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### **STANDOUT RETURNEES HEAD 2007 NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Returning NCBWA Pro-Line Cap All-America stars and several standouts from the 2006 NCAA World Series highlight the seventh annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason 2007 All-America team.

2006 first team first baseman Andy D'Alessio (.312-23 HR-85 RBI) of Clemson joins fellow first unit member OF Kellen Kulbacki of James Madison (.464-24 HR-75 RBI), the nation's returning leader in home runs and batting average in Division I, and Cal State Fullerton World Series returnee Wes Roemer (13-2, 145 SO, 7 walks, 155 IP) as three of the sterling returnees.

NCAA World Series heroes 1B Chad Flack and SS Josh Horton of North Carolina on the second team have their school poised to make another run at the NCAA Championship, captured last June by Oregon State for the first time. Fellow CWS competitors include first team starting pitcher (after blazing in relief in '06) Cole St. Clair, P/1B Joe Savery and SS Brian Friday of the Rice Owls on the '07 dream team rosters.

Team USA performers from summer 2006 also are in abundance with Vanderbilt 3B Pedro Alvarez, utility star P-1B Sean Doolittle of Virginia, Rice's St. Clair, and Texas Tech's Roger Kieschnick, to name just a few, receiving recognition.

The starting pitching staff also has strong numbers worth noting behind Roemer. TCU's Jake Arrieta (14-4), Arkansas' Nick Schmidt (9-3), and Nebraska's Tony Watson (10-2) were aces of their staffs, while relief men Joshua Fields (15 saves) of Georgia, Blair Erickson (14) of UC Irvine and Milan Dinga of Army (10) combined for 39 saves and microscopic ERAs in a total of 81 appearances out of the bullpen.

First team infielders and outfielders featured such feats as Alvarez's 22 home runs as a freshman, seven triples and 36 stolen bases by Alabama OF Emeel Salem, a 11-2 pitching mark to compliment a .324 batting average by Doolittle, and 17 home runs apiece by C Kevin Coughlin of Kentucky and OF Steven Strasbaugh of Western Carolina.

The three units have representation from 18 different conferences as teams anticipate the opening of 2007 baseball in late January or early February. Preseason All-Americans give a sneak peek to those who may be in contention for the prestigious 21<sup>st</sup> annual Dick Howser Trophy, voted upon by NCBWA members and awarded annually in Omaha, Neb., prior to the NCAA World Series.

### **2007 NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

#### **FIRST TEAM**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>
C	Kevin Coughlin, Kentucky	Sr.	.325	58	203	52	66	13	0	17	55
1B	Andy D'Alessio, Clemson	Sr.	.312	69	250	55	78	15	0	23	85
2B	Eric Sogard, Arizona State	Sr.	.353	55	184	47	65	13	5	9	50
3B	Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt	So.	.329	64	240	70	79	15	1	22	64
SS	Zack Cozart, Mississippi	Sr.	.338	66	272	57	92	16	1	10	64
UTIL	Sean Doolittle, Virginia	Jr.	.324	62	216	49	70	15	1	4	57
Pitching: 11-2, 2.38 ERA, 18 G, 90.2 IP, 64 H, 21 BB, 108 SO, 1 SV											
DH	Robert Rodebaugh, Elon	Sr.	.340	61	203	47	69	21	0	11	60
OF	Emeel Salem, Alabama (36 SB)	Jr.	.356	65	284	67	101	14	7	2	32
OF	Steven Strasbaugh, Western Car.	Jr.	.340	54	209	61	71	17	1	17	64

OF Kellen Kulbacki, James Madison Jr. .464 53 194 68 90 17 2 24 75

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>W-L</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>SV</b>
SP	Wes Roemer, CS Fullerton	Jr.	13-2	2.38	21	155	126	7	145	0
SP	Cole St.Clair, Rice	Jr.	7-2	1.82	37	74.1	39	26	100	11
SP	Jake Arrieta, TCU	Jr.	14-4	2.35	19	111	96	37	111	1
SP	Tony Watson, Nebraska	Jr.	10-2	2.78	17	100.1	88	24	69	0
SP	Nick Schmidt, Arkansas	Jr.	9-3	3.01	17	116.2	90	50	145	0
RP	Joshua Fields, Georgia	Jr.	3-2	1.80	35	50	36	11	56	15
RP	Blair Erickson, UC Irvine	Sr.	5-0	2.06	29	52.1	40	33	57	14
RP	Milan Dinga, Army	Jr.	2-0	0.48	17	18.2	12	2	22	10

*(also plays OF)*

## **SECOND TEAM**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>
C	Matt Wieters, Georgia Tech	Jr.	.355	68	259	72	92	20	0	15	71
1B	Chad Flack, North Carolina	Jr.	.384	67	292	68	112	18	5	13	68
2B	Ramon Corona, N.C. State	Jr.	.353	63	278	71	98	19	5	6	57
3B	Jonathan Greene, Western Carolina	Sr.	.338	60	240	41	80	13	0	14	45
SS	Josh Horton, North Carolina	Jr.	.395	68	271	62	107	17	1	7	59
(tie)	UTIL Joe Savery, Rice	Jr.	.335	69	254	61	85	20	1	9	66
Pitching: 5-1, 2.76 ERA, 13 G, 62 IP, 55 H, 24 BB, 62 SO, 0 SV											
UTIL	Damon Sublett, Wichita State	Jr.	.394	46	165	45	65	9	1	10	45
Pitching: 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 14 G, 12.1 IP, 5 H, 10 B, 23 SO, 7 SV											
DH	Brendan Murphy, Marshall	Sr.	.315	54	203	40	64	19	1	15	70
OF	Jared Prince, Washington State	So.	.401	56	207	50	83	16	1	9	58
OF	Danny Payne, Georgia Tech	Jr.	.356	43	180	56	64	14	1	11	44
OF	Tommy Lentz, Winthrop	Sr.	.379	62	232	51	88	17	1	8	51

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SP	Barry Enright, Pepperdine	Jr.	13-2	4.05	21	124.1	145	22	68	0
SP	Chris Ashman, Oral Roberts	Sr.	10-1	2.17	19	99.1	82	24	75	0
SP	Alex Wilson, Winthrop	So.	13-3	3.78	20	138	127	50	143	0
SP	Nick Chiggas, Coll. Of Charleston	Sr.	11-2	1.40	17	115.2	86	48	100	0
SP	Aaron Shafer, Wichita St.	So.	11-3	2.63	16	99.1	87	22	77	0
SP	David Price, Vanderbilt	Jr.	9-5	4.16	19	110.1	92	43	155	0
RP	Daniel Moskos, Clemson	Jr.	5-5	2.52	33	53.2	44	21	54	10
RP	Luke Tucker, Florida State	Sr.	2-1	1.06	27	34	15	16	51	9

## **THIRD TEAM (Ties in Voting)**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>RBI</b>
C	J.P. Arencibia, Tennessee	Jr.	.352	55	216	44	76	17	0	11	52
C	Matt Smith, Texas Tech	So.	.377	49	183	38	69	16	1	7	46
1B	Adam Amar, Memphis	Sr.	.395	55	210	40	83	17	3	10	66
2B	Jemile Weeks, Miami (Fla.)	So.	.352	66	256	69	90	18	6	6	40
3B	Conor Gillaspie, Wichita State	So.	.352	68	261	41	92	18	3	7	67
3B	Curt Smith, Maine	So.	.390	58	223	56	87	18	6	5	55
SS	Brian Friday, Rice	Jr.	.353	70	269	66	95	22	3	9	57
SS	Todd Frazier, Rutgers	Jr.	.366	58	227	62	83	14	3	11	51
UTIL	Josh Dew, Troy	Jr.	.317	56	208	65	66	12	1	17	67
Pitching: 5-1, 2.98 ERA, 24 G, 48.1 IP, 39 H, 21 BB, 63 SO, 7 SV											
UTIL	Ryan Wehrle, Nebraska	Sr.	.367	57	226	50	83	22	1	8	48
DH	David Doss, South Alabama	Sr.	.400	44	175	39	70	19	1	7	39
OF	Roger Kieschnick, Texas Tech	So.	.359	58	237	54	85	14	2	9	55
OF	Marcus Davis, Alcorn State	Jr.	.424	47	170	56	72	15	12	11	64
OF	Eric Rose, Michigan	Sr.	.329	56	213	43	70	7	1	2	45
OF	Collin Cowgill, Kentucky	Jr.	.298	61	225	62	67	15	1	16	61

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SP	Mitch Harris, Navy	Jr.	10-3	1.74	13	82.2	57	20	113	0
SP	Bryan Henry, Florida State	Sr.	9-4	2.88	18	115.2	98	30	98	0
SP	Ben Norton, Evansville	Sr.	9-3	3.23	19	97.2	87	33	73	1
SP	Christian Friedrich, Eastern Kentucky	So.	10-2	1.98	15	82	64	24	118	0
SP	Greg Dombrowski, Kentucky	Jr.	10-2	2.83	15	101.2	113	11	54	0
SP	Tommy Hunter, Alabama	So.	10-3	3.30	20	117.1	115	22	80	1
SP	Dan DeLucia, Ohio State	Sr.	10-2	3.25	15	108	103	25	69	0
RP	Daniel Latham, Tulane	Sr.	5-3	4.75	35	47.1	49	10	41	14
RP	Brett Hunter, Pepperdine	So.	5-3	2.83	29	60.1	52	16	53	11

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