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SAN DIEGO TOPS BA's 2007 RECRUITING RANKINGS

DURHAM, N.C.--By landing three newcomers who ranked among the top 100 prospects for the 2007 draft, San Diego earned the top spot on Baseball America's 2007 recruiting class rankings.

Freshman righthander Kyle Blair, freshman third baseman Victor Sanchez and sophomore righty Matt Thomson comprise the impressive core of USD's class, which also includes impact talents like lefthander Sammy Solis, outfielder Sequoyah Stonecipher and first baseman Stephen Kaupang. The Toreros have had one other class ranked since 2000: their 2005 class, led by Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski, ranked No. 12.

Louisiana State's deep class, which included five prospects who ranked among the top 200 for the 2007 draft, ranked second. This marks the fifth time since 2001 that LSU has landed a top 10 class.

The final two teams standing in college baseball the last two years, Oregon State and North Carolina, ranked third and fourth, respectively. This is North Carolina's fourth top-12 class since 2003, when the Tar Heels brought in the nation's No. 1 class led by Andrew Miller and Daniel Bard. This is the highest ranking ever for the Beavers, who checked in at No. 20 a year ago.

The top 10 was filled out by Auburn, Notre Dame, UCLA, Cal State Fullerton, Texas and Arkansas. Four-year transfers were not considered for BA's rankings, just freshmen and junior college transfers.

For breakdowns on the top 25 classes, plus a look at the best classes by region outside the top 25, visit www.baseballamerica.com

2007 RECRUITING CLASS RANKINGS

1. San Diego
2. Louisiana State
3. Oregon State
4. North Carolina
5. Auburn
6. Notre Dame
7. UCLA
8. Cal State Fullerton
9. Texas
10. Arkansas
11. Missouri
12. Vanderbilt
13. Pepperdine
14. Mississippi
15. Clemson
16. Arizona State
17. Virginia
18. Texas A&M
19. Rice
20. Miami
21. Tennessee
22. Georgia Tech
23. Tulane
24. Georgia
25. UC Riverside