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NCBWA ANNOUNCES FOURTH ANNUAL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association has selected its fourth annual preseason All-America teams with a wide variety of NCAA World Series standouts, student-athletes from traditional powers and players representing 16 different Division I conferences for the 2003 campaign.

2002 World Series standouts relief pitcher Huston Street (Outstanding Player in the CWS) of Texas, Rice first baseman Vincent Sinisi, outfielder Sam Fuld of Stanford and Houston starting pitcher Brad Sullivan (National Summer Player of the Year) are among the featured first team members.

Southern University second baseman and 2002 NCAA batting leader (.495) Rickie Weeks returns after earning first team All-America laurels from the NCBWA on its 2002 postseason honors' squad. Richmond outfielder Vito Chiaravallotti is the leading home run producer on the 2003 preseason first unit with 23 while Conference USA stalwarts DH Darryl Lawhorn (.416-19 HR-64 RBI) of East Carolina and utility athlete Michael Aubrey (.315-7 HR-56 RBI, 8-1 pitching record) of Tulane join the solid group.

Street (four saves in four appearances in the NCAA World Series) and Simmons (2-0 in the CWS) had a hand in 34 of the 57 wins (57-15) by NCAA champion Texas last season while the starting pitchers on the first team, including Houston's Brad Sullivan (nation-leading 157 strikeouts) and Wake Forest's Kyle Sleeth (14-0), combined for a 58-5 pitching mark in '02. Street and Villanova's James Russell, the initial unit relief aces, combined for 29 saves last season to rank among the top returnees nationally for 2003.

Sophomore shortstop Stephen Drew, the *Baseball America* 2002 Freshman of the Year with a .402 average, 16 homers and 54 RBI, teams with fellow Atlantic Coast Conference standout 3B Jamie D'Antona (.336-20 HR-83 RBI) for enviable infield numbers, while Eastern Michigan OF Ryan Goleski of the Mid-American Conference posted a .381 average with 22 dingers and 70 RBI.

Richmond joins Texas and Wake Forest as the only schools to place two players on first team. Outfielder Vito Chiaravalloti (23 HR, 86 RBI) joins pitcher Tim Stauffer (15-3, 1.64 ERA, 140 K) in representing the Spiders.

2002 Big East Conference Pitcher of the Year Chris Lambert (9-3, 2.76 ERA) of Boston College leads a star-studded second team along with Conference USA single season batting recordholder (.441) Terry Trofholz of TCU. Clemson first baseman Michael Johnson (25 home runs) is the top home run hitter on all three teams. UCLA's multi-talented Wes Whisler holds the second team utility athlete post after cracking 18 homers and going 5-2 as a pitcher in 2002.

Rice, Western Athletic Conference champ, also places a pair of pitchers on the second and third teams in Philip Humber (11-1) and Steven Herce (13-3), while Pacific-10 Conference stalwarts DH Joey Metropoulos of Southern California and Whisler of UCLA are two to watch. Cal State Fullerton starter Wes Littleton and relief ace Chad Cordero both grace the second team while Big Ten Conference mainstay pitchers Scott Lewis of Ohio State and Tim Day of Michigan State join Indiana 3B Vasili Spanos on the third squad.

2003 NCBWA Preseason All-America Team

1st Team Position Players

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	Н	HR	RBI
1B Vincent Sinisi, Rice	So.	.428	271	65	116	11	80
2B Rickie Weeks, Southern U.	Jr.	.495	198	63	98	20	96
3B Jamie D'Antona, Wake Forest	Sr.	.336	223	62	75	20	83
SS Stephen Drew, Florida State	So.	.402	252	64	101	16	54
C David Castillo, Oral Roberts	Jr.	.398	226	59	90	14	79
OF Ryan Goleski, Eastern Michigan	Jr.	.381	218	62	83	22	70
OF Vito Chiaravalloti, Richmond	Sr.	.366	238	69	85	23	86
OF Sam Fuld, Stanford	Jr.	.372	274	61	102	6	43
DH Darryl Lawhorn, East Carolina	Jr.	.416	250	56	104	19	64
UT/ATH Michael Aubrey, Tulane	Sr.	.315	208	40	66	7	56

Pitching: 8-1, 4.45 ERA, 10 GS, 60.2 IP, 58 H, 14 BB, 36 SO

1st Team Pitchers

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	н	BB	so	sv
SP Brad Sullivan, Houston	Jr.	13-1	1.82	18	128.1	80	49	157	0
SP Tim Stauffer, Richmond	Jr.	15-3	1.54	20	146	110	34	140	0
SP Justin Simmons, Texas	Jr.	16-1	2.52	20	128.1	106	39	80	0
SP Kyle Sleeth, Wake Forest	Jr.	14 - 0	2.97	18	118.1	115	41	113	0
RP Huston Street, Texas	So.	4 - 1	0.95	35	47	24	9	49	14
RP James Russell, Villanova	Sr.	1-3	2.33	22	27	25	8	35	15

2nd Team Position Players

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
1B Michael Johnson, Clemson	Sr.	.384	263	62	101	25	81
2B Steve Sollman, Notre Dame	Jr.	.362	213	53	77	2	47
3B Conor Jackson, California	Jr.	.382	219	43	84	16	61
(tie) Lee Curtis, Charleston	Sr.	.409	225	67	92	15	65
SS Aaron Hill, LSU	Jr.	.329	222	46	73	9	47
C Pat O'Brien, Kent State	Sr.	.335	230	62	77	17	56
OF Carlos Quentin, Stanford	Jr.	.303	267	55	81	12	54
OF Terry Trofholz, TCU	Sr.	.441	213	51	94	3	40
OF Jeff Barry, Vermont	Jr.	.401	177	50	71	4	36
DH Joey Metropoulos, USC	So.	.352	224	51	79	13	65
UT/ATH Wes Whisler, UCLA	So.	.328	211	33	69	18	46

Pitching: 5-2, 4.06 ERA, 16 G, 84.1 IP, 94 H, 40 BB, 59 SO

2nd Team Pitchers

Pos. Name School Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	н	BB	SO	sv
SP Chris Lambert, Boston Coll. So	9-3	2.76	17	78.1	75	24	87	0
SP Wes Littleton, CS Fullerton Jr	9-4	2.40	21	131.1	116	34	86	0
SP Matt Lynch, Florida State Jr.	13-2	3.59	20	130.1	116	30	98	0
SP Kyle Bakker, Georgia Tech Jr.	13-2	3.14	19	134.2	132	24	115	0
(tie) Philip Humber, Rice So.	11-1	2.77	18	110.2	90	43	130	0
RP Chad Cordero, CS Fullerton Jr	4-3	2.91	33	55.2	46	20	81	12
RP Ryan Schrover, Ariz, State Jr	4 - 1	2.37	28	60.2	50	35	75	8

3rd Team Position Players

Class	BA	AB	R	Н	HR	RBI
Jr.	.407	214	69	86	22	84
Jr40 S	SB .368	302	73	111	1	40
Jr.	.341	214	43	73	11	61
Jr.	.385	174	50	67	16	65
Sr.	.320	231	60	74	13	47
Jr.	.353	246	59	87	13	75
Jr.	.363	216	38	78	4	50
Sr.	.401	212	40	85	10	50
Jr.	.365	203	47	74	16	60
Sr26	SB.412	250	71	103	2	41
Sr.	.355	212	39	71	12	54
Sr.	.371	294	69	109	12	51
Jr.	.267	171	23	46	1	23
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Pitching: 2-1, 0.53 ERA, 18 G, 17 IP, 17 H, 3 BB, 13 SO, 9 saves (tie) Michael Scooter, UNC Greensboro Jr., 12-1, 2.96 ERA, 27 G, 100.1 IP, 93 H, 21 BB, 86 SO, 3 SV

3rd Team Pitchers

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	sv
SP Tim Day, Michigan State	So.	11-3	3.21	16	81.1	84	13	60	0
SP Grant Johnson, Notre Dam	e So.	9-5	3.46	18	101.1	94	44	86	0
SP Scott Lewis, Ohio State	So.	8-2	2.84	17	92	87	29	91	0
SP Steven Herce, Rice	Sr.	13-3	2.79	17	119.1	106	23	104	0
(tie) Tim Cunningham, Stanf	ord S	r. 10-3	4.26	20	112	108	47	67	0
RP Taylor Tankersley, Alaba	ma So	. 8-5	2.62	25	68.2	55	20	65	7
RP Tyler Sullivan, Bham-So.	Sr	3-1	0.87	22	31	26	17	28	7
(tie) George Huguet, Miami-	Fl Jr	7-4	4.50	31	50	52	12	45	8
Ty Kline, Oregon State	Sr.	6-1	3.68	22	51.1	49	14	29	2

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