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### ***NCBWA ANNOUNCES 2004 DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA TEAMS***

DENVER.—National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association announced its 14th annual 2004 All-America Division I baseball teams Tuesday.

Led by All-Everything pitcher Jered Weaver of Long Beach State, the “dream team” is a solid collection of student-athletes who have excelled on all levels in '04 and are prevalent in the NCAA World Series at Omaha from June 18-27/28.

Weaver, a two-time NCBWA All-America first teamer, posted numbers unseen in the Big West Conference and nationally for the campaign. He was 15-1 overall with 201 strikeouts in 136 1/3 innings pitched, just 19 walks, 25 earned runs, a 1.65 ERA, and a .161 opponents' batting average.

The 2003 and '04 Co-Big West Player of the Year with teammates Abe Alvarez and P Jason Windsor, respectively, led coach Mike Weathers' squad to the finals of the NCAA Long Beach Super Regional. Two extra-inning losses to Arizona of the Pacific-10 Conference stood in the way of a Dirtbags' trek to the 2004 World Series.

On the mound side with Weaver are two of the NCBWA's preseason All-America starting hurlers from defending national champion Rice. Philip Humber was among the Top Seven in Division I total wins nationally with a 13-2 record and 1.80 ERA. Teammate Wade Townsend, who was almost unhittable in RU's 2003 drive to the NCAA crown, went undefeated at 11-0 in '04 with a team-leading 1.68 ERA. Each Owls' moundman had 141 strikeouts for coach Wayne Graham's squad. 2004 preseason All-America Jeff Niemann was an almost certain choice for the first unit before being sidelined for part of the year by injuries. The Rice aces were all among the first 10 selections in the 2004 Major League Baseball Draft.

Texas junior lefty J.P. Howell (14-2, 2.26 ERA, 153 strikeouts in 123 2/3 innings of work to lead all Big 12 Conference pitchers in the first three categories) rounded out the initial starters selected after tossing coach Augie Garrido's Longhorns to the NCAA World Series for the fourth time in five years.

Relief pitchers on the first unit had similarly-stunning numbers. Southern Miss standout Austin Tubb had a hand in 18 winning decisions (8-0 record with 10 saves) in his 32 relief appearances and had a 0.93 ERA for the Conference USA power coached by Corky Palmer. Three-time All-America RHP Huston Street of Texas came on strongly toward the latter part of the season to save 12 games in 27 appearances and increase his Texas and Big 12 Conference career record for saves to 42.

A cavalcade of Division I's top hitters for average and power batsmen is reflected in all three units. New Mexico State 1B Billy Becher returns with .42 home runs per game (25 in 59 outings) to lead the nation in that category. All-Conference USA 2B Jarrett Hoffpauir of Southern Miss adds some of the best extra-base numbers of any middle infielder with 11 homers, 92 RBI and a .405 batting average. C-USA Player of the Year Ryan Jones of East Carolina helped the Pirates move to within two triumphs of a first-ever trip to Omaha with his 18 homers and 66 RBI in the first 49 games of the season.

Shortstop Dustin Pedroia of Arizona State also returns as the first team member from the 2003 contingent after pacing the Pacific-10 Conference contender to back-to-back NCAA appearances.

Catcher Landon Powell, the Southeastern Conference Co-Player of the Year, slimmed down some 35 pounds in the offseason and jumped up his statistical numbers to 19 homers and 64 RBI for the World Series-bound Gamecocks. Fellow SEC slugger OF Jon Zeringue of LSU hit close to the .400 all year and led the Tigers back to their almost-annual trek to Omaha.

Promising a solid future for Division I baseball, youngsters such as Nebraska sophomore 3B Alex Gordon (Big 12 Player of the Year with 18 homers, 75 RBI and a .754 slugging percentage), William & Mary sophomore OF Chris Rahl (20 homers, 70 RBI) and Florida State soph OF Eddy Martinez-Esteve (.385 average, 19 home runs, 81 RBI) are just some of the second-year standouts represented on the first unit. A total of 48 different schools and nine student-athletes in the dent in 2004 NCAA World Series is on either the first, second or third squads in this year's voting by NCBWA membership.

In 2004 the NCBWA, St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and Xanthus to select the national collegiate player with the Xanthus Dick Howser Trophy—embodying a collegian with standout athletics' ability as well as off-field character for Division I diamondman of the year. The '04 announcement and award ceremony are set for 9:30 a.m. (CDT) at the Omaha (Neb.) Courtyard by Marriott, 101 So. 10<sup>th</sup> Street downtown, second floor meeting area, on Friday, June 18.

### FIRST TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>
1B	Billy Becher, New Mexico St.	Sr.	.329	234	63	77	25	90
2B	Jarrett Hoffpauir, Southern Miss	Jr.	.405	269	62	109	11	92
3B	Alex Gordon, Nebraska	So.	.365	211	64	77	18	75
SS	Dustin Pedroia, Arizona State	Jr.	.393	244	78	96	9	49
C	Landon Powell, South Carolina	Jr.	.356	233	60	83	19	64
OF	Eddy Martinez-Esteve, Fla. State	So.	.385	270	57	104	19	81
OF	Jon Zeringue, LSU	Jr.	.396	227	52	90	11	52
OF	Chris Rahl, William & Mary	So.	.389	229	73	89	20	70
UT/ATH	Ryan Jones, East Carolina	Sr.	.400	215	66	86	19	69

### Pitchers

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<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>
SP	Jered Weaver,	Long Beach State	Jr.	15-1	1.65	18	136.1	76	19	201	0
SP	Philip Humber,	Rice	Sr.	13-2	1.80	18	105	71	33	141	1
SP	Wade Townsend,	Rice	Jr.	11-0	1.68	17	112.2	65	43	141	2
SP	J.P. Howell,	Texas	Jr.	14-2	2.26	22	123.2	87	45	153	1
RP	Austin Tubb,	Southern Miss	Sr.	8-0	0.93	32	38.2	29	7	49	10
RP	Huston Street,	Texas	Jr.	5-1	1.46	27	49.1	29	12	48	12

### SECOND TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>
1B	Josh Brady, Texas Tech	Jr.	.362	260	63	94	20	90
2B	Warner Jones, Vanderbilt	So.	.414	268	55	111	11	74
3B	Brad McCann, Clemson	Jr.	.379	253	64	96	16	65
SS	Brian Bixler, Eastern Michigan	Jr.-31 SB	.453	243	74	110	8	47
C	Kurt Suzuki, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	.437	231	73	101	16	86
OF	Byron Barber, Coll. of Charleston	Jr.-25 SB	.410	261	63	107	0	58
OF	Marshall Hubbard, North Carolina	Jr.	.352	250	55	88	17	83
OF	Ryan Frith, Southern Miss	Sr.	.341	249	59	85	22	63
UT/ATH	Stephen Head, Ole Miss	So.	.346	228	41	79	13	53

Pitching: 6-3, 2.82 ERA, 17 G, 70.1 IP, 68 H, 19 BB, 56 SO, 5 SV

**Pitchers**

Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Greg Bunn,	East Carolina	Jr.	10-1	2.71	17	106.2	72	30	117	0
SP	Justin Hoyman,	Florida	Jr.	11-2	2.71	19	139.2	116	38	89	0
SP	Spencer Grogan,	Okla. St.	Jr.	12-3	2.95	17	131	154	15	75	0
SP	Matt Fox,	UCF	Jr.	14-2	1.85	17	111.2	78	32	125	0
RP	Anthony Rea,	Santa Clara	Jr.	5-1	1.68	30	53.2	36	10	53	13
RP	Chad Blackwell,	So. Carolina	Jr.	4-3	2.79	35	58	47	13	74	19

**THIRD TEAM (Ties in voting)**

Pos.	Name	School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	
1B	Mike Ferris,	Miami (Ohio)	Jr.	.361	208	61	75	21	62	
1B	Jim Burt,	Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	.373	233	68	87	14	72	
2B	Jed Lowrie,	Stanford	So.	.399	233	72	93	17	68	
2B	Graig Badger,	Rutgers-26 SB	Sr.	.364	198	56	72	3	31	
3B	Matt Macri,	Notre Dame (also SS)	Jr.	.367	237	76	87	14	56	
3B	Ed Lucas,	Dartmouth	Sr.	.405	173	47	70	4	36	
SS	Stephen Drew,	Florida State	Jr.	.344	227	68	78	17	56	
C	Caleb Moore,	East Tennessee State	Jr.	.455	202	59	92	9	45	
OF	Stephen Carter,	Eastern Kentucky	Jr.	.451	184	50	83	1	42	
OF	Steve Carvati,	Ohio State	Jr.	.391	235	46	92	9	52	
OF	Matt VanDerBosch,	Oral Roberts-44 SB	Sr.	.383	240	75	92	3	52	
OF	Eric Nielsen,	UNLV	Jr.	.402	251	84	101	16	87	
OF	Jeff Frazier,	Rutgers	Jr.	.382	207	59	79	13	59	
OF	Matt Barket,	Tulane	Jr.	.378	230	50	87	7	51	
UT/ATH	Dennis Bigley,	Oral Roberts	Jr.	.301	146	30	44	7	29	
Pitching: 13-1, 2.91 ERA, 16 G, 117.2 IP, 95 H, 25 BB, 100 SO, 0 SV										
UT/ATH	P.J. Hiser,	Pittsburgh	Sr.	.354	198	57	70	21	67	
Pitching: 5-1, 4.40 ERA, 15 G, 61.1 IP, 70 H, 23 BB, 49 SO, 1 SV										

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Pos.	Name	School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Wade LeBlanc,	Alabama	Jr.	8-4	2.08	16	112.2	87	26	98	0
SP	Steve Grasley,	Creighton	Sr.	12-4	3.00	18	117.0	122	23	101	1
SP	Dennis Robinson,	Jacksonville	Jr.	13-4	2.85	18	120.0	121	34	76	0
RP	Kyle Stutes,	Lamar	Sr.	10-2	2.49	24	90.1	76	21	84	3
SP	Clay Dirks,	LSU	Sr.	8-2	3.35	16	80.2	79	17	66	1
SP	Garrett Broshuis,	Missouri	Jr.	11-0	2.61	17	114.0	97	24	91	0
SP	Michael Rogers,	N.C. State	So.	9-4	3.08	18	117.0	89	21	110	0
SP	Ross Ohlendorf,	Princeton	Jr.	7-3	3.46	11	67.2	60	30	79	0
SP	P.J. Walters,	South Alabama	Jr.	10-1	4.23	21	117.0	124	38	119	2
SP	Aaron Rawl,	South Carolina	Jr.	12-4	4.29	19	115.1	124	16	93	0
SP	Mike Pelfrey,	Wichita State	So.	11-2	2.18	16	116.1	186	24	125	0
RP	Steven Register,	Auburn	Jr.	7-0	4.02	22	56.0	55	16	52	8
RP	Neil Jamison,	Long Beach State	Jr.	3-5	4.35	30	31.0	31	12	31	12
RP	Ryan Doherty,	Notre Dame	So.	5-1	2.38	30	34.0	19	11	46	12
RP	Michael Snapp,	Texas-Arlington	Sr.	5-4	1.42	36	50.2	37	10	40	12
RP	Nate Moore,	Troy State	Jr.	9-4	1.25	32	64.2	42	16	84	8
RP	Blair Erickson,	UC Irvine	Fr.	1-3	4.10	30	37.1	33	21	51	17