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NCBWA ANNOUNCES 2006 PRO-LINE CAP/NCBWA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association announced its 16th annual Pro-Line Cap/NCBWA All-America Division I baseball teams on Tuesday. The five finalists for the Dick Howser Trophy, which will be presented at a news conference Friday at 10 a.m. (CDT) from the Omaha Hilton Garden Hotel in Omaha, are just a few of the high-profile collegians on the “dream teams.”

Rice pitcher Eddie Degerman, James Madison outfielder Kellen Kulbacki, Washington pitcher Tim Lincecum, Houston P-DH-UTIL Brad Lincoln, and Cal State Fullerton sophomore Wes Roemer highlight the first unit. Degerman and Roemer pitched their teams into the NCAA World Series after both schools hosted NCAA Super Regionals on June 9-12.

In addition, NCBWA Stopper of the Year Don Cxyz (who recorded a school-record and NCAA-leading 19 saves) of Kansas joins the five finalists for that Award on either the first or second units of these selections, which began after the 1991 season and are voted upon by members of the NCBWA.

The first team starting pitchers combined for 51 wins and 610 strikeouts prior to NCAA World Series activity, while the relief men – Rice’s Cole St.Clair and KU’s Cxyz – had 30 saves between them and both had earned run averages below 1.60.

Hitters on the first team were among national leaders in almost every category.

Kulbacki smashed a NCAA Division I-topping 24 home runs, while shortstop Tom King of Troy paced the nation in hits with 117 (prior to World Series stats, which count in individual and team tallies). Kulbacki was also second nationally in batting average at .464 while Ohio State third baseman Ronnie Bourquin was chosen as Big Ten Conference Player of the Year.

Pittsburgh second baseman Jim Negrych, the first Panthers’ baseball player to be named as a semifinalist on the Dick Howser Trophy list and NCBWA District I Player of the Year, carried a .396 average with 11 homers and 60 RBI in 53 games. Designated hitter/utility athlete Lincoln not only ripped 14 home runs – second on the Cougars’ 2006 squad, but won 12 games in 14 decisions, while striking out 152 batters in 127 2/3 innings. Lincoln’s impressive totals brought the first unit pitching victories’ total up to 63 along with 762 strikeouts – the most ever by a first team in NCBWA All-America annals.

Clemson first baseman Andy D’Alessio (22 homers, 80 RBI) and Cal State Fullerton’s Roemer (who pitched 60-plus innings without a walk in ’06 and entered the CWS with six free passes in 141 2/3 innings for a .38 walk ratio each nine innings tossed) have the opportunity to be two of the stalwarts in the 2006 NCAA World Series in Omaha after posting awesome numbers prior to June 16.

The second team has five starting pitchers with a 68 victories, including 14-game winners Lauren Gagnier of Cal State Fullerton and TCU’s Jake Arrieta. Oregon State’s Dallas Buck (12-2) paced the Beavers into their first back-to-back appearances in the CWS in school history during 2005 and ’06. Second team relief ace Vinnie Pestano of Cal State Fullerton on the second squad gives the Titans a total of three moundmen on the first two teams.

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2006 NCBWA ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
1B Andy D'Alessio, Clemson	Jr.	.313	240	54	75	22	80
2B Jim Negrych, Pittsburgh	Jr.	.396	182	41	72	11	60
3B Ronnie Bourquin, Ohio State	Jr.	.416	219	54	91	8	66
SS Tom King, Troy	Jr.	.411	285	75	117	8	73
C Michael McKenry, Middle Tenn.	Jr.	.390	210	42	82	13	68
OF Tyler Colvin, Clemson	Jr.	.362	268	62	97	13	69
OF Jacob Dempsey, Winthrop	Jr.	.403	248	71	100	17	78
OF Kellen Kulbacki, James Madison	So.	.464	194	68	90	24	75
DH/ATH Brad Lincoln, Houston	Jr.	.295	224	35	66	14	53

Pitching: 12-2, 1.69 ERA, 17 G, 127.2 IP, 91 H, 32 BB, 152 SO, 0 SV

Pitchers

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP Eddie Degerman, Rice	Sr.	13-1	1.31	18	119.2	74	47	158	0
SP Tim Lincecum, Washington	Jr.	12-4	1.94	22	125.1	75	63	199	3
SP Andrew Miller, North Carolina	Jr.	13-2	2.11	16	110.2	87	36	119	0
SP Wes Roemer, Cal State Fullerton	So.	13-1	1.97	18	141.2	107	6	134	0
RP Don Czyz, Kansas	Sr.	6-0	1.56	37	63.1	49	15	60	19
RP Cole St.Clair, Rice	Sr.	6-2	1.82	35	69.1	34	24	94	11

SECOND TEAM

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
1B Ryan Strieby, Kentucky	Jr.	.343	233	60	80	20	77
2B Eric Sogard, Arizona State	Jr.	.353	184	47	65	9	50
3B Zach Daeges, Creighton	Sr.	.350	180	59	63	13	49
SS Ryan Khoury, Utah	Sr.	.438	224	73	98	13	56
C Jake Smith, East Carolina	Sr.	.344	218	41	75	13	65
OF Luke Gorsett, Nebraska	Jr.	.348	207	44	72	15	48
OF Shane Robinson, Florida St	Jr.	.361	269	79	97	7	38
OF Emeel Salem, Alabama	Jr.	.356	284	67	101-36 SB	2	32
DH/ATH Sean Doolittle, Virginia	So.	.324	216	49	70	4	57

Pitching: 11-2, 2.38 ERA, 18 G, 90.2 IP, 64 H, 21 BB, 108 SO, 1 SV

Pitchers

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP Dallas Buck, Oregon State	Jr.	12-2	3.02	18	115.2	84	53	88	0
SP Nick Chiggas, Coll. of Charleston	Jr.	11-2	1.40	17	115.2	86	48	100	0
SP Lauren Gagnier, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	14-4	2.42	19	122.2	92	23	101	0
SP Wade LeBlanc, Alabama	Jr.	11-1	2.92	18	129.1	100	43	128	0
SP Jake Arrieta, TCU	So.	14-4	2.35	19	111.0	96	37	111	1
RP Kevin Gunderson, Oregon State	Jr.	2-2	2.34	32	42.1	31	16	39	17
RP Vinnie Pestano, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	2-1	0.97	29	37.0	19	14	43	13
RP Joshua Fields, Georgia	Jr.	3-2	1.74	32	46.2	32	11	52	15

THIRD TEAM (Ties in voting)

Pos.	Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
1B	Craig Cooper, Notre Dame	Sr.	.425	228	79	97	9	41
1B	Chad Huffman, TCU	Jr.	.388	209	58	81	18	71
2B	Ramon Corona, N.C. State	So.	.353	278	71	98	6	57
3B	Evan Longoria, Long Beach State	Jr.	.353	201	42	71	11	53
3B	Marc Maddox, Southern Miss	Sr.	.313	246	61	77 (14 SB)	18	70
SS	Zack Cozart, Ole Miss	So.	.337	267	57	90	10	64
SS	Chris Minaker, Stanford	Sr.	.364	258	47	94	11	68
SS	Zach Penprase, MS Valley State	Jr.	.362	199	44-57 SB	72	2	39
C	Sean Coughlin, Kentucky	Jr.	.325	203	52	66	17	55
C	Kody Valverde, Alabama	Sr.	.347	219	58	76	12	59
OF	Michael Epping, New Orleans	Sr.	.400	205	56	82	8	58
OF	Cole Gillespie, Oregon State	Jr.	.387	204	74	79	12	53
OF	Drew Holder, Dallas Baptist	Sr.	.364	220	73	80	20	75
OF	Ben Saylor, BYU	Sr.	.354	237	58	84	21	66
OF	Drew Stubbs, Texas	Jr.	.342	243	65	83	12	58
DH/ATH	Joe Savery, Rice	Sr.	.335	242	59	81	9	63
Pitching: 5-1, 2.76 ERA, 13 G, 62 IP, 55 H, 24 BB, 62 SO, 0 SV								
DH/ATH	Damon Sublett, Wichita State	So.	.394	165	45	65	10	45
Pitching: 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 14 G, 12.1 IP, 5 H, 10 B, 23 SO, 7 SV								

Pitchers

Pos.	Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Tyler Chambliss, Florida State	Jr.	12-4	2.97	19	115	105	50	117	0
SP	Josh Cribb, Clemson	Sr.	9-0	3.09	16	87.1	70	26	83	0
SP	David Price, Vanderbilt	So.	9-5	4.16	19	110.1	92	43	155	0
SP	Nick Schmidt, Arkansas	So.	9-3	3.01	17	116.2	90	50	145	0
SP	Tony Watson, Nebraska	So.	10-2	2.78	17	100.1	88	24	69	0
SP	Alex Wilson, Winthrop	Jr.	13-3	3.78	20	138	127	50	143	0
RP	Daniel Best, Southern Miss	Sr.	6-2	2.22	31	52.2	49	11	50	13
RP	Milan Dinga, Army	Jr.	2-0	0.48	17	18.2	12	2	22	10
RP	Andrew Urena, Mercer	Sr.	4-2	1.30	30	48.1	36	27	59	15