

## NCBWA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Julie St. Cyr • Big West Conference

Goodbye Rosenblatt, hello TD Ameritrade Park. Eight months ago excitement filled the air in Omaha as Head Coach Ray Tanner and the South Carolina Gamecocks claimed their first NCAA championship. But sadness also seeped through as we all said goodbye to the place collegiate baseball called home for 60 years - Rosenblatt Stadium.

When first announced that the College World Series would be moving across town, college baseball lovers around the nation did not welcome the news with open arms. I admit, as a girl who hates change, I was one of those that was not thrilled with the news either. Questions arose...like where will I get my pregame cheeseburger and malt? Where will the blow-up party tents go? What happens to the Titan House? And what about the Road to Omaha statue that has become a CWS landmark? While I can't answer the first three just yet, that will come in time, I do know that the Road to Omaha statue will find a new home at TD Ameritrade. Great news!

Over the winter holiday I traded my 60-degree beach weather for 5-degree Midwest snow and ice, to attend the wedding of my brother, who is the Marketing and Event Manager for College World Series of Omaha, Inc., and was able to catch a sneak peek of the stadium. I must admit, even though it doesn't have the same small-town charm as Rosenblatt, it really is a beautiful, state-of-the-art ballpark. Restaurants, bars and hotels are popping up all around the area, showing signs that the city is embracing the move.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for TD Ameritrade Park is slated for April 18 and 24,000 fans will file in the following day for the first baseball game between Creighton and Nebraska. And from what my brother says, there are a multitude of other exciting events on tap this year, especially for the 2011 College World Series. So much so, the NCAA has asked that the NCBWA move its award ceremony, which will take place at the stadium, back three days to accommodate the opening ceremony events. While I am honored to be the first female NCBWA president in 16 years, it makes it even more special to be part of the first-year festivities at the new ballpark.

The road to Omaha kicks off this week as coaches and student-athletes take to the diamond in a quest to win the first national championship at TD Ameritrade, a potential future trivia pursuit question. Who will it be?

Let the games begin... Hope to see you in Omaha!



## 11TH ANNUAL NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM FEATURES LARGE CROP OF 2011 STALWARTS

**IRVINE, Calif.** — Loaded with several standouts from the 2010 NCAA World Series, the 11th annual Pro-Line Athletic National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason All-America team is one of the most impressive groups in the two decades of selections.

Returning Dick Howser Trophy winner 3B Anthony Rendon of Rice leads a team of collegiate standouts along with World Series returnees from the last stand at historic Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb: champion South Carolina's CWS Most Outstanding Player OF Jackie Bradley, Jr., and relief ace Matt Price, pitchers Matt Purke, Steven Maxwell, Kyle Winkler and OF Jason Coats of TCU, Florida State's all-purpose utility standout Mike McGee, SP Gerrit Cole of UCLA, Florida's Austin Maddox and Preston Tucker, Clemson OF Jeff Schaus, and Oklahoma 3B Garrett Buechele.

As Division I baseball looks toward the new 2011 venue in downtown Omaha — TD Ameritrade Stadium — and some innovations in playing rules (a 30-second timer kept between pitches by a digital clock or a base umpire, subject to the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee's final recommendation) and all the returning talent, the upcoming season promises to be one of the most interesting campaigns in recent history.

Rendon, the 2010 consensus college player of the year as well as Howser Trophy recipient, helped Rice advance to Super Regionals in 2009 as NCBWA Freshman of the Year and to the NCAA Austin Regional last spring. His statistics virtually speak for themselves with a Conference USA-leading .394 batting average, 26 home runs, 85 RBI, stolen bases, and two-time conference player of the year laurels (first freshman ever to garner C-USA top honors in this regard) for coach Wayne Graham's Owls.

The makeup of the 11th annual preseason All-America squad again includes the heartbeat of American with 17 different conferences and 37 schools represented from every corner of the country.

And if great pitching can get a team deeply into the postseason, defending NCAA third-place finisher TCU is represented well by its trio of returning All-America moundmen.

Purke (first team) was 2010 NCBWA Freshman of the Year with a DI-best 16-0 record, 3.02 earned run average, 116 1/3 innings pitched, and Mountain West Conference-high 142 strikeouts. The sophomore lefty also started and won the Horned Frogs' first-ever NCAA World Series contest against Florida State. Maxwell and Winkler combined for a 23-5 record on the hill for 2010 NCBWA National Coach of the Year Jim Schlossnagle's squad.

Bradley, who had two homers and nine RBI during the 2010 CWS as its top player, and Price (5-1, 2.26 ERA, 10 saves for coach Ray Tanner's Gamecocks) add zest to three teams of current and potential superstars.

FSU's McGee, another first team member of the Pro-Line Athletic NCBWA post-2010 squad, pitched and batted coach Mike Martin's Seminoles to yet another trek to Omaha. His .328 average, 17 home runs and 73 RBI were a perfect compliment to 4-1 pitching, 13 saves, 20 appearances, and 33 strikeouts in 27 innings as the bullpen ace for Florida State.

Cole garnered first unit honors on the basis of a 11-4 record, 19 starts, and a nation-returning-best 153 strikeouts in 123 innings last year. He was a key cog in the Bruins' first appearance in the NCAA DI diamond championship round under coach John Savage.

By point of comparison, the pre-2010 first team starting pitching staff was a composite 67-12 while its pre-2011 counterpart is a combined 74-11 with one of the top strikeouts-to-walks' ratios since the NCBWA began selecting preseason All-America units in 2000. Over a dozen of the standouts on all three '11 teams were either Player/Hitters of the Year or Pitchers of the Year in their conferences last spring.

Most of these preseason standouts will be nominated for the historic 25th annual Dick Howser Trophy, presented by Easton Foundations and the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area Chamber of Commerce and voted upon by the NCBWA membership. The Howser Trophy will be awarded at a national media setting in 2011 at a date and site to be determined.

## NCBWA DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

The 2011 NCBWA Directory is now available and was emailed as a PDF file to all members upon completion. The directory contains membership contact information, a complete listing of all Division I Baseball SIDs and their contact information, conference tournament information, NCAA postseason information and much more.

Special thanks to NCBWA Executive Board members Julie St. Cyr, Russell Anderson, Mike Montoro and Ryan Bomberger for their assistance in putting this publication together.

## NCBWA NAMES PRESEASON STOPPER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

Forty-five players have been named to the initial watch list for the seventh annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Stopper of the Year Award, given to the top relief pitcher in NCAA Division I baseball, as announced by the association.

## WINNINGEST TEAMS OF THE 2000'S

*Since the beginning of the 2000 season*

Rk.	Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1.	Florida State	11	552	194	1	.740
2.	Rice	11	534	185	0	.743
3.	Texas	11	529	202	1	.723
4.	South Carolina	11	521	217	0	.706
5.	Wichita State	11	500	236	0	.679
6.	North Carolina	11	497	212	1	.701
7.	Cal St. Fullerton	11	488	213	0	.696
8.	Coastal Carolina	11	487	200	0	.709
9.	Georgia Tech	11	484	201	1	.699
10.	LSU	11	481	232	4	.674
11.	Clemson	11	481	241	1	.666
12.	Miami (Fla.)	11	477	210	3	.693
13.	Oral Roberts	11	476	187	0	.716
14.	Nebraska	11	455	225	2	.662
15.	Tulane	11	454	231	2	.662
16.	Arizona State	11	449	186	2	.706
17.	East Carolina	11	447	232	2	.658
18.	Notre Dame	11	443	224	4	.663
19.	Stanford	11	442	237	2	.651
20.	Mississippi	11	434	252	1	.632
21.	Florida	11	433	256	2	.628
22.	TCU	11	424	247	0	.625
23.	Southern Miss	11	421	237	2	.639
24.	Virginia	11	421	248	1	.629
25.	Florida Atlantic	11	420	256	0	.621

## 2011 NCBWA STOPPER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST

Pitcher	School	Cl.
James Allen	Kansas State	Jr.
Cameron Amsrud	Milwaukee	Jr.
Collin Cargill	Southern Miss	Sr.
Andrew Chafin	Kent State	So.
Pat Christensen	La Salle	So.
Rye Davis	Western Kentucky	Jr.
Chris Dennis	Portland	Sr.
Michael Devine	VMI	Jr.
Ryan Duke	Oklahoma	Sr.
Alex Frederick	Clemson	Sr.
Tyler Gebler	Rutgers	So.
Thomas Girdwood	Elon	Sr.
Brian Hamilton	Charlotte	Sr.
Brett Huber	Ole Miss	So.
Jon Ivie	Belmont	Sr.
Chris Kaminski	Jacksonville	Sr.
Cory Kent	Lehigh	Jr.
Mitchell Lambson	Arizona State	Jr.
Gardner Leaver	Rhode Island	Sr.
Kevin Lee	Iowa	Sr.
Lenny Linsky	Hawaii	Jr.
Kenny Long	Illinois State	Jr.
Scott Matyas	Minnesota	Sr.
Mike McGee	Florida State	Sr.
Scott McGough	Oregon	Jr.
Kevin McKague	Army	Sr.
Andy Mee	Florida Atlantic	Sr.
Hoby Milner	Texas	So.
Jake Morgan	Ole Miss	Jr.
Matty Ott	LSU	Jr.
Nick Pepitone	Tulane	Sr.
Brooks Pinckard	Baylor	Jr.
Matt Price	South Carolina	So.
Ryne Purcell	Eastern Kentucky	Sr.
Nick Ramirez	Cal State Fullerton	Jr.
Joe Rogers	UCF	So.
Lex Rutledge	Samford	So.
Seth Simmons	East Carolina	Sr.
Paul Snieder	Northwestern	Jr.
John Soldingier	Manhattan	So.
Kevin Vance	Connecticut	Jr.
Trevor Vermeulen	South Dakota State	Sr.
Jack Wagoner	Florida Gulf Coast	Sr.
Jason West	Stephen F. Austin	Jr.

finalists and released Wednesday, June 1, prior to start of NCAA regional tournament competition.

The NCBWA's All-America Committee then will select the winner, with this year's recipient to be announced in Omaha on the opening day of the College World Series on June 18.

Texas hurler J. Brent Cox won the inaugural Stopper of the Year Award in 2005, with Don Czyn of Kansas claiming the honor in 2006, Luke Prihoda of Sam Houston State winning it in 2007, Georgia's Joshua Fields topping the field in 2008, San Diego State's Addison Reed grabbing the honor in 2009, and Texas' Chance Ruffin earning the award last season.

The NCBWA, founded in 1962, presents the Dick Howser Trophy to the nation's top player. It also selects All-America Teams for all Divisions, a Division I Freshman All-American team, Division I and III Players of the Week, Division I District Players of the Year and Division III Players of the Year.

For more information on the NCBWA Stopper of the Year, contact Tami Cutler at Wichita State at 316-978-5559 or Russ Anderson at Conference USA at 214-774-1300.

## DICK HOWSER TROPHY CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**DALLAS** — The beginning of the 2011 College Baseball season marks the advent of the 25th Anniversary of the Dick Howser Trophy, given annually to college baseball's national player of the year. Over the past 25 years, college baseball's brightest stars have been recognized for the outstanding achievements and characteristics reminiscent of the award's namesake.

The Dick Howser Trophy, given in memory of the former Florida State University All-America shortstop and major league player and manager, who died of brain cancer in 1987, is

Portland's Chris Dennis, a finalist last year for the Stopper of the Year Award, headlines the list of preseason nominees for the 2011 award. Last season, Dennis collected 14 saves and went 5-1 with a 1.88 ERA and 51 strikeouts in 43 innings pitched.

Dennis, a first team preseason All-America by the NCBWA, is joined on the watch list by fellow first teamers Mike McGee from Florida State and Collin Cargill from Southern Miss. McGee, who helped the Seminoles to the College World Series, had 13 saves and a 2.96 ERA a year ago, while Cargill had nine saves and a 1.75 ERA.

Among the other most notable nominees are the four members of the NCBWA preseason All-American second team (Andy Mee of Florida Atlantic, Trevor Vermeulen of South Dakota State, Matt Price of South Carolina and Kevin McKague of Army), along with all four members of the third team (Nick Ramirez of Cal State Fullerton, James Allen of Kansas State, Brian Hamilton of Charlotte and Lex Rutledge of Samford).

The Big 12, SEC and Conference USA led the way with four players each on this year's watch list. The Big 10, Atlantic 10 and Atlantic Sun each have three pitchers on the list.

Nominations for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award were made by baseball sports information/media relations contacts. The initial list will be updated with a mid-season release the week of April 18, including the national saves leaders. At the conclusion of the regular season, the Division I national saves leader and four other relief pitching standouts will be selected as

regarded by many as college baseball's most prestigious award. Criteria for consideration of the trophy include performance on the field, leadership, moral character and courage, qualities that were exemplified by Dick Howser's life.

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

The 25th anniversary of the Dick Howser Trophy presented by Easton Foundations will be made even more special by the awarding of this year's honor at TD Ameritrade Stadium in downtown Omaha, the new home of the College World Series. The award will be presented on Tuesday, June 21 at 10 a.m. CT, prior to the fourth day of the 2011 CWS.

"The Dick Howser Trophy was founded shortly after his death by a few friends of Dick's in the St. Petersburg Area that played, coached and worked with him," said David Feaster of the Howser Trophy Committee. "All knew him personally and were aware of him as a tremendous player, coach and friend. The award was initially awarded at the Governors Baseball Dinner held each spring in St. Petersburg to welcome Spring Training to Fla. and as time progressed, we moved the presentation to Omaha, the center of college baseball, during the World Series. I have been involved with the award for over 20 years and have loved every minute of my involvement. I have had the opportunity to meet some great college players as well as some great young men. I am so proud of the Character quality we have in our award, which makes it unique. I am also proud of our selection process by the NCBWA which is the most democratic of any award and provides a true national scope."

"The Dick Howser trophy is now 25 years old and growing stronger, added Feaster. It is a true testimony to Dick Howser's ability as a player, coach and gentlemen. I am proud to be associated with it."

"The sport of baseball provided our Dad the opportunity to become a champion," said Howser's daughters Jana Howser and Jill Reingold. "Each base symbolizes one of four attributes of how Dad is remembered. They became the four cornerstones of the Dick Howser Trophy: courage, character, leadership and performance."

"All of the Howser Trophy winners have been identified not only for their outstanding baseball and academic performances, but also for the mark they left as teammates and leaders at their colleges and universities. Their achievements are extraordinary," they added.

In addition, a special 25th Anniversary logo and special advertisements have been developed to celebrate a quarter century of outstanding performances on and off the diamond.

The award is voted on by members of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) and presented in association with the College Baseball Foundation in Lubbock, Texas.

"The Dick Howser Trophy and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association have had a wonderful 14-season union," said Bo Carter, NCBWA Executive Director. "The NCBWA is pleased and honored to be the voting body for this prestigious award, which represents the spirit of one of the true giants in college baseball."

The Howser Trophy was created in 1987, shortly after Howser's death. Previous winners

## WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES BY PERCENTAGE

*Minimum five years as a Division I head coach; includes record at four-year colleges only.*

Rk.	Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1.	Mike Martin, Florida State	31	1,627	558	4	.744
2.	Mike Fox, North Carolina	27	1,077	371	5	.743
3.	Gene Stephenson, Wichita State	33	1,724	596	3	.743
4.	Brian O'Connor, Virginia	7	316	118	1	.728
5.	Wayne Graham, Rice	19	870	340	0	.719
6.	Brad Hill, Kansas State	16	648	259	3	.714
7.	Rob Walton, Oral Roberts	7	290	120	0	.707
8.	Jim Morris, Miami (Fla.)	29	1,280	542	4	.702
9.	Ray Tanner, South Carolina	23	1,029	455	3	.693
10.	Augie Garrido, Texas	42	1,768	806	9	.686
11.	Danny Hall, Georgia Tech	23	945	445	1	.680
12.	Gary Gilmore, Coastal Carolina	21	861	406	2	.679
13.	Jim Schlossnagle, TCU	9	382	181	0	.679
14.	Rick Jones, Tulane	22	879	417	2	.678
15.	Sunny Golloway, Oklahoma	14	555	272	0	.671
16.	Dave Serrano, Cal St. Fullerton	6	248	122	1	.670
17.	Dave Van Horn, Arkansas	17	690	347	0	.665
18.	George Horton, Oregon	13	544	278	1	.662
19.	Brian Shoop, UAB	21	809	418	1	.659
20.	Mark Marquess, Stanford	34	1,387	719	7	.658

## 2011 NCAA POSTSEASON DATES

### Division I Regionals

June 3-6, 2011

To be determined (on- and off-campus sites)

### Super Regionals

June 10-13, 2011

To be determined (on- and off-campus sites)

### College World Series

June 18-28/29, 2011

TD Ameritrade Park Omaha  
Omaha, Neb.

Creighton University, host

of the Howser Trophy are Mike Fiore, Miami, 1987; Robin Ventura, Oklahoma State, 1988; Scott Bryant, Texas, 1989; Alex Fernandez, Miami-Dade Community College South, 1990; Frank Rodriguez, Howard College (Texas), 1991; Brooks Kieschnick, Texas, 1992 and 1993; Jason Varitek, Georgia Tech, 1994; Todd Helton, Tennessee, 1995; Kris Benson, Clemson, 1996; J. D. Drew, Florida State, 1997; Eddy Furniss, LSU, 1998; Jason Jennings, Baylor, 1999; Mark Teixeira, Georgia Tech, 2000; Mark Prior, P, USC, 2001; Khalil Greene, SS, Clemson, 2002; Rickey Weeks, 2B, Southern U., 2003; Jered Weaver, P, Long Beach State, 2004; Alex Gordon, 3B, Nebraska, 2005; Brad Lincoln, P/DH, Houston, 2006; David Price, P, Vanderbilt, 2007; Buster Posey, C, Florida State, 2008 and Stephen Strasburg, P, San Diego State, 2009; Anthony Rendon, 3B, Rice, 2010.

## MISSOURI'S TIM JAMIESON TO LEAD TEAM USA

Mizzou Baseball Head Coach Tim Jamieson has been named the manager of the 2011 Collegiate National Team, as announced by USA Baseball. He will be joined by pitching coach Rob Walton (Oral Roberts) and assistant coaches Dave Van Horn (Arkansas) and Scott Stricklin (Kent State).

Jamieson and Walton made their Team USA debuts together on the 2005 Collegiate National Team coaching staff, serving as an assistant coach and the pitching coach, respectively, for manager Steve Smith of Baylor. Van Horn and Stricklin will both be wearing the red, white and blue for the first time.

"We are thrilled to announce Tim Jamieson as our 2011 manager," said Eric Campbell, USA Baseball General Manager of National Teams. "His experience from 2005 -- coaching players like David Price, Matt Wieters and Matt LaPorta -- will serve him well, and teaming him with Dave Van Horn, Scott Stricklin and Rob Walton will provide our athletes with a unique opportunity to learn from some of the best college coaches in the game. Once again, the college coaching community has rallied around the Collegiate National Team program."

Jamieson will enter his 17th season as the head coach of the Missouri Tigers in 2011. He is the second-winningest coach in Missouri baseball history and will begin the 2011 campaign with a career record of 544-382-2. In 2009, Jamieson passed legendary head coach John "Hi" Simmons on the university's all-time win list and trails only Gene McArtor's 733 victories.

"This is a tremendous honor," Jamieson said. "It has always been one of my career goals to be the head coach for Team USA. I am excited for the opportunity and look forward working with a great coaching staff, along with all the people associated with USA Baseball."

The Tigers have recorded at least 30 wins in 13 of the last 15 seasons and won at least 35 games in seven-consecutive years between 2003-2009, advancing to the NCAA Tournament in each of those seven years. Missouri has played in eight NCAA Regionals under Jamieson.

While with the 2005 Collegiate Team, Jamieson helped lead Team USA to a 16-4 record, which included games played in Japan and Taiwan. He was accompanied that summer by Missouri players Max Scherzer and Hunter Mense, the first Collegiate National Team representatives for MU since 1991.

The Collegiate National Team is coming off a 16-3 2010 season which ended in a heartbreaking loss in the gold medal final of the FISU World University Championships in Japan. The U.S. lost 4-3 in extra innings to a Cuban team featuring several players from its top-level National Team. The 2011 schedule is highlighted by five games against Japan, marking the 38th time the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team has met the Japan Collegiate All-Stars in an international friendship series. The complete 2011 schedule has yet to be announced.

## TEXAS RANGERS VISIT DAN LAW FIELD DURING WINTER CARAVAN

The Texas Tech baseball team had some visitors stop by Dan Law Field. The American League champion Texas Rangers were in town for their Winter Caravan, which took place at the Lubbock Civic Center. Following the event the Rangers representatives stopped by the Red Raiders' baseball and football facilities.

Texas Rangers first baseman Mitch Moreland, left-handed pitcher Derek Holland, TV color commentator and former Rangers player/general manager Tom Grieve and third base coach Dave Anderson were all in town for the event.

Both the Rangers and the Red Raiders are looking forward to the middle of February as pitchers and catchers report to spring training on Feb. 16 while Texas Tech has its opening day

scheduled for Feb. 18, as they host the Red Raider Classic at Dan Law Field.

## MARK CROCCO NAMED AIR FORCE ASSISTANT COACH

Mark Crocco recently was named assistant coach by Air Force baseball head coach Maj. Mike Kazlauskys. Crocco comes to the Academy from Wingate University, where he was an assistant coach.

Crocco spent the last two seasons assistant baseball coach working with the Bulldog hitters and infielders and was the head coach of the developmental team. Crocco is a 2010 graduate of Wingate, where he was a four-year letterwinner (2005-08).

At Wingate, Crocco worked with the Bulldog hitters and infielders and was the head coach of the developmental team. The 2010 Wingate Bulldogs were South Atlantic Conference Champions (19-5) in conference play. Crocco assisted in numerous facets of the program including game day operations, camp duties and assisting the infield and hitters throughout the 2010 championship season. Crocco coached under head coach Allen Osborne (University of Georgia). In 2010 Wingate's JV team went 12-4 on the year under Crocco.

In the summer of 2010, Crocco took on the full time duties as the head coach for the Charlotte Area Anglers Showcase Baseball Team. He instructed and directed the high school baseball players in the Charlotte area by playing an extensive summer baseball schedule.

During the summer of 2009, Crocco was an assistant coach in the Nampa Wolfpack of the Boise (Idaho) Collegiate Summer League. The Wolfpack went 21-12 on the season and led the league in numerous offensive categories. He was also the online broadcaster and on field announcer for the summer league's news coverage while serving as director of baseball operations for the league. He was the head coach of the East Union Middle School baseball team in the spring of 2007.

Crocco earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education (with a minor in sport management) from Wingate University in May, 2010. Crocco is a native of Perkaskie, Pa. He lettered in varsity baseball at Pennridge High School. Mark Crocco, Jr. is the son of Mark Crocco, Sr. and Dawn Crocco.

## ANDY PHILLIPS NAMED ASSISTANT COACH AT ALABAMA

University of Alabama head baseball coach Mitch Gaspard recently announced that former Crimson Tide and Major League Baseball player Andy Phillips has been named as an assistant coach. Phillips will become the hitting and infield coach for Alabama, beginning with the 2011 season. With the hiring of Phillips, current assistant coach Dax Norris will take over as the pitching coach for the Crimson Tide.

A four-year letter-winner and an All-American selection for Alabama, Phillips, a Demopolis, Ala. native, played six seasons in Major League Baseball for the New York Yankees, New York Mets and Cincinnati Reds. Before returning to the Capstone, Phillips played two years in the Nippon Professional League (Japan).

In his four seasons at Alabama, Phillips posted a career .356 batting average with 61 home runs, 224 RBIs, and 322 hits. He ended his career as the all-time leader in home runs, RBIs, and hits, and currently holds the school record in home runs, hits, and total bases (590). In the history of the baseball program at Alabama, Phillips is one of three players with 50 home runs and 200 RBI and one of four players with 300 hits. He is the only player in school history with 50

## 2011 DICK HOWSER TROPHY AND PRO-LINE ATHLETIC NCBWA ALL-AMERICAN TENTATIVE TIMELINE

*subject to change*

<b>Mon., May 2</b>	First Day of Nominations being Accepted (with stats through games of May 1)
<b>Fri., May 6</b>	Deadline for Initial Set of Nominations
<b>Tue., May 10</b>	First Ballot e-Mailed to Membership
<b>Wed., May 18</b>	Deadline for First Round of Voting
<b>Thu., May 19</b>	Dick Howser Trophy Semifinalists Announced
<b>Wed., June 1</b>	Final Ballot e-Mailed to Membership
<b>Tue., June 7</b>	Deadline for Final Round of Voting
<b>Fri., June 10</b>	Regional Players of the Year Announced
<b>Mon., June 13</b>	Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA Freshman All-American Teams Announced
<b>Tue., June 14</b>	National Freshman Pitcher/Player of the Year Announced
<b>Wed., June 15</b>	Pro-Line Athletic/NCBWA All-American Teams Announced
<b>Tue., June 21</b>	National Coach of the Year Announced
<b>Tue., June 21</b>	Stopper of the Year Announced
<b>Tue., June 21</b>	Dick Howser Trophy Winner Announced

*Nominations will be accepted beginning on May 2 (to include statistics through games of May 1) by emailing (strongly preferred) or faxing candidates to: (304-293-4105; Attn: Mike Montoro) or email: mike.montoro@mail.wvu.edu*



home runs, 200 RBI and 300 hits.

After his senior campaign, Phillips was a first-team All-America by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) and Collegiate Baseball Insider. He garnered third-team honors by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA), Baseball America, and Collegiate Baseball.

Following a stellar playing career at Alabama, Phillips was a seventh-round draft pick by the New York Yankees in 1999. He made his Major League debut on Sept. 14, 2004, and in his first at-bat, he belted a home run over the Green Monster in Fenway Park on the first pitch he saw from Terry Adams. Phillips is one of seven players to homer in his first at-bat as a Yankee and became the 21st player in MLB history to hit a home run on the first pitch of his career.

### MIKE LEONARD APPOINTED BATES' HEAD COACH

Mike Leonard, a former Boston Red Sox minor leaguer and All-Big East catcher at the University of Connecticut, has been appointed as head baseball coach at Bates College.

Leonard, who served as head baseball coach at Elms College in 2010, takes over a Bates team that went 25-11 in 2010 to break the team record for wins. The Bobcats return all but one starter from the 2010 season.

Leonard was drafted by the Red Sox following an All-Big East career at the University of Connecticut, where he earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 2004. He spent four years as a catcher in the Red Sox minor league system, including two months with the Double A Portland Sea Dogs. He concluded his professional career in 2009 as a player-coach under former Red Sox catcher Rich Gedman with the Worcester Tornadoes of the independent Can-Am League.

Leonard began his collegiate coaching career as an assistant coach at St. Lawrence University in 2008 and 2009, with primary responsibilities for pitchers, catchers, hitters and strength and conditioning. At St. Lawrence he earned a master of education degree in 2009.

Appointed head coach at Elms College in 2010, he led the Blazers to a 10-22 record. Leonard also instituted the "Blazer Buddies" after-school mentor program that served 15 elementary school children.

A four-year starting catcher for Division I Connecticut, Leonard was an All-Big East selection in 2002 and 2003, and he remains on the Huskies' top-15 career lists in hits (205), runs batted in (118), at bats (648) and games played (177). He was a team captain, a Dee Rowe Athletic Scholarship winner and a Big East Academic All-Conference honoree. During his college years he also played with the Harwich Mariners in the Cape Cod Baseball League. Leonard starred at Rockville (Conn.) High School, and was named Connecticut Gatorade Player of the Year and The Hartford Courant Player of the Year.

During his stint with the Red Sox, he played for the Gulf Coast League Red Sox, the Lowell Spinners, and the Greenville Drive before reaching Portland. While with the Spinners in 2005, Leonard competed alongside such future major leaguers as Jed Lowrie, Clay Buchholz and Jacoby Ellsbury.

### UAM HIRES HENDERSON'S HARVEY AS HEAD COACH

**MONTICELLO, Ark.** — University of Arkansas at Monticello Athletics Director Chris Ratcliff has announced the hiring of John Harvey to become the university's 11th head baseball coach.

Harvey was introduced to the community and members

of the media at a press conference held inside UAM's indoor practice facility.

"I am very excited to bring a coach with the experience and caliber that John has into our athletic department," said Ratcliff at the press conference. "I had a very detailed game-plan going into this process. . . I wanted a man of high character and someone that has the proven ability to win, among other things. . . I called a lot of people for references, and John was the perfect fit for this opportunity."

For the past six seasons, Harvey has been in the process of rebuilding a Henderson State baseball program that has not won a conference championship since 1982. The past two seasons, Harvey has seen his hard work reflect in his team's performance on the diamond. The Reddies broke the program's single-season record for wins with 34 in 2009, but ironically, a 6-5 loss to UAM in Monticello smashed the Reddies' hopes of qualifying for post-season play.

In addition to a record-breaking 2009 season in terms of wins, Harvey also produced a school-record seven All-GSC selections. Also during the 2009 season, the Reddies were ranked as high as No. 14 after upsetting then-ranked No. 7 North Alabama in early March.

In 2010, Harvey and the Reddies turned the corner with the program's first ever appearance in the Gulf South Conference Championship Tournament as the GSC-West's No. 4 seed. Harvey's Reddies finished the season with an overall record of 31-18 and a 12-8 record in GSC games.

"I am very excited to be a Boll Weevil," said Harvey after being introduced to the UAM community. "I know we can win here, but more importantly, I know we can win the right way. . . Our players will go to class and they will graduate. . . On the field, there will be an exciting brand of baseball. . . We will be very aggressive in all aspects of the game, and we will stress defense and effective pitching."

In May of 2004, Harvey was named interim head coach at HSU after serving the previous two seasons as the program's hitting, infield, recruiting, scouting and camp coordinator. In April of 2005, the interim part of his title was removed. In his first season as head coach, the Reddies finished the season with an overall record of 31-22 and 12-11 in GSC games for a fifth place finish in the division.

After his six-year tenure at HSU, Harvey sports a 154-148 overall career record and a 56-69 record in GSC games.

Prior to becoming an assistant coach at Henderson State, Harvey spent the 2002 season as an assistant coach at Itawamba Community College.

Harvey was a four-year letter winner for the Lyon College Scots under head coach Kirk Kelley. He received the "Scot

of the Year" award in 2001, and also set nine school records. He is a 2001 graduate of Lyon College with a bachelor's degree in psychology. In 2004, he earned a master's degree in sports administration from Henderson State.

Harvey is a native of Lufkin, Texas and attended Henderson High School. He is married to the former Jaime Bedard of Jonesboro, and the couple has two boys, Brooks Michael and Brock Maddox.

### SPRY WINS WILBUR SNYPP AWARD

**DALLAS** — Lou Spry, who has served as the official scorer for the College World Series for more than 25 years, is the 36th recipient of the Wilbur Snyp Award, presented annually by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association for outstanding contributions to college baseball.

"I'm very pleased that the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association has recognized me and placed me in the company of so many good people in the business," Spry said. "I had high regard for Wilbur Snyp and worked with him for a few years at the College World Series. It's flattering to be considered for this honor, and it has been a pleasure to be associated with college baseball for so many years."

"Lou Spry actually had the opportunity to work with the Wilbur Snyp Award's namesake from Ohio State at the NCAA World Series and in other championship venues," said NCBWA executive director Bo Carter. "Lou has been such a wonderful friend and inspiration to college baseball for decades, and this honor is much deserved and long overdue."

"No one I know cares more about college baseball in general and the Men's College World Series in particular," said NCAA Director of Statistics Jim Wright. "From the early years when he was the primary NCAA administrator for the CWS in Omaha, to his many years as the event's official scorer, Lou Spry, Omaha and college baseball will forever be connected. I'm proud to consider Lou a friend for over 35 years and very proud that he now is a fellow Wilbur Snyp winner."

Lou has been in his role as official scorer of the College World Series since 1981 and has worked more than 600 games as media coordinator, primary administrator and scorer over 44 years.

Spry retired from the NCAA in April of 1999. He joined the staff in 1966 as the only publications editor. He later became director of research and director of publishing before being named assistant to the executive director in April 1971.

In March 1972, Spry was appointed assistant executive director for championships, and in May 1974 he was named controller. Spry retained the position of controller until 1988, when he was selected as an associate executive director and

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was responsible for the direction of the NCAA's financial affairs.

He also managed 21 annual and special NCAA conventions from 1981-99.

Spry also worked as the sports information director at West Texas A&M (then West Texas State) and was a longtime baseball umpire on several levels including college. He earned the 1977 Lefty Gomez Award for distinguished service to college baseball by the American Baseball Coaches Association and in 1984, he received the Dutch Fehring from the U.S. Baseball Federation. He was also named to the Amateur Baseball Umpires Association's Hall of Fame in 2001.

The Nebraska native attended both Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Puget Sound. He and his wife Marilyn currently reside in Overland Park, Kan.

Spry joins an illustrious group of College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Famers, noted national journalists and others in receiving the award. The plaque memorializes longtime Ohio State sports information director and NCBWA founder the late Wilbur (Bill) Snyp. Snyp was a noted contributor to the writers' organization, which was initiated in 1962 (and celebrating its 49th year in 2010), as well as an officer in the group. The NCBWA/Wilbur Snyp Award yearly honors a professional for contributions to the sport of collegiate baseball. Voting is done by a panel of previous winners, who include past NCAA World Series officials, SIDs, award-winning media members, and college athletics administrators.

### 11TH ANNUAL ALL-CANADIAN TEAM ANNOUNCED

Jesse Sawyer retained his spot on the 11th annual Canadian Baseball Network's All-Canadian Team for 2010.

The South Dakota State Jackrabbits third baseman set the Summit League record with 19 homers in 2009 and then in 2010 went out and equalled the same total. He had 17 doubles and 73 RBIs while hitting .359 in 60 games.

However, Sawyer was unable to maintain his hold on the Canadian player of the year of the more than 700 players who play against competition in the United States.

That honour went to outfielder Marcus Knecht of the Connors State Cowboys, who hit .453 with 24 doubles, 23 homers and 85 RBIs for Connors.

Carl Moniz of the Georgia State Panthers earned the berth at shortstop after hitting .369 with 13 doubles, a team-high four triples and 10 homers knocking in 63 runs.

Over the season, Moniz had 80 hits, fourth most in a season, none more important than his walk-off single in the 10th that gave Georgia State a 3-2 win over William & Mary keeping the Panthers hopes alive of winning its first regular season conference championship.

Brian Burton of the Canisius Golden Griffins took top honours at first base hitting .373 with 11 doubles, 17 homers and 68 RBIs in 59 games for coach Mike McRae to earn All-MAAC Second Team honours the second time in his career.

Burton was tied for third amongst Canadians with Greg Appleton of Cumberland with 17 homers apiece, behind Knecht, who had 23 and Sawyer, who had 19. He was fourth in RBIs behind Knecht, 87, Greg Wallace of Evansville with 75 and Sawyer with 73.

Wallace had a season for the books ... the record books, hitting .371, with 22 doubles, 13 triples and nine homers. He knocked in 75 runs with a .678 slugging mark.

Wallace had a season for the books, tying UE single-

season records for hits: 91, broke school records with 13 triples and RBIs with 75 and set a career record with his 20th homer. He also tied former Jays great Joe Carter's single-season MVC record for triples.

A total of 51 voters cast ballots on the class of 2010.

#### First Team

**LHP:** Shawn Schaefer, Pitts Meadows, B.C. Cumberland Bulldogs

**RHP:** Matt McGovern, Ottawa, North Carolina-Pembroke Braves

**Reliever:** Nathan Lewis, Burlington, Ont. Tarleton State Texans

**Catcher:** Peter Bako, Mississauga, Connors State Cowboys

**First Base:** Brian Burton, Kitchener, Canisius Golden Griffins

**Second Base:** Ivan Hartle, North Vancouver Iowa Western Reivers

**Third Base:** Jesse Sawyer, Calgary,

South Dakota State Jackrabbits

**Shortstop:** Carl Moniz, Laval, Que. Georgia State Panthers

**Outfield:** Marcus Knecht, North York, Ont. Connors State;

Sean Bignall, Brampton, Ont. Northern Oklahoma-Enid Jets,

Greg Wallace, Nanaimo, B.C. Evansville Purple Aces

**DH:** Paul LaMantia, Tecumseh, Ont. Wayne State Warriors

#### Second Team

**LHP:** Sheldon McDonald, Spruce Grove, Alta. UBC Thunderbirds

**RHPs (tie):** Jeff Gibbs, East York, Ont. Maine Black Bears,

Matthew Whidden, Hamilton, Niagara County Trailblazers

**Reliever:** Dan Britton-Foster, Ladysmith, B.C., UBC

**Catcher:** Scott Peters, Altoona, Man. Minot State Beavers

**First Base:** Greg Appleton, Port Coquitlam, B.C. Cumberland

**Second Base:** Chris Bisson, Orleans, Ont., Kentucky

**Third Base:** Jordan Castaldo, Toronto, Arkansas State Red Wolves

**Shortstop:** Sean Jamieson, Simcoe, Ont. Canisius

**Outfielders:** Ryan Fleming, Whitby, Ont., Georgia State;

Ryan LaPensee, LaSalle, Ont. Wayne State Warriors,

Nolan Bracken, Regina, Dickinson State Blue Hawks

**DH:** Ian Choy, Mississauga, Canisius

#### Third Team

**LHP:** Ryan Kennedy, Calgary, Alta. St. Petersburg Titans

**RHP:** Brandon Kaye, Langley, B.C. UBC

**Reliever:** Christian Kowalchuk, Saskatoon, Arkansas Razorbacks

**Catcher (tie):** Aaron Johnson, Sussex Corner, N.B.

Illinois Fighting Illini, Dan Welch, Victoria, B.C. Dayton

**First Base:** Joel Blake, Langley, B.C. South Dakota State

**Second Base:** Jon Cotter, Moose Jaw, Sask., Colby Trojans

**Third Base:** Michael Page, L'Épiphanie, Que., Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Golden Norse

**Shortstop:** Sammie Starr, Toronto, UBC

**Outfield:** Shayne Willson, Surrey, B.C. Canisius,

Aaron Dunsmore, Spruce Grove, Dayton Flyers,

Blake Carruthers, Calgary, UBC

**DH:** Nic Lendvov, Langley, B.C. UBC

### NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Each week during the 2011 season, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) will name the Pro-Line Athletic National Players of the Week, given to the top Division I Hitter of the Week and Pitcher of the Week across the nation.

These award winners will come from among the conference's weekly award winners for those categories.

NCBWA Assistant Executive Director Mike Montoro (West Virginia) will coordinate the process. The first awards were announced on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

### NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BASEBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball. Membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport. Members receive a directory, newsletter updates and official votes in the Howser Award (national player of the year), Regional Player of the Year and NCBWA All-America voting. The NCBWA also sponsors preseason All-American awards, the Stopper of the Year Award, publication and writing contests. Additionally, the organization maintains a website at [www.ncbwa.com](http://www.ncbwa.com).

For membership, send annual dues (\$20), along with mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address information to **Russ Anderson**, NCBWA Associate Executive Director, c/o Conference USA, 5201 No. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 300, Irving, TX 75309.

## 2011 PRESEASON DIVISION I NCBWA ALL-AMERICA TEAM (2010 Stats)

### First Team

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA
C	Peter O'Brien	Bethune-Cookman	Jr.	.384	57	203	51	78	13	0	20	56	18	40	0-3
1B	Jordan Ribera	Fresno State	Sr.	.343	63	251	65	86	20	2	27	69	24	35	1-1
2B	*Zack MacPhee	Arizona State	Jr.	.389	57	229	67	89	8	14	9	64	41	39	20-24
3B	*Anthony Rendon	Rice	So.	.394	63	226	83	89	12	1	26	85	65	22	14-18
SS	Adam Bryant	Troy	Sr.	.356	61	250	70	89	16	6	23	65	26	38	4-4
OF	*Alex Dickerson	Indiana	So.	.419	55	236	62	99	19	0	24	75	20	35	3-5
OF	Jeremy Baltz	St. John's	So.	.396	63	240	64	95	16	1	24	85	28	44	6-6
OF	Jackie Bradley, Jr.	South Carolina	Jr.	.368	67	242	56	89	12	1	13	60	41	37	7-10
DH	*C.J. Cron	Utah	Jr.	.431	49	197	55	85	16	0	20	81	17	23	0-0
UT	Mike McGee	Florida State	Sr.	.328	68	250	61	82	15	1	17	73	44	53	5-8

**Pitching:** 4-1, 2.96 ERA, 20pp, 1GS, 0CG, 13SV, 27IP, 13h, 10R, 9ER, 18BB, 33K

### Pitchers

Pos.	Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
P	^Anthony Meo	Coastal Carolina	Jr.	2.61	13-3	18	16	0	0	96	34	94
SP	^Danny Hultzen	Virginia	So.	2.78	11-1	16	16	1	0	106.2	24	122
SP	^Cole Green	Texas	Jr.	2.74	11-2	17	16	4	0	111.2	27	75
SP	Matt Purke	TCU	So.	3.02	16-0	20	18	1	0	116.1	42	142
SP	Gerrit Cole	UCLA	Jr.	3.37	11-4	19	19	0	0	123.2	52	153
SP	Noe Ramirez	Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	2.54	12-1	16	14	1	0	106	19	119
RP	John Stilson	Texas A&M	So.	0.80	9-1	33	0	0	10	79	23	114
RP	Collin Cargill	Southern Miss	Sr.	1.75	4-2	27	0	0	9	46	11	36
RP	Chris Dennis	Portland	Jr.	1.88	5-1	30	0	0	14	43	11	51

### Second Team

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA
C	Jeff Bandy	Arizona	Jr.	.367	55	210	52	77	22	0	6	42	20	19	4-4
1B	*Paul Hoilman	East Tenn. State	Jr.	.421	60	235	79	99	24	2	25	84	51	41	1-1
2B	Ryan Wright	Louisville	Jr.	.366	57	238	57	87	17	2	15	77	19	23	9-10
3B	Garrett Buechele	Oklahoma	Jr.	.359	65	262	55	94	16	2	17	65	20	51	3-4
SS	B.A. Vollmuth	Southern Miss	So.	.386	60	236	72	91	17	2	20	76	43	51	4-6
OF	Brian Barnett	Nevada	Sr.	.348	58	224	52	78	21	2	18	71	18	64	9-10
OF	Brandon Meredith	San Diego St.	Jr.	.383	51	201	53	77	11	0	7	54	28	40	10-12
OF	Jeff Schaus	Clemson	Sr.	.320	70	284	69	91	14	2	15	87	32	26	9-13
DH	Austin Maddox	Florida	So.	.333	61	255	48	85	16	0	17	71	7	41	0-1
UT	Andy Mee	Florida Atlantic	Jr.	.378	61	262	58	99	17	5	8	55	20	35	405

**Pitching:** 1-2, 2.96ERA, 21App, 0GS, 0CG, 11SV, 24.1IP, 26h, 9R, 8ER, 12BB, 22K

### Pitchers

Pos.	Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
SP	Taylor Jungmann	Texas	Jr.	2.02	8-3	17	17	1	0	120	41	129
SP	^Seth Maness	East Carolina	Sr.	4.17	10-3	17	5	1	1	101.1	16	90
SP	^Steven Maxwell	TCU	Sr.	2.70	11-2	18	18	0	0	103.1	34	93
SP	Sonny Gray	Vanderbilt	Jr.	3.48	10-5	19	16	1	1	108.2	48	113
SP	Tyler Anderson	Oregon	Jr.	2.98	7-5	17	16	1	0	102.2	33	105
RP	Trevor Vermeulen	So. Dakota St	Sr.	1.45	9-1	35	0	0	10	68.1	19	62
RP	Matt Price	South Carolina	So.	2.26	5-1	31	0	0	10	55.2	19	83
RP	Kevin McKague	Army	Sr.	1.33	0-0	17	0	0	13	20.1	7	26

### Third Team (Ties in Voting)

Pos.	Player	School	Class	Avg.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB-SBA
C	Mac Doyle	Wofford	Jr.	.377	54	220	46	83	23	6	16	75	16	54	8-8
1B	Mike Nemeth	Connecticut	Sr.	.386	64	254	63	98	20	1	15	84	38	24	1-2
1B	Preston Tucker	Florida	Jr.	.331	64	245	50	81	17	2	11	49	43	29	8-8
2B	Kevin Tokarski	Illinois State	Jr.	.412	53	204	70	84	25	3	8	53	53	40	32-37
3B	Jason Esposito	Vanderbilt	Jr.	.359	66	262	65	94	25	1	12	64	34	35	31-35
3B	Jacob Tanis	Mercer	Jr.	.388	62	268	69	104	25	1	22	88	22	50	7-10
SS	*Garrett Wittels	FIU	Jr.	.413	56	242	47	100	21	2	2	60	22	19	4-5
OF	*Nick Martini	Kansas State	Jr.	.416	59	231	49	96	17	4	4	59	41	21	19-24
OF	Jason Coats	TCU	Jr.	.361	67	274	68	99	23	4	13	69	20	57	8-10
OF	Taylor Dugas	Alabama	Jr.	.395	67	243	70	96	15	5	2	37	59	21	18-21
OF	George Springer	Connecticut	Jr.	.337	64	243	84	82	16	4	18	62	60	70	33-35
UT	Nick Ramirez	Cal State Fullerton	So.	.346	64	260	62	90	28	1	16	75	19	50	6-6

**Pitching:** 1-3, 3.50ERA, 27App, 1GS, 0CG, 11SV, 43.2IP, 41h, 17R, 17ER, 8BB, 38K

DH	Victor Gomez	Marshall	Sr.	.364	58	220	39	80	15	0	17	63	12	36	7-7
DH	Chad Oberacker	Tennessee Tech	Sr.	.452	56	239	67	108	29	5	6	70	34	23	14-18

### Pitchers

Pos.	Player	School	Class	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	BB	SO
SP	Kyle Winkler	TCU	So.	3.39	12-3	19	19	2	0	116.2	36	92
SP	Tim Kelley	Wichita State	Sr.	3.94	11-2	16	15	2	0	96	26	80
SP	Todd McInnis	Southern Miss	Sr.	3.30	6-5	16	16	0	0	95.1	34	87
SP	Nick Trapeano	Stony Brook	Jr.	2.44	8-4	14	14	7	0	99.2	29	106
SP	Alex Panteliodis	Florida	Jr.	3.51	11-3	18	16	0	0	100	23	82
RP	James Allen	Kansas State	Jr.	2.28	5-1	28	0	0	9	47.1	14	42
RP	Brian Hamilton	Charlotte	Sr.	2.07	4-0	24	0	0	2	31.1	5	40
RP	Lex Rutledge	Samford	So.	1.71	5-1	33	0	0	11	47.1	19	65

\* Conference Player of the Year; ^ Conference Pitcher of the Year

# GIVING ONE FOR THE TEAM: TOM WALTER MAKES SACRIFICE

*Wake Forest baseball coach donates kidney to player*

## By Wake Forest Office of Media Relations

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.** – Wake Forest's slogan for the baseball team in 2011 is "What are you willing to sacrifice to help make this team better?"

Head coach Tom Walter's intent was to have his players thinking about sacrifice bunts, moving runners over, and giving up personal glory to help the Demon Deacons improve as a team.

But what Walter chose to sacrifice is greater than simply hanging in on a curve ball and taking one for the team.

Walter gave up a kidney.

In a procedure performed Feb. 7 at the Emory Transplant Center in Atlanta, Walter had one of his kidneys removed and donated to Kevin Jordan, a freshman member of the Wake Forest baseball team.

Dr. Kenneth Newell, the lead surgeon on the team that removed Walter's kidney, was pleased with the procedures.

"Both surgeries went very well," said Dr. Newell. "We are pleased with how each patient is progressing. We expect each will recover fully."

Jordan suffers from ANCA vasculitis, a type of autoimmune swelling caused by autoantibodies. The immune system produces normal antibodies to fight infection in the body. However, an autoantibody is an abnormal antibody that attacks a person's own cells. ANCA stands for Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Autoantibody and when these autoantibodies are present in the kidneys, it causes a leaking of blood and protein into the urine and eventually results in kidney failure.

Jordan was initially diagnosed with ANCA vasculitis in April of 2010. An all-city baseball player in Columbus, Ga., Jordan had signed a National Letter of Intent to attend Wake Forest in November, 2009, prior to his senior season. Jordan was one of the first prospects that Walter contacted after being hired as Wake Forest's head coach in June, 2009. That October, Jordan finished second in the Bo Jackson 5-Tool Championship, an event held at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Fla. that measures a player's ability to hit, hit with power, run, throw and field.

Wagner Mateo of the Dominican Republic won the event and signed a \$500,000 free agent contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Jordan finished second overall to Mateo and won the home run portion of the competition with six homers. He signed with Wake Forest just weeks later.

"Kevin is one of the most highly touted players in the country," said Walter at the time that Jordan signed. "He possesses game-changing speed and plus power. He is the kind of offensive talent that opposing coaches have to manage around. He will be an impact player from the moment he sets foot on campus." Jordan's decision to sign with Wake Forest was the result of a solid recruiting effort by Walter and his coaching staff. "We got a meeting with Coach Walter and one of the things we did, like everybody does, is go to the internet and look up (his) name and get some background," said Keith Jordan, Kevin's father. "I think the two things that really, really sold us on Coach (Walter) and Wake Forest, was when we met him, you can look at a person in the eye and see if they really mean what they say and say what they mean. You could see that in him. Also, when we went to the internet and saw some of the things that happened in New Orleans and how

he worked with the team and the players and the comments that were coming back from some of the people. But, again, the third was just about Wake Forest itself. The background, the family-oriented atmosphere. We really felt good when we went to the school. I don't think we had that many long conversations but they were probably the most meaningful conversations that you can have. My wife was almost sold immediately. Those things really played an important part of our decision and Kevin's decision-making."

Donating a kidney was not Walter's first experience with adversity. In August, 2005, Walter welcomed a 22-member recruiting class as he and his staff sought to rebuild the University of New Orleans baseball program. Five days later Hurricane Katrina raced through Louisiana and Mississippi, leaving a path of destruction.

With so many brand new team members, Walter and his staff paired up each player, made sure they had a location to evacuate to, and then crossed their fingers that everybody would arrive safely.

"(The players) were literally driving away in cars not knowing each other, having met each other just five days ago," recounted Walter. "I'm trying to call everybody to make sure they're on the road. It was a matter of going up and down the roster and checking names off just to make sure everybody was out of town and accounted for."

Eventually, Walter and his team regrouped in Las Cruces, New Mexico on the campus of New Mexico State University where they spent the fall semester attending class and practicing before returning to New Orleans in the spring. That recruiting class formed the nucleus of UNO's back-to-back NCAA Regional teams in 2007 and 2008.

During the winter of 2010, Jordan was unable to shake the effects of the flu. After losing 20 pounds off his 6-1, 185-pound frame, he was referred to Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, a roughly two hour trip from Columbus. Doctors at Emory found that Jordan's kidney was functioning at only 15 to 20 percent of its normal ability. Kevin continued playing baseball though he and his family knew he wasn't quite the same player he had been just months earlier when he won the 5-Tool Championship.

"Kevin is one of those types of person who really like to play ball, compete, be a part of a team, be involved," said Keith Jordan. "The biggest part to him was he knew he wasn't up to where he was in, let's say, October of last year (2009). That hardest part was not knowing why. The big thing in going back and forth to doctors here in Columbus and trying to figure out, trying to get some information, trying to understand, trying to know what to do. He didn't do quite as well as he had done in the early years, but they got into the playoffs and he was struggling but still working and trying to come back. He actually gained some of (his weight) back around the first of April (2010) but you knew something just wasn't right and that was the key to us going out and trying to find out what caused it and why."

Jordan's talent was still strong enough that the New York Yankees drafted him in the 19th round of the 2010 Major League Baseball Draft. But before long, he found himself on dialysis three days a week. And then it was time to report to Wake Forest for the start of the fall semester. Despite the

dialysis, Kevin never wavered in his decision to attend Wake Forest.

"The thing he told us, because as parents we're always trying to look out for his best interests, and (his) mother is always trying to make sure 'is this what you want to do?'" said Keith Jordan. "His focus was 'I want to live as normal a life as I can. I've committed to the school and I want to do whatever I can to live up to that commitment. I want to play ball, I want to go to Wake Forest, I've made that decision.'"

Even before classes began on August 25, Jordan and his family visited Dr. Barry Freedman at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Walter and baseball athletic trainer Jeff Strahm accompanied the family to the appointment.

"We had been communicating with the Jordans last spring and through the summer," said Walter. "But I had no idea of the extent of Kevin's condition until that doctor's appointment. Kevin was meeting with Dr. Freedman for the first time and I went to that meeting. Five minutes into that, listening to Dr. Freedman speak, I was like 'Oh My God!' I had no idea what Kevin had been going through over the course of the summer and the spring. It just gave me a whole new perspective on everything. That's when the reality, the gravity of the situation hit me. Until that doctor's appointment, I just had no idea."

Dr. Freedman told the family that Kevin's kidney function had fallen to just eight percent of its normal capacity. Soon, the decision was made to increase the dialysis from three times a week to every day. Rather than visiting a dialysis center, Kevin, along with Strahm, were taught how to self-administer the dialysis. A catheter in Kevin's chest was moved to his stomach to facilitate the daily dialysis. After a full day of class, Kevin would hook-up the dialysis machine every night at 11 p.m. He would stay connected until 8 a.m. the next morning.

Doctors told Kevin that a kidney transplant was the next step. Testing began on members of the Jordan family to see if anybody was a match.

"I can tell you my wife (was) tested," said Keith Jordan. "I have high blood pressure so that knocked me out right off the bat. His brother was tested and was not able to do it."

During the fall, Walter told Keith Jordan that he would be willing to go through compatibility testing to see if he was a match.

"The last person they tested was his brother and I think they found out sometime in mid-December that the brother wasn't going to be a match," said Walter. "As soon as I found that out, Mr. Jordan and I were in contact and he said 'Well, Coach if you're still willing.' I said 'Absolutely, just tell me what I need to do'. He gave me the phone number of the living donor coordinator here in Winston-Salem. I called her immediately and set up my appointment to come in and get my blood work done."

Walter underwent the initial test on Dec. 20, 2010 when a sample of his blood and Kevin's blood were placed in a Petri Dish to make sure they were compatible. Further testing of Walter took place at Emory in January and included a chest x-ray, CT scan and dye-injection test during a two-day stay at the hospital. That was followed by more testing which included testing Walter's blood for its clotting ability and hav-



ing the coach wear a blood pressure monitor for 24 hours.

On January 28, the first day of spring practice, Walter was at Gene Hooks Field at Wake Forest University Baseball Park when his cell phone rang.

"I found out during practice," said Walter. "I never carry my cell phone with me at practice because I just don't think it's right. We were about a half hour into practice when I got that call. I couldn't even make the requisite phone calls because we needed to finish practice. After I got that call, I sent a quick e-mail to Mr. Jordan and to Dr. Freedman, basically just 'APPROVED!' with exclamation points after it. I told them I was good to go and they had given me a surgery date of February 7. At that point I hadn't told the team or even talked to Ron Wellman about it and, again, I certainly wasn't going to make the final decision until talking to both of those parties. Not that I anticipated a problem. Everybody was in full support the whole time."

Walter waited until Monday, January 31 before telling the team of his decision.

"It was stunned silence followed by a round of applause," said Walter. "A couple guys came up. Austin Stadler, our captain being one of them, came up and shook my hand. The guys have been great. They've been unbelievable. We have a classy bunch of kids here. I didn't expect anybody to have any issues with this. They've been great with Kevin. And Kevin's been great with them. I know the guys ask me about Kevin all the time and how he's doing. They check his Facebook page and things like that to make sure he's doing okay. We've got a pretty good group. (We are) very fortunate to have the character young men that we have here at Wake Forest."

Keith Jordan broke the news to Kevin and spoke of his reaction.

"The sheer happiness . . . we knew that our prayers had been answered," said Keith Jordan. "Kevin just, you could just imagine the smile on his face that maybe, all of this nighttime dialysis and medicine, and the shots he's having to take, and maybe all of this would be behind him a little bit. Of course, when you get a kidney, you still have to take medicine but it's nowhere near what you have to take today. But you can't imagine the joy and happiness and thankfulness we give for Coach Walter. It's just a blessing that we've received. We have to take it from there and move forward."

Coming to the decision to donate his kidney was not a difficult one for Walter.

"First and foremost, Kevin even showing up on our campus I thought was a courageous act on his part, certainly far more courageous than anything I'm doing," said Walter. "For him to be a freshman in college, not knowing anybody on campus, and having to be in a room on dialysis, I think just took an incredible . . . the word I keep coming back to is courage. When we recruit our guys, we talk about family and we talk about making sacrifices for one another, for our teammates. So, it's something we take very seriously. And I think this is something anybody would do for a family member. So long as I had the support of my family, which I have had great support from them, the support of (athletic director) Ron Wellman and Wake Forest University. And they have been nothing but great. Ron was very receptive to this. And my team. Those were the three factors. Once I had the support of my family, Wake Forest and Ron Wellman and my players, it was a no-brainer."

"I would like to just again express my thanks to Coach Walter and the Wake Forest staff and also the baseball players themselves," said Keith Jordan. "I will echo what Coach Walter said that this is a really great, unique atmosphere to be in. The

word family really means something to Wake Forest. We know we've made some great decisions to get (Kevin) to this point."

The procedure started early Monday morning with a surgical team led by Dr. Kenneth Newell removing Walter's kidney. Dr. Allan Kirk was the lead surgeon on the team that transplanted the kidney to Kevin.

While many will marvel at the sacrifice Walter is making, the coach downplays his role.

"I would do anything to help any one of my players and any one of my family members," said Walter. "Anything that I could do in my power that I could do to give them a better quality of life, is something I want to do. Maybe it's something as little as helping mentor them in their academic pursuits or help them choose a major, or something of a greater magnitude like this. But my number one priorities in life are my family and my team and I will do anything to help any one of those people."

Recovery for both donor and recipient will take several months, but both are looking forward to returning to a normal life.

"I think it will be two months before I'm quote-unquote normal again," said Walter. "Personally, I'm looking at running as my stress relief and my time to think and sort through some of the things in my head, like line-up decisions and things like that. I'll be looking forward to that first time when I can get out there and run again and that looks like it will be about two months."

For Kevin, the timeline for his recovery is similar.

"What they're saying is possibly in six to eight weeks he can start swinging a bat and maybe in a little after eight weeks he can start doing a little more work," said Keith Jordan. "Our expectation is that in June we want him back in summer school, getting ready for the fall semester. But again, we're going to have to go step by step and see if it all works out. We'll be working with Coach Walter and Dr. Freedman at Wake (Forest University Baptist Medical Center) to make sure we're doing what's right for Kevin."

Walter sought out the advice of other organ donors in order to better anticipate what his recovery would be like.

"The person I talked to who was great was Coach (Dennis) Womack, the former UVA (Virginia) baseball coach who had recently donated a kidney to a family member," said Walter. "He was a great resource for me because I was able to ask him coaching-specific questions and he obviously, having just recently been through it, he's a couple of months ahead of where I am, but he knows the rigors of the job and what I do on a day-to-day basis. It put my mind at ease talking to him because I am going to be able to be involved, although not throwing batting practice, hitting fungoes or coaching third, but I can certainly be involved. The biggest thing, from what he tells me, that I'm going to fight is fatigue. The doctor told me this as well. Most days I'll get up and feel great in the morning and four hours later, I won't be able to keep my eyes open. So that's the biggest thing I'm going to fight. Fortunately, the Wake Forest people have provided me with a couch in the office so I can take some cat naps!"

In Walter's immediate future, following the surgery, is the realization that the Deacons open the 2011 season in Baton Rouge with a three-game series against LSU. But he knows the team will be in good hands.

"I certainly don't see myself coaching third (base), and I certainly don't see myself hitting fungoes," said Walter. "And you're probably not going to see me charging out of the dug-out to argue a call! But I'm going to be there, I can promise you that. I've got it set up where I might only miss two scrimmage

dates here over the next two weeks. Hopefully I can even be in the stands and watch the last couple scrimmages so I'll be better able to make line-up decisions. The good news in all this is that I have a (great) staff . . . Dennis Healy (assistant coach/pitching coach), and this will be my eighth year with Dennis at various places and this will be my fourth year with Bill Cilento (assistant coach/hitting-infielders) at various places and, obviously, my second year with Grant Achilles (volunteer assistant coach). I have all the confidence in the world in those guys and their ability to make decisions and take care of the team. Through all this, the last thing I wanted to do was jeopardize any chance of success for the other 34 guys on the team for the sake of Kevin. And at no point do I feel that their well-being is in jeopardy. Our assistant coaches are great and they've got a great handle on our team and what needs to be done. I'll do as much as I can down there but I'm also very confident that if there are things I can't do, those tasks are in great hands."

Wake Forest's coach knows there are risks inherent to any surgery but those have not factored into his decision. Tom Walter's focus is on what lies ahead for Kevin Jordan.

"Certainly, the best-case scenario is that Kevin and I just lead a normal life," said Walter. "For Kevin's sake, I think that's the first goal, that Kevin can just have a normal life. Forget the baseball part of it for now. If he gets back on the field, that's going to be the best story of all. That's when (the media) are going to be calling back for another press conference, because that's going to be the great story, when he makes it back to the playing field. But, take that aside, just him having a normal life, where he can be a normal college student and not be hooked up to a dialysis machine from 11 o'clock at night to eight in the morning every night and just be a normal freshman. The same thing for me, that I can do all the things that I've been able to do my whole life, all the things I enjoy doing. Go for a run, or play with my kids, or play a round of golf, or coach third base and hit fungoes. Those are basically the five things I love to do. Hopefully getting back to that as quickly as possible. Certainly, the downside, you don't like to think of those things a lot but with any surgery there's obviously risks. Then, certainly, down the line, the risks on my end would be that, I might have something happen to my one kidney and I would be left with none. That's not something that's even on my radar screen. I'm not worried about that. You can't plan for that, that's like telling yourself you're not going to leave the house because you might get hit by a car."

In the case of the 2011 Demon Deacons, Tom Walter has already answered the biggest question. He has shown what he is willing to sacrifice in order to make Wake Forest University better. And not just on the baseball field.



## 2011 PRESEASON POLLS

## DIVISION I

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Rk.
1.	TCU	54-14	3
2.	UCLA	51-17	2
3.	Florida	47-17	8
4.	Vanderbilt	46-20	15
5.	Oklahoma	50-18	5
6.	Texas	50-13	9
7.	Clemson	45-25	4
8.	South Carolina	54-16	1
9.	Cal State Fullerton	46-18	12
10.	Florida State	48-20	6
11.	Arizona State	52-10	7
12.	Oregon	40-24	25
13.	Virginia	51-14	10
14.	Stanford	31-25	-
15.	Rice	40-23	21
16.	Texas A&M	43-21-1	24
17.	Connecticut	48-16	22
18.	Coastal Carolina	55-10	11
19.	LSU	41-22	29
20.	Miami	43-20	13
21.	Georgia Tech	47-15	16
22.	Louisville	50-14	17
23.	Auburn	43-21	19
24.	Arkansas	43-21	14
25.	Arizona	34-24	-
26.	College of Charleston	44-19	27
27.	UC Irvine	39-21	20
28.	Alabama	42-25	18
29.	North Carolina	38-22	26
30.	California	29-25	-
31.	St. John's	43-20	28
32.	Baylor	36-24	-
33.	Wichita State	41-19	-
34.	Washington State	37-22	-
35.	Fresno State	38-25	-

**Others receiving votes:** Bethune-Cookman (35-22), Cal Poly (23-32), Charlotte (39-17), East Carolina (32-27), Elon (38-24), Florida Atlantic (37-24), FIU (36-25), Hawaii (35-28), James Madison (30-23), Kansas (31-27-1), Kansas State (37-22), Kent State (39-25), Liberty (42-19), Louisiana-Lafayette (38-22), Michigan (35-22), Minnesota (32-20), Ole Miss (39-24), N.C. State (38-24), New Mexico (38-22), Oregon State (32-24), Pittsburgh (38-18), San Diego (37-22), San Diego State (28-28), Southern Miss (36-24), Texas State (38-22), The Citadel (43-22), Troy (36-25), Tulane (32-24), UC Riverside (32-23), UCF (33-22), VCU (34-26-1), Virginia Tech (40-22), Western Carolina (37-21-1).

## DIVISION II

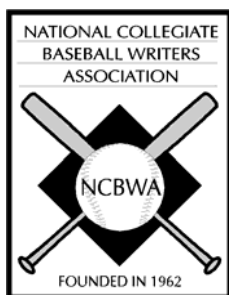
Rk.	Team	Record	Last Rk.
1.	Southern Indiana (10)	52-14	1
2.	UC San Diego (3)	54-8	2
3.	Central Missouri	47-8	4
4.	Georgia College & State	42-17	3
5.	Kutztown, Pa.	42-15	5
6.	Tampa, Fla.	46-11	6
7.	Franklin Pierce, N.H.	43-17-1	7
8.	Abilene Christian, Texas	46-13	10
9.	Southern Arkansas	47-10	9
10.	Minnesota State	44-16	8
11.	Columbus State, Ga.	44-12	12
12.	Valdosta State, Ga.	43-17	17
t-13.	Emporia State, Kan.	42-14	18
t-13.	Francis Marion, S.C.	40-14	13
t-15.	Grand Valley State, Mich.	37-16	16
t-15.	West Chester, Pa.	39-14	15
17.	Mount Olive, N.C.	41-11	11
18.	Florida Southern	41-16	21
19.	Chico State, Calif.	35-20	RV
20.	Cal State Dominguez Hills	41-20	19
21.	Mesa State, Colo.	37-20	NR
22.	Northern Kentucky	43-17	23
23.	Southern Connecticut State	38-13-1	20
24.	California, Pa.	34-18	RV
25.	St. Mary's, Texas	39-17	RV

**Also receiving votes:** West Florida (36-20); St. Cloud State, Minn. (41-17); Hawaii Pacific (39-12); New Mexico Highlands (41-13); Catawba, N.C. (40-13); Incarnate Word, Texas (40-16); Stonehill, Mass. (31-18); Seton Hill, Pa. (36-21); Delta State, Miss. (34-16-1); USC-Aiken (32-19); UT-Permian Basin (38-21); Erskine, N.C. (40-15); Florida Tech (39-16); Winona State, Minn. (36-16).

## DIVISION III

Rk.	Team	Record	Last Rk.
1.	Heidelberg [19]	42-8	4
2.	UW-Stevens Point [3]	34-18	6
3.	Kean	39-12	9
4.	Cortland State [1]	40-10-1	2
5.	UW-Whitewater [1]	42-7	8
6.	Johns Hopkins	44-7	5
7.	Shenandoah	38-10	7
8.	Linfield	37-13	3
9.	Illinois Wesleyan [1]	31-21	1
10.	St. Thomas	35-9	10
11.	Chapman	31-11	14
12.	Marietta	36-13	13
13.	Mass-Boston	2-17	12
14.	Tufts	34-7	18
15.	Mississippi College	39-11	15
16.	St. Scholastica	38-8	19
17.	Wooster	34-9	16
18.	Pomona-Pitzer	31-11	17
19.	Wheaton (Mass.)	34-10	21
20.	Trinity (Texas)	32-9	20
21.	Keystone	30-9	--
22.	Texas-Tyler	36-12	22
23.	Salisbury	30-13	23
24.	Eastern Connecticut	31-15	--
25.	Plattsburgh State	30-10	--

**Also receiving votes:** Frostburg State 41, Rhodes 41, Pacific Lutheran 38, Buena Vista 38, Rowan 38, St. Joseph's (Maine) 22, North Central (Ill.) 22, UW-Oshkosh 21, Carthage 21, St. John Fisher 19, Endicott 18, Penn State-Behrend 15, North Park 13, Ripon 12, Texas Lutheran 12, Methodist 12, Webster 12, Rose-Hulman 9, Worcester State 8, Augustana 8, Franklin 8, Western New England 6, Thomas More 6, Adrian 6, Christopher Newport 6, DePauw 4, Mary Hardin-Baylor 4, Mary Washington 2, Millsaps 2, Wartburg 2, Anna Maria 2, Moravian 1.



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