasquad Games Training Complex 7:00 p.m.
June 25 vs. Canada National Training Complex Cary, N.C. 7:00 p.m.
June 26 vs. Canada Durham Bulls Athletic Park Durham, N.C. 7:05 p.m.
June 27 vs. Canada Durham Bulls Athletic Park Durham, N.C. 7:05 p.m.
June 28 vs. Canada Durham Bulls Athletic Park Durham, N.C. 5:05 p.m.
June 29 vs. Canada National Training Complex Cary, N.C. 7:30 p.m.
June 30 vs. Opponent Time TBD
July 1 vs. Guatemala Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium Kannapolis, N.C. 7:05 p.m.
July 2 vs. Guatemala National Training Complex Cary, N.C. 7:00 p.m.
July 3 vs. Guatemala National Training Complex Cary, N.C. 6:30 p.m.
July 4 vs. Guatemala Durham Bulls Athletic Park Durham, N.C. 6:05 p.m.
July 5 vs. NECBL All-Stars MerchantsAuto.com Stadium Manchester, N.H. 2:45 p.m.
July 6 vs. Holyoke MacKenzie Stadium Holyoke, Mass. TBD
July 7 vs. North Shore Navigators Fraser Field Lynn, Mass. TBD
July 10 vs. Kokusai Budo University TBD Tokyo, Japan TBD
July 11-July 16 37th USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Championship Japan
July 11 vs. Japan Matsuyama, Japan Botchan Stadium 11:00 p.m.
July 13 vs. Japan Tokyo, Japan Tokyo Dome 4:00 a.m.
July 14 vs. Japan Sendai, Japan Miyagi Stadium 4:00 a.m.
July 15 vs. Japan Tsuruoka, Japan Tsuruoka Dream Stadium 4:00 a.m.
July 16 vs. Japan Tokyo, Japan Jingu Stadium 4:00 a.m.
July 18-July 26 World Baseball Challenge Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia
July 19 vs. Canada Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 7:00 p.m.
July 20 vs. Bahamas Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 8:00 p.m.
July 21 vs. USA-Reno Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 8:00 p.m.
July 22 vs. Prince George Axeman Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 11:00 p.m.
July 23 vs. Chinese Taipei Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 11:00 p.m.
July 24 vs. Beijing Tigers Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 5:00 p.m.
July 25 vs. Germany Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia 4:00 p.m.
July 26 World Baseball Challenge Finals Prince George Citizen Field Prince Georgia, British Columbia TBD

Five Finalists Tabbed for 2009 Golden Spikes Award (Announced in St. Louis on July 11)

Dustin Ackley, 1B, North Carolina
Mike Leake, P, Arizona State
Kent Matthes, OF, Alabama
A.J. Morris, P, Kansas State
Stephen Strasburg, P, San Diego State

OU's Wise Captures 2009 Bench Award

Oklahoma senior J.T. Wise added yet another accolade to his resume' as he was named the winner of the 2009 Johnny Bench Award.

The honor, given annually to the nation's top collegiate catcher since 2000, was given out by the Hall of Fame catcher at a banquet in Wichita on June 26. Wise was recognized later at the CBF Awards Show in Lubbock for winning the Bench Award.

Tony Sanchez from Boston College and Chris Henderson from George Mason were the other 2009 finalists. He became the first Sooner to collect the award and the second catcher in the history of the Big 12 Conference (Kelly Shoppach - Baylor, 2001). Wise, Shoppach and Taylor Teagarden (2005-Texas) are the only Big 12 catchers to make the finalist's list.

Southern Miss' Palmer Retires After Standout Coaching Career

Southern Miss baseball coach Corky Palmer announced in April that he was retiring as head baseball coach, effective at the end of the 2009 season.

When the announcement was made, it looked like the season was going to end early for the first time in six years. The Golden Eagles had dropped their last four Conference USA series and things didn't look good.

Then the "Corky Palmer Retirement Tour" started. The whole program rallied around their retiring coach and made sure he was able to keep coaching games and don the Gold and Black uniform.

Hosting the conference tournament gave the team the spark they needed. His Golden Eagles breezed through their side of the bracket and advanced to the championship game for the first time since 2004.

The day after narrowly losing to Rice in the title bout, Southern Miss heard their name called by the NCAA Tournament selection committee for the seventh year in a row. The tour continued.

To open the regional, the No. 3 seeded Golden Eagles defeated the No. 2 seed, Elon in a slugfest, 17-15. Southern Miss advanced to the championship round in the winner's bracket for the first time in school history, defeating host and No. 1 seed Georgia Tech, 10-7. The Yellow Jackets won the next day, 10-3, before Southern Miss won its first-ever regional championship in school history, defeating Georgia Tech, 12-8, to advance to its first-ever Super Regional. The tour continued.

The Golden Eagles were then matched against the No. 8 national seed, Florida. Southern Miss continued their outstanding pitching and timely hitting, winning game one, 9-7, then coming back from a 6-1 deficit in game two to win 7-6, and advance to their first-ever College World Series. The tour continued.

Palmer's baseball program had given him the greatest retirement gift a coach could get. A trip to Omaha, the mecca of college baseball, to compete for the national championship. It was the single-greatest feat in Southern Miss sports.

The tour ended in Omaha but not before the program enjoyed its greatest postseason run in honor of Palmer and all that he gave the program and the University, over his career, as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

Palmer, who compiled a 551-298 record as the top coach for the Southern Miss baseball program, led the Golden Eagles to eight NCAA tournament appearances, including a current streak of seven-straight berths. His win total at the school ranks second-best on the school's all-time victory chart. Palmer ascended to the top job for the Golden Eagles in 1998, replacing long-time head coach Hill Denson.

Over his time at Southern Miss, Palmer has coached 12 players to All-America honors, 11 Freshman All-Americans and five Academic All-Americans, as well as 23 players that have been drafted and gone on to professional baseball. He had four C-USA Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Other accomplishments for Palmer during his time as head coach include hosting the school's first baseball postseason regional, many improvements to Pete Taylor Park/Hill Denson Field including the recent addition of the press box and suites, a public recognition last spring by the NCAA as his team enjoyed a top 10 percent ranking of all of Division I baseball programs in Academic Progress Rates.

Palmer is a member of both the Southern Miss Alumni Association and M-Club Sports Hall of Fames. He was inducted into the Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

Palmer will continue to work with the athletics department in a part-time role in an effort to raise money for not only the baseball program, but other projects as well.

Milestones

Texas head coach Augie Garrido became the first NCAA Division I head coach in any sport to reach victory No. 1,700 on May 8 when the Longhorns downed Texas A&M...UL-Lafayette head coach Tony Robichaux became the 31st active NCAA DI mentor to win his 800th game with a 18-2 triumph at New Orleans on May 17...On Apr. 11 Manatee (Fla.) Community College head coach Tim Hill, Sr. won his 1,000th game of his 32-year coaching career.

2009 Season Milestones

Tom Walter was named head coach at Wake Forest after successful tenures at New Orleans and George Washington. Former UNO assistant Bruce Peddie replaced Walter at the Privateers' helm for 2010. +++check other coaches+++NCAA and Google+++

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 1989 season – 20 years ago. Some of the familiar names and updates are pitcher Ben McDonald, LSU – sportscaster and businessman in Baton Rouge, La., area; pitcher Kirk Dressendorfer, Texas – businessman in Houston and Austin, Texas, areas; catcher Eric Wedge, Wichita State – manager of the Cleveland Indians; 3B John Byington, Texas A&M – business leader in Dallas, Texas, area; OF Tom Goodwin, Fresno State – independent minor league baseball manager; utilityman Pete Young, Mississippi State – in private business and coaching in South Mississippi area; OF Dan Peltier, Notre Dame – Currently has his own accounting agency after playing major and minor league baseball for 11 seasons. Note: Dressendorfer and McDonald are recent years' inductees into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in Lubbock, Texas.

2009 ESPN THE MAGAZINE Academic All-America® University Division Baseball Team as selected by CoSIDA

FIRST TEAM

Name School Dist. Cl. Hometown GPA/Major
P Michael Leake Arizona State VIII Jr. Fallbrook, Cal. 3.42/ Management
P Brian Morrell (2) Eastern Illinois V Sr. Quincy, Ill. 4.00/ Biological Sciences
C Jeremy Gillan Jacksonville III Sr. Port St. Lucie, Fla. 3.74/ Exercise Science
INF Ryan Bennett Saint Louis VII Grad. Kansas City, Mo. 3.95/ Business Administration (MBA)
INF Brandon Eller (3) Arkansas State VI Sr. Sherwood, Ark. 4.00/ Mathematics
INF Nate Freiman Duke III Sr. Wellesley, Mass. 3.84/ History
INF Chris McGuinness The Citadel III Jr. James Island, S.C. 3.92/ Business Administration
OF Matt Maher (3) Fairleigh Dickinson II Sr. Peekskill, N.Y. 3.95/ Communication
OF Sonny Meade The Citadel III Sr. Summerville, S.C. 3.83/ Business Administration
OF Brady Shoemaker Indiana State V Sr. Brazil, Ind. 3.85/ Physical Education
DH Matt Nohelty (1) Minnesota V Grad. Rothschild, Wis. 3.97/ Computer Science

SECOND TEAM

Name School Dist. Cl. Hometown GPA/Major
P Tyler Andregg U.S. Military Acad. I Grad. Grand Junction, Col. 3.90/ Life Science
P Paul Cianciolo Penn State II Grad. Charleston, S.C. 3.94/ Marketing, Business Admin.
C Jim Klocke Southeast Missouri VII Jr. St. Louis, Mo. 3.92/ Business Administration
INF Derek Dietrich Georgia Tech III So. Parma, Ohio 3.30/ Management
INF James Ewing Southern Mississippi VI Sr. Beaumont, Texas 3.73/ Philosophy
INF Paul Goldschmidt Texas State VI Jr. The Woodlands, Tex 3.87/ Finance

INF Hayden Johnston Ohio University IV Sr. Strattanville, Pa. 3.69/ Finance
INF Drew Lee Morehead State IV Jr. Mt. Sterling, Ky. 3.64/ Engineering Technology
OF Ben Carlson (3) Missouri State VII Jr. Topeka, Kan. 3.86/ General Business
OF Grant Escue Bradley V Sr. Washington, Ill. 4.00/ Political Science
OF Ben Jones Auburn IV Sr. Decatur, Ala. 3.84/ Mechanical Engineering
OF Aaron Miller Baylor VI Jr. Channelview, Texas 3.67/ Management, Entrepreneurship
DH Michael Bottoms Morehead State IV Jr. Harrodsburg, Ky. 3.64/ Business Management

THIRD TEAM

Name School Dist. Cl. Hometown GPA/Major

P Buddy Baumann Missouri State VII Jr. Rogersville, Mo. 3.43/ History Education
P Adam Warren North Carolina III Sr. New Bern, N.C. 3.36/ Business Administration
C Matt Rice Western Kentucky IV So. Johnson City, Tenn. 4.00/ Mechanical Engineering
INF Bryan Resnick UNLV VIII Grad. Orange, Cal. 3.66/ Sports Mgmt./Sports Leadership
INF Darin Ruf Creighton VII Sr. Omaha, Neb. 3.51/ Finance
INF David Towarnicky Appalachian State III Jr. New Bern, N.C. 4.00/ Finance & Banking/Risk Insurance
OF Ryan Enos Dallas Baptist VI Jr. Highland Village, Tex. 3.66/ Finance
OF Kyle Rhoad Eastern Michigan IV Grad. Fostoria, Ohio 3.87/ Supply Chain Management, MBA
DH Ryan Brauning McNeese State VI Sr. Nederland, Texas 3.64/ Mass Communication
(1) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America 1st team selection in 2008
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(3) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America 3rd team selection in 2008
Academic All-America of the Year: Michael Leake, Arizona State

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P Jason Decker (2) Mount Vernon Nazarene IV Sr. Dover, Pa. 4.00/ Crim. Justice/Intercultural Studies
P Ben Watkins Pittsburgh-Johnstown II Sr. Tire Hill, Pa. 3.93/ Electrical Engineering Tech.
C Kyle Kowalowski Plattsburgh State I Grad. Saranac, N.Y. 3.66/ Psychology, Counselor Education
INF Chris Ahearn Catawba III Sr. Charlotte, N.C. 3.97/ Sports Management
INF Jon Alia Cal. St.-Dominguez Hills VIII Sr. Newbury Park, Cal. 3.90/ Kinesiology
INF Brian Hiscox Otterbein IV Jr. Burton, Ohio 3.81/ Public Relations, Broadcasting
INF Tristan Hobbes Eastern Connecticut I Sr. Utica, N.Y. 3.82/ Communication
OF Jason Fobes Colorado State-Pueblo VII Sr. Longmont, Col. 3.89/ Business Administration
OF Matthew Kidd (3) Baldwin-Wallace IV Sr. Wellington, Ohio 3.83/ Biology, Pre-Med
OF Zander Lehmann Washington (Mo.) VII Sr. San Francisco, Cal. 3.85/ Psychology
DH Scott Fisher Richard Stockton II Sr. Toms River, N.J. 3.43/ Visual Communications

SECOND TEAM

Name School Dist. Cl. Hometown GPA/Major

P Brett Holland Texas-Tyler VI Sr. Lindale, Texas 3.56/ Health & Kinesiology
P Eric Willey Salisbury II Sr. Cambridge, Md. 3.69/ Business Management
C Grant Vickers Mesa State VII Sr. Nanaimo, B.C. 3.75/ Finance
C Brock Whiteman Muskingum IV Jr. New Concord, Ohio 3.67/ Special Education
INF Jeff Claydon Trinity (Texas) VI Sr. Friendswood, Tex. 3.93/ Business Admin., Accounting
INF Evan McDole Northern Kentucky IV Jr. Alexandria, Ky. 3.86/ Accounting
INF Thomas Phillips Mass. Inst. of Tech. I Sr. Durham, N.C. 3.55/ Economics
INF David Randolph Ursinus II Sr. Sewell, N.J. 3.51/ Biochemistry, Molecular Biology
OF Andrew Bilse Rose-Hulman V Jr. Munster, Ind. 3.85/ Mechanical Engineering
OF Andrew Foshee Central Oklahoma VI Sr. Guthrie, Okla. 4.00/ Marketing
OF Camden Mamigonian Rensselaer Poly. I Jr. Dover, N.H. 3.76/ Physics
DH Kirk Williamson Aurora V Jr. Naperville, Ill. 3.91/ History

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Name School Dist. Cl. Hometown GPA/Major

P Brandon Cogan Missouri Sci. & Tech. VII Jr. Missouri City, Tex. 3.96/ Electrical Engineering

P Andrew Mondo Rensselaer Poly. I Jr. Clifton Park, N.Y. 3.55/ Management

P Matt Schuld St. Thomas (Minn.) V Jr. Plymouth, Minn. 3.70/ Business Financial Management

INF Jake Calcei Kenyon IV Sr. Mantua, Ohio 3.68/ Biology

INF Chris Fishburn Thomas More IV Jr. Cincinnati, Ohio 3.98/ Sports & Entertainment Mktg.

INF Greg Laughlin SW Minnesota State V Sr. Eden Prairie, Minn. 3.95/ Business Administration

INF Dusty Washburn Fort Hays State VII Sr. Hays, Kan. 3.72/ Health & Human Performance

OF Thomas Bumpass Abilene Christian VI Sr. Houston, Tex. 3.78/ Accounting

OF Justin Held Denison IV Sr. Hudson, Ohio 3.88/ Economics

OF Chris Stallone Scranton II So. South Plains, N.J 3.95/ Business Administration

DH Adam (Dane) Lucas Southern Arkansas VI Sr. Houston, Tex. 3.46/ Biological Science

(2) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America 2nd team selection in 2008

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Academic All-America of the Year: Jon Alia, California State-Dominguez Hills

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