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### **SEVENTH PRESEASON NCBWA ALL-AMERICA TEAM FOR 2006** **HIGHLIGHTS RETURNEES FROM 2005 NCAA FINALISTS FLORIDA, TEXAS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The seventh annual preseason Division I All-America baseball team chosen by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association of America (NCBWA) features five standouts from 2005 NCAA winner Texas and runner-up Florida.

The Gators' slugging first baseman Matt LaPorta with 26 homers and 79 RBI as a sophomore joins Longhorns' All-America OF Drew Stubbs and starting pitcher Kyle McCulloch off coach Augie Garrido's 56-16 national championship squad. UF's 2B Adam Davis graces the third team while Texas' sophomore RHP Adrian Alaniz is a third team starter after his 8-3 freshman campaign with a 2.67 ERA.

Sixteen different Division I conferences have representation on the preseason crew while the starting lineup sports a composite batting average of .362, 105 composite home runs and 491 RBI. Junior OF Shane Robinson of Florida State also returns as the only one of four finalists for the coveted Dick Howser Trophy, presented by the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the NCBWA. Robinson batted .427 for coach Mike Martin's Seminoles as a sophomore in 2005 and was one of the runners-up to Dick Howser Trophy Award winner 3B Alex Gordon of Nebraska last summer.

LaPorta paces all the returnees with 26 round-trippers while three starting pitchers on the first team each nailed down 12 victories in '05. SP Ian Kennedy of Southern California joined LaPorta and Robinson as three of the returnees from the NCBWA's '05 postseason All-America squad. Graduation and professional signings claimed 15 of the 18 standouts from the NCBWA first team, which was chosen in June 2005.

Nominations and watch lists for the selection of the 20th annual 2006 Dick Howser Trophy will be made public in spring 2006.

### **2006 NCBWA PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM**

#### **FIRST TEAM**

<b><u>Pos. Name, School</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>BA</u></b>	<b><u>AB</u></b>	<b><u>R</u></b>	<b><u>H</u></b>	<b><u>HR</u></b>	<b><u>RBI</u></b>
1B Matt LaPorta, Florida	Jr.	.328	265	75	87	26	79
2B Chris Campbell, Coll. Of Charleston Jr.	Jr.	.379	269	64	102	15	87
3B Jared McGuire, Boston College	Jr.	.381	215	52	82	6	41
SS Josh Rodriguez, Rice	Jr.	.345	238	48	82	11	54
C Michael Ambort, Lamar	Jr.	.336	217	57	73	18	65
OF Brennan Boesch, California	Jr.	.369	198	33	73	7	33
OF Shane Robinson, Florida State	Jr.	.427	286	96	122	6	43
OF Drew Stubbs, Texas-32 SB	Jr.	.311	283	67	88	11	46
DH/ATH Joe Savery, Rice	So.	.382	204	49	78	5	43

Pitch: 8-5, 2.43 ERA, 19 G, 118.2 IP, 104 H, 37 BB, 129 SO, 1 SV

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**Pitchers**

Pos.	Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Nick Hill, Army	Jr.	10-2	1.21	14	89	60	19	90	0
SP	Max Scherzer, Missouri	Jr.	9-4	1.86	16	106.1	59	41	131	0
SP	Dallas Buck, Oregon State	Jr.	11-1	1.93	15	107	77	42	114	0
SP	Ian Kennedy, Southern California	Jr.	12-3	2.54	18	117	85	38	158	0
SP	Kyle McCulloch, Texas	Jr.	12-4	2.92	26	138.2	137	45	99	0
RP	Scott Reese, Creighton	Jr.	12-0	2.85	37	88.1	72	28	58	5
RP	Daniel Best, Southern Miss	Sr.	3-0	0.46	30	39	32	7	37	11

**SECOND TEAM**

1B	Adam Carr, Oklahoma State	Sr.	.336	235	54	79	22	86		
2B	Scott Sizemore, Va. Commonwealth	Jr.	.364	214	57	78	12	56		
3B	Wes Hodges, Georgia Tech	Jr.	.397	267	67	106	9	51		
SS	Mitch Hilligoss, Purdue	Jr.	.404	228	52	92	4	37		
C	Chad Tracy, Pepperdine	Jr.	.367	256	56	94	12	61		
OF	Jon Jay, Miami (Fla.)	Jr.	.408	211	50	86	1	52		
OF	Chad Huffman, TCU	Sr.	.353	241	54	85	12	53		
OF	Nathan Southard, Tulane	Sr.	.341	279	80	95	12	53		
DH/ATH	Sean Doolittle, Virginia	So.	.313	224	36	70	11	57		
Pitching: 3-2, 1.64 ERA, 22 G, 49.1 IP, 31 H, 18 BB, 28 SO, 0 SV										
DH/ATH	Brian Pellegrini, St. Bonaventure	Jr.	.376	170	44	64	11	52		
Pitching: 2-3, 1.98 ERA, 27 G, 41 IP, 34 H, 24 BB, 39 SO, 7 SV										

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Pos.	Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP	Johnny Dorn, Nebraska	So.	12-2	2.16	20	104	75	21	76	1
SP	Joba Chamberlain, Nebraska	Jr.	10-2	2.81	18	118.2	91	33	130	0
SP	Andrew Miller, North Carolina	Jr.	8-4	2.98	16	96.2	78	52	104	0
SP	Jonah Nickerson, Oregon State	Jr.	9-2	2.13	18	110	88	29	114	0
SP	Tim Lincecum, Washington	Jr.	8-6	3.11	16	104.1	62	71	131	0
RP	Mark Melancon, Arizona	Jr.	5-4	2.58	34	66.1	52	21	69	11
RP	Tyler Chambliss, Florida State	Jr.	7-3	2.06	39	52.1	36	23	75	15
RP	Kevin Gunderson, Oregon State	Jr.	6-4	2.76	33	65.1	49	14	62	14

**THIRD TEAM**

1B	Matt Rizzotti, Manhattan	So.	.416	173	53	72	9	57		
2B	Adam Davis, Florida	Jr.	.306	294	75	90	12	63		
3B	Jay Heafner, Davidson	Sr.	.448	203	51	91	11	58		
(tie) 3B	Brad Emaus, Tulane	So.	.321	262	71	80	13	56		
SS	Blake Davis, Cal State Fullerton	Jr.	.325	212	50	69	2	36		
C	Jeff Kunkel, Michigan	Sr.	.384	190	28	73	3	45		
(tie) C	J.P. Arencibia, Tennessee	So.	.322	283	54	91	14	71		
OF	Hunter Mense, Missouri	Jr.	.325	206	62	67	3	42		
OF	Anthony Wycklendt, Northwestern	Sr.	.311	193	37	60	10	52		
OF	Jeremy Jones, No Carolina A&T	Sr.	.402	204	53	82	4	46		
DH/ATH	Matt Wieters, Georgia Tech	So.	.366	227	53	83	10	68		
Pitching: 3-3, 2.85 ERA, 26 G, 41 IP, 40 H, 20 BB, 32 SO, 6 SV										
DH/ATH	Jon Willard, South Carolina	Jr.	.315	178	23	56	6	30		
DH/ATH	Justin Baum, Pacific	So.	.332	190	39	63	17	45		

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SP	John Ely,	Miami (Ohio)	So.	10-2	2.87	16	103.1	94	20	108	0
SP	James Adkins,	Tennessee	So.	10-5	3.32	19	127.1	107	51	135	0
SP	Adrian Alaniz,	Texas	So.	8-3	2.67	23	108	93	39	94	0
SP	Tim Bascom,	UCF	Jr.	10-2	3.10	16	113.2	103	29	113	0
SP	Jared Hughes,	Long Beach State	Jr.	8-3	2.83	15	89	67	23	87	0
RP	Brett Jensen,	Nebraska	Sr.	3-5	1.96	33	46	36	9	46	16
RP	Blair Erickson,	UC Irvine	Jr.	1-2	1.80	28	35	16	22	52	10

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