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PITCHERS DOMINATE 2008 NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

LINCOLN, Neb. – In a year when pitching has a solid chance of being dominant, the eighth annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association preseason 2008 All-America team reflects the plethora of mound aces returning for the upcoming campaign.

With the unified Feb. 22 earliest start date for Division I teams, returning 2007 NCBWA Pro-Line Athletic All-America hurlers Brian Matusz (10-3, 2.85 ERA) of San Diego, Jacob Thompson (11-0, 1.50 ERA) of Virginia and Preston Guilmet (12-2, 1.87 ERA) of Arizona join fellow '08 returnees Ryan Berry of Rice, Josh Satow of Arizona State and Scott Gorgen of UC Irvine in heading possible the deepest first team since the NCBWA started its preseason selections prior to 2001. Two-time NCAA World Series champions Oregon State added righty Mike Stutes (12-4) to a second team mound staff which had a composite record of 54-14 and almost 1.2 strikeouts per inning among the six starting pitchers.

There also is no shortage of stellar relief pitchers among 2007 preseason All-America returnee Cole St. Clair of World Series entry Rice, Eryk McConnell of NC State and Paul Koss of Southern California on the first unit.

Lest readers forget any of the “big bangers” on offense, 2007 Division I home run champion OF Kyle Russell (28 dingers) of Texas joins the likes of returning pre- and postseason All-America 3B Pedro Alvarez of Vanderbilt and .404-hitting 1B Brett Wallace of Arizona State (another 2007 A-A returnee) on a hard slugging first team.

Talented utility players such as Michigan’s Zach Putnam (.330 average, 8 homers, 59 RBI, 8-5 pitching record, played key role in Wolverines’ upset over top-ranked Vanderbilt in the '07 NCAA Nashville Regional) and San Diego’s Josh Romanski (10-1 pitching mark, .335 batting average) add even more pre-2008 credibility to the dream team.

The stellar outfield also includes Rice CWS participant Aaron Luna and Vanderbilt slugger Dominic de la Osa. Catcher Petey Paramore is one of five Arizona State position players or pitchers featured on the eighth annual NCBWA preseason edition.

There are 19 conferences and 39 schools represented on the three units, which form the base for the '08 Pro-Line Athletic All-America squad and the 22nd annual Dick Howser Trophy, presented by the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Area chamber of Commerce and voted upon by the NCBWA membership. The Howser Trophy will be awarded on Saturday morning prior to Game One of the NCAA World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha, Neb., on June 14, 2008, at the Omaha Press Club.

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2008 Preseason NCBWA All-America Team (2007 Stats)

First Team

Pos.	Name, School	Class	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI
C	Petey Paramore, Arizona State	Jr.	.379	64	224	64	85	18-1-6	52
1B	Brett Wallace, Arizona State	Jr.	.404	63	265	75	107	17-8-16	78
2B	Johnny Giavotella, New Orleans	Jr.	.385	64	247	65	95	19-4-15	65
3B	Pedro Alvarez, Vanderbilt	Sr.	.386	66	272	76	105	21-3-18	68
SS	Derek Shunk, Villanova	Sr.	.357	54	210	49	75	12-3-2	34
UTIL	Zach Putnam, Michigan	Jr.	.330	61-61	224	38	74	14-2-8	59
Pitching: 8-5, 3.87 ERA, 16 G, 102.1 IP, 94 H, 38 BB, 87 SO, 0 SV									
DH	C.J. Ziegler, Arizona	Sr.	.355	59	228	59	81	23-2-13	63
OF	Aaron Luna, Rice	Jr.	.315	66	236	57	74	15-3-13	66
OF	Kyle Russell, Texas	Jr.	.336	63	223	68	75	11-5-28	71
OF	Dominic de la Osa, Vanderbilt	Sr.	.376	66	249	65	94	23-2-20	62

Pitchers

Pos.	Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Ryan Berry, Rice	So.	11-3	3.01	23	122.2	112	34	125	0
SP	Scott Gorgen, UC Irvine	Jr.	13-3	2.83	22	136.2	118	41	117	0
SP	Preston Guilmet, Arizona	Jr.	12-2	1.87	18	135	100	34	146	0
SP	Brian Matusz, San Diego	Jr.	10-3	2.85	18	123	98	37	163	0
SP	Josh Satow, Arizona State	Sr.	13-3	2.76	20	133.2	119	53	119	0
SP	Jacob Thompson, Virginia	Jr.	11-0	1.50	17	114	79	32	101	0
RP	Daniel Edwards, Kansas St	Sr.	3-0	2.27	23	35.2	22	13	49	11
RP	Eryk McConnell, NC State	Sr.	3-2	1.72	28	52.1	43	11	35	11
RP	Cole St. Clair, Rice	Sr.	0-0	1.91	16	28.1	22	8	26	9

Second Team

Pos.	Name, School	Class	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI
C	Tim Federowicz, North Carolina	Jr.	.333	73	291	46	97	19-1-4	65
1B	Justin Smoak, South Carolina	Jr.	.315	66	260	64	82	16-0-22	72
2B	Brandon Turner, Mississippi State	So.	.399	55	208	46	83	13-1-3	48
3B	Conor Gillaspie, Wichita State	Jr.	.325	73	295	55	96	24-4-6	63
SS	Danny Espinosa, Long Beach State	Jr.	.319	53	210	44	67	13-4-7	38
UTIL	Josh Romanski, San Diego	Jr.	.335	56	224	43	75	10-2-3	30
Pitching: 10-1, 3.05 ERA, 18 G, 112 IP, 90 H, 24 BB, 92 SO, 3 SV									
DH	Kiel Roling, Arizona State	Jr.	.356	58	194	57	69	10-0-15	63
OF	Ollie Linton, UC Irvine	Jr.	.342	57	152	30	52	4-8-0	21
OF	Mike Bianucci, Auburn	Jr.	.326	47	175	46	57	11-1-14	51
OF	Mike McKenna, FAU	Sr.	.413	56	218	46	90	14-2-16	60

Pitchers

Pos.	Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Bobby Gagg, Coastal Car.	Jr.	12-2	2.57	17	112	102	27	84	0
SP	Buddy Leake, Arizona St.	So.	13-2	3.69	25	127	126	29	94	1
SP	Lance Lynn, Ole Miss	Jr.	8-5	2.85	18	123.1	94	44	146	0
SP	Mike Minor, Vanderbilt	So.	9-1	3.09	19	90.1	76	19	88	2
SP	Zack Pitts, Louisville	Sr.	10-3	2.52	20	121.2	105	24	91	0
SP	Mike Stutes, Oregon State	Sr.	12-4	4.07	22	132.2	111	60	129	0
RP	David Cales, UIC	Jr.	3-0	0.74	24	36.1	21	1	34	13
RP	Pat Venditte, Creighton	Sr.	8-2	1.88	38	95.2	62	22	99	4
RP	Drew Weatherford, MS St.	Jr.	3-2	3.53	20	66.1	58	25	72	5

Third Team (ties in voting)

Pos.	Name, School	Class	BA	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI
C	Buster Posey, Florida State	Jr.	.382	62	246	66	94	21-2-3	65
1B	Dustin Ackley, North Carolina	So.	.402	73	296	70	119	20-3-10	74
2B	Alex Buchholz, Delaware	Jr.	.387	55	238	46	92	27-6-11	63
2B	Blake Stouffer, Texas A&M	Sr.	.398	67	256	58	102	23-5-12	85
3B	Matt Prokopowicz, Hofstra	So.	.416	54	197	41	82	11-1-6	52
SS	Brandon Crawford, UCLA	Jr.	.335	61	248	50	83	17-2-7	55
UTIL	Cole White, Army	Sr.	.408	48	179	27	73	12-3-4	29
Pitching: 7-3, 3.49 ERA, 14 G, 67 IP, 59 H, 19 BB, 54 SO, 0 SV									
DH	Scott Hawkins, La.-Lafayette	Jr.	.344	59	209	54	72	11-2-16	49
OF	Tony Campana, Cincinnati-60 SB	Sr.	.329	56	237	51	78	5-1-1	18
OF	Ike Davis, Arizona State	Jr.	.349	62	238	56	83	23-0-8	61
OF	Scott Krieger, George Mason	Jr.	.365	54	219	59	80	12-2-20	68
OF	Ryan Lavarney, Yale	Jr.	.467	43	150	33	70	17-1-14	55
OF	Mike McKenna, FAU	Sr.	.413	56	218	46	90	14-2-16	60

Pitchers

Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Jared Bradford,	LSU	Sr.	10-4	4.41	23	96	94	16	81	5
SP	Aaron Crow,	Missouri	Jr.	9-4	3.59	18	117.2	109	33	90	0
SP	Eric Erickson,	Miami (Fla)	So.	10-4	2.50	16	90	84	16	63	1
SP	Ben Mancuso,	Creighton	Sr.	10-3	2.34	14	77	77	20	60	0
SP	Rob Musgrave,	Wichita St	Sr.	10-2	2.59	18	111.1	96	17	85	0
SP	Aaron Shafer,	Wichita St	Jr.	8-2	2.23	15	84.2	69	23	90	0
SP	Anthony Shawler,	Old Dom.	Jr.	11-2	2.20	15	114.2	95	29	130	0
RP	Nick Cassavechia,	Baylor	Sr.	6-2	3.12	50	52	43	20	72	11
RP	Joe Kelly,	UC Riverside	So.	3-1	1.32	22	27.1	28	11	19	6
RP	Chris Manning,	Belmont	Jr.	3-0	2.67	24	27	20	4	17	11

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