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### NCBWA ANNOUNCES THIRD ANNUAL PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, celebrating its 40th year in existence, announced its third annual preseason All-America Division I baseball teams for the 2002 season Wednesday.

Despite the graduation and professional signings of such groups as 12 members of the post-2001 NCBWA first unit, the pre-'02 squads are representative of all areas and talent levels throughout the country.

Stanford second baseman Chris O'Riordan heads the list of 2002 returnees on the first unit while Clemson third baseman Jeff Baker brings back post-2001 second team All-America credentials.

While a solid staff of pre-2002 pitchers graces the All-America projections, the first team's starters include a foursome with a combined record of 44-10 in 2001 and NCAA World Series participants Shane Komine of Nebraska and Stanford's Jeremy Guthrie. First-teamers Michael Rogers of Oral Roberts (14-1) and Komine (14-2) are NCAA DI leaders in returning individual victories.

The relief corps includes returning 2001 second team selection Dave Bush of Wake Forest with 16 saves and a 2.65 ERA along with sophomore standout George Huguet of defending national champion Miami (Fla.). Huguet was 1-0 with 14 saves in 44 appearances as a freshman in 2001 and had a 2.03 earned run average.

Power hitters join these dominating pitchers on the third edition of the NCBWA pre-campaign All-America squads. Besides Clemson's Baker with 22 home runs (major college's highest returning round-tripper total) and 69 runs-batted-in on the first unit, Tigers' teammate 1B Michael Johnson blasted 18 home runs to net top unit laurels.

Miami shortstop Javy Rodriguez, freshman from a visit to the White House to celebrate the 2001 NCAA championship with head coach Jim Morris and former Yale righthander U.S. President George W. Bush, adds some of the most daunting statistics to the dream team. The returning senior stole a 2001-nation's best 66 bases while batting .388 with five homers and 51 RBI. First team catcher Jeremy Brown of Alabama batted .363 with no errors in 330 chances as a junior in '01.

The All-America outfield also includes a pair of standouts who captured Player of the Year honors in their respective conferences. Notre Dame's Steve Stanley, a junior in 2002, batted .400 with 31 stolen bases and 102 hits while leading the Fighting Irish to the brink of a NCAA World Series berth while netting Big East Player of the Year recognition. Towson OF Gregg Davies earned Player of the Year kudos in the America East Conference after hitting .399, smacking 15 homers, driving in 74 runs and notching Most Valuable Player honors in the America East postseason tourney. Conference USA standout Michael Aubrey of Tulane returns with equally-impressive credentials as the designated hitter-utility athlete on the first team. The 2001 National Freshman of the Year belted 13 homers with 69 RBI for the initial Green Wave entry in the NCAA World Series while going 3-1 as a pitcher. Two of his wins came in the NCAA tournament, and he also had a CWS appearance on the mound.

On the 72-man contingent, which includes both starting pitchers and relief men, there are 12 different conferences represented and players from 21 different state where their universities are located.

In 2002 the NCBWA again will join forces with the Greater St. Petersburg (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce to select the national collegiate player of the year in presentation of the Dick Howser Trophy—emblematic of the collegian with standout athletics' ability as well as off-field character and service. Last year's Howser Trophy winner was consensus Player of the Year stalwart pitcher Mark Prior of Southern California.

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2001 NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

**FIRST TEAM**

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI		
1B Michael Johnson, Clemson	Jr.	.321	218	58	70	18	54		
2B Chris O'Riordan, Stanford	Sr.	.379	232	53	88	10	63		
3B Jeff Baker, Clemson	Jr.	.369	233	66	86	23	69		
SS Javy Rodriguez, Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	.388	201	52	78	5	51 (66 SB)		
C Jeremy Brown, Alabama	Jr.	.363	190	47	69	10	48		
OF Steve Stanley, Notre Dame	Jr.	.400	255	76	102	1	32		
OF Gregg Davies, Towson	Sr.	.399	218	57	87	15	74		
OF Carlos Quentin, Stanford	So.	.345	249	55	86	11	52		
UT/ATH Michael Aubrey, Tulane	So.	.361	277	74	100	13	69		
		<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
		3-1	5.15	17	71.2	75	33	46	1

**Pitchers**

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP Bobby Brownlie, Rutgers	Jr.	6-3	2.36	14	84	65	17	86	0
SP Jeremy Guthrie, Stanford	Jr.	10-4	2.72	17	109.1	81	39	110	0
SP Shane Komine, Nebraska	Sr.	14-2	3.35	18	131.2	129	36	157	0
SP Michael Rogers, Oral Roberts	Sr.	14-1	2.37	18	121.1	99	46	137	1
RP Dave Bush, Wake Forest	Sr.	3-3	2.65	41	74	57	19	85	16
RP George Huguet, Miami (Fl.)	So.	1-0	2.08	44	44.1	35	13	34	14

**SECOND TEAM**

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI		
1B Phil Pilewski, Toledo	Sr.	.433	171	42	74	13	57		
2B Steve Sollman, Notre Dame	So.	.373	201	49	75	5	34		
3B Nick Blankenship, Texas Tech	Sr.	.353	272	53	96	10	61		
SS Eric Arnold, Rice	Sr.	.325	252	50	82	15	65		
C Chris Shelton, Utah	Sr.	.374	203	59	76	19	66		
OF Matt Davis, Va. Commonwealth	Sr. (49SB)	.396	227	84	90	3	26		
OF Burney Hutchinson, Ole Miss	Sr.	.356	219	69	78	14	63		
OF Todd Leathers, Winthrop (30 2B)	Sr.	.392	189	58	74	10	53		
UT/ATH Matt Hopper, Nebraska	Jr.	.358	254	69	91	12	85		

**Pitchers**

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP John Maine, Charlotte	Sr.	12-6	3.82	20	134.1	113	54	144	0
SP Steve Reba, Clemson	Jr.	12-3	2.58	18	108	84	31	103	0
SP Bob Runyon, Fresno State	Sr.	10-1	3.54	20	127.0	134	22	93	0
SP Ben Thurmond, Winthrop	Jr.	9-1	2.24	12	87.2	73	26	81	1
RP Andy Hutchings, Charleston	So.	3-2	3.25	27	27.2	24	13	29	12
RP Luke DeBold, Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	2-1	1.74	44	57	47	7	67	4

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**THIRD TEAM**

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI			
1B Val Majewski, Rutgers	Sr.	.373	209	59	78	8	50			
2B Peter Summa, Holy Cross	Sr.	.368	155	38	57	6	44			
3B Brock Koman, Michigan	Jr.	.383	196	49	75	14	60			
3B Nick Blankenship, Texas Tech	Sr.	.353	272	53	96	10	61			
3B Joe Drapeau, Maine	Jr.	.333	186	47	62	12	51			
SS Victor Menocal, Georgia Tech	Sr.	.381	268	71	102	4	51			
C Chad Oliva, Jacksonville	Sr.	.335	194	56	65	19	65			
OF Jeff Christy, Stetson	Sr.	.375	208	54	78	14	49			
OF Len Elias, Bowling Green	Sr.	.397	204	62	81	13	58			
OF Rickie Weeks, Southern U.	So.	.422	185	78	78	14	70			
UT/ATH Jarrod Schmidt, Clemson	Jr.	.298	215	43	64	16	51			
		<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>	
		6-3	4.15	14	65	64	29	55	0	
Pitchers										
Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV	
SP Lance Cormier, Alabama	Sr.	9-5	2.30	17	110	109	29	73	1	
SP Andy Dickinson, Illinois	Sr.	11-1	3.51	20	115.1	122	38	99	2	
SP Kyle Johnson, St. Bonaventure	Jr.	7-2	1.88	13	72	60	18	57	1	
SP Sam Narron, East Carolina	Jr.	12-1	2.78	14	94	85	16	63	0	
RP Jeffrey Carswell, Georgia	Sr.	10-2	3.32	24	59.2	55	16	62	1	
RP Will Brinson, East Carolina	Jr.	3-1	2.36	22	34.1	25	14	38	8	

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