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NCBWA ANNOUNCES DIVISION II REGIONAL PLAYER AND PITCHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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CHICAGO, Ill. – The National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association (NCBWA) has announced its inaugural NCAA Division II Region Player and Pitcher of the Year awards today, honoring the best position player and pitcher from each of the eight regions that compete in collegiate baseball at the DII level.

Nomination and voting for the initial awards was conducted online by media and collegiate members of the NCBWA.

The eight NCBWA/NCAA Division II Region Players of the Year are as follows: Junior Medina from Stonehill (Northeast Region); Nathan Moore from Ashland (North Central Region); Jason Manwaring of Mansfield (North Atlantic Region); Chris Studer from South Dakota State (Central Region); Kevin White from Presbyterian (South Region); David Harriman from Armstrong Atlantic State (South Atlantic Region); Will Carbonarra from Incarnate Word (South Central Region) and Mike Richardson from Sonoma State (West Region).

Earning the NCBWA/NCAA Division II Region Pitcher of the Year awards are: Damien Myers from Concordia (Northeast Region); Lenny Bays from Northern Kentucky (North Central Region); Glen Woolard from Kutztown (North Atlantic Region); Mike Peschel from North Dakota State (Central Region); Enriques Baca from Lynn (South Region); Matt Incinelli from North Florida (South Atlantic Region); Matt Jansen from Alabama-Huntsville (South Central Region) and Greg Brusco from UC Davis (West Region).

Founded in 1962, the NCBWA is dedicated to the advancement of college baseball and membership is open to writers, broadcasters and publicists of the sport.

2002 NCBWA DIVISION II REGION PLAYER AND PITCHERS OF THE YEAR

Northeast Region

Junior Medina, Stonehill (Player)

Northeast-10 Player of the Year, hit .438 with 19 home runs and 60 RBI and will compete at the NCAA's Home Run Challenge in Omaha.

Damien Myers, Concordia (Pitcher)

NYCAC Co-Player of the Year, went 14-1 with a 1.42 ERA and currently ranks first in NCAA DII in victories.

North Central Region

Nathan Moore, Ashland (Player)

GLIAC Player of the Year who hit .433 with 10 home runs and 58 RBI and led the conference in six offensive categories, including hitting, slugging (.711) and doubles (24).

Lenny Bays, Northern Kentucky (Pitcher)

GLVC Pitcher of the Year who went 9-4 with a 2.97 ERA, giving up just 92 hits in 103 innings pitched. Went an undefeated 9-0 against GLVC competition during the regular season.

North Atlantic Region

Jason Manwaring, Mansfield (Player)

NCAA Division II's home run leader, Manwaring hit .388 with 23 home runs and 79 RBI in 2002 and set a school- and PSAC record with his 23 homers.

Glen Woolard, Kutztown (Pitcher)

PSAC East Player of the Year who led Kutztown to its second consecutive DII World Series appearance, went 14-2 with a 2.81 ERA and two saves, striking out 148 batters in 105.2 innings pitched.

Central Region

Chris Studer, South Dakota State (Player)

Senior catcher who hit .386 with 15 home runs and 56 RBI in 2002, earning first-team All-Conference and All-Region honors.

Mike Peschel, North Dakota State (Pitcher)

First-team All-NCC selection who went 7-1 with a 1.40 ERA in 2002, giving up 37 hits in 58 innings pitched while striking out 65 batters. Ended season with seven straight complete games.

South Region

Kevin White, Presbyterian (Player)

All-SAC player who hit .425 with a school-record 18 home runs and 72 RBI in 2002. Named "Louisville Slugger" National Player of the Week on 4/15.

Enriques Baca, Lynn (Pitcher)

First-team All-SSC pitcher who went 8-2 with a 2.94 ERA, giving up 98 hits in 101 innings pitched, while striking out 101 batters.

South Atlantic Region

David Harriman, Armstrong Atlantic State (Player)

Senior catcher who began the season with a 41-game hitting streak, the longest single-season hitting streak in NCAA DII history. Hit .412 with 14 home runs and 69 RBI.

Matt Incinelli, North Florida (Pitcher)

First-team All-PBC pitcher who went 10-4 with a 2.78 ERA and ended his four-year career with 45 victories, two shy of the all-time DII mark.

South Central Region

Will Carbonara, Incarnate Word (Player)

All-Heartland Conference player who set a school record with a .460 batting average to go along with eight home runs and 48 RBI.

Matt Jansen, Alabama-Huntsville (Pitcher)

All-GSC pitcher who went 7-1 with a 3.31 ERA and tied an Alabama-Huntsville record with 22 career wins in 2002.

West Region

Mike Richardson, Sonoma State (Player)

Hit .365 with 10 home runs and 50 RBI in 2002, ranks second all-time in Sonoma State history with a .369 career batting average.

Greg Brusio, UC Davis (Pitcher)

CCAA Pitcher of the Year who went 10-4 with a 1.94 ERA in 2002, giving up 89 hits in 92.2 innings pitched while striking out 100 batters.

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